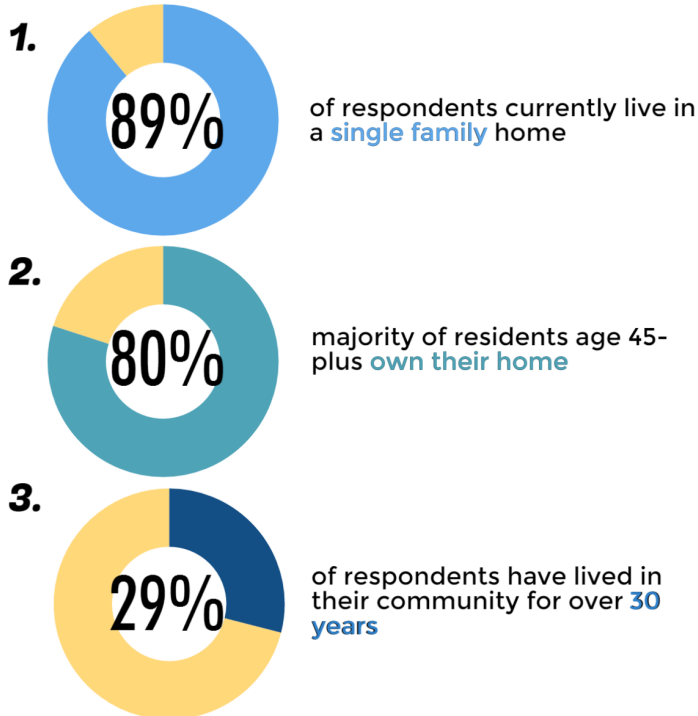


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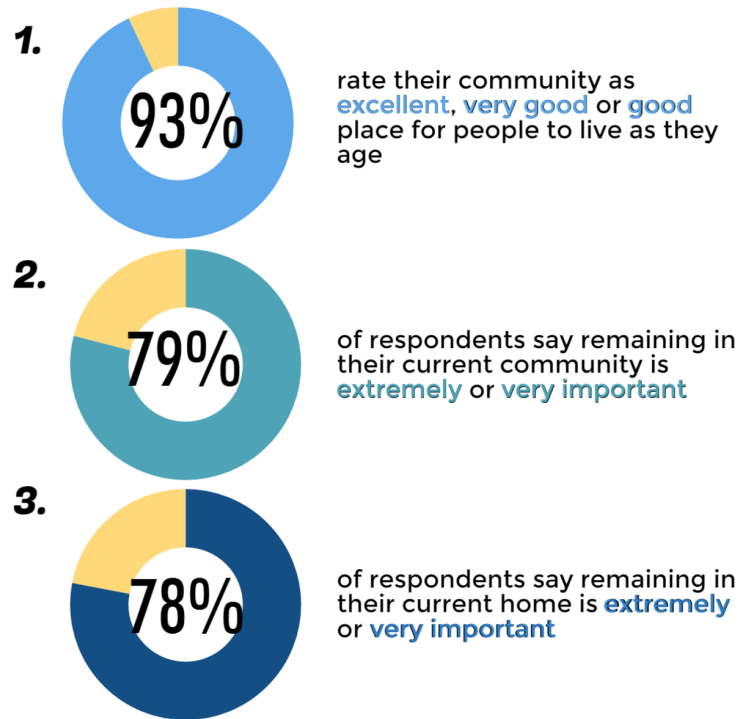
An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 45-Plus



Community Information



Community Insight



Did You Know?

- Community residents age 45-plus have resided in their community an average of...

24 years



- Community residents age 45-plus have lived in their home an average of...

17 years



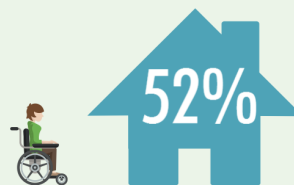
Did You Know?

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



say personal safety or security concerns are a

major factor



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

major factor

➤ Majority of residents age 45-plus expect to stay in their home or community as they age.

73% of residents are more likely to...
stay in their current residence and never move

15% of residents are more likely to...
move to a different community

10% of residents are more likely to...
move into a different residence in their community

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Housing

Did You Know?

20% of residents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications or changes

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Well-maintained homes and properties	53%	Well-maintained, safe low-income housing	38%
Home modification and repair contractors	44%	Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels	31%

Did You Know? **15%** of respondents walk or bike within their community



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Safe parks	57%	Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	38%
Accessible public buildings and spaces including restrooms	48%	Safe and accessible sidewalks	21%

Transportation

Did You Know? **<1%** of respondents say they use public transportation

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Enforced speed limits	59%	Audio and visual pedestrian crossings	37%
Easy-to-read traffic signs	51%	Driver education or refresher courses	30%



Communication & Information

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	61%	Community information that is delivered in person	35%
Access to community information in one central source	42%	Community information that is available in different languages	31%

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Community & Health Care

Did You Know?

83%

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



Top 2 Features

Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff

Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities

Extremely/very good

56%

51%

Bottom 2 Features

A service to help seniors easily find and access health and supportive services

Affordable home care services

Fair/poor

28%

28%

Did You Know?

51%

of respondents say they are employed



Civic Participation & Employment

Top 2 Features

A range of volunteer activities to choose from

Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies

Extremely/very good

27%

24%

Bottom 2 Features

Job training opportunities for older adults

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

Fair/poor

48%

47%

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

Top 2 Features

Conveniently located entertainment venues

Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities

Extremely/very good

33%

31%

Bottom 2 Features

Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests

Activities geared specifically towards older adults

Fair/poor

35%

34%

Did You Know?

94%

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



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