2021 AARP Washington Cares Fund Survey Annotation
Registered Voters 18-plus
August 10-24, 2021 (N=800; Weighted Results)

SCREENING QUESTIONS

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of people in certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? **[IN YEARS] [RECORD ACTUAL AGE AND USE THE AGE GROUPS BELOW TO KEEP TRACK OF HOW MANY RESPONDENTS WE ARE GETTING IN EACH GROUP].** S2. **[IF REFUSED IN S1]** I understand. Some people are not comfortable giving their age, but would you let me know which of the following age ranges you fall into?

	Total (N=800)
18-34	20.3%
35-44	19.5%
45-54	18.9%
55-64	18.5%
65 or older	22.8%

S2. To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?

	Total (N=800)
Man	48.1%
Woman	49.8%
Non-Binary/Another gender identity	1.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.8%

S3. Are you registered to vote in **Washington**?

	Total (N=800)
Yes	100.0%
No	0.0%

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Long-term care assists older Washingtonians and younger individuals with disabilities who have chronic or acute conditions or frailties with the basic tasks of daily living that they can no longer handle on their own. This includes things like bathing and dressing, toileting, preparing meals, paying bills, housekeeping, and helping with trips to the doctor or store, or helping with medication and nursing tasks like wound care. Long-term care can be provided at home or in a facility, like a nursing home.

Q1. If you or a loved one needed long-term care, would you prefer to receive that help ... **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-B. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER]**

	Total
	(N=800)
a. At home with caregiver assistance, or	84.7%
b. In a nursing home	6.9%
Something else [DO NOT READ]	1.0%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	7.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

Q2. If you or a loved one needed long-term care, how important would it be to have services that would help you or your loved one stay at home for as long as possible? Is it ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]?**

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	49.9%
Very important	34.0%
Somewhat important	12.0%
Not very important	1.9%
Not at all important	1.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

Q3. If you or a loved one needed long-term care, how important is it for you or your loved one to be able to choose where those services are provided? Is it ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]?**

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	57.7%
Very important	33.5%
Somewhat important	6.7%
Not very important	0.8%
Not at all important	0.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

Q4. Think about how a long-term stay in a nursing home or other facility might be paid for. Please tell me whether or not you think any of the following would pay for it? Would ... **[INSERT, READ, AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS A-H, BUT ALWAYS ASK A & B TOGETHER AND END WITH H]** pay for it?

	Total (N=800)
a. Medicare, the government program that provides health insurance for people 65 and older	49.1%
b. Medicare supplemental or Medi-gap insurance, this is private insurance that supplements Medicare coverage	46.0%
c. Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance for low-income families	50.9%
d. Private health insurance	50.4%
e. Personal savings	63.9%
f. Private long-term care insurance	75.4%
g. Life insurance with a long-term care option	65.2%
h. Or would you pay for it in any other way? [RECORD VERBATIMS]	28.1%

Q5. Now think about home visits from a paid caregiver, also called a home health aide, who helps with bathing, dressing, taking medications, and the like. Please tell me whether or not you think any of the following would pay for it? Would ... **[INSERT, READ, AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS A-H BELOW IN ORDER, BUT ALWAYS ASK A & B TOGETHER AND END WITH H]** pay for it?

	Total (N=800)
a. Medicare, the government program that provides health insurance for people 65 and older	52.8%
b. Medicare supplemental or Medi-gap insurance, this is private insurance that supplements Medicare coverage	52.4%
c. Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance for low-income families	52.2%
d. Private health insurance	55.1%
e. Personal savings	72.4%
f. Private long-term care insurance	75.8%
g. Life insurance with a long-term care option	67.9%
h. Or would you pay for it in any other way? [RECORD VERBATIMS]	27.3%

Q6. Medicare and private health insurance generally do not cover long-term care expenses. If you or a family member needed long-term care services, how confident are you in your ability to pay for these services? Are you ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]**?

