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About This Survey

This mail survey of AARP members in Nevada explores their concerns, state legislative priorities, preferences for involvement with AARP, and preferences for receiving information from AARP. It also examines members' experiences and opinions on prescription drugs, the state's budget, transportation, and utilities in Nevada.

AARP conducted the AARP Nevada Member Opinion Survey from June through August, 2004. A random sample of 2,000 AARP members in Nevada, 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 prenotification postcard, the survey itself, a reminder postcard, and a second survey. Fortynine percent of the sampled Nevada members returned surveys by the cut-off date, providing 971 useable surveys for analysis. Thus, the survey has a sampling error of plus or minus 3.14 percent. Survey responses were weighted to reflect the distribution of the age segments in the member population of Nevada.

This report is part of the larger survey and examines members' opinions regarding prescription drugs and their level of support for a state prescription drug program. The weighted overall findings are discussed as well as statistically significant differences among three age segments: 50-59, 60-74 and 75. 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 Nevada membership the actual number of people may be substantial. As of January 2005, the number of AARP members in Nevada was 284,156. A full annotated questionnaire is included in Appendix A.

Highlights

Affording Prescription Drugs

- Among Nevada members who take prescription drugs on a regular basis, four in ten (40%) spend at least \$100 or more out-of-pocket each month, with nearly one in five (17%) of them spending at least \$200 or more each month.
- Over eight in ten members strongly (60%) or somewhat (24%) support a state prescription drug discount program for low-income persons, and two-thirds would strongly (33%) or somewhat (33%) support such a program even if it requires new state funding.

¹ This means that in 95 out of 100 samples of this size, the results obtained in the sample would fall in a range of 3.14 percentage points of what would have been obtained if every AARP member in Nevada age 50 or older had been surveyed.

Findings

Most AARP Nevada members receive help paying for prescription drugs.

Most AARP members in Nevada (71%) report getting help to pay for their prescription drugs from insurance or other health coverage. In addition, nearly all (92%) members indicate they or another person in their household have taken prescription drugs in the past 12 months. Of these members, nearly all (94%) members report they or someone in their household is taking prescription medication on a regular basis.

Age Differences: Prescription Drug Use

Although the majority of Nevada members indicate receiving help to pay for prescription drugs from some kind of health coverage, those ages 75 and older are less likely than younger members to say so (50-59: **79%**; 60-74: **73%**; 75+: **60%**). Members do not differ by age with respect to taking prescription medication in the past 12 months or on a regular basis.

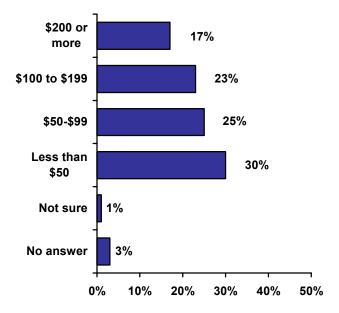
Of those Nevada members who have taken prescription drugs in the last 12 months, four in ten report spending at least \$100 or more out-of-pocket on prescription drugs each month.

Among those who have taken prescription drugs in the past 12 months, four in ten say they spent \$100 or more out of their own pocket each month. In addition, nearly one in five report spending at least \$200 or more each month out of their own pockets on their own medication.

Age Differences: Out-of-Pocket Spending

The amount of money spent per month on prescription drugs does not differ by age among members.

Amount of Money Spent Out-of-Pocket on Prescription Medications Each Month (n=897)



For over half of those Nevada members taking prescription drugs, paying for them presents a financial problem for them or their family.

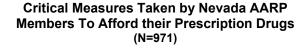
Among those members who say they or someone in their family has taken prescription medication in the last 12 months, one in six (17%) say that paying for their medication presents a major financial problem for them, and nearly four in ten (37%) say it presents a minor financial problem for them. However, forty-four percent indicate that paying for their medication is not a problem for them.

Age Differences: Financial Burden

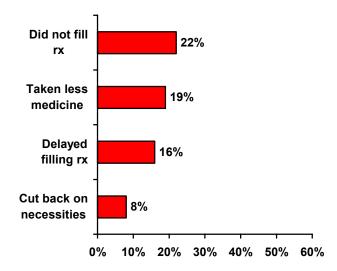
Younger members age 50-59 are more likely than the oldest members to say paying for their prescription drugs is not a problem (50-59: **49%**; 60-74: **43%**; 75+: **36%**).

