Livability for All in Davidson County, TN

Top 2 Factors that Influence Residents Age 50-Plus to Relocate as They Age

54% of residents want a home that will help them live independently as they age
48% of residents are concerned about their personal safety and security

Residents Are More Likely to:

- Stay in current home and never move: 59%
- Move to a different community: 29%
- Move into a different home in their community: 11%

Did You Know?

- 20 years is the average amount of time community residents age 50-plus have lived in their homes
- 25 years is the average amount of time community residents have resided in their communities

Community Information

- 75% of residents age 50-plus own their own home
- 71% of residents currently live in a single family home
- 31% of residents have lived in their community for over 30 years

Community Insights

- 84% rate their community as an excellent, very good, or a good place for people to live as they age
- 66% of residents say remaining in their current home is extremely or very important
- 62% of residents say remaining in their current community is extremely or very important
### Housing

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

#### Top 2 Features
- **43%** Well-maintained homes & properties
- **37%** Seasonal services for low-income and older adults

#### Bottom 2 Features
- **45%** Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels
- **45%** Well-maintained, safe low-income housing

### Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

- **34%** of residents walk or bike within their community.

#### Top 2 Features
- **40%** Well-maintained parks
- **33%** Safe parks

#### Bottom 2 Features
- **39%** Enough benches in public areas
- **38%** Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians

### Transportation

- **18%** of residents say they use public transportation.

#### Top 2 Features
- **40%** Easy to read traffic signs
- **32%** Well-maintained streets

#### Bottom 2 Features
- **36%** Enforced speed limits
- **35%** Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users

### Communication & Information

- No specific data provided.

#### Top 2 Features
- **40%** Free access to computers and Internet in public places
- **16%** Access to community information in one central source

#### Bottom 2 Features
- **40%** Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering
- **34%** Community information that is delivered in person for those with limited mobility
Community & Health Care
44% of residents say they consider their health to be excellent or very good

**Top 2 Features**

- Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities: 56%
- Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff: 54%

**Bottom 2 Features**

- Affordable home care services: 28%
- A service that helps seniors easily navigate the health care system: 26%

Civic Participation & Employment
33% of residents say they are employed full-time

**Top 2 Features**

- A range of volunteer activities to choose from: 26%
- Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies: 21%

**Bottom 2 Features**

- Job training opportunities for older adults: 42%
- A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults: 41%

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
87% of residents say they are in contact with family, friends or neighbors weekly

**Top 2 Features**

- Conveniently located entertainment venues: 34%
- Activities that offer senior discounts: 26%

**Bottom 2 Features**

- Activities that are affordable to all residents: 34%
- Activities that involve both younger and older people: 32%

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