	Total (N=800)
Extremely confident	11.2%
Very confident	12.7%
Somewhat confident	29.0%
Not very confident	21.3%
Not at all confident	23.8%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.5%

Q7. The Washington Cares Fund, also known as the Wah Cares Fund, is a new state program to help workers secure long-term care coverage for their future needs should they need help due to disability or age. Beginning on January first, workers will contribute to the program through payroll deduction of fifty-eight cents for each one hundred dollars earned. After contributing to the program for three to ten years, depending on when you retire, workers are eligible to receive thirty-six thousand, five hundred dollars in long-term care benefits. Those who have purchased private long-term care insurance and those who are retired will not have to pay into the fund but will also not receive any benefits.

Your benefits can be used to cover a broad range of long-term care services, including paying family caregivers, hiring health aides, purchasing medical equipment and more, in just about any setting, including at home. Before today, have you heard of the Washington Cares Fund?

	Total
	(N=800)
Yes	52.1%
No	46.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.5%

Q8. How familiar are you with the Washington Cares Fund? Are you ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]**?

Respondents who have heard of the Washington Cares Fund	Total
	(n=417)
Extremely familiar	10.9%
Very familiar	23.4%
Somewhat familiar	44.5%
Not very familiar	17.7%
Not at all familiar	3.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

Q9. Do you support or oppose the Washington Cares Fund? Q10. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
	(N=800)
Strongly support	28.1%
Somewhat support	23.1%
Neither support/oppose [DO NOT READ]	0.1%
Somewhat oppose	8.4%
Strongly oppose	24.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	15.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Total Support	51.2%
Total Oppose	33.0%

Q11. Now I'm going to read you some statements that describe benefits of the Washington Cares Fund. **[INSERT, READ, AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS A-E] AFTER EACH STATEMENT READ ...** Hearing this, how important is this benefit to you? Is it ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]**?

a. Under the Washington Cares Fund, no one can be turned down for pre-existing conditions, unlike private long-term care insurance

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	36.0%
Very important	28.6%
Somewhat important	15.0%
Not very important	5.1%
Not at all important	12.8%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.3%

b. Under the Washington Cares Fund, both men and women pay the same amount, where in private long-term care insurance woman can pay up to 50 percent more than men

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	28.6%
Very important	25.5%
Somewhat important	18.8%
Not very important	7.0%
Not at all important	16.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.3%

c. Workers only pay into the Washington Cares Fund during their working years, while private long-term care insurance payments can go on for decades after retirement

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	18.2%
Very important	27.3%
Somewhat important	24.7%
Not very important	8.5%
Not at all important	17.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.2%

d. Under the Washington Cares Fund, participants can pay a family caregiver to help them with their needs, something private long-term care insurance options do not usually allow

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	24.1%
Very important	30.8%
Somewhat important	21.3%
Not very important	6.4%
Not at all important	13.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.6%

e. While the life-time benefit is smaller, the Washington Cares Fund costs less than private long-term care insurance for most workers

	Total
	(N=800)
Extremely important	16.9%
Very important	27.5%
Somewhat important	25.1%
Not very important	6.7%
Not at all important	18.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.7%

Q12. Having now heard more features of the Washington Cares Fund, does this information make you ... **[INSERT AND READ OPTIONS BELOW IN ORDER]**?

	Total
	(N=800)
Much more likely to support the program	24.2%
Somewhat more likely to support the program	20.3%
Somewhat less likely to support the program	3.5%
Much less likely to support the program, or	8.5%
Does it not make a difference	40.0%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.5%

Q13-Q17. To be released at a later date.

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. What is your current marital status? Are you ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total (N=800)
Married	56.7%
Not married, but living with your partner or significant other	8.7%
Separated	0.2%
Divorced	8.6%
Widowed	4.5%
Or are you currently single and never married	16.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4.2%

D2. **[IF D1=1 AND AGE 50+, ASK: "Are you or your spouse currently a member of A-A-R-P?" IF D1=2 AND AGE 50+, ASK: "Are you or your partner currently a member of A-A-R-P?" OTHERWISE IF 50+, ASK "Are you currently a member of A-A-R-P?"]**

Respondents 50+	Total (n=407)
Yes	35.3%
No	59.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.9%

