VITAL VOICES

Issues That Impact
Indiana Adults
Age 45 and Older,
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INTRODUCTION

There are currently about 117 million Americans who are 50 and older; this number will grow to 157 million by 2050. The 50 and older population is and will continue to be an essential contributor to American society. Understanding the needs and opinions of older Americans is critical to ensuring they live longer and healthier lives.

Vital Voices is a new and exciting program of research undertaken by AARP. Through this research program, we are launching a new initiative that will deliver critical, current, and state-specific data to 53 states on a rolling three-year schedule between 2019 and 2021. We are making this data available to the public to assist with the development of programs, products, and policies for older adults. This data will allow those in leadership positions to:

- Predict the need for a specific program or interest in a particular issue.
- Enhance program and product innovation and development.
- Track issues and attitudes over time to assess shifts in public opinion.
- Take action on critical advocacy issues.

Never before has AARP launched a research program of this size and with this much promise. We give it to you, hoping that it will significantly impact the work you do.

Survey Results for Indiana- Health Questions

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ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

Indiana residents age 45+ think many healthcare issues are important, with having adequate health insurance, staying mentally sharp, and staying physically healthy topping the list.

I1. For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally. (Percent 'extremely important' or 'very important') (n=800)

CARE1. Are you currently providing unpaid help to a relative or friend 18 years or older to help them take care of themselves? (n=800)

CAREGIVING ISSUES

One-quarter (27%) of Indiana residents age 45+ are currently providing unpaid help to an adult relative or friend.

Percent Providing Unpaid Adult Care

CARE1_A. Have you ever provided this type of unpaid help in the past? (n=585)

CAREGIVING ISSUES

Over one-third (44%) of Indiana residents age 45+ who are not currently unpaid caregivers have provided this type of care in the past.

Percent Providing Unpaid Adult Care in the Past

CVD-6. How worried are you about getting coronavirus in the next year? (n=800)

COVID-19

Two-thirds (68%) of Indiana residents age 45+ are not very worried or not at all worried about getting COVID-19 in the next year.

**Worry About Getting COVID-19 in the Next Year
(as of July 2021)**

■ Extremely worried/ very worried ■ Somewhat worried ■ Not very worried/ not at all worried

CVD-11. Have you gotten or do you plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine? (n=800)

COVID-19

As of July 2021, three-quarters (75%) of Indiana residents age 45+ have already gotten the COVID-19 vaccine (or plan to get it).

**Plans To Get The COVID-19 Vaccine
(as of July 2021)**

■ Yes (already got) ■ Yes (plan to) ■ No ■ Don't know/ refused

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs varies among Indiana residents age 45+, with half (57%) spending less than \$50 monthly.

PER3. In the past 12 months, approximately how much have you spent out of your own pocket for prescription drugs? (n=800)

*Not all charts equal one-hundred percent due to removal of small cells; see annotation for all categories

PER4. In the last two years, did you ever decide not to fill a prescription that your doctor had given you? (n=800)

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Nearly one-third (31%) of Indiana residents age 45+ reported that at some point in the past two years, they decided not to fill a prescription a doctor had given them.

Decided Not to Fill a Prescription

PER12. How reasonable are the prices of prescription drugs? (n=800)

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Nearly half (46%) of Indiana residents age 45+ think that prescription drug prices are not very or not at all reasonable.

Opinion of Prescription Drug Prices

- Extremely reasonable
- Very reasonable
- Somewhat reasonable
- Not very reasonable
- Not at all reasonable
- Don't know/ refused

Survey Results for Indiana- Wealth Questions

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ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

Indiana residents age 45+ find many economic issues important, particularly those related to retirement and Social Security.

11. For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally. (Percent 'extremely important' or 'very important') (n=800)

ADU-1. Do you currently have an ADU on your property? (n=800)

HOUSING

Two percent (2%) of Indiana residents age 45+ have an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on their property.

ADU-2. If you had the space to create an ADU within your home or on your property, would you consider doing that? (n=777)

HOUSING

Among Indiana residents age 45+ without an ADU currently on their property, nearly half (45%) would consider creating one if they had the space to do so.

Would Consider Creating an ADU

ADU-3. Do you support or oppose town ordinances that make it easier for property owners to create an ADU on their property? (n=800)

HOUSING

Three-quarters (79%) of Indiana residents age 45+ would support town ordinances that make it easier for property owners to create an ADU on their property.

Support for ADU Ordinances

GEN-1. Have you or someone you know had to move from their neighborhood in the past 5 years due to price changes in the housing market? (n=800)

HOUSING

In the past five years, 15% of Indiana residents age 45+ have had to move from their neighborhood due to price changes in the housing market (or know someone who has).

