Solo Agers: Attitudes and Experiences Annotated Questionnaire

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Methods

Survey sponsor	AARP
Survey/Data collection supplier	NORC at the University of Chicago
Population represented	Solo Agers and General Population Adults Ages 50-plus. Solo Agers are defined as adults ages 50-plus who live alone, are not married or partnered in a long-term relationship, and have no living children.
Sample size	Solo Agers n=1,086; General Population Adults 50-plus n=536
Mode of data collection	Online and Telephone (RDD landline and RDD cell phones) for NORC's AmeriSpeak® Panel; Online for Dynata's opt-in panel
Type of sample	Probability (NORC's AmeriSpeak® Panel) and Non-probability (Dynata's online opt-in panel)
Start and end dates of data collection	June 24 – July 6, 2020
Margin of sampling error, including design effect	Solo Agers: +/- 4.5 percentage points; General Population: +/- 5.9 percentage points
Weighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen Pop Adults 50-plus: Weighting targets were derived from panel members identified as eligible, weighted to nationwide demographics (age, gender, region, race/ethnicity, and education) from the 2020 Current Population Survey. • Solo Agers: For the AmeriSpeak Panel interviews, study-specific base weights are derived from the final panel weight and the probability of selection from the panel under the study sample design. <p>To incorporate the nonprobability sample, NORC used TrueNorth calibration, an innovative hybrid calibration approach developed at NORC based on small area estimation methods.</p>
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Screening Questions

MARITALA. Are you ...

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Married	-	57
Partnered in a long-term relationship	-	4
Widowed	17	16
Divorced	25	13
Separated	4	2
Never married	54	9
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

MARITAL3. Are you currently living with [a partner/your spouse], or not?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Yes	-	62
No	100	38
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

CHILDREN. How many living children do you have?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
None	100	23
1	-	16
2 or more	-	61
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

HHSIZEA. Tell us a little about your household. Including yourself, how many persons currently live in your household at least 50 percent of the time? Please include any children as well as adults.

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Aged 50+	General Population 50+
One person, I live by myself	100	23
Two persons	-	53
Three persons	-	12
Four or more persons		13
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Main

Is Solo Ager 50+

GEN1. In general, how would you rate your overall health?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+
Excellent	10
Very good	27
Good	37
Fair	22
Poor	4
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>

GEN2. Do you feel optimistic, pessimistic or neither optimistic nor pessimistic about your quality of life as you age?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Extremely optimistic	6	9
Very optimistic	39	39
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	43	37
Very pessimistic	10	14
Extremely pessimistic	2	1
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

GEN3. What is the best thing about living alone?

[OPEN-END RESPONSE]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Peacefulness/Quiet	16
Freedom to do what I want	44
No fighting/drama	9
Nobody to answer to	26
Privacy	8
Independence	11
There is nothing great about living alone	4
Other	3
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

GEN4. What is the worst thing about living alone?

[OPEN-END RESPONSE]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Loneliness	28
Having to do things by myself	18
Concerns about being sick/Having an emergency	8
Nobody to talk to	17
Lack of companionship	18
There is no downside to living alone	18
Other	1
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

GEN5. Which of the following phrases describe how you feel about living alone as you age?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE; RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Sad	13
Worried	16
Angry	2
Neither good nor bad	32
Happy	38
Satisfied	50
Proud	18
Independent	60
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

GEN7. Are you hoping to find a spouse or live-in life partner, or would you prefer not to have one?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
I hope to find a spouse or live-in life partner	32
I prefer not to have a spouse or live-in life partner	67
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
	<i>n=1,086</i>

GEN9. When you think about your life as you get older, how concerned are you about...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	DK/SKP/ REF
Losing your independence and having to rely on others	18	23	37	15	7	*
Losing your memory or other mental abilities	14	20	36	19	11	*
Losing physical strength or stamina	12	20	43	17	6	2
Losing your hearing	6	13	31	35	14	*
Being in poor health	13	19	40	18	9	*
Affording any paid care or help you might need as you grow older	14	19	36	18	13	*
Not being able to stay in your current home	9	14	35	27	16	*
Being alone without family or friends around you	8	15	35	27	15	*
Not having an intimate or romantic relationship	4	7	20	31	39	*
Not having enough money	13	17	31	27	12	*

