# VITAL VOICES

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

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

**Health Care**
- Staying mentally sharp: 93%
- Staying physically healthy: 92%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 91%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 88%
- Paying for health care expenses: 80%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 71%

**Economic/Financial**
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 91%
- Social Security benefits available in the future: 86%
- Protecting yourself against unfair financial practices: 77%
- Protecting yourself against consumer fraud: 76%
- Being able to stop working at the age you want: 70%
- Having online security: 64%

**Independent Living/Long-Term Care**
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 85%
- Caring for a loved one: 82%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 82%
- Having high quality long-term care in your community: 77%

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

% “extremely important” or “very important”

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### Respondent Profile

#### Age

- 45 to 49: 11%
- 50 to 64: 45%
- 65+: 45%

#### Employment

- Full-time: 33%
- Part-time: 13%
- Retired: 44%

#### Gender

- Female: 51%
- Male: 49%

#### Race/Ethnicity

- White/ Caucasian: 94%
- Other - Minority: 6%

#### Political Views

- Conservative: 46%
- Moderate: 29%
- Liberal: 18%

#### Education

- Some college or less: 62%
- 4-year college degree: 21%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 17%

#### Marital Status

- Married/ living with partner: 63%
- Divorced/ separated: 17%
- Widowed: 11%
- Never married: 9%

#### Annual Household Income

- Less than $50,000: 43%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 32%
- $100,000+: 15%