

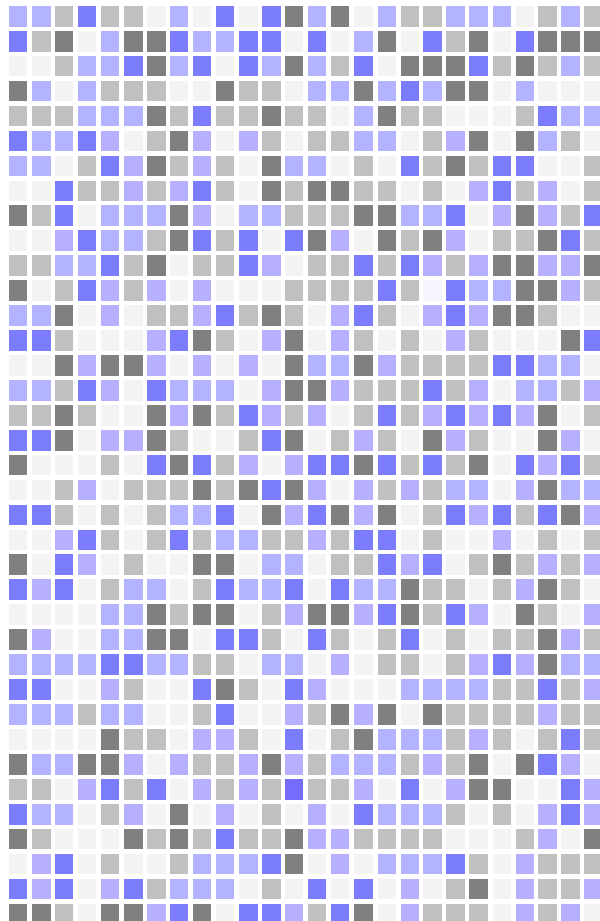


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Introduction

In 2006 AARP commissioned Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) to conduct a survey of opinion leaders in the United States and in seven countries in Asia and Oceania. The survey was designed to increase AARP's knowledge of aging issues and attitudes in key Asian markets and to compare attitudes and policies towards aging in the US to attitudes and policies in Asian and Oceanian societies. Populations in many countries, including the US, are growing older as life expectancy increases and birth rates decline. In response to this demographic trend, this survey of opinion leaders sought to address questions such as the perceived importance of population aging, the types of challenges and opportunities societies are expected to face because of population aging, the degree to which different sectors of society are prepared for the changing demographics, the different ways in which societies address retirement security and quality of life issues in old age, and attitudes toward older people and their place in society.

To help answer these questions, interviewers spoke with more than 400 opinion leaders in Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, and the US. The survey sample consists of opinion leaders and experts who hold senior level positions in government, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, media, and academia.

The following report begins with an overview of survey highlights and implications and a short summary of key findings, focusing on 74 US opinion leaders. The summary materials are followed by a detailed discussion of the survey results in the US divided into five sections: (1) Overall themes, (2) Older workers: extending work lives, (3) Retirement security and life quality, (4) Perceptions of older people, and (5) Aging advocacy organizations.

Highlights—United States

Population aging a high priority issue

- ▶ Most US opinion leaders consider population aging to be an important trend that should not be ignored in favor of other pressing issues. The survey results also indicate that US opinion leaders do not see increasing life expectancy and decreasing birth rates as a one-sided phenomenon, but associate both challenges and opportunities with the growing population of older people.

Population aging presents opportunities...

- ▶ On the positive side, population aging will mean the potential availability of knowledgeable and experienced older people to contribute as productive members of the workforce. All US opinion leaders agree that population aging is an opportunity to create new roles for older people in society. Older people are generally seen as helpful, contributing members of society and perceptions of older workers tend to be positive. Most US opinion leaders believe that the government should do more to take advantage of the contributions that older people can make to the community by enlisting them to help with community projects. But in addition to being viewed as producers, older people are also perceived as consumers. Most US opinion leaders believe that the business community already views older people as an opportunity for marketing and selling products and services.
- ▶ A majority of US opinion leaders are optimistic that over the next 20 years the life quality of older people will improve. US opinion leaders are hopeful that technology, such as computers and robots, will be helpful in extending the productive work lives of older workers, extending independent living by older people, and improving health and medical care of older people.

...and challenges

- ▶ On the negative side, US opinion leaders worry about providing retirement income, health care, and housing to a growing population of older people and the degree to which employers are prepared for an increasing number of older workers. Labor shortages are also looming. A majority of US opinion leaders believe that the US is likely to experience labor shortages over the next 20 years. Most of these opinion leaders—about half of all US opinion leaders—predict that the US will adopt more liberal immigration policies to compensate. While extending work lives is another potential solution, many US opinion leaders doubt that businesses see older people as a potential source of productive labor and a majority think that employers are poorly prepared for a future workforce comprised of more older workers. According to US opinion leaders, discrimination against older people is a problem when employers are recruiting and hiring new employees. US opinion leaders support a variety of practices to accommodate older workers, including providing older workers with opportunities for additional training and education, allowing older workers to work fewer hours, establishing and enforcing policies that prohibit discrimination based on age at the workplace, and offering older workers a different position with fewer responsibilities. But while US opinion leaders agree that businesses have a responsibility to society and the necessary financial resources to address issues related to an older workforce, opinion on whether businesses have the knowledge and willingness to do so is divided.

Providing for older people a hurdle

- ▶ Even if work lives are extended, US opinion leaders acknowledge that there are limits to how long most people are likely to remain in the workforce. Although most US opinion leaders oppose the idea of a mandatory retirement age, the average opinion leader thinks that most workers should retire at 68. And US opinion leaders as a group reach no consensus on whose responsibility it is to provide for older people after they are no longer working. A third of US opinion leaders believe that the responsibility for providing for older people should be shared, while as many opinion leaders think that individual older people are mainly responsible for providing for themselves. Another slightly smaller contingent of US opinion leaders thinks that the government should have primary responsibility for providing for people in old age. Relatively few US opinion leaders think that family members or employers ought to be primarily responsible, although a majority expect significant family involvement in providing transportation and long-term care to older relatives.
- ▶ Although a majority of US opinion leaders believe that the overall quality of life of older people in the US is at least somewhat good, US opinion leaders report that at least some older people lack access to an adequate retirement income, housing, and health care. Moreover, US opinion leaders contend that the country's health care system is not well prepared to deal with an aging population. US opinion leaders call for increased government efforts to ensure that older people receive the health care services they need and gain access to adequate housing.

US not prepared

- ▶ A majority of US opinion leaders report that the US is poorly prepared to deal with changes that may result from the aging of their population. This lack of preparedness is not necessarily for want of expertise, with a majority of US opinion leaders expressing confidence in the government's level of knowledge and expertise on population aging. At the same time, US opinion leaders contend that various groups in society are not paying enough attention to population aging. This is particularly true in the case of younger people, government, and the business community.

Mixed support for policy changes

- ▶ Most US opinion leaders support educating the public about the importance of saving and oppose significant pension reductions. But, opinion is divided on other potential policy changes—making savings mandatory, raising the retirement age, and increasing taxes. Opinion leaders also report that some groups in society—in particular the business community—are not very committed to improving the lives of older people.

Favorable impression of AARP

- ▶ Most US opinion leaders are familiar with AARP and have a positive impression of the organization. US opinion leaders think that AARP-organized activities outside the US would be beneficial for people in other countries.

Implications—United States

Receptive audience on aging issues

- ▶ US opinion leaders consider population aging to be an important, high priority issue. US opinion leaders are aware of the aging trend, receptive to new ideas, and willing to consider ways to address challenges associated with population aging.

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Awareness building necessary for some groups

- ▶ US opinion leaders identify a number of groups that may not yet be paying attention to population aging. Younger people and the government stand out in particular. To effectively address challenges created by population aging, it is crucial that all groups in society are aware of the issues and their implications. Although opinion leaders—high level influentials—are paying attention to population aging, building awareness among other social strata, particularly the public with special emphasis on younger people, may be necessary.

Policy action needed to improve life quality...

- ▶ US opinion leaders report that some older people already lack access to an adequate retirement income, health care, and housing. Without policy action, these problems are likely to grow, as the share of older people in the population increases. With little consensus on who is responsible for providing for older people and what policy tools should be employed, the challenge will be to prevent gridlock and find policy solutions acceptable to a large enough share of society.

...and conditions for older workers

- ▶ As the number of older workers increases, workplaces will need to adjust. While US opinion leaders support accommodating older workers, policy action may be needed to bring the business community aboard.

Section 1: Overall themes

In many countries around the world, including the US, decreasing birth rates and higher life expectancy are resulting in a demographic shift known as population aging—a shift to a higher share of older people in the population. As the table below shows, the US can expect a marked increase in the percentage of the population age 60 or older over the next few decades, from 17 percent in 2006 to an estimated 26 percent by 2050.

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Figure 1.1

Key statistics

| | Median age ¹ | | Population aged 60 or older ² | | Growth ratio | Potential support ratio ³ | |
|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|--------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| | 2006 | | % 2006 | % 2050 | | 2006 | 2050 |
| Japan | 43 | | 27 | 42 | 1.6 | 3 | 1 |
| Australia | 37 | | 18 | 30 | 1.7 | 5 | 3 |
| New Zealand | 34 | | 17 | 30 | 1.8 | 5 | 3 |
| United States | 37 | | 17 | 26 | 1.5 | 5 | 3 |
| South Korea | 35 | | 14 | 41 | 2.9 | 7 | 2 |
| Singapore | 37 | | 13 | 38 | 2.9 | 8 | 2 |
| China | 33 | | 11 | 31 | 2.8 | 9 | 3 |
| India | 25 | | 8 | 21 | 2.6 | 12 | 5 |

In this first section, we discuss US opinion leaders' general views of population aging, including the degree of urgency required to address the issue, the likely consequences of a shifting population structure, and the degree to which US opinion leaders believe that their country is prepared to deal with an aging population.

¹ Source: CIA World Factbook.

² Source: United Nations.

³ Ratio of population aged 15 to 64 years to the population aged 65 or older. Source: United Nations.

Importance of population aging

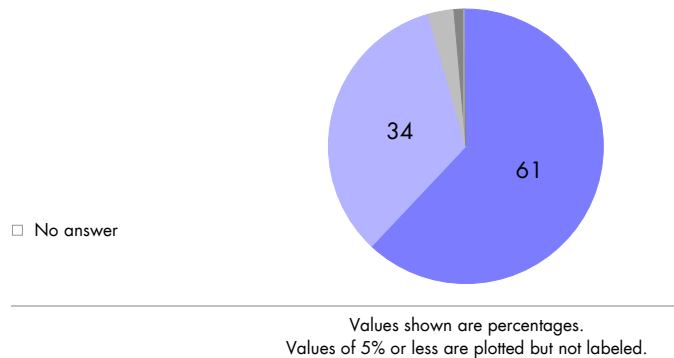
US opinion leaders generally see population aging as an important issue with high priority. Six in 10 US opinion leaders (61%) say that, compared to other issues facing their country, population aging is a *very* important issue, and most of the rest (34%) characterize it as a *somewhat* important issue. Underscoring the perceived importance of the issue in the US, only four percent of US opinion leaders think that the aging of the population is not a very important matter or not important at all.

