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Is Marietta, Ohio a Livable Community?

AARP defines a livable community as one that allows people to maintain their independence and quality of life as they age and retire. Specific aspects of a livable community include adequate mobility options; supportive community features and services that allow residents to maintain their independence and enjoy an engaging civic and social life; and affordable and appropriate housing.¹ AARP Ohio commissioned a telephone survey of the general population age 45 years and older who live in Marietta, Ohio's ZIP Code 45750, and discovered the following.

On average, Marietta residents age 45+ have lived in their community over three decades – the median length of residency in Marietta is 32 years. Overall, Marietta residents age 45+ are rooted in their community, satisfied with it, and think it is a good place for people approaching retirement. Residents would also like to stay in their community for as long as possible. Marietta residents age 45+ are in frequent contact with their friends, family, and neighborhoods regardless of their age.

However, the majority of Marietta residents age 45+ say that street repair and limited or unavailable public transportation are problems in their community. Marietta residents have also identified the following gaps in their community:

- Affordable housing options
- Dependable public transportation
- Ways to connect older and younger people
- Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance
- Sidewalks going where you want
- Legal support services

In addition, many Marietta residents age 45+ are also unaware that the following services exist in their community:

- Legal support services
- Respite care
- Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance
- Health monitoring services

While Marietta has many components of a livable community, the survey shows that Marietta needs to address its problem areas to make this city a great livable community that meets the needs of all its residents as they age.

¹AARP Public Policy, 2005. *Livable Communities: An Evaluation Guide*. AARP, Washington, DC.

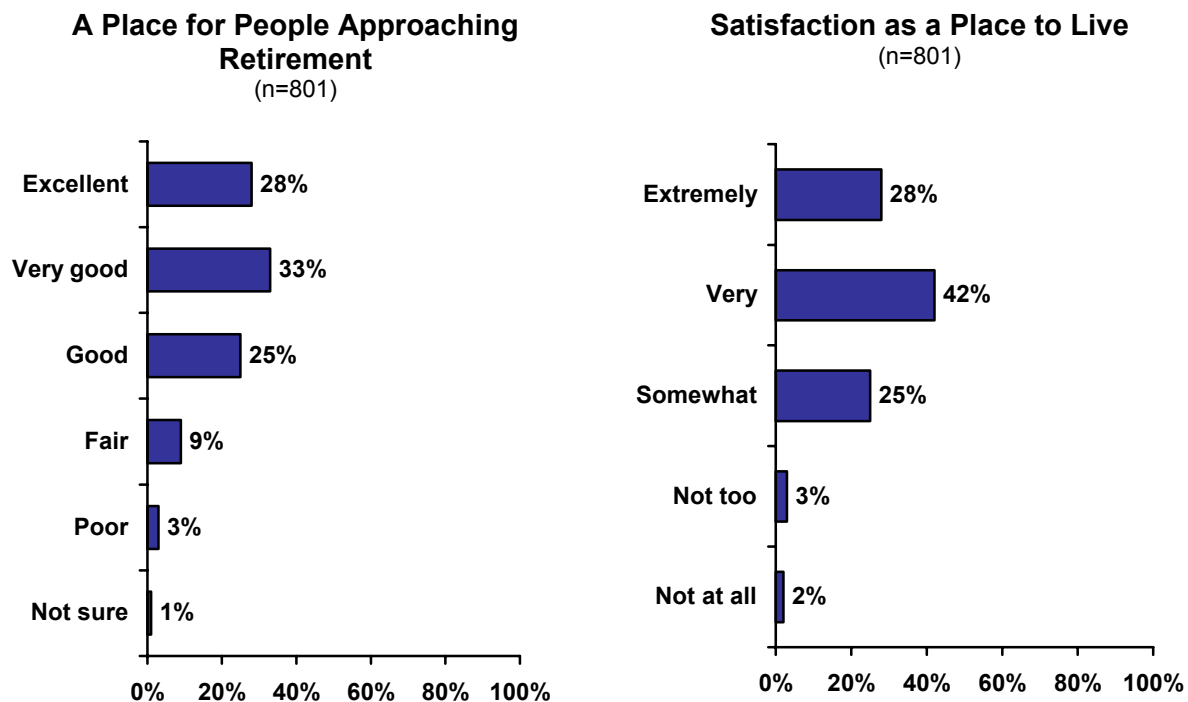
Summary of Findings

Satisfaction with Community

Marietta residents are rooted in their community, satisfied with it, and think it is a good place for people approaching retirement.

Marietta residents have developed roots in their community – among its residents age 45+, the median length of time they have lived in Marietta is 32 years. In fact, residents age 65+ have lived there on average 37 years (median) and residents under 55 years of age an average of 25 years (median).

Nearly all residents (95%) say they are satisfied with their community as a place to live, and over eight in ten residents (86%) rate their community as excellent, very good, or good as a place for people approaching retirement. Residents over 59 years old are more likely to rate their community as excellent (60-74 years, 31% and 75+ years, 36%; 45-59 years, 24%), and more likely to be extremely satisfied with their community (60-74 years, 31% and 75+ years, 36%; 45-59 years, 23%).



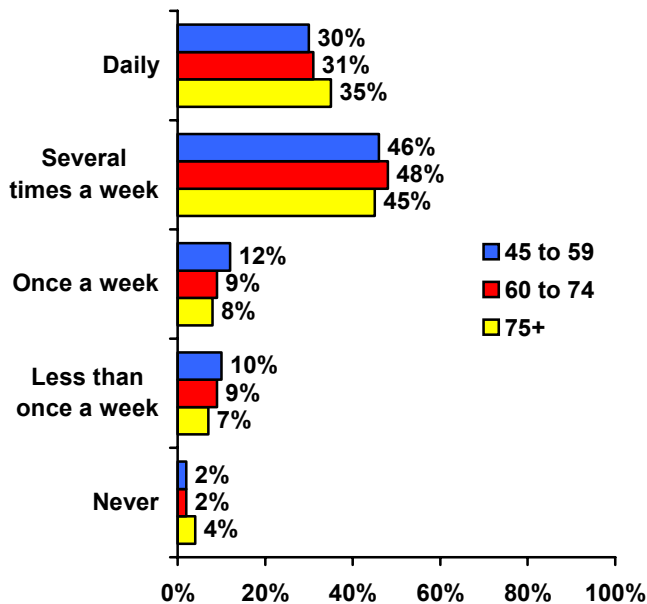
Not only do residents age 45+ like their community, they plan to stay there. Seven in ten residents (69%) say it is extremely or very important for them to remain in their community for as long as possible. Again, it is even more important for people over age 59 years to want to stay in their community (60-74 years, 79%; 75+ years, 86%; 45-59 years, 56%).

