

50+ Community Survey Responses Organized by County Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Introduction

This report summarizes the responses to the 50+ Community Survey at the Supervisor District level. The information is organized by Fairfax County Strategic Plan priority areas. These areas provided additional categories to highlight topic related to self-sufficiency, lifelong learning, and safety and security that may be useful in future planning efforts.

When reviewing the response data, read each question carefully as a response with a high percentage does not always translate to a positive condition (i.e., a favorable answer). Similarly, a response with a low percentage does not always denote a negative condition or answer.

For additional reports, visit the 50+ Community Survey webpage: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/50-plus-community-survey

Responses by District and City												
	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
Response Rate	26%	23%	23%	20%	20%	22%	19%	24%	20%	22%	22%	22%
Number of Responses	533	469	470	408	410	447	388	489	410	447	306	4,777

Cultural and Recreational Opportunities

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	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Recreation opportunities (including games, arts and services, etc.)	88%	89%	83%	85%	84%	87%	85%	85%	82%	89%	90%	86%
Opportunities to attend social events or activities	75%	75%	71%	71%	70%	73%	72%	76%	66%	76%	82%	73%
Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities	86%	90%	83%	85%	81%	89%	84%	89%	85%	87%	91%	86%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	38%	36%	35%	40%	49%	34%	39%	43%	43%	41%	32%	39%
Having interesting social events or activities to attend	44%	37%	42%	46%	53%	34%	44%	46%	46%	42%	42%	43%
% respondents who participated in or did the following at least once in the last year:												
Used a senior center	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	12%	6%	5%
Used a recreation center	18%	17%	18%	14%	16%	15%	13%	17%	15%	15%	17%	16%
Used a public library	27%	27%	27%	26%	25%	28%	28%	28%	26%	31%	30%	27%
Visited a neighborhood park	40%	38%	39%	32%	23%	36%	30%	31%	28%	36%	40%	34%
% respondents who spent at least 1 hour doing the following:												
Participate in a club (including book, dance, game and other social)	6%	40%	39%	34%	31%	32%	33%	31%	30%	38%	42%	35%
Participate in religious or spiritual activities with others	64%	55%	56%	60%	63%	53%	53%	56%	62%	52%	51%	57%
Participate in a recreation program or group activity	51%	54%	52%	49%	47%	46%	48%	44%	50%	49%	55%	49%

Economic Opportunity

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	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Fairfax County as a place to retire	51%	41%	44%	56%	51%	51%	41%	45%	40%	53%	57%	48%
Employment opportunities	74%	75%	70%	67%	70%	75%	70%	72%	78%	72%	72%	72%
Availability of financial and legal planning services	58%	58%	56%	52%	57%	59%	59%	59%	53%	58%	62%	57%
Cost of living in the Fairfax County area	12%	11%	12%	13%	21%	13%	10%	13%	12%	15%	9%	13%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Having enough money to pay property taxes	31%	31%	31%	34%	40%	30%	29%	29%	35%	24%	22%	31%
Dealing with legal issues	30%	22%	22%	24%	31%	24%	24%	17%	23%	25%	25%	24%
Finding work in retirement	35%	25%	33%	37%	34%	29%	32%	32%	34%	23%	25%	31%
Building skills for paid or unpaid work	37%	29%	32%	32%	36%	28%	21%	25%	27%	23%	24%	29%
Dealing with financial planning issues	39%	36%	36%	31%	39%	39%	42%	35%	38%	35%	34%	37%
% respondents somewhat or very likely to:												
Recommend living in Fairfax County area	69%	58%	56%	70%	76%	69%	59%	61%	59%	68%	71%	65%
Remain in Fairfax County area throughout retirement	66%	60%	57%	65%	70%	60%	60%	55%	57%	67%	65%	62%

Education and Lifelong Learning

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% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes	83%	87%	77%	78%	76%	82%	87%	85%	81%	83%	89%	82%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Finding productive or meaningful activities to do	27%	26%	26%	33%	36%	26%	25%	30%	32%	33%	26%	29%
% respondents who participated in or did the following at least once in the last year:												
Used a public library in Fairfax County	27%	27%	27%	26%	25%	28%	28%	28%	26%	31%	30%	27%

Effective and Efficient Government

Effective and Efficient Government												
	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters	70%	69%	71%	69%	69%	77%	71%	73%	68%	79%	81%	72%
Availability of information about resources for older adults	54%	48%	45%	47%	48%	51%	51%	44%	42%	58%	57%	50%
Rating overall quality of services to older adults	63%	62%	55%	62%	59%	65%	64%	61%	58%	64%	72%	62%
% respondents somewhat or very informed about:												
Services and activities for older adults	51%	50%	50%	47%	53%	50%	43%	46%	44%	59%	51%	49%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	43%	44%	39%	39%	38%	36%	39%	40%	42%	32%	38%	39%
Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	62%	54%	61%	68%	65%	56%	60%	62%	67%	56%	56%	61%
Being treated unfairly or discriminated against because of age	27%	25%	24%	28%	29%	22%	28%	28%	28%	24%	27%	27%