Consistent with the perception that population aging is an important issue, US opinion leaders believe that it should rank high on the list of issues for the country to address. Only 15 percent of US opinion leaders agree with the statement “the aging of the population should not be a priority; we have other, more pressing issues to address.” Most opinion leaders (85%) disagree with this view, with a majority saying they *strongly* disagree.

Figure 1.2

Importance of population aging

► Compared to other issues facing our country, how important an issue is the aging of the population—[●] very important, [●] somewhat important, [●] not very important or [●] not important at all?⁴

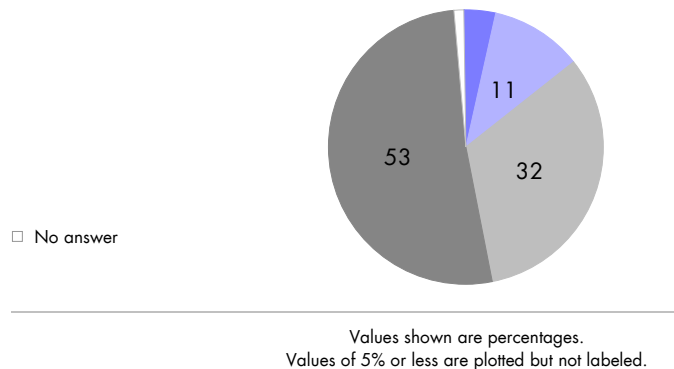


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Figure 1.3

Should population aging not be a priority?

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: The aging of the population should not be a priority; we have other, more pressing issues to address.



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⁴ Except where otherwise noted, all results in this report are based on the full sample of 74 US opinion leaders.

Top economic challenges

Further reinforcing the finding that the aging of the population should be a priority issue, many US opinion leaders consider population aging and related issues to be among the most important economic challenges facing the country.⁵ Asked to name up to three economic challenges, health care spending (40%) tops the list, followed by government spending (28%), paying for retirement income (27%), and the growing population of older people (25%). In addition, some US opinion leaders worry about education (14%), global competition (12%), and the gap between rich and poor (11%).

Impact of population aging

Like opinion leaders in the other surveyed countries, US opinion leaders associate both challenges and opportunities with population aging. As life expectancy increases and birth rates decline, the results will be both positive and negative, according to a solid majority of US opinion leaders (64%). At the same time, a quarter of US opinion leaders (25%) believe that the impact of the demographic shift will be mostly negative. Few US opinion leaders (5%) foresee a mostly positive outcome to population aging.

Figure 1.4

Top economic challenges

► In your opinion, what are the most important economic challenges facing our country in the next 20 years?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Health care spending/costs | 40% |
| Funding government spending, deficits, debt | 28 |
| Paying for pensions, retirement income | 27 |
| Growing population of older people/aging of the population | 25 |
| Education | 14 |
| Global competition, globalization | 12 |
| Income inequality/gap between rich and poor | 11 |

Based on multiple mentions.

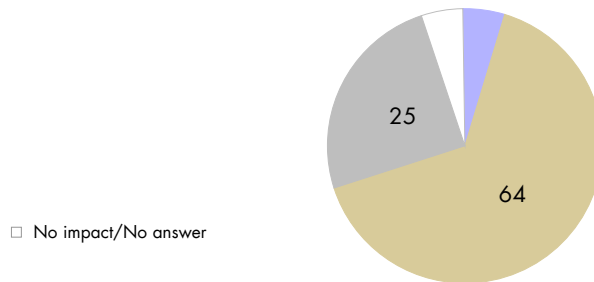
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Figure 1.5

Impact of population aging

► The populations of many countries are growing older as life expectancy increases and birth rates decline. Do you think the aging of the population will have a [●] largely positive, [●] largely negative, or [●] both a positive and negative impact on our country over the next 20 years?



□ No impact/No answer

Values shown are percentages.
Values of 5% or less are plotted but not labeled.

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⁵ It should be noted that this was the first question asked and opinion leaders knew the topic of the survey prior to the interview, which could have influenced their response to this question.

Positive consequences of population aging

According to US opinion leaders, the positive consequences of population aging include having access to the knowledge and experience of older people, the potential availability of older people to contribute as productive members of the workforce, and the simple fact that population aging means that health care has improved and people are enjoying longer lives. Asked to think of ways in which the aging of the population will have a positive impact on their country or provide new opportunities

over the next 20 years, roughly four in 10 US opinion leaders point to older people's knowledge and experience (43%) and the potential of older people to remain productive members of the workforce (38%). Two in 10 US opinion leaders (20%) mention that people are living longer thanks to better medical care. In addition, some US opinion leaders expect the growing number of older people to translate to new markets for products and services (14%), more opportunities for younger people (11%), and an increase in volunteerism (11%).

In regards to another potential positive consequence, US opinion leaders unanimously agree that the aging of the population is an opportunity to create new roles for older people. All US opinion leaders (100%) agree with this sentiment, with a solid majority saying they strongly agree.

Figure 1.6

Positive consequences of population aging

► In what ways will the aging of the population have a positive impact on our country or provide new opportunities over the next 20 years?⁶

| | |
|---|-----|
| Knowledge and experience of older people | 43% |
| Potential pool of productive workers | 38 |
| Better health and medical care, longer lives | 20 |
| Market for products and services | 14 |
| More opportunities available for younger people | 11 |
| Greater volunteerism/community service | 11 |

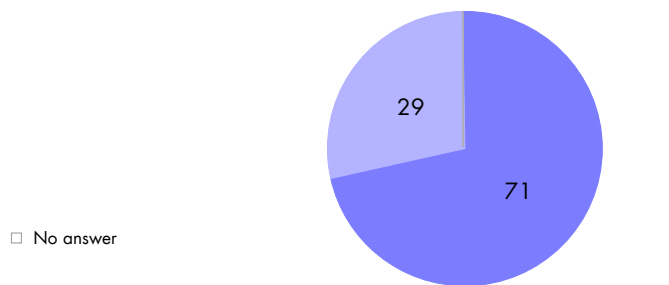
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Figure 1.7

Opportunity to create new roles

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: The aging of the population is an opportunity to create new roles for older people in our country.



Values shown are percentages.
Values of 5% or less are plotted but not labeled.

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⁶ These results are based on 70 respondents.

Negative consequences of population aging

On the negative side, opinion leaders in the US are most worried about providing health care and retirement income to an aging population. Asked how the aging of the population will have a negative impact or pose new challenges over the next 20 years, two thirds of US opinion leaders (66%) mention increased costs of providing health care and half (49%) bring up retirement income. Some US opinion leaders also point out that a greater fraction of the population will be out of the workforce (19%) and that the incidence of various physical and mental health problems in the population will be higher (15%).

Figure 1.8

Negative consequences of population aging

► In what ways will the aging of the population have a negative impact or pose new challenges over the next 20 years?⁷

| | |
|---|-----|
| Increased cost of providing health care | 66% |
| Increased cost of providing pensions/retirement income | 49 |
| Greater fraction of population out of the workforce | 19 |
| Increase in physical and mental health problems in the population | 15 |

Based on multiple mentions.

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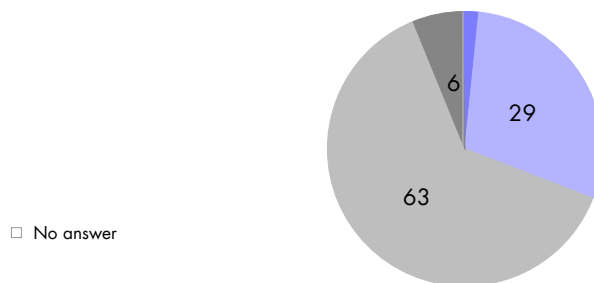
Preparedness for population aging

Amidst the anticipated challenges, US opinion leaders lack confidence that the country will be able to deal with issues arising due to population aging. A solid majority of seven in 10 US opinion leaders (69%) describe the US as not too prepared or not prepared at all to deal with potential changes that may result from the aging of the population. And while three in 10 US opinion leaders (29%) say that the US is somewhat prepared, almost no one (2%) sees the country as very prepared.

Figure 1.9

Overall preparedness

► Overall, how prepared is our country to deal with potential changes that may result from the aging of the population—[●] very prepared, [●] somewhat prepared, [●] not too prepared, or [●] not prepared at all?



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⁷ These results are based on 70 respondents.

According to opinion leaders, this lack of preparedness is not necessarily caused by a lack of expertise. Two thirds of US opinion leaders (65%) believe that the US government has the necessary knowledge and expertise to address issues related to the aging of the population. However, those who only somewhat agree with this view outnumber those who strongly agree (41% versus 24%). And about a third of US opinion leaders (35%) disagree altogether.

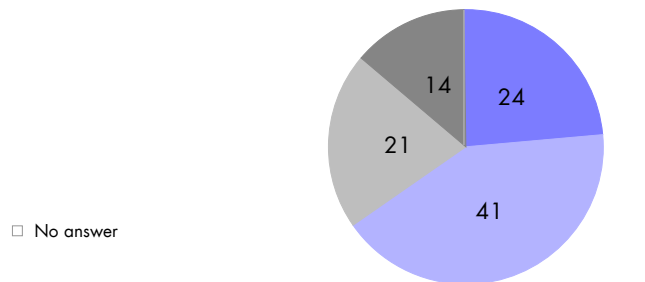
Level of attention paid by groups and institutions

Being prepared as a country to handle the potential changes that may result from an aging population arguably requires the efforts of a variety of groups and institutions. Like their counterparts in many other surveyed countries, US opinion leaders believe that several groups and institutions are not giving population aging the attention it deserves. Younger people (88%) top the list of groups paying too little attention, followed by the federal government (79%), state and local governments (75%), the business community (61%), and the health care community (53%). About half also say that labor unions (49%) and nongovernmental organizations (48%) are not paying enough attention. Only the media and older people themselves are paying the right amount or too much attention, according to a majority of US opinion leaders.

Figure 1.10

Government knowledge and expertise

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Our government has the necessary knowledge and expertise to address issues related to the aging of the population.



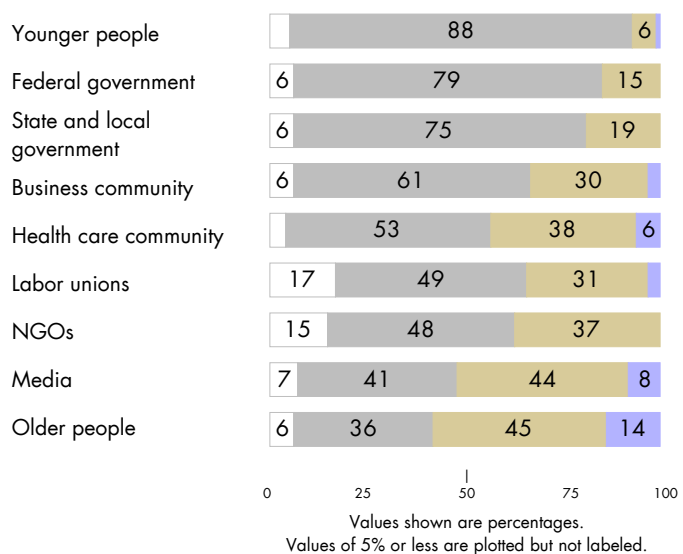
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Figure 1.11

Level of attention paid by groups and institutions

► In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid [●] too much attention, [●] about the right amount of attention, or [●] too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it?



