# VITAL VOICES

Issues That Impact Oregon Adults Age 45 and Older, December 2020

## Issues of Importance to Oregon Adults Age 45 and Older

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 94%
- Staying physically healthy: 93%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 91%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 89%
- Paying for health care expenses: 78%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 73%

### Economic/Financial
- Having financial security throughout your life: 91%
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 90%
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 88%
- Protection against consumer fraud: 80%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 80%
- Having online security: 71%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Caring for a loved one: 85%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 82%
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 80%
- Having high quality long-term care: 76%
- Having alternatives to nursing home care: 73%
- Having flexibility in your schedule to care for a loved one: 70%

*For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.*

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 709 residents of Oregon by landline (51%), cell phone (28%), and online (22%) between November 28, 2020 and December 6, 2020.

**Age**
- 45 to 49: 14%
- 50 to 64: 46%
- 65+: 40%

**Education**
- Some college or less: 56%
- 4-year college degree: 23%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 21%

**Employment**
- Full-time: 42%
- Part-time: 15%
- Retired: 36%

**Marital Status**
- Married/ living with partner: 63%
- Divorced/ separated: 15%
- Widowed: 10%
- Never married: 12%

**Gender**
- Female: 53%
- Male: 47%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White/ Caucasian: 91%
- Other - Minority: 9%

**Political Views**
- Conservative: 37%
- Moderate: 29%
- Liberal: 28%

**Annual Household Income**
- Less than $50,000: 34%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 37%
- $100,000+: 23%