Contact with Others

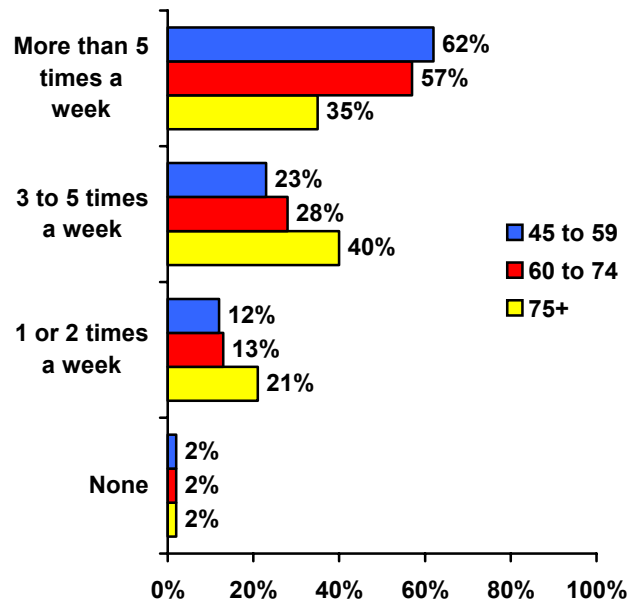
Marietta residents are in frequent contact with their friends, family, and neighbors regardless of their age, and frequently get out of their homes to go somewhere.

At least three in ten Marietta residents say they see and visit with friends and family outside of their home or with their neighbors every day. And over four in ten see and visit with family and friends two or more times per week. This frequency is similar across age groups.

Physical Contact with Family, Friends, and Neighbors
(n=801)



How Often Marietta Residents Get Out of Their Homes
(n=801)



Younger Marietta residents get out of their homes more often than older residents to shop, visit, or exercise. Six in ten of Marietta's younger residents (45 to 59 years) get out of their homes and go somewhere at least six times a week. However, nearly all Marietta residents age 45+ get out of their homes at least once or twice per week.

Problems in Community

The majority of Marietta residents say that street repair and limited or unavailable public transportation are problems in their community.

Accessible and dependable public transportation that allows for pedestrian travel are basic mobility characteristics of a livable community. Nearly one in four Marietta residents age 45+ say that limited or unavailable public transportation is a big problem and another third say it is a small problem. Younger residents are also more likely to say that public transportation is a big or small problem (45-59 years, 68%; 60-74 years, 47%; 75+ years, 41%).

Community Problems (n=801)	Not a Problem	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not Sure
Noise	67%	8%	25%	0%
Not enough places to safely bike or walk	64%	11%	25%	1%
Not enough medical services	62%	12%	24%	2%
Personal safety	57%	7%	36%	1%
Streets that are too dark	53%	15%	28%	3%
Streets that need repair	37%	18%	44%	1%
Public transportation that is too limited or unavailable	35%	23%	33%	9%

Younger Marietta residents (45 to 59 years) are more likely to say that street repair is a big or small problem (45-59, 70%) than older Marietta residents (60-74 years, 59%; 75+ years, 45%).

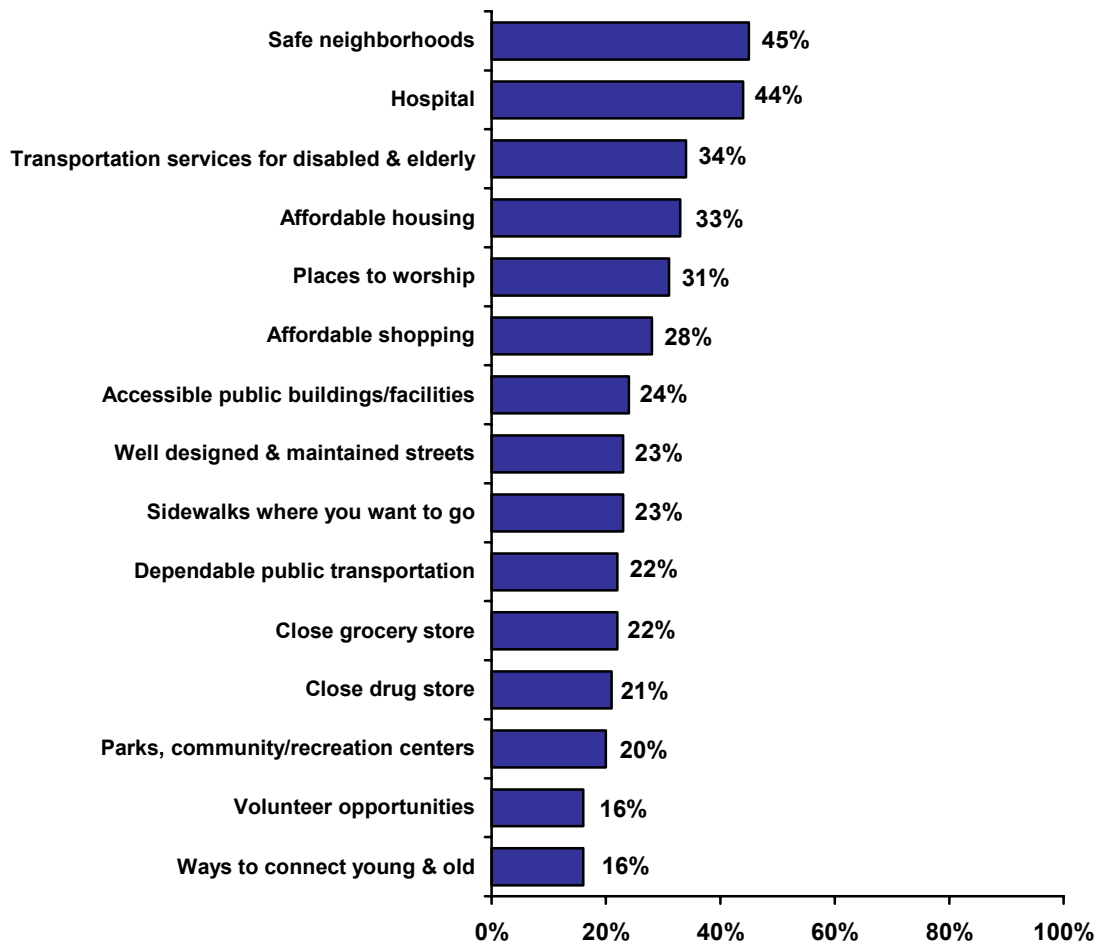
However, the majority of Marietta residents say that the remaining five problem areas surveyed were not a problem.

Community Characteristics and Services

Safe neighborhoods and having a hospital in their community are the most important community characteristics for Marietta residents age 45+.

