



Community Assessment Survey
for Older Adults™

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Brief Report



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Introduction

Like waves of marathon runners, increasing numbers of adults are racing off the half-century starting line. More than one-half of the Baby Boom generation now is age 50 and older and one-third of all Americans will reach age 50 by 2010. To prepare better for this aging population, Boulder County contracted with National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) to conduct an assessment of the strengths and needs of its older residents. Based upon the perspectives of older residents themselves, the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA™) provides a statistically valid survey of older adults in communities across America. The study findings will be used by staff, elected officials and other stakeholders to plan for older adult services, programs and facilities. The objectives of the CASOA™ are to:

- Identify community strengths in serving older adults
- Articulate the specific needs of older adults in the community
- Estimate contributions made by older adults to the community
- Determine the connection of older adults to the community

The assessment focused on a series of needs among older adult residents age 60 or older and the community supports that foster successful aging. Forty common needs affecting older adult well being were assessed. These 40 issues fell into the larger categories of health and wellness, community design and land use, participation in productive activities and community resources for information and planning. Older adults' opinions about current community amenities and opportunities also were measured in the survey.

The results of this exploration will provide useful information for planning and resource development as well as strengthen advocacy efforts and stakeholder engagement. The ultimate goal of the assessment is to create an empowered community that supports a vibrant older adult population in the City of Lafayette.

Using This Brief Report

Communities conducting CASOA™ can choose from a number of optional services to customize the reporting of survey results. The City of Lafayette's Brief Report is part of a larger project for Boulder County. Boulder County augmented the sample of older adults to provide stand-alone brief reports for each of several geographic areas in the county, including the Cities of Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont and Louisville. A full report of results which provides expanded analytic detail and descriptive text is available for Boulder County. Each report is available under separate cover. The Brief Report is intended to provide a high-level summary of findings in succinct form with relevant appendices.

It should be noted that when a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

CASOA™ Methods

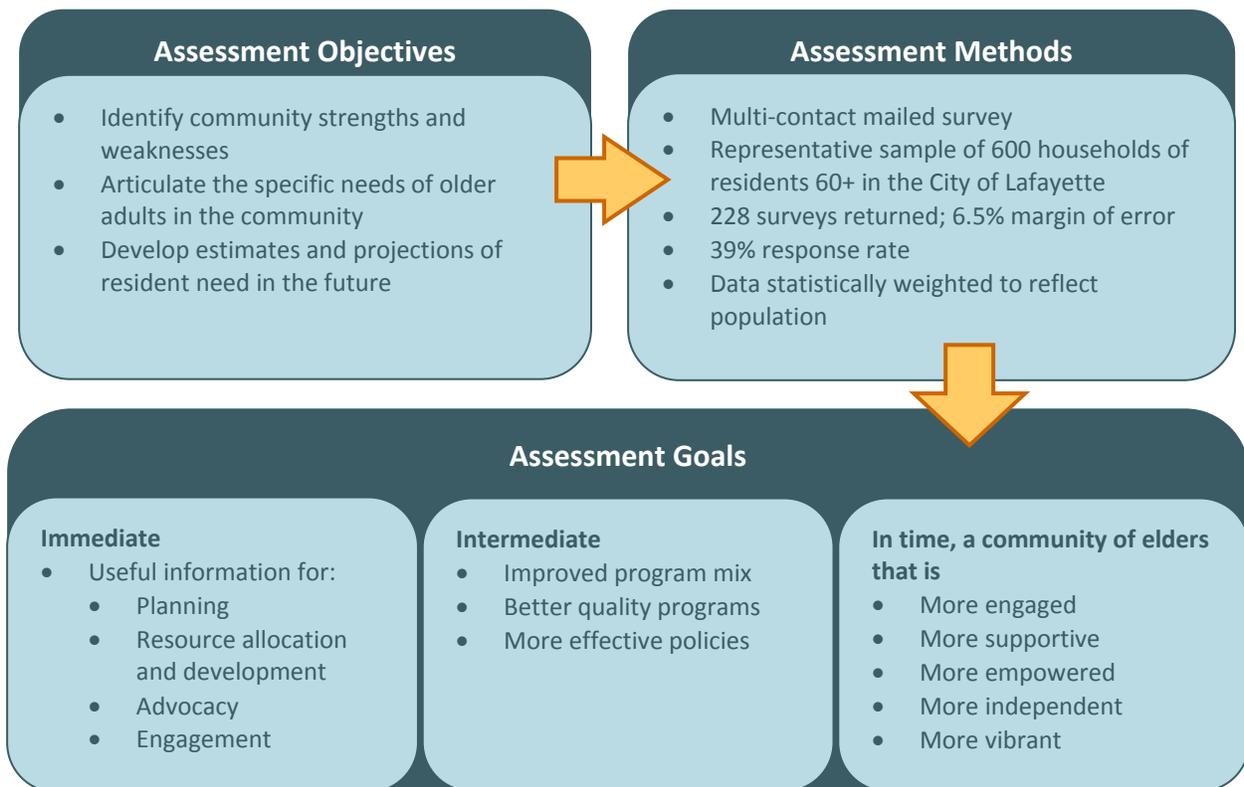
The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality survey methods and comparable results across CASOA™ jurisdictions. Participating households with residents 60 years or older were selected at random and the household member who responded was selected without

bias. Multiple mailings gave each household more than one prompt to participate with a self-addressed and postage-paid envelope to return the survey. Results were statistically weighted to reflect the proper demographic composition of older adults in the entire community.

The survey was mailed in May 2010 to a random selection of 3,000 older adult households in Boulder County. Older adult households were contacted three times about participation in the survey. A total of 1,252 completed surveys were obtained for the entire county, providing an overall response rate of 43% and a margin of error of plus or minus 3% around any given percent and two points around any given average rating for the entire sample.

This report contains the results for the City of Lafayette, located in Boulder County. The 3,000 surveys sent to Boulder County included 600 in the City of Lafayette. A total of 228 completed surveys was obtained for the City of Lafayette, providing a margin of error of 6.5% around any given percent and 4 points around any given average rating for the entire sample. The response rate for the City of Lafayette was 39%.

Figure 1: CASOA Methods and Goals



The City of Lafayette as a Community for Older Adults

Overall perceived quality of community life may be the single best indicator of success in providing the natural ambience, services and amenities that make for an attractive community to older residents. CASOA™ contained many questions related to quality of community life in the City of Lafayette – not only direct questions about quality of life overall and in neighborhoods, but questions to measure residents’ commitment to the community. Residents were asked whether they planned to move soon or if they would recommend the City of Lafayette to others. Intentions to stay and willingness to make recommendations provide evidence that the City of Lafayette offers services and amenities that work.

Most of the City of Lafayette’s older residents gave high ratings to the community as a place to live and many rated the city as a “good” or “excellent” place to retire. Services offered to older adults were considered “excellent” or “good” by three in five older residents in the City of Lafayette. Further, many reported they would recommend the community to others and plan to stay for retirement.

Figure 2: The City of Lafayette as a Place for Older Residents

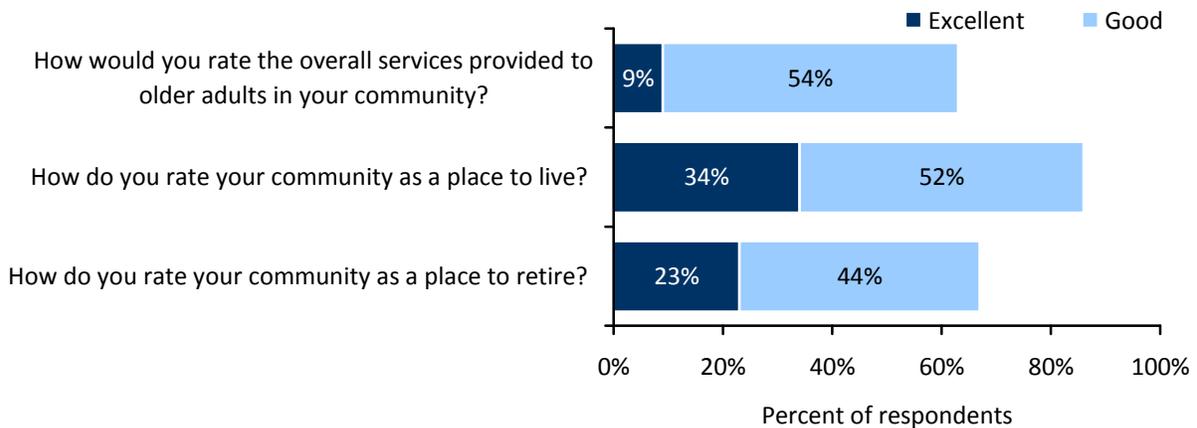
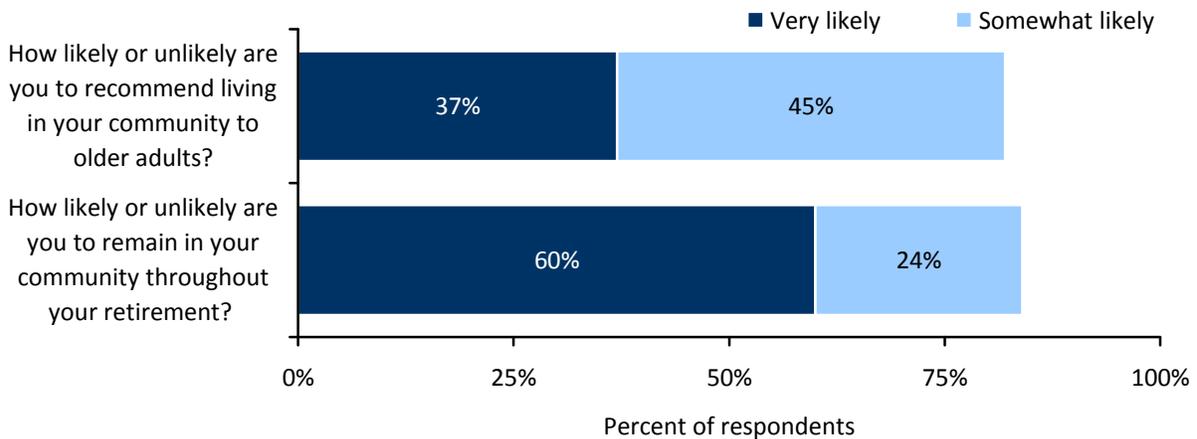


