## Issues of Importance to Mississippi Adults Age 45+

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 94%
- Staying physically healthy: 94%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 93%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 91%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 89%
- Paying for health care expenses: 88%

### Economic/Financial
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 94%
- Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities: 92%
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 91%
- Having affordable utilities: 90%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 88%
- Protection against consumer fraud: 87%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 91%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 88%
- Caring for a loved one: 88%
- Having high quality long-term care: 86%
- Improvements to state long-term care services: 84%
- Having alternatives to nursing home care: 83%

“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”
% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 729 residents of Mississippi by landline (50%), cell phone (25%), and online (25%) between October 3, 2020 and October 18, 2020.

### Demographics

#### Age
- 45 to 49: 17%
- 50 to 64: 49%
- 65+: 34%

#### Employment
- Full-time: 32%
- Part-time: 8%
- Retired: 47%

#### Gender
- Female: 55%
- Male: 45%

#### Race/Ethnicity
- White/ Caucasian: 63%
- Black/ African American: 35%
- Other - Minority: 2%

#### Education
- Some college or less: 63%
- 4-year college degree: 21%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 16%

#### Marital Status
- Married/ living with partner: 58%
- Divorced/ separated: 15%
- Widowed: 13%
- Never married: 13%

#### Annual Household Income
- Less than $50,000: 47%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 27%
- $100,000+: 14%

#### Political Views
- Conservative: 43%
- Moderate: 29%
- Liberal: 17%

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