



AGING IN COMMUNITY Survey Report

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Executive Summary

The Village of Mount Prospect launched the Aging in Community Initiative in 2019. **The mission of the initiative is to strengthen community infrastructure and systems that enhance the lives of older adults.** The Village has convened an Age-Friendly Task Force to carry out this mission. The Task Force launched the Aging in Community Survey in 2021 to collect information about the current and anticipated needs of older adults in the community. This information will help shape the priorities of a three-year Age-Friendly Action Plan. The Task Force analyzed the survey responses and identified the overall themes, as well as strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that emerged from the survey data.

Themes from the Survey







Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong desire to stay in home as long as possible • About half of respondents said a home modification would be needed • Lack of housing options for older adults to transition as they age • Housing affordability 	
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy dependence on private vehicles for transportation • Few people reported using public transportation and it scored low for its “convenience” 	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of awareness of available resources • Need information in many formats (e.g. print, electronic, phone, multiple languages) 	
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment questions scored lowest out of all the categories • Challenges identifying and getting to / from volunteer opportunities 	
Social Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand barriers to participating in social opportunities (transportation, cost, age of participants, cultural, etc.) 	
Special Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different strategies for reaching different age cohorts (e.g. pre-retirement vs. post-retirement age) • Collect more information from minority populations about their needs 	

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Strengths

Overall the respondents thought Mount Prospect was a “very good” place for people to live as they age. Many respondents have lived in the community a long time, conveying a sense of satisfaction and ownership. This is echoed in the overwhelming desire to be able to live independently in their homes as they age and the strong desire to remain in their current community for as long as possible. The physical environment was rated highly for the quality of its sidewalks, hospitals and health care facilities, and well-maintained homes and properties. Questions related to health care professionals were rated “very good” on average. The library, faith community, and park districts were identified as key resources for life-long learning, while the most trusted sources of information were family and friends, senior centers, units of local government, and health care professionals. There was a low response rate about home repair services in the community, but those who did respond rated these categories

“very good.” Few reported using public transportation, but those who do rated the public transit “very good” in terms of safety. At an individual level, most respondents self-reported as being in “very good” health. 90% of respondents have daily or weekly contact with others, and 90% have someone to call any time of day or night if they were in trouble or distress.

Weaknesses



While most respondents expressed a preference to stay in their homes, data suggests that the community does not have enough facilities to accommodate those that need to move out of their homes. Questions asking about the availability of affordable housing, variety of housing options for older adults, and physically accessible homes received low scores. Personal safety or security concerns were cited as a “major factor” if respondents were to move from their current community, though it was not clear if the concerns were from home safety (e.g. falling hazards) or community safety (e.g. crime). 74% of respondents reported living in single-family homes, and 50% of respondents reported that their home would need major repairs and / or modifications to stay there as long as possible. When asked to rate the community’s home repair and maintenance services, there was a high proportion of “no response,” suggesting that residents may be unfamiliar with these services. In the area of Education, Civic Engagement, and Volunteering, respondents gave a “fair” rating for “activities that offer senior discounts” and “transportation to and from volunteer opportunities.” Village Hall and the local Senior Center appear to be under-utilized as a source for continuing education and self-improvement classes, and there may be a lack of awareness about local service agencies. When asked to rate health and wellness services, accessible mental health services and affordable in-home caregiving scored lowest.



Opportunities

One of the biggest opportunities identified by the Task Force was helping adults plan ahead of time for how they would like to age, rather than waiting for a crisis before decisions are made. There is a great deal of information available but there has to be a strategy to coordinate delivery of and access to the information. Mount Prospect has taken steps to enhance information dissemination through a senior newsletter and could potentially fill additional information gaps through this vehicle. Other ideas such as a directory phone service (e.g. 311) and aging workshops were discussed. Many community organizations and institutions have existing programs and services, and where possible organizations should partner instead of re-creating existing programs. New forms of technology can pose a barrier for older adults, but it can also be an opportunity for greater engagement and connection to family and friends through texting, video calls, and social media. There is an opportunity to help older adults achieve their goals to live safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible by supporting access to affordable home remodeling and maintenance services, and exploring universal housing design. Finally, almost three-quarters of the respondents reported that they were retired, which represents a potential source of volunteers and advocates who may have spare time to support older adult initiatives.

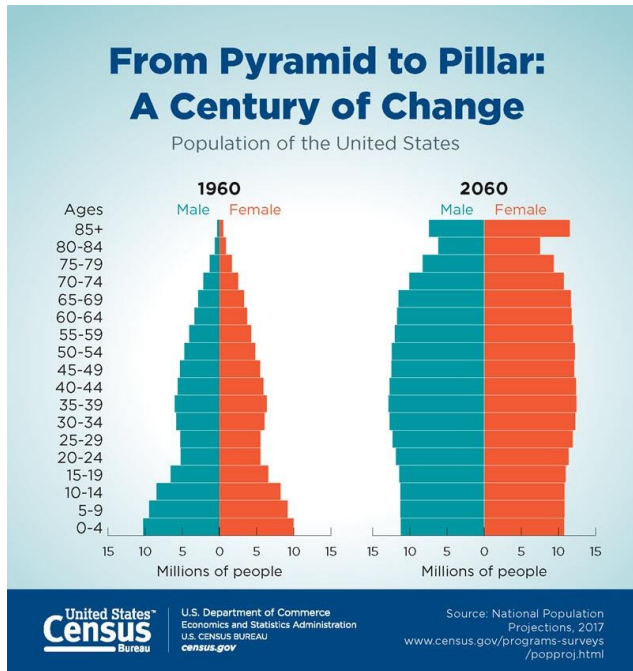


Threats

For some older adults, employment is not optional, but various barriers such as ageism or the need to take care of a loved one can make it difficult to find work. Costs continue to rise for caregiving services and 28% of respondents said they were “very likely” or “extremely likely” to provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future. The Covid-19 pandemic was cited as a major threat that greatly impacted many aspects of aging, including increased pressure on the caregiving workforce, reduced access to in-home services, and fewer socialization opportunities. Nearly one-third of the respondents reported that they lived alone. Social media, while a great connector, can also exacerbate feelings of isolation or anxiety. Older adults may be resistant to change and may find it challenging to downsize their belongings, adapt to new technology, or try new ways of doing things. 93% of respondents reported that they drive themselves, but the Task Force found that most people are not prepared for when they can no longer drive, and suburban infrastructure is predominantly car-oriented. The country is facing a severe housing shortage of all types of housing, which has increased housing prices for all demographics. Lastly, many local institutions do not have the capacity to deliver information and services to non-English speakers.

Introduction

Our population is aging – and this demographic shift comes with opportunities and challenges.



17% of Mount Prospect’s population is 65+

24% of suburban Cook older adults are householders that live alone

32% of suburban Cook adults 60+ are still in the labor force

3 in 4 adults age 50+ want to stay in their homes and communities as they age

By 2030, **1 in 5** Americans will be over the age of 65

By 2050, people 50+ will spend **61 cents** out of every retail dollar spent

By 2060, life expectancy for Americans is projected to increase to **85.6 years**¹

Recognizing this trend, the Village of Mount Prospect launched the Aging in Community Initiative in 2019. The mission of the initiative is to strengthen community infrastructure and systems that enhance the lives of older adults.

The Village convened an Age-Friendly Task Force to carry out this mission. The Task Force launched the Aging in Community Survey to collect information about the current and anticipated needs of older adults in the community. This information will help shape the priorities of a three-year Age-Friendly Action Plan.

Survey Methodology

The Task Force adapted the 2020 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey to create the 2021 Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Survey. The survey questions are available in Appendix A. The target population for the survey was Mount Prospect residents ages 55 and over. The survey included 44 multiple choice questions and 1 open-ended question covering the following topics:

Aging in Our Community	Employment and Jobs	Caregiving
Aging in Our Homes	Health and Wellness	Social Isolation
Communication and Information	Physical Environment	Demographics
Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering	Transportation (Public)	

¹ Fact Sources: 1, 2, 3. American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2015-2019; 4. AARP.org; 5. Census.gov; 6. AARP.org; 7. Census.gov; Population Pyramid – Census.gov.

The survey was available in English and Spanish, and the Village offered assistance to other non-English speakers through language line services. Hanul Family Alliance provided a Korean translator for survey events held at some of the senior residences. Respondents could complete the survey online or fill out a paper copy. The survey did not request any identifying information, so all responses were completely anonymous. None of the survey questions were required; participants could elect to skip any questions they did not wish to answer.

The Age-Friendly Task Force employed a variety of marketing strategies to raise awareness of the survey and distributed surveys at numerous locations and events, such as:

- Direct mailing to 65+ year old residents who purchased vehicle sticker with senior discount (over 5,000 households)
- Aging in Community Kick-Off Event at Village Hall
- Aging in Community Workshop at Village Hall
- Community Connections Center Survey Distribution Event
- Fire Department blood drives
- Medicare Part D open enrollment events
- Events at residential buildings where older adults live
- Distribution of surveys at community organizations, such as senior centers and churches
- Spreading the word through digital communications such as social media, press release, and newsletters

The survey was open for approximately 4 months, from September 29, 2021 through January 20, 2022. The Village received 466 surveys, all of which were analyzed to produce this data report. The number of responses (N) for each question is 466 unless otherwise noted. Some questions asked the respondents to rate various characteristics of the community on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 meaning "Poor" and 5 meaning "Excellent." Each characteristic was designated an overall "score" based on a weighted average of the responses. The scales and scores used for each question are provided in the results.

Community Characteristic Scores

Respondents were asked to score various characteristics of the community on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 meaning “Poor” and 5 meaning “Excellent.” The following chart depicts the characteristics in descending order from highest rated to lowest rated.

#	Community Characteristic	Score	Scale	Category
18	Quality of health care professionals	4.10	Very good	Health and Wellness
15	Conveniently located hospitals, health care facilities, and emergency care centers	4.10	Very good	Physical Environment
18	Availability of health care professionals	4.05	Very good	Health and Wellness
15	Well-maintained homes and properties	3.99	Very good	Physical Environment
18	Diversity of health care professionals	3.87	Very good	Health and Wellness
15	Well-maintained and safe parks	3.76	Very good	Physical Environment
18	Affordability of health care professionals	3.64	Very good	Health and Wellness
3	How would you rate your current community as a place for people to live as they age?	3.61	Very good	Aging in Our Community
14	Sidewalks that are in good condition, safe for pedestrians, and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	3.56	Very good	Physical Environment
15	Public buildings and spaces, including restrooms, that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	3.53	Very good	Physical Environment
13	Home modification and home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work, and are affordable	3.48	Very good	Aging in Our Homes
15	Conveniently located, affordable public parking and sufficient handicap parking	3.46	Very good	Physical Environment
15	Conveniently located shopping and services for daily needs (grocery, pharmacy, etc.)	3.46	Very good	Physical Environment
13	Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults	3.40	Very good	Aging in Our Homes
14	Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users	3.37	Good	Physical Environment
30	Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	3.33	Good	Communication and Information
17	Safe	3.22	Good	Transportation (Public)
19	Affordable health and wellness programs and classes like nutrition, diabetic management and weight control	3.20	Good	Health and Wellness
19	Accessible social services	3.20	Good	Health and Wellness
14	Sufficient time for pedestrian crossings	3.19	Good	Physical Environment
15	Enough benches for resting in public areas	3.17	Good	Physical Environment
30	Access to community information in one central source	3.17	Good	Communication and Information
14	Audio and visual pedestrian crossings	3.12	Good	Physical Environment
19	Affordable physical fitness activities for older adults	3.11	Good	Health and Wellness
25	A range of volunteer activities to choose from	3.06	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
23	Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests and hobbies	3.04	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
15	Well-maintained, safe, affordable housing	3.04	Good	Physical Environment
23	Conveniently located entertainment venues	3.00	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering

15	Housing options for older adults such as active adult communities, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing	3.00	Good	Physical Environment
30	Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	2.99	Good	Communication and Information
17	Affordable	2.98	Good	Transportation (Public)
23	Activities or events that involve both younger and older people	2.93	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
19	Accessible mental health services	2.91	Good	Health and Wellness
30	Community information that is available in a number of different languages	2.88	Good	Communication and Information
19	Affordable in-home services including care giving, personal care, housekeeping, and cooking	2.86	Good	Health and Wellness
23	A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	2.85	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
17	Accessible	2.81	Good	Transportation (Public)
25	Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils or committees	2.79	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
17	Timely	2.76	Good	Transportation (Public)
25	Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities	2.71	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
30	Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	2.70	Good	Communication and Information
17	Convenient	2.68	Good	Transportation (Public)
23	Activities geared specifically towards older adults	2.65	Good	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
15	Homes that are built with things like a no step entrance, wider doorways, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	2.64	Good	Physical Environment
14	Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	2.61	Good	Physical Environment
23	Activities that offer senior discounts	2.56	Fair	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
28	A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	2.45	Fair	Employment and Jobs
28	Policies that ensure older adults can continue to have equal opportunity to work for as long as they want or need to regardless of their age	2.39	Fair	Employment and Jobs
28	Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	2.34	Fair	Employment and Jobs
25	Transportation to and from volunteer activities	2.31	Fair	Education, Civic Engagement, Volunteering
28	Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work	2.28	Fair	Employment and Jobs

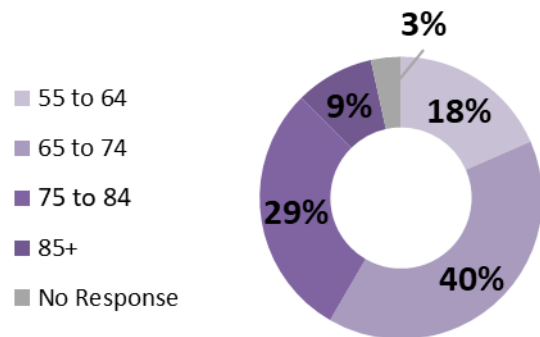
Demographics

Age

The majority of respondents (40%) were between the ages of 65 and 74. The median age of respondents was 72.