Figure 3: Likelihood of Remaining in Community and Recommending Community

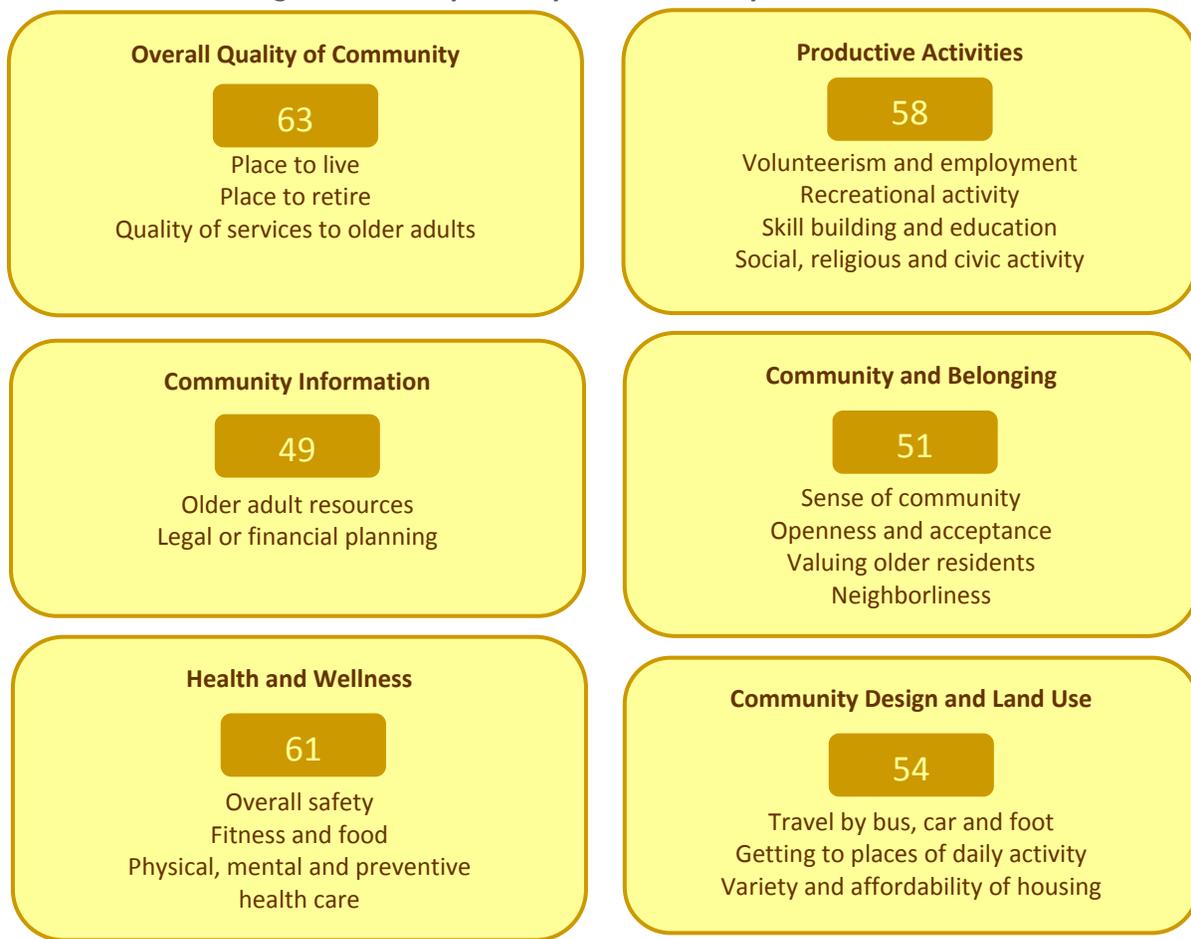


The “Readiness” of the City of Lafayette for the Aging Population

Older adults may not complain, but not every community leaves older adults raving about the quality of community life or the services available for active living and aging in place. Communities that assist older adults to remain or become active community participants provide the requisite opportunities for recreation, transportation, culture, education, communication, social connection, spiritual enrichment and health care. It is not a package mix, so each community must identify what its older adults seek and what the community provides. The judgments of the residents for whom community planning takes place provide the elements of an equation that describes overall community quality in the City of Lafayette.

Survey respondents were asked to rate 30 aspects of the community related to six community dimensions. Ratings for individual questions were converted to an average scale of 0 (the lowest rating, e.g., “poor”) to 100 (the highest rating, e.g., “excellent”) and then combined to provide one overall rating (index) for each of the six areas. The City received its highest ratings in the areas of Overall Quality of Community and Health and Wellness and received the lowest ratings in the area of Community Belonging, Community Information and Community Design and Land Use.

Figure 4: The City of Lafayette Community Readiness Chart



Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive

Ratings for the individual community characteristics are presented in the following six tables.

Figure 5: Overall Quality of Community Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Quality of Community Index	63
How do you rate your community as a place to live?	71
How do you rate your community as a place to retire?	60
How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults in your community?	54
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Figure 6: Community Information Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Community Information Index	49
Availability of information about resources for older adults	51
Availability of financial and legal planning services	46
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Figure 7: Health and Wellness Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Health and Wellness Index	61
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	76
Availability of affordable quality physical health care	57
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	44
Availability of preventive health services (e.g., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)	57
Availability of affordable quality food	60
Overall feeling of safety in your community	64
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Figure 8: Productive Activities Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Productive Activities Index	58
Opportunities to volunteer	72
Employment opportunities	21
Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes	53
Recreation opportunities (including games, arts and library services, etc.)	72
Opportunities to attend social events or activities	60
Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities	73
Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters	57
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Figure 9: Community and Belonging Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Community and Belonging Index	51
Sense of community	53
Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds	53
Valuing older residents in your community	49
Neighborliness of your community	53
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Figure 10: Community Design and Land Use Index

	The City of Lafayette average rating
Community Design and Land Use Index	54
Availability of affordable quality housing	28
Variety of housing options	37
Ease of bus travel in your community	51
Ease of car travel in your community	65
Ease of walking in your community	68
Ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	67
Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive	

Older Adult Participation in Community Life in the City of Lafayette

Activity builds strength and helps to keep a person from falling victim to illness. Older adults who participate in community life not only benefit directly from the activities but by linking with others who also are engaged, they build a network of support that can be instrumental in keeping them independent. Shown below are rates of participation in community activities.

Figure 11: Community Participation

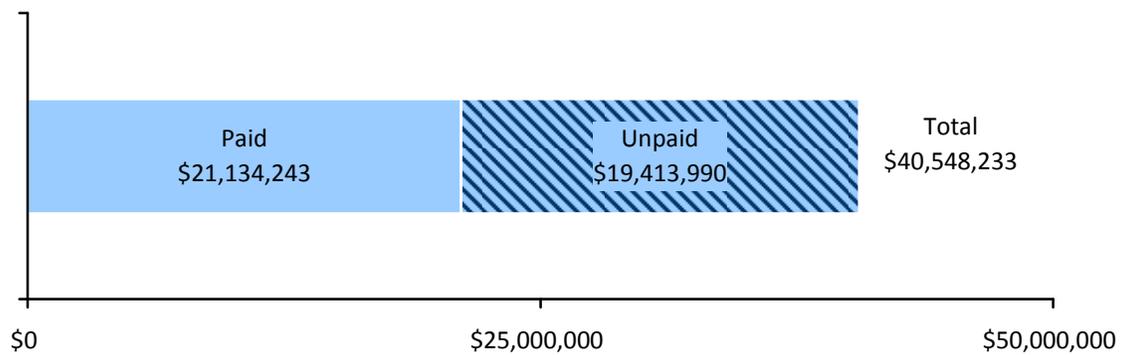
	Percent of respondents who have participated in activity in previous 12 months
Communicating/visiting with friends and/or family	97%
Visited a neighborhood park	83%
Providing help to friends or relatives	79%
Used a public library in your community	72%
Participating in religious or spiritual activities with others	54%
Used a recreation center in your community	53%
Participating in a recreation program or group activity	45%
Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media	44%
Used a senior center in your community	37%
Volunteering your time to some group/activity in your community	36%
Participating in a club (including book, dance, game and other social)	33%
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting in your community	30%
Used public transit (e.g., bus, subway, light rail, etc.) within your community	30%
Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	10%

Note: This table combines the results of questions 11 and 12, which have different response categories. Complete response frequencies for these questions can be found in Appendix A.

Contributions of Older Adults to the City of Lafayette

Advantages of a community with a significant number of older adults can be read in lower crime statistics and smaller costs for infrastructure that requires fewer schools, less road maintenance, less crime fighting and smaller landfills. But the advantages that older adults provide to the City of Lafayette extend beyond the passive benefits of lower cost. Many older residents have time and inclination to offer productive work whether paid or not. In the City of Lafayette, older adults provide significant paid and unpaid contributions. In addition to their paid work, older adults contributed to the City of Lafayette through volunteering, providing informal help to family and friends, and offering more extensive caregiving. The value of these unpaid contributions by older adults in the City of Lafayette is estimated to be nearly \$20 million in a 12-month period. Adding the value of their paid work, the total value of their contribution is more than \$40 million in a 12-month period. For more information for how these estimates are calculated, see *Appendix B: Survey Methodology*.

Figure 12: Estimated Annual Economic Contributions of Older Adults in the City of Lafayette



The City of Lafayette Opportunities and Challenges

Older adults, more than others, face difficulties with aspects of everyday life. For many older adults these difficulties vastly exceed the minor physical pains or small losses of function that characterize almost everyone’s circumstances after a certain age. When individual problems are added together, a group picture emerges that provides a useful description of the entire community of the City of Lafayette. Nationally, areas where older adults face the largest share of life’s challenges include caregiving, health and mental health, in-home support, nutrition and food security and transportation. This study explores specific problems or stressors encountered by older adults in the City of Lafayette, such as physical and emotional difficulties and injuries that have compromised their independence. Presented are the current individual areas of need and from those, the magnitude of broader categories of need.

