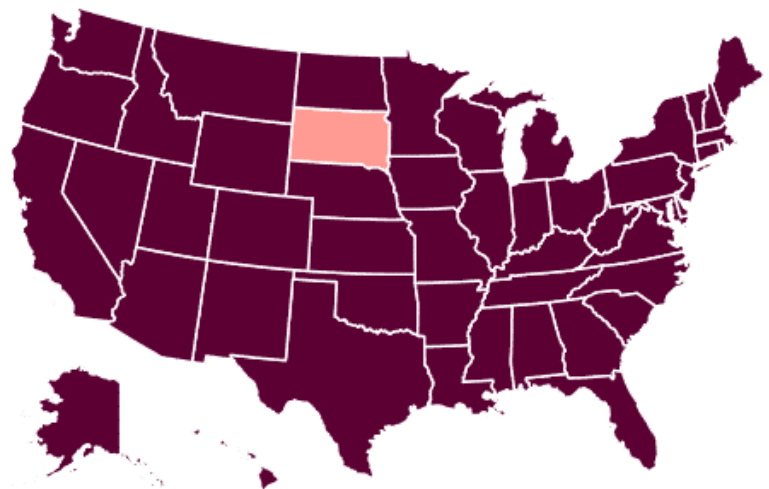




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Issues That Impact South Dakota's American Indian or
Alaska Native (AI/AN) Adults Age 45 and Older,
August 2024
Annotated Questionnaire





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Interviews were conducted with 233 South Dakota's American Indian or Alaska Native residents age 45 and older between July 24, 2024 and August 5, 2024. All data have been weighted by age and gender according to 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates. Survey results have a 6.4% margin of error.

Hello, this is _____ calling from Alan Newman Research, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in South Dakota. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. (Web: "We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in South Dakota. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation.")

Screener

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? (IN YEARS) [RECORD AGE; TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 45 OR REFUSED] (Web: "Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. What is your age as of your last birthday?")

%	n=233
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
17	45-49
21	50-54
12	55-59
21	60-64
12	65-69
8	70-74
4	75-79
3	80-84
2	85+
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say") [TERMINATE]

S2. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____ [ENTER ZIP CODE; VERIFY MATCH – IF NOT A MATCH TO SOUTH DAKOTA OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

D8. Which of the following best describes your race? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
0	White
100	American Indian or Alaska Native
0	Black or African American
0	Asian or Asian American
0	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
0	Some other race [SPECIFY]
0	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S4. Are you registered to vote in South Dakota?

%	n=233
86	Yes
14	No
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_S5b. [IF S4≠No] Do you plan to vote in the November 2024 elections?

%	n=200
91	Yes
9	No
0	Don't know (Web: "Not sure")
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S3. What is your current employment status? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY)

%	n=233
9	Self-employed full-time
5	Self-employed part-time
26	Employed full-time
8	Employed part-time
4	Unemployed and looking for work
44	Retired and not working at all
6	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Health

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=233	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not important at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	56	37	4	2	2	0	0
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	62	26	9	1	1	1	0
C. Staying mentally sharp	52	39	5	2	1	1	0
E. Being able to pay for prescription drugs	50	31	13	2	3	1	0
F. Being able to afford health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	60	31	4	2	3	0	0

Caregiving

C2_CARE1. Are you currently or have you ever provided unpaid help to a relative or friend 18 years or older to help them take care of themselves? This would include doing things for them such as grocery shopping, providing transportation, managing finances, arranging for healthcare or other services, or preparing meals.

%	n=233
20	Yes, I am currently providing care
45	Yes, I have provided care in the past
35	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE8. [IF C2_CARE1=Yes (Past or present)] Are you (were you) employed either full- or part-time while providing care to your adult loved one?