What is your age as of your last birthday?	Number	Percent
55 to 59 years	35	8%
60 to 64 years	51	11%
65 to 69 years	87	19%
70 to 74 years	99	21%
75 to 79 years	73	16%
80 to 84 years	63	14%
85 years and over	42	9%
No Response	16	3%
TOTAL	466	100%

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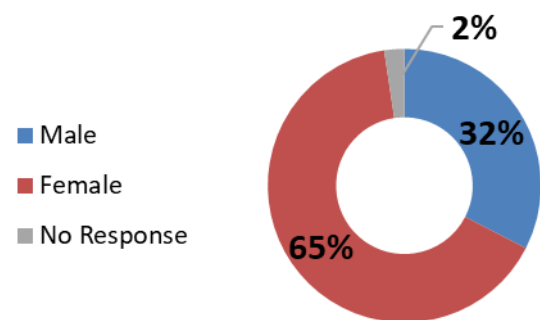


Gender

Two-thirds of respondents were female, and one-third were male.

How do you identify?	Number	Percent
Male	151	32%
Female	302	65%
Other (please specify)	2	0%
No Response	11	2%
TOTAL	466	100%

How do you identify?

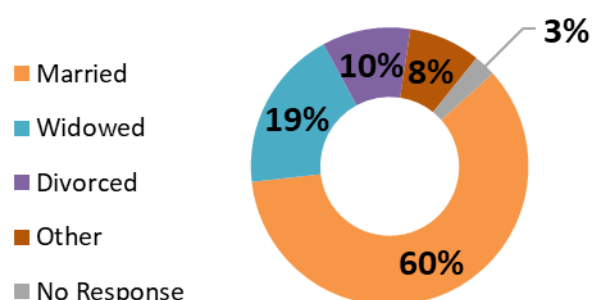


Marital Status

The majority of respondents (60%) were married.

What is your current marital status?	Number	Percent
Married	279	60%
Not married, living together	5	1%
Separated	3	1%
Divorced	48	10%
Widowed	88	19%
Never Married	24	5%
Other (please specify)	7	2%
No Response	12	3%
TOTAL	466	100%

What is your current marital status?



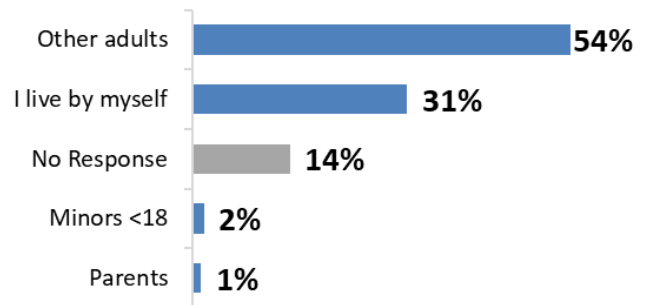
Household Composition

Over half of respondents (54%) lived with other adults in their home, while almost one-third lived by themselves. Few respondents reported living with minors under 18 or with parents.

Besides yourself, do you have any of the following people living in your household? (Check all that apply)	Number	Percent
Other adults	251	54%
I live by myself	143	31%
No Response	65	14%
Minors <18	8	2%
Parents	6	1%
TOTAL	466	*

* Respondents could choose more than one response so the total does not equal 100%

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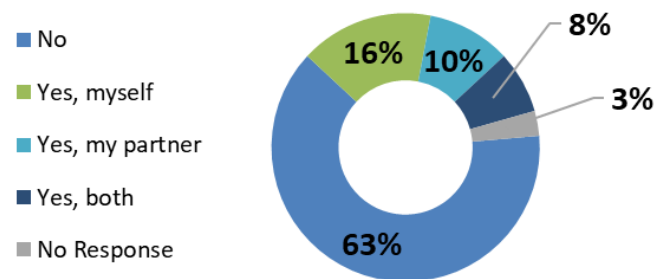


Disability Status

One-third of respondents (34%) reported that themselves or their partner have a disability, handicap, or chronic disease that keeps them from fully participating in various activities.

Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or your spouse or partner from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?	Number	Percent
No	295	63%
Yes, myself	75	16%
Yes, my partner	47	10%
Yes, both	35	8%
No Response	14	3%
TOTAL	466	100%

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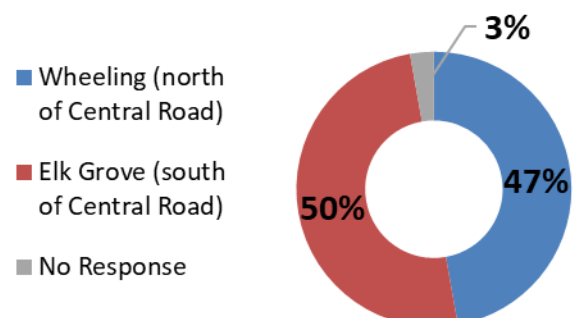


Township

Respondents were split almost evenly between Elk Grove and Wheeling Townships.

What township do you live in?	Number	Percent
Wheeling (north of Central Road)	220	47%
Elk Grove (south of Central Road)	233	50%
No Response	13	3%
TOTAL	466	100%

What township do you live in?

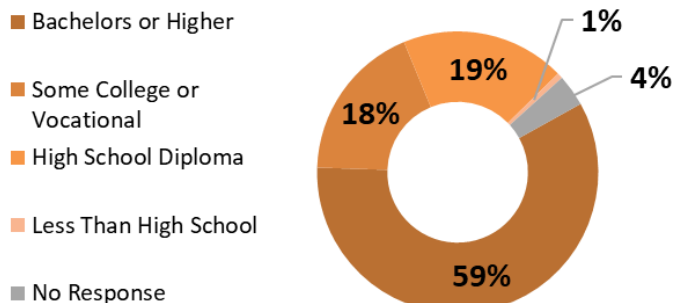


Educational Level

The majority of respondents (60%) completed a 4-year college degree or higher.

What is the highest level of education that you completed?	Number	Percent
Graduate or professional degree(s)	147	32%
4-year college degree	126	27%
2-year college degree	54	12%
Vocational training / certificate	31	7%
High school, GED or equivalent	88	19%
Less than a high school diploma	3	1%
No Response	17	4%
TOTAL	466	100%

What is the highest level of education that you completed?

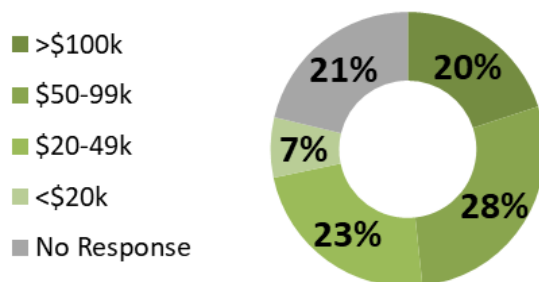


Household Income

Respondents were distributed fairly evenly across income levels, with most households (28%) earning between \$50k and \$99k. 21% of survey participants did not respond to this question.

What was your annual household income before taxes in 2020?	Number	Percent
\$150,000 or more	50	11%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	43	9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	60	13%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	72	15%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	73	16%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	36	8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	6%
Less than \$10,000	5	1%
No Response	99	21%
TOTAL	466	100%

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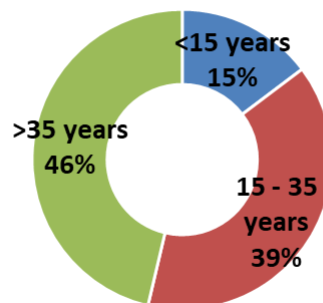


Years Lived in Community

Nearly half of respondents (46%) have lived in the community for over 35 years; a quarter (25%) of respondents have lived here 46 years or more. The Village received the fewest responses (6%) from residents living in the community less than five years.

How long have you lived in your community?	Number	Percent
Less than 5 years	27	6%
5 – 14 years	41	9%
15 - 25 years	86	18%
26 - 35 years	94	20%
36 - 45 years	98	21%
46 years or more	116	25%
No Response	4	1%
TOTAL	466	100%

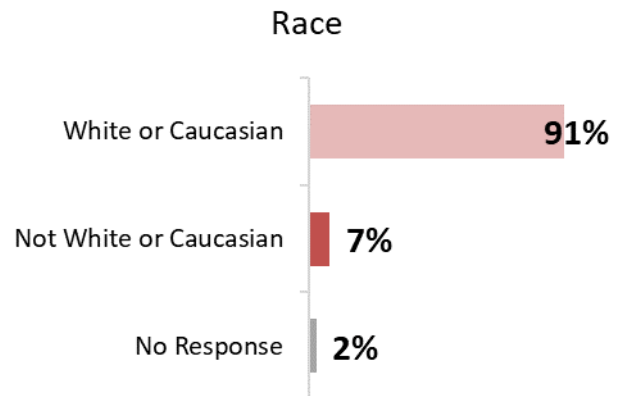
How long have you lived in your community?



Race

Most respondents (91%) identified as White, while 7% identified as non-White. The second most selected race was Asian, or 4% of respondents.

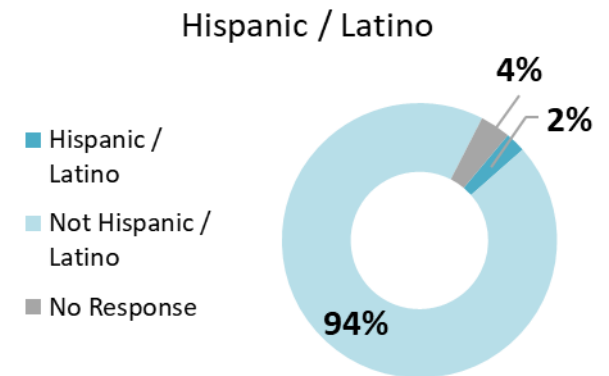
What is your race? (Check all that apply)	Number	Percent
White or Caucasian	424	91%
Asian	20	4%
Multi-racial	5	1%
Other (please specify)	5	1%
Black or African American	2	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%
No Response	11	2%
TOTAL	466	*



Hispanic Origin

Most respondents (94%) identified as non-Hispanic / Latino, while 2% identified as Hispanic / Latino.

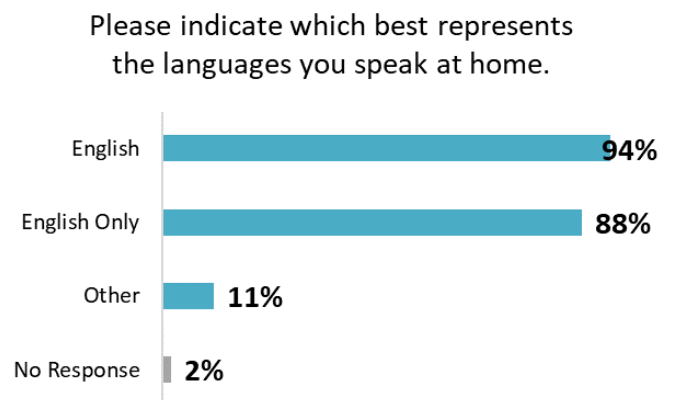
Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or of Latino origin or descent?	Number	Percent
Hispanic / Latino	14	2%
Not Hispanic / Latino	436	94%
No Response	16	4%
TOTAL	466	100%



Language

Most respondents (94%) speak English at home; 88% of respondents speak only English. 11% of respondents speak other languages alone or in addition to English. The two most spoken languages after English were Spanish (2%) and Korean (2%).

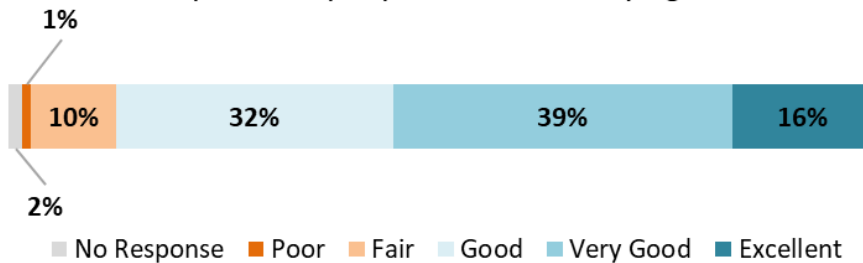
Please indicate which best represents the languages you speak at home. (Check all that apply)	Number	Percent
English	438	94%
Other (please specify)	23	5%
Spanish	9	2%
Korean	9	2%
Polish	7	2%
Gujarati	2	0%
No Response	8	2%
TOTAL	466	*



Aging in Our Community

This section explores the various factors influencing the decision to remain in or depart from the community, and to remain in or depart from their current home. Overall, the Village was rated as a **“Very Good” place for people to live as they age** and most respondents said they were more likely to stay in their current residence and never move. The biggest factor influencing a decision to move out of their current home was **“wanting a home that will help you live independently as you age.”** The biggest factor influencing a decision to move out of their current community was **“personal safety or security concerns.”** Overall, respondents said it was **“Very Important” to remain in their current community as long as possible.**

How would you rate your current community as a place for people to live as they age?



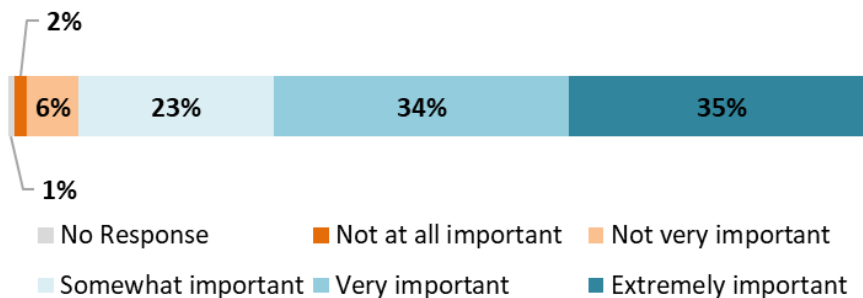
Weighted Score

3.61 Very Good

Scale

4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

How important is it for you to remain in your current COMMUNITY for as long as possible?



