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## About This Survey

AARP helps organize local Chapter and Retired Educator Units where members meet regularly to socialize and get involved. They make new friendships, plan community service projects, learn about national and state issues, and advocate for public policies that address the concerns of persons age 50 and over. The AARP state office in Wyoming commissioned a survey to learn more about members' experiences and preferences regarding local Chapters, Retired Educator Units, and community work.

This report is part of a larger survey that explored AARP Wyoming members' experiences and views regarding AARP programs and information, identity theft, telecommunications service and charges, property taxes, work and retirement, as well as what issues they view as top legislative priorities for the state. AARP Wyoming members' experience and opinions about AARP in the community are analyzed in this report.

## Methodology

AARP conducted the AARP Wyoming Member Survey from June through August, 2006. A random sample of 2,000 AARP members in Wyoming, proportionally stratified by three age segments—50 to 59, 60 to 74, and 75+, was selected from AARP's membership database. Each sampled member was contacted about the survey in four ways: A pre-notification postcard, the survey itself, a reminder postcard, and a second survey. Wyoming members returned 1,052 completed and useable surveys by the cut-off date, providing a 53 percent response rate. Thus, the survey has a sampling error of plus or minus 3.0 percent.

Survey responses were weighted to reflect the distribution of the age segments in the member population of Wyoming. The weighted overall findings are discussed. Throughout the report, statistics representing member responses are reported in percentages. In some instances, percentages are small and may not seem to represent a significant proportion of members, yet when projected to the total Wyoming membership the actual number of people may be substantial. As of August 2006, the number of individual AARP members in Wyoming was 94,077. A full annotated questionnaire is included in the Appendix.

## Highlights

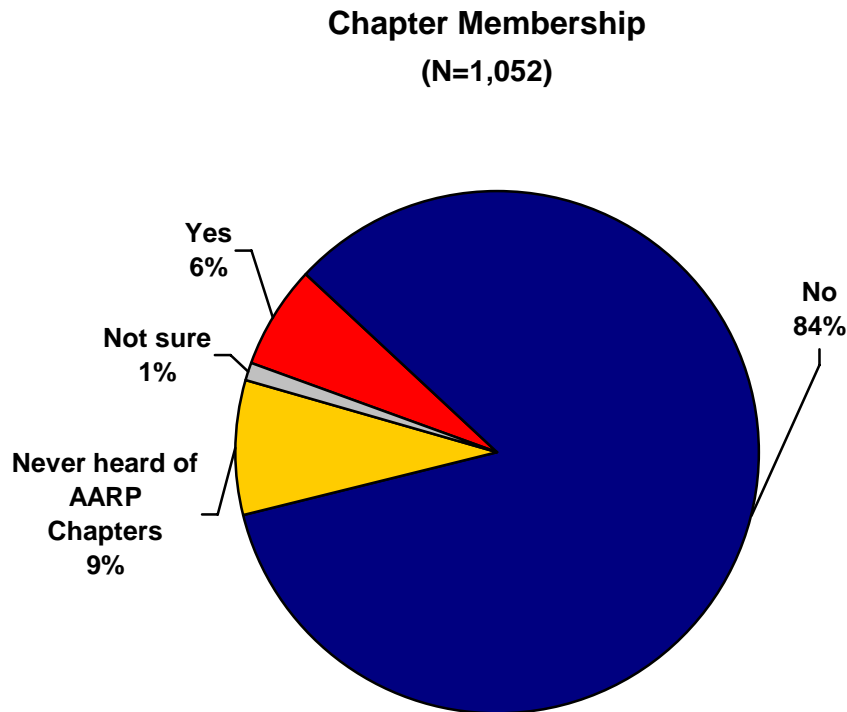
This report examines Wyoming members' awareness and experiences with AARP Chapter and Retired Educator Units. The survey was mailed to 2,000 members in Wyoming and 1,052 were returned and completed by the closing date. This survey has a response rate of 53 percent and a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.0 percent.

- Six percent of Wyoming members currently belong to a local AARP Chapter or Retired Educators Unit. Of these participants (n=67), almost four in ten (38%) automatically joined in a Chapter or Unit when they became an AARP member, and a quarter (25%) were recruited through a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a colleague at work.
- If offered in their local community, the top three activities, AARP Wyoming members would at least become somewhat involved in, are: a training on important legislative and policy issues (36%), health and wellness sessions (35%), and annual community service projects (34%).
- Twenty percent of Wyoming members have participated in a Driver Safety class and 5 percent sought assistance through the Tax-Aide program. Of those who have never used these services, the majority in both cases say they did not need it at this time, but many members in either program also say they have never heard of these programs.
- The top three workshops AARP Wyoming members would attend if offered in their community are those on Social Security (55%), Medicare (54%), and identity theft (53%). Almost half of Wyoming members would attend a meeting on long-term care (48%), prescription drug insurance and public benefits (47%), and the new Wyoming Advance Health Care Directive (46%).
- Local newspapers (67%) and direct mail (67%) are still the major sources of information in which Wyoming members would prefer learning about local AARP programs, services, or activities.

## Findings

### Six percent of Wyoming members currently belong to a Local Chapter or Retired Educator Unit.

Few AARP Wyoming members belong to a local AARP Chapter or Retired Educator Unit – in fact, six percent say they are actively involved (n=67) and eight percent have not heard of AARP Chapters.<sup>1</sup> Almost eight in ten Wyoming members do not belong to a local Chapter or Retired Educator Unit. No significant differences were found for gender and no linear trends were found regarding age groups.