Typically, it is understood that the self-reported needs of older adults represent a minimum level, a conservative estimate attenuated by respondents’ strong desire to feel and appear self-reliant and further reduced by the silent whisper of some older adults who, no matter how sensitive the attempt, are too frail to participate in any survey enterprise.

Nonetheless, clear patterns of needs and strengths emerged from this assessment. About two-thirds of older adults in the City of Lafayette reported problems with their physical health. About 6 in 10 reported problems with staying physically fit and doing heavy or intense housework. Less than 10% of older adults experienced problems with being physically or emotionally abused. Even the least frequently encountered issues affected hundreds of residents.

It should be understood that the percent of the population that experiences a problem is not a measure of how difficult a problem is to endure for the people who share it. Some needs, though rare as a percent of residents, have particularly devastating impacts on residents’ quality of life – for example, needing help transferring from bed to wheelchair or having a problem with safety – so it is important to consider both the prevalence of the need and its centrality to residents’ sustained independence.

Figure 13: Older Adult Needs in the City of Lafayette

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Percent at least a "minor" problem	Number affected in 2010 (N= 1,859) ¹
Your physical health	66%	1,223
Staying physically fit	62%	1,158
Doing heavy or intense housework	60%	1,111
Feeling like your voice is heard in the community	54%	1,011
Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	51%	950
Dealing with financial planning issues	51%	950
Having interesting social events or activities to attend	50%	923
Maintaining your yard	49%	914
Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	47%	867

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Percent at least a "minor" problem	Number affected in 2010 (N= 1,859) ¹
Finding work in retirement	47%	867
Maintaining a healthy diet	46%	864
Feeling bored	46%	852
Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	45%	845
Maintaining your home	43%	799
Feeling depressed	42%	780
Having enough money to meet daily expenses	41%	770
Experiencing confusion or forgetfulness	39%	733
Having tooth or mouth problems	39%	718
Dealing with legal issues	39%	725
Finding productive or meaningful activities to do	37%	696
Finding affordable health insurance	36%	672
Finding meaningful volunteer work	36%	661
Feeling lonely or isolated	36%	675
Getting the oral health care you need	35%	642
Building skills for paid or unpaid work	33%	612
Affording the medications you need	32%	591
Having enough money to pay your property taxes	32%	586
Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	31%	571
Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	31%	570
Having friends or family you can rely on	28%	513
Having housing to suit your needs	26%	481
Providing care for another person	25%	462
Getting the health care you need	24%	449
Falling or injuring yourself in your home	23%	435
Having safe and affordable transportation available	22%	410
Being a victim of fraud or a scam	20%	377
No longer being able to drive	18%	343
Being a victim of crime	13%	237
Having enough food to eat	10%	193
Being physically or emotionally abused	5%	96

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Census 2000

Displayed earlier in the report were the dimensions of community readiness, which combined survey questions into six categories. In addition to understanding how well the community operates to provide appropriate services for its older adults, it is important to understand what problems older adults face in their daily lives so that specific services can be considered where needs are great. Forty individual survey questions about specific problems faced by older community members, as well as respondent sociodemographics, participation levels and community engagement were grouped into 16 larger areas to provide a broad picture of older residents in the City of Lafayette. These 16 areas were split into Core Life Needs (12 areas) and Social and Engagement Opportunities (four areas). The overall summary score for each of the 16 categories is provided in the following two charts. (See *Appendix B: Survey Methodology* for more information on the computation of these summary scores.)

The greatest Core Life Needs were in the areas of information and planning, physical health and housing. Among Social and Engagement Opportunities, civic engagement rose to the top. Across all 16 needs areas, older residents reported the lowest prevalence of need in the area of safety and social support, although these needs can be quite serious for the 9% of seniors affected.

Figure 14: Older Adult Core Life Needs in the City of Lafayette

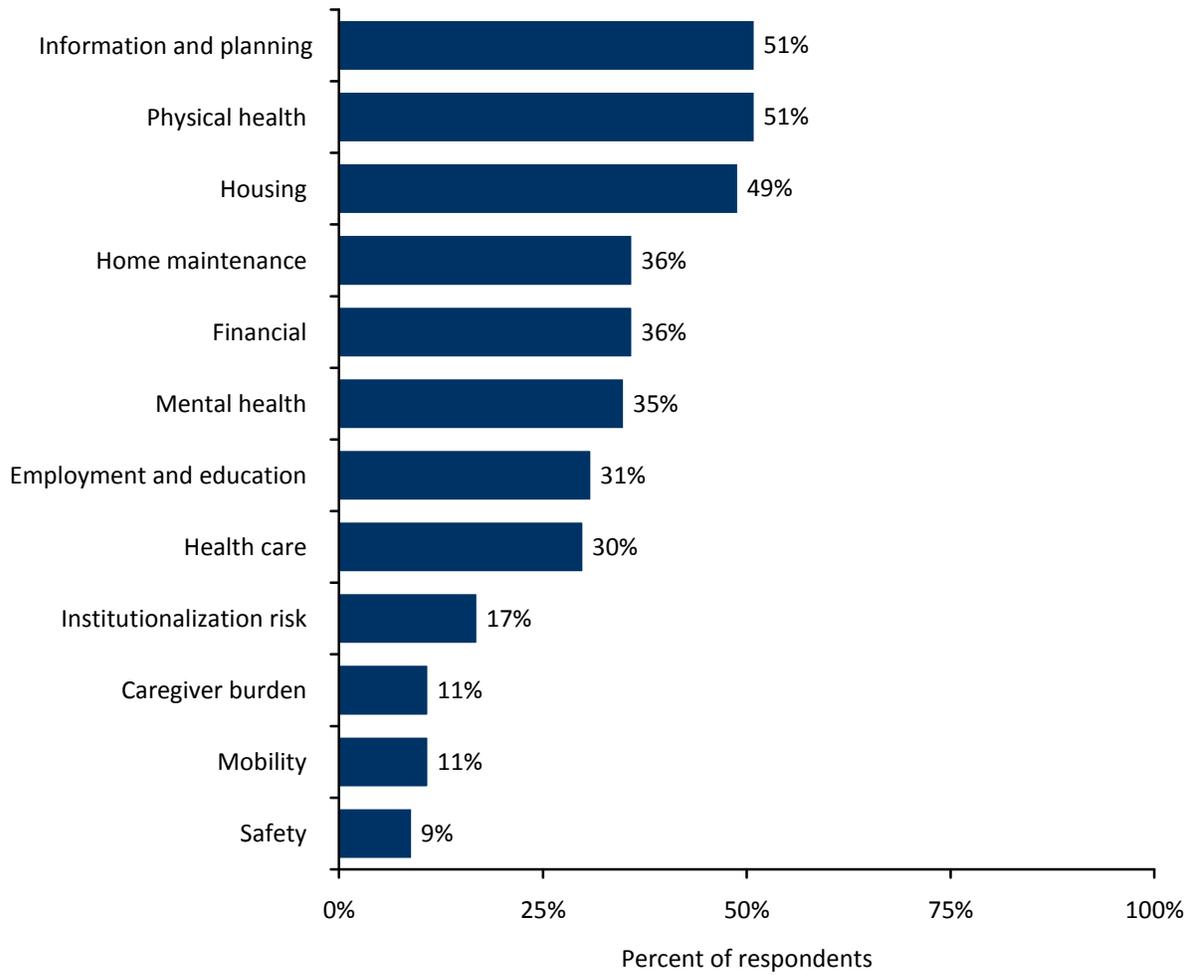
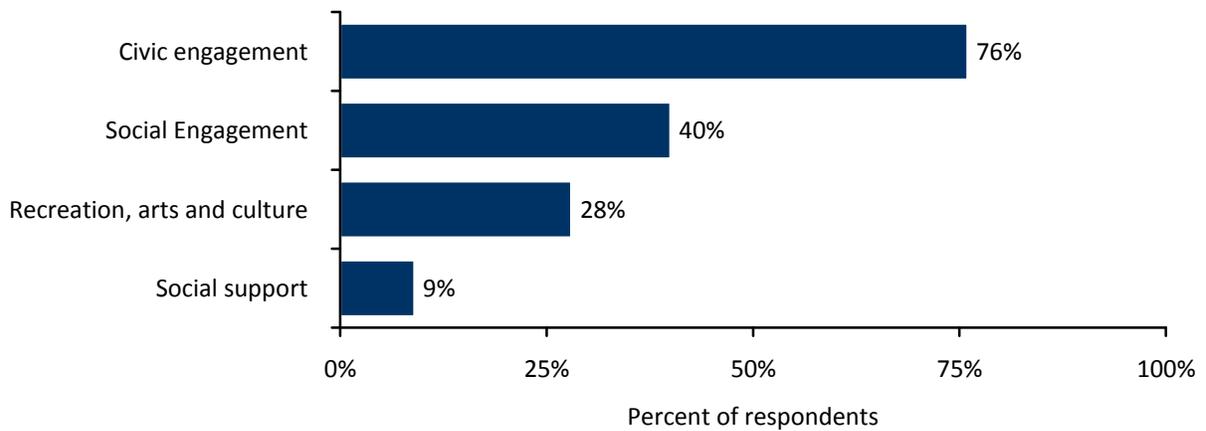


Figure 15: Older Adult Social and Engagement Opportunities in the City of Lafayette



Appendix A: Complete Set of Survey Frequencies

Frequencies Excluding Don't Know Responses

This appendix displays all response categories for all questions. The first set of frequencies excludes the “don’t know” option and the second set includes “don’t know” responses.