Over four in ten Marietta residents age 45+ identify safe neighborhoods and having a hospital nearby as extremely important from our survey list of fifteen community characteristics. About a third also say that transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities, a variety of affordable housing (including for people with physical disabilities), and places to worship are extremely important.

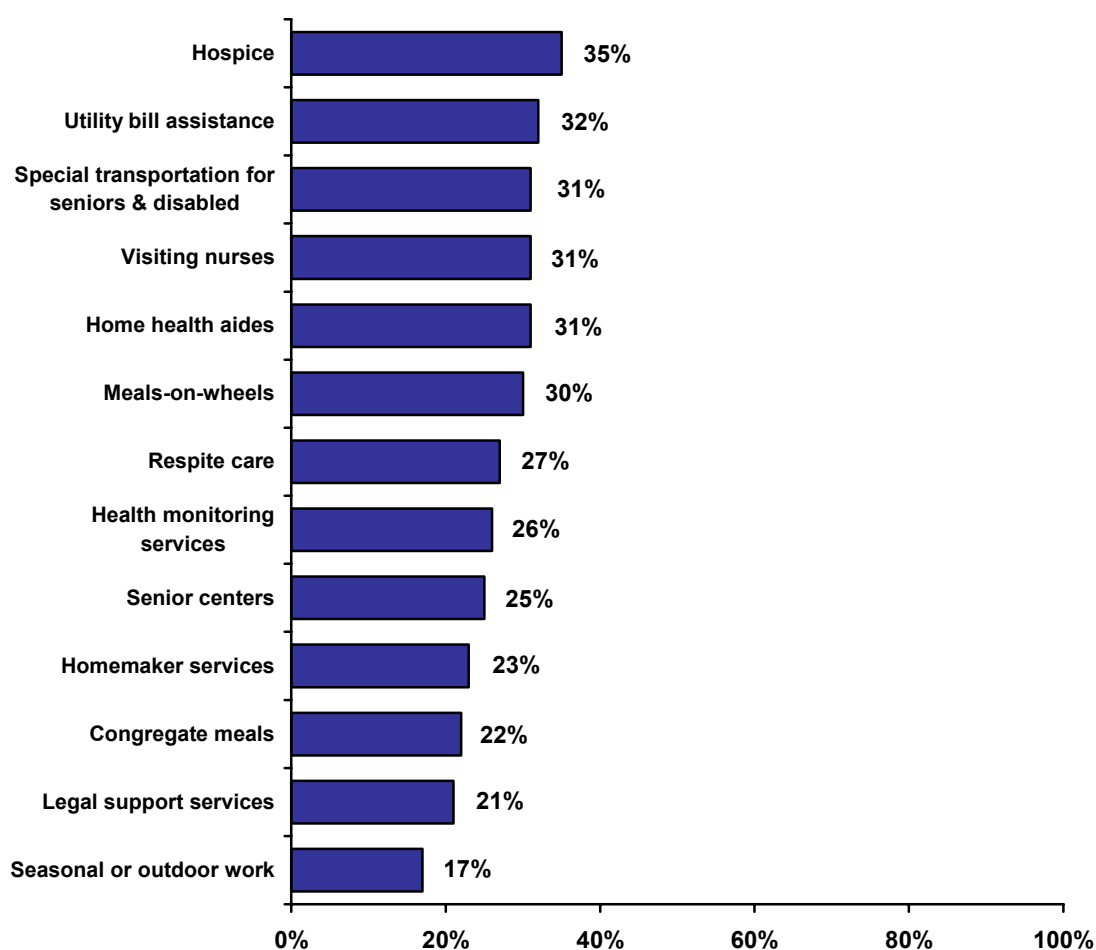
Community Characteristics That Are Extremely Important to Marietta Residents Age 45+ (n=801)



Over a third of residents in Marietta age 45+ say that end of life or hospice services are extremely important to them.

Hospice services are at the top of the list of thirteen surveyed community services in terms of importance to Marietta residents. At least three in ten residents say that utility bill assistance for the low-income, special transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities, visiting nurses, home health aides, and meals-on-wheels are extremely important community services.

Community Services That Are Extremely Important to Marietta Residents Age 45+ (n=801)



The availability of services that allow people to remain in their home as they age is a keystone to viable livable communities. More importantly, however, is the awareness of these services that allow residents to age in place by people in the community. Many Marietta residents, though, were not sure that these community characteristics or services

existed in their community. At least one in five residents says they are not sure the following characteristics or services exist in their community:

- Legal support services, such as Elder law practitioners (43%)
- Respite care (34%)
- Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance (30%)
- Health monitoring service (25%)
- A variety of affordable housing options, including for people with physical disabilities (19%)
- Ways to connect older and younger people in the community (19%)
- A service that helps low-income or older persons pay utility bills (19%)
- Chore or homemakers' services (19%)

Gaps in Community Characteristics and Services

After residents were asked how important the prior fifteen community characteristics and the thirteen community services are, they were asked if these characteristics and services existed in their community. Pairing these questions allows us to look at “gaps” between the importance of a characteristic or service and its existence in the community. To compare these questions, residents who said a characteristic or service is extremely, very, or somewhat important were aggregated and compared to residents who said a characteristic or service existed in their community. Residents who said they were not sure if a characteristic or service was in their community were removed from this analysis.

The biggest gaps identified by Marietta residents age 45+ between what is important to them and what exists in their community are **affordable housing options, dependable public transportation, ways to connect older and younger people, seasonal work or outdoor maintenance, sidewalks going where you want to go, and legal support services.**

Characteristics and Services in the Community (n=varies, based on awareness of characteristic or service)	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists	Gap*
A variety of affordable housing options, including for persons with physical disabilities (n=646)	96%	64%	-33%
Dependable public transportation (n=709)	93%	62%	-30%
Ways to connect older and younger people in the community (n=653)	92%	68%	-24%
Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance (n=560)	92%	70%	-23%
Sidewalks going to where you want to go (n=798)	88%	69%	-19%
Legal support services, such as Elder Law practitioners (n=460)	95%	76%	-19%
Well run parks, community centers, and recreation centers (n=754)	94%	79%	-16%
Well-designed and maintained streets (n=794)	98%	82%	-16%