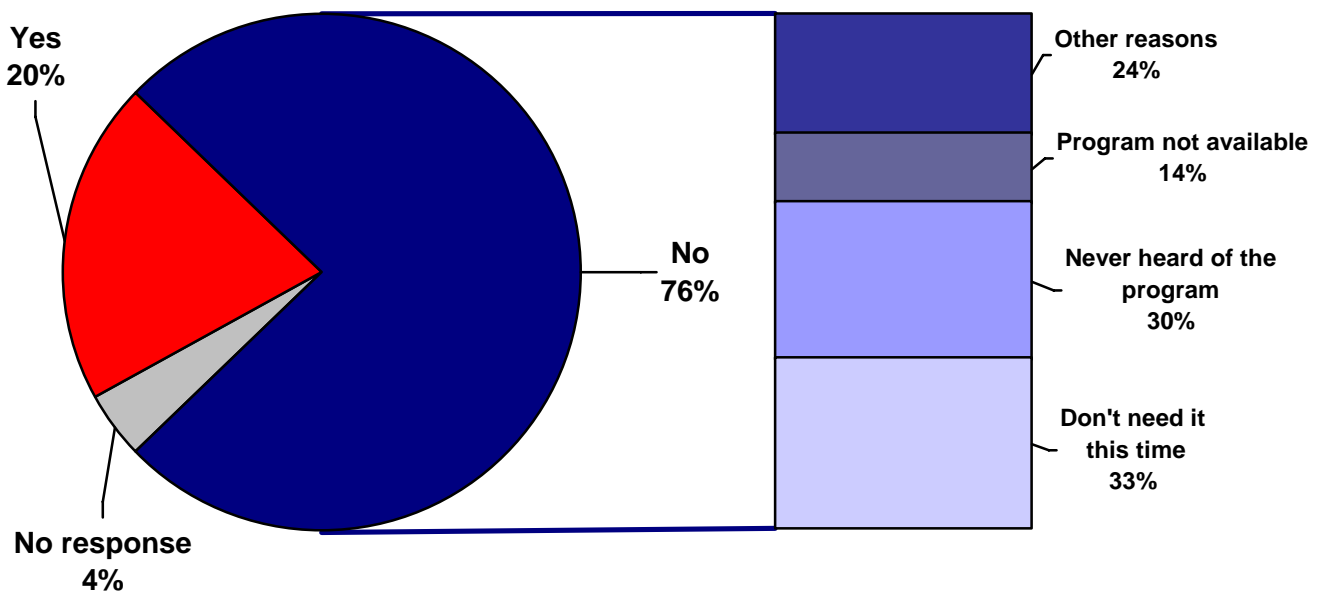
<sup>1</sup> Older members belong more often to a local Chapter or a Retired Educator Unit than younger members. For example, almost half of Chapter or Retired Educator Unit members (46%) are 75 and older versus 19 percent of age 50 to 59. There are certainly some explanations for this finding, the lack of information might be one of them. Among those who have never heard of AARP Chapters or Retired Educator Units (n=82) younger members (54% age 50 to 59) outnumber older members (7% age 75 and older).

## One in five Wyoming members have taken an AARP Driver Safety class

AARP's Driver Safety program is offered in communities throughout Wyoming. This is for residents age 55 and older where upon successful completion of the program they are eligible for a two-year discount on their auto insurance. Almost eight in ten Wyoming members have never taken an AARP Driver Safety class, but 20 percent have and among them older members outnumber younger members. Half of members who took Driver Safety classes (50%) are 75 and older versus only 4 percent of age 50 to 59.

Wyoming members who have not taken the Driver Safety class, report they don't need it at this time, they have never heard of the AARP Driver Safety program, the program was not available in their community, or they refer to various other reasons.

**Participation in Driver Safety classes and reasons "why not"**  
(N=1,052 WY members) (n=794 members who have not taken class)



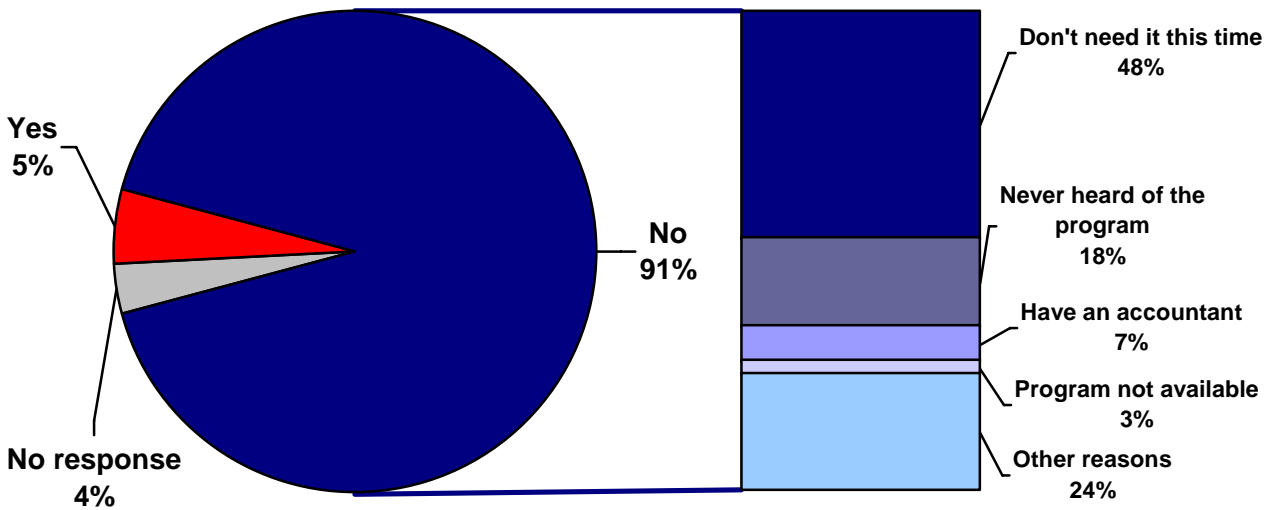
**Very few Wyoming members have sought help from AARP Foundation’s Tax-Aide Program.**

The AARP Foundation offers a program during the tax season called the AARP Tax-Aide to help members complete and file their taxes at no cost. More than nine in ten Wyoming members have never used the free AARP Tax-Aide program, but five percent have. Wyoming members, who have not yet sought help from the Tax-Aide program, say they “don’t need it at this time”, they have “never heard of the AARP Tax-Aide program”, they use an accountant, they say that the program is not available in their community, or refer to other reasons.