Moved Due to Housing Market Changes

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/ refused

GEN-2. Looking ahead, how concerned are you about having to move from your current neighborhood because of changes in the housing market? (n=800)

HOUSING

Nearly one-quarter (24%) of Indiana residents age 45+ are very or somewhat concerned about having to move from their current neighborhood because of changes in the housing market.

Housing Market Concerns

■ Very concerned
■ Not very concerned

■ Somewhat concerned
■ Not concerned at all

PD1. Have you or someone else in your household borrowed money from a payday lender in the past 12 months? (n=800)

PAYDAY LENDING

Five percent (5%) of Indiana residents age 45+ have borrowed from a payday lender in the past 12 months (or someone in their household has).

Payday Loans in the Past Year

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/ refused

PAYDAY LENDING

The majority (79%) of Indiana residents age 45+ agree that Indiana law should be changed to set limits or place caps on payday lending interest rates and fees.

Opinion Regarding Payday Lending Rates and Fees

PD2. While 31 states mirror Indiana's law, 19 other states do not allow lenders to charge annual interest rates above 36%. Given this, which statement best represents your opinion? (n=800)

Survey Results for Indiana- Self Questions

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ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

Aging in place is extremely important or very important to a majority (86%) of Indiana residents age 45+.

Important Independent Living Issues

11. For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally. (Percent 'extremely important' or 'very important') (n=800)

TRA1. How do you usually get around your community for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things? (n=800)

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TRANSPORTATION

Most (86%) Indiana residents age 45+ drive themselves to get around their community.

Primary Means of Getting Around Community

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

About one-third (31%) of Indiana residents age 45+ rate their community as excellent or very good for having safe and accessible sidewalks.

Community Ratings

REP2. For each of the following, would you rate your community as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? (Percent 'excellent' or 'very good') (n=800)

REP3. How would you rate your community on [ITEM]? Is it excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?
(Percent 'excellent' or 'very good')
(n=800)

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

One-third (38%) of Indiana residents age 45+ rate their community as excellent or very good for having conveniently located public parking lots with handicapped parking.

Community Ratings

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Personal safety or security concerns would be a major factor for half (57%) of Indiana residents age 45+ who may consider moving out of their current community.

Major Factors in Decision to Move

COMM8. 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, would the following be a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in your decision to move? (Percent 'a major factor') (n=800)

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Indiana residents age 45+ would turn to a variety of resources, including family and friends (19%) and the internet (13%), if they needed information on services for older adults.

Community Resources

COMM14. Whom would you turn to for information if you, a family member, or friend needed services for older adults such as caregiving services, home-delivered meals, home repair, medical transport, or social activities? (Percent 'yes') (n=800)

METHODOLOGY

In June 2021, AARP engaged ANR Market Research Consultants to conduct a quantitative research study among Indiana residents age 45 and older. Topics included healthcare, the economy, financial issues, independent living, long-term care, caregiving, and retirement issues.

800 Interviews

Indiana Adults Age 45+

Fielded in July 2021

ANR completed a total of 800 interviews (407 via landline telephone, 202 via cell phone, and 191 online). Respondents were screened to meet the following criteria:

- Age 45+
- Resident of Indiana

Survey length averaged 20.3 minutes by telephone and 19.1 minutes online.

METHODOLOGY

Sampling Procedure

Landline, cell phone, and online sampling were used for this research, with the telephone sample drawn randomly from a list of Indiana residents age 45 and older, purchased from Aristotle, and online sample provided by Fulcrum. A total of 37,166 records were utilized. The list of 2,656,161 Indiana residents age 45 and older was randomly divided into 2,657 replicates of 1,000 records for telephone dialing. Initially, 20 replicates were released for calling, with additional replicates being opened as necessary. In all, 34 replicates representing a total of 33,929 records were dialed to complete the telephone portion of this study.

The study's sample of 800 respondents yields a maximum statistical error of $\pm 3.5\%$ at the 95% level of confidence. (This means that in 95 out of 100 samples of this size, the results obtained in the sample would be within ± 3.5 percentage points of the results obtained had everyone in the population been interviewed.)

Interview Methodology

The survey was launched on July 6, 2021 and closed on July 13, 2021.

Telephone interviewing was active between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., with some additional calling done between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If necessary, up to 8 call attempts per telephone number were made to reach an eligible respondent. All numbers were called at multiple times of the day as well as days of the week to maximize each resident's opportunity for inclusion in the study.

Percentages of some questions may exceed 100% due to rounding or the use of multiple response question formats.

All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) statistics.

ABOUT AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation's largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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