



# VITAL VOICES

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Age 45 and Older, August 2022

Annotated Questionnaire



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Interviews were conducted with 1,005 Florida residents age 45 and older between July 11, 2022 and August 3, 2022. All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS) statistics. Survey results have a 3.1% margin of error.

*Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from Alan Newman Research, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in Florida. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. (Web: "We are interested in your thoughts about issues of importance to you and people like you in Florida. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation.")*

Qa. Would you like to continue the survey in English, or would you prefer to continue in Spanish?

%	n=1,005
95	English
5	Spanish

### Screener

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? (IN YEARS) [RECORD AGE; TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 45 OR REFUSED] (Web: "Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. What is your age as of your last birthday?")

%	n=1,005
0	Under 45 [TERMINATE]
14	45-49
14	50-54
15	55-59
14	60-64
13	65-69
11	70-74
10	75-79
7	80-84
3	85+
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say") [TERMINATE]

S2. What is your 5-digit zip code? \_\_\_\_\_ [ENTER ZIP CODE; VERIFY MATCH – IF NOT A MATCH TO FLORIDA OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK FOR RESIDENT IN HH; TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 45+ RESIDENT OF FLORIDA] (Web: TERMINATE IF NOT A MATCH)

D7. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino background?

%	n=1,005
19	Yes
79	No
<1	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D7\_A. [IF D7=Yes] What is your country of origin? [CODE RESPONSE]

%	n=193
37	Cuba
25	Puerto Rico
4	Spain
4	Mexico
4	Colombia
3	Peru
2	Honduras
1	Ecuador
1	Dominican Republic
1	Guatemala
0	El Salvador
19	Other [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

HL\_OR2. [IF D7=Yes] When you are at home, do you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=193
14	Speak Spanish only
10	Speak Spanish most of the time
12	Speak Spanish and English equally but prefer Spanish
23	Speak Spanish and English equally and do not have a preference
12	Speak Spanish and English equally but prefer English
17	Speak English most of the time
12	Speak English only
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

HL\_OR3. [IF D7=Yes] How well do you read in Spanish? (READ LIST)

%	n=193
71	Very well
11	Well
7	Fair
4	A little
7	Not at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D8. Which of the following best describes your race? (READ LIST)

%	N=1,005
80	White
13	Black or African American
1	Asian or Asian American
1	American Indian or Alaska Native
<1	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
2	Some other race [SPECIFY]
1	Multi-race [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

C2\_D8\_C. [IF D8=AA or B] What is your racial origin? [CODE RESPONSE]

%	n=134
64	African
16	Caribbean
3	South or Central American
1	Haitian
5	Other [SPECIFY]
10	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S4. Are you registered to vote in Florida?

%	n=1,005
90	Yes
9	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

S5. [IF S4#No] Do you plan to vote in the November 2022 elections?

%	n=911
92	Yes
1	No
6	Don't know
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

S3. What is your current employment status? (READ LIST AS NEEDED TO CLARIFY) [CODE RESPONSE]

%	n=1,005
10	Self-employed full-time
4	Self-employed part-time
23	Employed full-time
5	Employed part-time
5	Unemployed and looking for work
45	Retired and not working at all
9	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

## Health

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=1,005	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Having adequate health insurance coverage	63	29	5	1	1	1	0
B. Having Medicare benefits available to you in the future	62	27	7	1	1	1	0
C. Staying mentally sharp	67	28	5	<1	<1	<1	<1
E. Being able to pay for prescription drugs	56	29	9	3	2	1	<1
F. Being able to afford health care expenses, including premiums and co-pays	60	28	7	2	2	1	<1

ISO9. How would you say your brain health or mental sharpness is at this point in time? (READ LIST)

%	n=1,005
41	Excellent
41	Very good
14	Good
4	Fair
1	Poor
0	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

### Caregiving

C2\_CARE1. Are you currently or have you ever provided unpaid help to a relative or friend 18 years or older to help them take care of themselves? This would include doing things for them such as grocery shopping, providing transportation, managing finances, arranging for healthcare or other services, or preparing meals.

%	n=1,005
20	Yes, I am currently providing care
37	Yes, I have provided care in the past
43	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_CARE\_FL. [IF C2\_CARE1= 1] How far away does the person you care for live from you? Is it...

%	n=203
46	A 30-minute drive or less
6	Between 30 and 60 minutes
4	Between 1 and 2 hours
4	A two-hour drive or more
39	Or, does this person live with you?
1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_CARE50. If you or a loved one needed help when the basic tasks of life become more difficult due to aging or illness, would you know where to find the following services and supports?

n=1,005	Yes %	No %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Adult day care	57	42	1	<1
B. Information about services and supports available	68	32	<1	0
C. Home health care services	73	26	<1	0
D. Help with chores at home	66	33	1	0
E. Professional medication management services	57	42	1	0
F. Transportation for medical appointments	72	27	<1	0
G. Home modification services	55	44	1	0

### Healthcare

CVD-CG1. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, how has your opinion changed about having care for yourself or a loved one being provided in a group setting, such as a nursing home or assisted living facility? Has it made you...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE 1 & 2]

%	n=1,005
7	More likely to want to have care in a group setting
42	Less likely to want to have care in a group setting
42	Or, has it not changed your opinion
9	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

HEAL8. Have you used tele-health, such as connecting to a health care provider by phone or computer, in the past 2 years?

