

# VITAL VOICES

Issues That Impact  
New York Adults  
Age 45 and Older,  
August 2022

## Retirement security is a highly important issue for New York residents age 45+.

Having enough income or savings to retire is extremely or very important to nine out of ten (92%) New York adults age 45+ who are in the workforce. For all New York residents age 45+, the availability of adequate Social Security benefits as well as Medicare benefits are equally as important.

Three in five (62%) are planning to live in New York full-time during retirement, with a noteworthy portion planning to leave New York entirely (11%) or live there part-time (16%). The remainder (16%) are unsure.



*"Please indicate how important each is to you, personally."  
(n=1,069 total respondents)  
% "extremely important" or "very important"*

## Key reasons for wanting to leave New York during retirement center around cost:



**84%**  
Lower cost of living



**80%**  
Lower property taxes



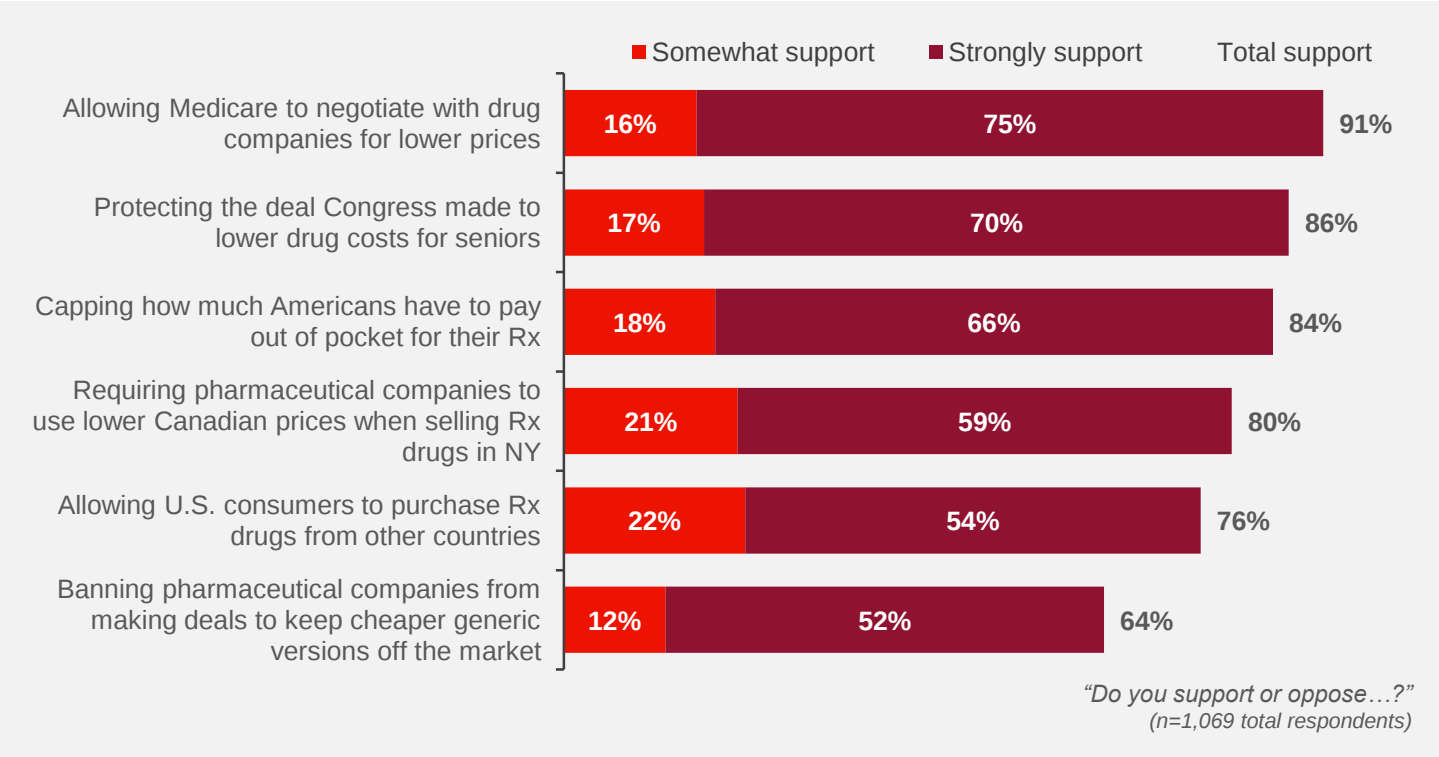
**77%**  
Lower housing costs

New York adults age 45+ overwhelmingly support proposals for lower prescription drug prices.

Most (87%) New York residents age 45+ think being able to pay for prescription drugs is extremely or very important (up significantly from 81% in 2019), and support outweighs opposition for a variety of proposals that have been made to lower the costs of prescription drugs. In fact, nearly nine out of ten (88%) New York residents age 45+ are much more or somewhat more likely to vote for a candidate in New York that advocates for lower prescription drug prices (94% among Democrats, 85% among Republicans, and 87% among Independents).



88% of New York adults age 45+ are much more or somewhat more likely to vote for a candidate that **advocates for lower Rx drug prices.**



Affordable housing is a critical issue - especially among underserved communities.

Three-fourths (74%) said having affordable housing in their community is extremely or very important, significantly higher among African American/Black residents (88%) and Hispanic/Latino residents (86%) compared to those who are white (69%). Importance is also higher among residents of New York City (81%) than those residing on Long Island (70%) or Upstate (69%).



More than half of Black (61%) and Hispanic (60%) New York residents age 45+ rent their home compared to just 24% of white residents.

Just one in ten (9%) New York homeowners age 45+ said increasing property taxes would **not** impact their ability to age in place, with six in ten (61%) saying it would impact their ability 'a lot.' An even greater percentage of renters (70%) said increasing rent costs would impact their ability to age in place 'a lot'.

Concern about being able to afford to remain in their home as they age is also high, with two-thirds (66%) being extremely or very concerned about this issue; additionally, half (52%) are concerned about being able to afford necessary home modifications to support staying in their home as they age.

**There is bipartisan support among New York residents age 45+ for a one-time state income tax credit for renovations to support aging in place:** 86% Democrats, 80% Republicans, and 75% Independents.

**Half (51%) of New York residents age 45+ have caregiving experience.**



## New York residents age 45+ want expanded access to quality, affordable long-term care options.

Three-fourths (77%) of New York residents age 45+ would prefer their loved ones to receive care at home with caregiver assistance versus in assisted living (10%) or a nursing home (2%). However, over half (60%) are extremely or very concerned about *not* having personal care services for assistance.

**There is strong bipartisan support for expanding funding for respite care:** 88% Democrats, 81% Republicans, and 76% Independents.

Interviews were conducted with 1,069 residents of New York age 45+ by landline (29%), cell phone (17%), text-to-web (7%), and online (47%) between August 4, 2022 and August 29, 2022.

### Likely to vote for candidate who advocates for:

- Republicans
- Democrats
- Independents

#### Reducing crime



#### Lower Rx drug prices



#### Expanded access to LTC



#### Lower income taxes



#### Lower property taxes



#### Affordable housing



*"Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate in NY that advocated for...?"*  
(n=1,069 total respondents)  
% "much more likely" or "somewhat more likely"



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