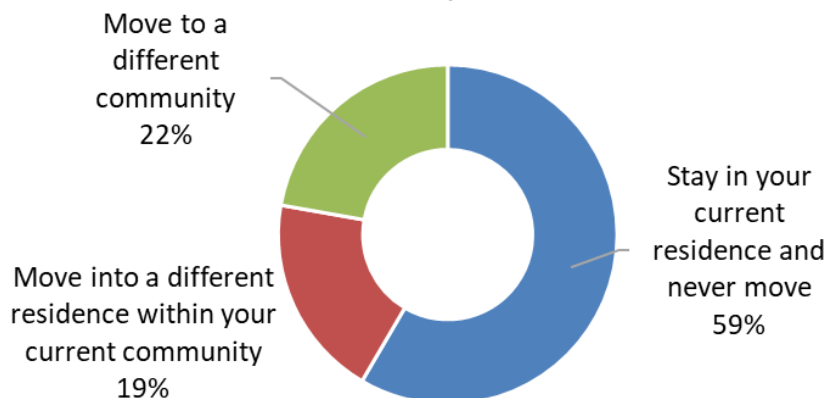
Weighted Score

3.96 Very Important

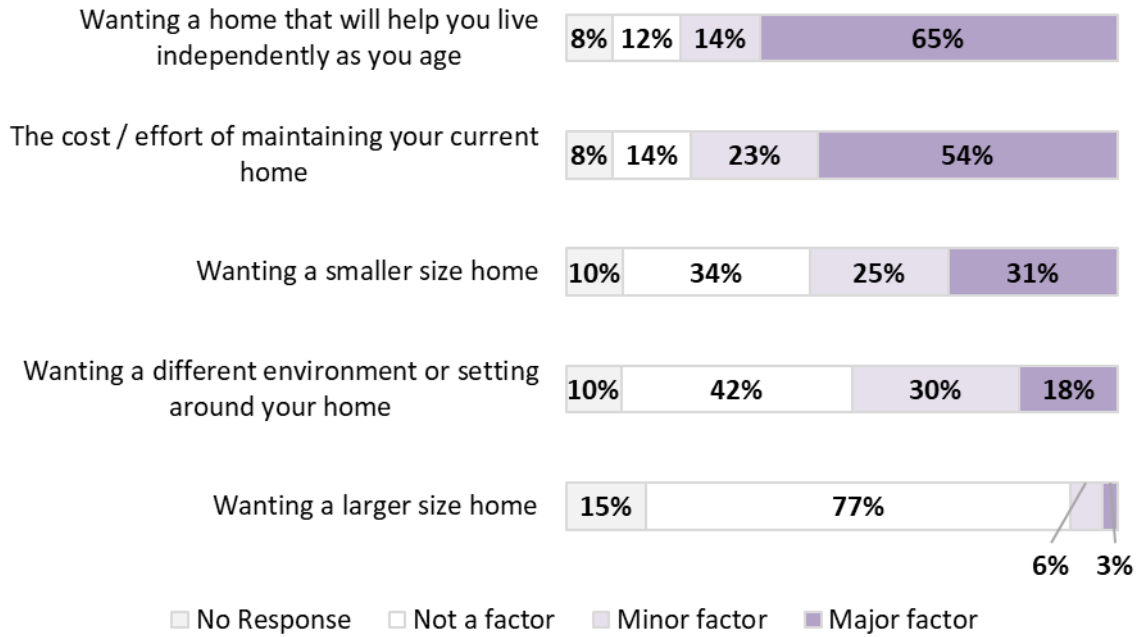
Scale

4.2 - 5.0	Extremely important
3.4 - 4.2	Very important
2.6 - 3.4	Somewhat important
1.8 - 2.6	Not very important
1.0 - 1.8	Not at all important

Thinking about your future years, are you more likely to:



If you were to consider moving out of your current HOME, what factors would influence your decision?



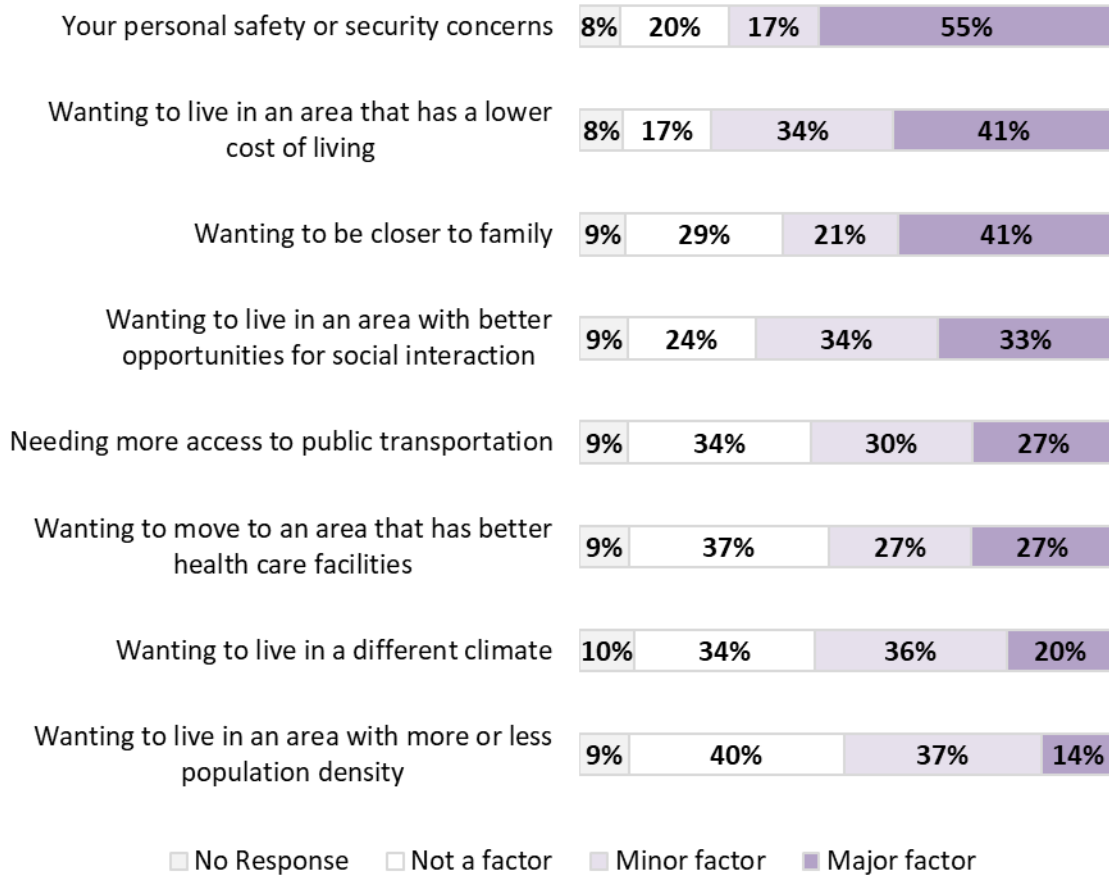
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Major	2.33 - 3.00
Minor	1.66 - 2.33
Not	1.00 - 1.66

Weighted Scores

Wanting a home that will help you live independently as you age	2.57	Major factor
The cost / effort of maintaining your current home	2.44	Major factor
Wanting a smaller size home	1.96	Minor factor
Wanting a different environment or setting around your home	1.73	Minor factor
Wanting a larger size home	1.13	Not a factor

If you were to consider moving out of your current COMMUNITY, what factors would influence your decision?



Scale

Major	2.33 - 3.00
Minor	1.66 - 2.33
Not	1.00 - 1.66

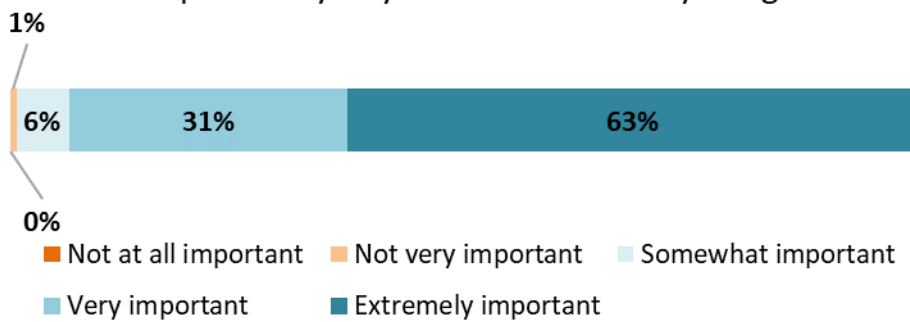
Weighted Scores

Your personal safety or security concerns	2.38	Major factor
Wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living	2.27	Minor factor
Wanting to be closer to family	2.12	Minor factor
Wanting to live in an area w/ better opportunities for social interaction	2.10	Minor factor
Needing more access to public transportation	1.92	Minor factor
Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	1.88	Minor factor
Wanting to live in a different climate	1.85	Minor factor
Wanting to live in an area with more or less population density	1.71	Minor factor

Aging in Our Homes

The questions in this section asked respondents to describe the type of housing they live in and evaluate characteristics that may prevent them from staying in the home as they age. Respondents thought it was **“Extremely Important” to be able to live independently in their own homes as they age**; this question received the highest weighted score of all the questions on the survey, suggesting that respondents strongly desire the opportunity to “age in place” with independence. Most respondents live in a **single-family house**, and most respondents **own their home**, regardless of the type. Over three-quarters said they have to use stairs to access a part of their home. **Stairs were the number one area in the home needing major repairs**, modifications, or changes to enable residents to stay in the home as long as possible. Overall, the respondents rated the community’s **home repair and maintenance services as “Very Good.”**

How important is it for you to be able to live independently in your own HOME as you age?



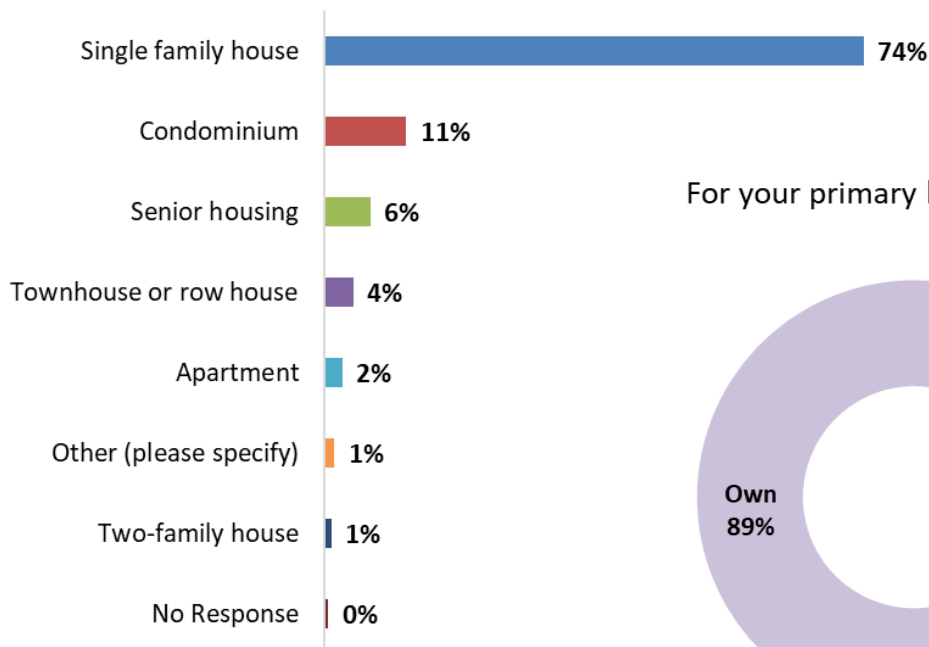
Weighted Score

4.56 Extremely Important

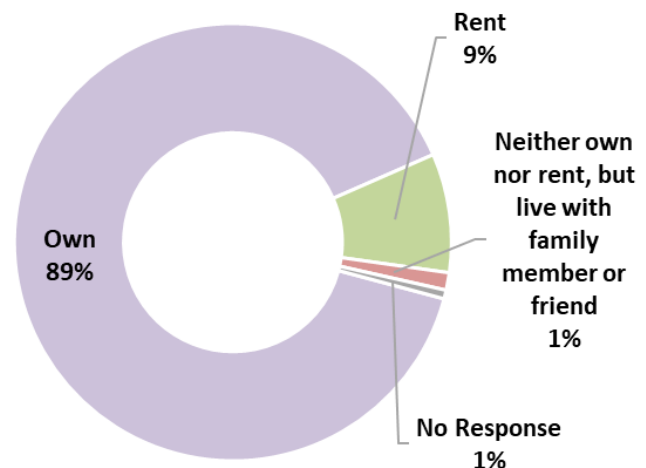
Scale

4.2 - 5.0	Extremely important
3.4 - 4.2	Very important
2.6 - 3.4	Somewhat important
1.8 - 2.6	Not very important
1.0 - 1.8	Not at all important

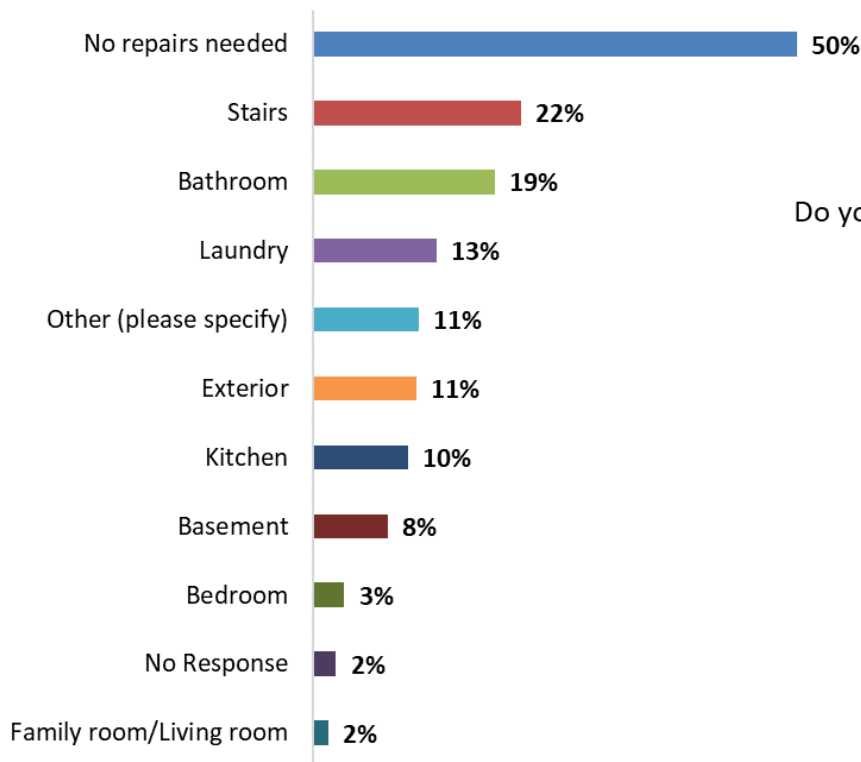
Which of the following types of homes best describes where you currently live?