Question 1: Quality of Community					
Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
How do you rate your community as a place to live?	34%	52%	10%	5%	100%
How do you rate your community as a place to retire?	23%	44%	24%	10%	100%

Question 2: Community Characteristics					
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lafayette adults age 60 or over:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Opportunities to volunteer	36%	47%	15%	2%	100%
Employment opportunities	1%	10%	40%	49%	100%
Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes	14%	44%	30%	12%	100%
Recreation opportunities (including games, arts and library services, etc.)	35%	49%	14%	3%	100%
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	43%	45%	10%	2%	100%
Opportunities to attend social events or activities	21%	45%	26%	7%	100%
Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities	35%	53%	10%	3%	100%
Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters	19%	42%	29%	10%	100%
Availability of affordable quality housing	3%	17%	41%	40%	100%
Variety of housing options	3%	32%	38%	27%	100%
Availability of information about resources for older adults	12%	44%	29%	15%	100%
Availability of financial and legal planning services	7%	37%	44%	12%	100%
Availability of affordable quality physical health care	26%	36%	22%	16%	100%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	9%	37%	30%	24%	100%
Availability of preventive health services (e.g., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)	17%	52%	18%	13%	100%
Availability of affordable quality food	16%	56%	20%	8%	100%
Sense of community	12%	50%	24%	14%	100%
Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds	13%	46%	28%	13%	100%
Ease of bus travel in your community	14%	45%	22%	19%	100%
Ease of car travel in your community	23%	51%	24%	2%	100%
Ease of walking in your community	32%	44%	20%	4%	100%

Question 3: Overall Services to Older Adults					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults in your community?	9%	54%	27%	10%	100%

Question 4: Level of Informedness about Services and Activities for Older Adults	
In general, how informed or uninformed do you feel about services and activities available to older adults in your community?	Percent of respondents
Very informed	13%
Somewhat informed	55%
Somewhat uninformed	15%
Very uninformed	16%
Total	100%

Question 5: Quality of Life and Health					
Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
How do you rate your overall physical health?	21%	47%	27%	5%	100%
How do you rate your overall mental health/emotional well being?	34%	52%	11%	3%	100%
How do you rate your overall quality of life?	22%	64%	10%	4%	100%

Question 6: Problems Faced by Older Adults					
The following questions list a number of problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Major problem	Total
Having housing to suit your needs	74%	9%	12%	5%	100%
Your physical health	34%	38%	21%	6%	100%
Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	69%	13%	12%	5%	100%
Having enough food to eat	90%	6%	4%	0%	100%
Doing heavy or intense housework	40%	30%	17%	13%	100%
Having safe and affordable transportation available	78%	15%	4%	3%	100%
No longer being able to drive	82%	11%	2%	5%	100%
Feeling depressed	58%	29%	11%	2%	100%
Experiencing confusion or forgetfulness	61%	34%	4%	1%	100%
Maintaining your home	57%	24%	11%	8%	100%
Maintaining your yard	51%	25%	13%	12%	100%
Finding productive or meaningful activities to do	63%	22%	10%	5%	100%
Having friends or family you can rely on	72%	15%	8%	4%	100%
Falling or injuring yourself in your home	77%	15%	7%	1%	100%

Question 6: Problems Faced by Older Adults					
The following questions list a number of problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Major problem	Total
Finding affordable health insurance	64%	14%	7%	16%	100%
Getting the health care you need	76%	9%	9%	7%	100%
Affording the medications you need	68%	14%	9%	9%	100%
Getting the oral health care you need	65%	19%	5%	11%	100%
Having tooth or mouth problems	61%	23%	9%	7%	100%
Having enough money to meet daily expenses	59%	19%	15%	7%	100%
Having enough money to pay your property taxes	68%	15%	9%	7%	100%
Staying physically fit	38%	31%	23%	8%	100%
Maintaining a healthy diet	54%	27%	16%	4%	100%
Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	55%	23%	14%	9%	100%
Having interesting social events or activities to attend	50%	24%	18%	8%	100%
Feeling bored	54%	26%	17%	3%	100%
Feeling like your voice is heard in the community	46%	20%	15%	19%	100%
Finding meaningful volunteer work	64%	18%	12%	5%	100%
Providing care for another person	75%	12%	8%	5%	100%
Dealing with legal issues	61%	19%	9%	12%	100%
Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	53%	25%	12%	10%	100%
Finding work in retirement	53%	16%	12%	18%	100%
Building skills for paid or unpaid work	67%	17%	7%	9%	100%
Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	49%	25%	13%	13%	100%
Feeling lonely or isolated	64%	18%	16%	2%	100%
Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	69%	14%	11%	5%	100%
Being a victim of crime	87%	8%	2%	2%	100%
Being a victim of fraud or a scam	80%	13%	4%	3%	100%
Being physically or emotionally abused	95%	4%	1%	0%	100%
Dealing with financial planning issues	49%	31%	10%	11%	100%

Question 7: Days Spent in Facilities					
Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many days did you spend in...	No days (zero)	One to two days	Three to five days	Six or more days	Total
As a patient in a hospital	78%	7%	8%	7%	100%
In a nursing home or in-patient rehabilitation facility	97%	0%	0%	3%	100%

Question 8: Falls in Last 12 Months	
Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many times have you fallen and injured yourself? Was it?	Percent of respondents
Never	68%
Once or twice	28%
3-5 times	4%
More than 5 times	0%
Total	100%

Question 9: Recommend Living in Community	
How likely or unlikely are you to recommend living in your community to older adults?	Percent of respondents
Very likely	37%
Somewhat likely	45%
Somewhat unlikely	10%
Very unlikely	8%
Total	100%

Question 10: Likelihood of Remaining in Community Throughout Retirement	
How likely or unlikely are you to remain in your community throughout your retirement?	Percent of respondents
Very likely	60%
Somewhat likely	24%
Somewhat unlikely	7%
Very unlikely	9%
Total	100%

Question 11: Participation in Activities					
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you participated in or done each of the following?	Never	Once or twice	3 to 12 times	13 to 26 times	Total
Used a senior center in your community	68%	20%	6%	6%	100%
Used a recreation center in your community	58%	24%	11%	8%	100%
Used a public library in your community	32%	30%	26%	12%	100%
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting in your community	70%	21%	7%	2%	100%
Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media	57%	21%	17%	6%	100%
Used public transit (e.g., bus, subway, light rail, etc.) within your community	73%	14%	10%	3%	100%
Visited a neighborhood park	21%	28%	32%	19%	100%

Question 12: Hours Spent Doing Activities						
During a typical week, how many hours, if any, do you spend doing the following?	Never (no hours)	1 to 3 hours	4 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours	11 or more hours	Total
Participating in a club (including book, dance, game and other social)	67%	22%	8%	2%	1%	100%
Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	90%	7%	2%	0%	0%	100%
Communicating/ visiting with friends and/or family	3%	26%	26%	16%	29%	100%
Participating in religious or spiritual activities with others	46%	28%	9%	10%	7%	100%
Participating in a recreation program or group activity	55%	24%	10%	3%	8%	100%
Providing help to friends or relatives	21%	42%	15%	7%	15%	100%
Volunteering your time to some group/activity in your community	64%	23%	5%	3%	5%	100%

Question 13: Hours Spent Providing Care							
During a typical week, how many hours do you spend providing care for one or more individuals with whom you have a significant relationship (such as spouse, other relative, partner, friend, neighbor or child), whether or not they live with you?	Never (no hours)	1 to 3 hours	4 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours	11 to 20 hours	20 or more hours	Total
One or more individuals age 60 or older	61%	16%	4%	7%	1%	11%	100%
One or more individuals age 18 to 59	67%	16%	5%	2%	4%	6%	100%
One or more individuals under age 18	67%	9%	5%	4%	5%	10%	100%

Question 14: Receives Care	
Whether or not they live with you, does someone provide assistance to you almost every day?	Percent of respondents
Yes	19%
No	81%
Total	100%

Question D1: Length of Residency	
How many years have you lived in your community?	Percent of respondents
Less than 1 year	4%
1-5 years	14%
6-10 years	20%
11-20 years	26%
More than 20 years	35%
Total	100%

Question D2: Housing Unit Type	
Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents
Single family home	70%
Townhouse, condominium, duplex or apartment	14%
Mobile home	15%
Assisted living residence	1%
Nursing home	0%
Other	0%
Total	100%

Question D3: Tenure (Rent or Own)	
Do you currently rent or own your home?	Percent of respondents
Rent	21%
Own (with a mortgage payment)	45%
Own (free and clear; no mortgage)	34%
Total	100%

Question D4: Monthly Housing Costs	
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent of respondents
Less than \$300 per month	9%
\$300 to \$599 per month	25%
\$600 to \$999 per month	23%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	23%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%
\$2,500 or more per month	6%
Total	100%

Question D5: Total Number of Household Members	
How many people, including yourself, live in your household?	Percent of respondents
1 person (live alone)	39%
2 people	45%
3 people	7%
4 or more people	9%
Total	100%

Question D6: Number of Older Adult Household Members	
How many of these people, including yourself, are 60 or older?	Percent of respondents
1 person	58%
2 people	38%
3 people	1%
4 or more people	3%
Total	100%

Question D7: Retirement Status	
What is your employment status?	Percent of respondents
Fully retired	64%
Working full time for pay	23%
Working part time for pay	11%
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%
Total	100%

Question D8: Expected Age of Retirement	
[If not yet fully retired] At what age do you expect to retire completely and not work for pay at all?	Percent of respondents
60 to 64	8%
65 to 69	43%
70 to 74	29%
75 or older	21%
Total	100%

Question D9: Household Income	
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents
Less than \$15,000	12%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	20%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12%
\$100,000 or more	13%
Total	100%

Question D10: Respondent Ethnicity/Origin	
Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?	Percent of respondents
Yes	13%
No	87%
Total	100%

Question D11: Respondent Race	
What is your race?	Percent of respondents
American Indian or Alaskan native	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Black, African American	1%
White/Caucasian	91%
Other	7%

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Question D12: Respondent Age	
In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents
60-64 years	33%
65-69 years	22%
70-74 years	15%
75-79 years	11%
80-84 years	11%
85-89 years	7%
90-94 years	1%
95 years or older	0%
Total	100%

Question D13: Respondent Gender	
What is your sex?	Percent of respondents
Female	58%
Male	42%
Total	100%

Question D14: Respondent Sexual Orientation	
What is your sexual orientation?	Percent of respondents
Heterosexual	97%
Lesbian	1%
Gay	0%
Bisexual	2%
Total	100%

Question D15: Voter Registration Status	
Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?	Percent of respondents
Yes	89%
No	11%
Ineligible to vote	0%
Total	100%

Question D16: Voted in Last General Election	
Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?	Percent of respondents
Yes	91%
No	9%
Ineligible to vote	0%
Total	100%

Frequencies Including Don't Know Responses

These tables contain the percentage of respondents for each response category as well as the N or total number of respondents for each category, next to the percentage. When the total N for a question does not equal the total number of all respondents, it is due to some respondents skipping the question.

