



# EQUITY AND AGING IN THE COMMUNITY

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*Interview dates: February 24-March 1, 2022*

*Nationally representative sample of 1,762 adults age 50 and older, conducted using the Foresight 50+ Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago*

*Margin of error: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

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**LTC1. How prepared do you feel to do each of the following as you age?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	<b>Extremely/ Very prepared NET</b>	Extremely prepared	Very prepared	<b>Somewhat prepared</b>	<b>Not very/ Not at all prepared NET</b>	Not very prepared	Not at all prepared	DK	SKP/ REF
Stay in your current residence as long as possible	<b>71</b>	32	39	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	5	1	*	*
Stay in your community as long as possible	<b>70</b>	29	41	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	4	1	*	*
Get help from a family member or close friend if you need it	<b>53</b>	23	30	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	10	6	-	*
Get help from a health care provider if you need it	<b>65</b>	26	39	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	7	3	-	1

N=1,762

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Ask for each item somewhat, not very, or not at all prepared for in LTC1

**LTC2. What is the main reason you do not feel prepared for each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED IN SAME ORDER AS LTC1]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	Your financial situation	The area where you currently live does not have enough services for older residents	You do not feel safe	You do not have enough family close by	It is difficult to find information about how to do it	Other	DK	SKP/ REF
Stay in your current residence as long as possible (N=566)	44	7	4	16	4	24	*	*
Stay in your community as long as possible (N=564)	37	11	5	19	5	23	1	*
Get help from a family member or close friend if you need it (N=841)	14	5	3	54	4	18	1	1
Get help from a health care provider if you need it (N=611)	32	11	6	10	17	22	1	1

**LTC3. Do you think the area where you currently live does a good job, a poor job, or neither a good nor poor job of providing access to resources like high-quality health care, grocery stores, entertainment, and places to socialize?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
A good job	66
A poor job	7
Neither a good nor poor job	27
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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*If a good job in LTC3*

**LTC3A. Do you think the area where you currently live does a good job, a poor job, or neither a good nor poor job of providing equal access for residents of all ages and backgrounds to resources like high-quality health care, grocery stores, entertainment, and places to socialize?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
A good job	87
A poor job	3
Neither a good nor poor job	10
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

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**LTC4. In general, do you think the area where you currently live does a good job, a poor job, or neither a good nor poor job meeting your needs for...?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	A good job	A poor job	Neither a good nor a poor job	DK	SKP/ REF
Transportation	44	25	30	*	*
Healthy food	68	9	22	*	1
Affordable housing	36	31	32	1	*
Services that support adults aging in their own homes	44	15	40	1	*
Health care	70	10	19	*	1
Social activities	49	14	35	*	1
High speed internet and WiFi access	68	14	16	1	1
The kinds of food you want to eat	72	9	18	*	1

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**LTC5. In the last 12 months, how often has your household used each of the following services?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	<b>Often/ Sometimes</b>	Often	Some- times	<b>Rarely/ Never</b>	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Home-delivered meals	<b>15</b>	5	10	<b>85</b>	15	69	*	*
Grocery assistance or delivery	<b>18</b>	7	10	<b>82</b>	13	70	*	*
Discounted or free transportation	<b>7</b>	2	5	<b>92</b>	5	87	1	*
Virtual care through phone or the web for health care or mental health care	<b>27</b>	5	22	<b>73</b>	22	51	*	*
A government agency or community organization that helps older adults find the services they need	<b>6</b>	2	4	<b>93</b>	8	85	*	1
Household maintenance services	<b>19</b>	5	14	<b>81</b>	17	64	-	*
In-home personal care services with things like bathing and dressing	<b>4</b>	2	1	<b>96</b>	3	93	-	*
In-home medical care	<b>7</b>	2	5	<b>93</b>	7	86	-	*

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Show for each service never used in LTC5

**LTC6. What is the main reason you do not use this service?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	I don't need this	This isn't available in the area where I currently live	I don't know how to get this or do this	I can't afford this	I am not eligible for this	The available services don't understand my cultural background and preferences	Other	DK	SKP/ REF
Home-delivered meals (N=1,180)	86	3	2	4	4	*	*	*	*
Grocery assistance or delivery (N=1,185)	88	4	2	4	1	*	*	*	*
Discounted or free transportation (N=1,469)	82	9	3	1	3	1	1	-	*
Virtual care through phone or the web for health care or mental health care (N=849)	86	2	6	1	1	*	3	-	1
A government agency or community organization that helps older adults find the services they need (N=1,433)	86	2	7	1	3	*	*	*	*
Household maintenance services (N=1,103)	85	2	4	7	2	*	1	*	*
In-home personal care services with things like bathing and dressing (N=1,607)	92	1	2	2	2	*	*	-	*
In-home medical care (N=1,472)	93	1	1	2	2	*	*	*	*

