Long-Term Care in New York – A 2021 Survey of Registered Voters 50 Years and Older: Annotated Questionnaire

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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
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
40 to 49	0.0%
50 to 54	16.0%
55 to 64	33.9%
65+	50.2%
Refused [THANK & TERMINATE]	0.0%

S3. To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender? **[CODE TO LIST BELOW]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Man	44.4%
Woman	55.4%
Non-Binary	0.0%
Another gender identity	0.0%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

S4. Are you registered to vote in New York?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Yes	100.0%
No [THANK & TERMINATE]	0.0%

S5. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Yes	8.6%
No	90.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.4%

S6. What is your race? Are you ...? **[INSERT AND READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY AND ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
White or Caucasian	78.6%
Black or African American	8.4%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1.8%
Asian	3.5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.3%
Or are you some other race?	6.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.8%

Main Questionnaire

Family Caregiver

Q1. A family caregiver is someone who provides **UNPAID** care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This **UNPAID** care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care. Are you now or have you ever been a family caregiver who provided **UNPAID** care to an adult loved one? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENTS ASKS IF THE PERSON THEY PROVIDE OR HAVE PROVIDED CARE TO HAD TO LIVE WITH THEM, THE INTERVIEWER SHOULD SAY ... "THIIS PERSON DID NOT HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOU."]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Yes, I am currently providing unpaid care to an adult loved one	11.2%
Yes, I have been an unpaid family caregiver in the past	30.7%
No, I have never been an unpaid caregiver	57.8%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

Q2. IF CURRENT OR FORMER CAREGIVER, ASK Q2-Q6. Have you ever been employed either full- or part-time while providing care to your adult loved one?

Current & Former Caregivers	Total	AA/B	H/L	A/PI
<i>Weighted n</i>	504	92	82	73
Yes	68.4%	71.8%	53.9%	65.8%
No	31.6%	28.2%	46.1%	34.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Questions 3-5 may be released at a later date.

Q6. As a caregiver do [DID FOR FORMER CAREGIVERS] you ever ...? [INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C] [RECORD A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM]

Current & Former Caregivers	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	504
a. Feel stressed emotionally due to your caregiving responsibilities	73.4%
b. Feel strained financially due to your caregiving responsibilities	37.2%
<i>Weighted n (working caregivers)</i>	344
c. Feel stressed in balancing your job and family responsibilities [SKIP IF ANSWERED NO/NOT SURE/REFUSED TO Q2]	74.9%

Question 7 may be released at a later date.

Q8. Do you believe that the New York state government offers enough support for unpaid family caregivers?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Yes	16.4%
No	51.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	32.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

Questions 9-11 may be released at a later date.

Tax Credit

Q12. Do you support or oppose providing a limited state income tax credit to family caregivers who incur expenses for the care and support of a family member living in New York? Q13. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Strongly support	63.6%
Somewhat support	21.2%
Neither support/oppose/not sure [DO NOT READ]	6.4%

Somewhat oppose	3.2%
Strongly oppose	5.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
SUPPORT	84.8%
OPPOSE	8.8%

Long-Term Care

Long-term care assists older Americans who have chronic or acute conditions, disabilities, 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, preparing meals, helping with medication and nursing tasks like wound care, paying bills, housekeeping, and helping with trips to the doctor or store. Long-term care can be provided at home or in a facility, like a nursing home.