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Section 2: Older workers: extending work lives

Extending work lives is one potential solution to some of the challenges associated with population aging. If capable older workers were to postpone retirement, this would help them financially and take some of the pressure off of the younger, shrinking workforce. And with advancing medical care and improved health, more workers may be in shape to keep their jobs beyond the traditional retirement age. But is the US business community or the society at large prepared for an older workforce? In this section, we discuss US opinion leaders' ideas of what constitutes an older worker, perceptions of the degree to which businesses are prepared for an older workforce and how they should accommodate older workers, and what is an appropriate age for people to retire. We also touch on US opinion leaders' views of potential labor shortages.

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When is a worker an “older worker”?

The average US opinion leader says that workers are “older” after reaching age 64. Although responses range from a low of 45 to a high of 85, most US opinion leaders consider workers “older” sometime after age 60. A plurality of US opinion leaders (35%) say that the transition occurs between the ages of 65 and 69. The next most often mentioned age groups are 60 to 64 (17%) and 70 to 74 (16%).

Figure 2.1

When is a worker an “older worker”?

► In your opinion, at what age is a worker an “older worker”?

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| 45 to 49 | 1% |
| 50 to 54 | 3 |
| 55 to 59 | 9 |
| 60 to 64 | 17 |
| 65 to 69 | 35 |
| 70 to 74 | 16 |
| 75 to 85 | 3 |
| 65+ (combined) | 54 |
| Depends | 14 |
| Average | 64 years |

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Employer preparedness

Many US opinion leaders doubt that employers are ready for a future workforce comprised of more older workers.⁹ A slim majority of US opinion leaders (55%) describe employers as not too well prepared or not well prepared at all. At the same time, a sizable minority of US opinion leaders (40%) believe that employers are at least somewhat well prepared, although only a handful (4%) consider employers to be very well prepared for a future workforce comprised of more older workers.

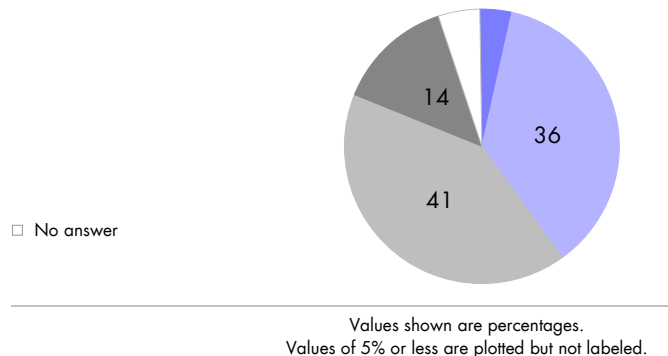
Discrimination

According to US opinion leaders, age discrimination is a problem, when employers are recruiting and hiring new employees, with a majority categorizing it as a moderate or big problem. More specifically, about a quarter of US opinion leaders (27%) think that discrimination is a big problem, nearly half (44%) say moderate, and another quarter (21%) describe it as a small problem. Only about one in 10 US opinion leaders (8%) think that age discrimination is not a problem at all.

Figure 2.2

Employer preparedness for older workers

► In your opinion, how well prepared are employers for a future workforce comprised of more older workers—[●] very well, [●] somewhat well, [●] not too well, or [●] not well at all?⁸

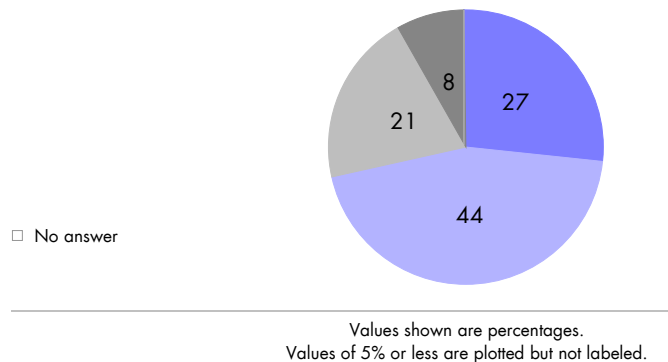


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Figure 2.3

Discrimination against older people

► To the best of your knowledge, is discrimination against older people [●] a big problem, [●] moderate problem, [●] small problem, or [●] not a problem at all when employers are recruiting and hiring employees?¹⁰



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⁸ Opinion leaders representing the private sector were asked about their industry: "In your opinion, how well prepared are employers in your industry for a future work force comprised of more older workers?"

⁹ Prior to being asked the first survey question about "older workers," all opinion leaders were read the following text: "For the rest of this interview, when we ask about older workers, we are referring to workers who are 50 years of age or older."

¹⁰ Opinion leaders representing the private sector were asked about their industry: "To the best of your knowledge, is discrimination against older people a big problem, a moderate problem, small problem, or not a problem at all when employers in your industry are recruiting and hiring employees?"

Perceptions of older workers

The majority view of older workers is positive among US opinion leaders. Almost all US opinion leaders think that wise (97%), productive (93%), and respected (90%) describe older workers very or somewhat well, and solid majorities feel the same way about older workers' flexibility (70%) and speed at adopting new skills (66%). And although a sizable minority disagree, a slim majority of US opinion leaders (52%) think that older workers can also be described as open to new technology.

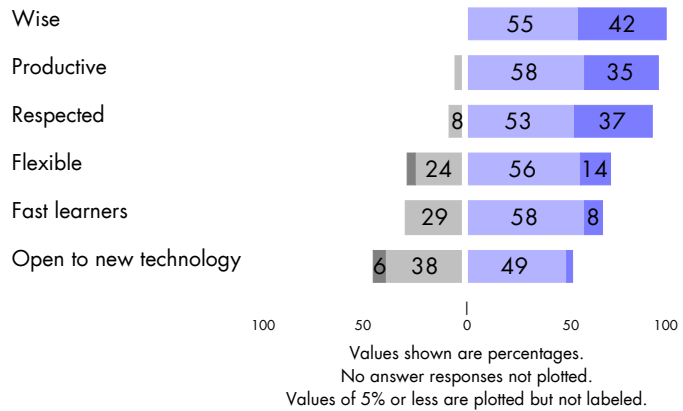
Accommodating older workers

In line with having fairly positive attitudes toward older workers, US opinion leaders are overwhelmingly supportive of accommodating older workers in various ways. All opinion leaders in the US support providing older workers with opportunities for additional training and education (100%), and most are supportive of allowing older workers to work fewer hours (95%), establishing and enforcing policies that prohibit discrimination based on age at the workplace (93%), and offering older workers a different position with fewer responsibilities (82%). And although fewer than half of US opinion leaders strongly support transitioning older workers into a different position with fewer responsibilities, solid majorities strongly support training older workers, reducing their work hours, and instituting anti-discrimination policies.

Figure 2.4

Perceptions of older workers

► In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers—[●] very well, [●] somewhat well, [●] not too well, or [●] not well at all?¹¹

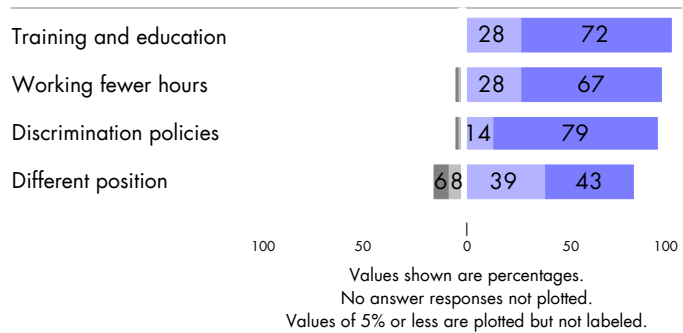


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Figure 2.5

Accommodating older workers

► Next, thinking about ways in which employers may accommodate older workers, do you [●] strongly support, [●] somewhat support, [●] somewhat oppose, or [●] strongly oppose the following practices?¹²



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¹¹ Opinion leaders representing the private sector were asked about their industry: "In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers in your industry?"

¹² Opinion leaders representing the private sector were asked about their industry: "Next, thinking about ways in which employers in your industry may accommodate older workers, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following practices?"

In addition to supporting various practices to accommodate older workers, technology will help extend work lives, according to US opinion leaders. Most US opinion leaders (81%) predict that technology, such as computers and robots, will be at least somewhat helpful in extending productive work lives in their country over the next 20 years. Only 16 percent of US opinion leaders are more pessimistic regarding the role of technology in extending work lives, predicting that it will not be too helpful.

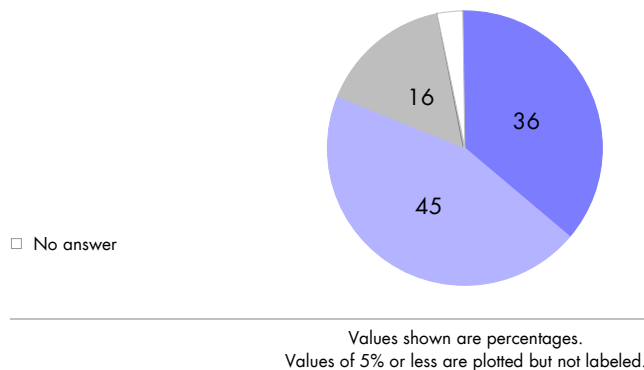
Employers' capacity to address aging issues

Opinion leaders in the US agree that businesses have a responsibility to society and the necessary financial resources to address issues related to an older workforce, but whether they have the knowledge and willingness to do so is somewhat more questionable. More than seven in 10 US opinion leaders (76%) believe that businesses have a social responsibility to address older worker issues and more than six in 10 (65%) believe that they have the financial resources to do so. But only about half of US opinion leaders think that businesses have the knowledge and expertise (51%) or the will and desire (48%) to address issues related to an older workforce, with roughly as many disagreeing.

Figure 2.6

Helpfulness of technology in extending productive work lives

► How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots will be in extending the productive work lives of older workers in our country over the next 20 years—[●] very helpful, [●] somewhat helpful, [●] not too helpful, or [●] not helpful at all?

