**Respondent Profile**
Survey of Massachusetts Adults Ages 45+, 2019

### Issues of Importance to Massachusetts’s Adults Ages 45+

#### Health Care
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 96%
- Staying mentally sharp: 95%
- Staying physically healthy: 93%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 91%
- Paying for health care expenses: 87%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 81%

#### Economic/Financial
- Having financial security throughout your life: 94%
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 92%
- Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities: 89%
- Social Security benefits available in the future: 89%
- Protecting yourself against consumer fraud: 78%
- Being able to stop working at the age you want: 76%

#### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Caring for a loved one: 83%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 83%
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 80%
- Having high quality long-term care in your community: 80%

“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”
% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 718 residents of Massachusetts by landline (49%), cell phone (27%), and online (24%) between 10/3/19 and 10/13/19.

- **Age**
  - 45 to 49: 14%
  - 50 to 64: 50%
  - 65+: 35%

- **Employment**
  - Full-time: 41%
  - Part-time: 10%
  - Retired: 36%

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

- **Race/Ethnicity**
  - White/ Caucasian: 88%
  - Black/ African American: 6%
  - Other - Minority: 6%

- **Political Views**
  - Conservative: 27%
  - Moderate: 37%
  - Liberal: 30%

- **Education**
  - Some college or less: 50%
  - 4-year college degree: 24%
  - Post-graduate study or degree: 26%

- **Marital Status**
  - Married/ living with partner: 61%
  - Divorced/ separated: 14%
  - Widowed: 11%
  - Never married: 14%

- **Annual Household Income**
  - Less than $50,000: 30%
  - $50,000 to less than $100,000: 29%
  - $100,000+: 27%