**Have used the AARP Foundation’s Tax-Aide program and reasons “why not”**

(N=1,052 WY members)

(n=956 members who have not used the program)

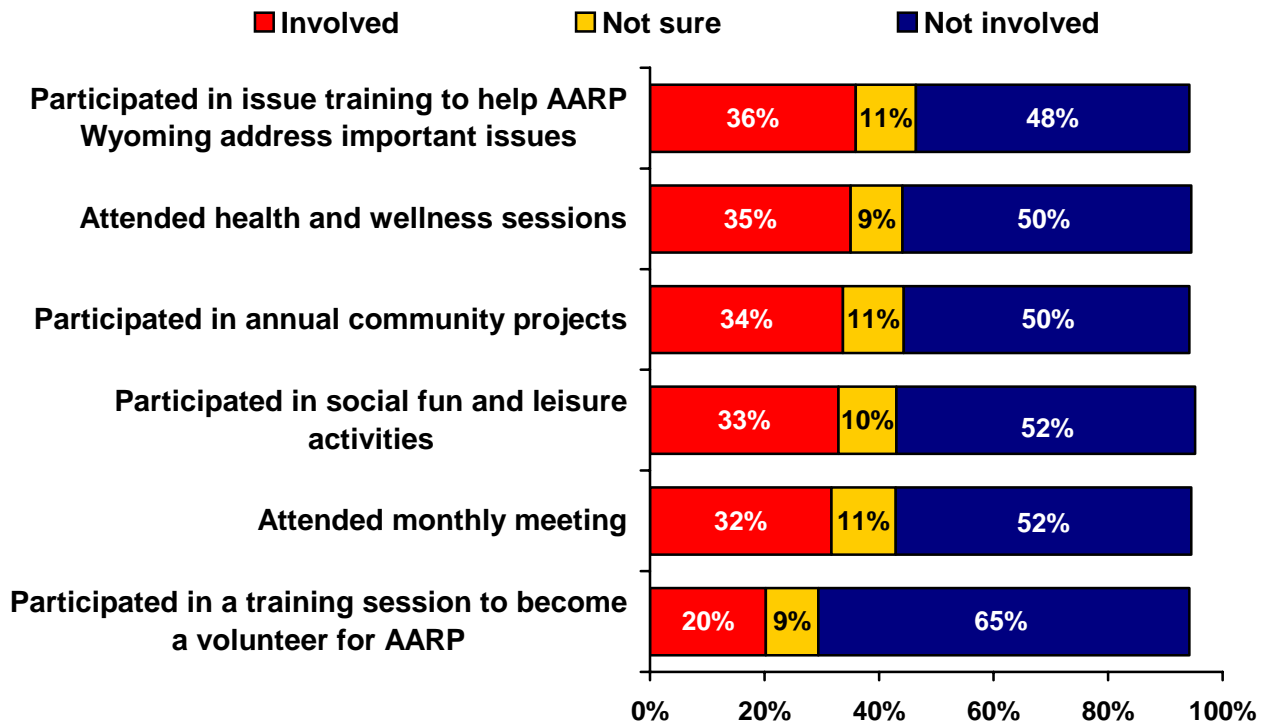


Younger members more often than older say they have not sought help from the AARP Tax-Aide program (50-59: 95%, 60-74: 91%, 75+: 86%).

**Issue training to help AARP Wyoming address important issues and health/ wellness sessions rank first among activities Wyoming members would be involved in if offered in their local community.**

While roughly one half of Wyoming members (between 48% and 65%) would not become involved in the listed activities, roughly a third would become engaged in the tested activities if they were offered in the local community. The two most favored activities are a training to help AARP Wyoming address important issues and health and wellness sessions. Around a third of members favor annual community projects, social fun and leisure activities, or monthly meetings.

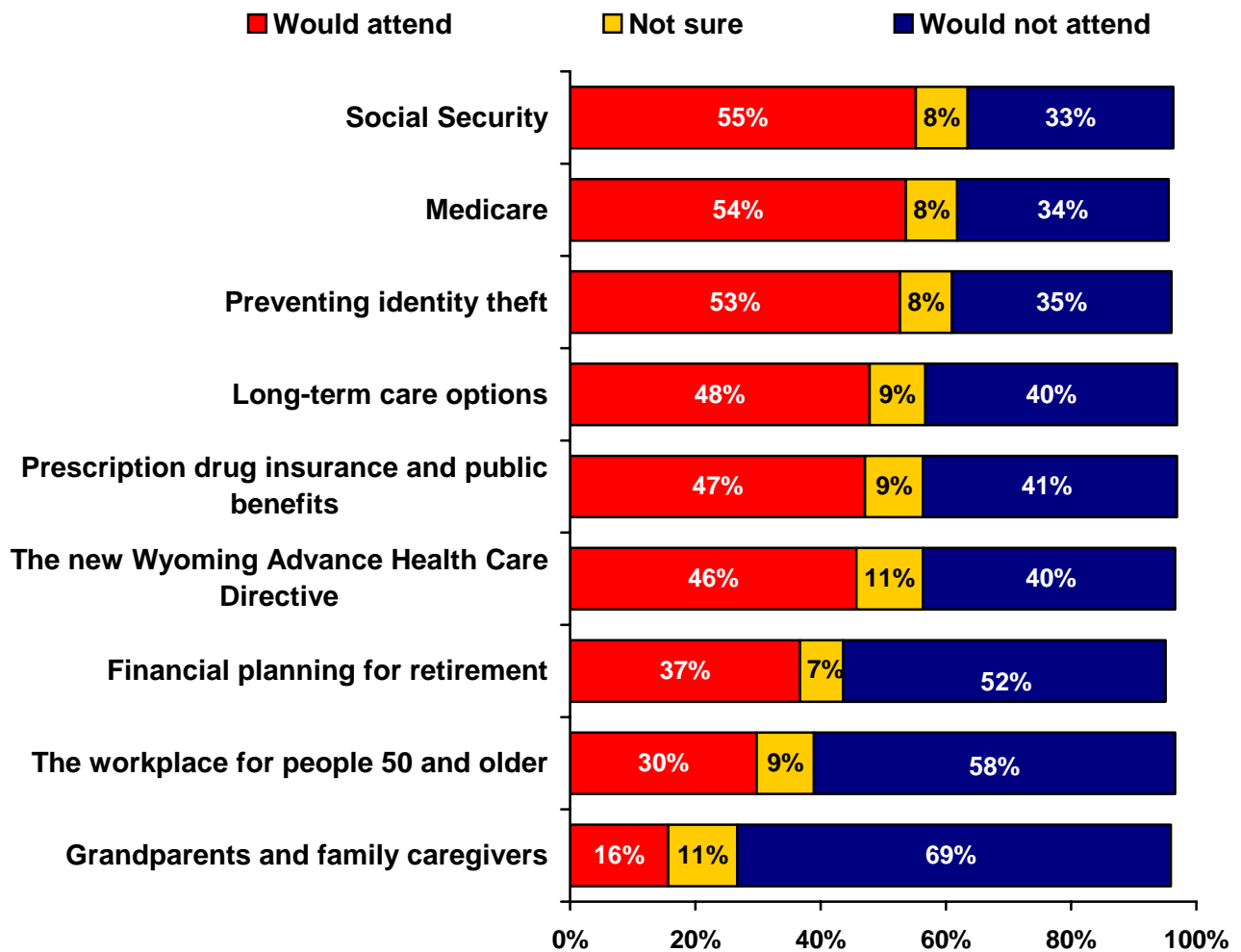
**Member involvement in potential AARP Wyoming activities**  
(N=1,052)



**More than half of Wyoming members would attend workshops on Social Security, Medicare, and identity theft if offered in their community.**

AARP Wyoming is considering holding workshops on a variety of topics and wanted to gauge members’ interest level. The top-three ranked workshops more than half of Wyoming members would attend are on Social Security, Medicare, and identity theft. Almost half of Wyoming members would attend meetings on long-term care, prescription drug insurance and public benefits, and the new Wyoming Advance Health Care Directive.