%	n=1,005
54	Yes
46	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

HEAL10. [IF HEAL8=Yes] Did you experience any difficulties in using tele-health?

%	n=539
12	Yes
88	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)



CVD-5. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, more people have had to rely on high-speed internet to connect to work, school, family, and health care providers. Over the past few months, would you say you have had access to internet services that were [ITEM]? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=1,005	Most of the time %	Not often enough %	Does not apply %	Don't know %	Refused %
a. Affordable	69	24	6	1	<1
b. Available when you needed it	86	9	4	1	<1
c. Fast enough to do the things you needed to do	83	13	4	<1	<1

## Wealth

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=1,005	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
G. Having adequate Social Security benefits available to you in the future	65	24	7	1	1	1	0
AL. Having access to affordable high-speed internet	35	34	21	7	4	<1	0
K. [IF S3≠Retired and not working at all] Having enough income or savings to retire (n=557)	68	22	7	1	1	1	0
I. Having protection from age discrimination	38	32	19	6	4	1	<1
M. Protecting yourself against consumer fraud	55	31	10	3	1	<1	<1

C2\_ECON3. Thinking about your monthly expenses, how concerned are you about the following increasing in cost? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=1,005	Extremely concerned %	Very concerned %	Somewhat concerned %	Not very concerned %	Not concerned at all %	Don't know %	Refused %
A1: Homeowner's insurance (n=749)	36	28	20	8	7	<1	0
A2: Renter's insurance (n=228)	27	19	19	14	21	<1	0
B. Electricity	33	24	24	12	7	<1	0
C. Phone	21	17	26	22	14	<1	0
D. Internet	20	19	29	20	12	<1	<1
E. Healthcare	35	25	20	11	9	0	<1
F. Prescription drugs	29	22	24	15	11	0	<1
G. Transportation costs	31	25	24	11	9	0	0
H. Food	43	24	20	8	7	0	0

#### Fraud

FRA4. How concerned are you, personally, about becoming the target or victim of a scam or fraud? (READ LIST)

%	n=1,005
20	Extremely concerned
23	Very concerned
32	Somewhat concerned
17	Not very concerned
9	Not concerned at all
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

#### Natural Disaster Preparedness

C2\_COMM20. How long have you lived in Florida? [RECORD YEARS & MONTHS]

COMM3. How long have you lived in your community? [RECORD YEARS & MONTHS]

LIVCOMM3. Do you rent or own your home (residence)? (READ LIST AS NEED TO CLARIFY)

%	n=1,005
75	Own (or being bought by you or someone in your household)
23	Rent
1	Neither own nor rent but live with an adult child or others
1	Do not pay rent or pay less than market value rent because subsidized by the homeowner
<1	I am homeless (VOL)
0	Some other type of living arrangement [SPECIFY]
<1	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

NDP2. Do you have emergency plans in place, in the event of a natural disaster?

%	n=1,005
67	Yes
33	No
0	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

NDP5. In the event of a hurricane, would you plan to...? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE OF 1-4; MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

%	n=1,005
61	Stay in your home
24	Evacuate to a family member or friend's home
14	Evacuate to a hotel
10	Evacuate to a public shelter
8	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

NDP8. How confident are you that you could rebound financially from a natural disaster? (READ LIST)

%	n=1,005
29	Very confident
42	Somewhat confident
15	Not very confident
11	Not confident at all
4	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_NDP10. Do you have homeowners or renters insurance that would cover your losses in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, flood, or tornado?

%	n=1,005
74	Yes
25	No
1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_NDP11\_A. [IF LIVCOMM 3=2 AND C2\_NDP10=YES] Do you have a specific hurricane deductible you would be responsible for paying for hurricane-related damages?

%	n=649
81	Yes
15	No
4	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_NDP12. [IF C2\_NDP11\_A=YES] How concerned are you about having to pay the hurricane deductible before your insurance company would cover costs for hurricane-related damages?

%	n=525
17	Extremely concerned
16	Very concerned
32	Somewhat concerned
21	Not very concerned
15	Not concerned at all
1	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_NDP11B. [IF LIVCOMM 3=2 AND C2\_NDP10=NO] Do you not have homeowners insurance because it is too expensive or is it some other reason?

%	n=93
73	Too expensive
27	Other reason
0	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

## Retirement

C2\_RET25. [IF S3=Retired and not working at all] Did you retire in the past 2 years?