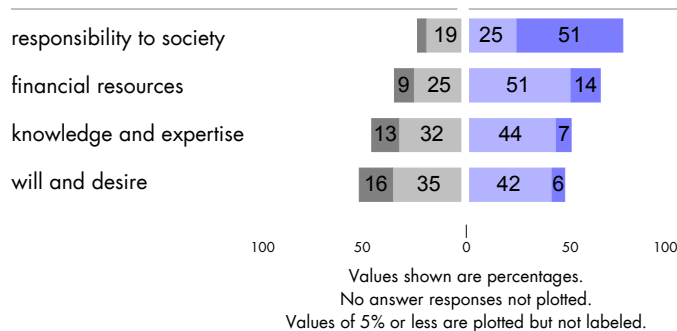


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Figure 2.7

Employer capacity to address aging issues

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statements: In general, private businesses have [INSERT] to address issues related to an older workforce.¹³



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¹³ Opinion leaders representing the private sector were asked about their industry: "In general, private businesses in your industry have [INSERT] to address issues related to an older work force."

Industries doing a good job

Asked if there is a particular business sector or industry that is already doing a good job of employing and using older workers to their full potential, no particular industries stand out. A majority of US opinion leaders either say that there is no such industry (37%) or that they do not know whether such an industry exists (24%). Mentioned most frequently, 14 percent of US opinion leaders say that the service industry is doing a good job. An additional six percent say that academia is a good place for older workers.

Appropriate retirement age

According to the average US opinion leader, the appropriate retirement age for both men and women is 68. Few US opinion leaders think that people should retire before their mid-sixties, with 65 and 70 being the most frequently mentioned ages. At the same time, a third of US opinion leaders decline to name a specific age, either saying that the appropriate retirement age depends on such factors as attitude, physical health, or occupation (24%) or that they do not know when workers should retire (10%).

Figure 2.8

Industries doing a good job

► To the best of your knowledge, is there a particular business sector or industry in our country that is doing a good job of employing and using older workers to their full potential?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Services | 14% |
| Academia | 6 |
| Other industries | 11 |
| No such industry | 37 |
| Don't know | 24 |
| No answer | 7 |

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Figure 2.9

Best retirement age

► In general, at what age do you think [most male workers/most female workers] should retire or stop working?

| | Males | Females |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| 60 | 4% | 4% |
| 61 to 64 | 2 | 3 |
| 65 | 20 | 19 |
| 66 to 69 | 9 | 9 |
| 70 | 18 | 17 |
| 71 to 74 | 1 | 3 |
| 75 | 5 | 4 |
| 76 to 85 | 1 | 2 |
| 65+ (combined) | 54 | 54 |
| Never | 6 | 6 |
| Depends | 24 | 24 |
| Don't know | 10 | 10 |
| Average | 68 years | 68 years |

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Mandatory retirement age

US opinion leaders do not warm up to the idea of forcing people to retire when they reach a certain age. Rather, US opinion leaders are solidly opposed to the idea of a mandatory retirement age. Almost all US opinion leaders (93%) oppose the idea, and most oppose it strongly. Only six percent of US opinion leaders support the idea.

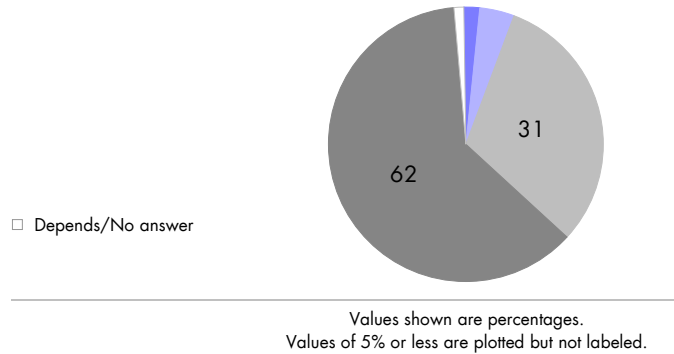
Labor shortage

Similar to opinion leaders in most of the other surveyed countries, a majority of US opinion leaders foresee their country facing a labor shortage in the coming years. Six in 10 US opinion leaders (60%) believe that their country is somewhat or very likely to experience a labor shortage within the next 20 years. However, only a quarter (26%) believe a labor shortage is very likely to occur and a sizable minority (36%) believe that such shortages are not too likely or not likely at all to occur in the US.

Figure 2.10

Mandatory retirement age

► In some countries workers are required to retire at a particular age. Do you [●] strongly support, [●] somewhat support, [●] somewhat oppose, or [●] strongly oppose the idea of a mandatory retirement age?

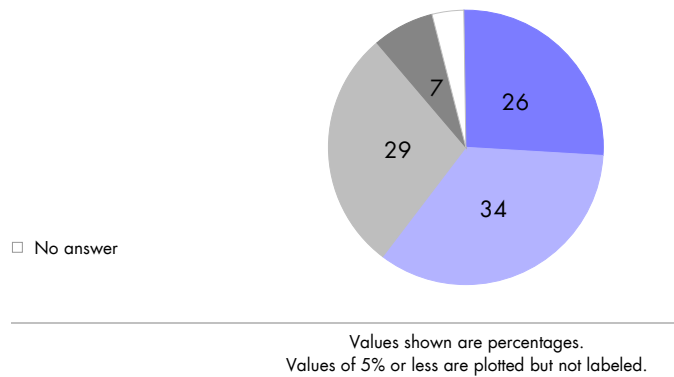


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Figure 2.11

Likelihood of labor shortage

► In your view, how likely is it that our country will experience a labor shortage within the next 20 years—[●] very likely, [●] somewhat likely, [●] not too likely, or [●] not likely at all?



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According to the US opinion leaders who think that there will be a labor shortage, more liberal immigration policies are one likely solution to compensate for it. Among the US opinion leaders who predict a labor shortage, nearly eight in 10 (77%) believe that the US is likely to adopt more liberal immigration policies to help recruit more workers. However, a majority of these opinion leaders think that this development is only somewhat, rather than very, likely. Two in 10 (20%) believe that the US government is not too likely to adopt more liberal immigration policies.

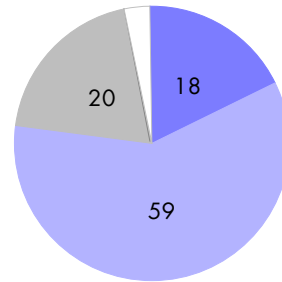
Those who believe that the US is likely to adopt more liberal immigration policies to compensate for a labor shortage constitute about half of all US opinion leaders (48%). About one in 10 (12%) say that the US is not very likely to adopt more liberal immigration policies in response to labor shortages, while the rest (40%) either did not answer the question or think that the US is unlikely to experience labor shortages and were, therefore, not asked the question.

Figure 2.12

More liberal immigration policies

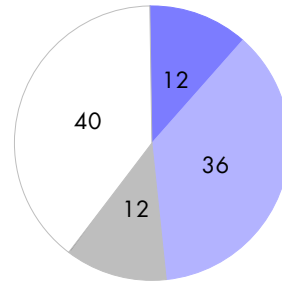
► How likely is it that we will adopt more liberal immigration policies to compensate for this labor shortage—[●] very likely, [●] somewhat likely, [●] not too likely, or [●] not likely at all?

Opinion leaders who think labor shortages are likely¹⁴



□ No answer

All opinion leaders



□ Not asked question/No answer

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¹⁴ These results are based on 44 respondents.

Section 3: Retirement security and life quality

Retirement security and quality of life issues will undoubtedly take center stage as more people reach retirement age and enjoy a longer life span after retiring. In this section, we discuss US opinion leaders' perceptions of the quality of life enjoyed by older people in their country, including retirement income, health care, and housing. We also address their opinions regarding whose responsibility it is to provide for people after retirement, the family's role in caring for older people, and potential policy changes in response to the growing population of older people.

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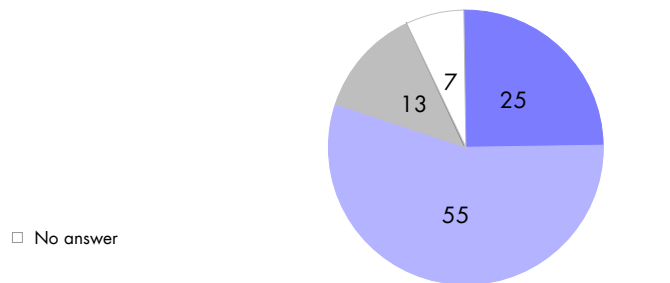
Quality of life

Asked to describe the overall quality of life of older people in their country, most US opinion leaders give a positive response.¹⁵ Eight in 10 US opinion leaders (80%) describe the overall quality of life of older people in their country as good. However, only a quarter (25%) describe it as very good, with a majority (55%) characterizing it as somewhat good. Roughly one in 10 US opinion leaders (13%) consider older people's quality of life to be somewhat bad overall, and none of the opinion leaders consider it to be very bad.

Figure 3.1

Overall quality of life

► How would you describe the overall quality of life of older people in our country—it is [●] very good, [●] somewhat good, [●] somewhat bad, or [●] very bad?



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¹⁵ Prior to being asked the first survey question about "people in their old age," all opinion leaders were read the following text: "In the following questions, when we ask about people in their old age or older people, we are referring to older people who are retired or past retirement age. By retired, we mean no longer working for pay."

Adequacy of retirement income

Despite the moderately positive assessment of the overall quality of life of older people, a question about the adequacy of the average older person's pension and benefits splits US opinion leaders into two camps. A slim majority of US opinion leaders (51%) believe that the average older person relying on government or employer pension and benefits is not living too comfortably or not living comfortably at all. But nearly as many (46%) believe that the average older person's pension and benefits from the government or from an employer is generally sufficient to live somewhat or very comfortably.

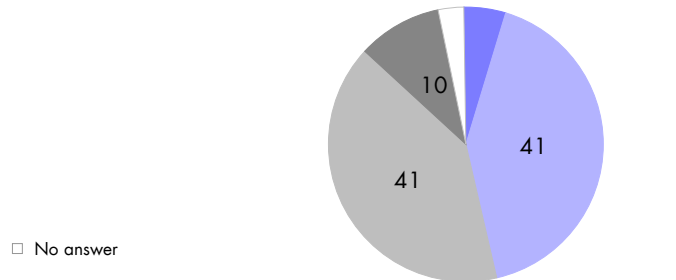
The fact that eight in 10 US opinion leaders believe that the average older person enjoys at least a somewhat good overall quality of life, but fewer than five in 10 believe that the average older person's pension and benefits are sufficient for a comfortable life, implies that at least some opinion leaders believe that older people have other sources of income or that factors other than income contribute to a good quality of life.

Regardless of the status of the average retiree, a majority of US opinion leaders believe that at least some older people in the US are left without an adequate retirement income. Three quarters of US opinion leaders reject the statement "an adequate retirement income is available to people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country," and half of all US opinion leaders strongly disagree with it. Only a quarter of US opinion leaders (23%) agree with the statement.

Figure 3.2

Adequacy of retirement income

► Do you think that the average older person's pension and benefits from the government or from their employers is generally sufficient for an older person to live [●] very comfortably, [●] somewhat comfortably, [●] not too comfortably, or [●] not comfortably at all?