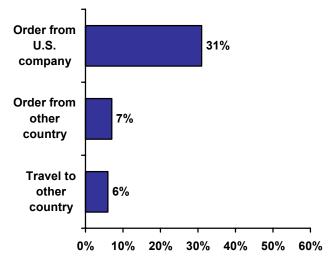
One-quarter of all members have engaged in <u>at least</u> one of four critical measures to afford their prescription drugs or make them last longer.

Many Nevada AARP members have taken steps to afford their prescription drugs – some more critical and detrimental to their health than others. While one in four members indicate doing one or more of the four critical measures listed in the survey, one in five specifically say they decided not to fill a prescription because of the cost of the drug or took less medicine than prescribed to make it last longer. About one in six delayed getting a prescription filled because they didn't have enough money to pay for it.



Other Cost-Saving Measures Taken by Nevada AARP Members To Afford their Prescription Drugs (N=971)





Age Differences: Prescription Drug Cost Reducing Measures

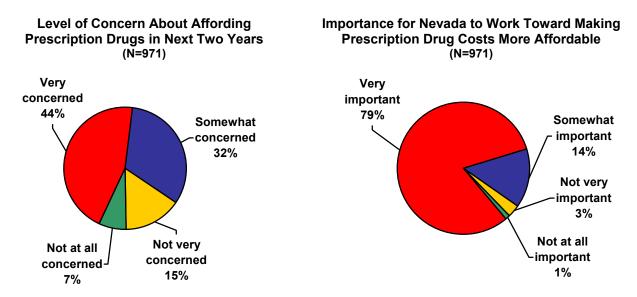
Nevada members ages 50 to 59 are more likely than those older to say they have taken less medicine to make it last longer (50-59: **25%**; 60-74: **16%**; 75+: **15%**) or delayed getting a prescription filled because they didn't have enough money to pay for it (50-59: **21%**; 60-74: **14%**; 75+: **13%**). Those ages 60 to 74 are more likely than older members to say they order their drugs by mail or internet from a company in the U.S (50-59: **29%**; 60-74: **34%**; 75+: **26%**) but more likely than younger member to say have ordered their drugs from a company in another country because they cost less (50-59: **3%**; 60-74: **9%**; 75+: **6%**).

Very few Nevada members have applied for the new Medicare prescription drug card, and of those who have *not* applied, only nine percent plan to.

Only five percent of all Nevada members have applied for the new Medicare Prescription Drug Card, and only nine percent of those who have *not* applied say they plan to apply (see Questions 12 and 12a in Annotated Questionnaire in Appendix).

Over four in ten Nevada members are very concerned about being able to afford prescription drugs in the next two years, and most think it is very important for the state to work toward making prescription drug costs more affordable.

Three-quarters of all Nevada members are very or somewhat concerned about the affordability of their prescription drugs in the next two years. Given such high concern, it is not surprising to see that so many members think it is very important for Nevada to work toward making prescription drugs more affordable.

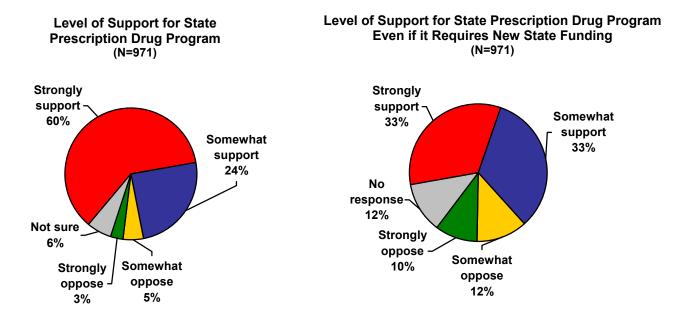


Age Differences: Concern about Prescription Drug Costs

Concern over the being able to afford the cost of needed prescription drugs over the next two years is consistent across all age groups. However, younger members ages 50 to 59 are more likely than the oldest group of members to view the states efforts to make prescription drugs more affordable as very important (50-59: **83%**; 60-74: **79**; 75+: **73%**).