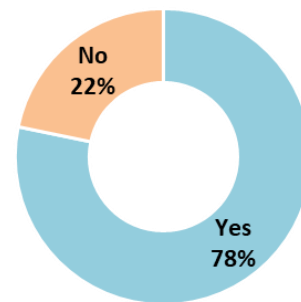
For your primary home, do you...



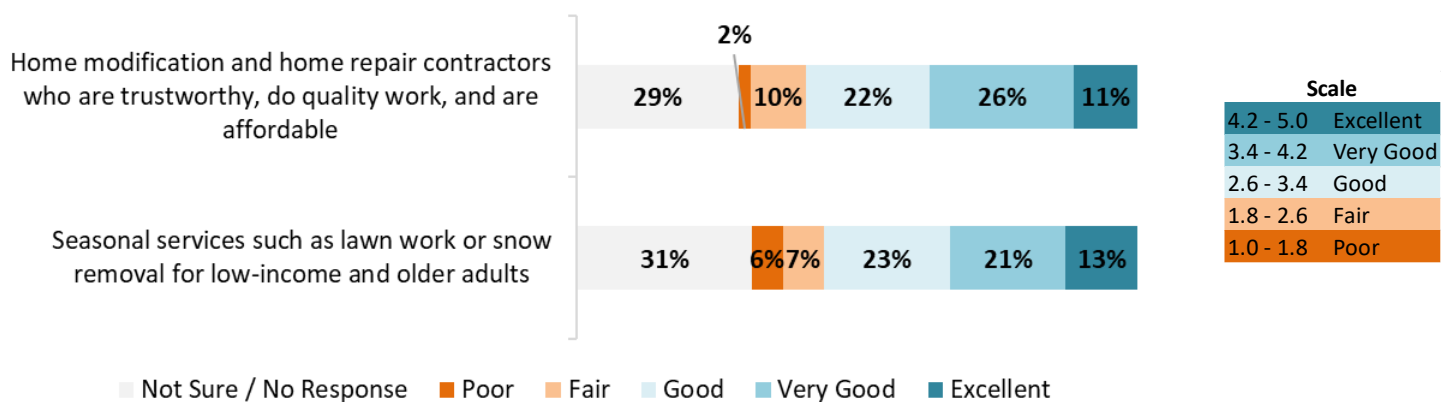
Which areas in your home need major repairs, modifications, or changes to enable you to stay there for as long as possible? [Check all that apply]



Do you have to use stairs to access any part of your home?



How would you rate your community's home repair and maintenance services?



Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

Weighted Scores

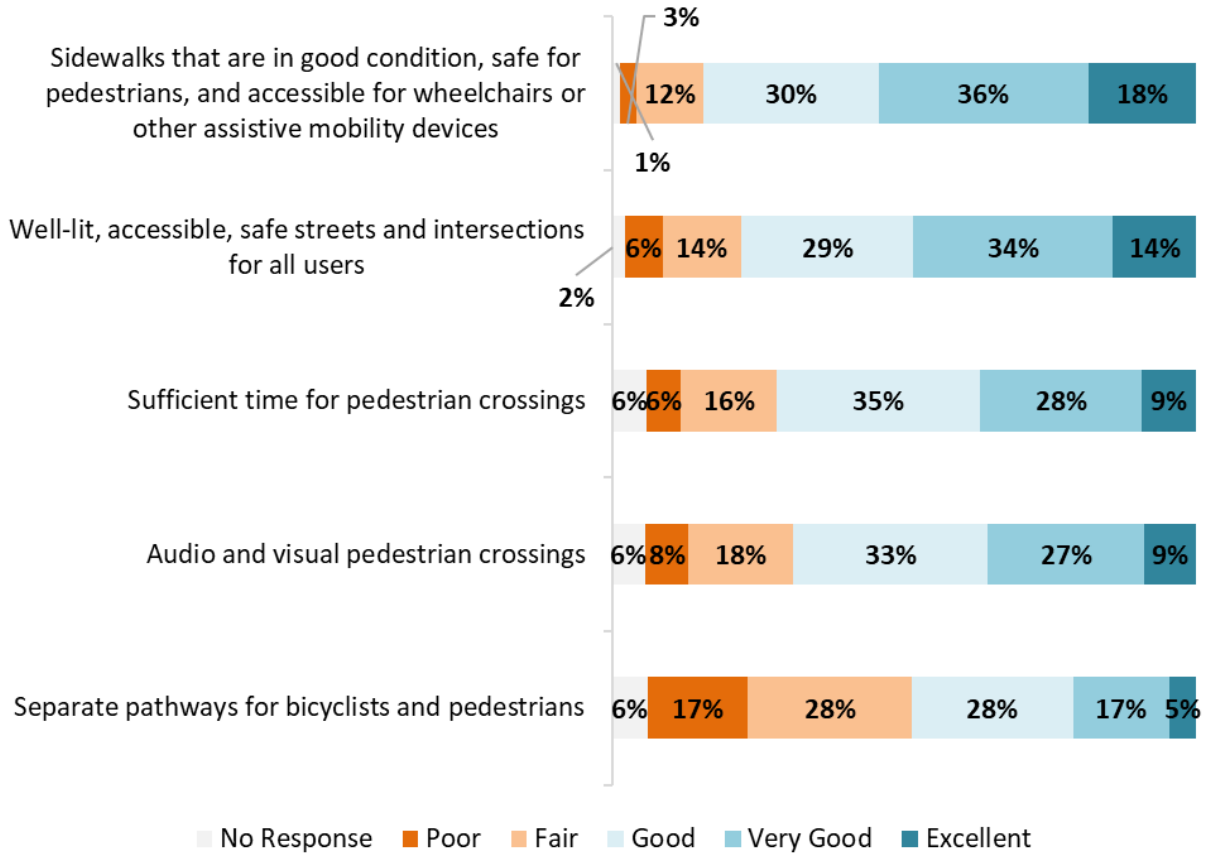
Home modification and home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work, and are affordable
 Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults

3.48	Very Good
3.40	Very Good

Physical Environment

This set of questions asked respondents to rate the physical environment, such as housing, public spaces, health care facilities, shopping for daily needs, and sidewalks. For public infrastructure, **sidewalks** received the highest rating (**Very Good**) and **separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians** received the lowest rating (**Good**). For built environment, **conveniently located health care facilities** and **well-maintained properties** received the highest ratings (**Very Good**) while **housing options for older adults** and **availability of homes with accessible features** received the lowest ratings (**Good**).

How would you rate your community's public infrastructure?

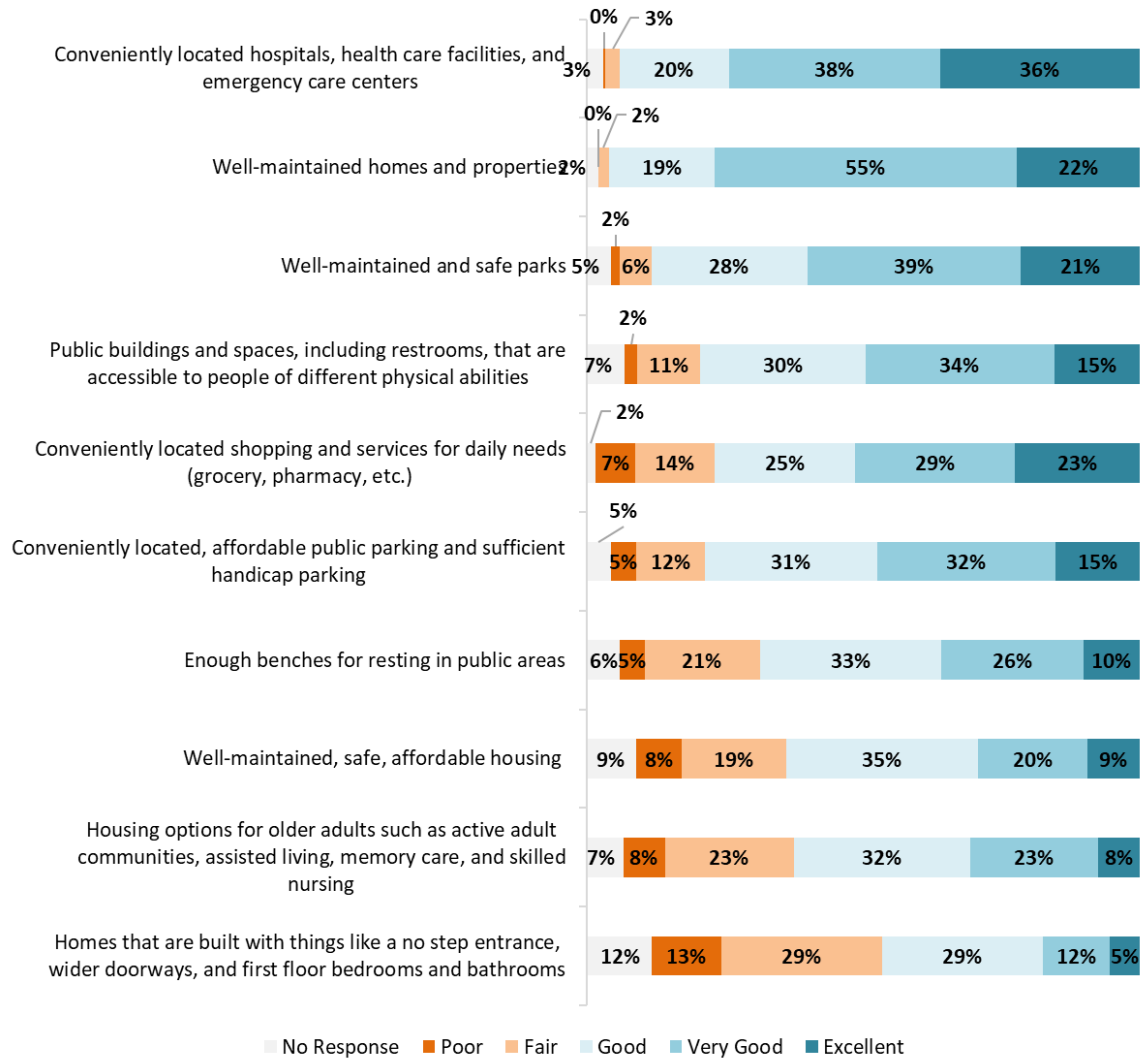


Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

Weighted Scores

Sidewalks that are in good condition, safe for pedestrians, and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	3.56	Very good
Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users	3.37	Good
Sufficient time for pedestrian crossings	3.19	Good
Audio and visual pedestrian crossings	3.12	Good
Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	2.61	Good

How would you rate your community's built environment?



Scale

4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

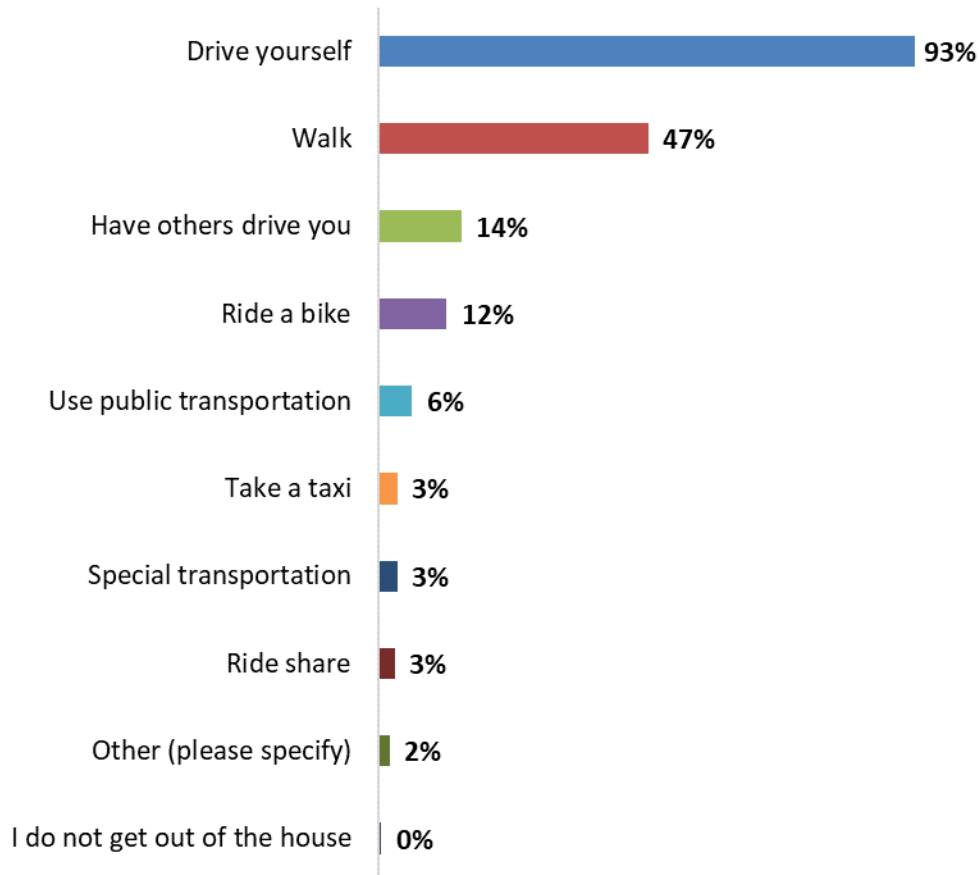
Weighted Scores

Conveniently located hospitals, health care facilities, and emergency care centers	4.10	Very Good
Well-maintained homes and properties	3.99	Very Good
Well-maintained and safe parks	3.76	Very Good
Public buildings and spaces, including restrooms, that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	3.53	Very Good
Conveniently located, affordable public parking and sufficient handicap parking	3.46	Very Good
Conveniently located shopping and services for daily needs (grocery, pharmacy, etc.)	3.46	Very Good
Enough benches for resting in public areas	3.17	Good
Well-maintained, safe, affordable housing	3.04	Good
Housing options for older adults such as active adult communities, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing	3.00	Good
Homes that are built with things like a no step entrance, wider doorways, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	2.64	Good