**Likelihood of attendance at workshops or meetings if offered in their community**  
(N=1,052)

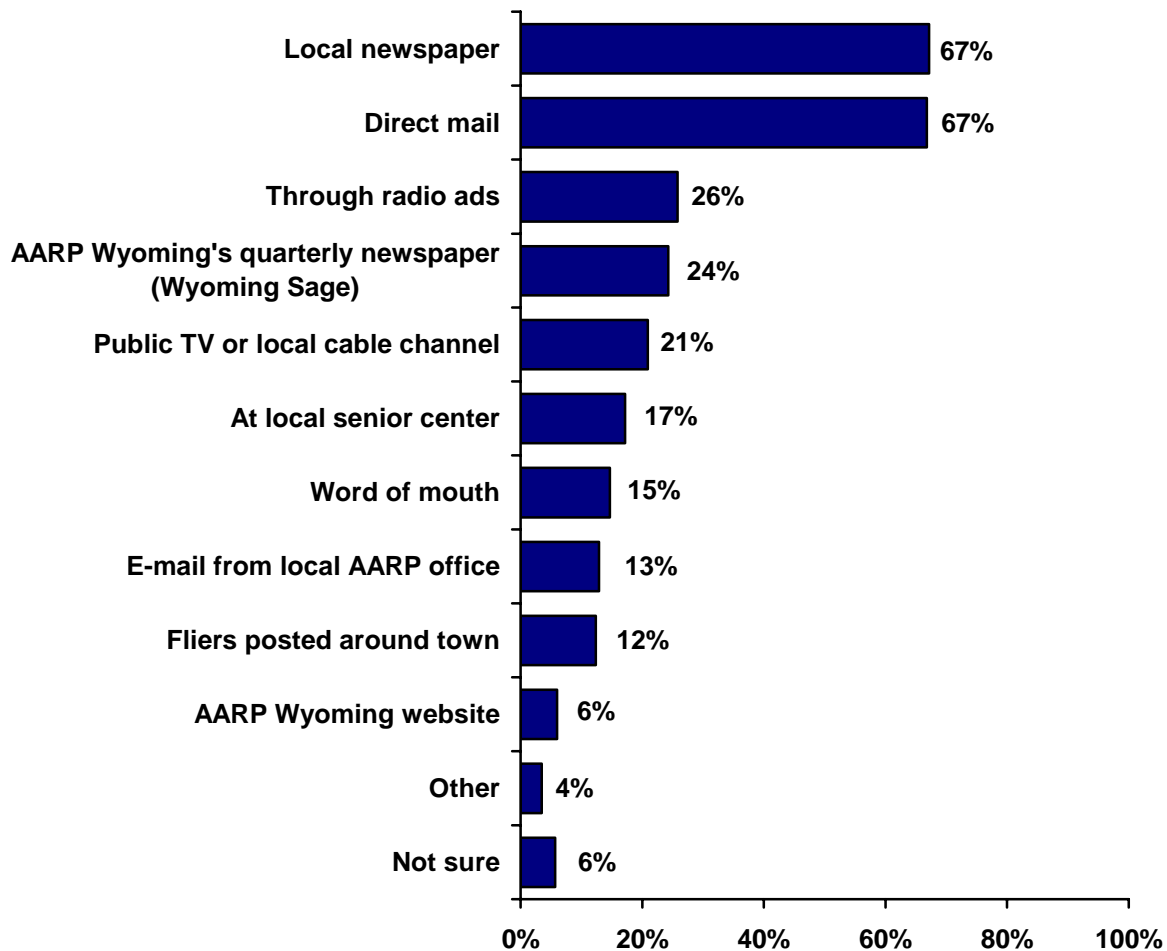


In some instances age-related differences are important. Younger members ages 50 to 59 are more inclined than older members ages 75 and older to say they would attend meetings on Social Security (60% vs. 45%), prescription drug insurance (51% vs. 40%), retirement (57% vs. 17%), and the workplace for people 50 and older (43% vs. 18%). It seems that younger members are more interested in issues that help them prepare for retirement.

**The major sources of information for Wyoming members to find out about AARP programs, services, or activities are local newspapers and direct mail.**

More traditional publications such as local newspapers and direct mail are the two most sought after sources of information Wyoming members turn to if they want to find out about AARP’s programs, services, or activities in their community. However, almost a quarter of Wyoming members would search the AARP Wyoming quarterly newspaper “The Wyoming Sage” to find out about local activities. Information provided by e-mail or posted on the AARP Wyoming website cannot yet be regarded as one of the most efficient means to inform Wyoming members about local AARP activities.