Over eight in ten Nevada AARP members strongly or somewhat support a state prescription drug discount program for low-income persons, and two-thirds would support it even if it required new state funding.

Six in ten Nevada members say they would strongly support, and another quarter would somewhat support, a prescription drug discount program for low-income persons. However, members indicate slightly less support for the state program if it requires new state funding.



Age Differences: Support for State Prescription Drug Program

Nevada members of all ages are equally likely to say they strongly support a state prescription drug program for low-income residents and would strongly support it even if it requires new state funding.

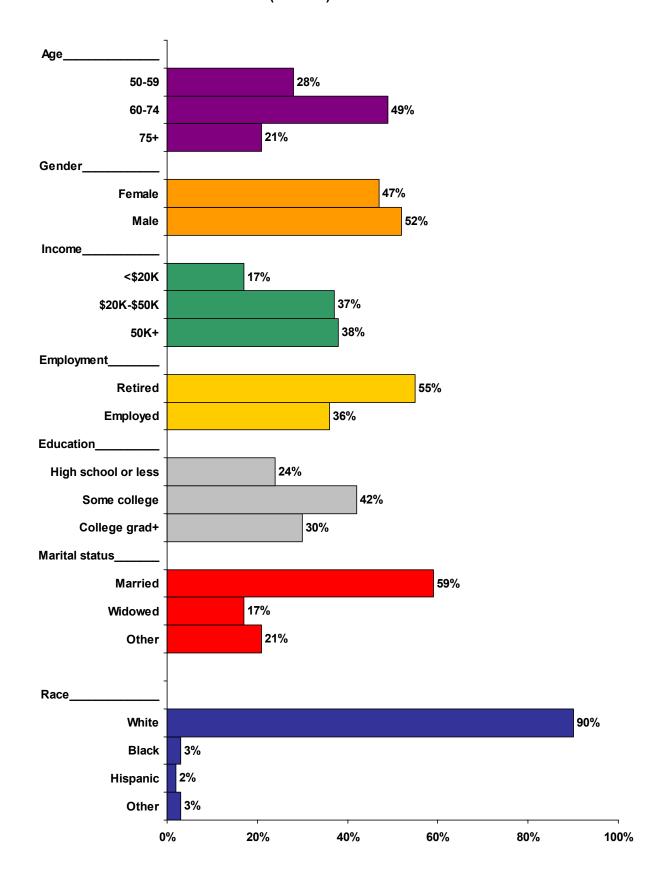
Conclusions

Overall, the findings indicate that members view the issue of prescription drug affordability as an important one, and they are very much in support of a state prescription drug program for low-income residents. However, members are somewhat less supportive of the state program if it requires new state funding. Because the aim of this survey was to collect a broader scope of member opinion, details regarding what new state funding would entail were not included in the survey. Perhaps the hesitation to show stronger support is due to not knowing what is being considered as possible funding for a prescription drug program.

Nevertheless, member importance placed on the affordability of prescription drugs and support for a state program could be further understood by the high level of concern members have about being able to afford prescription drugs in the next two years, how much they are spending out-of-pocket each month on their medications, the financial burden they feel when having to pay for their prescriptions, and the potentially harmful measures they have taken to afford their medications or to make them last longer.

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Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (N = 971)



APPENDIX A ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

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Weighted N = 971; Response Rate = 49%; Sampling Error = \pm 3.14

(Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding or multiple responses. A "*" means less than 1%)

Personal Concerns

1. Below is a list of concerns that have been expressed by people age 50 and older. Please rate your own level of concern about each item using a 5-point scale where 1 means you are "not at all concerned" and 5 means you are "extremely concerned."