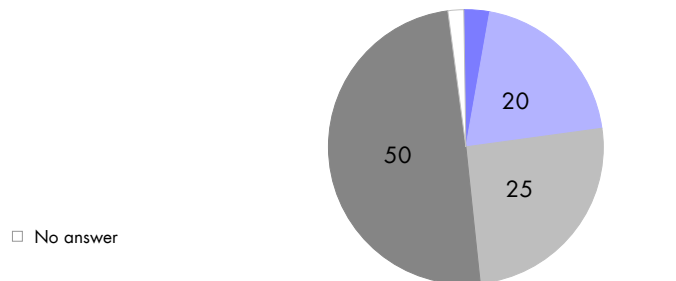
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Figure 3.3

Equity and retirement income

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: An adequate retirement income is available to people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.



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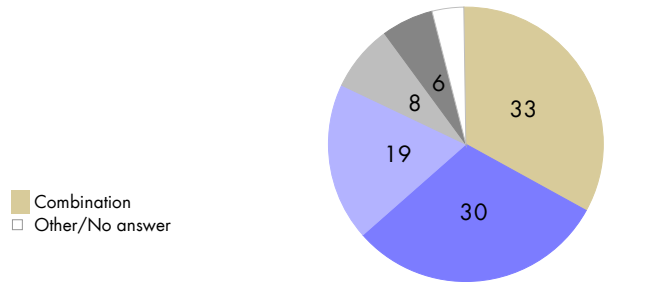
Responsibility for providing for people in old age

Asked whose responsibility it is to provide for people in their old age when they are no longer able to work, US opinion leaders reach no consensus. A third of US opinion leaders (33%) believe that the responsibility should be shared between two or more entities, but roughly as many (30%) think that individual older people have primary responsibility for providing for themselves through savings. Two in 10 US opinion leaders (19%) think that the government is mainly responsible, while a relatively small share of US opinion leaders point to employers (8%) or family members (6%).

Figure 3.4

Primary responsibility for providing for people in their old age

► In your opinion, which of the following should have primary responsibility for providing for people in their old age: [●] individual older people, [●] government, [●] employers, or [●] family?



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Optimal mix of income from different groups

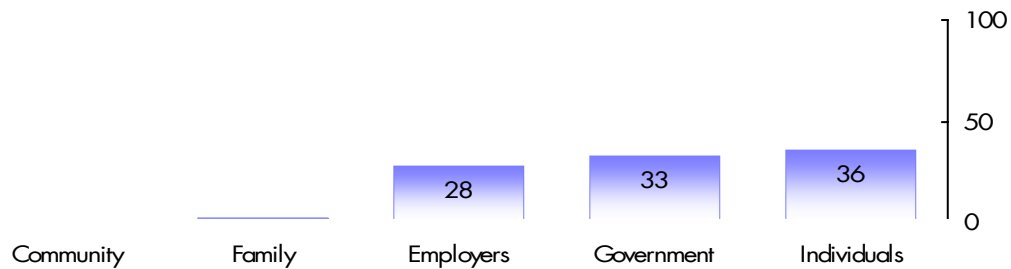
In addition to being asked about whose responsibility it is to provide for people in their old age, opinion leaders were asked to think about the optimal mix of income for people in their old age and what percent would come from different groups. On average, US opinion leaders indicate that roughly a third of older people's income would optimally come from their own savings (36% of income) and another third from the government (33% of income). But although few US opinion leaders think that employers have primary responsibility for providing for older people, US opinion leaders, on average, expect a sizable chunk of older people's income to come from employers (28% of income). At the same time, US opinion leaders, on average, expect much smaller contributions from family members (2% of income) or the community (1% of income).

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Figure 3.5

Optimal mix of income—average percent of responsibility assigned to each group

► If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following?¹⁶



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¹⁶ These results are based on 61 respondents.

Family role

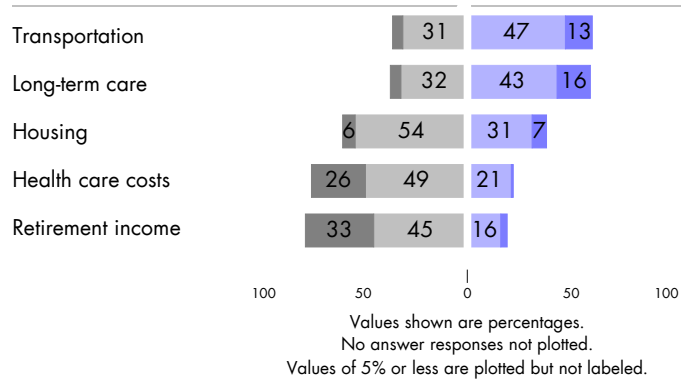
A majority of US opinion leaders call for a moderate to large family role in providing transportation and long-term care, but a lesser role in providing housing, health care costs, and retirement income. Six in 10 US opinion leaders believe that family should play a moderate or big role in providing transportation for older relatives (60%) and in providing long-term care for older people who are sick or have a disability (59%). At the same time, however, sizable minorities disagree, saying that a smaller role is appropriate. And when it comes to the other types of support asked about, a majority of opinion leaders say that the family should play a small role or no role at all—retirement income (78%), health care costs (75%), and housing (60%).

US opinion leaders also overwhelmingly believe that it is best for relatively healthy older people to live independently as long as possible. Nearly nine in 10 US opinion leaders (87%) think that living independently is the best option. Only four percent of US opinion leaders prefer assisted care facilities, and only three percent suggest that living with extended family would be ideal.

Figure 3.6

Family role in assisting older people

► In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play [●] a big role, [●] moderate role, [●] small role, or [●] no role at all in providing [INSERT]?

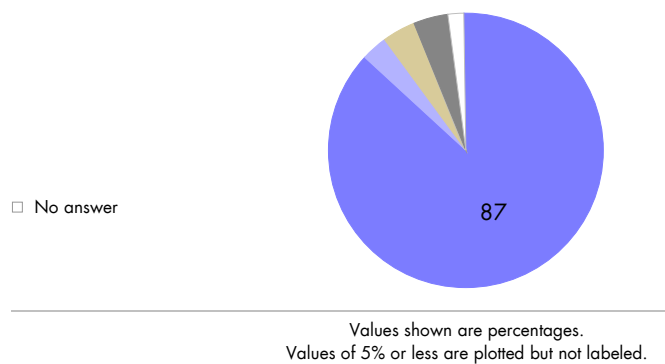


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Figure 3.7

Living arrangements of older people

► In general, is it best for relatively healthy older people to [●] live independently as long as possible [●] live with extended families, [●] live in assisted care facilities, or [●] live in nursing homes?



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According to US opinion leaders, technology will help older people live independently for a longer period of time. Eight in 10 US opinion leaders (79%) believe that technology, such as computers and robots, will be at least somewhat helpful in extending independent living by older people in their country over the next 20 years. Fewer than two in 10 US opinion leaders (16%) are more pessimistic about the helpfulness of technology in extending independent living, predicting that it will not be too helpful.

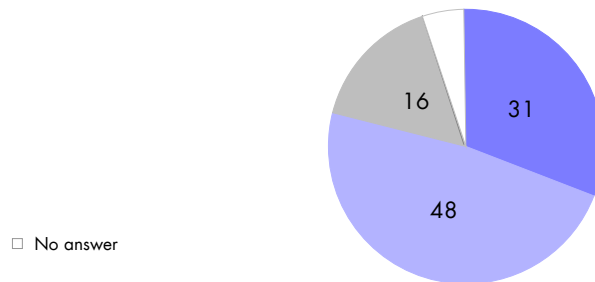
Health services

Providing health and medical care to an increasingly large aging population is one of the top challenges US opinion leaders associate with population aging and they do not think that the current health care system is up to the challenge. Nine in 10 US opinion leaders (90%) agree that their country's health care system is not well prepared to deal with an aging population, and a majority feel this way strongly. Only one in 10 US opinion leaders (9%) disagree, saying that the health care system *is* well prepared.

Figure 3.8

Helpfulness of technology in extending independent living

► How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots will be in extending independent living by older people in our country over the next 20 years—[●] very helpful, [●] somewhat helpful, [●] not too helpful, or [●] not helpful at all?



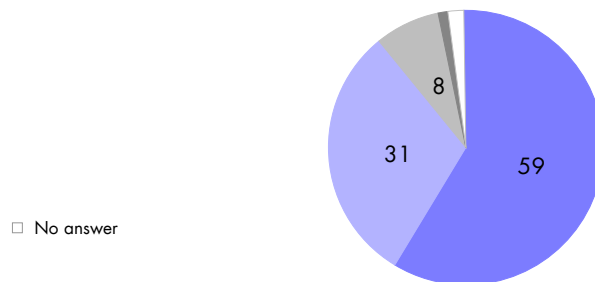
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Figure 3.9

Preparedness of health care system

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Our health care system is not well prepared to deal with an aging population.



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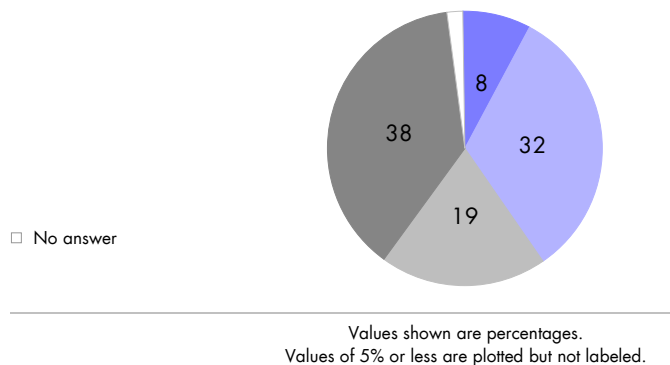
A majority of US opinion leaders are also of the view that health care delivery is currently not equitable in the US. Asked whether access to quality health care is currently available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in the US, nearly six in 10 US opinion leaders (57%) say that the answer is no. However, a sizable minority of US opinion leaders (40%) believe that, at least to a degree, access to quality health care is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds.

US opinion leaders are cautiously supportive of increased government efforts to improve delivery of health services to older people, with a majority indicating that at least a moderate increase in efforts is called for. Roughly a third of US opinion leaders (36%) believe that the US government should increase its efforts a great deal, and another third (36%) say that efforts should be increased moderately to ensure that older people receive the health services they need. And while 14 percent of US opinion leaders think that the US government should increase its efforts only a little, just nine percent contend that no increase in efforts is necessary.

Figure 3.10

Equity and quality health care

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Access to quality health care is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.

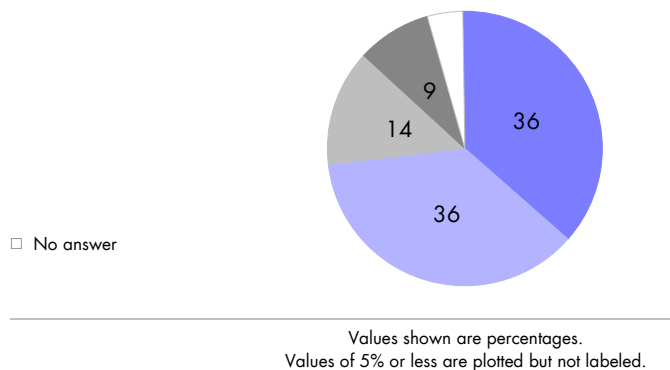


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Figure 3.11

Increasing government efforts to ensure older people receive health services

► Do you think our government should increase its efforts to ensure that older people receive the health services they need [●] a great deal, [●] moderately, [●] a little, or [●] not at all?