Characteristics and Services in the Community (n=varies, based on awareness of characteristic or service) (Con't. from page 7)	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists	Gap*
Transportation services for people with disabilities or the elderly (n=723)	97%	83%	-14%
A drug store close to your home (n=797)	89%	77%	-12%
Accessible public buildings and facilities (n=767)	93%	81%	-12%
Affordable shopping (n=788)	96%	86%	-11%
Respite care (n=528)	97%	86%	-11%
Health monitoring services (n=602)	96%	87%	-9%
Safe neighborhoods (n=782)	99%	91%	-8%
A grocery store close to your home (n=799)	91%	83%	-8%
Special transportation service, like one for seniors or persons with disabilities (n=715)	98%	90%	-8%
Chore or homemakers services, like when someone comes in to do light housekeeping or cleaning (n=651)	95%	88%	-7%
Visiting nurse, such as an RN who comes to your home (n=690)	97%	92%	-5%
Congregate meals, such as senior lunch programs (n=686)	96%	92%	-4%
A service that helps low-income or older persons pay utility bills (n=649)	98%	93%	-5%
A hospital in the community (n=801)	98%	95%	-3%
Home health aide, personal care attendant, or other assistant who helps with personal needs (n=708)	98%	95%	-3%
Meals-on-Wheels or home delivered meals (n=753)	97%	95%	-2%
End of life or hospice (n=711)	97%	96%	-2%
Senior centers (n=785)	96%	97%	1%
Opportunities for volunteering (n=782)	91%	94%	2%
Places to worship (n=800)	93%	97%	5%

*Percentages may not seem exact due to rounding.

A great livable community provides appropriate and affordable housing options that allow its residents to transition to housing that is appropriate for their stage of life while maintaining residence in their neighborhood as well as accessible and dependable public transportation. It also provides opportunities for social, civic, and physical engagement in the community, and the availability of services that allow residents to age in place in their homes. Affordable housing and dependable public transportation are key aspects of livable communities.

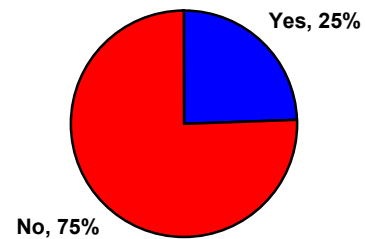
Home Modifications

One in four Marietta homeowners age 45+ say their current residence needs major repairs, modifications, or changes to enable them to stay there as they age.

Appropriate and affordable housing options are important to communities such as Marietta, where many residents are rooted in the community and would like to maintain those roots as long as possible. Eight in ten Marietta residents own their home (83%), and the average length of residency in Marietta is 32 years (median). For many residents, maintaining residency in their current home as they age will require

modifications as one in four says some modification is necessary. In fact, homeowners age 65+ are less likely to say their residence needs modifications than younger homeowners (65+, 19%; 45-54, 28%; 55 to 64, 30%). The majorities of these homeowners also plan to make such modifications (45-54, 54%; 55-64, 66%; 65+, 59%).

Marietta Homeowners Age 45+ Who Say Their Current Residence Needs Modifications (n=659)

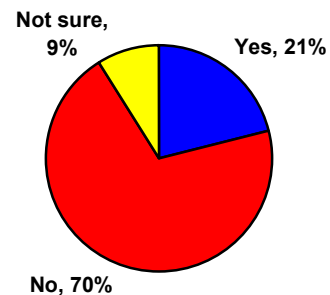


One in five Marietta residents age 45+² believe they will need to move out of their current residence within the next ten years.

While some residents will be able to make such modifications or repairs, many will not as one in five believes they will need to move out of their current home within the next ten years. The most commonly cited reasons for needing to move are:

- Health-related;
- Their current home is too big;
- They can't manage upkeep on their current home;
- They want to be closer to family and friends.

Marietta Residents Age 45+ Who Believe They Will Need to Move in 10 Years (n=791)



² Excludes Marietta residents age 45+ who live in an assisted living facility.

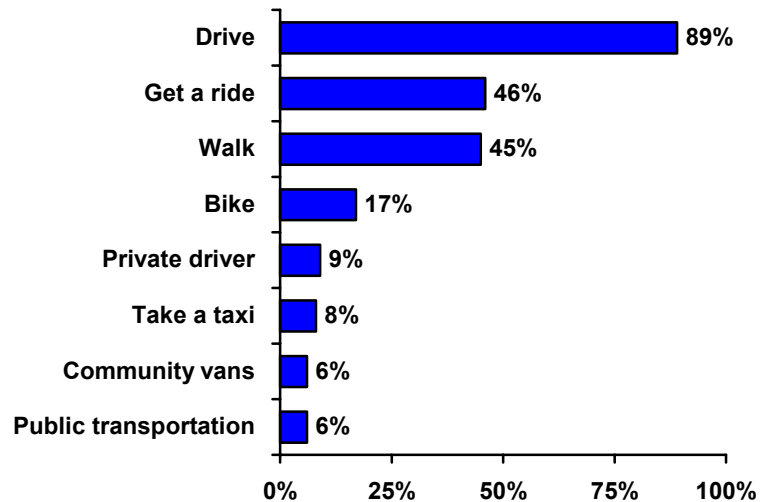
Driving

When they need to go somewhere, most Marietta residents age 45+ drive themselves.

Mobility is a major aspect of a livable community because various transportation options allow residents to get around their community at all stages of their life. Most Marietta residents drive when they need to go somewhere. However, over two in five get a ride with family or friends or walk. Residents 75+ are more likely to get a ride with family or friends (57%); however eight in ten also say they drive themselves.

Less than one in ten say they have a private driver, take a taxi, use community vans for seniors or people with disabilities, or use public transportation.

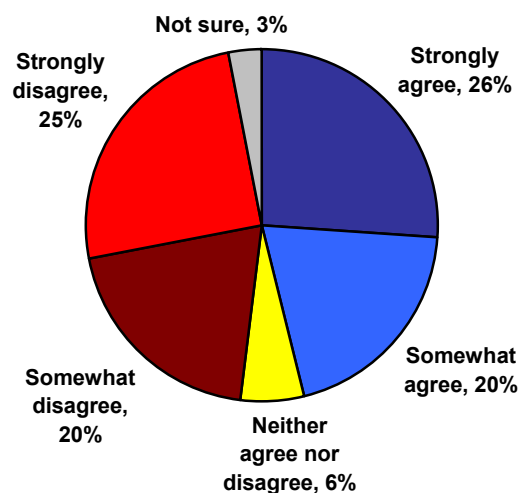
Forms of Transportation Used When Marietta Residents Age 45+ Need to Get Somewhere (n=801)



Over four in ten residents say it would be difficult to live in their current neighborhood if they lost the ability to drive.

Nearly the same percentage of Marietta residents age 45+ agree that it would be difficult to live in their neighborhood if they lost the ability to drive (46%) as disagree that it would be difficult (45%). There is no difference in this perception by the age of the resident.