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	DK/SKP/ REF
Losing your independence and having to rely on others	14	24	33	24	3	*
Losing your memory or other mental abilities	18	18	39	19	6	-
Losing physical strength or stamina	13	24	44	15	4	*
Losing your hearing	8	17	30	34	11	*
Being in poor health	14	19	40	21	4	1
Affording any paid care or help you might need as you grow older	14	20	35	22	8	1
Not being able to stay in your current home	10	12	25	34	18	*
Being alone without family or friends around you	9	12	26	36	17	*
Not having an intimate or romantic relationship	3	7	19	37	34	*
Not having enough money	15	12	32	28	13	*

n=536

GEN10. When you think about your life as you get older, how worried are you about...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely worried	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/SKP/ REF
Being a victim of scam, fraud, or theft	6	9	22	39	24	*
Your wishes for medical treatment or refusing medical treatment being ignored	7	9	24	37	23	*
Having a court-appointed stranger making decisions for you	11	8	20	32	28	1
Your wishes for what happens to your possessions after you die being ignored	3	6	15	38	37	*
Being moved somewhere against your will	11	11	28	32	18	*
Dying alone	8	9	29	32	22	*

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely worried	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK/SKP/ REF
Being a victim of scam, fraud, or theft	7	10	24	42	18	*
Your wishes for medical treatment or refusing medical treatment being ignored	7	7	20	43	23	*
Having a court-appointed stranger making decisions for you	9	7	11	42	31	-
Your wishes for what happens to your possessions after you die being ignored	4	4	13	43	36	1
Being moved somewhere against your will	6	9	18	43	25	*
Dying alone	7	8	22	41	22	*

n=536

GEN11. When you think about your life as you get older, how worried are you that you will need...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Ager 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely worried	Very worried	Somewh at worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Do not have any investmen ts	DK/SKP /REF
Money from others to pay for the things you need	6	6	22	36	29	-	*
Help with managing your bills	4	7	22	45	22	-	1
Help with managing your investments if you have any	3	3	17	33	25	20	*
Social and emotional support	6	9	30	38	18	-	*
Help with daily activities such as cooking, cleaning, driving, or getting groceries	6	8	34	35	16	-	1
Assistance with getting and organizing doctors' appointments and health care	5	7	26	41	22	-	*

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Extremely worried	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Do not have any investments	DK/SKP /REF
Money from others to pay for the things you need	6	5	17	40	32	-	*
Help with managing your bills	4	7	20	46	21	-	1
Help with managing your investments if you have any	2	4	17	39	26	11	*
Social and emotional support	3	8	22	46	20	-	1
Help with daily activities such as cooking, cleaning, driving, or getting groceries	4	7	29	44	16	-	1
Assistance with getting and organizing doctors' appointments and health care	3	6	23	49	20	-	-

n=536

Is Solo Ager 50+

HOUSE1. Where do you currently live?

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+
In your own home or apartment	97
In a nursing home or assisted living facility	*
In a senior community	3
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has own home or apartment in HOUSE1

HOUSE2. When you think about your life as you get older, how worried are you about...

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I have	No, I have not	DK/SKP/ REF
Modified your home in any way to make it easier to live in as you grow older	22	78	-
Made a financial commitment or reservation to move to a community or facility designed for older adults	5	95	*
Looked for a place to live that will be cheaper or easier to live in as you grow older	18	82	*

n=1,054

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has own home or apartment in HOUSE1

HOUSE3. Thinking about your living situation, would you consider each of the following options for yourself now, for when you're older, or you would never consider it?

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I would consider it now	Yes, I would consider when I am older	No, I would never consider it	DK/SKP/ REF
A community built for older adults with care provided for them as they age	8	60	32	*
Staying in your current house or apartment	55	35	10	*
Sharing a house or apartment with a friend	11	39	50	1
Sharing a house or apartment with a relative	10	45	45	*

n=1,054

Is Solo Ager 50+

HOUSE4. Do you have someone who helps or would help with managing your household like cooking, cleaning, or getting groceries if you could not do this for yourself, or not?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes, I have someone	33
No, I do not have someone	67
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has someone to help manage household in HOUSE4

HOUSE5. Which of the following best describes this person's (or persons') relationship to you?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Romantic partner	6
Parent	2
Brother or sister	26
Niece or nephew	23
Other relative	31
Friend	39
Neighbor	14
Co-worker or boss	3
Minister, priest or other clergy	4
Volunteer or unpaid member of community service organization	5
Professional caregiver or home health care provider	7
Lawyer or attorney	2
Housekeeper	6
Other	7
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=309</i>

ECON7. Do you have someone who helps or would help with managing your day-to-day expenses like monitoring your bank accounts or keeping track of your bills if you could not do this for yourself, or not?