**Sources of information Wyoming members use to find out about AARP activities**  
(N=1,052)



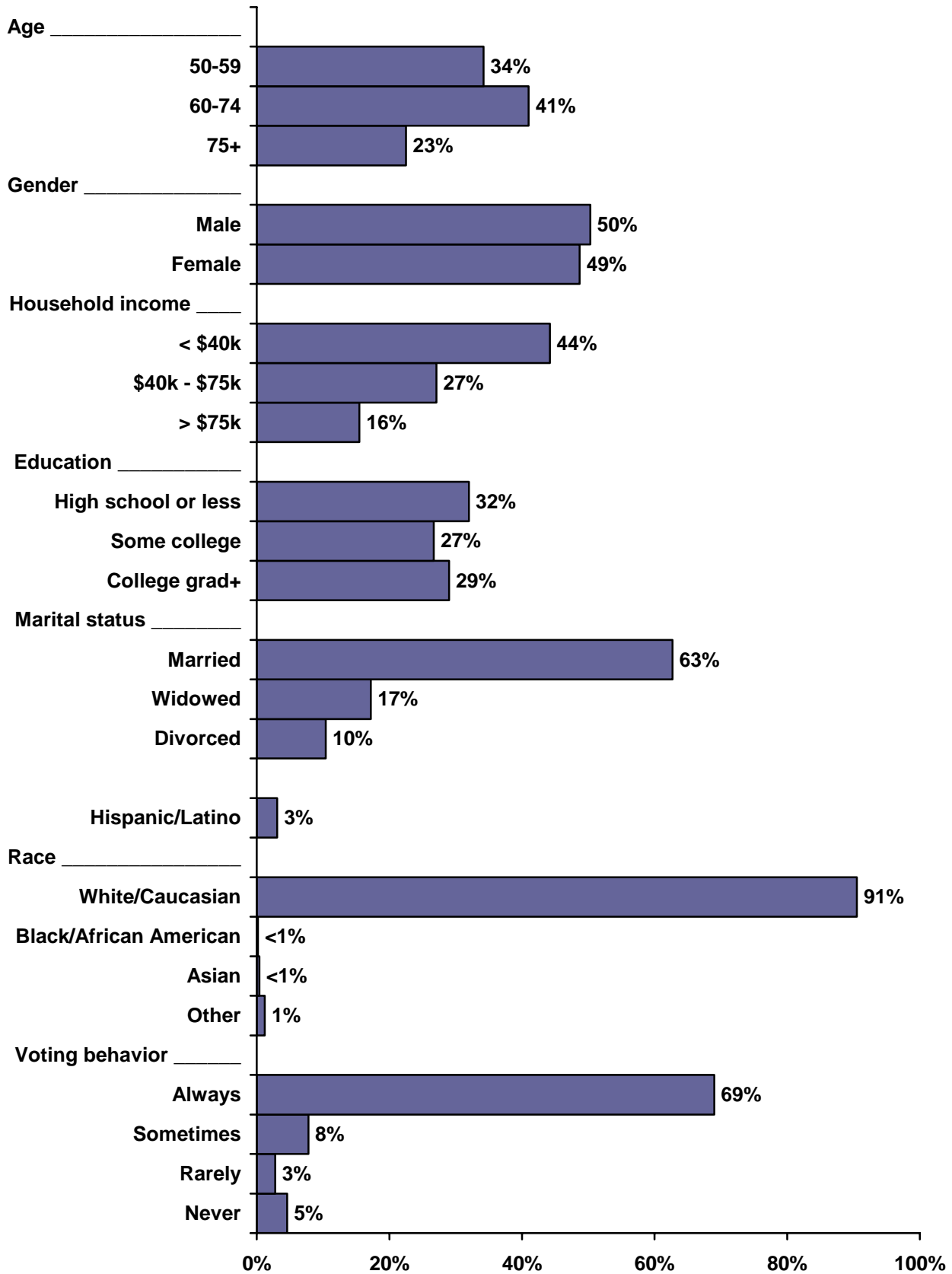
Older members (75 and older) are more likely to find out about AARP programs and services via TV and local cable channel, and announcements at local senior centers. Younger members ages 50 to 59, though, are more likely to hear from AARP programs and services through direct mail and by e-mails from the local AARP office.

## Conclusion

Participation in the AARP Driver Safety Program is the most popular way for members to get involved with AARP. This is not surprising as participants receive a financial incentive for completing the course – a discount on their auto insurance. Fewer members have taken advantage of the AARP Tax-Aide service or engaged in regular participation with a local AARP chapter or Retired Educator Unit. The low rates of participation in AARP Chapter or Units in Wyoming and the comparatively high proportion of members who have never heard of AARP programs support the idea to launch a more targeted information campaign that could involve more members in the long-term. Issue based workshops on topics like Social Security, Medicare, identity theft, and health related topics may be a means of engaging members in more AARP activities. The survey has shown, information about these topics are more sought after by younger than by older members. Hence, more activities in this direction might serve the growing number of baby boomers among AARP Wyoming members.

## **Respondent Demographics**

## Demographic Profile of Wyoming AARP Members (N=1,052)



## **ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE**

# 2006 AARP WYOMING MEMBER SURVEY

AARP Members Weighted N =1,052; Response Rate =53%; Sampling Error =+/- 3%)  
(Percentages may add to more than 100% due to rounding)

## AARP in your community

1. **AARP helps organize local Chapters and Retired Educator Units where members meet regularly to socialize and get involved. They make new friendships, plan community service projects, learn about national and state issues, and advocate for public policies that address the concerns of persons age 50 and over.**

**Do you belong to a local AARP Chapter or Retired Educators Unit?**

%

- 6 Yes
- 79 No → **GO TO QUESTION 2**
- 8 Never heard of AARP Chapters or Retired Educators Unit → **GO TO QUESTION 2**
- 1 Not sure → **GO TO QUESTION 2**
- 6 No answer

**1a. IF YES, how did you come to join either? (n=67)**

%

- 25 Through a friend, family member, neighbor, colleague at work
- 6 In a news flier or bulletin
- 1 At an AARP event or meeting
- 38 Automatically joined when I became an AARP member
- 1 Invited by an AARP Chapter or REU representative
- 1 Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Not sure/can't remember
- 18 No answer

2. **AARP also offers a Driver Safety Program in communities throughout Wyoming for residents age 55 or older where upon successful completion of the program they are eligible for a two-year discount on their auto insurance.**

**Have you ever taken an AARP Driver Safety class?**

%

- 20 Yes → **GO TO QUESTION 3**
- 76 No
- 4 No answer

**2a. IF NO, why not: [Check (√) ALL that apply] (n=794)**

- %**
- 30 Have never heard of the AARP Driver Safety program
- 14 Program not available in my community
- 33 Don't think I need to at this time
- 17 Other reason: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Not sure

**3. AARP also offers a program in communities throughout Wyoming during the tax season where AARP volunteers help older residents complete and file their taxes at no cost called the AARP Tax-Aide program. Have you ever sought help from the AARP Tax-Aide program?**

- %**
- 5 Yes → **GO TO QUESTION 4**
- 91 No
- <.5 Not sure → **GO TO QUESTION 4**
- 3 No answer

**3a. IF NO, why not? (N=956)**

- %**
- 18 Have never heard of the AARP Tax Aide program
- 3 Program not available in my community
- 48 Don't think I need this type of assistance at this time
- 4 Other reason: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Not sure
- 18 No answer

**4. If offered in your local community, how involved do you think you would be in each of the following AARP Wyoming activities:**