Would Be Difficult to Live in Neighborhood If Lost the Ability to Drive (n=801)



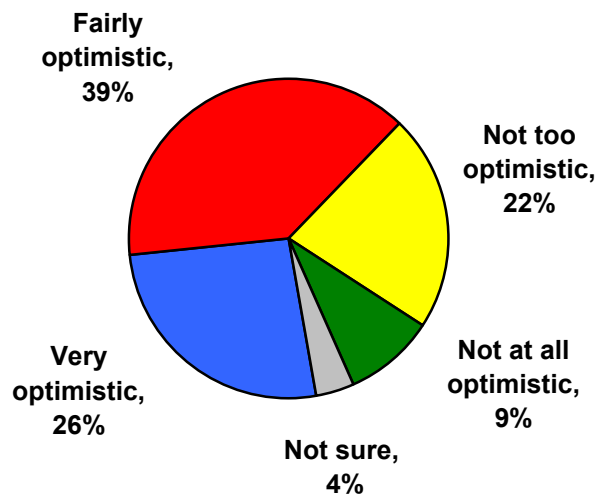
Thoughts About Retirement

One in four Marietta residents age 45+ who are not currently retired says they are very optimistic when they think about their retirement years. Three in ten say they are not too or not at all optimistic.

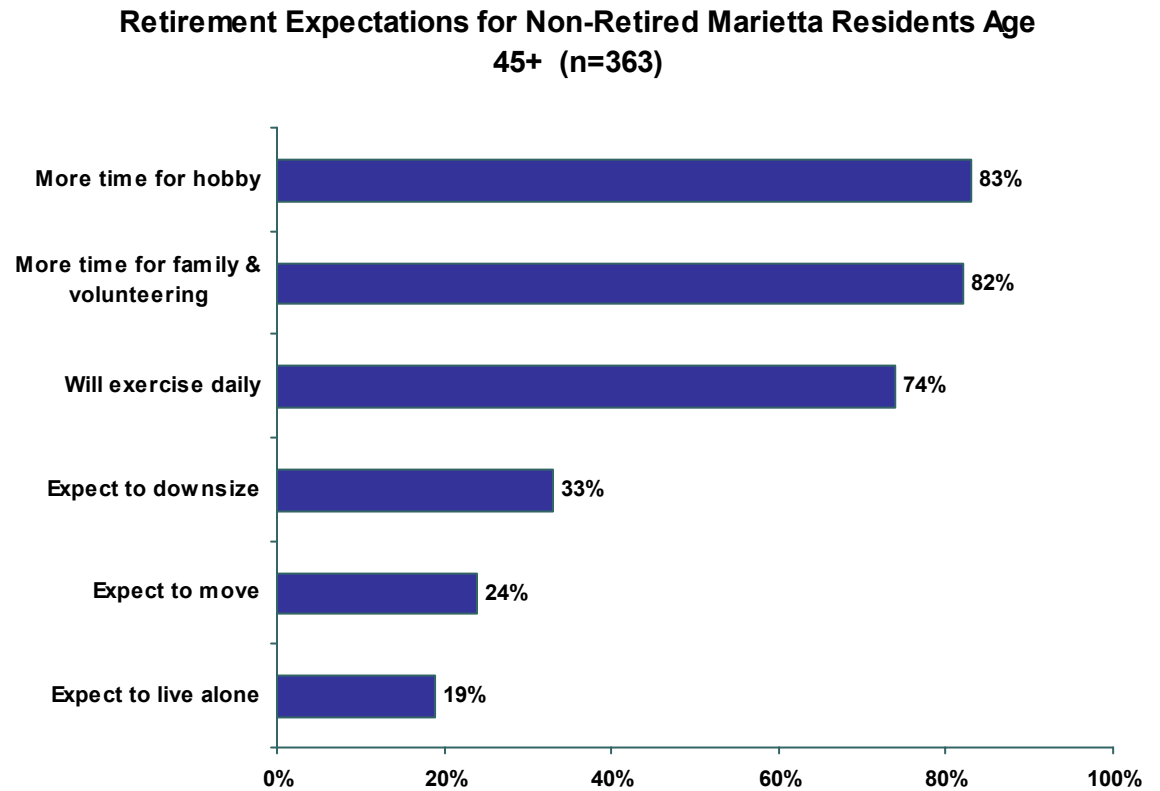
Under half of surveyed Marietta residents had not retired (45% not retired; 55% retired). When these non-retired Marietta residents age 45+ were asked to consider what best describes their feelings as they think about their retirement years, one in four says they were very optimistic and very much look forward to their retirement years. However, three in ten residents say they are not too or not at all optimistic and have mixed feelings about their retirement years or do not look forward to their retirement years.

Higher-income residents are more than twice as likely to say they are very optimistic about their retirement than are lower-income residents (<\$35,000, 16% are very optimistic; \$75,000+, 40% are very optimistic).

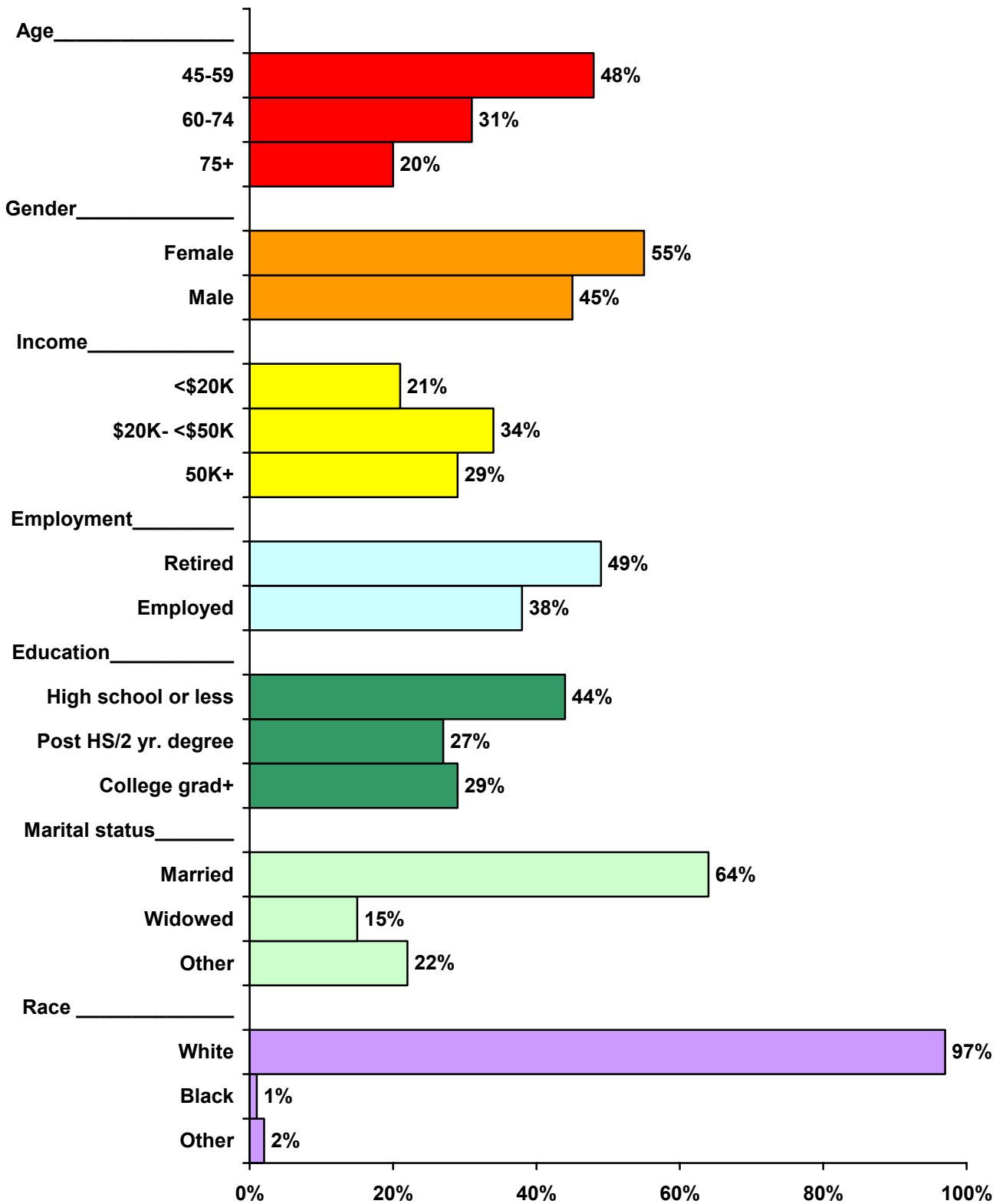
Feelings About Retirement for Non-Retired Marietta Residents Age 45+ (n=363)