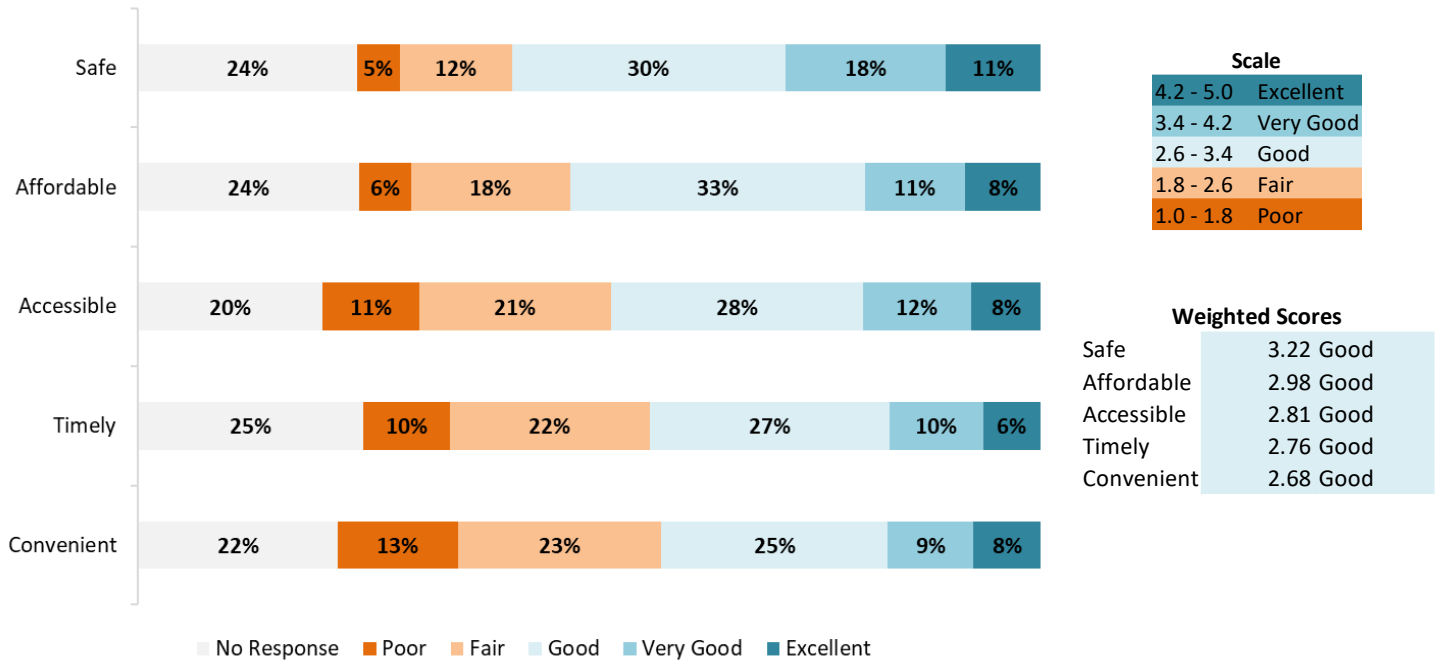
Transportation

This section explores how respondents travel around town and asked respondents to rate public transportation in their community. The most common method of transport was **“Drive yourself” (93%)**, followed by **“Walk” (47%)**. Only 6% of respondents reported using public transportation, which likely explains the high rate of “no response” when asked to rate public transportation. The highest rated category for public transportation was **“safe”** and the lowest was **“convenient.”** The 6% of respondents who reported using public transportation gave overall higher ratings to public transportation.

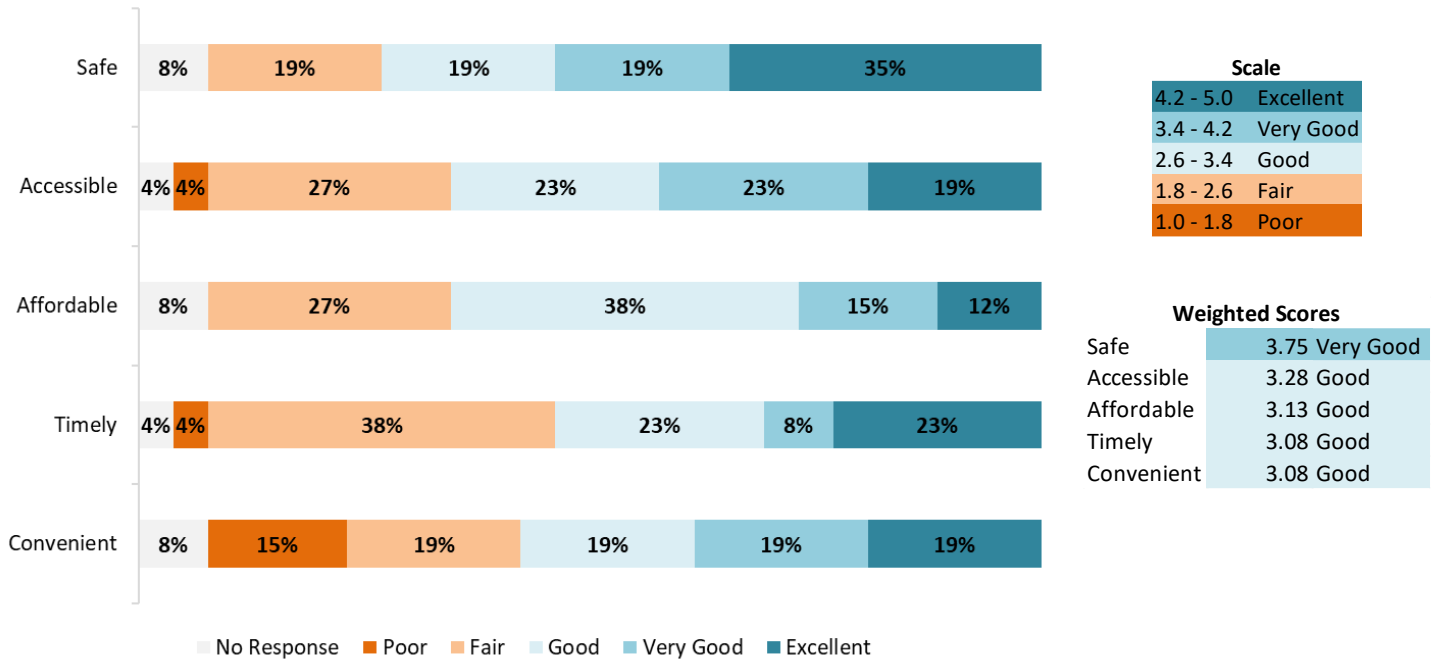
How do you usually get around your community?
(Check all that apply)



How would you rate your community's public transportation in the following categories? [All Responses]



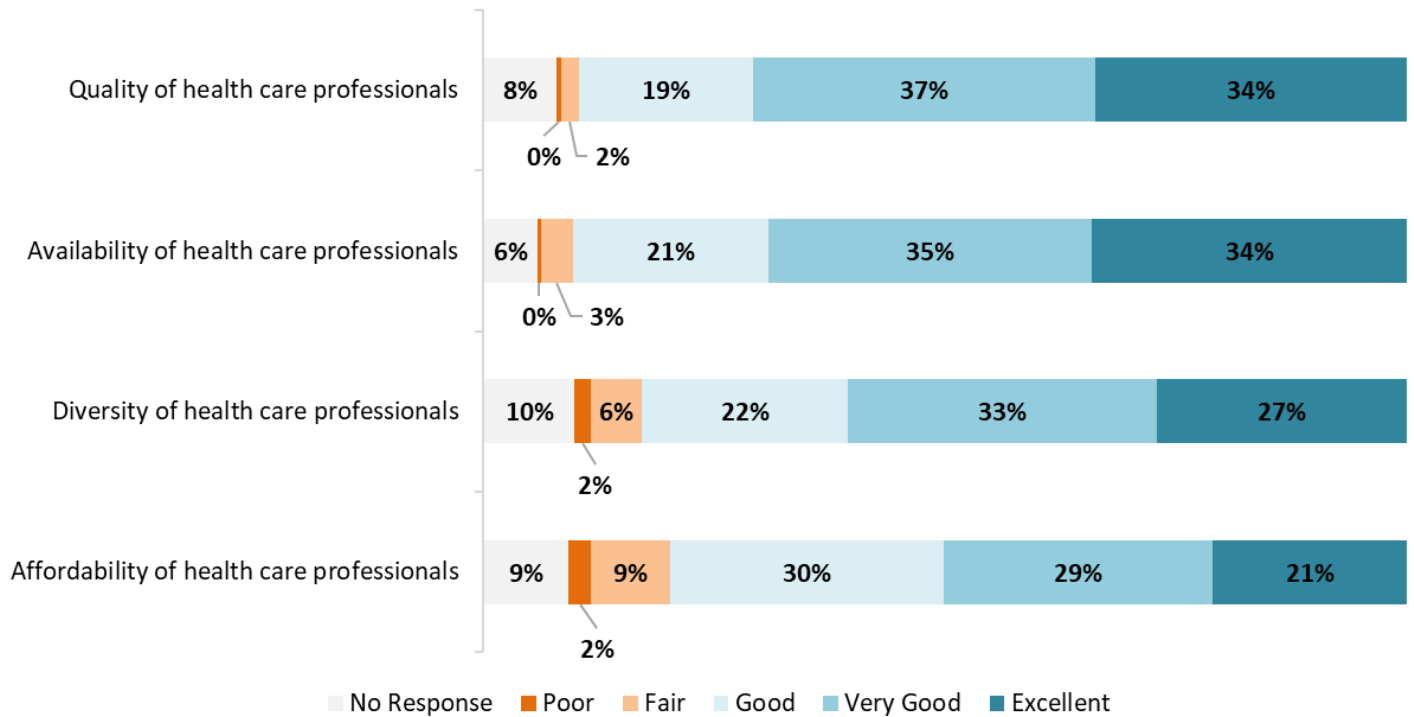
How would you rate your community's public transportation in the following categories? [Respondents who use public transportation]



Health and Wellness

The questions in this section asked respondents to rate health care professionals and health and wellness services in the community. **Health care professionals were rated “Very Good”** and had among the highest ratings on the survey. **Health and wellness services were rated “Good.”**

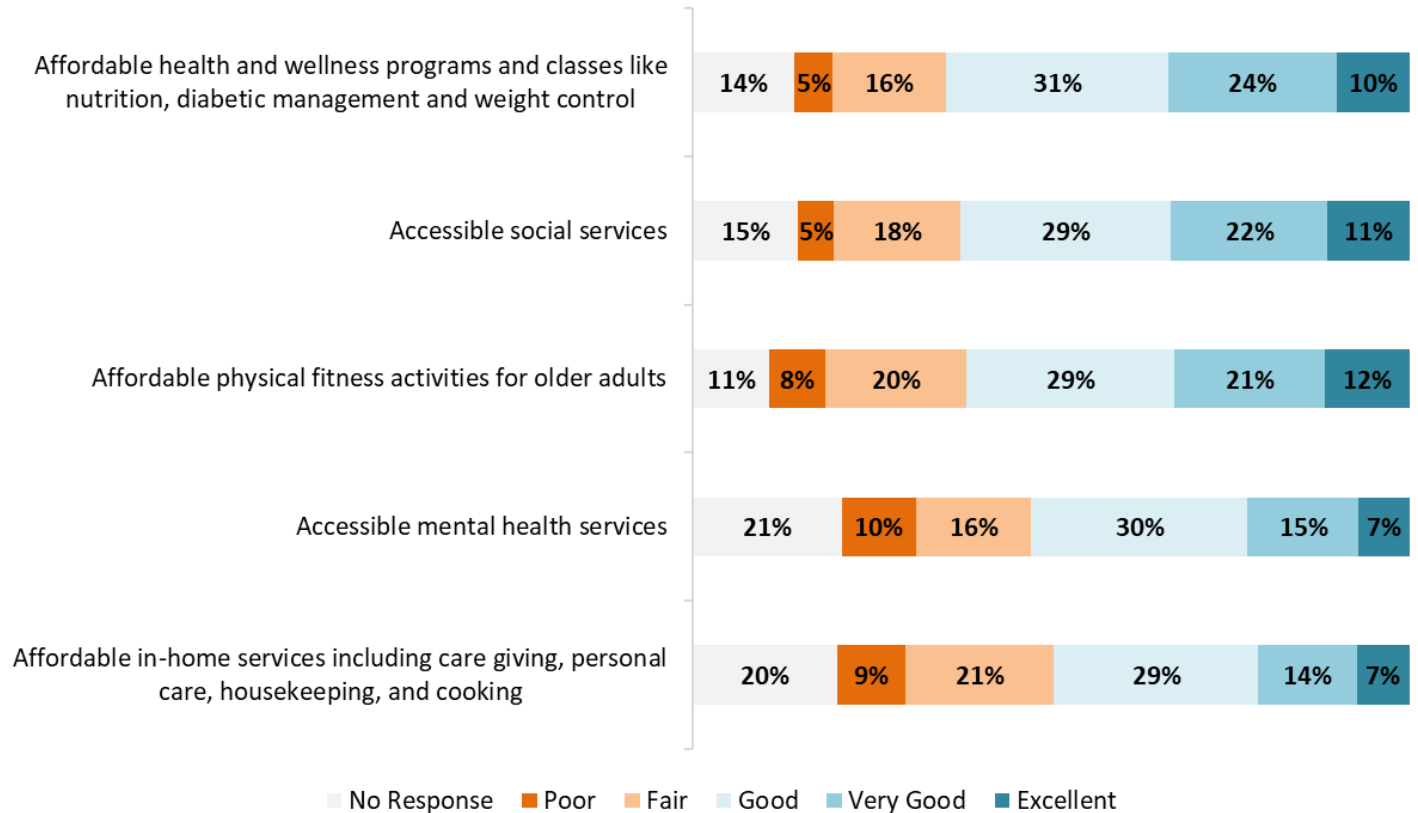
Thinking about health in your community, how would you rate your community on the following?



Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

Weighted Scores	
Quality of health care professionals	4.10 Very Good
Availability of health care professionals	4.05 Very Good
Diversity of health care professionals	3.87 Very Good
Affordability of health care professionals	3.64 Very Good

How would you rate the health and wellness services in your community?



Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
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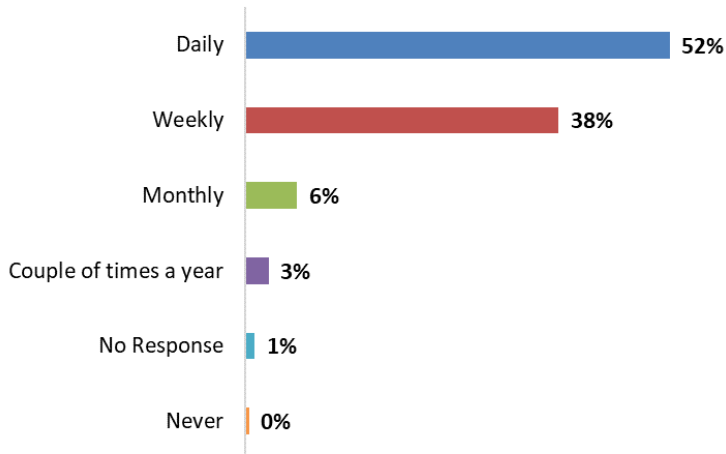
Weighted Scores

Affordable health and wellness programs and classes like nutrition, diabetic management and weight control	3.20	Good
Accessible social services	3.20	Good
Affordable physical fitness activities for older adults	3.11	Good
Accessible mental health services	2.91	Good
Affordable in-home services including care giving, personal care, housekeeping, and cooking	2.86	Good

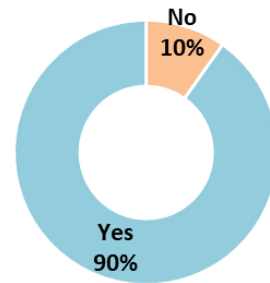
Social Isolation

This set of questions asked participants to evaluate their own level of isolation. **Over half of respondents reported having “Daily” contact with family, friends, or neighbors** who do not live with them, and **90% of respondents have a friend or family member that can help at any time** if they were in trouble or distress. Overall respondents reported that they **“Never” felt isolated from others**, and **“Rarely” felt left out or lacked companionship**. It should be noted that the Village did not have a mechanism for identifying socially isolated individuals and therefore the survey responses may not fully reflect the degree of social isolation found in the community.

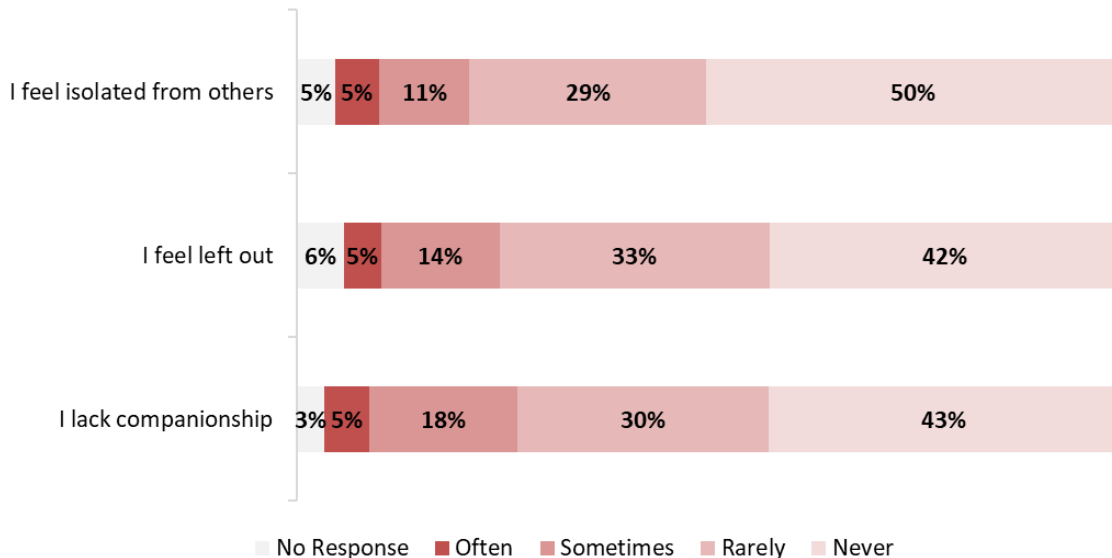
How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you?



If you were in trouble or distress, do you have friends or family who can help you at any time of the day or night?



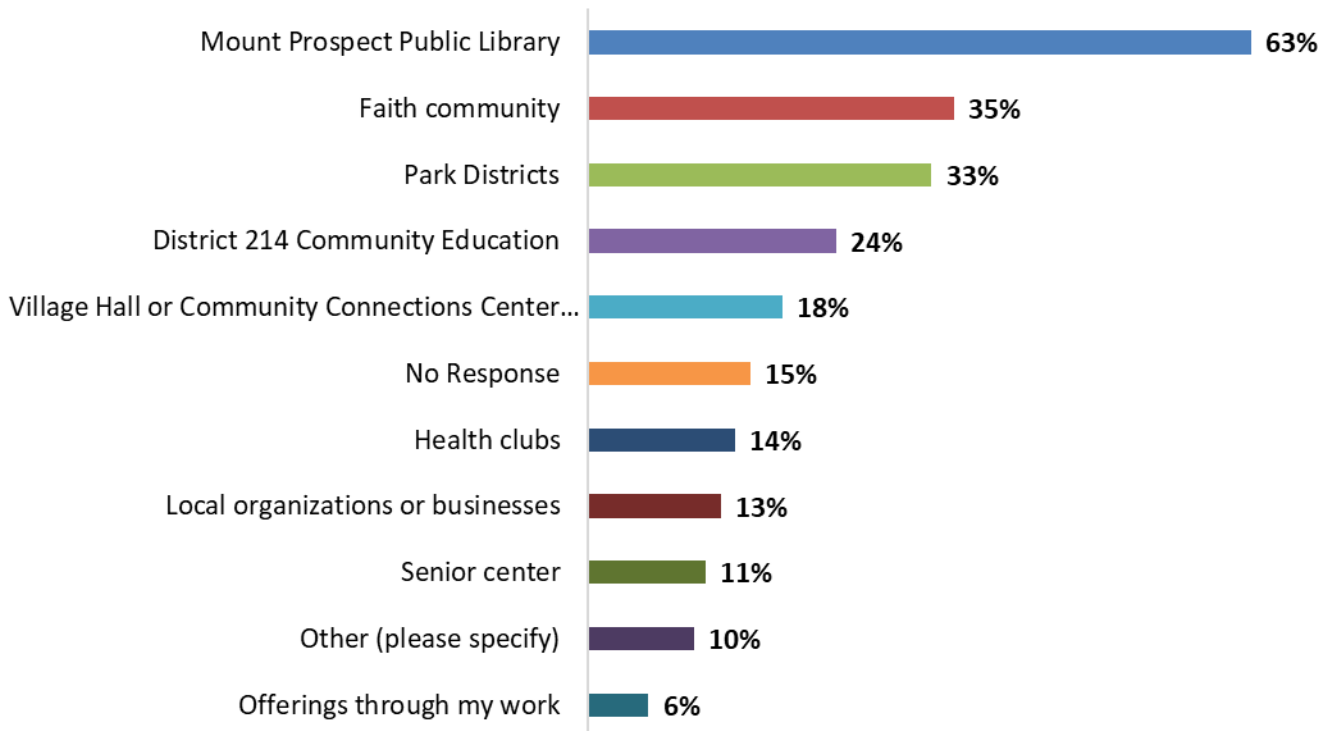
How often do you feel the following?



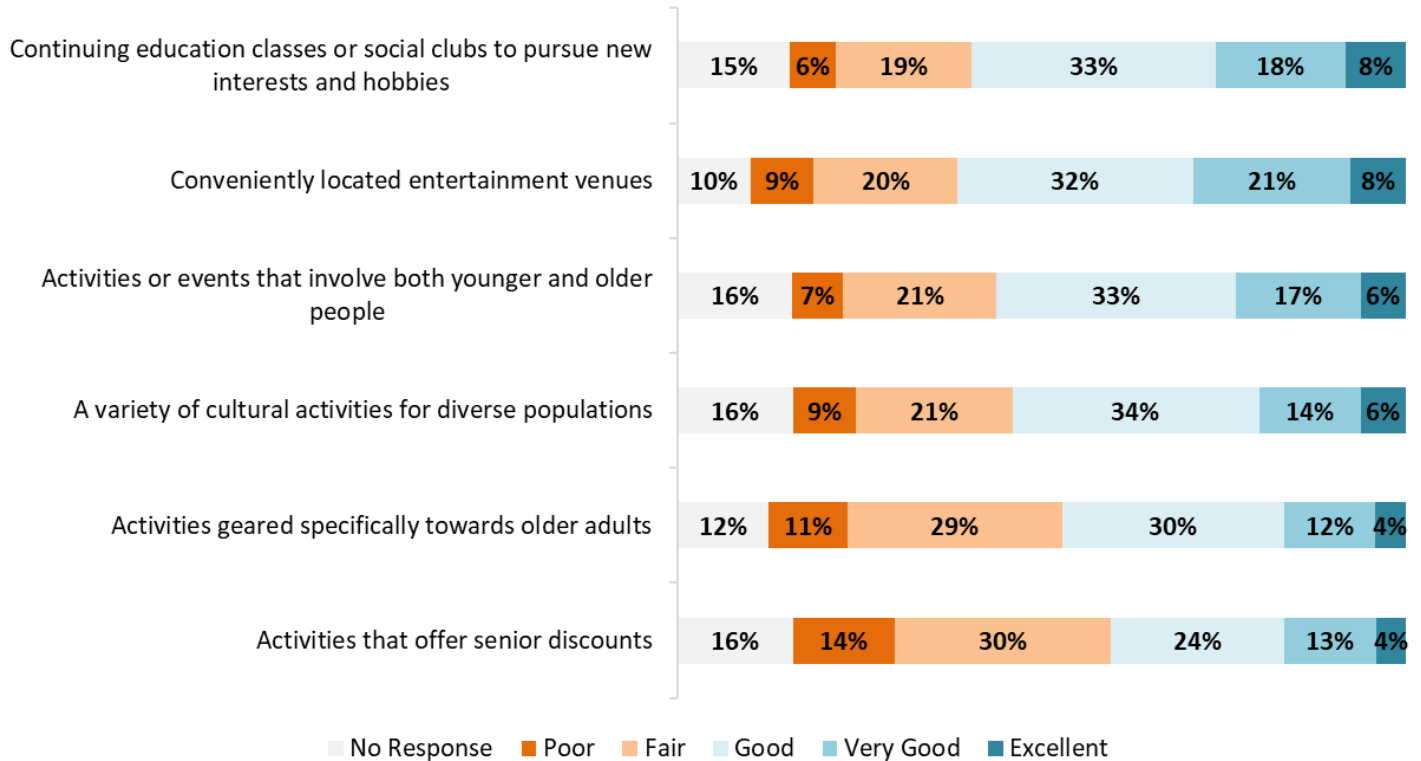
Education, Civic Engagement, and Volunteering

The questions in this section asked participants to rate the community in areas of social participation, education, volunteering, and civic engagement. These areas were rated from “Good” to “Fair.” The most popular sources for educational classes or programs were the **library, faith community, and park districts.** The highest rated social participation category was “**continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests or hobbies,**” while the lowest rated was “**activities that offer senior discounts.**” The highest rated volunteer and civic engagement category was “**a range of volunteer activities to choose from,**” while the lowest rated was “**transportation to and from volunteer activities.**”

Do you use the following sources for continuing education or self-improvement classes or programs? (Check all that apply)



How would you rate your community in the following areas of social participation, inclusion and education?



Scale

4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

Weighted Scores

Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests and hobbies	3.04	Good
Conveniently located entertainment venues	3.00	Good
Activities or events that involve both younger and older people	2.93	Good
A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	2.85	Good
Activities geared specifically towards older adults	2.65	Good
Activities that offer senior discounts	2.56	Fair

How would you rate your community in the following areas of volunteering and civic engagement?



Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

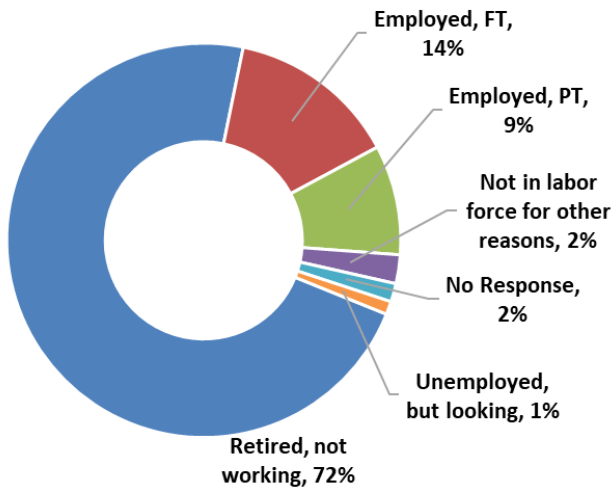
Weighted Scores

A range of volunteer activities to choose from	3.06	Good
Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils or committees	2.79	Good
Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities	2.71	Good
Transportation to and from volunteer activities	2.31	Fair

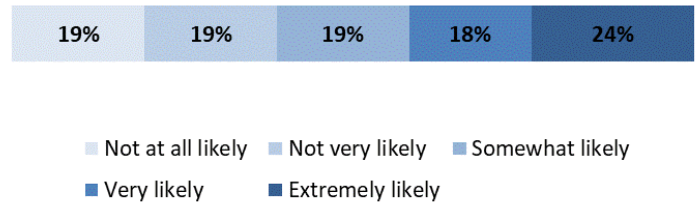
Employment and Jobs

This section explored employment status, retirement, and job opportunities for older adults. A little over **20%** of the respondents indicated they were **employed full- or part-time**, and **42%** of those currently employed said it was “Very Likely” or “Extremely Likely” they would **continue to work for as long as possible**, rather than choosing to retire. The categories related to job opportunities for older adults received the lowest ratings on the survey and the highest number of “no responses.”

Employment Status

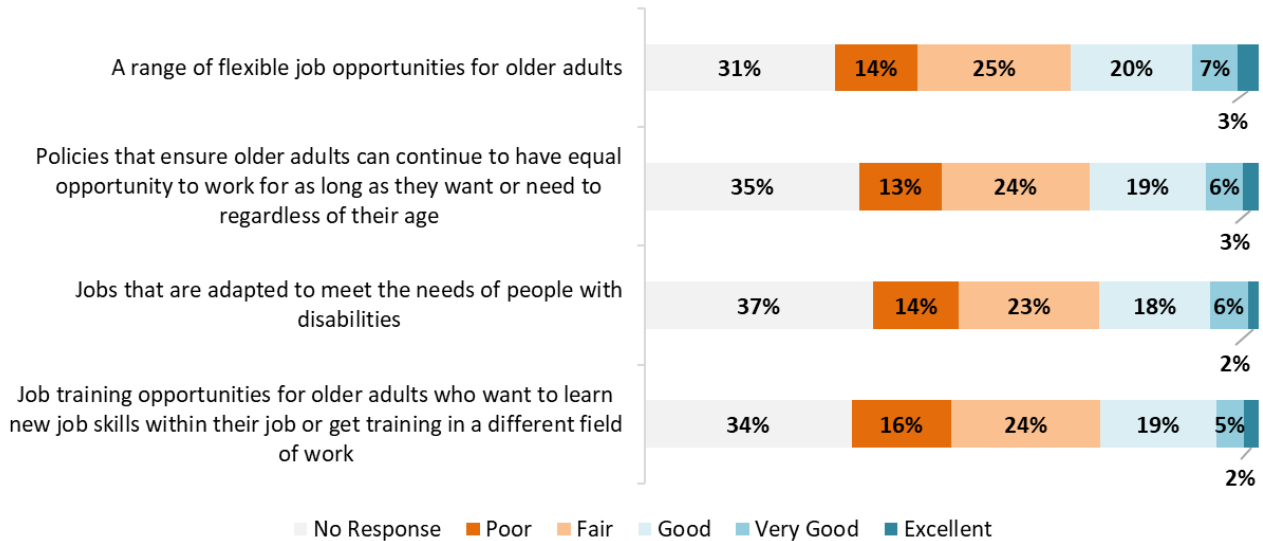


How likely is it that you will continue to work as long as possible, rather than choosing to retire and no longer work for pay?



N = 134

How would you rate your community in terms of job opportunities for older adults?



Weighted Scores

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults
 Policies that ensure older adults can continue to have equal opportunity to work for as long as they want or need to regardless of their age
 Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities
 Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work

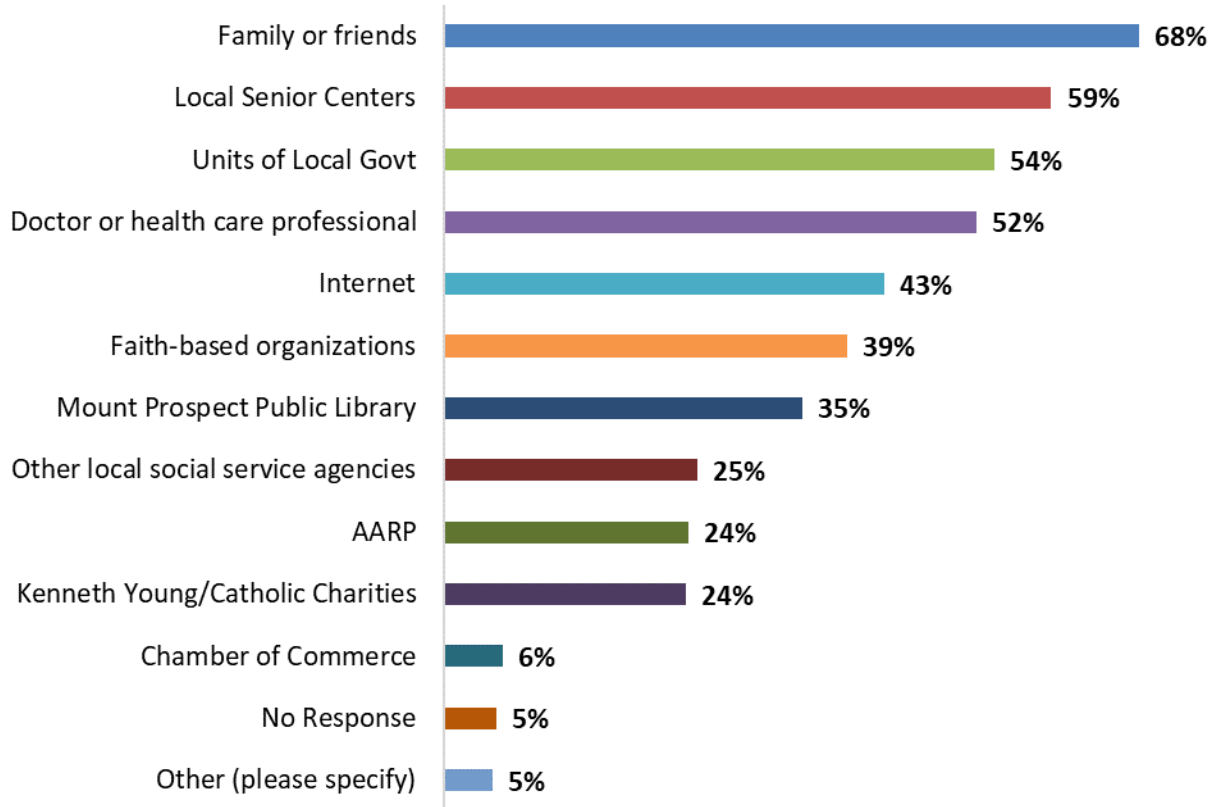
2.45	Fair
2.39	Fair
2.34	Fair
2.28	Fair

Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

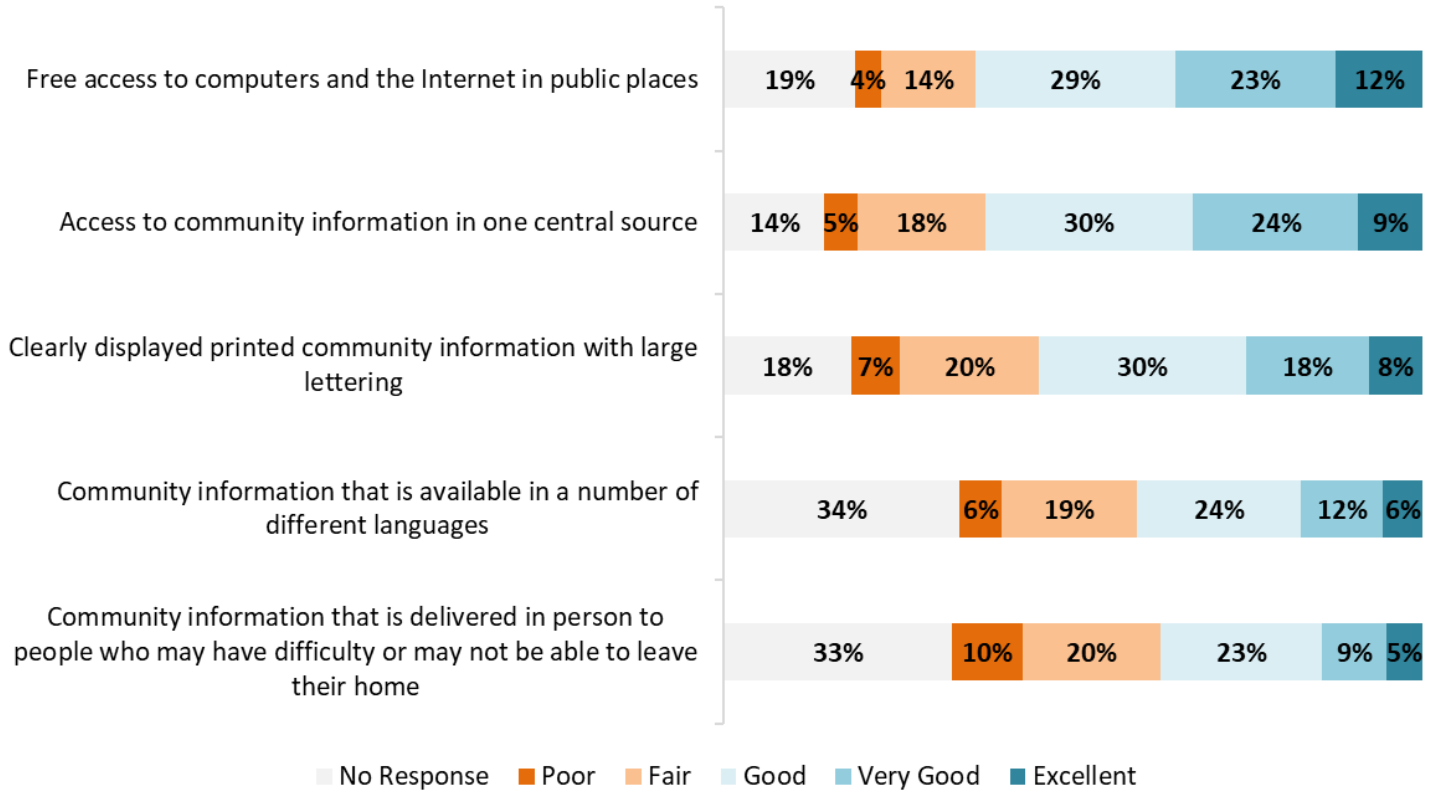
Communication and Information

The questions in this section asked respondents to identify sources of information they use regularly, and to rate the community in the areas of information access and dissemination. The most common source of information was **family or friends** (68%), followed by **local senior centers** (59%). **Information access and dissemination categories were rated "Good."**

Would you turn to the following resources if you, a family member or friend needed information about services for older adults?



How would you rate your community in the following areas of information access and dissemination?



Scale	
4.2 - 5.0	Excellent
3.4 - 4.2	Very Good
2.6 - 3.4	Good
1.8 - 2.6	Fair
1.0 - 1.8	Poor

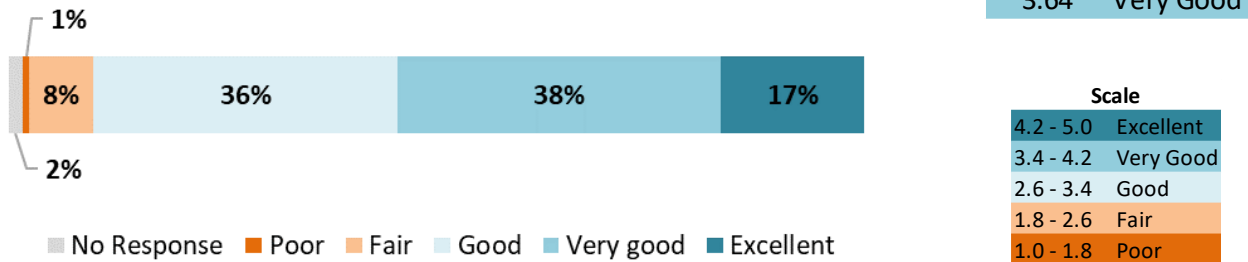
Weighted Scores

Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	3.33	Good
Access to community information in one central source	3.17	Good
Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	2.99	Good
Community information that is available in a number of different languages	2.88	Good
Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	2.70	Good

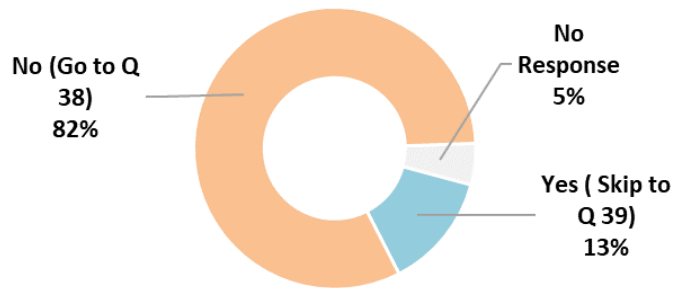
Caregiving

The questions in this section asked about caregiving for adult loved ones and asked respondents to rate their own health. **Over half (55%) of respondents rated their health “Very Good” or “Excellent.”** 13% of respondents reported **providing unpaid care to an adult loved one.** Of those not currently providing care, 28% of respondents reported it was “Very Likely” or “Extremely Likely” that they will provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future.

