

# LIVABLE COMMUNITIES Great Places for All Ages<sup>™</sup>

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	DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE GROUP		AREA OF THE SURVEY	

#### YOUR COMMUNITY

- 1. How would you rate your community as a place for people to live as they age? (This would be the geographical location where your home is located. A community can be located within a city or town or county.)
  - $\square_5$  Excellent
  - $\square_4$  Very good
  - □<sub>3</sub> Good
  - $\square_2$  Fair
  - □<sub>1</sub> Poor
  - 2. What is the name of your community?
  - 3. What is your 5-digit ZIP code?

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- 4. How long have you lived in this community?
  - $\square_6$  5 years or less
  - $\Box_5$  5 years but less than 15 years
  - $\square_4$  15 years but less than 25 years
  - $\square_3$  25 years but less than 35
  - $\square_2$  35 years but less than 45
  - $\Box_1$  45 years or more

#### 5. How long have you lived in [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY]?

- $\square_6$  5 years or less
- $\square_5$  5 years but less than 15 years
- $\square_4$  15 years but less than 25 years
- $\square_3$  25 years but less than 35
- $\square_2$  35 years but less than 45
- $\Box_1$  45 years or more

6. Some people reside in places outside of [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY] for part of the year. Which of the following describes how you reside in [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY]?

#### [CHECK ONLY ONE]

- Year round, do not reside anywhere outside of [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY]
- □<sub>2</sub> Seasonally, reside outside of [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY] during Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall on a regular basis
- 7. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work, how likely is it that you will move to a different home within [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY]?
  - $\square_5$  Extremely likely
  - $\Box_4$  Very likely
  - $\square_3$  Somewhat likely
  - $\square_2$  Not very likely
  - $\square_1$  Not at all likely
  - $\square_0$  Not sure
- 8. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work, how likely is it that you will move to a different home outside of [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY]?
  - $\square_5$  Extremely likely
  - $\Box_4$  Very likely
  - $\square_3$  Somewhat likely
  - $\square_2$  Not very likely
  - $\square_1$  Not at all likely
  - $\square_0$  Not sure

# **9.** If you were to consider moving out of [THE AREA OF THE SURVEY] during your retirement when you do not work, would the following factors impact your decision to move?

		Yes	No	Not sure
a.	Looking for a different home size that meets your needs			
b.	Maintaining your current home will be too expensive			
c.	Fearing for your personal safety or security concerns			
d.	Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age			
e.	Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities			
f.	Wanting to be closer to family			
g.	Needing more access to public transportation			
h.	Wanting to live in a different climate			
i.	Looking for an area that has a lower cost of living			
i.	Other, please specify:			

# **10.** How important is it for you to remain in your community as you age?

- $\square_5$  Extremely important
- $\square_4$  Very important
- $\square_3$  Somewhat important
- $\square_2$  Not very important
- $\square_1$  Not at all important

# HOUSING

- 11. Do you own or rent your primary home or do you have some other type of living arrangement, such as living in the home of a family member or friend?
  - $\Box_1$  Own
  - $\square_2$  Rent
  - $\square_3$  Other type of living arrangement

### 12. What type of home is your primary home?

- $\Box_1$  Single family home
- $\square_2$  Mobile home
- $\square_3$  Town home or duplex
- $\square_4$  Apartment
- $\square_5$  Condominium or coop
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- $\square_5$  Extremely important
- $\Box_4$  Very important
- $\square_3$  Somewhat important
- $\square_2$  Not very important
- $\square_1$  Not at all important
- 14. People sometimes make modifications to their home so they can stay there as they age. Do you think you will need to make the following types of modifications or improvements to your home to enable you to stay there as you age?

		Yes	No	Not Sure
a.	Easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chairlift or elevator, or wider doorways			
b.	Bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, a higher toilet or non-slip tiles			
c.	Putting a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen on the first floor			
d.	Improving lighting			
e.	Installing a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of emergency			
f.	Other, please specify:			

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
b.	Well-maintained homes and properties	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
C.	A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with repairs	$\square_5$		$\square_3$		
d.	Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults		$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
e.	Affordable housing options (such as active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces) for adults of varying income levels		$\Box_4$			
f.	Homes that are equipped with features such as a no-step entry, wider doorways, first floor bedroom and bath, grab bars in bathrooms		$\square_4$			
g.	Well-maintained and safe low-income housing	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$	$\square_2$	
16	. Does the community where you live have the	e following?	Yes	No	Not Sure	
a.	Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do and are affordable		< _			
b.	Well-maintained homes and properties		🗖 1			
c.	A home repair service for low-income and older a helps with repairs		🗖 1			
d.	Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow re income and older adults		_			
e.	Affordable housing options (such as active adult assisted living and communities with shared facil outdoor spaces) for adults of varying income leve	ities and	_		□₀	
f.	Homes that are equipped with features such as a entry, wider doorways, first floor bedroom and ba in bathrooms	ath, grab bai	_		□₀	
g.	Well-maintained and safe low-income housing		🗖 1		Do	

# OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

		Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not Very important	Not at all important
a.	Well-maintained and safe parks that are within walking distance of your home		$\square_4$			
b.	Public parks with enough benches		$\square_4$			
C.	Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from obstruction and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices		$\square_4$			
d.	Well-maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
e.	Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians		$\square_4$			
f.	Well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities					
g.	Neighborhood watch programs	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
18.	Does the community where you live have the	following?	Ye	es No	Not Sure	
a.	Well-maintained and safe parks that are within v distance of your home	-	🗖 1			
b.	Public parks with enough benches		····· <b>D</b> 1			
C.	Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from a and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	or	🗖 1		□₀	
d.	Well-maintained public buildings and facilities th accessible to people of different physical abilities		🗖 1			
e.	Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrian	S	🗖 1			
f.	Well-maintained public restrooms that are acces people of different physical abilities		🗖 1			
g.	Neighborhood watch programs		🗖 1			

# **19.** Do you get around for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands or going to other places in the following ways?

		Yes	No
a.	Drive yourself		<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>
b.	Have others drive you		<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>
C.	Walk		
d.	Ride a bike		
e.	Use public transportation		<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>
f.	Take a taxi/cab		<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>
g.	Use a special transportation service, such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities		
h.	Other, please specify:		

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	Accessible and convenient public transportation		$\square_4$			
b.	Affordable public transportation	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
c.	Well-maintained public transportation vehicles .	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
d.	Reliable public transportation	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
e.	Safe public transportation stops or areas	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
f.	Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
g.	Well-maintained streets	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
h.	Easy to read traffic signs	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
i.	Enforced speed limits	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
j.	Public parking lots, spaces and areas to park	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
k.	Affordable public parking	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
I.	Well-lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)					
m.	Audio/visual pedestrian crossings	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
n.	Driver education/refresher courses	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			

#### 21. Does the community where you live have the following?

		Yes	No	Not Sure
a.	Accessible and convenient public transportation			
b.	Affordable public transportation			
с.	Well-maintained public transportation vehicles			
d.	Reliable public transportation			
e.	Safe public transportation stops or areas			
f.	Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults			
g.	Well-maintained streets			
h.	Easy to read traffic signs			
i.	Enforced speed limits			
j.	Public parking lots, spaces and areas to park			
k.	Affordable public parking			
I.	Well-lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)			
m.	Audio/visual pedestrian crossings			
n.	Driver education/refresher courses			

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

# 22. In general, when compared to most people your age, how would you rate your health?

- $\Box_5$  Excellent
- $\Box_4$  Very good
- $\square_3$  Good
- $\square_2$  Fair
- $\Box_1$  Poor

**23.** How often do you engage in some form of physical exercise (such as walking, running, biking, swimming, sports, strength training, yoga, stretching)?

- □<sub>7</sub> Everyday
- $\square_6$  Several times a week, but not everyday
- $\square_5$  About once a week
- $\square_4$  About once every other week
- $\square_3$  About once a month
- $\square_2$  Less than once a month
- $\square_1$  Never

# 24. How important is it to you to remain physically active for as long as possible?

- $\square_5$  Extremely important
- $\Box_4$  Very important
- $\square_3$  Somewhat important
- $\square_2$  Not very important
- $\square_1$  Not at all important

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation, and weight control		$\square_4$			
b.	Fitness activities specifically geared to older adults		$\square_4$			
C.	Conveniently located health and social services		$\square_4$			
d.	A service that helps seniors find and access health and supportive services		$\square_4$			
e.	Conveniently located emergency care centers	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
f.	Easy to find information on local health and supportive services	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
g.	Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
h.	Well-trained certified home health care providers	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
i.	Affordable home health care providers	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
j.	Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
k.	A variety of health care professionals including specialists		$\square_4$			
I.	Health care professionals who speak different languages		$\square_4$			
m.	Easily understandable and helpful local hospital or clinic answering services	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
n.	Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_{3}$		