Health and Environment

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	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	87%	87%	81%	81%	82%	86%	83%	88%	78%	89%	88%	85%
Availability of long-term care options	43%	38%	40%	49%	47%	47%	41%	43%	43%	43%	49%	44%
Availability of daytime care options for older adults	41%	42%	37%	44%	50%	42%	40%	39%	38%	47%	44%	43%
Availability of affordable quality physical health care	57%	58%	54%	60%	54%	61%	55%	59%	51%	54%	63%	57%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	45%	52%	39%	50%	45%	44%	42%	47%	44%	44%	48%	45%
Availability of preventive health services (i.e., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)	76%	75%	69%	70%	67%	68%	71%	75%	73%	75%	76%	72%
Rate your overall physical health	80%	86%	88%	81%	77%	83%	84%	85%	80%	82%	85%	83%
Rate your overall mental health/emotional wellbeing	86%	93%	92%	86%	87%	90%	88%	91%	91%	90%	92%	89%
Rate your overall quality of life	84%	84%	89%	83%	82%	87%	83%	87%	89%	86%	87%	85%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Your physical health	51%	46%	46%	54%	55%	48%	49%	50%	44%	50%	49%	49%
Doing heavy or intense housework	44%	44%	40%	42%	53%	40%	46%	45%	42%	48%	32%	44%
Feeling depressed	34%	28%	25%	32%	38%	30%	39%	35%	32%	31%	35%	33%
Experiencing forgetfulness or confusion	25%	23%	18%	24%	30%	26%	25%	25%	22%	24%	23%	24%
Maintaining your home	38%	33%	31%	32%	35%	33%	33%	38%	34%	35%	26%	34%
Maintaining your yard	43%	33%	44%	36%	37%	34%	30%	40%	38%	38%	21%	36%
Having friends or family you can rely on	30%	30%	31%	35%	38%	30%	27%	31%	28%	30%	25%	30%
Falling or injuring yourself in your home	15%	16%	16%	18%	25%	14%	17%	17%	15%	17%	11%	17%
Finding affordable health insurance	27%	33%	35%	32%	40%	25%	35%	30%	40%	31%	33%	33%
Getting the health care you need	25%	24%	29%	25%	31%	22%	27%	25%	30%	22%	25%	26%
Affording the medications you need	27%	25%	27%	27%	30%	20%	24%	29%	28%	23%	24%	26%

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Figuring out which medications to take and when	12%	10%	10%	12%	16%	8%	13%	11%	9%	12%	6%	11%
Getting the oral health care you need	20%	21%	20%	22%	32%	20%	20%	20%	20%	18%	18%	21%
Getting the vision care you need	20%	17%	18%	24%	31%	15%	18%	19%	23%	16%	16%	20%
Staying physically fit	53%	48%	50%	51%	59%	50%	49%	49%	47%	52%	49%	51%
Maintaining a healthy diet	43%	36%	44%	44%	46%	40%	44%	41%	44%	40%	39%	42%
Feeling bored	36%	34%	34%	44%	43%	31%	40%	38%	44%	42%	34%	38%
Feeling lonely or isolated	29%	30%	27%	34%	36%	25%	36%	31%	32%	31%	29%	31%
Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	34%	39%	29%	29%	39%	29%	31%	31%	35%	30%	31%	32%
% respondents who spent at least one day:												
As a patient in a hospital	17%	18%	17%	23%	17%	14%	15%	16%	11%	19%	14%	16%
In a nursing home or in-patient rehabilitation facility	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%
% respondents who did the following at least once in the last year:												
Fallen and injured yourself	21%	29%	29%	25%	25%	27%	27%	22%	20%	28%	25%	25%
% respondents who spent at least one hour:												
Communicating/visiting with friends and/or family	97%	93%	96%	92%	91%	94%	92%	94%	92%	96%	94%	94%
% respondents who always or usually:												
Eat at least five portions of fruits and vegetables a day	49%	49%	54%	50%	48%	43%	52%	49%	46%	45%	56%	49%
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	50%	53%	56%	53%	39%	46%	57%	53%	47%	49%	57%	51%

