

## **Subgroups Summary of COA Survey**

The East Hampton Commission on Aging survey of older adults' needs was analyzed as a whole and reported separately in the document entitled, "Executive Summary of COA Survey." That report focused on ALL responses taken as a whole (e.g., the entire Venn diagram); this report focuses on specific groups of respondents (several circles within that diagram) chosen for their possible unique needs.

Each group was compared to the whole for every question. For questions that the group answered differently from the whole, that difference is summarized, and listed as "(% of group v. % of whole)." At the end of each group report is a list of question numbers for which the group and the whole agreed closely.

**Validity of incomplete surveys** 482 people submitted surveys, of which SurveyMonkey judged 413 to be complete. For all questions and all of their subparts, both groups of responses were statistically essentially identical. Thus the 69 incomplete responses can be tallied as valid responses.

### **GROUPS:**

#### **A. 80 years old or over: 78 responses**

##### **Housing:**

2. Fewer own their home or live in a single family house (67% of 80+ year olds v. 85% of all responders); more live in multi-family, apartment, or senior housing (55% v. 26%)
4. More said it is very important to stay within 5 miles if they moved (36% v. 24%)
5. Given their current health and finances, more want a senior apartment, a senior community, or a multi-level senior community (73% v. 45%)
6. More found at least one of: lack of in-home assistance, health status, and maintenance needs to be barriers to their preferred housing (59% v. 34%)
7. More show interest in 1 bedroom (48% v. 30%), and 1 bath (56% v. 41%) apartments
9. Fewer judge themselves likely to use an ADU in next few years (7% v. 15%) - although 42% wanted "more info" to decide

##### **Transportation:**

10. Slightly fewer own or have easy access to a car (91% v. 97%)
11. More have health issues interfering with driving (36% v. 22%)
12. Fewer drive themselves to do errands (74% v. 90%), more are driven (28% v. 13%)
13. Fewer get out 5+ times a week (51% v. 64%), more get out 3-4 times a week (32% v. 24%)
15. More have difficulty getting to out of town medical appointments (30% v. 14%)

### **Health care and affordability:**

17. Of those 80+ years old: 17-18% noted unmet needs for each service: home care services, certified home care providers, and specialty care providers.
18. More are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (97% v. 93%)
19. News sources: fewer use social media (23% v. 37%), more use the Senior Center (45% v. 24%)
21. Fewer are working in retirement due to finances (9% v. 23%) - but note age 80+
23. Fewer are free from loneliness (15% v. 26%)
24. Of those 80+ years old: in past year, 8% worried that food would run out without ability to buy more
25. Of those 80+ years old: in past year, 9% found food did run out while out of money to buy more

### **Demographics and final questions:**

26. More say East Hampton is a good place for people to live as they age (52% v. 46%)
27. A higher proportion of this group of respondents was male (36% v. 31% of whole survey)
28. This group is all age 80 or greater
31. More had no education or skilled trade beyond high school (41% v. 20%)
32. Fewer are married (32% v. 57%), but more are widowed (53% v. 21%)
33. More have low income: below \$20k (26% v.12%), or below \$30k (43% v. 25%)

Questions numbers for which answers were very similar for the 80 years and older group, and the whole set of responses: 1,3,8,14,16,20,22,29,30.

## **B. Income below \$30,000: 95 responses**

### **Housing:**

2. Fewer own their own house or live in a single family house (66% v. 85%); more live in multi-family, apartment, or senior housing (44% v. 26%); more live on one floor (60% v. 42%), and more find maintenance of dwelling and grounds overwhelming (40% v. 30%)
4. Slightly more said it was very important to stay within 5 miles if they moved (32% v. 24%)
5. Given their current health and finances, fewer want their own home (61% v. 79%), and more want assisted living (22% v. 9%), an apartment in a senior community (34% v. 17%), or a multi-level senior community (29% v. 17%)
6. More noted barriers to preferred housing: unaffordable (44% v. 22%), lack of in-home assistance (13% v. 7%), health status (15% v. 7%), and maintenance needs (42% v. 20%)
7. More show interest in 1 bedroom (59% v. 30%), and 1 bath (65% v. 41%) apartments

8. More wanted more information about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) (55% v. 40%)
9. Although 15% of both this group and the whole response set thought an ADU was an option they might use, more in this group needed further information (51% v. 41%)

**Transportation:**

10. Slightly fewer own or have easy access to a car (91% v. 97%)
13. Fewer get out 5+ times a week (54% v. 64%), more get out less than once a week ( 7% v. 2%)
14. Fewer think public transportation is: safe (73% v. 81%), affordable (57% v. 68%), or convenient (32% v. 24%)
15. More have difficulty getting to out of town medical appointments (32% v. 15%)

**Health care and affordability:**

17. This group noted unmet needs for: safe walking nearby (37%), certified home care providers (31%), specialty care providers (29%), info on health and support (28%), fitness classes and home care services (both 27%)
19. News sources: fewer use social media (28% v. 37%), more use the Senior Center (42% v. 24%)
20. Fewer will be able to support themselves in retirement (57% v. 81%)
21. More will have to work in retirement (36% v. 23%)
22. Fewer feel financially able to remain in East Hampton during retirement (68% v. 81%)
23. Fewer are free from loneliness (19% v. 26%)
24. Of those with incomes below \$30,00: in past year, 27% worried that food would run out without ability to buy more
25. Of those with incomes below \$30,00: in past year, 21% found food did run out while out of money to buy more