Question 1: Quality of Community												
Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	How do you rate your community as a place to live?	33%	73	51%	112	10%	21	5%	10	2%	4	100%
How do you rate your community as a place to retire?	22%	47	42%	91	23%	49	10%	21	4%	9	100%	216

Question 2: Community Characteristics												
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lafayette adults age 60 or over:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	Opportunities to volunteer	29%	65	39%	87	12%	28	2%	4	18%	39	100%
Employment opportunities	1%	2	6%	14	27%	59	32%	72	34%	75	100%	222
Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes	11%	24	33%	72	23%	50	9%	20	24%	52	100%	217
Recreation opportunities (including games, arts and library services, etc.)	31%	70	44%	98	13%	28	2%	5	9%	20	100%	221
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	40%	88	42%	92	9%	20	2%	4	7%	16	100%	221
Opportunities to attend social events or activities	18%	40	39%	86	23%	50	6%	13	15%	34	100%	223
Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities	29%	64	44%	97	8%	17	2%	5	17%	36	100%	219
Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters	16%	34	35%	75	24%	52	8%	18	18%	38	100%	218
Availability of affordable quality housing	2%	5	13%	30	33%	73	31%	70	20%	46	100%	224
Variety of housing options	3%	6	27%	59	32%	70	23%	50	17%	37	100%	221
Availability of information about resources for older adults	9%	21	35%	78	24%	52	12%	28	19%	43	100%	222
Availability of financial and legal planning services	5%	10	24%	52	28%	62	8%	18	35%	77	100%	219
Availability of affordable quality physical health care	22%	48	31%	68	18%	40	14%	31	16%	35	100%	222
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	5%	11	21%	47	17%	37	14%	29	43%	93	100%	217

Question 2: Community Characteristics												
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lafayette adults age 60 or over:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	Availability of preventive health services (e.g., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)	14%	32	45%	102	16%	36	11%	26	13%	30	100%
Availability of affordable quality food	15%	34	53%	117	19%	42	7%	16	6%	13	100%	221
Sense of community	11%	23	44%	96	21%	46	12%	27	12%	26	100%	219
Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds	10%	22	37%	81	22%	50	10%	23	20%	45	100%	221
Ease of bus travel in your community	10%	22	33%	71	16%	35	14%	30	27%	58	100%	215
Ease of car travel in your community	23%	50	51%	113	23%	52	2%	5	1%	3	100%	223
Ease of walking in your community	31%	69	44%	96	19%	43	4%	9	1%	3	100%	220

Question 3: Overall Services to Older Adults		
How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults in your community?	Percent of respondents	Count
Excellent	7%	16
Good	43%	93
Fair	21%	46
Poor	8%	18
Don't know	21%	45
Total	100%	218

Question 4: Level of Informedness about Services and Activities for Older Adults		
In general, how informed or uninformed do you feel about services and activities available to older adults in your community?	Percent of respondents	Count
Very informed	13%	29
Somewhat informed	55%	120
Somewhat uninformed	15%	33
Very uninformed	16%	36
Total	100%	217

Question 5: Quality of Life and Health												
Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	How do you rate your overall physical health?	21%	47	46%	104	27%	59	5%	12	1%	2	100%
How do you rate your overall mental health/emotional well being?	34%	75	52%	116	11%	25	3%	7	0%	1	100%	223
How do you rate your overall quality of life?	22%	49	64%	141	10%	22	4%	9	0%	1	100%	222

Question 6: Problems Faced by Older Adults

The following questions list a number of problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Not a problem		Minor problem		Moderate problem		Major problem		Don't know		Total	
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Having housing to suit your needs	74%	162	9%	20	12%	27	5%	10	1%	2	100%	221
Your physical health	34%	75	38%	84	21%	46	6%	14	0%	1	100%	220
Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	69%	153	13%	29	12%	26	5%	12	1%	1	100%	221
Having enough food to eat	90%	199	6%	14	4%	9	0%	0	0%	0	100%	221
Doing heavy or intense housework	40%	88	29%	65	17%	38	13%	28	2%	4	100%	222
Having safe and affordable transportation available	74%	161	14%	30	4%	9	3%	6	5%	11	100%	218
No longer being able to drive	76%	156	10%	21	2%	5	5%	9	7%	15	100%	207
Feeling depressed	58%	125	29%	62	11%	24	2%	5	1%	1	100%	217
Experiencing confusion or forgetfulness	60%	130	34%	73	4%	8	1%	3	1%	1	100%	216
Maintaining your home	57%	126	24%	53	11%	25	8%	17	0%	0	100%	222
Maintaining your yard	50%	109	24%	53	12%	27	12%	26	2%	4	100%	218
Finding productive or meaningful activities to do	61%	137	22%	49	10%	22	5%	11	2%	4	100%	223
Having friends or family you can rely on	72%	161	15%	34	8%	18	4%	10	0%	0	100%	223
Falling or injuring yourself in your home	75%	166	15%	33	6%	14	1%	3	1%	3	100%	220
Finding affordable health insurance	63%	138	13%	29	6%	14	16%	35	2%	4	100%	220
Getting the health care you need	75%	166	8%	19	9%	19	7%	15	1%	3	100%	222
Affording the medications you need	68%	150	14%	31	9%	19	9%	19	0%	1	100%	220
Getting the oral health care you need	65%	145	18%	41	5%	11	11%	25	0%	1	100%	222
Having tooth or mouth problems	61%	136	23%	50	8%	19	7%	16	0%	1	100%	222
Having enough money to meet daily expenses	59%	130	19%	43	15%	33	7%	16	0%	0	100%	222
Having enough money to pay your property taxes	66%	145	15%	33	8%	19	7%	15	4%	8	100%	219
Staying physically fit	38%	84	31%	69	23%	51	8%	18	0%	0	100%	222
Maintaining a healthy diet	53%	117	27%	60	15%	34	4%	8	0%	1	100%	220
Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	52%	113	22%	47	13%	29	8%	18	4%	9	100%	217

Question 6: Problems Faced by Older Adults												
The following questions list a number of problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?	Not a problem		Minor problem		Moderate problem		Major problem		Don't know		Total	
	Having interesting social events or activities to attend	48%	106	23%	49	17%	37	8%	18	4%	9	100%
Feeling bored	54%	117	26%	56	17%	37	3%	6	1%	1	100%	217
Feeling like your voice is heard in the community	33%	68	15%	30	11%	23	14%	28	27%	55	100%	204
Finding meaningful volunteer work	48%	103	13%	29	9%	20	4%	8	26%	56	100%	216
Providing care for another person	57%	117	9%	19	6%	12	4%	8	24%	48	100%	205
Dealing with legal issues	50%	109	15%	33	7%	15	10%	21	18%	40	100%	218
Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	48%	101	23%	48	10%	22	9%	19	10%	20	100%	210
Finding work in retirement	35%	71	10%	22	8%	17	12%	24	35%	72	100%	206
Building skills for paid or unpaid work	44%	95	11%	25	4%	9	6%	13	34%	73	100%	214
Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	41%	90	21%	46	11%	23	11%	25	16%	36	100%	220
Feeling lonely or isolated	63%	137	18%	40	16%	34	2%	5	1%	2	100%	218
Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	67%	141	14%	29	11%	22	5%	11	3%	6	100%	209
Being a victim of crime	82%	178	7%	16	2%	5	2%	5	6%	14	100%	219
Being a victim of fraud or a scam	75%	164	12%	27	4%	8	3%	7	6%	13	100%	219
Being physically or emotionally abused	92%	198	4%	9	1%	2	0%	0	3%	7	100%	216
Dealing with financial planning issues	48%	104	30%	65	9%	20	11%	23	2%	4	100%	218

Question 7: Days Spent in Facilities												
Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many days did you spend in...	No days (zero)		One to two days		Three to five days		Six or more days		Don't know		Total	
	As a patient in a hospital	78%	165	7%	15	8%	17	7%	15	0%	0	100%
In a nursing home or in-patient rehabilitation facility	97%	204	0%	1	0%	0	3%	5	0%	0	100%	210

Question 8: Falls in Last 12 Months		
Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many times have you fallen and injured yourself? Was it?	Percent of respondents	Count
Never	68%	150
Once or twice	28%	61
3-5 times	4%	10
More than 5 times	0%	0
Don't know	0%	1
Total	100%	222

Question 9: Recommend Living in Community		
How likely or unlikely are you to recommend living in your community to older adults?	Percent of respondents	Count
Very likely	33%	73
Somewhat likely	40%	89
Somewhat unlikely	9%	19
Very unlikely	7%	16
Don't know	11%	24
Total	100%	221

Question 10: Likelihood of Remaining in Community Throughout Retirement		
How likely or unlikely are you to remain in your community throughout your retirement?	Percent of respondents	Count
Very likely	58%	127
Somewhat likely	23%	50
Somewhat unlikely	7%	15
Very unlikely	9%	20
Don't know	3%	7
Total	100%	220

Question 11: Participation in Activities													
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you participated in or done each of the following?	Never		Once or twice		3 to 12 times		13 to 26 times		More than 26 times		Total		
	Used a senior center in your community	63%	141	19%	43	6%	12	5%	12	7%	16	100%	225
Used a recreation center in your community	47%	103	19%	42	9%	19	6%	14	20%	43	100%	221	
Used a public library in your community	28%	62	27%	59	24%	52	11%	23	11%	24	100%	219	
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting in your community	70%	158	21%	48	7%	16	2%	5	0%	0	100%	227	
Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media	56%	127	21%	48	17%	37	6%	12	0%	1	100%	225	
Used public transit (e.g., bus, subway, light rail, etc.) within your community	70%	153	13%	29	10%	21	3%	7	3%	7	100%	217	
Visited a neighborhood park	17%	37	23%	50	27%	58	16%	34	18%	39	100%	219	

