VITAL VOICES

Respondent Profile – National Survey of African American/Black Adults Age 45 and Older, 2020

Issues of Importance to African American/Black Adults Age 45+

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 95%
- Staying physically healthy: 95%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 93%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 92%
- Paying for health care expenses: 85%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 81%

### Economic/Financial
- Social Security benefits available in the future: 93%
- Enough income or savings to retire: 92%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 88%
- Protection against consumer fraud: 88%
- Able to stop working for pay at the age you want: 83%
- Protection from age discrimination: 83%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 90%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 88%
- High quality long-term care in your community: 83%
- Caring for a loved one: 77%
- Alternatives to nursing home care: 75%

"For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”
% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 417 African American/Black adults age 45+ by landline (37%), cell phone (32%), and online (32%) between 6/24/20 and 7/6/20.

**Respondent Profile**

- **Age**
  - 45 to 49: 18%
  - 50 to 64: 50%
  - 65+: 32%

- **Employment**
  - Full-time: 35%
  - Part-time: 10%
  - Retired: 39%

- **Gender**
  - Female: 56%
  - Male: 44%

- **Race/Ethnicity**
  - Black/ African American: 100%

- **Political Views**
  - Conservative: 17%
  - Moderate: 38%
  - Liberal: 37%

- **Education**
  - Some college or less: 65%
  - 4-year college degree: 19%
  - Post-graduate study or degree: 16%

- **Marital Status**
  - Married/ living with partner: 41%
  - Divorced/ separated: 19%
  - Widowed: 11%
  - Never married: 25%

- **Annual Household Income**
  - Less than $50,000: 56%
  - $50,000 to less than $100,000: 27%
  - $100,000+: 11%

For more information on the methodology or the survey, contact state specific advisors: Kate Bridges, kbridges@aarp.org