%	n=152
74	Yes
26	No
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

CARE9. [IF C2_CARE1=Yes (Past or present) and CARE8=Yes] As a working caregiver, did you ever have to [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE]

n=113	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Go into work early or late, or take time off to provide care for a loved one	63	37	0	0
B. Take a leave of absence from your job to provide care for a loved one	30	71	0	0
C. Go from working full-time to part-time to provide care for a loved one	21	79	0	0
D. Give up working entirely to provide care for a loved one	10	90	0	0

CARE11. [IF C2_CARE1=Yes (Past and present)] As a caregiver, do (did) you ever have to [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE]

n=152	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Use your own money to help provide care	58	42	0	0
B. Make changes to your home for the loved one in your care	30	70	0	0
C. Move into another home to accommodate the loved one in your care	11	89	0	0
D. Use your own money to provide transportation	84	16	0	0
E. Use your own money to purchase medical devices	41	59	0	0

CARE36_1C. Do you support or oppose the state of South Dakota providing paid family leave to assist family caregivers? (And is that strongly or somewhat?) (Web: Do not include "And is that strongly or somewhat?")

%	n=233
48	Strongly support
24	Somewhat support
8	Neither support nor oppose (VOL)
6	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose
9	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_CARE60. Which of the following types of support would you most like to see the South Dakota government provide to family caregivers? [INSERT 1 AND 2 IN RANDOM ORDER]

%	n=233
56	Financial support that helps caregivers cover expenses
21	Caregiving support that gives caregivers time to do other things
20	None of the above [ANCHOR]
4	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Wealth

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=233	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not important at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
G. Having adequate Social Security benefits available to you in the future	54	32	10	3	1	0	0
AL. Having access to affordable high-speed internet	22	33	32	9	5	<1	0
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=132)	55	37	4	2	2	0	0
I. Having protection from age discrimination	33	32	22	9	4	0	0
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	52	33	13	2	<1	0	0
W. Being able to afford groceries or other household necessities	59	30	9	2	1	0	0

Social Security

C2_SS9. Government accountants recently announced that if Congress doesn't take action to fix Social Security soon, the program will run short of funds, and Americans will see an average loss in benefits of 20% - or about an average of \$4,000 per year starting around 2035.

If you saw a reduction in your Social Security retirement benefits by approximately 20%, how much would that impact you personally? (READ/ROTATE 1-4 AND 4-1)

%	n=233
53	A great deal
15	Somewhat
5	Not much
2	Not at all
25	Or are you not currently collection Social Security retirement benefits (Web: I am not currently collecting Social Security retirement benefits)
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_SS10. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion? (READ/ ROTATE 1-2)

%	n=233
45	I prefer a solution to fixing Social Security that reflects the views of all political parties OR
17	I prefer a solution to fixing Social Security that reflects only the views of the political party I most agree with OR
37	Neither of these
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_SS6. Compared to other government programs, how important of a program do you think Social Security is? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
86	One of the most important programs
13	An important program, but not one of the most important
0	Not an important program
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

RET21. How much of your retirement income do you think will come from Social Security? Do you think it will be...? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
18	Your only source of income
53	A major part of your income, but not the only source
23	A minor part of your income
3	Or will you not get Social Security payments at all
4	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

RET22. How important do you think it is for Congress to work to strengthen and reform Social Security so it is available for your retirement and for future generations? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
82	Extremely important
16	Very important
2	Somewhat important
1	Not very important
0	Not important at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

RET3. Overall, how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably throughout your retirement years? Please use a 1 to 10 scale, where 1 means you are not confident at all and 10 means you are extremely confident.

%	n=233
12	1 – Not confident at all
5	2
7	3
5	4
13	5
13	6
10	7
15	8
6	9
11	10 – Extremely confident
2	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

RET6. How confident are you that you will have enough money to cover your health care expenses during your retirement years? These expenses include co-payments, deductibles, out-of-pocket drug costs, and expenses that Medicare doesn't cover, such as hearing aids, routine dental care, glasses, and possibly nursing home or long-term care. (READ LIST)

%	n=233
7	Extremely confident
15	Very confident
41	Somewhat confident
25	Not very confident
12	Not confident at all
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

Housing Affordability

TAX1. How concerned are you about being able to afford to pay the property taxes on your primary residence over the next five years? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
17	Extremely concerned
10	Very concerned
27	Somewhat concerned
16	Not very concerned
12	Not concerned at all
15	I do not pay property taxes
3	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