Question 12: Hours Spent Doing Activities														
During a typical week, how many hours, if any, do you spend doing the following?	Never (no hours)		1 to 3 hours		4 to 5 hours		6 to 10 hours		11 or more hours		Don't know		Total	
	Participating in a club (including book, dance, game and other social)	66%	149	22%	50	8%	19	2%	4	1%	2	0%	1	100%
Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	90%	201	7%	16	2%	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	100%	223
Communicating/ visiting with friends and/or family	3%	6	26%	57	26%	57	15%	34	29%	64	1%	1	100%	220
Participating in religious or spiritual activities with others	44%	98	28%	61	8%	19	10%	21	7%	16	2%	5	100%	220
Participating in a recreation program or group activity	55%	119	24%	51	10%	22	3%	7	8%	18	0%	0	100%	216
Providing help to friends or relatives	21%	46	42%	92	15%	32	7%	15	14%	32	1%	2	100%	219
Volunteering your time to some group/activity in your community	64%	144	23%	52	5%	10	3%	6	5%	12	1%	2	100%	226

Question 13: Hours Spent Providing Care																
During a typical week, how many hours do you spend providing care for one or more individuals with whom you have a significant relationship (such as spouse, other relative, partner, friend, neighbor or child), whether or not they live with you?	Never (no hours)		1 to 3 hours		4 to 5 hours		6 to 10 hours		11 to 20 hours		20 or more hours		Don't know		Total	
	One or more individuals age 60 or older	59%	128	15%	33	4%	8	7%	15	1%	2	11%	24	3%	6	100%
One or more individuals age 18 to 59	65%	136	16%	33	5%	10	2%	5	4%	8	6%	12	3%	7	100%	210
One or more individuals under age 18	65%	134	9%	18	5%	10	4%	9	4%	9	9%	19	3%	6	100%	205

Question 14: Receives Care		
Whether or not they live with you, does someone provide assistance to you almost every day?	Percent of respondents	Count
Yes	19%	42
No	81%	180
Total	100%	222

Question D1: Length of Residency		
How many years have you lived in your community?	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than 1 year	4%	10
1-5 years	14%	31
6-10 years	20%	45
11-20 years	26%	59
More than 20 years	35%	80
Total	100%	226

Question D2: Housing Unit Type		
Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents	Count
Single family home	70%	157
Townhouse, condominium, duplex or apartment	14%	31
Mobile home	15%	34
Assisted living residence	1%	2
Nursing home	0%	0
Other	0%	1
Total	100%	225

Question D3: Tenure (Rent or Own)		
Do you currently rent or own your home?	Percent of respondents	Count
Rent	21%	46
Own (with a mortgage payment)	45%	101
Own (free and clear; no mortgage)	34%	76
Total	100%	222

Question D4: Monthly Housing Costs		
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$300 per month	9%	20
\$300 to \$599 per month	25%	54
\$600 to \$999 per month	23%	50
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	23%	51
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	13%	28
\$2,500 or more per month	6%	13
Total	100%	216

Question D5: Total Number of Household Members		
How many people, including yourself, live in your household?	Percent of respondents	Count
1 person (live alone)	39%	87
2 people	45%	99
3 people	7%	16
4 or more people	9%	19
Don't know	0%	0
Total	100%	221

Question D6: Number of Older Adult Household Members		
How many of these people, including yourself, are 60 or older?	Percent of respondents	Count
1 person	58%	124
2 people	38%	83
3 people	1%	3
4 or more people	3%	6
Don't know	0%	0
Total	100%	215

Question D7: Retirement Status		
What is your employment status?	Percent of respondents	Count
Fully retired	64%	139
Working full time for pay	23%	49
Working part time for pay	11%	23
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%	7
Total	100%	219

Question D8: Expected Age of Retirement		
[If not yet fully retired] At what age do you expect to retire completely and not work for pay at all?	Percent of respondents	Count
60 to 64	8%	5
65 to 69	43%	27
70 to 74	29%	18
75 or older	21%	13
Total	100%	64

Question D9: Household Income		
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$15,000	12%	26
\$15,000 to \$24,999	20%	42
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22%	47
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21%	45
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12%	25
\$100,000 or more	13%	27
Total	100%	212

Question D10: Respondent Ethnicity/Origin		
Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?	Percent of respondents	Count
Yes	13%	29
No	87%	189
Total	100%	218

Question D11: Respondent Race		
What is your race?	Percent of respondents	Count
American Indian or Alaskan native	1%	2
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%	1
Black, African American	1%	2
White/Caucasian	91%	203
Other	7%	16
Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.		

Question D12: Respondent Age		
In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents	Count
60-64 years	33%	75
65-69 years	22%	50
70-74 years	15%	33
75-79 years	11%	24
80-84 years	11%	25
85-89 years	7%	15
90-94 years	1%	2
95 years or older	0%	0
Total	100%	224

Question D13: Respondent Gender		
What is your sex?	Percent of respondents	Count
Female	58%	130
Male	42%	93
Total	100%	223

Question D14: Respondent Sexual Orientation		
What is your sexual orientation?	Percent of respondents	Count
Heterosexual	97%	199
Lesbian	1%	2
Gay	0%	0
Bisexual	2%	4
Total	100%	205

Question D15: Voter Registration Status		
Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?	Percent of respondents	Count
Yes	88%	201
No	11%	24
Ineligible to vote	0%	0
Don't know	1%	2
Total	100%	227

Question D16: Voted in Last General Election		
Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?	Percent of respondents	Count
Yes	90%	205
No	9%	21
Ineligible to vote	0%	0
Don't know	0%	1
Total	100%	227

Appendix B: Survey Methodology

Data Collection Methods Used in the CASOA™

The CASOA™ instrument and its administration are standardized to assure high quality survey methods and comparable results across CASOA™ communities. The CASOA™ was customized for the City of Lafayette to reflect the correct local age definition of older adults and so that the mailing materials used official the City of Lafayette graphics, contact information and signatures.

Survey Development

The CASOA™ questionnaire contains many questions related to the life of older residents in the community. The instrument includes questions related to overall quality of life, characteristics of the community, perceptions of safety in the community and of 40 different needs common to older adults.

The questionnaire grew from a synthesis of a number of data collection processes including a national search of needs assessments conducted by communities across the United States, a review of the literature on aging and the conduct of numerous surveys and large scale needs assessments by NRC. A blue-ribbon panel of national experts contributed to the concept and content of the CASOA™.

The items in the questionnaire were pilot tested on senior residents using a “think-aloud” method in which older adults were asked to complete the survey and describe their thought processes related to specific questions and question sets. The results of the pilot test were used to alter the questionnaire for better understanding by senior participants. The final questionnaire was tested in a set of diverse U.S. communities and modifications again were made as necessary.

Survey Sampling

“Sampling” refers to the method by which survey recipients are chosen. The “sample” refers to all those who were given a chance to participate in the survey. A sample of residents in the area 60 years of age and older was used. Although the purchased list of known senior households contained names of the residents 60 years and older, no name was printed on the survey envelope; instead, the survey was addressed to “Resident.” The list of households was compiled from a variety of public sources.

In order to select a random individual 60 years of age and older within the household, the cover letter requested that the questionnaire be given to the person 60 years of age and older who most recently celebrated their birthday (regardless of year of birth) to complete. This “birthday method” is a respondent selection method which helps to randomly select an individual within a household. It is similar to other more complex methodologies (e.g., “Kisch” or “Trodahl”), but easier to implement.

Survey Administration

Each sampled household received three mailings beginning in May. Completed surveys were collected over the following five weeks. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. A week after the prenotification postcard mailed the first wave of the survey was sent. The second wave mailed one week after the first. The survey mailings

contained a letter from the Aging Services Division Manager and the City of Lafayette Aging Advisory Council Co-Chairs inviting the household to participate in the CASOA™, a questionnaire and postage-paid envelope in which to return the questionnaire.

Survey Response Rate and Confidence Intervals

Overall, 51 of the 3,000 postcards sent to Boulder County older residents were returned as undeliverable because they either had addresses that were undeliverable as addressed or were received by vacant housing units. Of the 2,949 households receiving the survey mailings, 1,252 completed the survey, providing a response rate of 43%. This is a good response rate; older adults participate in surveys at a higher rate than younger adults.

The 3,000 surveys sent to Boulder County included 600 in the City of Lafayette. A total of 228 completed surveys were obtained for the City of Lafayette, providing a margin of error of plus or minus 6.5% around any given percent and four points around any given average rating for the entire sample. The response rate for the City of Lafayette was 39%.

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions.

A 95% confidence interval indicates that for every 100 random samples of this many residents, 95 of the confidence intervals created will include the “true” population response. This theory is applied in practice to mean that the “true” perspective of the target population lies within the confidence interval created for a single survey. For example, if 75% of residents rate a service as “excellent” or “good,” then a 4% margin of error (for the 95% confidence interval) indicates that the range of likely responses for the entire community is between 71% and 79%. This source of error is called sampling error. In addition to sampling error, other sources of error may affect any survey, including the non-response of residents with opinions different from survey responders.

For subgroups of responses, the margin of error increases because the sample size for the subgroup is smaller. For subgroups of approximately 100 respondents, the margin of error is plus or minus 10 percentage points.

The practical difficulties of conducting any resident survey may introduce other sources of error in addition to sampling error. Despite our best efforts to boost participation and ensure potential inclusion of all older adults, some selected households will decline participation in the survey (potentially introducing non-response error) and some eligible households may be unintentionally excluded from the listed sources for the sample (referred to as coverage error).

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Completed surveys received were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick one response, but the respondent checked two; the cleaning process would involve randomly selecting one of the two selected responses to be recorded in the dataset.

Once all surveys were assigned a unique identification number, they were entered into an electronic dataset. This dataset was subject to a data entry protocol of “key and verify,” in which survey data were entered twice into an electronic dataset and then compared. Discrepancies were evaluated against the original survey form and corrected. “Range checks” (examination of the data for invalid values) as well as other forms of quality control also were performed.

