Community Information:
1. 84% of respondents age 50-plus own their home.
2. 83% of respondents currently live in a single family home.
3. 24% of respondents have lived in their community for over 30 years.

Community Insight:
1. 84% rate their community as excellent, very good or good place for people to live as they age.
2. 63% of respondents say remaining in their current home is extremely or very important.
3. 59% of respondents say remaining in their current community is extremely or very important.

Did You Know?
Community residents age 50-plus have resided in their community an average of...
- 22 years
Community residents age 50-plus have lived in their home an average of...
- 19 years

Majority of residents age 50-plus expect to stay in their home or community as they age.
- 32% of residents are more likely to move to a different community.
- 53% of residents are more likely to stay in their current residence and never move.
- 9% of residents are more likely to move into a different residence in their community.

Top two factors that influence residents to move as they age...
- 54% say wanting a home that will help them live independently as they age is a major factor.
- 46% say their personal safety or security concerns are a major factor.
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#### Housing

**Top 2 Features**
- Well-maintained homes and properties: 46%
- Home modification and repair contractors: 35%

**Bottom 2 Features**
- Well-maintained, safe low-income housing: 35%
- Homes with accessibility features: 33%

**Did You Know?** 21% of residents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications or changes.

#### Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

**Top 2 Features**
- Safe parks: 34%
- Safe and accessible sidewalks: 34%

**Bottom 2 Features**
- Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians: 44%
- Safe and accessible sidewalks: 27%

**Did You Know?** 45% of respondents walk or bike within their community.

#### Transportation

**Top 2 Features**
- Easy-to-read traffic signs: 47%
- Well-maintained streets: 44%

**Bottom 2 Features**
- Audio and visual pedestrian crossings: 35%
- Safe and accessible public transportation stops or areas: 31%

**Did You Know?** 20% of respondents say they use public transportation.

#### Communication & Information

**Top 2 Features**
- Free access to computers and the Internet in public places: 45%
- Access to community information in one central source: 21%

**Bottom 2 Features**
- Clearly displayed printed community information: 37%
- Community information that is delivered in person: 34%
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### Community & Health Care

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<td>Conveniently located health and social services</td>
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<td>Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities</td>
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<td>A service to help seniors easily find and access health and supportive services</td>
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**Did You Know?**
- **84%** of respondents say they consider their health to be excellent, very good, or good

### Civic Participation & Employment

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**Did You Know?**
- **43%** of respondents say they are employed

### Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

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<td>Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities</td>
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**Did You Know?**
- **90%** of respondents say they are in contact with family, friends, or neighbors weekly

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Real Possibilities