HOME-1. How much do you think each of the following would impact your ability to remain in your home as you age? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=233	A lot %	A little %	Not at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Increasing property taxes	46	34	16	4	0
B. Increasing maintenance costs	42	37	16	5	0
C. Being able to make modifications to make it easier to live in	35	41	19	5	0
D. Being close to goods and services	48	35	16	2	0
E. Heating and cooling costs	46	38	14	3	0
F. Size of your home	20	38	36	6	0
M. Being close to family and friends	50	29	19	3	0

Livable Communities

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=233	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not important at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
P. Staying in your own home as you get older	49	32	15	2	3	1	0
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	38	37	19	6	<1	1	0
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	47	38	11	3	1	0	0
Y. Having affordable housing options in your community	40	27	22	7	4	1	1

Digital First

C2_D1_B. What type of Internet connection do you have in your home? (READ LIST AS NEEDED)

%	n=233
28	Fiber
25	Cable
13	Satellite or fixed wireless
10	Through my cellular service
7	DSL
1	Dial-up
1	Other
3	I do not have an Internet connection at home
10	Not sure
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_TECH19a. [IF C2_D1_B="I do not have an Internet connection at home"] What are the reasons you do not have Internet at home? (Phone: CODE RESPONSE TO LIST) (Web, add: "Select all that apply.") [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-97]

%	n=7**
-	You don't need it
-	You don't want it
-	Cost
-	You don't know how to use it
-	It is not available where you live
-	You don't feel comfortable using it/it is not safe
-	You don't know how to get it
-	It's sufficient to have internet on your phone/mobile device
-	Other [SPECIFY]
-	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
-	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

**insufficient base

C2_TECH15 . In general, how comfortable are you in using...? (Phone, add: READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=233	Extremely comfortable %	Very comfortable %	Somewhat comfortable %	Not very comfortable %	Not at all comfortable %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. The Internet	33	30	23	6	6	2	<1
B. Computers	31	24	28	8	8	1	<1
C. Cell phones or smart phones	37	28	20	8	5	2	0
D. In-home voice technologies (such as Siri, Alexa, Google Assistant)	21	21	21	10	20	7	<1

Demographics

C2_D1_A. Do you own a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android) or a regular cell phone?

%	n=233
78	Yes, I have a smartphone
15	Yes, I have a regular cell phone
6	No, I don't have any type of cell phone
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D2. Have you or a family member ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-2]

%	n=233
12	Yes, I have
51	Yes, a family member has
39	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2_D14. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term health problem or disability?

%	n=233
25	Yes
75	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

Thank you for your time so far. I have just a few final questions for classification purposes. All of your responses will be completely confidential. (Web: Do not include)

D3. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=233
6	0 through 12 th grade (no diploma)
21	High school graduate (or equivalent)
8	Post- high school vocational or technical training
32	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
20	College graduate (4-year degree)
2	Post-graduate study
11	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D4. How do you identify your gender? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=233
54	Female
45	Male
0	Another gender identity [SPECIFY]
<1	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D4a. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer?

%	n=233
3	Yes
94	No
1	Not sure
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D5. What is your current marital status? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=233
51	Married
3	Living with a partner
8	Widowed
17	Divorced or separated
21	Never married
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D6. [IF D5=Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you or your (spouse/partner) currently a member of AARP? [IF D5≠Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you currently a member of AARP?

%	n=233
30	Yes
66	No
4	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D7. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino background?

%	n=233
0	Yes
100	No
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: 'Prefer not to say')

D9. In general, how would you describe your political views? Would you say you are conservative, moderate, liberal, or something else? (Web: "In general, how would you describe your political views?")

%	n=233
47	Conservative
30	Moderate
15	Liberal
1	Other [SPECIFY]
6	Don't know
2	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D10. Are you a...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE ORDER]

%	n=233
34	Republican
25	Democrat
31	Independent
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
4	Don't know (VOL)
5	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D11. What income range includes your household's total income from all sources in 2023? (READ LIST)

%	n=233
4	Less than \$10,000
18	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
25	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
13	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
12	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
13	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
3	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
3	\$200,000 or more
10	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

Thank you very much for participating in this survey.