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Yes, I have someone	28	70
No, I, do not have someone	71	30
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Has someone who helps or would help manage day-to-day expenses in ECON7

ECON8. Which of the following best describes this person's (or persons') relationship to you?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Financial advisor	7	14
Child or children	-	67
Husband or wife	-	45
Romantic partner	5	7
Parent	2	1
Brother or sister	33	13
Niece or nephew	21	7
Other relative	35	7
Friend	23	7
Neighbor	2	1
Co-worker or boss	*	1
Volunteer or unpaid member of community service organization	2	1
Minister, priest or other clergy	*	2
Lawyer or attorney	6	3
Housekeeper	2	*
Other	5	*
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-
	<i>n=253</i>	<i>n=367</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has investments in GEN11

ECON9. Do you have someone who helps or would help with managing your investments if you could not do this for yourself, or not?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes, I have someone	40
No, I do not have someone	59
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=898</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has someone to help manage investments in ECON9

**ECON10. Which of the following best describes this person's (or persons') relationship to you?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]**

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Financial advisor	40
Romantic partner	1
Parent	2
Brother or sister	26
Niece or nephew	17
Other relative	26
Friend	17
Neighbor	2
Co-worker or boss	-
Volunteer or unpaid member of community service organization	*
Minister, priest or other clergy	1
Lawyer or attorney	8
Housekeeper	1
Other	4
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=314</i>

SOC1. About how many friends would you say that you have?

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Ager 50+	General Population 50+
None	6	3
One	4	3
2-4	31	20
5-9	29	26
10-20	15	23
More than 20	14	24
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

SOC2. How satisfied are you about the number of friends you have?
[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Ager 50+	General Population 50+
Extremely satisfied	22	17
Very satisfied	35	41
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	32	32
Very dissatisfied	7	8
Extremely dissatisfied	3	2
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has friends in SOC1

SOC3. How often can you...

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Ager 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	DK/SKP/ REF
Open up to your friends to talk about your worries	30	44	18	8	*
Open up to your friends to talk about your dreams	24	35	24	17	1
Rely on your friends if you have a problem	29	43	21	8	-

n=1,021

SOC4. How often do you feel each of the following?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	DK/SKP/ REF
You lack companionship	14	37	28	20	1
You feel left out	11	28	34	27	1
You feel isolated from others	10	29	31	29	1

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	DK/SKP/ REF
You lack companionship	7	24	38	30	*
You feel left out	5	26	40	29	*
You feel isolated from others	4	25	38	33	-

n=536

SOC7. During a typical month before the coronavirus began spreading in the United States, how often did you communicate with your friends and family in each of the following ways?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

<i>Solo Agers 50+ 6/24- 7/6/2020</i>	A few times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Once a week	A few times a month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Not at all	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Telephone	17	12	31	10	15	3	7	4	*	*
Video chat	1	1	4	4	5	3	9	72	1	1
Text message	27	7	24	5	8	2	4	22	*	*
Social media	17	8	14	5	8	1	4	41	1	*

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	A few times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Once a week	A few times a month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Not at all	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Telephone	26	15	28	11	12	3	4	2	*	*
Video chat	2	2	9	5	8	4	18	50	2	*
Text message	34	6	28	6	9	1	1	13	1	*
Social media	21	8	22	4	7	1	9	27	1	-

n=536

SOC8. Before the coronavirus began spreading in the United States, how often did you participate in the following types of groups or organizations?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>Solo Aged 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	DK/SKP/ REF
A faith-based organization such as a church, temple, synagogue, or mosque	22	13	12	52	*
A gym or sports club	15	10	8	66	*
A neighborhood association	6	13	13	68	*
A book club	2	6	7	85	*
An alumni association	2	6	10	81	*
A political club or organization	2	9	9	80	1
A service organization such as Elks, Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions clubs	5	4	6	84	*
A veterans' group	2	4	5	89	*
Other	14	13	8	61	4

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	DK/SKP/ REF
A faith-based organization such as a church, temple, synagogue, or mosque	32	19	19	30	1
A gym or sports club	19	11	9	60	1
A neighborhood association	7	14	17	62	*
A book club	2	6	6	86	*
An alumni association	2	6	14	78	*
A political club or organization	4	9	13	73	*
A service organization such as Elks, Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions clubs	4	11	7	78	*
A veterans' group	2	6	5	86	*
Other	13	19	11	51	5

n=536

SOC9. During a typical month before the coronavirus began spreading in the United States, how often did you...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