Q14. If you or a loved one needed long-term care, where would you prefer to receive that help? **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
a. At home with caregiver assistance	87.0%
b. In a nursing home	2.3%
c. In an assisted living facility or group home	6.7%
Something else [DO NOT READ]	1.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

Q15. 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 RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]**?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely important	61.2%
Very important	27.0%
Somewhat important	8.1%
Not very important	0.9%
Not at all important	0.7%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.3%

Q16. 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 RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]**?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely important	63.5%
Very important	29.8%
Somewhat important	4.9%
Not very important	0.5%
Not at all important	0.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

Q17. If you or a loved one needed to receive care in a nursing home, how concerned would you be about ... **[INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-E]**? Would you be ... **[INSERT AND READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]**

a. The cost of care?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely concerned	57.5%
Very concerned	27.7%
Somewhat concerned	10.5%
Not very concerned	1.2%
Not at all concerned	1.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

b. Exposure to COVID-19 or its variants or other infections?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely concerned	51.5%
Very concerned	26.2%
Somewhat concerned	12.0%
Not very concerned	5.5%
Not at all concerned	3.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.3%

c. Being isolated and alone?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely concerned	54.3%
Very concerned	31.7%
Somewhat concerned	8.3%
Not very concerned	2.2%
Not at all concerned	2.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.4%

d. Not being able to have visitors?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Extremely concerned	57.2%
Very concerned	28.7%
Somewhat concerned	9.4%
Not very concerned	2.1%
Not at all concerned	1.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

e. The nursing home not having enough staff to provide care?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Extremely concerned	65.5%
Very concerned	28.1%
Somewhat concerned	4.1%
Not very concerned	0.3%
Not at all concerned	1.0%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

f. The quality of care you or your loved one would receive?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Extremely concerned	67.7%
Very concerned	27.8%
Somewhat concerned	2.5%
Not very concerned	0.8%
Not at all concerned	0.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

Transparency

Q18. Currently, safety inspections of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities do not occur on a regular, ongoing basis, such as monthly. Do you support or oppose increasing the frequency of these inspections to at least once each year? Q19. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Strongly support	86.1%
Somewhat support	7.5%
Neither support/oppose/not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.7%
Somewhat oppose	1.5%
Strongly oppose	2.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
SUPPORT	93.6%
OPPOSE	2.7%

Question 20 may be released at a later date.

Staffing

Q21. Many nursing homes and other long-term care facilities are currently experiencing a shortage of staff and have difficulties in hiring new staff. Do you support or oppose increasing government funding to nursing homes and other long-term care facilities to improve pay and benefits to help attract and maintain staff? Q22. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Strongly support	67.9%
Somewhat support	17.1%
Neither support/oppose/not sure [DO NOT READ]	5.3%
Somewhat oppose	3.1%
Strongly oppose	6.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%
SUPPORT	85.0%
OPPOSE	9.7%

Questions 23-24 may be released at a later date.

Home Care

Q25. Do you support or oppose increasing community and state services to help seniors live independently at home longer as they age? Q26. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Strongly support	81.5%
Somewhat support	12.1%
Neither support/oppose/not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.1%
Somewhat oppose	0.9%
Strongly oppose	2.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
SUPPORT	93.6%
OPPOSE	3.3%

Q27. In the last year, about eleven thousand seniors have been on a waiting list to receive long-term care at home. Do you support or oppose increasing funding so more seniors can receive long-term care at home, instead of a nursing home? Q28. Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Strongly support	80.6%
Somewhat support	12.0%
Neither support/oppose/not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.9%
Somewhat oppose	2.1%
Strongly oppose	2.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%
SUPPORT	92.6%
OPPOSE	4.4%

Questions 29-33 may 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
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Married	55.0%
Not married, but living with your partner or significant other	4.4%
Separated	2.1%
Divorced	14.0%
Widowed	8.9%
Or are you currently single and never married	12.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.1%

D2. **[IF D1 = 1 ASK: “Are you or your spouse currently a member of A-A-R-P?” IF D1 = 2 ASK: “Are you or your partner currently a member of A-A-R-P?” OTHERWISE ASK “Are you currently a member of A-A-R-P?”]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Yes	35.0%
No	62.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.7%

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

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Excellent	19.0%
Very good	31.0%
Good	32.2%
Fair	13.0%
Poor	3.7%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.5%

D4. Do you own or rent your primary residence?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Own	69.8%
Rent	25.2%
Other living arrangement [DO NOT READ]	2.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.8%