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In addition to government efforts, opinion leaders in the US are hopeful that technology will help improve health and medical care of older people. Most US opinion leaders (90%) believe that technology, such as computers and robots, will be at least somewhat helpful in improving the health and medical care of older people in their country over the next 20 years. However, a majority of these opinion leaders believe that technology will only be somewhat, rather than very, helpful. But only about one in 10 (8%) think that technology will not be too helpful or that it will not be helpful at all.

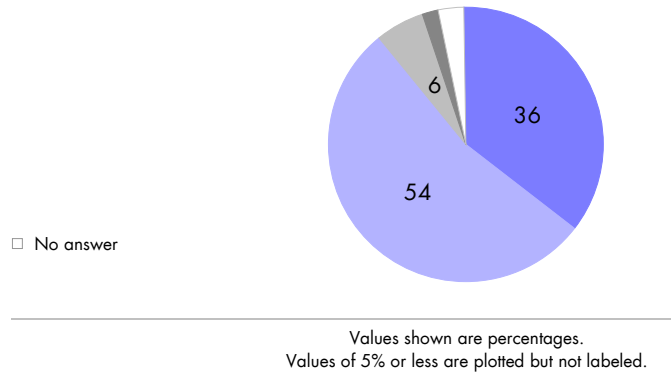
Housing

A majority of US opinion leaders report that at least some older people in the US lack access to adequate housing. About seven in 10 US opinion leaders (68%) reject the statement “adequate housing is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country”, with nearly half saying they strongly disagree with the statement. At the same time, roughly a quarter of US opinion leaders at least somewhat agree with the statement.

Figure 3.12

Helpfulness of technology in improving health and medical care of older people

► How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots will be in improving health and medical care of older people in our country over the next 20 years—[●] very helpful, [●] somewhat helpful, [●] not too helpful, or [●] not helpful at all?

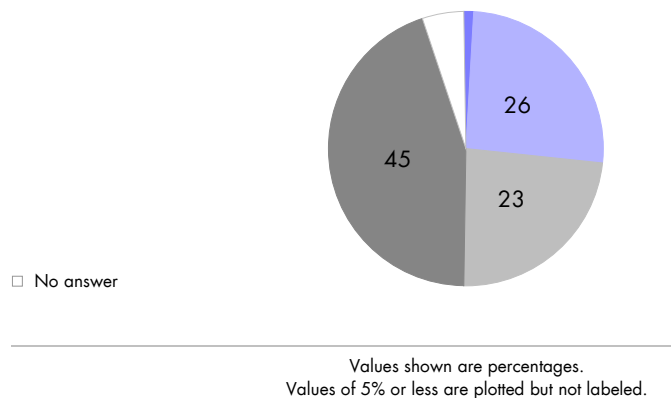


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Figure 3.13

Equity and housing

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Adequate housing is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.



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US opinion leaders generally believe that the US government should increase its efforts in the housing field. Seven in 10 US opinion leaders (70%) contend that their government should increase its efforts a great deal or moderately to ensure that older people have access to adequate housing. Most of the rest believe that efforts should be increased a little, with fewer than one in 10 opinion leaders of the view that no increase at all is necessary.

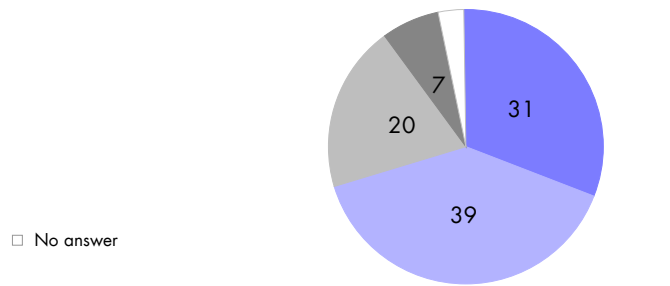
Policy changes to help cover costs related to aging

As more people reach retirement age, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. Asked about the degree to which different policies should be changed to help cover these increased costs, US opinion leaders only agree about one change. Most US opinion leaders (88%) agree that, to a great extent, the public should be educated about the importance of savings and encouraged to save more. On the flipside, a majority of US opinion leaders (61%) agree that pension reductions are an inappropriate way to reduce the costs of population aging, and most of the rest (21%) agree to small cuts only. But the degree to which other policy changes should be implemented, if at all, divides US opinion leaders. Roughly half of opinion leaders say that savings should be made mandatory (50%), the pension age raised (48%), and taxes increased (46%) to a great or moderate degree, but about as many think that these policies should only be implemented to a small extent only or not at all.

Figure 3.14

Increasing government efforts to ensure older people have access to adequate housing

► Do you think our government should increase its efforts to ensure that older people have access to adequate housing [●] a great deal, [●] moderately, [●] a little, or [●] not at all?



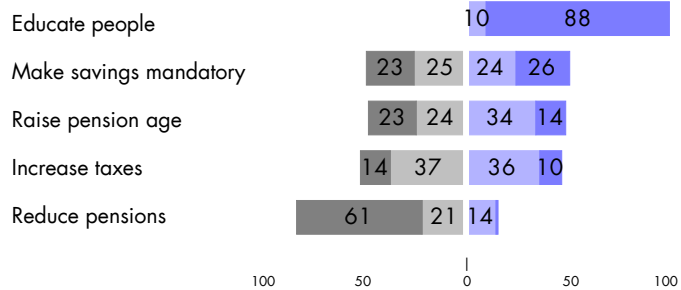
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Figure 3.15

Support for policy changes

► As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should [INSERT] to help cover these increased costs—[●] great extent, [●] moderate extent, [●] small extent, or [●] not at all?



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Society's commitment to older people

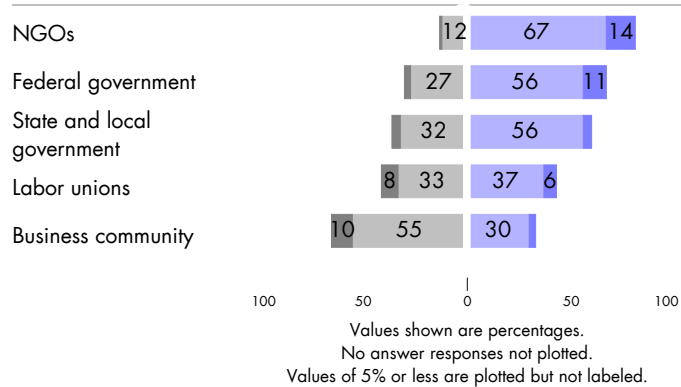
Among US opinion leaders, nongovernmental organizations and the government are seen as the most dedicated to improving older people's life quality. Eight in 10 US opinion leaders (81%) think that nongovernmental organizations are very or somewhat committed to older people. A majority of US opinion leaders also think that both the federal government (67%) and state and local governments (60%) are committed to improving the lives of older people. However, perceptions of labor unions are mixed, with roughly four in 10 US opinion leaders (43%) thinking that they are committed to older people but about as many (41%) thinking that they are not. As for the business community, two thirds of US opinion leaders (65%) say that it is not committed to improving older people's life quality.

A majority of US opinion leaders are optimistic about the long-term future of older people in their country. Six in 10 US opinion leaders (60%) believe that 20 years from now the overall quality of life of older people will have gotten somewhat or much better. At the same time, a notable minority of US opinion leaders (33%) expect things to worsen somewhat. However, none of the US opinion leaders expect older people's life quality to be much worse 20 years from now.

Figure 3.16

Commitment to improving quality of life for older people

► Is/Are [INSERT] [●] very committed, [●] somewhat committed, [●] not too committed, or [●] not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?

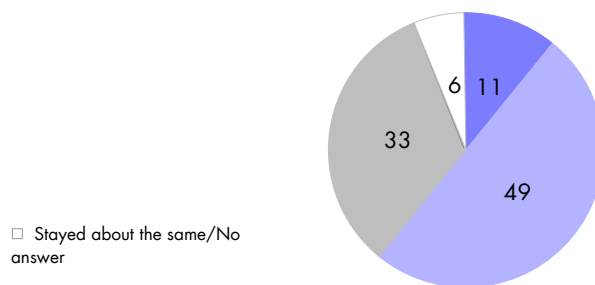


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Figure 3.17

Quality of life in the future

► And 20 years from now, do you think the overall quality of life of older people in our country will have gotten [●] much better, [●] somewhat better, [●] somewhat worse, or [●] much worse?



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Section 4: Perceptions of older people

To enjoy a good quality of life, not only do older people's physical needs have to be met, but their psychological well-being, including a sense of self-worth, is also important. The broader society's perceptions of older people arguably contribute to how they feel about themselves and their role in society. In this section, we discuss US opinion leaders' perceptions of older people and their place in society.

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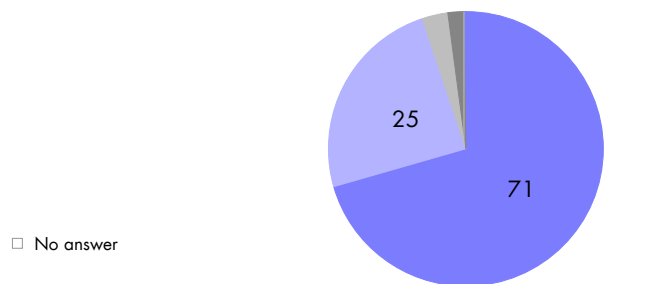
Contributing members of society

Almost all US opinion leaders see older people as generally helpful, contributing members of society. More than nine in 10 US opinion leaders (96%) agree with this sentiment, with a majority feeling this way strongly. Only a handful of US opinion leaders (5%) disagree.

Figure 4.1

Contributing members of society

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Older people in our country are generally helpful, contributing members of society.



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Older people are a contributing force that could be tapped into even more, according to US opinion leaders. Almost all US opinion leaders (97%) agree that the government should do more to take advantage of the contributions that older people can make to the community by enlisting them to help with community projects, and, again, a majority agree with this view strongly. Only two percent of US opinion leaders disagree that the government should do more to take advantage of the contributions older people can make.

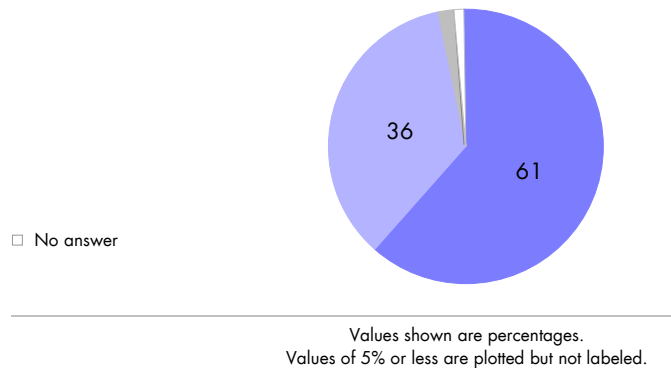
Potential pool of productive workers

Despite the perception of older people as contributing members of society, US opinion leaders do not agree on whether businesses see the potential in older workers. According to a slim majority of US opinion leaders (51%), the US business community does view older people as a source of potential productive workers. But nearly as many US opinion leaders (49%) disagree.