<i>Solo Aged 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Once a day	A few times a week	Once a week	A few times a month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Not at all	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Volunteer	1	7	6	9	6	13	53	4	1
Go to movies, concerts, theatre, or sporting events with friends or family	*	3	4	15	12	29	36	1	-
Eat with friends or family	4	16	16	23	12	17	12	1	-
Do any other activities with friends or family, such as going for a walk, going shopping, or playing cards	4	13	13	22	11	16	19	1	*

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Once a day	A few times a week	Once a week	A few times a month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Not at all	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Volunteer	1	6	9	10	8	18	41	6	1
Go to movies, concerts, theatre, or sporting events with friends or family	1	3	5	19	21	29	20	2	*
Eat with friends or family	19	19	14	24	8	12	2	1	-
Do any other activities with friends or family, such as going for a walk, going shopping, or playing cards	9	21	15	22	12	11	8	2	-

n=536

SOC10. Before the coronavirus began spreading in the United States, which of the following transportation options were available to you for getting around your local area?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Drive your own car	84	91
Take taxis	23	20
Use ride-share apps or services like Uber or Lyft	26	27
Use public transportation	30	24
Get a ride from a friend or relative	35	37
Walk	53	54
Ride a bicycle	16	23
Ride a mobility scooter	2	4
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

SOC11. Do you have any pets?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes, I have a pet	39
No, I do not have a pet	61
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>

SOC12. Before the coronavirus began spreading in the United States, how often did you travel for pleasure like take a cruise, go sightseeing in another city or country, or travel to visit family and friends? Please do not include travel for business or caregiving.

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
More than 6 times a year	9	16
5-6 times a year	8	9
2-4 times a year	30	29
Once a year	17	17
Less than once a year	16	16
Never	20	14
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Is General Population 50+

SOC13. People who are at least 50 years old, not married or not living with a life partner, live alone, and have no living children are typically known as Solo Agers. How many people do you know who are Solo Agers?

6/24-7/6/2020	General Population 50+
None	35
1 person	12
2-4 people	35
5-9 people	11
10 or more	5
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=536</i>

Is General Population 50+ and knows Solo Ager(s) in SOC13

SOC14. Which of the following best describes your relationship to [this person/these people]?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	General Population 50+
Romantic partner	6
Parent	7
Brother or sister	21
Niece or nephew	6
Other relative	20
Friend	80
Neighbor	34
Co-worker, boss or former colleague	15
Minister, priest or other clergy	3
Volunteer or unpaid community service organization member	4
Lawyer or attorney	1
Financial professional	1
Physician	2
Housekeeper	1
Caregiver or home health care provider	1
Other	5
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=352</i>

Is General Population 50+ and knows Solo Ager(s) in SOC13

SOC15. Thinking about [that/those] Solo Ager(s), are you currently doing or have you ever done each of the following actions, or not?

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I am	No, I am not	DK/SKP/ REF
Contacting them to make sure they are okay	76	24	1
Helping them get to or from a doctor's appointment	24	76	-
Helping them manage their household like cooking, cleaning, or getting groceries	15	85	*
Helping them manage their day-to-day expenses like monitoring their bank accounts or keeping track of their bills	8	92	*
Helping them manage their investments	7	92	*
Discussing their plans for getting the assistance they might need while aging alone	25	75	*

n=352

Is General Population 50+ and knows Solo Ager(s) in SOC13 but not currently doing in SOC15

SOC17. Thinking about [that/those] Solo Ager(s), do you think you will do each of the following actions in the future, or not?

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I will	No, I will not	DK/SKP/ REF
Contact them to make sure they are okay (<i>n=87</i>)	50	49	1
Help them get to or from a doctor's appointment (<i>n=269</i>)	50	50	*
Help them manage their household like cooking, cleaning, or getting groceries (<i>n=299</i>)	35	65	*
Help them manage their day-to-day expenses like monitoring their bank accounts or keeping track of their bills (<i>n=327</i>)	23	77	*
Help them manage their investments (<i>n=330</i>)	12	86	1
Discuss their plans for getting the assistance they might need while aging alone (<i>n=268</i>)	36	63	1

Is General Population 50+ and knows Solo Ager(s) in SOC13

SOC18. How has [that Solo Ager's/those Solo Agers'] aging experiences impacted your thoughts or actions related to your own aging experience?