	remely cerned				Not at all Concerned	No Response
a. Having Medicare as a base for retirement health coverage	65%	16%	11%	3%	3%	1%
b. Providing care or financial support for a parent, grandchild or other relative	25%	15%	24%	13%	20%	3%
c. Having Social Security as a base for retirement income	61%	17%	12%	4%	5%	1%
d. Finding affordable, high quality health insurance	71%	11%	9%	3%	6%	1%
e. Staying in your own home as you get older	64%	17%	9%	4%	5%	1%
f. Staying physically fit/maintaining a healthy diet	63%	24%	9%	2%	2%	1%
g. Having high quality long-term care for you or a family member	58%	22%	11%	4%	3%	1%
h. Making sure your pension benefits and/or retirement savings are safe and secure	78%	11%	6%	2%	2%	1%
i. Having safe and affordable transportation alternatives if you are no longer able to drive yourself places	53%	24%	15%	5%	3%	1%
j. Finding work in retirement	13%	16%	26%	14%	29%	2%
k. Having enough money to meet daily expenses	58%	16%	14%	5%	7%	1%
1. Facing age discrimination in employment	26%	14%	18%	12%	29%	2%
m. Having adequate information on Medicaid, the government health insurance program for low income people	31%	15%	20%	12%	21%	1%
n. Having access to affordable prescription drugs	72%	14%	8%	2%	4%	1%
o. Protecting your right to privacy	63%	16%	12%	5%	4%	1%
p. Becoming ill or disabled	61%	22%	12%	2%	3%	*

1. CONTINUED-- Please rate your own level of concern about each item using a 5-point scale where 1 means you are "not at all concerned" and 5 means you are "extremely concerned."

	xtremely oncerned				Not at all Concerned	No Response
q. Being a victim of crime	44%	20%	24%	7%	5%	1%
r. Avoiding business practices that are unfair of fraudulent	r 47%	20%	21%	5%	5%	2%
s. Having consumer protections in health care plans	60%	22%	13%	2%	2%	2%
t. Continuing to drive safely	52%	23%	15%	4%	5%	3%
u. State budget and its impact on taxes	56%	22%	14%	4%	3%	2%
v. Utility rates and service	66%	19%	10%	3%	1%	2%

AARP Roles and Activities at the State Level

2. Listed below are some opportunities AARP could provide within your state to address member interests and concerns. Please read each one carefully and indicate how likely it is that you, personally, would make use of the opportunity if it were offered in your state.

Opportunity to	Definitely Would Use	Probably Would Use	Might or Might Not Use	Probably Would Not Use	Definitely Would Not Use	No Response
 Attend workshop <u>series</u> or several meetings, or classes, on topics of interest or concern to me 	11%	21%	43%	17%	6%	2%
b. Attend <u>one-time</u> educational events on topics of interest or concern to me	15%	33%	36%	10%	5%	2%
c. Receive written information on topics of interest or concern to me	30%	37%	24%	5%	2%	2%
d. Participate in activities to improve state laws, policies, regulations, or practices that affect me	12%	23%	38%	18%	7%	2%
e. Access a website for information on topics of interest or concern to me and for information about upcoming AARP events in my state	22%	25%	22%	12%	16%	3%
f. Volunteer my time to an AARP activity in my own community	6%	14%	38%	25%	15%	2%
g. Call my AARP State Office to listen to a recording about upcoming AARP events in my state	7%	13%	33%	28%	17%	2%
h. Attend AARP volunteer information sessions in my community that give me an opportunity to meet other people and provide some community services	7%	15%	37%	24%	15%	2%

- 3. If AARP has or were to have programs, services, or activities in your community, how would you want to find out about them? (Check ALL that apply)
 - Read about local AARP activities in newspapers in your community
 - Call a toll-free or local telephone number for a pre-recorded list of current AARP activities, programs, and services in your community
 - 12 Contact an AARP volunteer or AARP Chapter member in or near your community
 - 15 Attend a meeting at which AARP programs and activities are described
 - Receive information by mail (e.g., letter, brochure, flyer)
 - Visit the AARP Nevada website to access information
 - 29 Receive an email notification
 - Tune in to a local TV channel or program
 - Hear about them on a local radio station/program
 - 2 No Response

State Legislative Issues

4. To be effective, AARP Nevada wants to work on the most important issues facing Nevada AARP members. Keeping in mind what's most important to you, how much of a priority should it be for AARP to work on the following legislative issues in Nevada?