Figure 4.2

Help with community projects

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Our government should do more to take advantage of the contributions that older people can make to the community by enlisting them to help with community projects.

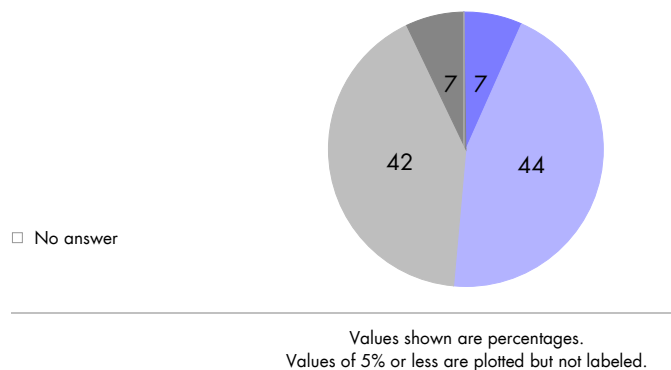


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Figure 4.3

Potential productive workers

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: The business community views older people as a source of potential productive workers.



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Marketing products

Although the degree to which businesses recognize productive potential in older people is questionable, US opinion leaders agree that businesses see older people as a consumer force. Nine in 10 US opinion leaders (90%) agree that the business community in the US views older people as an opportunity for marketing and selling products and services, and a modest majority say they strongly agree with this view. Only about one in 10 US opinion leaders (8%) disagree with this view.

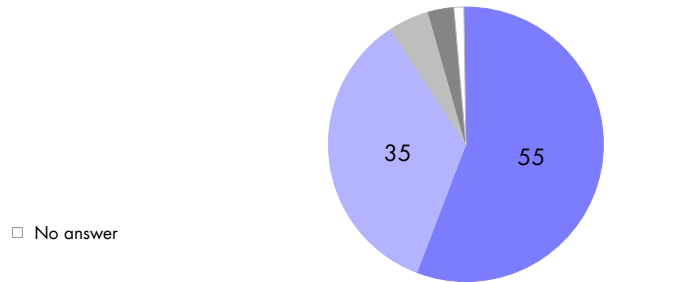
Burden on the community

Consistent with the general feeling that older people are helpful, contributing members of society, a majority of US opinion leaders reject the view that older people are a burden. Three quarters of US opinion leaders (74%) disagree with the statement “older people are often a burden on the community.” At the same time, however, a notable minority—a quarter of US opinion leaders (25%)—do think that, at least to a degree, older people are a burden.

Figure 4.4

Market for products and services

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: The business community views older people as an opportunity for marketing and selling products and services.



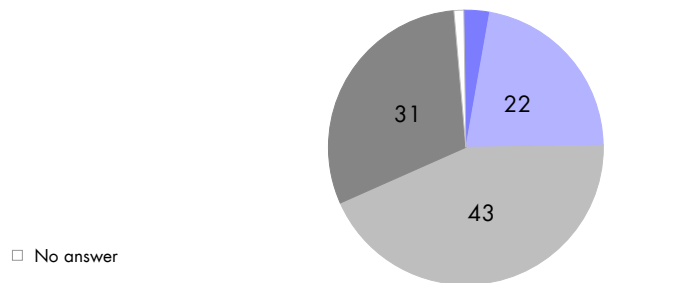
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AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

Figure 4.5

Burden on the community

► Do you [●] strongly agree, [●] somewhat agree, [●] somewhat disagree, or [●] strongly disagree with the following statement: Older people are often a burden on the community.



Values shown are percentages.
Values of 5% or less are plotted but not labeled.

AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

Section 5: Aging advocacy organizations

The US is home to many organizations that advocate on behalf of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues. In this section, we discuss US opinion leaders' awareness and opinions of organizations that advocate on behalf of older people as well as their familiarity with and perception of AARP. It should be noted that AARP was identified as commissioning the survey when opinion leaders were invited to participate, which could have influenced the results to questions having to do with AARP.

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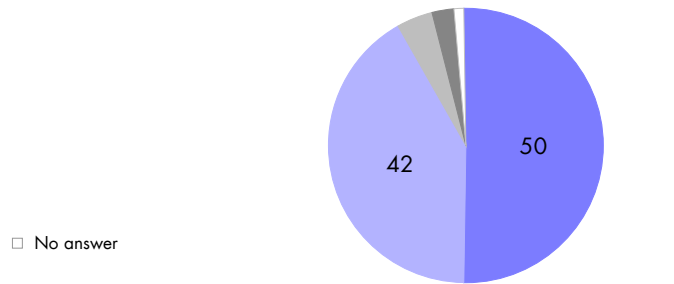
Perceptions of AARP

Most US opinion leaders are familiar with AARP. Half of US opinion leaders (50%) are very familiar with AARP, and most of the rest (42%) say that they are somewhat familiar. Fewer than one in 10 US opinion leaders (7%) say that they are not too familiar or not familiar at all with AARP.

Figure 5.1

Familiarity with AARP

► How familiar are you with AARP—[●] very familiar, [●] somewhat familiar, [●] not too familiar, or [●] not familiar at all?



Values shown are percentages.
Values of 5% or less are plotted but not labeled.

AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

Among US opinion leaders who do have some degree of familiarity with AARP, the impression of the organization is generally favorable. Eight in 10 US opinion leaders aware of AARP (78%) say that their impression is favorable, although a majority say that their impression is somewhat, rather than very, favorable. Fewer than two in 10 (17%) say that their overall impression is not very favorable or not favorable at all.

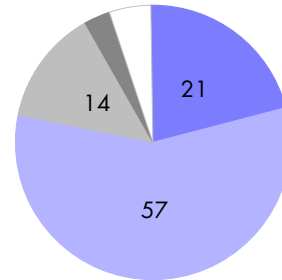
These results are consistent with AARP's 2005 survey of opinion leaders, which found universal awareness of AARP and generally favorable evaluations, although not necessarily very favorable.¹⁸

Figure 5.2

Impression of AARP

► What is your overall impression of AARP—[●] very favorable, [●] somewhat favorable, [●] not very favorable, or [●] not favorable at all?¹⁷

All opinion leaders with some degree of familiarity with AARP



□ No answer

Values shown are percentages.
Values of 5% or less are plotted but not labeled.

AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

¹⁷ These results are based on 71 respondents.

¹⁸ The 2005 results are based on 204 opinion leaders.

Organizations advocating for older people

Asked if they are aware of any US organizations that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues, AARP is by far the most frequently mentioned organization. Two thirds of US opinion leaders (65%) bring up AARP, and while countless other organizations are also mentioned, they are rarely mentioned by more than a few percent of US opinion leaders. Moreover, only a handful of US opinion leaders say that they are not aware of any such organizations.

Figure 5.3

Local organizations

► Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| AARP | 65% |
| Councils on Aging | 9 |
| No, not aware of any | 6 |
| Don't know | 3 |

AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

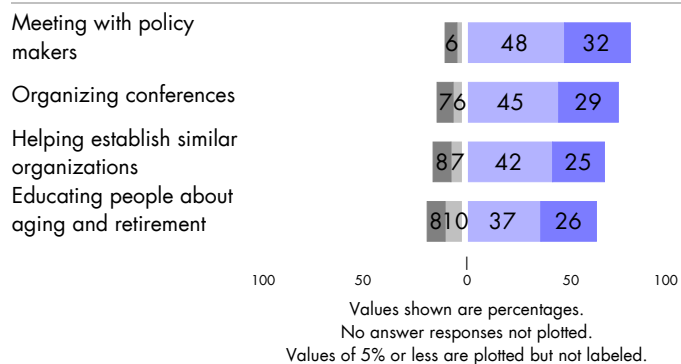
AARP role abroad

US opinion leaders generally agree that AARP involvement in various activities outside the US would be helpful for people in other countries.¹⁹ A solid majority of US opinion leaders think that foreign countries would benefit if AARP were to meet with government policy makers to exchange information about aging and retirement (80%), organize conferences to bring together policy makers and aging experts from various countries (74%), help establish similar organizations in other countries (67%), and educate people in other countries about issues related to aging and retirement (63%). However, opinion leaders who think that engaging in these activities would be somewhat helpful outnumber those who think that it would be very helpful.

Figure 5.4

AARP role abroad

► If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be for other countries? Would [INSERT] be [●] very helpful, [●] somewhat helpful, [●] not too helpful, or [●] not helpful at all?



AARP, *Aging in Asia and Oceania*, March 2007.

¹⁹ Prior to being asked this question, opinion leaders in the US were read the following text: "AARP is a not-for-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life of older people who are age 50 or older. The organization works with the federal government, local government, and businesses to be sure that older people have what they need for their health, finances, and jobs. It also offers education programs, travel discounts, and social opportunities for the older people who join. To join AARP, older people pay approximately \$12 a year." Opinion leaders outside the US were read a similar statement prior to being asked questions that were not asked in the US.

Methodology

In 2006 AARP commissioned Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) to conduct a survey of opinion leaders in the United States and in seven countries in Asia and Oceania. The survey was designed to increase AARP's knowledge of aging issues and attitudes in key Asian markets and to compare attitudes and policies towards aging in the US to attitudes and policies in Asian and Oceania societies. PSRAI teamed up with local research firms to conduct interviews in Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, and the US. Between October and December 2006, interviewers spoke with more than 400 individuals who hold senior level positions in government, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, media, and academia. Below we discuss details of the survey methodology, including the sample sizes, sample selection, recruitment, questionnaire design, and fieldwork logistics.

Sample sizes

A minimum of 50 interviews were conducted in each of the survey countries, for a total of 423 interviews. For the full sample, the margin of error is ± 5 percentage points. Margins of error for individual country samples are displayed in the table on the right.

The survey sample consists of opinion leaders from the following five categories: (1) government, (2) nongovernmental organizations, (3) private sector, (4) media, and (5) academia. The sample was equally divided among the five professional sectors, with a goal of interviewing 10 opinion leaders per sector in each country. The table below outlines the definitions that were used to classify opinion leaders.

