



Long-Term Care in America: Americans Want to Age at Home

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2021 Data:

Interview dates: March 25-29, 2021

Nationally representative sample of 1,113 adults, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago

Margin of error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

2020 Data:

Interview dates: August 27-September 14, 2020

Nationally representative sample of 1,893 adults, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago

Margin of error: +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

2018 Data:

Interview dates: March 13-April 5, 2018

Nationally representative sample of 1,945 adults, conducted using the AmeriSpeak Panel

Margin of error: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

LTC1. Thinking about your own personal situation as you get older, does each of the following cause you a great deal of concern, quite a bit of concern, a moderate amount, only a little, or none at all?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/None at all NET	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Losing your independence and having to rely on others	39	23	17	27	32	17	15	*	1
Being able to pay for any care or help you might need as you grow older	36	21	15	30	33	19	14	*	1
Having to leave your home and move into a nursing home	30	17	13	23	45	23	22	*	1
Being a burden on your family	33	18	15	26	40	22	18	*	1
Not planning enough for the care you might need when you get older	30	13	17	32	37	21	16	*	1
Being alone without family or friends around you	33	17	17	27	39	20	19	*	1
Having to leave your home and move into a family member's home	23	12	11	24	52	23	29	*	1
Experiencing health and safety issues in a retirement community or nursing home	28	15	13	26	44	22	23	*	1
Having your social needs met	25	10	14	32	42	24	19	*	1

N=1,113

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AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/None at all NET	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Losing your independence and having to rely on others	47	23	24	26	26	17	9	*	*
Being able to pay for any care or help you might need as you grow older	40	20	21	26	33	22	12	*	*
Having to leave your home and move into a nursing home	36	19	17	21	43	24	19	*	*
Being a burden on your family	39	21	18	25	36	20	16	*	*
Not planning enough for the care you might need when you get older	34	17	17	30	36	24	11	*	*
Being alone without family or friends around you	34	17	17	25	41	25	16	*	*

N=1,893

LTC2. Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member’s home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.

Are you currently providing ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?

AP-NORC	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18
Yes	12	17	16
No	88	83	84
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	*
N=	1,113	1,893	1,945

If Age 40+

LTC3. Are you currently receiving ongoing living assistance or not?

As a reminder, this assistance can be help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member’s home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.

AP-NORC	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18
Yes	6	9	5
No	93	91	95
DON'T KNOW	-	*	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>698</i>	<i>1,175</i>	<i>1,522</i>

LTC4. *If “Yes” in LTC3:* If you could choose, what would be your first choice as to where you would receive assistance right now?

***All others:* In the event that you need ongoing living assistance someday, if you could choose, what would be your first choice as to where you would receive that assistance?**

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20
Your own home/Friend or family member’s home NET	88	89
Your own home	76	79
Friend or family member’s home	11	10
Nursing home	2	3
Senior community	10	8
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>1,893</i>

If age 40+

LTC5. How much planning, if any, [did you do/have you done] for your own needs for ongoing living assistance?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18
A great deal/Quite a bit NET	14	10	12
A great deal	4	3	5
Quite a bit	10	7	7
A moderate amount	17	18	23
None at all/Only a little NET	69	72	64
Only a little	27	26	27
None at all	42	46	37
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>698</i>	<i>1,175</i>	<i>1,522</i>

LTC6. Have you discussed your preferences for receiving ongoing living assistance with each of the following?

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Your doctor or health care provider	11	89	-	1
Your friends or family	31	68	-	1

N=1,113

LTC7. When thinking about your experiences with the health care system over the past year, how often were your preferences for care taken into account?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Never/Sometimes NET	45
Never	12
Sometimes	33
Usually/Always NET	53
Usually	32
Always	21
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,113

LTC8. If current caregiver in LTC2: If another aging family member or friend were to need ongoing living assistance during the COVID-19 outbreak, how concerned would you be about having them receive the following types of care in a nursing home?

If "No", "DON'T KNOW", "SKIPPED ON WEB", OR "REFUSED" in LTC2: If an aging family member or friend were to need ongoing living assistance during the COVID-19 outbreak, how concerned would you be about having them receive the following types of care in a nursing home?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Extremely/ Very con- cerned NET	Extremely con- cerned	Very con- cerned	Moder- ately con- cerned	Not at all/Only a little con- cerned NET	Only a little con- cerned	Not at all con- cerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Short-term stays for rehabilitation before moving home	33	16	17	39	27	16	10	*	1
Long term or permanent residence	44	21	23	32	22	13	9	*	1

N=1,113

AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	Extremely/ Very con- cerned NET	Extremely con- cerned	Very con- cerned	Moder- ately con- cerned	Not at all/Only a little con- cerned NET	Only a little con- cerned	Not at all con- cerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Short-term stays for rehabilitation before moving home	44	20	24	37	19	15	4	*	*
Long term or permanent residence	60	31	29	27	12	9	4	*	1