	Top Priority	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a priority at all	No Response
a Availability, cost, and quality of health care	77%	17%	4%	1%	1%	1%
b Consumer protection against fraud	48%	30%	15%	4%	1%	2%
c Maintain a fair and adequate tax system	54%	28%	12%	2%	1%	3%
d Access to affordable prescription drugs	73%	17%	5%	2%	1%	2%
e Utility services and rates	58%	26%	10%	2%	1%	3%
f. How older persons can remain independent as they age	53%	29%	13%	2%	1%	1%
g Availability of transportation systems	40%	28%	23%	6%	2%	2%

Prescription Drugs

- 5. Do you or another person in your household get any help in paying for prescription drugs from insurance or other health coverage?
 - <u>%</u> 71
 - Yes
 - 26 No
 - 1 Not sure
 - 2 No Response
- 6. In the past 12 months, have you or has anyone in your household taken any prescription medications?
 - <u>%</u> 92
 - Yes
 - 6 No **SKIP TO QUESTION 10**
 - 0 Not sure **SKIP TO QUESTION 10**
 - 2 No Response
- 7. Are you or is anyone in your household currently taking prescription medications on a regular basis, i.e. daily, weekly, monthly? (n=897)
 - <u>%</u>
 - 94 Yes
 - 5 No
 - 2 No Response
- 8. In the past 12 months, has paying for prescription drugs been a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem for you or anyone in your household? (n=897)
 - <u>%</u>
 - 17 A major problem
 - A minor problem 37
 - 44 Not a problem
 - No Response 2
- 9. In the past 12 months, approximately how much have you or other members of your household spent, EACH month, out-of-pocket for prescription drugs? (n=897)

 - <u>%</u> 7 Less than \$10 per month
 - \$10 but less than \$50 per month 23
 - \$50 but less than \$100 per month 25
 - \$100 but less than \$200 per month 23
 - 15 \$200 but less than \$500 per month
 - 2 \$500 or more per month
 - 1 Not sure
 - 3 No Response

10. How concerned are you about being able to afford the cost of needed prescription drugs over the next two years?

<u>%</u>

44 Very concerned

- 32 Somewhat concerned
- Not very concerned
- 7 Not at all concerned
- 2 No Response

11. Many people face difficult decisions when buying prescription drugs. In the past 12 months, have you or has anyone in your household done any of the following?

				No
		Yes	No	Response
a.	Delayed getting a prescription filled because you didn't have enough money to pay for it?	16%	82%	3%
b.	Taken less medicine than your doctor prescribed to make it last longer?	19%	78%	3%
c.	Cut back on items such as food, fuel, or electricity to be able to afford a prescription drug?	8%	88%	4%
d.	Decided not to fill a prescription because of the cost of the drug?	22%	75%	3%
e.	Ordered your prescription drugs by mail or Internet from a company in the U.S. because they cost less?	31%	66%	4%
f.	Ordered your prescription drugs by mail or Internet from a company in <u>another country</u> because they cost less?	7%	90%	3%
g.	Traveled to Mexico, Canada, or another country to purchase prescription drugs because they cost less?	6%	91%	3%

12. Have you applied for the new Medicare Prescription Discount Card?

<u>%</u>			
5	Yes		
89	No	12a. If NO: Are you goin	g to apply for this card? (n=864)
6	No Response	9% Yes	43% Not sure
		43% No	4% No Response

13. How important is it to you that the state of Nevada work toward making prescription drug costs more affordable to residents?

<u>%</u> 79

79 Very important

- 14 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important
- 1 Not at all important
- 1 Not sure
- 2 No Response

- 14. How strongly would you support or oppose a state prescription drug discount program in Nevada for low-income persons?
 - <u>%</u>
 - 60 Strongly support
 - Somewhat support 24
 - Somewhat oppose 5
 - 3 Strongly oppose
 - 6 Not sure
 - 3 No Response
- 15. How strongly would you support or oppose a state prescription drug discount program in Nevada for low-income persons if it requires new state funding?

 - <u>%</u> 33 Strongly support
 - 33 Somewhat support
 - 12 Somewhat oppose
 - 10 Strongly oppose
 - 0 Not sure
 - 12 No Response

Utilities

16. In your opinion, do your electric, gas, and phone rates seem reasonable to you or not? (Circle the appropriate response for each).

	Rates are	Rates are not	Not sure	No Response
	reasonable	reasonable		
Electric Rates	33%	57%	9%	1%
Gas Rates	37%	41%	13%	9%
Phone Rates	45%	44%	9%	2%

17. In the past three years, would you say your electric, gas, and phone bills have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? (Circle the appropriate response for each).

