



50+ Community Survey

for Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church

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Background

- Administered by National Research Center, Inc.
- Collaborative effort across multiple agencies
- 4,777 completed surveys (22% response rate)
- Outreach efforts – ICMA recognition



Focus for Today

- Follow-up to presentation in May 2019
 - Organized by **50+ Action Plan categories**
- Further analysis provides insight into **notable findings** by:
 - Race and Hispanic ethnicity
 - Age and gender
 - Range of values across Fairfax County Supervisor Districts
- Detailed data available via 50+ Community Survey website:
 - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/50-plus-community-survey

Demographics of Survey Respondents

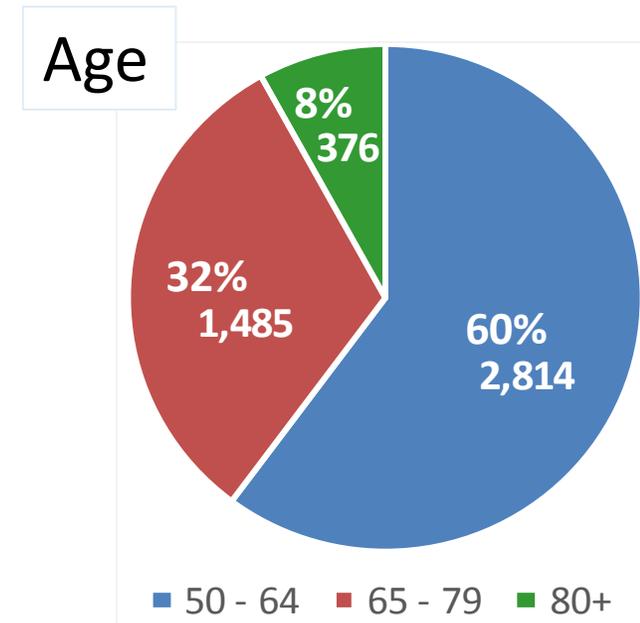
Demographic Comparisons

Race/Ethnicity	County Demographics	Strategic Plan Survey	50+ Survey
White/Caucasian	61%	66%	67%
Asian/Pacific Islander	20%	8.2%	18%
Black/African American	10%	5%	9%
Other	9%	3%	9%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%	0.3%	1%
"Prefer Not to Answer"/Left Blank	N/A	18%	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	16%	5.5%	13%

**Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option and/or due to rounding.*

13% of respondents (or 622) reported Hispanic/Latino origin*

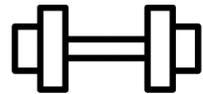
A majority of respondents were White heterosexual females younger than age 65 with an annual household income of \$75,000 or more.



Safe and Healthy Community

➤ Rate excellent or good

- **Mental health** = 89% overall
 - 10% to 14% experience loneliness, isolation, boredom and depression



- **Physical health** = 83% overall
 - 85% maintain a healthy diet
 - 81% stay physically fit

➤ Report at least a minor problem

- **Affording needed medications** = 26% overall
 - 36% (Asian, Hispanic)
 - 20% to 30% (range across Districts)



- **Having enough food to eat** = 10% overall
 - 22% (Black), 17% (Hispanic)
 - 6% to 19% (range across Districts)

Safe and Healthy Community (continued)

➤ Report at least a minor problem



- **Victim of fraud or scam** = 18% overall
 - 14% to 22% (range across Districts)

- **Physically or emotionally abused** = 9% overall
 - 13% (ages 50 to 54)
 - 5% to 14% (range across Districts)



- **Falling or injuring in the home** = 17% overall
 - 14% to 25% (range across Districts)

Housing

➤ Rate excellent or good

- **Availability of affordable quality housing** = 18% overall
 - 28% (age 75+)
 - 12% to 25% (range across Districts)
- **Neighborliness** = 52% overall
 - 61% (age 75+)
 - 46% to 57% (range across Districts)

➤ Report at least a minor problem

- **Having housing to suit your needs** = 29% overall
 - 38% (ages 50-54)
 - 23% to 35% (range across Districts)



Transportation

➤ Rate excellent or good

- **Ease of travel by public transportation** = 44% overall
 - 33% to 55% (range across Districts)
- **Ease of walking** in the area = 43% overall
 - 32% to 47% (range across Districts)
- **Ease of getting places** you usually have to visit = 57% overall
 - 64% (age 75+)
 - 47% to 59% (range across Districts)

➤ Report at least a minor problem

- **Having safe and affordable transportation available** = 27% overall
 - 24% to 38% (range across Districts)

➤ **Use of public transportation** instead of driving in the last year = 22% overall

- 49% = no use
- 32% = use by Black respondents



Community Engagement

➤ Rate excellent or good

- **Volunteering opportunities** = 88% overall
 - 80% to 91% (range across Districts)
- **Recreation opportunities** = 86% overall
 - 34% (White) to 51% (Asian) and 56% (Hispanic) = at least a minor problem with having interesting **recreational or cultural activities** to attend (39% overall)
- **Information about resources for older adults** = 50% overall
 - 42% (Hispanic), 41% (Asian)

➤ Spend at least one hour...

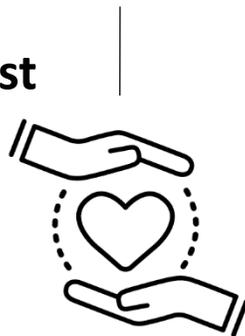
- **Volunteering time to group or activity** = 33% overall
 - 29% (Asian) to 38% (Black)
 - 28% to 37% (range across Districts)
- **Participating in a recreation program or group activity** = 49% overall
 - 44% to 54% (range across Districts)



Services for Older Adults and Family Caregivers

➤ Caregiving activities

- **Receiving assistance from someone almost every day = 4% overall**
 - 9% (age 75+)
 - 7% (Hispanic)
- **Providing at least one hour of care to one or more individuals...**
 - Ages 60 or older = 40% overall
 - 50% (Asian)
 - Ages 18 to 59 = 30% overall
 - 42% (Hispanic), 41% (Asian)
 - Under age 18 = 29% overall
 - 34% (Hispanic), 33% (Asian, Black)



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- **Feeling burdened by providing care for another person**
 - **Physical** burden = 24% overall
 - 32% (Hispanic), 37% (Asian)
 - 27% (ages 50-54 and 60-64)
 - **Emotional** burden = 30% overall
 - 38% (Asian)
 - 37% (ages 50-54)
 - **Financial** burden = 27% overall
 - 38% (Hispanic), 40% (Asian)
 - 35% (ages 50-54)
- **96%** report not attending a caregiver support group in the last year

Long Range Planning

➤ Rate excellent or good

- **Employment opportunities** = 72% overall
 - 70% (Female) to 75% (Male)
- **Cost of Living** = 13% overall
 - 9% (White) to 20% (Asian, Black)
 - 10% to 21% (range across Districts)

➤ Somewhat or very likely to...

- **Remain in Fairfax County area throughout retirement** = 62% overall
 - 56% (White) to 79% (Asian)
 - 55% to 70% (range across Districts)

➤ Report at least a minor problem

- **Having enough money to meet daily expenses** = 30% overall
 - 39% (Ages 50-54)
 - 45% (Black), 42% (Asian), 36% (Hispanic)
 - 23% to 42% (range across Districts)
- **Paying property taxes** = 31% overall
 - 39% (Ages 50-54)
 - 42% (Asian), 39% (Black), 38% (Hispanic)
 - 29% to 40% (range across Districts)



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Questions?