VITAL VOICES

Issues That Impact Missouri Adults Age 45 and Older, October 2021

Issues of Importance to Missouri Adults Age 45+

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<th>Health Care</th>
<th>Economic/Financial</th>
<th>Independent Living/Long-Term Care</th>
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<td>Staying mentally sharp</td>
<td>Having enough income or savings to retire</td>
<td>Getting to the places you need to go independently</td>
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<td>Staying physically healthy</td>
<td>Adequate Social Security benefits</td>
<td>Staying in your own home as you get older</td>
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<td>Adequate health insurance coverage</td>
<td>Protection against unfair financial</td>
<td>Caring for a loved one</td>
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<td>91%</td>
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<td>Medicare benefits available in the</td>
<td>Protection against consumer fraud</td>
<td>Having high quality long-term care</td>
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<td>future</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Paying for health care expenses</td>
<td>Being able to stop working for pay at the</td>
<td>Access to transportation if unable to drive</td>
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<td>Paying for prescription drugs</td>
<td>Having online security</td>
<td>Living in a community that meets your needs as you</td>
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“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”
% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 801 residents of Missouri by landline (50%), cell phone (25%), and online (25%) between October 18, 2021 and October 27, 2021.

**Age**
- 45 to 49: 12%
- 50 to 64: 45%
- 65+: 43%

**Education**
- Some college or less: 66%
- 4-year college degree: 18%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 16%

**Employment**
- Full-time: 31%
- Part-time: 8%
- Retired: 47%

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

**Marital Status**
- Married/ living with partner: 55%
- Divorced/ separated: 16%
- Widowed: 15%
- Never married: 14%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White/ Caucasian: 83%
- Black/ African American: 13%
- Other - Minority: 4%

**Annual Household Income**
- Less than $50,000: 44%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 30%
- $100,000+: 16%

**Political Views**
- Conservative: 38%
- Moderate: 36%
- Liberal: 15%

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