Survey Data Weighting

The demographic characteristics of those completing the survey were compared to those found in the 2000 Census estimates and other population norms for residents age 60 and older living in Boulder County because the more current American Community Survey (ACS) estimates were not available for all municipalities within the County and because ACS data for racial/ethnic information is not broken down by age group. Sample results were weighted using the population norms to reflect the appropriate percent of those residents. Other discrepancies between the whole population and the sample also were aided by the weighting due to the intercorrelation of many socioeconomic characteristics.

The variables used for weighting were sex, age, race, ethnicity, housing tenure (rent/own), housing unit type and geographic area. This decision was based on the disparity between the survey respondent characteristics, the population norms for these variables and the saliency of these variables in detecting differences of opinion among subgroups.

The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger older adult population of the community. This is done by: 1) reviewing the sample demographics and comparing them to the population norms from the most recent Census or other sources and 2) comparing the responses to different questions for demographic subgroups. The demographic characteristics that are least similar to the Census and yield the most different results are the best candidates for data weighting.

A special software program using mathematical algorithms is used to calculate the appropriate weights. Data weighting can adjust multiple demographic variables. Several different weighting “schemes” may be tested to ensure the best fit for the data.

The results of the weighting schemes for Boulder County overall and the City of Lafayette are presented in the following tables.

Figure 16: Weighting Scheme for the 2010 Boulder County CASOA™

	Population Norm ¹	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Sex and Age	Overall	Overall	Overall
60-74	66%	66%	66%
75-84	24%	24%	24%
85+	9%	10%	10%
Female	56%	58%	57%
Male	44%	42%	43%
Female 60-74	35%	35%	35%
Female 75-84	15%	15%	15%
Female 85+	7%	7%	7%
Male 60-74	31%	31%	31%
Male 75-84	10%	9%	9%
Male 85+	3%	3%	3%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	95%	94%	95%
Non-white	5%	6%	5%
Hispanic	4%	6%	4%
Not Hispanic	96%	94%	96%
Housing			
Rent	19%	20%	19%
Own	81%	80%	81%
Detached	82%	82%	81%
Attached	18%	18%	19%
Area			
Boulder (city)	31%	22.0%	31%
Lafayette	6%	18.2%	6%
Longmont	28%	20.6%	28%
Louisville	5%	19.4%	5%
Other	30%	19.7%	30%

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Census 2000

Figure 17: Weighting Scheme for the 2010 the City of Lafayette CASOA™

	Population Norm1	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Sex and Age			
60-74	71%	77%	70%
75-84	23%	18%	22%
85+	6%	4%	8%
Female	57%	59%	59%
Male	43%	41%	41%
Female 60-74	39%	47%	39%
Female 75-84	14%	10%	14%
Female 85+	5%	2%	6%
Male 60-74	32%	30%	30%
Male 75-84	9%	8%	9%
Male 85+	2%	3%	2%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	91%	96%	91%
Non-white	9%	4%	9%
Hispanic	13%	5%	13%
Not Hispanic	87%	95%	87%
Housing			
Rent	21%	10%	21%
Own	79%	90%	79%
Detached	86%	75%	85%
Attached	14%	24%	15%

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Survey Data Analysis and Reporting

The survey dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions and mean ratings are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix A: Complete Set of Survey Frequencies*.

A variety of analyses were presented in the body of the report. The following sections summarize how these analyses were conducted or scores calculated.

Estimates of the Contribution of Older Adults to the Economy

The calculations of the economic contributions of older adults in Boulder County were rough estimates using data from The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates). The source changes from DOLA to Census information when reporting for municipalities; the specific source is noted for each table.

The proportion of older adults who work was estimated by examining the responses to question D7 from the survey (“What is your employment status?”). Those working full-time were assumed to work 32 hours per week and those working part-time were assumed to work 15 hours per week. The proportion of survey respondents was multiplied by the number of adults 60 and over in community to ascertain the number of employed older adults. To determine the average paid wage, information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Boulder MSA was examined. Working full-time and part-time was assumed to be the equivalent of “All Occupations” (occupation code 00-0000).

The proportion of older adults doing volunteer work and providing help to friends and neighbors was determined by looking at the responses to question 14 (“During a typical week, how many hours, if any, do you spend doing the following?”), items f (“providing help to family and friends”) and g (“volunteering your time to some group/activity”). Those responding “1 to 3 hours” were assumed to spend two hours, “4 to 5 hours” were assumed to spend 4.5 hours, those responding “6 to 10 hours” were assumed to spend eight hours, and those responding “11 or more hours” were assumed to spend 13.75 hours (125% of 11). To determine the average hourly wage, “providing help to family and friends” was assumed to be the equivalent of “Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other” (occupation code 39-9099) and volunteering was assumed to be the equivalent of “Office Clerks, General” (occupation code 43-9061).

The proportion of older adults providing care to family and friends was determined by examining the responses to question 16. Those responding “1 to 3 hours” were assumed to spend two hours, “4 to 5 hours” were assumed to spend 4.5 hours, those responding “6 to 10 hours” were assumed to spend eight hours, and those responding “11 to 19 hours” were assumed to spend 15 hours, and those responding “20 or more hours” were assumed to spend 25 hours (125% of 20). To determine the average hourly wage, “providing care for older adults and adults” (items a and b) were assumed to be the equivalent of “Personal and Home Care Aides” (occupation code 39-9021) and “providing care for children” (item c) was assumed to be the equivalent of “Child Care Workers” (occupation code 39-9011).

Community Summary Scores

The community score presented in the body of the report represents the average of the questions included in the index. Although the evaluative or frequency questions were made on 4- or 5- point scales with 1 representing the best rating, the scales had different labels (e.g., “excellent,” “not a problem,” “very likely”). To calculate these average scores, the questions used in the index were converted to a common scale where 0 is the worst possible rating and 100 is the best possible rating. If everyone reported “excellent,” then the result would be 100 on the 0-100 scale. If the average rating for quality of life was right in the middle of the scale (half way between “good” and “fair”), then the result would be 50. The new scale can be thought of like the thermometer used to represent total giving to United Way. The higher the thermometer reading, the closer to the goal of 100 – in this case, the most positive response possible. The following table shows the individual questions comprising each summary score.

Index	Individual Variables Used in Index
Quality of Community	q1a. How do you rate your community as a place to live?
	q1b. How do you rate your community as a place to retire?
	q3. How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults in your community?
Community Information	q2k. Availability of information about resources for older adults
	q2l. Availability of financial and legal planning services
Health and Wellness Opportunities	q2e. Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)
	q2m. Availability of affordable quality physical health care
	q2n. Availability of affordable quality mental health care
	q2o. Availability of preventive health services (e.g., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)
	q2p. Availability of affordable quality food
	q2x. Overall feeling of safety in your community
Opportunities for Productive Activities	q2a. Opportunities to volunteer
	q2b. Employment opportunities
	q2c. Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes
	q2d. Recreation opportunities (including games, arts and library services, etc.)
	q2f. Opportunities to attend social events or activities
	q2g. Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities
	q2h. Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters
Community Land Use and Design	q2i. Availability of affordable quality housing
	q2j. Variety of housing options
	q2s. Ease of bus travel in your community
	q2u. Ease of car travel in your community
	q2v. Ease of walking in your community
	q2w. Ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit
Community and Belonging	q2q. Sense of community
	q2r. Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds
	q2y. Valuing older residents in your community
	q2z. Neighborliness of your community

Needs Summary Scores

The needs summary scores (indices) are based on the response patterns of older adults in the community. The following table contains each question included in the index and the required response to that question. So, for example, if a respondent indicated that her overall physical health (q5a) was “fair,” she would be counted as having a physical health issue along with other respondents who may have noted that they had a moderate or major problem with falling or maintaining a healthy diet, etc. Respondents with many physical health problems are counted only once in this category so that the total percent shown in the report graph represents the percent of older adults with at least one physical problem.

Index	Individual Variables Used in Index	Required Rating
Physical health	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q5a. How do you rate your overall physical health?	Fair or poor
	q7b. In a nursing home or in-patient rehabilitation facility	At least 1 day
	q6(a)b. Your physical health	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)c. Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)n. Falling or injuring yourself in your home	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)v. Staying physically fit	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)w. Maintaining a healthy diet	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)s. Having tooth or mouth problems	Moderate or major problem
Mental health	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q5b. How do you rate your overall mental health/emotional well being?	Fair or poor
	q5c. How do you rate your overall quality of life?	Fair or poor
	q6(a)h. Feeling depressed	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)i. Experiencing confusion or forgetfulness	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)jj. Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	Moderate or major problem
Independence/ Institutionalization risk	Must have:	
	q6(a)c. Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals	Moderate or major problem
Safety	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q6(b)kk. Being a victim of crime	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)ll. Being a victim of fraud or a scam	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)mm. Being physically or emotionally abused	Moderate or major problem
Mobility	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q6(a)f. Having safe and affordable transportation available	Moderate or major problem

Index	Individual Variables Used in Index	Required Rating
	q6(a)g. No longer being able to drive	Moderate or major problem
Housing	Must have at least one of the following: d4. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?/ d9. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Housing cost >30% of income
	q6(a)a. Having housing to suit your needs	Moderate or major problem
	Must have at least one of the following:	
Home maintenance	q6(a)e. Doing heavy or intense housework	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)j. Maintaining your home	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)k. Maintaining your yard	Moderate or major problem
	Must have:	
Social engagement	q12c. Communicating/ visiting with friends and/or family	Less than 4 hours
	Or	
	q6(b)y. Having interesting social events or activities to attend	Moderate or major problem
	Or all of the following:	
	q12a. Participating in a club (including book, dance, game and other social)	Never
	q12b. Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	Never
	q12d. Participating in religious or spiritual activities with others	Never
	q12e. Participating in a recreation program or group activity	Never
Social support	Must have:	
	d5. Household size	1 (live alone)
	And at least one of the following:	
	q6(a)m. Having friends or family you can rely on	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)ii. Feeling lonely or isolated	Moderate or major problem
Civic engagement	Must have d14 and d15:	
	d14. Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?	No
	d15. Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?	No
	Or q12b and q12g	

Index	Individual Variables Used in Index	Required Rating
	q12b. Participating in a civic group (including Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.)	Never (no hours)
	q12g. Volunteering your time to some group/activity in your community	Never (no hours)
	Or q11d and q11e	
	q11d. Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting in your community	Never
	q11e. Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media	Never
Recreation, arts and culture	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q6(b)x. Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)z. Feeling bored	Moderate or major problem
Employment and education	Must have at least one of the following:	
	d7. What is your employment status?	Unemployed, looking for paid work
	q6(b)ff. Finding work in retirement	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)gg. Building skills for paid or unpaid work	Moderate or major problem
Financial	Must have at least one of the following:	
	d9. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)/ d5. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?	Less than 30% median income
	q6(a)t. Having enough money to meet daily expenses	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)u. Having enough money to pay your property taxes	Moderate or major problem
	Must have:	
Caregiver burden	q6(b)cc. Providing care for another person	Moderate or major problem
	Must have at least one of the following:	
Information and planning	q4. In general, how informed or uninformed do you feel about services and activities available to older adults in your community?	Somewhat or very uninformed
	q6(b)dd. Dealing with legal issues	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)ee. Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)hh. Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	Moderate or major problem
	q6(b)nn. Dealing with financial planning issues	Moderate or major problem

Index	Individual Variables Used in Index	Required Rating
Health care	Must have at least one of the following:	
	q6(a)o. Finding affordable health insurance	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)p. Getting the health care you need	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)q. Affording the medications you need	Moderate or major problem
	q6(a)r. Getting the oral health care you need	Moderate or major problem

Appendix C: Survey Materials

The following pages contain copies of the survey materials sent to randomly selected households within the City of Lafayette.