	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Not sure	No Response
Electric	85%	1%	11%	2%	1%
Gas	73%	*	11%	6%	9%
Phone	65%	5%	27%	2%	1%

18. How difficult is it for you to understand each of the following types of utility bills?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Not	No
	difficult	difficult	difficult	difficult	Sure	Response
Electric	15%	31%	46%	1%	6%	1%
Gas	13%	29%	42%	3%	4%	8%
Phone	17%	28%	44%	*	9%	1%

19.	If you had a complaint about your energy/utility bit	ills and service, where would you
	turn for help in getting your complaint resolved?	(Check ALL that apply)

- 76
 The Better Business Bureau
 The Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection
 Police
 City Council member
 County Commissioner
 The Public Utilities Commission
 Other: (specify)
 Not sure
- 20. To what extent do you agree or disagree that there should be stronger consumer protections against unfair or deceptive acts and practices by service providers for Nevada utility consumers?
 - <u>%</u>
 69 Strongly agree
 25 Somewhat agree
 5 Somewhat disagree
 1 Strongly disagree

No Response

No Response

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- 21. How strongly do you support or oppose Nevada maintaining energy assistance programs to help low-income residents pay their energy bills?
 - 96/6
 44 Strongly support
 42 Somewhat support
 9 Somewhat oppose
 3 Strongly oppose
 2 No Response
- 22. Which of the following best describes your opinion about the current Universal Energy Charge collected monthly from utility customers in Nevada to help support the Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation program:
 - 76
 34 The universal energy charge is about right
 17 The universal energy charge is too high
 1 The universal energy charge is too low
 40 The universal energy charge should be collected from large business and industrial customers only, not residents
 8 No Response

Transportation

23.	How often do you personally drive yourself somewhere for shopping, groceries, work
	appointments?

<u>%</u> 0	
64	Every day or almost every day

- 18 3 or 4 times/week
- 9 1 or 2 times/week
- 4 a few times a month or less
- 4 Never I do not drive at all
- 2 No Response
- 24. If for some reason you were no longer able to drive your car, would it be a major inconvenience for you, a minor inconvenience for you, or not an inconvenience at all?
 - <u>%</u>79 Major inconvenience
 - 15 Minor inconvenience
 - 3 It would not be an inconvenience at all
 - 3 No Response
- 25. If for some reason you were no longer able to drive your car, which of the following people would be willing to drive *you* to the places you needed to go? (Check ALL that apply)
 - <u>%</u>56 Spouse or partner
 - 40 Children
 - 1 Mother/father
 - * Grandparent
 - 13 Other relatives/family
 - 43 Friend(s)
 - 6 Coworker(s)
 - 25 Neighbor
 - 10 Someone else:
 - 4 No Response

26. If for some reason you were no longer able to drive, how would you get to the places you need and want to go? (For <u>each</u> type, please check ✓ yes if you would use it, no if you would not use it, or not available if you don't have this kind of transportation in your area.)

		Yes	No	Not	No
				Available	Response
a.	Public transportation (bus, trolley, subway)	49%	14%	25%	12%
b.	Taxi	46%	29%	6%	19%
c.	Senior service van/shuttle	69%	9%	10%	12%
d.	Van/shuttle for those with disabilities	41%	20%	12%	27%

If you checked, 'NOT AVAILABLE' for each of the alternative types of transportation listed in the above question, please SKIP TO QUESTION 28.

27. If for some reason you had to use any of the alternative forms of transportation mentioned in the previous question to get somewhere, how easy or difficult would each of the following be for you:

		Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Not too difficult	Not at all difficult	Not applicable	No Response
a.	Getting to a stop or a station	21%	27%	22%	12%	6%	11%
b.	Finding out the schedule or hours of operation	6%	17%	38%	23%	4%	12%
c.	Getting information about the routes	6%	16%	38%	24%	4%	11%
d.	Finding and utilizing disability van or shuttle services	9%	21%	31%	14%	13%	13%
e.	Finding and utilizing senior van or shuttle services	9%	23%	32%	17%	9%	11%