**LTC7. How often have you had difficulty communicating with people who provide services in the area where you currently live because of...**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	<b>Often/ Sometimes</b>	Often	Sometimes	<b>Rarely/ Never</b>	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
A language barrier	<b>11</b>	1	9	<b>89</b>	17	72	*	*
A cultural barrier	<b>8</b>	2	6	<b>92</b>	16	75	*	1
An age gap	<b>8</b>	1	7	<b>92</b>	16	75	*	1
A lack of trust	<b>17</b>	3	14	<b>83</b>	19	63	*	1

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**LTC8. Is it easy, difficult, or neither easy nor difficult to find community services in the area where you currently live that are...?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	<b>Very/ Moderately easy NET</b>	Very easy	Moderately easy	<b>Neither difficult nor easy</b>	<b>Very/ Moderately difficult</b>	Moderately difficult	Very difficult	DK	SKP/ REF
Respectful of your religious or spiritual beliefs	<b>62</b>	42	20	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	*	1
In your language	<b>78</b>	65	13	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	1	1	1	1
Respectful of your cultural background	<b>62</b>	44	18	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	2	1	*	1
Designed for people your age	<b>59</b>	31	28	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	8	3	*	1
Close by or easy to get to	<b>62</b>	32	30	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	8	3	*	1
Affordable	<b>49</b>	21	28	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	1	1

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**LTC9. If you were to need it, would it be easy, difficult, or neither easy nor difficult to access each of the following in the area where you currently live?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

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Nursing homes	<b>64</b>	38	27	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	1	1
Urgent care	<b>87</b>	64	23	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	4	1	-	*
Pharmacies	<b>93</b>	79	14	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	2	*	*	*
Primary care doctors	<b>84</b>	60	25	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	5	2	*	*
Mental health care	<b>64</b>	37	27	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	1	1
Physical therapy	<b>81</b>	55	26	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	4	2	*	1
Dental care	<b>83</b>	60	23	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	5	2	*	1
Vision care	<b>85</b>	61	24	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	5	1	*	1

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**LTC10. In general, how often would you say the health care providers you have seen in the area where you live have:**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022	<b>All/Most of the time NET</b>	All of the time	Most of the time	<b>Some of the time</b>	<b>Hardly ever/ Never NET</b>	Hardly ever	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Understood your needs	<b>79</b>	38	41	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	3	2	*	1
Taken your concerns seriously	<b>79</b>	43	36	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	3	3	*	1
Been able to address your needs	<b>79</b>	38	40	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	3	2	*	1

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**LTC11. Do you have any health conditions, physical limitations, or mental health conditions that impact your daily life or limit your activities?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Yes	32
No	68
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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**DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Urban	22
Suburban	49
Rural	29
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/22
Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)	37
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	22
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	1
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	*
Jewish (Judaism)	2
Muslim (Islam)	*
Buddhist	*
Hindu	*
Atheist (do not believe in God)	4
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	4
Nothing in particular	9
Just Christian	16
Unitarian (Universalist)	1
Something else – please specify	3
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
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If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:  
**BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/22
Yes	39
No	59
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,419</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
50-64	53
65+	47
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Male	47
Female	53
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
White	74
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	12
Other	4
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Married or living with partner	58
Not married	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

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**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Employed	42
Not employed	59
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	30
Some college	26
College graduate or above	19
Post grad study/professional degree	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 02/24-03/01/2022
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	11
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,762</i>

### Study Methodology

This study, funded by [The SCAN Foundation](#), was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, The Associated Press, and The SCAN Foundation collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using the Foresight 50+ Consumer Omnibus, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population of adults age 50 and older. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame or a secondary national address frame, both with over 97% coverage of all U.S. addresses, and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, or field interviewers (face to face). Households were screened for having at least one adult age 50 and older. The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings population. Of note for this study, the panel would also exclude adults age 50 and older who live in some institutional types of settings, such as skilled nursing facilities or nursing homes, depending on how addresses are listed for the facility.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between February 24 and March 1, 2022, with adults age 50 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from the Foresight 50+ Panel, and 1,762 completed the survey—1,642 via the web and 120 via telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (\$3) for completing the survey.

The final stage completion rate is 26.0%, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 17.1%, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.6%, for a cumulative response rate of 3.4%. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, African American and Hispanic respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 432 completed interviews with African American respondents is +/- 6.6 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect. The overall margin of sampling error for the 401 completed interviews with Hispanic respondents is +/- 7.0 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 7 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-

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coverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, education, and AARP Membership. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2022 Current Population Survey and AARP. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 50 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at <http://www.longtermcarepoll.org>. For more information, email [info@apnorc.org](mailto:info@apnorc.org).

Additional information on the Foresight 50+ Panel methodology is available at: <https://www.norc.org/Research/Capabilities/Pages/Foresight50.aspx>.

For more information, email [info@norc.org](mailto:info@norc.org) or [info@apnorc.org](mailto:info@apnorc.org).

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