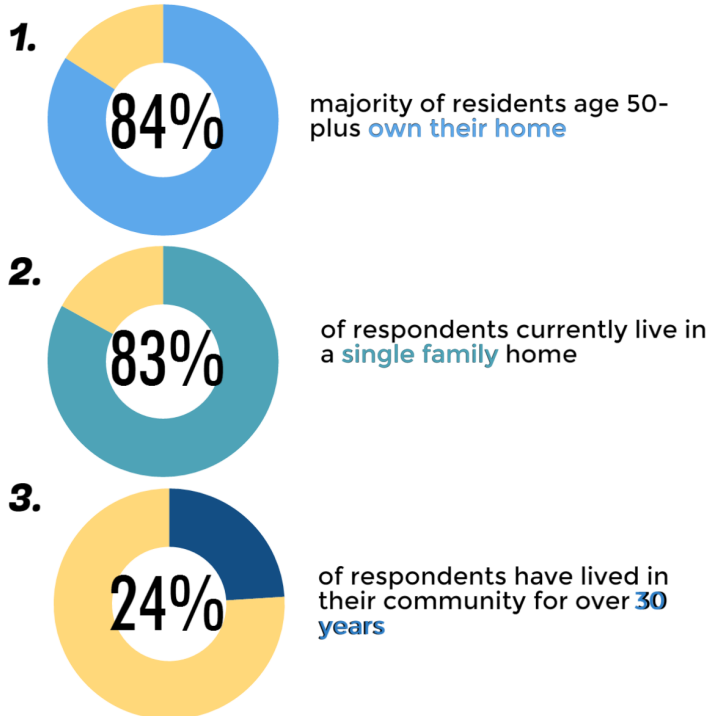


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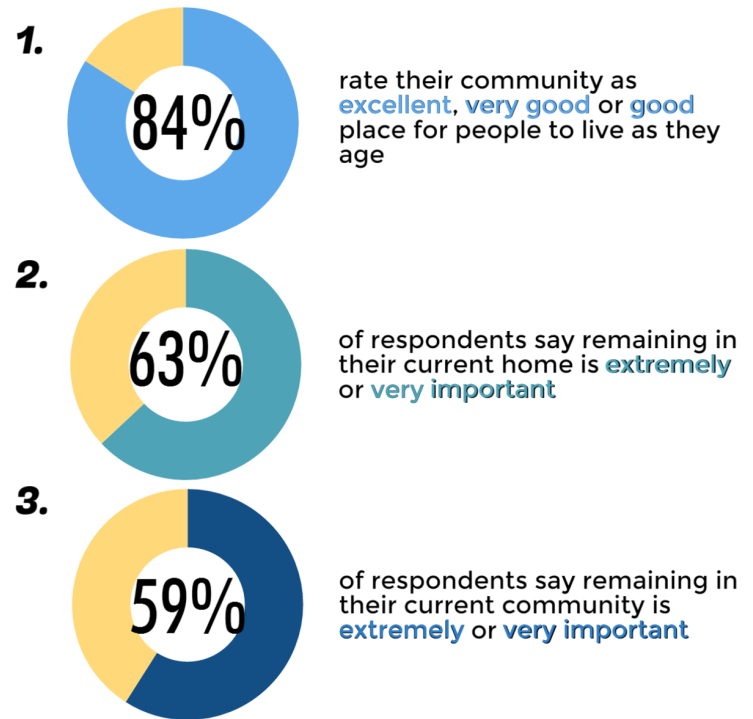
An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 50-Plus



Community Information



Community Insight



Did You Know?

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

22 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...



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

53% of residents are more likely to...
stay in their current residence and never move

32% of residents are more likely to...
move to a different community

9% of residents are more likely to...
move into a different residence in their community

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Housing

Did You Know?

21% 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	46%	Well-maintained, safe low-income housing	35%
Home modification and repair contractors	35%	Homes with accessibility features	33%

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



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Safe parks	34%	Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	44%
Safe and accessible sidewalks	34%	Safe and accessible sidewalks	27%

Transportation

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

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Easy-to-read traffic signs	47%	Audio and visual pedestrian crossings	35%
Well-maintained streets	44%	Safe and accessible public transportation stops or areas	31%



Communication & Information

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	45%	Clearly displayed printed community information	37%
Access to community information in one central source	21%	Community information that is delivered in person	34%

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Community & Health Care

Did You Know?

84%

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

60%

58%

Bottom 2 Features

Conveniently located health and social services

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

Fair/poor

21%

20%

Did You Know?

43%

of respondents say they are employed



Civic Participation & Employment

Top 2 Features

A range of volunteer activities to choose from

Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities

Extremely/very good

31%

26%

Bottom 2 Features

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

Job training opportunities for older adults

Fair/poor

38%

36%

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

Top 2 Features

Conveniently located entertainment venues

Activities that offer senior discounts

Extremely/very good

34%

32%

Bottom 2 Features

Activities that are affordable to all residents

Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities

Fair/poor

31%

27%

Did You Know?

90%

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



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