N=1,893

LTC9. Thinking about your [current/possible] needs for ongoing living assistance, how confident are you that you will have the financial resources to pay for any care you need as you get older?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20	AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18
Extremely/Very confident NET	16	15	17
Extremely confident	5	4	3
Very confident	11	11	14
Somewhat confident	44	44	38
Not at all/Not too confident NET	38	41	45
Not too confident	22	28	29
Not at all confident	16	13	15
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>1,893</i>	<i>1,945</i>

If age 40+

LTC10. Thinking about your [current/possible] needs for ongoing living assistance, how much do you think you will rely on each of the following sources to support any care you need as you get older?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Completely / Quite a bit NET	Completely	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little / Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your personal savings of investments	48	14	34	24	27	14	13	*	1
A pension	26	9	17	18	53	13	40	*	2
Social Security	47	20	27	28	23	16	8	*	1
Sources of future income other than Social Security, a pension, or your personal savings or investments	27	9	18	27	44	14	30	*	3
A family member's ability to provide care at no cost	17	4	13	25	58	24	33	*	1
Medicaid, which is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities	25	11	14	24	50	20	30	*	1
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	49	21	28	29	21	13	8	*	1
Long-term care insurance, which is extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance	15	5	10	24	59	18	41	*	1

N=698

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AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18	Completely / Quite a bit NET	Completely	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little / Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your personal savings of investments	37	11	26	27	36	17	19	*	1
A pension	27	8	19	20	51	11	40	1	1
Social Security	51	24	27	25	23	17	6	*	*
Sources of future income other than Social Security, a pension, or your personal savings or investments	19	6	13	17	60	20	41	1	2
A family member's ability to provide care at no cost	18	5	13	20	60	24	35	1	1
Medicaid, which is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities	29	13	16	15	54	17	37	1	1
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	55	21	34	25	18	13	6	*	1
Long-term care insurance, which is extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance	19	5	14	20	59	13	46	1	1

N=1,522

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AP-NORC 3/2-29/17	Completely / Quite a bit NET	Completely	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little / Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your personal savings of investments	40	13	27	22	36	17	18	1	1
A pension	29	10	20	14	55	12	43	*	1
Social Security	51	23	28	21	26	17	9	*	1
Sources of future income other than Social Security, a pension, or your personal savings or investments	21	6	15	16	60	19	42	*	1
A family member's ability to provide care at no cost	16	4	13	16	65	27	38	1	2
Medicaid, which is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities	25	12	14	13	59	16	43	2	1
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	57	25	32	21	21	12	9	*	1
Long-term care insurance, which is extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance	16	5	11	15	66	14	52	2	1

N=1,341

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AP-NORC 2/18-4/9/16	Completely / Quite a bit NET	Completely	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little / Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your personal savings of investments	32	14	18	24	40	17	23	2	1
A pension	22	10	12	19	55	13	42	3	1
Social Security	35	20	16	26	34	21	13	4	*
Sources of future income other than Social Security, a pension, or your personal savings or investments	16	7	10	17	58	15	42	7	2
A family member's ability to provide care at no cost	18	9	8	18	57	15	42	6	1
Medicaid, which is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities	20	11	9	17	54	10	44	9	*
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	38	19	19	26	30	13	16	6	1
Long-term care insurance, which is extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance	17	7	10	13	60	10	50	9	1

N=1,698

LTC11. Now, thinking about who should be responsible for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance...

How much responsibility should each of the following have for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Very large/ Large NET	Very large	Large	Moderate	Small/ None at all NET	Small	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021									
Individuals	35	11	23	35	28	20	9	*	1
Families	15	5	10	32	51	32	19	*	1
Medicare	51	21	30	36	12	9	3	*	1
Medicaid	41	18	23	37	20	13	7	*	2
Health insurance companies	52	21	30	38	10	6	3	*	1

N=1,113

	Very large/ Large NET	Very large	Large	Moderate	Small/ None at all NET	Small	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20									
Individuals	29	9	20	36	34	23	11	*	1
Families	15	5	11	32	51	31	20	*	1
Medicare	56	24	32	31	12	9	3	*	1
Medicaid	47	21	26	32	19	12	7	*	1
Health insurance companies	59	23	36	29	11	7	4	*	1

N=1,893

	Very large/ Large NET	Very large	Large	Moderate	Small/ None at all NET	Small	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18									
Individuals	34	12	22	35	29	19	10	1	1
Families	22	7	14	33	44	26	18	*	1
Medicare	45	17	28	38	16	11	4	*	1
Medicaid	36	14	22	36	25	16	9	1	2
Health insurance companies	50	19	32	33	14	9	6	1	1

N=1,945

LTC12. To help Americans prepare for the costs of ongoing living assistance, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
A government-administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	60	35	25	28	10	6	5	*	1
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	61	30	30	30	8	5	3	*	1
The ability to get some long-term care coverage through a Medicare Advantage or supplemental insurance plan	70	37	34	24	5	3	2	*	1
Government funding for programs to allow more people with low incomes to receive long-term care in their own homes	63	37	26	26	10	5	4	*	1

N=1,113

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AP-NORC 3/13-4/5/18	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
A government-administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	66	35	31	20	12	6	6	1	1
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance	70	38	32	21	7	4	3	1	1
The ability to get some long-term care coverage through a Medicare Advantage or supplemental insurance plan	69	36	33	23	6	4	2	1	1