	Extremely involved ▼	Very involved ▼	Somewhat involved ▼	Not too involved ▼	Not at all involved ▼	Not sure ▼	No Answer ▼
a. Monthly meeting that educate & inform AARP members about community issues .....	1	4	26	25	27	11	5
b. Annual community projects such as help low-income seniors winterize their vehicles, make minor home repairs, etc.	2	7	25	20	30	11	6
c. A training session to become a volunteer for AARP programs like Tax-Aide, Driver Safety, or Community Action Teams .....	1	4	15	20	45	9	6

**4. (continued) If offered in your local community, how involved do you think you would be in each of the following AARP Wyoming activities:**

	Extremely involved ▼	Very involved ▼	Somewhat involved ▼	Not too involved ▼	Not at all involved ▼	Not sure ▼	No Answer ▼
d. Health & wellness sessions like walking tours, physical & mental fitness exercises, healthy cooking classes or Wyoming Senior Olympic training sessions .....	2	10	23	18	33	9	6
e. Issue training to help AARP Wyoming address important issues like affordable utilities, health coverage, housing and transportation, long-term care, etc. ....	3	10	23	19	29	11	6
f. Social fun or leisure activities like trips, tours, pot-luck dinners, etc. ....	2	7	24	24	29	10	5

**5. AARP Wyoming is considering holding some workshops in your community on a variety of topics. How likely you would be to attend each of the following if it is offered in your community:**

A workshop or meeting on:	Definitely would attend ▼	Probably would attend ▼	Probably would not attend ▼	Definitely would not attend ▼	Not sure ▼	No Answer ▼
a. The new Wyoming Advance Health Care Directive – learn how to express final wishes in one simple-to-use form	8	38	28	12	11	3
b. Grandparent and family caregivers – learn about temporary guardianship and how to best work with child’s school, doctors, dentist, or others to ensure quality care	2	14	39	30	11	4
c. The workplace for people 50 and older – learn how to find jobs after retirement, negotiate work schedules, etc.	4	26	29	29	9	3
d. Retirement – learn more about financially preparing for retirement and protecting assets	8	29	26	26	7	5
e. Identity theft – learn how to protect your personal information	12	41	24	11	8	4
f. Social Security – learn about latest policy proposals and developments affecting this entitlement	14	41	22	11	8	4
g. Medicare – learn about the programs benefits and your options	13	41	22	12	8	4
h. Prescription drug insurance and public benefits – learn about available options	11	36	25	15	9	3
i. Long-term care – learn about available options, insurance benefits or coverage, and latest policy developments	10	38	27	14	9	3

**6. If AARP has or were to offer any of the above programs, services, or activities in your community how would you want to find out about them? [Check (✓) ALL that apply]**

<u>%</u>	
26	Through radio ads
67	In local newspaper
12	In fliers posted around town
67	Direct mail
21	Through public access TV or local cable channel
17	Announcement at local senior center
15	Through word-of-mouth
6	On AARP Wyoming website
13	In email from local AARP office
24	In AARP Wyoming's Quarterly newspaper (Wyoming Sage)
1	Other: (specify) _____
2	I do not want to learn about any AARP Wyoming activities in my community
6	Not sure
2	No Answer

**7. To be more effective, AARP Wyoming wants to work on the most important issues facing members in the state. How much of a priority do you think it should be for AARP Wyoming to work on the following?**

	<b>Top Priority</b> ▼	<b>High Priority</b> ▼	<b>Medium Priority</b> ▼	<b>Low Priority</b> ▼	<b>Not a Priority</b> ▼	<b>Not Sure</b> ▼	<b>No Answer</b> ▼
a. Providing home modification information to help individuals remain in their homes and communities as they age	17	40	25	6	4	5	4
b. Expanding access to home and community based long-term care services	14	43	25	6	3	5	4
c. Protecting consumers against identity theft through stronger state laws	25	37	22	6	2	4	3
d. Increasing state funding for more affordable housing options	19	33	25	9	5	4	4
e. Expanding state regulations for quality long-term care services	21	37	24	6	3	6	4
f. Making health insurance more accessible and affordable	49	33	8	2	2	3	3
g. Expanding Medicaid coverage for dental services to more low-income residents	28	35	20	6	5	3	3

(Question 7 Continued)

	Top priority ▼	High Priority ▼	Medium priority ▼	Low priority ▼	Not a priority ▼	Not sure ▼	No Answer ▼
h. Expanding health insurance coverage for Wyoming's working uninsured	25	36	21	8	4	3	3
i. Working for smoke-free environments in public restaurants and places (n=1041)	26	22	20	13	13	3	4
j. Expanding affordable public transportation systems	14	30	31	12	7	3	4
k. Ensuring the affordability of utility and telecommunications services	22	36	25	7	3	4	4
l. Reducing property taxes	34	28	22	6	4	2	5
m. Working with state businesses to help ensure employment opportunities for people 50+	18	33	29	8	5	4	4
n. Making prescription drugs more affordable	47	35	9	2	2	1	3
k. Providing information on wise investing and how to avoid investment and securities fraud	18	32	29	8	6	3	4

## Telecommunications

A **wire-line service** refers to the traditional telephone service where a line or cable connects your residence to a service provider or carrier enabling you to make and receive local and long-distance calls only within your residence or business. Wire-line service can be provided by a cable company that offers local telephone service. **Cellular phone** service refers to a wireless connection from a mobile telephone to a nearby transmitter enabling you to make local or long distance calls.

### 8. Do you currently have wire-line telephone service in your home?

<u>%</u>	
85	Yes
12	No → <b>GO TO QUESTION 14</b>
3	No Answer

9. Please rate your overall satisfaction with your wire-line telephone service on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all satisfied and 7 means completely satisfied. (n=889)

<u>%</u>	
3	1 = Not at all satisfied
4	2
6	3
15	4
22	5
22	6
23	7 = Completely satisfied
5	No answer

10. Looking at your most recent telephone bill, about how much do you pay per month for your basic local wire-line telephone service ONLY – excluding extra features such as call-waiting, call forwarding, or long-distance? (n=889)

<u>%</u>	
17	\$0 to \$29 per month
56	\$30 to \$49 per month
17	\$50 to \$79 per month
3	\$80 to \$99 per month
2	\$100 to \$124 per month
0	More than \$124 per month
2	Not sure how much I pay for this service
4	No answer

11. Thinking about the past 12 months, would you say you are paying too much, too little, or about the right amount for your wire-line telephone services? (n=889)