Important Survey on the Way!

Dear Boulder County Resident,

Your household has been selected at random to participate in an anonymous survey about the needs of older adults in Boulder County.

You will receive a copy of the survey next week in the mail with instructions for completing and returning it. Thank you in advance for helping us better serve older adults in Boulder County by participating in this important study!

Thank you for your cooperation. It is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Dear Boulder County Resident:

Boulder County is conducting a Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults to learn about their current and future needs. Your household is one of a small number of households in the county that we chose randomly to participate in this survey.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. Your answers will help the County to better understand and plan for the needs of older adults in our community. You should find the questions interesting and we will definitely find your answers useful. Please participate!

To get a representative sample of county residents, the **adult 60 years or older** in your household **who most recently had a birthday** (regardless of the year of birth) should complete this survey. Please have the appropriate member of the household spend a few minutes to answer all the questions and return the survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. **Your responses will remain completely anonymous.**

Since only a small number of households are being surveyed, your participation is very important. If you have any questions or need assistance with this survey, please call 303-441-3570.

You can help us shape the future for older adults in Boulder County. Thank you for your time and participation.

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Dear Boulder County Resident:

About one week ago we sent you this survey that asks for your opinion about the needs of older adults in Boulder County. If you have already completed the survey and returned it, we thank you and ask you to disregard this letter. **Do not complete the survey a second time.** If you haven't had a chance complete and mail the survey, please do so now. We are very interested in obtaining your input.

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Please complete this questionnaire if you are the resident age 60 or older in the household who most recently had a birthday. The year of birth of the 60+ age resident does not matter. Please circle the response that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
How do you rate your community as a place to live?	1	2	3	4	5
How do you rate your community as a place to retire?	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to adults age 60 or older in your community:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Opportunities to volunteer	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to enroll in skill-building or personal enrichment classes	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation opportunities (including games, arts, and library services, etc.) ..	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend social events or activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend religious or spiritual activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend or participate in meetings about local government or community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of information about resources for older adults	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of financial or legal planning services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality physical health care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services (e.g., health screenings, flu shots, educational workshops)	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community towards older residents of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of bus travel in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of car travel in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing older residents in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of your community	1	2	3	4	5

3. How would you rate the overall services provided to older adults in your community?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

4. In general, how informed or uninformed do you feel about services and activities available to older adults in your community?

- Very informed
- Somewhat informed
- Somewhat uninformed
- Very uninformed

5. Please circle the number that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
How do you rate your overall physical health?	1	2	3	4	5
How do you rate your overall mental health/emotional well being?	1	2	3	4	5
How do you rate your overall quality of life?	1	2	3	4	5

6a. The following questions list a number of problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?

	<i>Not a problem</i>	<i>Minor problem</i>	<i>Moderate problem</i>	<i>Major problem</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Having housing to suit your needs	1	2	3	4	5
Your physical health.....	1	2	3	4	5
Performing regular activities, including walking, eating and preparing meals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having enough food to eat.....	1	2	3	4	5
Doing heavy or intense housework.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having safe and affordable transportation available.....	1	2	3	4	5
No longer being able to drive.....	1	2	3	4	5
Feeling depressed.....	1	2	3	4	5
Experiencing confusion or forgetfulness.....	1	2	3	4	5
Maintaining your home.....	1	2	3	4	5
Maintaining your yard.....	1	2	3	4	5
Finding productive or meaningful activities to do.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having friends or family you can rely on.....	1	2	3	4	5
Falling or injuring yourself in your home.....	1	2	3	4	5
Finding affordable health insurance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Getting the health care you need.....	1	2	3	4	5
Affording the medications you need.....	1	2	3	4	5
Getting the oral health care you need.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having tooth or mouth problems.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having enough money to meet daily expenses.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having enough money to pay your property taxes.....	1	2	3	4	5

6b. The following questions list a number of other problems that older adults may or may not face. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if at all, has each of the following been for you?

	<i>Not a problem</i>	<i>Minor problem</i>	<i>Moderate problem</i>	<i>Major problem</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Staying physically fit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Maintaining a healthy diet	1	2	3	4	5
Having interesting recreational or cultural activities to attend	1	2	3	4	5
Having interesting social events or activities to attend.....	1	2	3	4	5
Feeling bored	1	2	3	4	5
Feeling like your voice is heard in the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Finding meaningful volunteer work	1	2	3	4	5
Providing care for another person.....	1	2	3	4	5
Dealing with legal issues.....	1	2	3	4	5
Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	1	2	3	4	5
Finding work in retirement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Building skills for paid or unpaid work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Feeling lonely or isolated	1	2	3	4	5
Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend	1	2	3	4	5
Being a victim of crime	1	2	3	4	5
Being a victim of fraud or a scam.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being physically or emotionally abused	1	2	3	4	5
Dealing with financial planning issues.....	1	2	3	4	5

7. Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many days did you spend...

As a patient in a hospital? ... _____ number of days

In a nursing home or in-patient
rehabilitation facility? _____ number of days

8. Thinking back over the past 12 months, how many times have you fallen and injured yourself? Was it...

- Never
- Once or twice
- 3-5 times
- More than 5 times
- Don't know

9. How likely or unlikely are you to recommend living in your community to older adults?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know

10. How likely or unlikely are you to remain in your community throughout your retirement?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know

11. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you participated in or done each of the following?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Once or twice</i>	<i>3 to 12 times</i>	<i>13 to 26 times</i>	<i>More than 26 times</i>
Used a senior center in your community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Used a recreation center in your community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Used a public library in your community	1	2	3	4	5
Attended a meeting of your community's local elected officials or other local public meeting	1	2	3	4	5
Watched a meeting of your community's local elected officials or other public meeting on cable television, the Internet or other media.....	1	2	3	4	5
Used public transit (e.g., bus, subway, light rail, etc.) within your community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Visited a neighborhood park	1	2	3	4	5

12. During a typical week, how many hours, if any, do you spend doing the following?

	<i>Never (no hours)</i>	<i>1 to 3 hours</i>	<i>4 to 5 hours</i>	<i>6 to 10 hours</i>	<i>11 or more hours</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Participating in a club (including book, dance, game and other social).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Participating in a civic group (including, Elks, Kiwanis, Masons, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Communicating/visiting with friends and/or family	1	2	3	4	5	6
Participating in religious or spiritual activities with others	1	2	3	4	5	6
Participating in a recreation program or group activity.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Providing help to friends or relatives.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Volunteering your time to some group/activity in your community.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

13. During a typical week, how many hours do you spend providing care for one or more individuals with whom you have a significant personal relationship (such as a spouse, other relative, partner, friend, neighbor or child), whether or not they live with you?

	<i>Never (no hours)</i>	<i>1 to 3 hours</i>	<i>4 to 5 hours</i>	<i>6 to 10 hours</i>	<i>11 to 19 hours</i>	<i>20 or more hours</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
One or more individuals age 60 or older.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
One or more individuals age 18 to 59.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
One or more individuals under age 18.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

14. Whether or not they live with you, does someone provide assistance to you almost every day?

- Yes
- No

Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

- D1. How many years have you lived in your community?**
 Less than 1 year 11-20 years
 1-5 years More than 20 years
 6-10 years
- D2. Which best describes the building you live in?**
 Single family home
 Townhouse, condominium, duplex or apartment
 Mobile home
 Assisted living residence
 Nursing home
 Other
- D3. Do you currently rent or own your home?**
 Rent
 Own (with a mortgage payment)
 Own (free and clear; no mortgage)
- D4. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?**
 Less than \$300 per month
 \$300 to \$599 per month
 \$600 to \$999 per month
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
 \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
 \$2,500 or more per month
- D5. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?** _____ members
- D6. How many of these people, including yourself, are 60 or older?** _____ members
- D7. What is your employment status?**
 Fully retired → *Go to Question D9*
 Working full time for pay
 Working part time for pay
 Unemployed, looking for paid work
- D8. [IF NOT YET FULLY RETIRED] At what age do you expect to retire completely and not work for pay at all?** _____ years old

- D9. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)**
 Less than \$15,000
 \$15,000 to \$24,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999
 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$100,000 or more
- D10. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?**
 Yes No
- D11. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be)**
 American Indian or Alaskan native
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black, African American
 White/Caucasian
 Other
- D12. In which category is your age?**
 60-64 years 80-84 years
 65-69 years 85-89 years
 70-74 years 90-94 years
 75-79 years 95 years or older
- D13. What is your sex?**
 Female Male
- D14. What is your sexual orientation?**
 Heterosexual Gay
 Lesbian Bi-sexual
- D15. Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?**
 Yes Ineligible to vote
 No Don't know
- D16. Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?**
 Yes Ineligible to vote
 No Don't know

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Belle Mead NJ 08502-9922