

## AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey: Comparison of Survey Response Type Vermont Adults Ages 45 and Older

Objective: To compare AARP survey responses collected between April 11<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Demographic Characteristics of Respondents	Online Survey Total = 2,711	Paper Survey (English) Total = 56	Paper Survey (Vietnamese) Total = 45
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	664 (24%)	16 (29%)	19 (42%)
Female	2,015 (74%)	37 (66%)	25 (56%)
Other	32 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Missing	0 (0%)	3 (5%)	1 (2%)
<b>Age Group</b>			
45-64 years	1,009 (37%)	10 (18%)	13 (29%)
65-74 years	952 (35%)	10 (18%)	5 (11%)
75-84 years	314 (12%)	16 (29%)	5 (11%)
85+ years	37 (1%)	14 (25%)	1 (2%)
Missing	399 (15%)	6 (11%)	21 (47%)
<b>Education Level</b>			
High school or less	174 (6%)	9 (16%)	24 (53%)
Some college	266 (10%)	5 (9%)	13 (29%)
College or more	1,373 (51%)	3 (5%)	2 (4%)
Missing	898 (33%)	39 (70%)	6 (13%)
<b>Household Income Level</b>			
Low <\$20K	189 (7%)	23 (41%)	11 (24%)
Middle \$20K-<\$50K	598 (22%)	19 (34%)	14 (31%)
High \$50K-<\$75K	515 (19%)	3 (5%)	8 (18%)
Highest \$75K+	1,245 (46%)	1 (2%)	7 (16%)
Missing	164 (6%)	10 (18%)	5 (11%)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White, non-Hispanic	2,541 (94%)	50 (89%)	3 (7%)
Asian	23 (1%)	1 (2%)	39 (87%)
Other BIPOC	101 (4%)	0	3 (7%)
Missing	46 (1%)	5 (9%)	0

AARP Age-Friendly Survey Responses	Percent of Online Respondents that agreed	Percent of Paper Respondents that agreed (English)	Percent of Paper Respondents that agreed (Vietnamese)
<b>It is extremely or very important to age in your own home</b>	93%	30%	71%
Missing	0%	64%	2%
<b>Current housing needs repair to live independently</b>	43%	11%	82%
Missing	0%	64%	82%
<b>Cost of maintaining current residence would be a <i>major factor</i> for moving in the future</b>	48%	5%	47%
Missing		91%	24%
<b>Often feel isolated from others</b>	9%	11%	9%
Missing	0%	12%	16%
<b>Do not have family or friends that can help them at any time of day</b>	13%	11%	7%
Missing	0%	4%	7%
<b>Currently a caregiver</b>	17%	2%	36%
Missing	0%	68%	24%

### Highlights:

- Online survey responses make up most of the Vermont AARP age-friendly community survey responses (96%).
- Many of the questions on the paper surveys had a high percentage of responses missing, particularly the English survey responses.
- Paper survey respondents were generally older.
  - Twenty-five percent of English paper survey respondents were 85 years or older compared to only 1% of online respondent.
  - Almost half of the Vietnamese paper survey respondents did not share their age
- Overall, a higher percentage of paper survey respondents identified as being in the low household income level or having a high school education or less when compared to the online survey respondents.
- Eighty-two percent of Vietnamese paper survey respondents reported that their current housing needs repair to live independently compared to 43% of online survey respondents.
- Due to the small sample size and high percentage of response missingness, it may be difficult to generalize the results from the paper surveys.