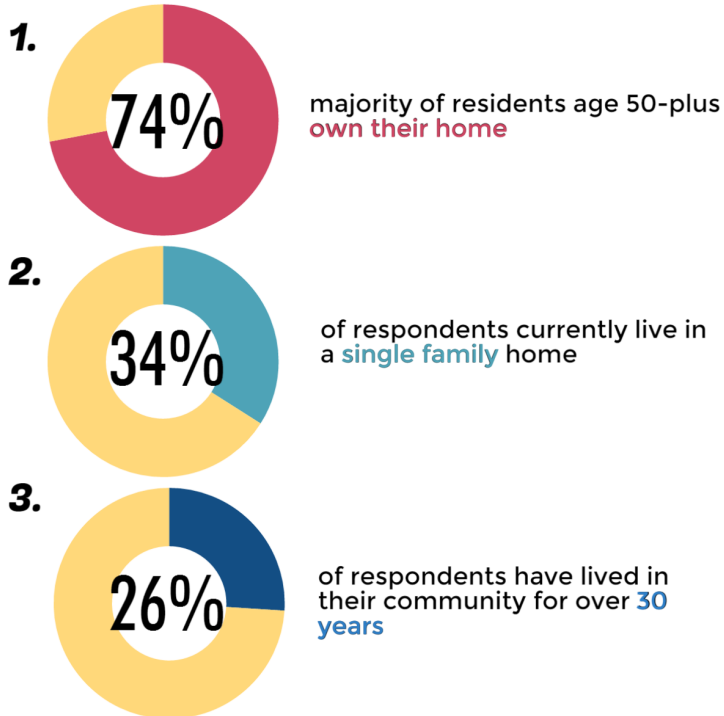


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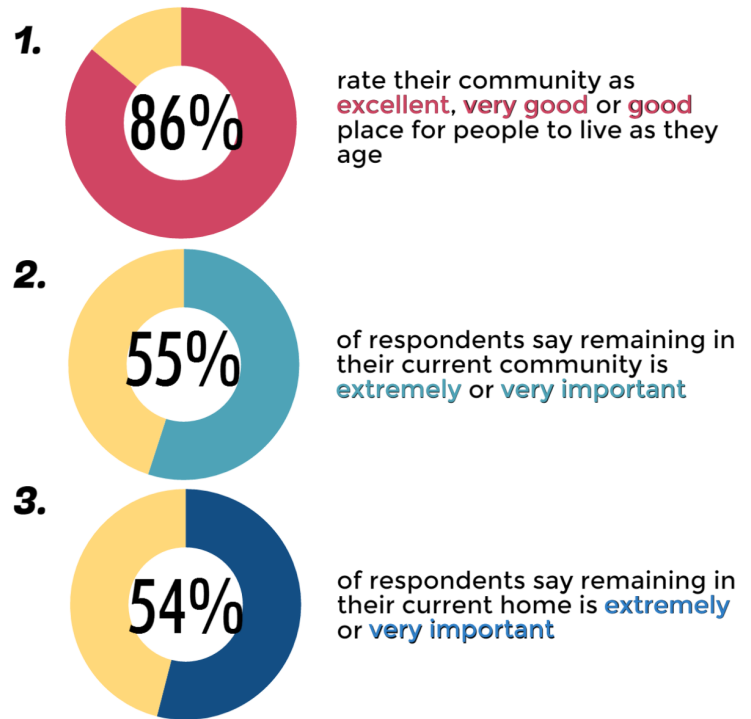
An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 50-Plus



Community Information



Community Insight



Did You Know?

- Community residents age 50-plus have resided in their community an average of...

23 years



- Community residents age 50-plus have lived in their home an average of...

19 years



Did You Know?

Top two factors that influence residents to move as they age...



say wanting a home that will help them live independently as they age is a

major factor



say wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living

major factor

➤ Majority of residents age 50-plus expect to stay in their home or community as they age.

43% of residents are more likely to...
stay in their current residence and never move

37% of residents are more likely to...
move to a different community

13% of residents are more likely to...
move into a different residence in their community

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Housing

Did You Know?

22% of residents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications or changes

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Well-maintained homes and properties

62%

Home modification and repair contractors

38%

Bottom 2 Features

Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels

Fair/poor

44%

Well-maintained, safe low-income housing

37%

Did You Know? **64%** of respondents walk or bike within their community



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Safe parks

46%

Safe and accessible sidewalks

46%

Bottom 2 Features

Neighborhood Watch programs

25%

Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians

25%

Transportation

Did You Know? **51%** of respondents say they use public transportation

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Well-maintained streets

53%

Easy to read traffic signs

53%

Bottom 2 Features

Affordable public parking

39%

Conveniently located public parking lots and areas

26%



Communication & Information

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Free access to computers and the Internet in public places

52%

Access to community information in one central source

29%

Bottom 2 Features

Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering

28%

Community information that is delivered in person

25%

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Community & Health Care



Did You Know?

84%

of respondents say they consider their health to be excellent, very good, or good



Top 2 Features

A variety of health care professionals including specialists

Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities

Extremely/very good

65%

63%

Bottom 2 Features

Affordable fitness activities specifically geared towards older adults

Affordable home care services

Fair/poor

17%

16%



Did You Know?

49%

of respondents say they are employed



Top 2 Features

A range of volunteer activities to choose from

Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities

Extremely/very good

40%

36%

Bottom 2 Features

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

Policies that ensure older adults can continue to have equal opportunity to work

Fair/poor

34%

27%

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

Top 2 Features

Conveniently located entertainment venues

A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations

Extremely/very good

45%

43%

Bottom 2 Features

Activities that are affordable to all residents

Activities geared specifically towards older adults

Fair/poor

22%

19%



Did You Know?

89%

of respondents say they are in contact with family, friends, or neighbors weekly



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