[OPEN-END RESPONSE]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	General Population 50+
Need to get my affairs in order and plan ahead	12
Realization that I am just like them	4
Makes me appreciate family and friends	4
Makes me concerned about my future	10
Makes me appreciate what I have	5
Concerned that I will need assistance	2
Concerned about being alone	4
They have helped me learn more/inspired me	11
Hasn't impacted me at all/much	30
Other	4
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	19
	<i>n=536</i>

HC3. Have you created a legal document such as a living will or advance treatment directive that allows someone you trust to make medical decisions for you if you cannot do so on your own?

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Yes, I have one	50	54
No, I do not have one	50	46
DON'T KNOW/ SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>	<i>n=536</i>

Has created legal document regarding medical decisions in HC3

HC4. Which of the following best describes your relationship to [this person/these people]?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+	General Population 50+
Child or children	-	69
Husband or wife	-	58
Romantic partner	2	3
Parent	8	2
Brother or sister	40	15
Niece or nephew	25	7
Other relative	24	4
Friend	23	8
Neighbor	2	-
Co-worker or boss	*	-
Minister, priest or other clergy	*	1
Volunteer or unpaid member of community service organization	*	-
Lawyer or attorney	5	6
Housekeeper	1	-
Caregiver or home health care provider	*	-
Other	6	-
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	*
	<i>n=503</i>	<i>n=313</i>

Is Solo Age 50+

HC5. Do you have a primary care doctor or physician?

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+
Yes, I have one	89
No, I do not have one	11
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has primary care doctor in HC5

HC6. Does your primary care doctor or physician know that you live alone?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes	90
No	10
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
	<i>n=964</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has primary care doctor in HC5 and has created legal document regarding medical decisions in HC3

HC7. Does your primary care doctor or physician have a copy of your living will or advance treatment directive?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes	44
No	54
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
	<i>n=469</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

LTC1. Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can be a help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This can happen at your own home, in a family member's home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional. Are you currently receiving this kind of ongoing living assistance or not?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes	5
No	94
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and receives ongoing living assistance in LTC1

LTC2. Are you currently receiving ongoing living assistance from each of the following or not?

<i>Solo Ager 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I am	No, I am not	DK/SKP/ REF
A family member	38	62	-
A friend	39	61	-
A neighbor	27	71	2
A professional caregiver or home health care provider	37	63	-

n=50

Is Solo Ager 50+ and is not receiving ongoing living assistance in LTC2

LTC3. How likely do you think it is that you will personally require ongoing living assistance some day?
[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+
Extremely likely	5
Very likely	10
Somewhat likely	42
Not too likely	33
Not at all likely	8
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
	<i>n=1,030</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

LTC4. How much planning, if any, [did you do/have you done] for your own needs for ongoing living assistance?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Solo Agers 50+
A great deal	2
Quite a bit	5
A moderate amount	15
Only a little	27
Not at all	51
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+

LTC5. Do you have someone who would help with managing your ongoing living assistance, or not?

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Yes, I have someone	43
No, I do not have someone	57
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>

Is Solo Ager 50+ and has someone to help manage ongoing living assistance in LTC5

LTC6. Which of the following best describes this person's (or persons') relationship to you?
[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

6/24-7/6/2020	Solo Agers 50+
Romantic partner	3
Parent	2
Brother or sister	39
Niece or nephew	23
Other relative	33
Friend	26
Neighbor	4
Co-worker or boss	*
Minister, priest or other clergy	1
Volunteer or unpaid member of community service organization	*
Lawyer or attorney	3
Housekeeper	1
Caregiver or home health care provider	2
Other	3
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=433</i>

LTC7. Thinking about your end of life preparations, have you taken each of the following actions, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

<i>Solo Ager 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I have	No, I have not	DK/SKP/ REF
Made pre-planned funeral arrangements or burial plans for yourself	31	68	*
Created a legal document such as a will or a trust that controls how your money and property are to be distributed	50	50	*
Designated beneficiaries on financial accounts or insurance policies	70	30	1

n=1,086

<i>General Population 50+ 6/24-7/6/2020</i>	Yes, I have	No, I have not	DK/SKP/ REF
Made pre-planned funeral arrangements or burial plans for yourself	30	70	*
Created a legal document such as a will or a trust that controls how your money and property are to be distributed	57	43	*
Designated beneficiaries on financial accounts or insurance policies	84	15	1

n=536

Is Solo Ager 50+

LTC8. Have you ever provided unpaid care or assistance to a parent or older family member? This adult may or may not have lived with you.

<i>6/24-7/6/2020</i>	<i>Solo Agers 50+</i>
Yes, I have	52
No, I do not have	48
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
	<i>n=1,086</i>