In retirement, eight in ten Marietta residents see themselves having more time for hobbies or special interests and more time for family and volunteering. Three in four residents say they will exercise daily.



Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (n=801)



Methodology

AARP commissioned Woelfel Research, Inc. to conduct a telephone survey of the general population in Ohio age 45 years and older who live in Marietta, Ohio's ZIP Code 45750. The sample was drawn at random from a list of the adult population aged 45+ in Marietta. A total of 801 interviews were completed. Interviews were conducted from November 8 to November 19, 2007. Up to ten call attempts per telephone number were made to reach an eligible respondent. Calls were staggered over times of day and days of the week to maximize the chance of making contact with potential respondents.

The survey has a sampling error of $\pm 3.5\%$. Survey responses were weighted to reflect the distribution by age and gender of people age 45+ years in Ohio according to the *2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing*. Weighted responses to all survey questions are in Appendix A.

The response rate was 44 percent, and the cooperation rate was 88 percent. These rates were calculated using AAPOR's Outcome Rate Calculator Version 2.1 (May, 2003).

APPENDIX A

ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

MARIETTA CITY, OH LIVABLE COMMUNITIES SURVEY

Annotated Survey – n=801, Sampling error = $\pm 3.5\%$

Hello, this is _____ calling from Woelfel Research, Inc., a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are calling (today/tonight) to ask people like yourself what you'll need and want as you get older to make Marietta a great place to grow old. The survey is for research purposes only and will help inform decisions about the future of your area. All of your responses will be completely confidential. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. All of your responses are kept entirely confidential. The survey should take only about 25 minutes of your time.

I1. RECORD GENDER OF PERSON WHO ANSWERED PHONE:

- 1) Male
- 2) Female

S1. To make our study more representative of those living throughout Marietta, I need to speak with the youngest male who is at home right now and is at least 45 years old.

1. Person on phone is youngest male 45+ [SKIP TO S4]
2. Other person is youngest male 45+ and is coming to phone [SKIP TO S3]
3. Person is not available [CONTINUE]
4. No one 45+ in household [TERMINATE]

S2. Then may I speak to the oldest female who is at home right now and is at least 45 years old?

1. Person on phone is oldest female 45+ [SKIP TO S4]
2. Other person is oldest female 45+ and is coming to phone [SKIP TO S3]
3. Person is not available [ARRANGE CALLBACK]
4. No one 45+ in household [TERMINATE]

S3. Hello, this is _____, calling from Woelfel Research, Inc., a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We would like to find out your opinions on some important issues in Ohio. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. All of your responses are kept entirely confidential. The survey should take about 25 minutes of your time.

S4. Are you a resident of Marietta who is 45 years old or older?

1. Yes [SKIP TO Q1]
2. No

S5. May I please speak to someone in the household who is a Marietta resident and is 45 years of age or older?

1. Yes, press “1” when correct person is on the phone [RETURN TO INTRO]
2. No, not available [ARRANGE CALLBACK]
3. Nobody in household is a resident who is 45+ [TERMINATE]

Main Questionnaire

Now I would like to ask you some questions about your retirement plans.

1. Regardless of how far down the road it might be, how much thought have you given to your retirement years? [READ EACH ANSWER] (n=363)

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|-------|---|
| 37% | A great deal |
| 37% | Some |
| 9% | A little |
| 15% | Not much at all |
| | I am already retired > Go to Question 4 (55% of all respondents) |
| 1% | Not sure [DO NOT READ] |
| <0.5% | Refused [DO NOT READ] |

2. As things stand today, which of these statements best describes your feelings as you think about your retirement years? [READ EACH ANSWER] (n=363)

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|-------|---|
| 26% | Very optimistic about retirement years and very much look forward to them |
| 39% | Fairly optimistic about retirement years and pretty much look forward to them |
| 22% | Not to optimistic about retirement years and have mixed feelings |
| 9% | Not at all optimistic about retirement years and do not look forward to them |
| 4% | Not sure [DO NOT READ] |
| <0.5% | Refused [DO NOT READ] |

3. Thinking about your plans and hopes for retirement, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [INSERT ITEMS. ROTATE ITEMS]. Is that strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree? (n=363)

	Strongly Agree	Some-what Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Some-what Dis-agree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	Refused
a. I expect to move away from this area to another area	11%	13%	10%	13%	50%	3%	<0.5%
b. I expect to downsize to an apartment or smaller home	20%	13%	9%	15%	41%	3%	-
c. If I lost the ability to drive, I would need to relocate	21%	12%	11%	20%	34%	1%	<0.5%
d. My health is the most important thing I have	66%	24%	2%	5%	3%	1%	-
e. I intend to drive a car or truck for the remainder of my life	67%	19%	3%	7%	3%	1%	-
f. Retirement will allow me more time for family and volunteering	57%	25%	7%	5%	5%	2%	-
g. I expect to be living alone for most of my retirement years	12%	8%	7%	14%	58%	1%	-
h. I will exercise daily	45%	30%	8%	12%	5%	1%	-
i. I will dedicate more time to a hobby or special interest	59%	24%	6%	5%	4%	2%	-

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the community you live in.

