Livability for All in Greater Kanawha Valley, WV

Top 2 Factors that Influence Residents Age 50-Plus to Relocate as They Age

52% of residents want a home that will help them live independently as they age

48% of residents are concerned about their personal safety and security

Residents Are More Likely to:

Did You Know?

22 years

is the average amount of time community residents age 50-plus have lived in their homes

32 years

is the average amount of time community residents have resided in their communities

Community Information

of residents age 50-plus **own their own home**

of residents currently live in a **single family home**

of residents have lived in their community for **over 30 years**

Community Insights

rate their community as an **excellent, very good, or a good place** for people to live as they age

of residents say **remaining in their current home is** extremely or very **important**

of residents say **remaining in their current community** is extremely or very **important**

Housing

27% of residents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications or changes

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

35%

Well-maintained homes & properties

27%

Home modification and repair contractors

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

39%

Accessibility of homes (e.g. a no step entrance, wider doorways, and grab bars)

38%

Well-maintained, safe low-income housing

Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

37% of residents walk or bike within their community

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

30%

Well-maintained parks

27%

Safe parks

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

46%

Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians

44%

Enough benches in public areas

Transportation

17% of residents say they use public transportation

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

44%

Easy to read traffic signs

32%

Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

44%

Well-maintained streets

35%

Audio and visual pedestrian crossings

Communication & Information

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

34%

Free access to computers and Internet in public places

12%

Access to community information in one central source

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

48%

Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering

47%

Community information that is available in different languages

Community & Health Care

39% of residents say they consider their health to be excellent or very good

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

46%

Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities

45%

A variety of health care professionals including specialists

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

33%

Affordable home care services

32%

Affordable fitness activities specifically geared towards older adults

Civic Participation & Employment

30% of residents say they are employed full-time

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

19%

A range of volunteer activities to choose from

18%

Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

55%

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

48%

Job training opportunities for older adults

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

90% of residents say they are in contact with family, friends or neighbors weekly

Top 2 Features

% excellent/very good

24%

Conveniently located entertainment venues

23%

Activities that offer senior discounts

Bottom 2 Features

% fair/poor

38%

Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities

37%

Activities geared specifically towards older adults

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