<u>%</u>	
57	Too much
<.5	Too little
40	About the right amount
4	No answer

12. Are there other wire-line telephone service providers in your community to choose from? (n=889)

<u>%</u>	
43	Yes
40	No → GO TO QUESTION 13
15	Not sure → GO TO QUESTION 13
3	No answer

**12. a. IF YES, are you considering switching to that service? (n=381)**

%

- 10 Yes
- 69 No
- 8 Just recently switched to another provider
- 11 Not sure
- 3 No answer

**13. Looking ahead over the next 12 months, how likely are you to switch from using a wire-line phone to using ONLY a cellular phone for all your telephone needs? (n=889)**

%

- 3 Extremely likely → **GO TO QUESTION 14**
- 6 Very likely → **GO TO QUESTION 14**
- 11 Somewhat likely → **GO TO QUESTION 14**
- 33 Not too likely
- 40 Not at all likely
- 5 Not sure → **GO TO QUESTION 14**
- 3 No Answer

**13a. IF NOT too or not at all likely, why not? (n=653)**

%

- 13 Cost
- <.5 Already have switched to cellular phone only
- 20 Availability of service
- 3 Don't understand the technology
- 8 Do not want too many different phone numbers
- 2 Worry about accessing emergency numbers
- 20 Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Not sure
- 25 No Answer

**14. Do you currently use a cellular or wireless phone to make local or long-distance calls?**

%

- 67 Yes
- 30 No
- 3 No Answer

## Property Tax

**15. How concerned are you about your ability to pay the property tax on your primary residence over the next three years?**

<u>%</u>	
11	Extremely concerned
16	Very concerned
28	Somewhat concerned
26	Not too concerned
16	Not at all concerned
3	No Answer

**16. Do you think that property tax rates should be reduced, even if it meant a reduction in state and local government services?**

<u>%</u>	
54	Yes
41	No
5	No Answer

## Identity Theft

Identity Theft can occur when someone gets access to your bank accounts, checking accounts, or credit cards, as well as personal information about you like your name, Social Security number, birth date, or mother's maiden name and then uses this information to fraudulently open new accounts, make large purchases, or even pay someone else's bills.

**17. How concerned are you about being a victim of identity theft?**

<u>%</u>	
21	Extremely concerned
28	Very concerned
37	Somewhat concerned
11	Not too concerned
2	Not at all concerned
1	No Answer

**18. If you thought someone accessed your personal information and was using it for their own purposes without your consent, which of the following places or people would you turn to for help?**

%

- 69 Local police
- 39 Wyoming Attorney General's office
- 19 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- 64 Credit card company
- 10 Wyoming Secretary of State's Office
- 19 Personal lawyer
- 4 Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Don't Know

**19. In the last 5 years, have you or someone you know experienced identity theft?**

%

- 5 Yes, I was a victim of identity theft
- 19 Yes someone I know was a victim of identity theft but not me
- 1 Yes, both myself and someone I know was a victim of identity theft
- 68 No, not I or anyone I know have been a victim of identity theft → **GO TO QUESTION 22**
- 5 Not sure → **GO TO QUESTION 22**
- 3 No Answer

**20. In which of the following ways was your or their personal information obtained:  
[Check (√) ALL that apply] (n=251)**

%

- 7 By a family member or friend
- 16 Lost or stolen wallet or purse
- 12 Internet or web scam
- 37 Credit card number copied or stolen
- 9 Social Security card number copied
- 5 Telemarketing scam
- 9 Stolen or opened mail/bills
- 5 Through employer/employee information
- 7 Compromised databases of companies you do business with
- 5 Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Not sure
- 7 No Answer

**21. To which of the following offices, if any, did you or they report the incident?**

**[Check (√) ALL that apply] (n=251)**

<u>%</u>	
10	I did <u>not</u> report the incident to anyone or any office
32	Local police
4	Wyoming Attorney General's office
5	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
44	Credit card company
1	Wyoming Secretary of State's Office
7	Personal lawyer
22	Other: (specify) _____
27	Not sure
8	No Answer

**22. How strongly would you support or oppose stronger penalties for identity theft in Wyoming?**

<u>%</u>	
87	Strongly support
9	Somewhat support
<.5	Somewhat oppose
<.1	Strongly oppose
2	Not sure
2	No Answer

**23. If a company or organization with whom you do business encounters a security breach in their computer databases of customer information, how important is it to you that the company or organization be required by state law to notify you immediately of this breach?**

<u>%</u>	
84	Extremely important
5	Somewhat important
6	Very important
1	Not too important
1	Not at all important
2	No Answer

**24. Currently, more than 20 states have passed legislation that allow consumers like yourself to place a freeze on their credit files with the three major credit reporting agencies. If you choose to place a freeze on your credit files, this would block unauthorized access to them. Also, if you want to open a new credit account or get a new loan, you could lift the freeze on your credit file. You could also lift the freeze for a period of time or you could lift it for a specific creditor.**

**24. (cont.) How strongly would you support or oppose security freeze legislation in Wyoming?**

%

- 58 Strongly support
- 24 Somewhat support
- 2 Somewhat oppose
- 1 Strongly oppose
- 14 Not sure
- 2 No Answer

**25. If this service were available in Wyoming, how likely would you be to sign up to place a freeze on your credit files?**

%

- 33 Extremely likely
- 30 Very likely
- 17 Somewhat likely
- 5 Not too likely
- 2 Not at all likely
- 11 Not sure
- 2 No Answer

**26. To place or activate a freeze on your credit files, you could sign up with one or *each* of the three major credit reporting agencies. If Wyoming allowed the credit reporting agencies to charge residents a one-time fee up to \$10 to activate a credit freeze, for individuals registering with each credit reporting agency this could total up to \$30. How likely would you be to sign up for a credit freeze if you had to pay a fee?**

%

- 12 Extremely likely
- 19 Very likely
- 25 Somewhat likely
- 19 Not too likely
- 12 Not at all likely
- 11 Not sure
- 3 No Answer

**27. In Wyoming, residents who sign up for a credit freeze could experience a delay in getting their credit approved by a few hours to a few days. How strongly would you support or oppose Wyoming making credit freeze services available even if there was a delay in getting your credit approved?**

%

- 27 Strongly support
- 33 Somewhat support
- 13 Somewhat oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 18 Not sure
- 4 No Answer