		Yes	No	Not Sure
a.	Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation, and weight control			
b.	Fitness activities specifically geared to older adults			
C.	Conveniently located health and social services			
d.	A service that helps seniors find and access health and supportive services			
e.	Conveniently located emergency care centers			
f.	Easy to find information on local health and supportive services			
g.	Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping			
h.	Well-trained certified home health care providers		$\square_2$	
i.	Affordable home health care providers			
j.	Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities			
k.	A variety of healthcare professionals including specialists			
I.	Health care professionals who speak different languages			
m.	Easily understandable and helpful local hospital or clinic			
	answering services			
n.	Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff			

**26.** Does the community where you live have the following?

# SOCIAL PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 27. About how frequently do you interact with your friends, family or neighbors in your community? This interaction could be by phone, in person, email or social media (such as Facebook).
  - $\square_8$  More than once a day
  - $\square_7$  About once a day
  - $\square_6$  Several times a week
  - $\square_5$  Once a week
  - $\square_4$  Once every 2 or 3 weeks
  - $\square_3$  Once a month
  - $\square_2$  Less than monthly
  - $\square_1$  Never

# **28.** Where do you typically go for continuing education or self-improvement classes/workshops in your community? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- □<sub>1</sub> University/Community College
- $\square_2$  Department of Parks and Recreation
- $\square_3$  Faith community
- $\square_4$  Local organizations or businesses
- □<sub>5</sub> Community/Adult/Senior center
- $\square_6$  Offerings through my work
- $\Box_7$  Online programs
- $\square_8$  Other
- $\square_0$  I do NOT participate in any continuing education/self-improvement classes

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	Conveniently located venues for entertainment					
b.	Activities specifically geared to older adults		$\square_4$			
c.	Activities that offer senior discounts		$\square_4$			
d.	Activities that are affordable to all residents	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
e.	Activities involving young and older people	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
f.	Accurate and widely publicized information about social activities		$\square_4$			
g.	A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
h.	Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
i.	Continuing education classes	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
j.	Social clubs such as books, gardening or crafts	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
30.	Does the community where you live have the f	ollowing?		Yes	No	Not Sure
a.	Conveniently located venues for entertainment					
b.	Activities specifically geared to older adults					
c.	Activities that offer senior discounts				$\square_2$	
d.	Activities that are affordable to all residents					
e.	Activities that involve both younger and older peo	ple				
f.	Accurate and widely publicized information about	social activ	ities			
g.	A variety of cultural activities for diverse population	ons		. 🗖 1		
h.	Local schools that involve older adults in events a	and activitie	S			
i.	Continuing education classes			. 🗖 1		
j.	Social clubs such as book, gardening, craft or hol	obies			$\square_2$	

# VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

#### 31. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	A range of volunteer activities to choose from		$\square_4$			
b.	Volunteer training opportunities to help people perform better in their volunteer roles		$\square_4$			
C.	Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils or committees	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
d.	Easy to find information about local volunteer opportunities		$\square_4$			
e.	Transportation to/from volunteer activities for those who need it	$\square_5$	$\square_4$	$\square_3$		
32.	Does the community where you live have the f	ollowing?	Yes	No	Not Sure	
a.	A range of volunteer activities to choose from		🗖 1			
b.	Volunteer training opportunities to help people pe their volunteer roles		_			
C.	Opportunities for older adults to participate in decibodies such as community councils or committees	-	_			
d.	Easy to find information about local volunteer opp	ortunities	🗖 1			
e.	Transportation to/from volunteer activities for thos	e who need	it 🗖 1	$\square_2$		

#### **Job Opportunities**

- 33. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?
  - $\Box_7$  Self-employed, part-time  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 34
  - $\square_6$  Self-employed, full-time  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 34
  - $\square_5$  Employed, part-time  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 34
  - $\square_4$  Employed, full-time  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 34
  - $\square_3$  Unemployed, but looking for work  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 34
  - $\square_2$  Retired, not working at all  $\rightarrow$  *GO TO Question 35*
  - $\Box_1$  Not in labor force for other reasons  $\rightarrow$  GO TO Question 35

# 34. How likely is it that you will put off full retirement and work as long as possible?

- $\Box_5$  Extremely likely
- $\Box_4$  Very likely
- $\square_3$  Somewhat likely
- $\square_2$  Not very likely
- $\square_1$  Not at all likely
- $\square_0$  Not sure

#### 35. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
b.	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	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
C.	Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			

#### 36. Does the community where you live have the following?

		Yes	No	Not Sure
a.	A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults			
b.	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			□₀
C.	Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities			

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**37.** 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?