D5. What type of home is your primary residence? Is it ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Single family home	67.6%
Mobile home	2.4%
Town home or duplex	3.2%
Apartment	17.3%
Condominium or coop, or	6.0%
Something else [DO NOT READ]	1.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.3%

D6. What is the highest level of education that you completed? Is it ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
0 to 12 th grade, but with no diploma	3.7%
High school graduate or equivalent	21.0%
Post high school education, but with no degree	10.8%
2 year degree	16.2%
4 year degree	20.8%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	5.8%
Graduate or professional degree	18.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.2%

D7. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you ...? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Self-employed full-time	6.8%
Self-employed part-time	4.2%
Employed full-time	26.1%
Employed part-time	8.4%
Retired and not working at all	45.2%
Unemployed and looking for work	2.3%
Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons	4.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.6%

D8. Thinking about your state elections for New York Governor and State 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
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Always	64.6%
Most of the time	22.1%
About half of the time	6.6%
Seldom, or	3.5%
Never	1.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.9%

D9. Do you consider yourself to be a ...? [INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C, FOLLOW UP WITH D]

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
a. Democrat	40.9%
b. Republican	23.5%
c. Independent	20.7%
d. Something else [DO NOT READ]	9.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.2%

D10. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are ...? [INSERT, READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C]

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
a. Conservative	31.6%
b. Moderate	34.5%
c. Liberal	21.4%
None of these [DO NOT READ]	4.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	4.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.6%

D11. 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
<i>Weighted n</i>	1201
Less than \$10,000	3.7%
\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	7.6%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	6.2%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8.2%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	6.2%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	6.9%
\$60,000 to less than \$75,000	9.4%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10.8%
\$100,000 to less than \$125,000	6.6%
\$125,000 to less than \$150,000	4.6%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	3.2%
\$200,000 or more	5.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	4.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	15.7%

D12. Which of the following best describes the community where you live? **[INSERT AND READ EACH RESPONSE OPTION IN ORDER]**

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
An urban area near a mix of offices, apartments and shops	12.3%
An urban area that is mostly residential	18.9%
A suburban area with a mix of offices, apartments and shops	9.7%
A suburban area that is mostly residential	19.0%
A small town, or	16.4%
A rural area	17.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.6%

D13. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Yes	22.2%
No	74.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.0%

D14. Do you identify as L-G-B-T-Q? Is that yes, no, or do you prefer not to say?

	Total
<i>Weighted n</i>	<i>1201</i>
Yes	2.6%
No	90.0%
Prefer not to say	1.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.7%

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

Methodology

AARP New York commissioned a telephone survey among 1,201 registered voters age 50-plus in New York to learn their views on long-term care and related proposals being considered by the New York State Legislature. This main sample utilized an age-targeted landline and cell phone registered voter list obtained from Aristotle International. This study included an oversample of 200 registered voters who identify their race as African American or Black and 200 registered voters who identify their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino. An additional oversample of 202 registered voters age 40-plus who identify their race as Asian or Pacific Islander was also conducted via a nonprobability methodology of opt-in online and live telephone interviews.

The main sample database consisted of 6,291,987 registered voters age 50-plus in the State of New York. There are approximately 880,639 residents of New York age 50-plus who are not registered to vote, and there are approximately 2,626,104 registered voters age 50-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 New York age 50-plus registered voter population. Respondents were selected at random from the main 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 50-plus who was registered to vote in New York. The interviews averaged 17 minutes in length and were conducted in English and Spanish. The survey has a margin of sampling error of ± 2.83 percent.

This annotation highlights results from 1,201 registered voters 50-plus and from 202 registered voters 40-plus conducted from the opt-in panel. Voters were interviewed from November 16, 2021 to December 12, 2021. The data collection was performed by ADRG. The data is weighted by age, gender, race and ethnicity, and AARP membership status. Percentages reported are rounded. For more information about the methodology, contact Terri Guengerich, AARP Research, tguengerich@aarp.org, (202)434-6306.