%	n=448
25	Yes
75	No
0	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

C2\_RET25\_A. [IF C2\_RET25=Yes] Did you leave voluntarily or were you forced to leave by your employer?

%	n=112
75	Voluntarily
9	Forced to leave
14	Other (VOL)
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
1	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

## Livable Communities

### Independent Living and Long-Term Care

I1. Next, I am going to read a list of issues, and I'd like you to please tell me how important each is to you, personally. Is [ITEM] extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you? [RANDOMIZE ORDER] (Web: "For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you, personally." [MATRIX LAYOUT])

n=1,005	Extremely important %	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Don't know %	Refused %
P. Staying in your own home as you get older	55	32	10	2	1	<1	<1
Q. Having high quality long-term care in your community	42	37	15	3	2	1	<1
R. Getting to the places you need to go independently	51	38	8	1	1	1	<1
Y. Having affordable housing options in your community	46	30	15	5	4	1	<1

### Virtual Events

C2\_Virtual1. Have you participated in online activities or virtual events in the past two years you wouldn't have done prior to the pandemic?

%	n=1,005
45	Yes
55	No
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_Virtual2. [IF C2\_Virtual1=1] Are you likely to continue participating in online activities or virtual events once the pandemic is over?

%	n=451
84	Yes
15	No
1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

### Discrimination

FP16. Discrimination can take a variety of forms in society. How often do you personally see or experience the following types of discrimination? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE]

n=1,005	Very often %	Often %	Sometimes %	Rarely %	Never %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Discrimination against people based on their race or ethnicity	13	15	25	22	25	<1	<1
B. Discrimination against people based on their gender	7	12	23	26	31	<1	<1
F. Age discrimination in the workplace	6	10	22	23	36	3	1
G. Ageism, in general, which is the stereotyping or discrimination against people on the basis of their age	8	13	28	23	28	<1	<1
H. Discrimination against people based on their sexual orientation	9	11	23	24	33	<1	<1

## Demographics

C2\_D1\_A. Do you own a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android, Blackberry) or a regular cell phone?

%	n=1,005
86	Yes, I have a smartphone
11	Yes, I have a regular cell phone
3	No, I don't have any type of cell phone
<1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_D1\_B. What type of Internet connection do you have in your home? (READ LIST AS NEEDED) [SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY] (READ AS NEEDED: "If you have more than one connection, please tell me which one is your primary Internet connection.")

%	n=1,005
46	Cable
16	Fiber
10	DSL
9	Through my cellular service
9	Satellite or fixed wireless
1	Dial-up
2	I do not have an Internet connection at home
2	Other
6	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D2. Have you or a family member ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-2]

%	n=1,005
16	Yes, I have
36	Yes, a family member has
48	No
1	Don't know
<1	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

C2\_D14. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term health problem or disability?

%	n=1,005
27	Yes
73	No
<1	Don't know (Web: Do not include this response option)
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

*Thank you for your time so far. I have just a few final questions for classification purposes. All of your responses will be completely confidential. (Web: Do not include)*

D3. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=1,005
2	0 through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade (no diploma)
18	High school graduate (or equivalent)
5	Post- high school vocational or technical training
33	Some college (no degree), Associate's degree, 2-year college degree
22	College graduate (4-year degree)
4	Post-graduate study
16	Graduate or professional degrees (Master's degree/ PhD/ Law)
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)

D4. How do you identify your gender? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=1,005
53	Female
47	Male
<1	Other gender identity [SPECIFY]
0	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D4a. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer?

%	n=1,005
5	Yes
93	No
<1	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D5. What is your current marital status? (CODE BELOW; READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED)

%	n=1,005
50	Married
7	Living with a partner
11	Widowed
19	Divorced or separated
13	Never married
<1	Don't know (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)
<1	Refused (VOL) (Web: Do not include this response option)



D6. [IF D5=Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you or your (spouse/partner) currently a member of AARP? [IF D5≠Married or 'Not married, living with a partner'] Are you currently a member of AARP?

%	n=1,005
36	Yes
64	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused (Web: Do not include this response option)

D9. In general, how would you describe your political views? Would you say you are conservative, moderate, liberal, or something else? (Web: "In general, how would you describe your political views?")

%	n=1,005
34	Moderate
33	Conservative
22	Liberal
1	Other [SPECIFY]
4	Don't know
6	Refused (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D10. Are you a...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE ORDER]

%	n=1,005
38	Democrat
32	Republican
22	Independent
1	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL)
2	Don't know (VOL)
6	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

D11. What income range includes your household's total income from all sources in 2021? (READ LIST)

%	n=1,005
5	Less than \$10,000
14	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
23	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
21	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
10	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
10	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
4	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
5	\$200,000 or more
9	Refused (VOL) (Web: "Prefer not to say")

*Thank you very much for participating in this survey.*