		Yes	No
a.	AARP	$\square_1$	
b.	Local Area Agency on Aging (AAA)		
c.	Local senior centers		
d.	Other Source 1		
e.	Other Source 2		
f.	Other Source 3		
g.	Other Source 4		

#### 38. How important do you think it is to have the following in your community?

		Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a.	Access to community information in one central source	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
b.	Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	$\square_5$	$\square_4$			
C.	An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number	$\square_5$				
d.	Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, senior centers or government buildings					
e.	Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home		$\square_4$			
f.	Community information that is available in a number of different languages		$\square_4$			
39. Does the community where you live have the following?				No	Not Sure	
a.	Access to community information in one central so	urce	Yes □1			
b.	Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering		🗖 1		□₀	
C.	An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number		🗖 1			
d.	Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, senior centers or government buildings		🗖 1			
e.	Community information that is delivered in person to who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave		🗖 1			
f.	Community information that is available in a number languages		_			

# ABOUT YOU

# D1. Are you male or female?

- $\square_1$  Male
- $\square_2$  Female

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

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#### D3. What is your current marital status?

- $\square_1$  Married
- $\square_2$  Not married, living with partner
- $\square_3$  Separated
- Divorced
- $\square_5$  Widowed
- $\square_6$  Never married

#### D4. Are you or your spouse currently a member of AARP?

- □<sub>1</sub> Yes
- $\square_2$  No

### D5. Besides yourself, do you have any of the following people living in your household?

		Yes	No
	Child/children under 18		
b.	Child/children 18 or older		
c.	Child/children away at college		
d.	Adult relative or friend 18 or older		

D6. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including employer-provided health insurance, private health insurance, or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?

- □<sub>1</sub> Yes
- $\square_2$  No

# D7. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you and/or your spouse or partner from fully participating in work, school, housework or other activities? [CHECK ONLY ONE]

- $\square_1$  Yes, myself
- $\square_2$  Yes, my spouse or partner
- $\square_3$  Yes, both me and my spouse or partner
- □<sub>4</sub> No

### D8. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, Latino origin or descent?

- $\Box_1 \quad \text{Yes} \rightarrow GO \text{ TO Question D9}$
- $\square_2 \quad \text{No} \rightarrow GO \text{ TO Question D10}$

# D9. If you are Hispanic or Latino, please indicate which one best represents the language (s) you speak at home. [CHECK ONLY ONE]

- $\Box_1$  Spanish only
- $\square_2$  Spanish most of the time
- **\_\_** Spanish and English equally but prefer Spanish
- $\square_{A}$  Spanish and English equally and do not have a preference
- $\square_5$  Spanish and English equally but prefer English
- $\square_6$  English most of the time
- $\square_7$  English only

#### D10. What is your race and/or ethnicity? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- $\square_1$  White or Caucasian
- $\square_2$  Black or African American
- □<sub>3</sub> American Indian or Alaska Native
- **□**₄ Asian
- $\square_5$  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- □<sub>6</sub> Other, please specify:\_\_\_\_\_

#### D11. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- $\square_1$  K-12<sup>th</sup> grade (no diploma)
- □<sub>2</sub> High school graduate, GED or equivalent
- $\square_3$  Post-high school education/training (no degree)
- $\square_4$  2-year college degree
- $\square_5$  4-year college degree
- $\square_6$  Post-graduate study (no degree)
- $\Box_{\tau}$  Graduate or professional degree(s)

# D12. Thinking about state elections for [STATE] Governor and Legislators in the last five years, how often would you say you voted?

- $\square_5$  Always
- $\square_4$  Most of the time
- $\square_3$  About half of the time
- $\square_2$  Seldom
- $\square_1$  Never

D13. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or something else?

- $\square_1$  Democrat
- $\square_2$  Republican
- $\square_3$  Independent
- $\Box_4$  Something else
- D14. In general, how often do you go online to access the Internet for things like sending or receiving email, getting news and information, paying bills or managing finances or buying products or services? This includes access from home, work, a mobile device (such as a smartphone), or someplace else.
  - $\square_1$  Several times a day
  - $\square_2$  About once a day
  - $\square_3$  3-6 days a week
  - $\square_4$  1-2 days a week
  - $\square_5$  Once every few weeks
  - $\square_6$  Once a month or less
  - $\square_7$  Never go online

#### D15. What was your annual household income before taxes in the most recent tax year?

- **D**<sub>1</sub> Less than \$10,000
- **D**<sub>2</sub> \$10,000 to \$19,999
- **D**<sub>3</sub> \$20,000 to \$29,999
- **D**<sub>4</sub> \$30,000 to \$49,999
- □<sub>5</sub> \$50,000 to \$74,999
- **D**<sub>6</sub> \$75,000 to \$99,999
- **D**<sub>7</sub> \$100,000 to \$149,999
- □<sub>8</sub> \$150,000 or more

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Your assistance in providing this information is greatly appreciated.