

# Older Adults' Preparedness to Age in Place



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These questions are about staying in your home as you get older which is called “aging in place.”

**Q1. If you were unable to do these things on your own, do you have someone in your life who could help you with the following tasks?**

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Probably no	Definitely no
Household chores				
Grocery shopping				
Personal care (such as bathing, helping to dress)				
Manage your finances				

**Q2. If you needed help with household chores, shopping, personal care, or managing finances, how confident are you that you could afford to pay for these services?**

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not very confident
4. Not at all confident

**Q3. Is there a place or organization in your community that feels welcoming for people your age to socialize, exercise, and/or participate in activities?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know



**Q4. Do you think your current home has the features you would need to be able to continue living there as you age?**

1. Definitely yes
2. Probably yes
3. No

**Q5. Do you have any of the following in your home?**

	Yes	No
Grab bars in the bathroom		
Shower bench/chair		
Ramp into home/no stairs for entry		
Door frames wide enough for a wheelchair		
Roll in shower (barrier-free)		
Raised toilet height		
Lever door handles		
Main floor bathroom		
Main floor bedroom		

**Q6. How much consideration have you given to what modifications may be necessary for your home for you to be able to stay there as you age?**

1. A lot
2. Some
3. Little
4. None

**Q7. Do you have any smart technologies in your home, appliances and/or electronic devices that can be controlled remotely)?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**Q8. Do you use any of the smart technologies listed below in your home? Please select all that apply.**

1. Smart stove alarm
2. Smart thermostat
3. Smart water/bath temperature monitor
4. Water leak detector
5. Smart medication pillbox
6. Large display/High visibility telephones
7. Personal emergency response system
8. Doorbell camera
9. Voice controlled assistive devices (e.g., Echo, iHome etc.)
10. Other
11. None of the above

**Q9. Do you have a disability, impairment, or chronic health condition that limits your activities?**

1. Yes
2. No

**Q10. How difficult is it for you to use the main rooms in your home due to clutter or the number of possessions you have?**

1. Very difficult
2. Somewhat difficult
3. Not very difficult
4. Not at all difficult

**Q11. Have you moved in the past 5 years?**

1. Yes
2. No



If Q11 = 1

**Q12. During your last move, did you...**

	Yes	No
move to a smaller home		
move closer to relatives		
move in with relatives or have relatives move in with you		
move to a home that is easier to get around in (e.g., a single-story home)		

**Q13. In the next 5 years, are you planning to...**

	Yes	No	Maybe
move to a smaller home?			
move closer to relatives?			
move in with relatives or have relatives move in with you?			
move to a home that is easier to get around in (e.g., a single-story home)?			

**Q14. How important is it for you to be able to stay in your current home for as long as possible?**

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not important

**Data Source and Methods**

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