4. How long, in years, have you lived in your current community? [RECORD ANSWER IN YEARS]

Mean 33 years
Median 32 years

5. How important is it to you to remain in your community for as long as possible? Is it... [READ EACH ANSWER]

37%	Extremely important
31%	Very important
18%	Somewhat important
7%	Not very important
6%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ]

6. Thinking about your future needs, how would you rate your community as a place for people approaching retirement age to live? Would you say it is....[READ EACH ANSWER]

28%	Excellent
33%	Very good
25%	Good
9%	Fair
3%	Poor
1%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ]

7. Overall, how satisfied are you with your community as a place to live? Would you say that you are....[READ EACH ANSWER]

28%	Extremely satisfied
42%	Very satisfied
25%	Somewhat satisfied
3%	Not too satisfied
2%	Not at all satisfied
<0.5%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
-	Refused [DO NOT READ]

8. On a weekly basis, how often are you in physical contact with friends, family living outside of your home, and/or neighbors within your community? [READ EACH. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER]

32%	Daily
19%	Four or more times per week
28%	Two or three times per week
10%	Once weekly
9%	Less than once per week
2%	Never
1%	Not sure

9. Now I'm going to read you a list of problems that occur in some communities. After I mention each problem, tell me how big you think the problem is in your community. Would you say (INSERT ITEM. ROTATE ITEMS.) is a big problem, a small problem or not a problem in your community?

	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Not Sure	Refused
a. Personal Safety	7%	36%	57%	1%	-
b. Noise	8%	25%	67%	<0.5%	-
c. Not enough places to safely bike or walk	11%	25%	64%	1%	<0.5%
d. Streets are too dark	15%	28%	53%	3%	<0.5%
e. Street and sidewalks that need repair or don't exist	18%	44%	37%	1%	<0.5%
f. Public transportation that is too far away, too limited, or not available	23%	33%	35%	9%	-
g. No or not enough medical services	12%	24%	62%	2%	-

Now I'm going to ask you some questions about features and services in your community.

10. Please tell me how important you think it is to have the following characteristics in your community. How important is having (INSERT ITEM. ROTATE ITEMS.) in your community? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important?

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at all important	Not Sure	Refused
a. Well run parks, community centers, and recreation centers	20%	54%	21%	3%	2%	1%	<0.5%
b. Dependable public transportation	22%	49%	20%	4%	3%	2%	-
c. Sidewalks going to where you want to go .	23%	48%	16%	7%	4%	1%	<0.5%
d. Safe neighborhoods	45%	51%	3%	<0.5%	1%	<0.5%	-
e. A grocery store close to your home	22%	48%	21%	6%	3%	<0.5%	<0.5%
f. A drug store close to your home	21%	44%	24%	7%	4%	<0.5%	-
g. Accessible public buildings and facilities	24%	48%	20%	5%	2%	1%	-
h. Transportation services for people with disabilities or the elderly	34%	53%	10%	2%	1%	1%	-
i. A variety of affordable housing options, including for persons with physical disabilities	33%	49%	14%	1%	1%	2%	-
j. Ways to connect older and younger people in the community	16%	44%	29%	5%	2%	3%	-
k. Opportunities for volunteering	16%	48%	27%	5%	2%	2%	<0.5%
l. Well-designed and maintained streets.....	23%	61%	14%	1%	1%	<0.5%	-
m. A hospital in the community	44%	50%	4%	1%	1%	<0.5%	-
n. Affordable shopping	28%	53%	15%	2%	1%	1%	<0.5%
o. Places to worship	31%	48%	13%	4%	4%	<0.5%	<0.5%

11. Does the community where you live have....[INSERT ITEM. ROTATE ITEM]

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Refused
a. Well run parks, community centers, and recreation centers	74%	20%	6%	-
b. Dependable public transportation	55%	33%	12%	-
c. Sidewalks going to where you want to go ..	69%	31%	<0.5%	-
d. Safe neighborhoods	89%	9%	2%	<0.5%
e. A grocery store close to your home	83%	17%	<0.5%	<0.5%
f. A drug store close to your home	76%	23%	1%	<0.5%
g. Accessible public buildings and facilities ..	77%	18%	4%	-
h. Transportation services for people with disabilities or the elderly	75%	15%	10%	-
i. A variety of affordable housing options, including for persons with physical disabilities	51%	29%	20%	-
j. Ways to connect older and younger people in the community	56%	26%	19%	-
k. Opportunities for volunteering	91%	6%	2%	-
l. Well-designed and maintained streets	81%	18%	1%	-
m. A hospital in the community	95%	5%	-	-
n. Affordable shopping	84%	14%	2%	-
o. Places to worship	97%	3%	-	<0.5%

12. How important do you think it is have the following services in your community to help people remain in their own homes as they age? How important is having (INSERT ITEM. ROTATE ITEMS.) in your community? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important?

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Not Sure	Refused
a.	Senior Centers	25%	60%	11%	2%	1%	15	-
b.	Chore or homemakers services like when someone comes in to do light housekeeping or cleaning	23%	53%	19%	3%	1%	1%	-
c.	Congregate meals such as senior lunch programs.....	22%	58%	16%	2%	1%	2%	-
d.	Meals-on-wheels or home delivered meals	30%	57%	10%	1%	1%	1%	-
e.	A service that helps low- income or older persons pay utility bills	32%	54%	11%	2%	1%	2%	-
f.	Visiting nurse such as an RN who comes to your home.....	31%	55%	12%	1%	1%	1%	-
g.	Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance	17%	49%	25%	4%	3%	2%	-
h.	Home health aide, personal care attendant, or other assistant who helps with personal needs.....	31%	56%	11%	1%	<0.5%	1%	-
i.	Respite (if necessary: Getting a break from caregiving duties).....	27%	55%	14%	1%	1%	3%	-
j.	End of life or hospice (if necessary: Medication or services provided to relieve symptoms of terminal illness)	35%	54%	7%	1%	1%	2%	<0.5%
k.	Special transportation service like one for seniors or persons with disabilities	31%	57%	11%	1%	1%	1%	-
l.	Health monitoring services.....	26%	54%	13%	1%	1%	4%	-
m.	Legal support services, such as elder law practitioners	21%	54%	18%	3%	1%	4%	-

