

2018 AARP West Virginia Survey: Overwhelming Support for Services that Help West Virginia Residents Live Independently



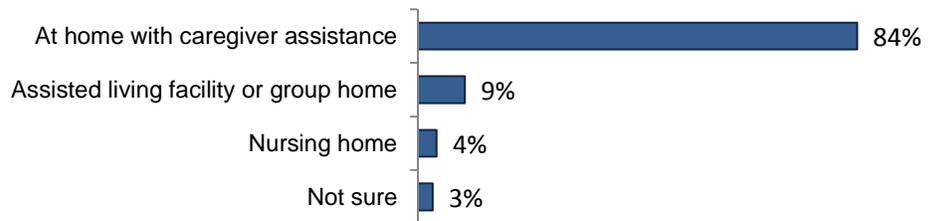
Most people as they age prefer to stay in their homes and communities for as long as possible. A recent AARP survey documented that three in four people 50-plus would like to stay in their current communities and residences for as long as possible.ⁱ It is also estimated that **52 percent** of adults who turned 65 in 2016 will **need some form of assistance** with everyday activities during their lifetime.ⁱⁱ

Home- and community-based services provide opportunities for West Virginia residents to receive care in their own **home or community**. Types of care could include help with personal care, health care, meals, or household chores. Receiving care at home is often less expensive than receiving it in an institution, like a nursing home, and it is often less stressful since care is provided in the comfort of one’s own home.

In our survey, **over eight in ten** registered voters age 40-plus in West Virginia (84%) would **prefer to receive care at home** from a caregiver if needed for themselves or their loved ones. Fewer than one in ten would prefer to receive such care in an assisted living facility or group home or a nursing home.

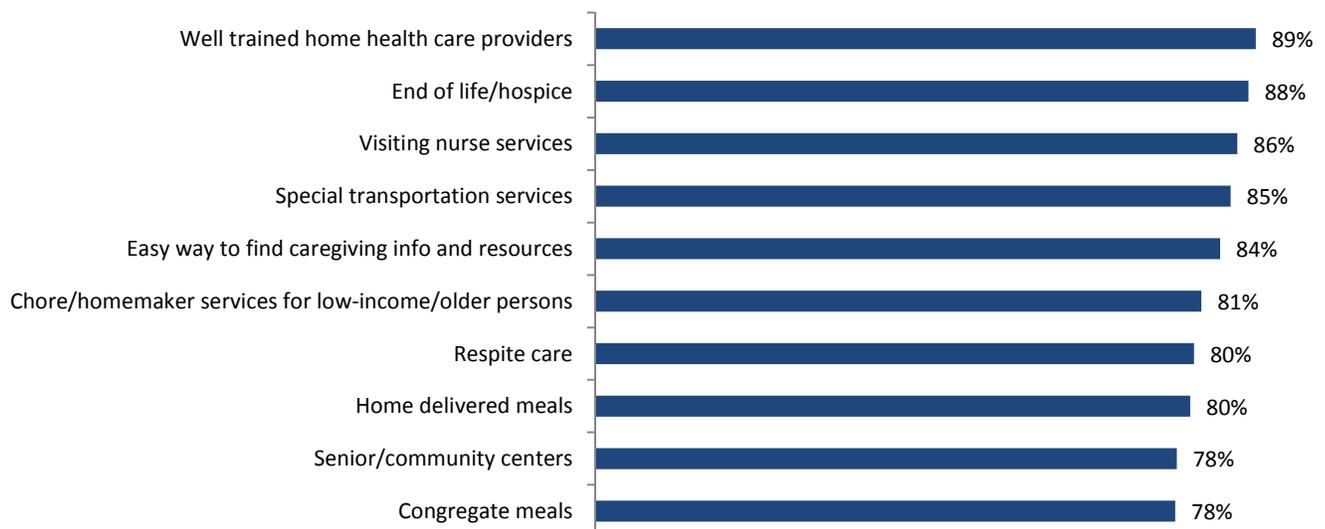
In fact, over nine in ten voters (93%) in West Virginia say it is extremely or very important to have services available to them or their loved ones that would allow them to live independently at home for as long as possible. Nearly nine in ten voters (86%) also say that it is extremely or very important to have such services available in their community.

**Preference for Receiving Care If Needed for Self or Loved Ones
(N=800 – Registered Voters 40-Plus)**



Health-related services top the list of important services that help older adults live independently in their community. Nearly nine in ten voters say that well trained health care providers, end of life services, and visiting nurse services are extremely or very important to have in their communities.

**Importance (Extremely/Very) of Home- and Community-Based Services
(All Respondents; N=800 Registered Voters 40-plus)**



METHODOLOGY

AARP West Virginia commissioned a telephone survey among 800 registered voters age 40-plus in West Virginia to learn about their experiences with family caregiving. The sample utilized an age-targeted registered voter landline and cell phone list. The sample was obtained from Aristotle International. The sample database consisted of 738,959 registered voters age 40-plus in the State of West Virginia. There are approximately 179,121 residents of West Virginia age 40-plus who are not registered to vote, and there are approximately 309,192 registered voters age 40-plus who did not have a phone number on file that were not included in the sampling of this study. Quotas were used in this study based on age and gender and were filled based on responses to questions in the questionnaire. They were designed to yield a proportional representation of the West Virginia age 40-plus registered voter population.

Voter files were selected at random from the voter list to be dialed. American Directions asked to speak with the registered voter listed on the file. If that person was unavailable, American Directions asked to speak with another member of the household aged 40-plus who was a registered voter. The interviews averaged 21 minutes in length and were conducted in English. The survey has a margin of sampling error of ± 3.46 percent.

This report highlights results from 800 residents interviewed from October 11 to November 1, 2018. The data collection and weighting were performed by American Directions. The data is weighted by age and gender to reflect registered voters in West Virginia age 40-plus, based on the population of registered voters 40-plus from the sample source.

Percentages reported are rounded. For more information about the methodology, contact Terri Guengerich, AARP Research, tguengerich@aarp.org, (202)434-6306.

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability, and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation's largest circulation publications, *AARP The Magazine* and *AARP Bulletin*. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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ⁱ 2018 Home and Community Preferences Survey: A National Survey of Adults Age 18+, <https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/community/info-2018/2018-home-community-preference.html>

ⁱⁱ ASPE Issue Brief, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy, Revised February 2016.