

Long-Term Care In Nursing Homes

2021 AARP Florida Survey of Florida Registered Voters Ages 50 and Older



ABOUT THIS SURVEY

This AARP survey of 1,000 Florida registered voters ages 50 and older unlocks the opinions of older Florida residents on long-term care in nursing homes. This survey has a margin of sampling error of ± 3.1 percent.

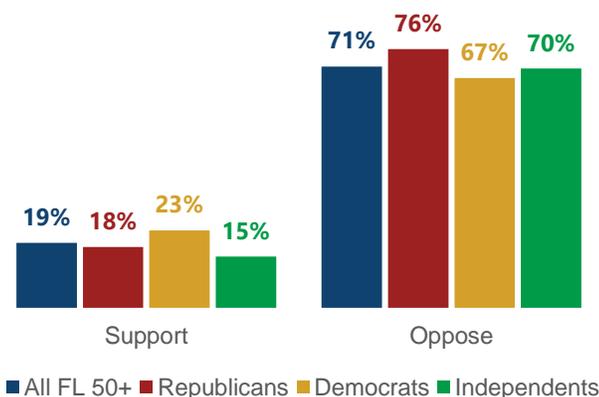
KEY FINDINGS

Nearly all Florida voters 50-plus (96%) believe it is extremely or very important for nursing home residents to receive quality care. In fact, only one percent of Florida voters say this is not very or not at all important.

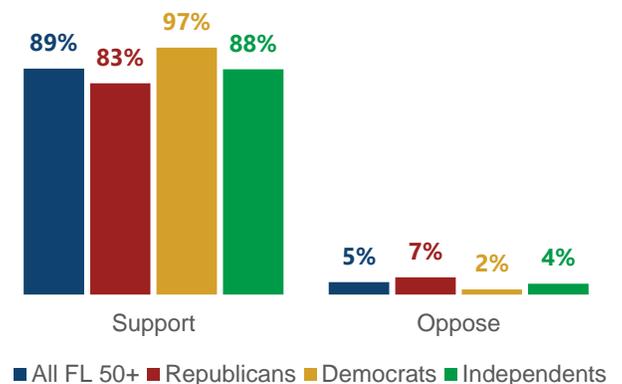
There is currently a proposal in Florida's state legislature to permanently allow Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) to replace the work of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) in nursing homes. **However, seven in ten voters oppose this proposal.** Opposition to this proposal is also high among Republican, Democrat, and Independent voters.

Nearly nine in ten Florida voters 50-plus support providing a living wage to paid caregivers who work in nursing homes and care for residents. A living wage allows employees to earn enough to afford adequate shelter, food, and other basic necessities. Support for a living wage is also high among Republican, Democrat, and Independent voters.

Support and Opposition to Proposal to Replace CNAs with PCAs

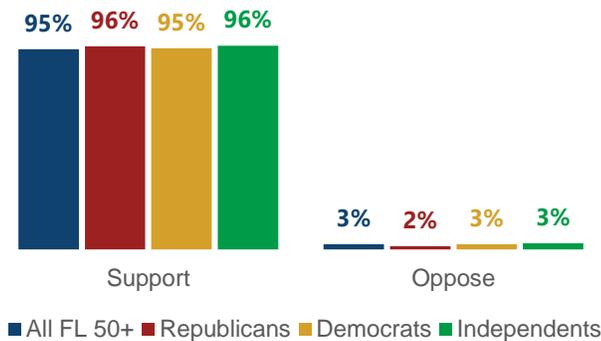


Support and Opposition to Provision of Living Wage for Paid Caregivers in Nursing Homes



Nearly all Florida voters 50-plus support making sure nursing home residents and their family can hold nursing homes and other long-term care facilities accountable through the courts for neglect, mistreatment, or abuse. Support for this type of accountability is also high among Republican, Democrat, and Independent voters.

Support and Opposition to Holding Nursing Homes Accountable Through the Courts



IMPLICATIONS

There is overwhelming, bipartisan support for several measures to keep Florida nursing home residents safe. Florida voters strongly support holding nursing homes accountable, funding adequate staffing in nursing homes, and ensuring quality care for nursing home residents.

Florida voters' strong support for these measures can help protect Florida's over 70,000 nursing home residents in certified nursing facilities.

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METHODOLOGY

AARP Florida commissioned a telephone survey among 1,000 registered voters age 50-plus in Florida to learn their views on families and older Americans, and related proposals being considered by the Florida State Legislature. The sample utilized an age-targeted landline and cell phone registered voter list obtained from Aristotle International. The sample database consisted of 1,707,289 registered voters age 50-plus in the State of Florida. There are approximately 1,399,926 residents of Florida age 50-plus who are not registered to vote, and there are approximately 2,742,549 registered voters age 50-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 Florida age 50-plus registered voter population. Respondents were selected at random from the sample list to be dialed. American Directions Research Group (ADRG) asked to speak with the registered voter listed on the file. If that person was unavailable, ADRG asked to speak with another member of the household aged 50-plus who was registered to vote in Florida. The interviews averaged 13 minutes in length and were conducted in English and Spanish. The survey has a margin of sampling error of ± 3.1 percent.

This brief highlights results from 1,000 registered voters interviewed from February 12 to February 23, 2021. The data collection and weighting were performed by ADRG. The data is weighted by age, gender, ethnicity, and AARP membership status. Percentages reported are rounded. For more information about the methodology, contact Terri Guengerich, AARP Research, tkuengerich@aarp.org, (202)434-6306.