28. In the past two months, <u>how frequently</u> have you: (For each, check ✓ appropriate box)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less than Once a Month	Never	No Response
a. Driven a car	78%	14%	1%	1%	4%	3%
b. Gotten a ride with someone	3%	13%	7%	26%	41%	11%
c. Used public transportation	1%	1%	1%	5%	82%	11%
d. Walked to some place	9%	13%	9%	16%	43%	10%
e. Taken a taxi	*	*	2%	11%	76%	11%
f. Used Senior or Community Van	*	*	*	1%	88%	10%
g. Used transportation services for those with disabilities	*	*	*	1%	88%	10%

State Economy and State Services

- 29. Would describe the Nevada's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?
 - <u>%</u> 15
 - 15 Excellent
 - 63 Good
 - 17 Not so good
 - 2 Poor
 - 3 No Response
- 30. How important is it to you that Nevada maintain current levels of funding for state and human service programs such as health care and social services for children, low-income people, older people, and people with disabilities even if you may not currently be eligible for these services?
 - <u>%</u>
 - 65 Very important
 - 27 Somewhat important
 - 4 Not too important
 - 2 Not important at all
 - 3 No Response
- 31. Like many states, Nevada is facing difficult economic choices in the coming months as the governor and the state legislators try to balance the state budget. One approach to balancing the budget is to impose cuts on state programs and services. Which of the following state funded services or programs would you support or oppose cutting in order to balance the state budget?

		Strongly support cutting	Somewhat support cutting	Somewhat oppose cutting	Strongly oppose cutting	Not sure	No Response
a.	Health care and long-term care for older persons and people with disabilities	er 4%	6%	18%	64%	4%	5%
b.	Kindergarten through 12 th grade education	6%	14%	19%	51%	6%	5%
c.	Higher education, i.e. community colleges, universities, technical training	10%	24%	26%	28%	7%	5%
c.	Highway and road maintenance and construction	4%	18%	35%	34%	5%	4%
d.	Public safety, courts, and jails	6%	15%	31%	38%	6%	5%
e.	State grants to municipalities and counties for fire and police protection, senior centers, parks and recreation	7%	15%	32%	38%	5%	4%
f.	Mental health facilities & programs	4%	16%	32%	38%	7%	4%

g. Other: (specify)

About You

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

- D1. What is your 5-digit zip code? WRITE IN YOUR ZIP CODE ___ ___ __
- D2. What county do you live in?
- D3. Do you own or rent a home?
 - <u>%</u>
 - 82 Own
 - 11 Rent
 - 4 Neither
 - 3 No Response
- D4. What is your current marital status?
 - <u>%</u>
 - 59 Now married
 - 17 Widowed
 - 17 Divorced
 - 1 Separated
 - 3 Never married
 - 3 No Response
- D5. What is the highest level of education that you completed?
 - <u>%</u>
 - 4 Less than high school
 - High school graduate or equivalent
 - 42 Some college or technical training beyond high school
 - 16 College graduate (4 years)
 - Post-graduate or professional degree
 - 4 No Response
- D6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?
 - % 26
 - Employed or self-employed <u>full-time</u>
 - Employed or self-employed <u>part-time</u>
 - Retired and not working
 - 3 Other such as homemaker
 - 3 Unemployed and looking for work
 - 4 No Response
- D7. Do you have access to a personal computer at home, at work, or some other place?
 - 71 Yes Do you have access to the Internet or the ability to use online services such as America Online (AOL)? (n=691)
 - 25 No 91% Yes 1% Don't know 4 No Response 7% No 1% No Response

<u>%</u>								
% 90	White or Caucasian							
3	Black or African American							
2	Hispanic, Spanish, Latino							
1	Asian							
1	Native American or Alaskan Native							
1	Other:							
2	No Response							
D9. What wa	as your annual household income before taxes in 2003?							
<u>%</u>								
4	Less than \$10,000							
13	\$10,000 to \$19,999							
14	\$20,000 to \$29,999							
11	\$30,000 to \$39,999							
12	\$40,000 to \$49,999							
19	\$50,000 to \$74,999							
20	\$75,000 or more							
8	No Response							
D10. Are you	u male or female?							
•								
<u>%</u> 52	Male							
47	Female							
1	No Response							
D11. What is	s your age as of your last birthday? years							
% 28								
$\overline{28}$	50-59							
49	60-74							
21	75+							
1	No Response							

D8. What is your race?

Thank you for completing this survey. Please use the postage-paid envelope and return it no later than <u>July 9, 2004</u> to State Member Research, AARP, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049.

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