# VITAL VOICES

Issues That Impact Ohio’s African American/Black Adults Age 45 and Older, August 2021

**Issues of Importance to Ohio’s African American/Black Adults Age 45+**

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

% “extremely important” or “very important”
Integrating more with 418 African American/Black residents of Ohio by landline (44%), cell phone (39%), and online (18%) between August 16, 2021 and August 29, 2021.

**Age**
- 45 to 49: 15%
- 50 to 64: 48%
- 65+: 37%

**Education**
- Some college or less: 69%
- 4-year college degree: 20%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 11%

**Employment**
- Full-time: 33%
- Part-time: 5%
- Retired: 45%

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

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

**Marital Status**
- Married/ living with partner: 40%
- Divorced/ separated: 22%
- Widowed: 14%
- Never married: 24%

**Annual Household Income**
- Less than $50,000: 52%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 28%
- $100,000+: 10%

**Political Views**
- Conservative: 26%
- Moderate: 41%
- Liberal: 21%

**AARP Member**
- 39%

**Veteran**
- 13%

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