**Demographics and final questions:**

28. This group has fewer under 75 y/o (41% v. 65%), and more over 80 y/o (32% v. 18%)
31. More had no education or skilled trade beyond high school (42% v. 20%)
32. Fewer are married or living with a partner (25% v. 57%), but more are divorced or widowed (69% v. 21%)
33. This group all had incomes below \$30,000

Questions numbers for which answers were very similar for the income under \$30,000 group and the whole set of responses: 1,3,11,12,16,18,26,27,29,30.

### **C. Income above \$30,000: 284 responses**

Note that this group's responses to questions and subparts of questions almost always closely matched the answer percentages of the entire set of 482 responses. These few questions showed differences:

#### **Housing:**

7. Fewer prefer a 1 bedroom (19% v. 30%) and 1 bath (32% v. 41%) apartment.

#### **Transportation:**

no significant differences

#### **Health care and affordability:**

19. Fewer used the Senior Center as a source for news (17% v. 24%)

24. Of those with incomes above \$30,00: in past year, 4% worried that food would run out without ability to buy more

25. Of those with incomes above \$30,00: in past year, 2% found food did run out while out of money to buy more

#### **Demographics and final questions:**

31. Fewer had no education or skilled trade beyond high school (13% v. 20%), while more had graduate or professional degrees (32% v. 27%)

32. More were married (68% v. 57%), and fewer were divorced (10% v. 17%)

33. More had income of \$100,000 or more (25% v. 18%)

### **D. Males: 135 responses**

#### **Housing:**

2. Fewer are overwhelmed by dwelling maintenance (15% v. 30%) or grounds maintenance (18% v. 33%)

5. Fewer preferred choices of senior apartment, senior community, or multi-level senior facility (28% v. 45%)

8. Fewer want additional information about ADUs (33% v. 40%)

#### **Transportation:**

12. Fewer get around town driven by others (6% v. 13%)

14. More think that public transportation is safe, accessible, affordable, convenient, available, and adequate for people with disabilities (approximately 8% more on each answer)

**Health care and affordability:**

17. This group noted unmet needs for: fitness classes (22%), info on health (25%), home care services (26%), certified home care providers (21%), safe walking nearby (24%), and specialty care providers (22%)

19. Fewer used social media (24% v. 37%) and the Senior Center (15% v. 24%) as sources of news and current events

**Demographics and final questions:**

27. All of this group identified as male

31. Fewer had no education or skilled trade beyond high school (13% v. 20%), while more had graduate or professional degrees (32% v. 27%)

32. More were married (73% v. 57%), and fewer were divorced (8% v. 17%) or widowed (13% v. 21%)

33. More had income of \$100,000 or more (25% v. 18%)

**E. Not married or living with partner: 181 responses**

Note that these respondents may be living with family or friends and not alone.

2. Fewer own their own house or live in a single family house (76% v. 86%); more live in multi-family, apartment, or senior housing (39% v. 26%); more live on one floor (56% v. 42%), and more find maintenance of dwelling and grounds overwhelming (42% v. 30%)

4. More find it very important to stay within 5 miles if they move (32% v. 24%)

5. Given their current health and finances, fewer want their own home (61% v. 79%), and more want to own a senior apartment (16% v. 11%), rent an apartment in a senior community (28% v. 17%), or a multi-level senior community (22% v. 17%)

6. More noted barriers to preferred housing: unaffordable (34% v. 22%), not available in town (33% v. 25%), and maintenance needs (25% v. 20%)

7. More show interest in 1 bedroom (49% v. 30%), and 1 bath (58% v. 41%) apartments

8. More wanted additional information about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) (47% v. 40%)

**Transportation:**

15. more had difficulty getting to out often medical appointments (25% v. 15%)

**Health care and affordability:**

17. This group noted unmet needs for: wellness classes (27%), fitness classes (31%), info on health (25%), home care services (25%), certified home care providers (24%), safe walking nearby (33%), and specialty care providers (23%)

19. More used the Senior Center as a source for news (32% v. 24%)

20. Fewer will be able to support themselves in retirement (69% v. 81%)

23. More feel loneliness at least some of the time (57% v. 40%); more are lonely often or always (6% v. 3%)

24. Of those not married or living with partners: in past year, 16% worried that food would run out without ability to buy more

25. Of those not married or living with partners: in past year, 11% found food did run out while out of money to buy more

**Demographics and final questions:**

27. Of those not married or living with partners: 18% of respondents identified as male and 81% as female.

28. Fewer were age 65-69 (21% v. 35%)

31. More had no education or skilled trade beyond high school (31% v. 20%); fewer had graduate or professional degrees (20% v. 27%)

32. Of this group who were not married or living with a partner: 41% divorced, 50% widowed, and 7% never married

33. More have low income: below \$20k (24% v.12%), or below \$30k (44% v. 25%)