13. Does the community where you live have [INSERT ITEM. ROTATE ITEMS]

	Yes	No	Not Sure	Refused
a. Senior Centers	95%	3%	2%	<0.5%
b. Chore or homemakers services like when someone comes in to do light housekeeping or cleaning.....	72%	10%	19%	-
c. Congregate meals such as senior lunch programs	79%	7%	14%	-
d. Meals-on-wheels or home delivered meals ..	90%	4%	6%	-
e. A service that helps low-income or older persons pay utility bills.....	76%	6%	19%	<0.5%
f. Visiting nurse such as an RN who comes to your home	79%	7%	14%	-
g. Seasonal work or outdoor maintenance.....	49%	21%	30%	-
h. Home health aide, personal care attendant, or other assistant who helps with personal needs	84%	5%	12%	-
i. Respite (IF NECESSARY: Getting a break from caregiving duties).....	57%	10%	34%	-
j. End of life or hospice (IF NECESSARY: Medication or services provided to relieve symptoms of terminal illness)	85%	4%	11%	-
k. Special transportation service like one for seniors or persons with disabilities	80%	9%	11%	-
l. Health monitoring services	66%	9%	25%	-
m. Legal support services, such as elder law practitioners.....	44%	14%	43%	-

Now I would like to ask you some questions about where you currently live.

14. Which of the following arrangements best describes where you currently live? Do you live in...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY.)

1%	Assisted living residence [SKIP TO Q24]
83%	A one family house
3%	Two family house
1%	Townhouse or rowhouse
8%	Apartment or condominium
2%	Senior housing, apartment, or condominium
2%	Mobile Home/Trailer
-	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

15. Do you own or rent your home? (n=791)

- 83% Own
- 15% Rent
- 1% Live with adult child or others [DO NOT READ]
- <0.5% Live in a senior center
 - Other (SPECIFY)
 - Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- <0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

16. How important is it to you to stay in your current residence for as long as possible? Is it....? (READ EACH ANSWER.) (n=791)

- 50% Extremely important
- 31% Very important
- 12% Somewhat important
- 5% Not very important
- 3% Not at all important
 - Not sure [DO NOT READ]
 - Refused [DO NOT READ]

17. Does your current residence need any major repairs, modifications, or changes to enable you to stay there as you age? (n=791)

- 25% Yes
- 75% No [SKIP TO Q24]
- 1% Not sure [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q24]
 - Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q24]

18. Do you plan on making such modifications or repairs? (n=195)

- 54% Yes
- 37% No
- 9% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- 1% Refused [DO NOT READ]

19. Do you believe that you will need to move out of your current residence within the next ten years? (n=791)

- 21% Yes
- 70% No [SKIP TO Q26]
- 9% Not sure [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q26]
 - Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO Q26]

20. Why do you think you will need to move within the next ten years? [DO NOT READ LIST. ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS] (n=167)

- 13% Can't manage upkeep on my current home
- 4% Move to warmer climate
- 1% Move to safer neighborhood
- 15% Current home is too big
- 2% Not enough services in my community
- 5% Mortgage or rent is too high
- 2% Property taxes are too high
- 2% Utility costs are too high
- 34% Health-related reasons
- 11% Move to be closer to family and friends
- 10% Age
- 2% Need a one floor residence
- 2% Need a larger home
- 1% Home is on a hill
- 3% Move to the country
- 1% Move closer to town
- 1% Want to get a new house
- 15% Other
- 5% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- 1% Refused [DO NOT READ]

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about transportation in your community.

21. How often would you say you get out of your home and go somewhere, for example shopping, visiting, or exercising, in a typical week? Would you say you go....

- 2% Not at all
- 14% 1 or 2 times a week
- 28% 3 to 5 times a week
- 55% More than 5 times a week
- 1% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- Refused [DO NOT READ]

22. In general, when you need to get somewhere, which of the following forms of transportation do you use? [READ LIST. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH. ROTATE]

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Drive myself.....	89%	11%	-
Get a ride with family or friends.....	46%	54%	-
Walk.....	45%	54%	<0.5%
Ride a bike	17%	83%	-
Take a taxi.....	8%	92%	<0.5%
Take public transportation	6%	94%	<0.5%
Take community vans for seniors or people with disabilities .	6%	94%	-
Use private driver.....	9%	91%	<0.5%

23. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: If I were no longer able to drive, it would be difficult for me to continue to live in my current neighborhood. Do you....

26%	Strongly agree
20%	Somewhat agree
6%	Neither agree nor disagree
20%	Somewhat disagree
25%	Strongly disagree
3%	Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5%	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Demographics

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. IF NECESSARY SAY: "To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

45%	Male
55%	Female

D2. What is your age as of your last birthday?

48%	40-59
31%	60-74
20%	75+
1%	Refused

D3. What is your current marital status? Are you....[READ OPTIONS]

- 64% Married
- 2% Not married, living with your partner or significant other
- 2% Separated
- 13% Divorced
- 15% Widowed
- Or are you....
- 5% Currently single and never Married
- Not sure
- 1% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D4. [IF D3 = 1 ASK: “Are you or your spouse currently a member of A-A-R-P?” IF D3 = 2 ASK: “Are you or your partner currently a member of AARP?” OTHERWISE ASK “Are you currently a member of AARP?”]

- 46% Yes
- 53% No
- 1% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- <0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D5. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [READ OPTIONS]

- 6% 0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma
- 37% High school graduate or equivalent
- 15% Post high school education, but with no degree
- 12% 2 year degree
- 15% 4 year degree
- 5% Post graduate study, but with no degree
- 10% Graduate or professional degree
- Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- <0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? [READ OPTIONS]

- 7% Self-employed full-time
- 3% Self-employed part-time
- 22% Employed full-time
- 6% Employed part-time
- 49% Retired and not working at all
- 2% Unemployed and looking for work
- Or are you....
- 10% Not in the labor force for other reasons
- 1% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
- <0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D7. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

1% Yes
99% No
<0.5% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D8. What is your race?

97% White or Caucasian
1% Black or African American
1% Native American or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<0.5% Asian
1% Mixed
- Or are you some other race? [Please specify: _____]
<0.5% Not sure
1% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D9. Thinking about your state elections for Ohio Governor and Legislators in the last ten years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior? Would you say you vote always, most of the time, about half of the time, seldom, or would you say you never vote?

57% Always
21% Most of the time
8% About half of the time
4% Seldom
9% Never
<0.5% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
<0.5% Refused [DO NOT READ]

D10. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that your includes your household's income before taxes in 2007. Was it....[READ OPTIONS]

9% Less than \$10,000
12% \$10,000 to less than \$20,000
17% \$20,000 to less than \$35,000
17% \$35,000 to less than \$50,000
9% \$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7% \$60,000 to less than \$75,000
13% \$75,000 or more
6% Not sure [DO NOT READ]
11% Refused [DO NOT READ]



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