2018 HOME AND COMMUNITY PREFERENCES SURVEY
Creating Meaningful Public Spaces

Public parks and outdoor spaces are important to helping adults of all ages build a sense of community and social belonging.

7 in 10 and 8 in 10
adults 18 to 49
adults 50+

feel that safe and well-maintained parks, safe intersections, and good sidewalks are extremely or very important to the community.

Some public features grow more important with age

66% vs 76%
66% vs 76%
of adults 18 to 49
of adults 50+

feel that accessible public buildings and restrooms are extremely or very important to have in the community.

56% vs 69%
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of adults 18 to 49
of adults 50+

feel that benches in parks and public areas are extremely or very important to have throughout the community.

See the full survey report

NORC at the University of Chicago conducted a survey from March-April 2018 for AARP. Almost 2,000 adults 18 and older were interviewed about their community and their plans for the future.

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