D3. Would you say your health In general is ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total (N=800)
Excellent	21.0%
Very good	33.3%
Good	28.6%
Fair	10.2%
Poor	3.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.0%

D4. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

	Total (N=800)
Yes	14.7%
No	80.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.6%

D5. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	Total
	(N=800)
Yes	5.9%
No	88.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4.7%

D6. What is your race? Are you ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

	Total
	(N=800)
White or Caucasian	81.7%
Black or African American	3.4%
Native American or Alaska Native	1.8%
Asian	3.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or	0.8%
Some other race	4.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	5.1%

D7. What is the highest level of education that you completed? Is it ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
	(N=800)
0-12 th grade, but with no diploma	2.0%
High school graduate or equivalent	15.1%
Post high school education, but with no degree	14.4%
2 year degree	15.4%
4 year degree	26.7%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	4.9%
Graduate or professional degree	16.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4.3%

D8. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY AND ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

	Total
	(N=800)
Self-employed full-time	6.2%
Self-employed part-time	3.8%
Employed full-time	43.1%
Employed part-time	7.9%
Student	2.9%
Retired and not working at all	22.3%
Unemployed and looking for work	4.4%
Not in the labor force for other reasons	6.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4.4%

D9. **[ASK IF D8 <> RETIRED AND NOT WORKING AT ALL]** Do you plan to retire in ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

Respondents who are not retired	Total
	(N=622)
Washington, or	56.2%
Some other state or country	17.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	21.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	5.2%

D10. Thinking about your state elections for Washington Governor and Legislators in the last 10 years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior? Would you say you vote ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
	(N=800)
Always	55.3%
Most of the time	25.6%
About half of the time	7.2%
Seldom	4.4%
Never	1.7%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4.6%

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a ...? **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C, FOLLOW UP WITH D]**

	Total
	(N=800)
a. Democrat	29.8%
b. Republican	19.2%
c. Independent	30.8%
Or something else [DO NOT READ]	9.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	8.0%

D12. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are ...? **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C]**

	Total
	(N=800)
Conservative	24.7%
Moderate	34.5%
Liberal	25.4%
None of these [DO NOT READ]	4.0%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	7.6%

D13. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that includes your household's income before taxes in 2020. Was it ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
	(N=800)
Less than \$10,000	2.1%
\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	3.2%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	5.4%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	6.1%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	5.9%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	7.0%
\$60,000 to less than \$75,000	7.3%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10.5%
\$100,000 to less than \$125,000	9.0%
\$125,000 to less than \$150,000	5.8%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	6.7%
\$200,000 or more	9.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	4.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	17.1%

Thank you. That is our last question for today/tonight.

METHODOLOGY

AARP Washington commissioned a telephone survey among 800 registered voters age 18-plus in Washington to learn their views the Washington Cares Fund. The sample utilized an age-targeted landline and cell phone registered voter list obtained from Aristotle International. The sample database consisted of 4,592,089 registered voters age 18-plus in the State of Washington. There are approximately 1,359,839 residents of Washington age 18-plus who are not registered to vote, and there are approximately 2,549,852 registered voters age 18-plus who did not have a phone number on file that were not included in the sampling of this study.

Quotas were used in this study based on age and gender and were filled based on responses to questions in the questionnaire. They were designed to yield a proportional representation of the Washington age 18-plus registered voter population. Respondents were selected at random from the sample list to be dialed. American Directions Research Group (ADRG) asked to speak with the registered voter listed on the file. If that person was unavailable, ADRG asked to speak with another member of the household aged 18-plus who was registered to vote in Washington.

The interviews averaged 17 minutes in length and were conducted in English.

This annotation highlights results from 800 registered voters interviewed from August 10, 2021 to August 24, 2021. The data collection and weighting were performed by ADRG. The data is weighted by age and gender. The survey has a margin of sampling error of ± 3.46 . Percentages reported are rounded. For more information about the methodology, contact Terri Guengerich, AARP Research, tguengerich@aarp.org, (202)434-6306.