N=1,945

LTC13. The Congressional Budget Office expects that the Medicare trust fund, which finances health services for Medicare beneficiaries, will run out of money in 2026. Thinking about the things Congress and the Biden Administration should work on, how much of a priority do you think securing the Medicare trust fund should be this year?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
A top priority/An important but lower priority NET	89
A top priority	51
An important but lower priority	38
Not an important priority/Should not be done at all NET	9
Not an important priority	7
Should not be done at all	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,113

LTC14. To stabilize the Medicare trust fund, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Cuts to benefits provided to current Medicare beneficiaries	12	4	9	27	59	26	33	1	1
Cuts to benefits that would be provided to future Medicare beneficiaries	12	3	8	32	55	26	29	1	1
Cuts in how much Medicare pays to <u>hospitals, doctors, and other services providers</u>	28	10	18	35	35	18	17	-	1
Cuts in how much Medicare pays to <u>pharmaceutical companies for prescription drugs</u>	40	17	24	31	28	16	12	*	1
Cuts in how much Medicare pays to <u>insurance companies</u>	36	12	24	36	26	14	12	*	1
An increase in the Medicare payroll tax that is paid by both employees and employers	43	12	31	33	23	14	8	1	2
A tax increase for wealthy individuals making over \$250,000 per year	62	39	23	20	16	8	8	8	1

N=1,113

LTC15. Many health care providers have begun using technology to safely provide patients with medical care from a distance during the COVID-19 outbreak, for example by using a live video service like Zoom, Doxy.me, or FaceTime, talking over the telephone, or by email or text message. This is often referred to as telehealth.

Have you received any care using any of the following?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 8/27-9/14/20 ¹
Live video service like Zoom, Doxy.me, or FaceTime	33	27
Talking on the telephone	35	28
Email	18	14
Text message	13	10
None of the above	46	54
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>1,328</i>

VIRUS2. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some-what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,113)	34	16	18	34	31	24	7	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	31	16	15	36	33	24	9	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	43	22	20	30	27	19	8	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	43	22	21	34	23	16	8	-	*
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	42	22	19	32	26	18	8	-	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	19	19	31	31	22	9	-	*
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	42	20	22	31	26	17	9	*	*

¹ 2020 LTC Poll asked current caregivers about the experience of the person they were providing care to. These numbers just include non-caregivers, who were asked about their own experience.

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AP-NORC		Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some-what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	49	25	24	31	19	11	8	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	16	16	35	32	22	9	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	42	21	21	31	25	18	7	*	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	43	23	20	35	22	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	50	28	22	34	16	13	3	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	31	14	17	35	33	23	10	*	1
	2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	22	11	11	23	55	37	19	-	*
The flu	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,113)	13	6	7	27	59	41	18	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	12	5	7	29	59	39	20	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	14	6	7	29	58	40	17	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	17	8	9	31	52	39	13	-	-
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	20	9	10	34	47	33	14	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	21	8	12	33	46	32	14	-	*
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	16	7	9	31	52	37	15	-	1
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	19	9	10	34	47	33	15	-	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	15	7	9	27	56	41	16	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	17	7	10	28	54	38	15	-	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	22	10	13	30	47	35	12	-	*
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	22	11	12	35	43	34	8	-	*
	3/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	15	6	9	33	50	37	13	-	1
	2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	23	10	14	40	37	29	7	-	*

APVAX3. Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 2/25-3/1/2021	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Yes	42	22	13
No	58	77	86
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	1,113	1,434	1,055

If No or Don't know in APVAX3

APVAX7. Once a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 is available to you, would you...

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 2/25-3/1/2021	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Definitely/Probably get a vaccine NET	57	61	62
Definitely get a vaccine	30	38	40
Probably get a vaccine	26	22	22
Definitely/Probably not get a vaccine NET	43	39	37
Probably <u>not</u> get a vaccine	22	20	20
Definitely <u>not</u> get a vaccine	21	20	17
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	604	1,103	914

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PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

If Democrat:

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

If Republican:

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:

PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	15
Republican NET	40
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	14
Strong Republican	15

N=

1,113

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22

N=

1,113

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Male	48
Female	52

N=

1,113

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RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Married	56
Not married	44
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Employed	47
Not employed	53
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	20
Post grad study/professional degree	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,113</i>

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INCOME

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	8

N=

1,113

Study Methodology

This study, funded by [The SCAN Foundation](#), was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face to face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings. Of note for this study, the panel would also exclude recipients of long-term care who live in some institutional types of settings, such as skilled nursing facilities or nursing homes, depending on how addresses are listed for the facility. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, The Associated Press, and The SCAN Foundation collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between March 25 and March 29, 2021, with adults age 18 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,113 completed the survey—1,040 via the web and 73 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (\$3) for completing the survey.

The final stage completion rate is 22.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2020 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Topline data and reports for all previous years, including full methodology statements, are available at www.longtermcarepoll.org. For more information, email info@apnorc.org.

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