Housing and Neighborhood Livability

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% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Rate Fairfax County as a place to live	93%	91%	90%	89%	86%	90%	91%	93%	93%	92%	94%	91%
Opportunities to volunteer	87%	91%	87%	85%	80%	86%	91%	89%	86%	92%	90%	88%
Availability of affordable quality housing	20%	17%	13%	19%	25%	21%	12%	19%	16%	18%	13%	18%
Variety of housing options	46%	43%	36%	40%	38%	48%	36%	46%	46%	42%	37%	42%
Sense of community	52%	62%	48%	49%	53%	49%	48%	50%	47%	55%	59%	52%
Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds	55%	60%	57%	63%	53%	62%	58%	61%	50%	56%	63%	58%
Valuing older residents	56%	52%	49%	57%	56%	55%	54%	54%	49%	58%	55%	54%
Neighborhoodness of the Fairfax County area	54%	50%	47%	51%	57%	55%	54%	47%	46%	55%	56%	52%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Having housing to suit your needs	27%	26%	26%	32%	34%	23%	35%	26%	35%	25%	28%	29%
Feeling like your voice is heard in the community	55%	57%	61%	53%	57%	55%	50%	55%	62%	48%	48%	55%
Finding meaningful volunteer work	36%	27%	34%	32%	37%	29%	36%	28%	43%	27%	34%	33%
% respondents who participated in or did the following at least once in the last year:												
A local public meeting	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%	4%	3%
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	3%	6%	8%	4%	9%	7%	5%	5%	4%	10%	5%	6%
% respondents who spent at least 1 hour doing the following:												
Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	9%	8%	8%	11%	8%	11%	8%	8%	9%	13%	8%	9%
Volunteering your time to some group/activity in Fairfax County	36%	37%	37%	36%	28%	29%	33%	33%	30%	34%	32%	33%
% respondents who always or usually:												
Vote in local elections	85%	85%	86%	87%	80%	85%	81%	85%	83%	88%	88%	85%

Mobility and Transportation

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	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Ease of travel by public transportation in the Fairfax County area	35%	43%	33%	53%	55%	47%	44%	42%	35%	43%	52%	44%
Ease of car travel in the Fairfax County area	50%	45%	41%	54%	56%	47%	46%	52%	37%	43%	44%	47%
Ease of walking in the Fairfax County area	43%	47%	32%	46%	43%	40%	38%	44%	40%	45%	51%	43%
Ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	58%	55%	52%	58%	59%	59%	58%	57%	47%	56%	65%	57%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Having safe and affordable transportation available	25%	25%	28%	27%	38%	24%	24%	27%	30%	25%	27%	27%
No longer being able to drive	10%	8%	10%	17%	20%	10%	14%	10%	11%	13%	14%	13%
% respondents who participated in or did the following at least once in the last year:												
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	15%	20%	20%	30%	21%	26%	26%	16%	12%	20%	36%	22%

Safety and Security

Safety and Security												
	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Overall feeling of safety in the Fairfax County area	81%	81%	77%	73%	71%	74%	76%	79%	75%	79%	80%	77%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Being a victim of a crime	14%	8%	11%	15%	13%	9%	13%	7%	11%	9%	5%	11%
Being a victim of fraud or a scam	20%	18%	22%	20%	21%	15%	18%	14%	20%	16%	14%	18%
Being physically or emotionally abused	14%	6%	5%	12%	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%	8%	5%	9%

Self-Sufficiency for People with Vulnerabilities

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	Braddock	Hunter Mill	Dranesville	Lee	Mason	Mount Vernon	Providence	Springfield	Sully	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Overall
% respondents who rated the following as excellent or good:												
Availability of affordable quality food	70%	67%	63%	68%	64%	69%	62%	72%	69%	68%	70%	67%
% respondents who reported at least a minor problem with the following:												
Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	27%	20%	22%	25%	30%	20%	22%	22%	23%	21%	23%	23%
Having enough food to eat	11%	7%	8%	11%	19%	8%	10%	6%	11%	9%	10%	10%
Having enough money to meet daily expenses	29%	25%	29%	31%	42%	26%	34%	23%	34%	28%	27%	30%
Feeling physically burdened by providing care for another person	25%	23%	22%	30%	29%	18%	27%	25%	28%	23%	15%	24%
Feeling emotionally burdened by providing care for another person	30%	29%	30%	29%	32%	24%	36%	31%	33%	28%	22%	30%
Feeling financially burdened by providing care for another person	28%	25%	27%	27%	33%	21%	31%	27%	30%	23%	17%	27%
% respondents who participated in or did the following at least once in the last year:												
Attended a support group for caregivers	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%
% respondents who spent at least 1 hour doing the following:												
Providing help to friends or relatives	83%	78%	84%	75%	85%	81%	78%	81%	80%	80%	75%	80%
Providing care to one or more individuals age 60 or older	40%	36%	44%	31%	50%	38%	44%	38%	41%	40%	37%	40%
Providing care to one or more individuals age 18 to 59	35%	25%	28%	24%	42%	26%	27%	31%	34%	27%	25%	30%
Providing care to one or more individuals under age 18	29%	27%	31%	23%	32%	29%	24%	31%	27%	26%	39%	29%
% respondents who always or usually:												
Receive assistance from someone almost every day	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%