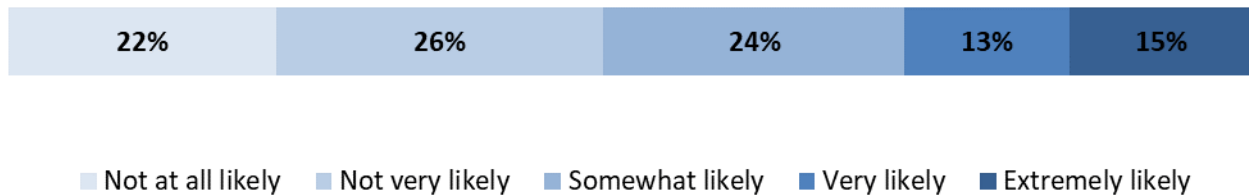
In general how would you rate your health?



Are you currently a family caregiver providing unpaid care to an adult loved one to help them take care of themselves?



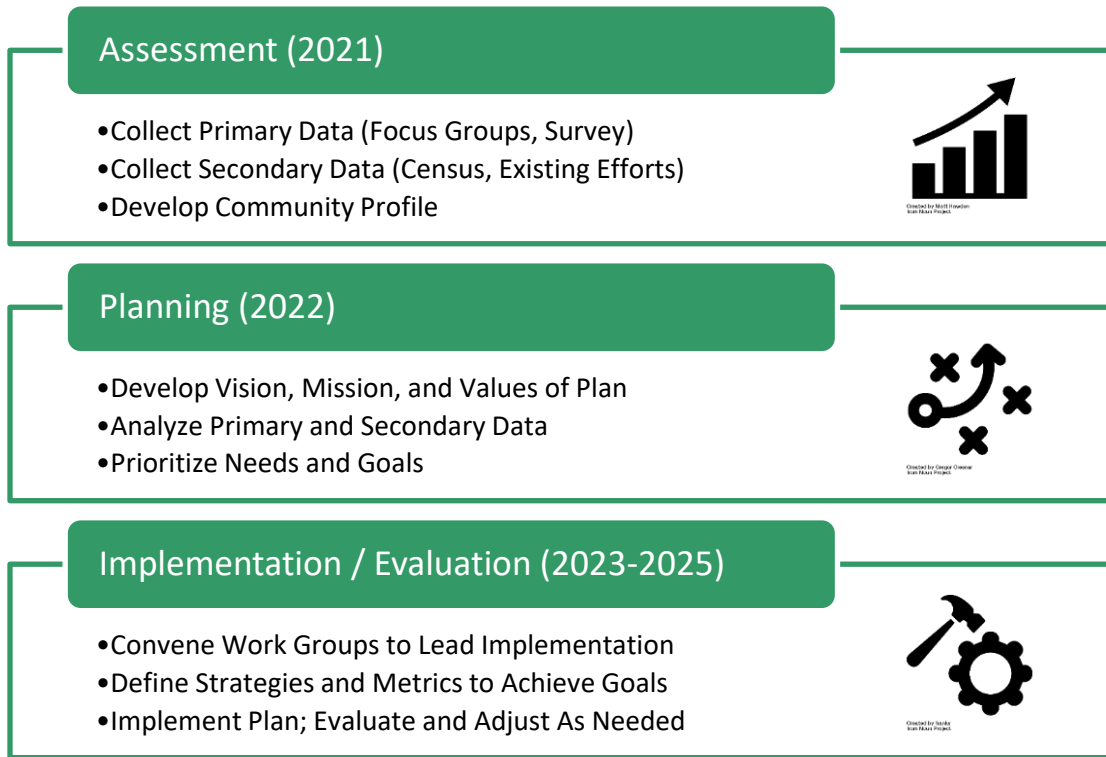
How likely is it that you will provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future?



N = 376

Conclusion

The data collected from the Aging in Community Survey will guide the Task Force in its development of a three-year Action Plan, which will ultimately be approved by the Village Board and submitted to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. The survey data will be referenced by the Work Groups as they implement the plan in the coming years. Figure XX depicts the rough timeline for the Action Plan. Community residents will be consulted throughout the process to ensure the plan aligns with the needs of the community.



The survey information provides a useful snapshot of the Village to its residents and community partners and may be used for other aging initiatives outside of the Village’s purview. In the future, the Village may release additional appendices showing the data in different formats.

Reflection on Survey Methodology

The Village elected to use the AARP Community Survey² as a template for the Mount Prospect Aging in Community Survey. The Task Force made slight modifications to the AARP survey in an effort to capture information that was most relevant to Mount Prospect. The advantages of using the AARP template included:

- Questions on a wide range of topics;
- Template has been used by other age-friendly communities and allows for some comparisons and benchmarking; and
- Surveys require a minimum time commitment and anonymity for residents compared to attending a focus group or public meeting.

The Task Force identified some challenges based on their own experience developing, disseminating, and analyzing the survey data, as well as feedback from community members who took the survey.

- **Length:** Despite cutting some questions from the template, some community members said the survey was too long. The final survey had 44 questions and many of them were multi-part questions.

² Survey is available at <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/aarp-community-survey-questionnaire.html>

- **Rating Scale:** Many questions asked respondents to rate community characteristics on a 5-point scale (Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, or Excellent). The middle choice was labeled “good” rather than “average” or “neutral,” which may have skewed the results toward the positive end of the scale.
- **Open-ended Questions:** The survey did not have any open-ended questions except for the initial question. This limited the ability of respondents to elaborate on their multiple-choice selections. However, the Task Force also had limited ability to analyze a high volume of open-ended responses.
- **Language:** The survey was available in English and Spanish. However, only 3 surveys out of 466 were completed in Spanish. The Village did not have the capacity to translate the survey into other languages to reach a greater number of non-English-speaking older adults.
- **Format:** The survey was provided online and in paper format. It was critical to have a paper survey available for this population. 18% of the surveys (85) submitted were on paper.
- **Population Samples:** The Task Force made a concerted effort to identify and reach out to over- and under-sampled populations in Mount Prospect to the best of its ability, but still fell short of its goals with the following populations:

Under-sampled Populations	Over-Sampled Populations
Ethnicity: Asian Household: Living with parent(s) Education: Less than a high school diploma Language: Non-English speakers Income: Less than \$10,000 Age: 55 to 59 years old Languages Spoken at Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spanish - French, Haitian, or Cajun - Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages - Other Indo-European languages - Korean - Vietnamese - Tagalog (incl. Filipino) - Other Asian and Pacific Island languages - Arabic 	Education: Bachelor’s degree or higher Age: 75 to 84 years old Language: Speak only English Languages Spoken at Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - German - Chinese

These notes are provided as areas for consideration if another aging survey is utilized by the Village or another community. Overall the Task Force found that the survey was successful in its response rate and serves as an important input in the Age-Friendly Action Plan.



Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Survey

We are asking you, as a Village of Mount Prospect resident who is 55 years of age or older, to complete our Aging in Community survey. The Village of Mount Prospect identified “Aging in Community” as a high priority in the 2019 strategic plan. In response, the Village joined the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities in February of 2021 as the 512th community to enroll. AARP defines a livable community as one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and has supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents’ engagement in the community’s civic, economic and social life.

Your feedback in this survey will help the Village to understand the needs of our residents and will help shape the priorities in a three-year Age-Friendly Action Plan. The Age-Friendly Action Plan will prepare Mount Prospect to be a livable community for all, with a focus on our aging population.

Answer the questions to the best of your ability - there are no right or wrong answers. If you are unsure about a question or it does not apply to you, you can skip the question. Your responses will be reported in an aggregate format and identifying information will be removed to preserve anonymity of respondents.

If you have any questions, please email agingincommunity@mountprospect.org.

1. What would be your number one recommendation for Mount Prospect visitors?

2. How long have you lived in your community?

- Less than 5 years
- 5 – 14 years
- 15 - 25 years
- 26 - 35 years
- 36 - 45 years
- 46 years or more

3. How would you rate your current community as a place for people to live as they age?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

4. Thinking about your future years, are you more likely to

- Move to a different community
- Move into a different residence within your current community
- Stay in your current residence and never move

5. Some people find that they need or want to move out of their home as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of your current home, what factors would influence your decision?

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor
Wanting a smaller size home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting a larger size home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The cost / effort of maintaining your current home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting a home that will help you live independently as you age, for example a home without stairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting a different environment or setting around your home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Some people find that they need or want to move out of their community as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of your current community, what factors would influence your decision?

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor
Your personal safety or security concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to be closer to family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Needing more access to public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in a different climate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in an area with better opportunities for social interaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wanting to live in an area with more or less population density	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. How important is it for you to remain in your current community for as long as possible?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

8. Which of the following types of homes best describes where you currently live? (Check only one)

- Single family house
- Two family house that has two separate living units
- Townhouse or row house
- Apartment
- Condominium
- Senior housing
- Other (please specify)

9. Do you have to use stairs to access any part of your home?

- Yes
- No

10. For your primary home, do you...

- Own
- Rent
- Neither own nor rent, but live with family member or friend

11. How important is it for you to be able to live independently in your own home as you age?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Not sure

12. Which areas in your home need major repairs, modifications, or changes to enable you to stay there for as long as possible? [Check all that apply]

- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Basement
- Bedroom
- Family room/Living room
- Exterior (entrance, exits, etc.)
- Stairs
- Laundry
- My home does not need major repairs or modifications to enable me to stay
- Other (please specify)

13. How would you rate your community's home repair and maintenance services?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure
Home modification and home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work, and are affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. How would you rate your community's public infrastructure?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Sidewalks that are in good condition, safe for pedestrians, and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Audio and visual pedestrian crossings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sufficient time for pedestrian crossings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. How would you rate your community's built environment?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Well-maintained homes and properties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing options for older adults such as active adult communities, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homes that are built with things like a no step entrance, wider doorways, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well-maintained, safe, affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well-maintained and safe parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public buildings and spaces, including restrooms, that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enough benches for resting in public areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conveniently located hospitals, health care facilities, and emergency care centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conveniently located, affordable public parking and sufficient handicap parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conveniently located shopping and services for daily needs (grocery, pharmacy, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. How do you usually get around your community? (Check all that apply)

- Walk
- Drive yourself
- Have others drive you
- Take a taxi
- Use a ride source company such as Uber/Lyft
- Use a special transportation service, such as Township bus or Connections to Care
- Use public transportation
- Ride a bike
- I do not get out of the house
- Other (please specify)

17. How would you rate your community's public transportation in the following categories?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Thinking about health in your community, how would you rate your community on the following?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Availability of health care professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of health care professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordability of health care professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity of health care professionals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. How would you rate the health and wellness services in your community?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Affordable health and wellness programs and classes like nutrition, diabetic management and weight control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable physical fitness activities for older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible mental health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable in-home services including care giving, personal care, housekeeping, and cooking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Couple of times a year
- Never

21. How often do you feel the following?

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
I lack companionship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel left out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel isolated from others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. If you were in trouble or distress, do you have friends or family who can help you at any time of the day or night?

- Yes
- No

23. Do you use the following sources for continuing education or self-improvement classes or programs?

(Check all that apply)

- District 214 Community Education
- Faith community
- Local organizations or businesses
- Village Hall or Community Connections Center Programs
- Offerings through my work
- Park Districts
- Health clubs
- Senior center
- Mount Prospect Public Library
- Other (please specify)

24. How would you rate your community in the following areas of social participation, inclusion and education?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Conveniently located entertainment venues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities geared specifically towards older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities that offer senior discounts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities or events that involve both younger and older people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests and hobbies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. How would you rate your community in the following areas of volunteering and civic engagement?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
A range of volunteer activities to choose from	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils or committees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation to and from volunteer activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- Employed, part-time - GO TO Question 27
- Employed, full-time - GO TO Question 27
- Unemployed, but looking for work - GO TO Question 27
- Retired, not working at all - SKIP TO Question 28
- Not in labor force for other reasons - SKIP TO Question 28

27. How likely is it that you will continue to work as long as possible, rather than choosing to retire and no longer work for pay?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

28. How would you rate your community in terms of job opportunities for older adults?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies that ensure older adults can continue to have equal opportunity to work for as long as they want or need to regardless of their age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. Would you turn to the following resources if you, a family member or friend needed information about services for older adults such as caregiving services, home delivered meals, home repair, medical transport, or social activities? (Check all that apply)

- Local Senior Centers
- Kenneth Young/Catholic Charities
- Other local social service agencies
- Family or friends
- AARP
- Faith-based organizations like churches or synagogues
- Internet
- Your doctor or health care professional
- Units of local government such as the Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department or the Cook County Department of Public Health
- Mount Prospect Public Library
- Chamber of Commerce
- Other (please specify)

30. How would you rate your community in the following areas of information access and dissemination?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Access to community information in one central source	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community information that is available in a number of different languages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. How do you identify?

- Male
- Female
- Other (please specify)

32. What is your age as of your last birthday? (Age in Years)

33. What is your current marital status?

- Married
- Not married, living together
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never Married
- Other (please specify)

34. Besides yourself, do you have any of the following people living in your household? (Check all that apply)

- Minors under age 18
- Parents
- Other adults, such as relatives or friends 18 and over
- I live by myself

35. In general how would you rate your health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

36. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or your spouse or partner from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities? [CHECK ONLY ONE]

- Yes, myself
- Yes, my spouse or partner
- Yes, both me and my spouse or partner
- No

37. A family caregiver is someone who provides care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This care may include helping with personal needs like bathing or dressing, meals, household chores, shopping, transportation, managing medical care or finances, or even visiting regularly to see how they are doing. This adult need not live with you.

Are you currently a family caregiver providing unpaid care to an adult loved one to help them take care of themselves?

- Yes (Skip to Q 39)
- No (Go to Q 38)

38. How likely is it that you will provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

39. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

- Less than a high school diploma
- High school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Vocational training or certificate program
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college degree
- Graduate or professional degree(s)

40. Please indicate which best represents the languages you speak at home. Check all that apply.

- English
- Spanish
- Korean
- Polish
- Gujarati
- Other (please specify)

41. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or of Latino origin or descent?

- Yes
- No

42. What is your race? (Check all that apply)

- Black or African American
- White or Caucasian
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Multi-racial
- Other (please specify)

43. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2020?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

44. What township do you live in?

- Elk Grove (south of Central Road)
- Wheeling (north of Central Road)