## Work and Retirement

28. Which of the following best describes your present employment situation:

- %
- 27 Employed full-time
  - 3 Employed part-time
  - 6 Self-employed full-time
  - 3 Self-employed part-time
  - 1 Unemployed and looking for work
  - 1 Retired and working again full-time → GO TO QUESTION 31
  - 6 Retired and working again part-time → GO TO QUESTION 31
  - 3 Retired and looking for work → GOTO QUESTION 31
  - 43 Retired and NOT looking for work → GO TO QUESTION 34
  - 2 Other → GO TO QUESTION 34
  - 8 No Answer

29. Thinking about your own current work and financial situation, how likely is it that you will put off retirement from work as long as possible? (n=399)

- %
- 30 Extremely likely
  - 26 Very likely
  - 20 Somewhat likely
  - 13 Not too likely
  - 8 Not at all likely
  - 2 Not sure
  - 1 No Answer

30. Which ONE of the following best describes what you plan to do when you reach an age you consider to be “retirement age”: [Check (√) only ONE] (n=399)

- %
- 28 Continue working at my present job as long as I am able
  - 12 Continue working at my present job, but with reduced hours
  - 1 Leave my job and look for other full-time work in same industry/field
  - 2 Leave my job and look for part-time work in same industry/field
  - 23 Work part-time and pursue my hobbies, volunteer, travel, etc.
  - 1 Work part-time and serve as a care-giver to parents
  - <.5 Work part-time and serve as a care-giver to children/grandchildren
  - 1 Change careers
  - 1 Start my own business
  - 3 Work as a consultant or on an as-needed basis
  - 1 Go back to school or into a job training program
  - 10 Retire and never work
  - 12 Not sure
  - 5 No Answer

**31. Thinking about your future work plans, please indicate how important each of the following would be to you: (n=498)**

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Not Sure	No Answer
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
a. A job that is challenging and uses my skills and experience	26	31	21	6	6	3	7
b. A job with lessened responsibilities, but where I can utilize my skills and experience	17	35	25	8	6	3	5
c. A new career	3	6	12	29	33	9	9
d. A job that is less “stressful” than my previous or current job	14	22	27	13	14	4	7
e. A job more suited to my family or personal schedule/lifestyle	18	29	21	9	12	4	7

**32. How important is it to you that you continue to have or have access to employment benefits such as health insurance or savings plans when you retire? (n=498)**

**%**

- 54 Extremely important
- 21 Very important
- 10 Somewhat important
- 6 Not that important
- 5 Not at all important
- 4 No Answer

**33. To what extent are each of the following reasons a factor in your decision to work beyond retirement? (n=498)**

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor at all	Not Sure	No Answer
		▼	▼	▼	▼
a. Maintain health insurance coverage	49	12	22	3	14
b. Pay health insurance premiums and co-pays	48	16	18	3	15
c. Pay for prescription drugs	45	19	20	2	15
d. Enjoy the job/enjoy working	43	25	19	2	12
e. Provide care for family member(s) – need access to benefits	25	18	34	5	18
f. I need/want the extra income	51	28	8	2	11
g. Fulfill requirements to receive employer pension benefits	18	14	45	4	19
h. Receive Social Security	40	18	25	2	15
i. Build up my savings account	44	28	13	1	14
j. Other reason: (specify) _____	4	1	3	3	90

**34. Does your current or previous employer offer health coverage to their retired workers?**

<u>%</u>	
34	Yes
46	No
11	Not sure
9	No answer

**35. Post-retirement healthcare and health insurance costs are a concern to many current and future retirees. What is your current situation regarding health insurance costs and healthcare?**

[Check (√) ALL that apply]

<u>%</u>	
23	Health insurance through your current employer
15	Health insurance through your former employer
9	Health insurance through <u>spouse's current</u> employer
5	Health insurance through <u>spouse's former</u> employer
17	Health insurance through individually purchased plan
45	Medicare, government health insurance program for persons age 65 and older
4	Medicaid, government health insurance program for low income families
3	Some other government program
15	Medi-gap, a supplement plan that covers costs not paid by Medicare
7	Other: (specify) _____
2	Not sure
8	No answer

**36. In 2005, retired state employees paid about as much for their state health insurance premiums as they received in their monthly pension check. How much of a priority should it be for AARP Wyoming to work with state legislators to find ways to help the following state workers afford their premiums:**

	Top Priority ▼ <u>%</u>	High Priority ▼ <u>%</u>	Medium Priority ▼ <u>%</u>	Low Priority ▼ <u>%</u>	Not a Priority ▼ <u>%</u>	Not Sure ▼ <u>%</u>	No Answer ▼ <u>%</u>
a. Retired state employees.....	26	23	14	5	7	9	16
b. Retired educators .....	25	21	13	6	8	9	19
c. Retired county employees .....	22	21	14	6	7	9	20
d. Retired local government employees ....	21	21	15	7	7	9	20

## About You

### D1. Thinking about your state elections for Wyoming Governor and Legislators in the last ten years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior?

<u>%</u>	
69	Always vote
8	Sometimes miss on
3	Rarely vote
5	Never vote
3	Not sure
13	No answer

### D2. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

<u>%</u>	
3	Yes
90	No
<.5	Not sure
7	No Answer

### D2a. What is your race?

<u>%</u>	
91	White or Caucasian
<.5	Black or African American
1	American Indian or Alaska Native
<.5	Asian
0	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
1	Other
8	No answer

### D3. What is your current marital status?

<u>%</u>	
63	Now married
1	Not married, living with partner
17	Widowed
10	Divorced
1	Separated
3	Never married
5	No answer

**D4. What is the highest level of education that you completed?**

<u>%</u>	
8	0-12 <sup>th</sup> grade (no diploma)
24	High school graduate (or equivalent)
17	Post-high school education (no degree)
10	2-year college degree
10	4-year college degree
5	Post-graduate study (no degree)
14	Graduate or professional degree (s)
12	No answer

**D5. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2005?**

<u>%</u>	
6	Less than \$10,000
11	\$10,000 to \$19,999
15	\$20,000 to \$29,999
12	\$30,000 to \$39,999
11	\$40,000 to \$49,999
16	\$50,000 to \$74,999
16	\$75,000 or more
13	No answer

**D6. What is your age as of your last birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ (in years)**

<u>%</u>	
34	50-59
41	60-74
23	75+
2	No Answer

**D7. Are you male or female?**

<u>%</u>	
50	Male
49	Female
1	No Answer

**D8. Do you own or rent the home you currently live in?**

<u>%</u>	
85	Own
10	Rent
3	Other
2	No Answer

**D9. What county do you currently live in? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Thank you for completing this survey.**  
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