Figure 6.1

Country sample sizes

| | Number of interviews | Margin of error |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Australia | 50 | 14 |
| China | 50 | 14 |
| India | 50 | 14 |
| Japan | 50 | 14 |
| New Zealand | 49 | 14 |
| Singapore | 50 | 14 |
| South Korea | 50 | 14 |
| United States | 74 | 11 |
| Total | 423 | 5 |

Figure 6.2

Eligibility criteria

| Category | Eligible organizations | Eligible individuals |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Government | Departments and agencies that deal with finance, economics, taxing, pensions/retirement, labor/employment, social services/welfare, social affairs, or social security (e.g. Ministries of Health, Social Development, Social Security, Labor, Finance) | Senior Civil Servant level and above (typically Director or Director General level) |
| | Parliamentarians or politicians, where applicable | Parliamentarians or senior staff of relevant committees, such as aging, health, social security, finance, or retirement |
| Non-governmental organizations | Both local and multinational nongovernmental, nonprofit, religious, charitable, and/or advocacy organizations, foundations, and movements whose mission is related to public policy, economic affairs, social affairs, health care and disabilities, aging, or the labor force | Heads of or senior staff of nongovernmental organizations |
| Private Sector | Reputable private sector firms and business associations (e.g. chambers of commerce) | Senior business leaders, consultants, or business experts who are known for their expertise on economic and social issues and executives with responsibility for insurance, retirement, human resources, or employee/labor force policy |
| Media | An organization that derives its business from media driven activities including both publicly and privately funded radio, television, press, and the Internet | Producers, editors, or journalists who report on social, economic, and/or political issues |
| Academia | Any university, college, or think tank | Professors within relevant departments, such as Social Sciences, Economics, Public Health, Demographics, Public Policy, and Political Science |
| | | Heads of, or senior staff of, relevant think tanks or institutions |

The survey results were weighted to approximate the original sampling plan and to ensure that no countries or professional sectors are over- or underrepresented in the final analysis and that there was equal representation from all countries and professional sectors included in the survey.

Sample selection

Names of potential respondents were compiled from two sources. PSRAI and individual survey research firms in each country used publicly available material for each of the sectors mentioned above to compile lists of opinion leaders. From these lists, PSRAI randomly selected opinion leaders to be contacted for the survey.

Recruiting opinion leaders

The randomly chosen opinion leaders were sent letters inviting them to participate in the survey and explaining the purpose of the survey. These letters consisted of two components: (1) a letter written by the local firm inviting participation and providing contact information and (2) a letter from AARP’s Director of International Affairs that explained the purpose of the survey. To protect the respondents’ privacy, the letters from AARP did not identify the respondents by name. The letters were emailed, faxed, mailed, or hand-delivered to the respondents depending on what was determined to be the most reliable and time-efficient method in the particular country.

Each respondent was contacted at least five times before replacing the respondent with another name from the sample. Only conversations with an actual person counted as contacts. If the respondent clearly refused to participate, he or she was replaced with the next person on the list of randomly selected names. Response rates to the survey were typical of opinion leader surveys, ranging from about 20 percent to more than 60 percent. Detailed disposition of all contacts is available upon request.

As the table on the right shows, the survey respondents represent a range of demographic backgrounds. Age-wise, the respondents can be divided into three equal size groups—40 years of age or younger (30%), 41 to 50 years (30%), 51 to 60 years (30%)—and a smaller contingent of opinion leaders over 60 years of age (8%). About three quarters of the respondents are men (74%), a quarter women (26%).

In the US, fully half of the respondents (50%) are between the ages of 51 and 60. Most of the rest (32%) are age 50 or younger, with only about one in 10 (12%) over age 60. A majority of US respondents (60%) are male, although a sizable minority (39%) are female.

Questionnaire design and translations

The questionnaire was designed by PSRAI in consultation with AARP. The format for the questionnaire was mostly close-ended, although a few open-end questions were also included. Coding frames for the open-end questions were developed and data for the open-end questions coded at PSRAI.

PSRAI gave most respondents the opportunity to take the survey in the language of their choice. As is standard PSRAI practice for international work, we employed independent translators to translate the questionnaires back to English to ensure the meaning of the translations closely mirrored the original English questionnaire.

Fieldwork logistics

To accommodate the respondents' busy schedules, multiple modes of interviewing were offered. More than half of the respondents were interviewed on the phone, while about a quarter were interviewed face-to-face.

The rest responded to the survey questions online or filled out the questionnaire on paper. The interviews were completed between October and December 2006. PSRAI's

Figure 6.3

Respondent demographics

ALL COUNTRIES

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Age | |
| 40 or less | 30% |
| 41 to 50 | 30 |
| 51 to 60 | 30 |
| Over 60 | 8 |
| Sex | |
| Male | 74% |
| Female | 26 |

UNITED STATES

| | |
|------------|----|
| Age | |
| 40 or less | 12 |
| 41 to 50 | 20 |
| 51 to 60 | 50 |
| Over 60 | 12 |
| Sex | |
| Male | 60 |
| Female | 39 |

Figure 6.4

Survey languages

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Australia | English |
| China | Mandarin, Cantonese |
| India | English |
| Japan | Japanese |
| New Zealand | English |
| Singapore | English |
| South Korea | Korean |
| United States | English |

Figure 6.5

Interview mode

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Phone | 56% |
| Face-to-face | 27 |
| Paper and pencil | 11 |
| Online | 7 |

partner firms in each country, the field dates, and the mode of interview are displayed in the following table.

Figure 6.6

Fieldwork logistics

| | Local company conducting the interviews | Interviewing dates | Mode of interview |
|---------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Australia | TNS Australia | 11/08-12/15/2006 | Phone |
| China | Horizonkey | 11/03-11/17/2006 | Phone, paper and pencil |
| India | TNS India | 11/15-12/18/2006 | Face-to-face, phone, paper and pencil |
| Japan | Lyncs | 10/31-11/27/2006 | Phone |
| New Zealand | TNS Australia | 11/13-12/19/2006 | Phone |
| Singapore | TNS Singapore | 10/31-12/01/2006 | Face-to-face, phone |
| South Korea | Gallup Korea | 11/02-12/07/2006 | Face-to-face, paper and pencil |
| United States | Princeton Data Source | 10/31-12/11/2006 | Phone, online |

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PSRAI expects its partner research firms to maintain the highest ethical standards. Nearly all of our partner firms are members of their regional survey research professional association, which also seeks to hold its members to the highest ethical standards.

Only skilled interviewers who have experience interviewing opinion leaders were employed in this study. In developing countries, many of our partner survey firms have their executives conduct high-level interviews, as this is often the only means to get an appointment with a high-level government official. In other countries, the firms employ specially trained, well-educated elite interviewers.

Before an interviewer is certified to conduct an interview, the survey firms conduct final mock interviews with the interviewer to verify that the person is fully prepared to conduct the survey. It is also common procedure in survey research to conduct a certain number of back-checks (normally 20 to 50 percent of interviews) to verify that the interviewer conducted the survey correctly.

Appendix: Annotated questionnaire

Annotated questionnaire

AARP Opinion Leader Survey in Asia and Oceania

| Country | Sample Size | Field Dates |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Australia: | n = 50 | 11.08.2006-12.15.2006 |
| China: | n = 50 | 11.03.2006-11.17.2006 |
| India: | n = 50 | 11.15.2006-12.18.2006 |
| Japan: | n = 50 | 10.31.2006-11.27.2006 |
| New Zealand | n = 49 | 11.13.2006-12.19.2006 |
| Singapore: | n = 50 | 10.31.2006-12.01.2006 |
| South Korea: | n = 50 | 11.02.2006-12.07.2006 |
| United States: | n = 74 | 11.13.2006-12.11.2006 |

Margin of error is + or - 5 percentage points based on the full sample, + or - 11 points based on the US sample, and + or - 14 points based on the rest of the country samples.

Q1. In your opinion, what are the most important economic challenges facing our country in the next 20 years?²⁰

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Growing population of older people/aging of the population | 40% | 48% | 38% | 6% | 34% | 45% | 66% | 60% | 25% |
| | Low birth rate | 10% | - | - | - | 36% | - | 6% | 38% | - |
| | Income inequality/gap between rich and poor | 15% | - | 10% | 28% | 10% | - | 12% | 48% | 11% |
| | Increasing poverty | 5% | - | 2% | 21% | - | 4% | - | 12% | 4% |
| | Meeting basic needs, social welfare | 13% | 56% | 10% | 13% | 2% | 10% | 8% | - | 2% |
| | Health care spending/costs | 12% | 20% | 2% | 9% | 8% | 10% | 2% | 4% | 40% |
| | Health problems/disease | 3% | 2% | - | 12% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Paying for pensions, retirement income | 10% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 18% | 4% | 6% | 10% | 27% |
| | Education | 7% | 4% | 2% | 11% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 16% | 14% |
| | Slow economic growth/development | 15% | 20% | 16% | 10% | 16% | 16% | 12% | 24% | 4% |
| | Unemployment, lack of jobs | 16% | 2% | 8% | 35% | 4% | 6% | 16% | 50% | 6% |
| | Jobs going to other countries | 5% | 6% | 2% | 9% | 2% | 8% | 6% | 4% | 6% |
| | Labor shortages | 12% | 16% | 12% | 14% | 6% | 32% | 6% | - | 8% |
| | Problems with government, policies, corruption, reform | 9% | 4% | 34% | 12% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 8% | 1% |
| | Funding government spending, deficits, debt | 5% | - | - | 4% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | 28% |
| | Meeting energy needs | 10% | 26% | 24% | 2% | 6% | 16% | - | - | 7% |
| | Environmental issues | 6% | 10% | 22% | 2% | 2% | 8% | - | 2% | 5% |
| | Global competition, globalization | 9% | - | 6% | - | 4% | 15% | 38% | - | 12% |
| | Agricultural problems | 5% | 12% | - | 12% | 2% | 6% | - | 8% | 1% |
| | Demographic issues (Overpopulation, immigration, emigration) | 6% | 4% | 4% | 13% | 2% | 12% | 4% | - | 5% |
| | Problems with business environment, business practices | 6% | 2% | 22% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 10% | - | 4% |
| | Labor issues | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | 10% | - | 1% |
| | Terrorism, civil strife, security, war, international relations | 5% | 16% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 2% |
| | Inflation, high cost of living | 2% | 2% | 4% | 4% | - | - | 4% | - | 1% |
| | Other | 8% | 2% | 8% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 8% | - | 23% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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²⁰ In a notification letter to respondents, AARP was identified as a sponsor of the survey.

Q2. The populations of many countries are growing older as life expectancy increases and birth rates decline. Do you think the aging of the population will have a largely positive, largely negative, or both a positive and negative impact on our country over the next 20 years?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Positive impact | 6% | 4% | - | 17% | 10% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 5% |
| | Negative impact | 35% | 28% | 40% | 24% | 36% | 20% | 38% | 70% | 25% |
| | Both positive and negative impact | 54% | 66% | 52% | 50% | 52% | 69% | 54% | 28% | 64% |
| | No impact (Volunteered) | 3% | 2% | 8% | 9% | 2% | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 4% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |

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Q3. In what ways will the aging of the population have a positive impact on our country or provide new opportunities over the next 20 years?

Based on respondents who think the aging population will have a positive, negative or both a positive and negative impact

| Based on multiple mentions | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 406 | 49 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 49 | 48 | 50 | 70 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 385 | 49 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 50 | 47 |
| | Knowledge and experience of older people | 50% | 61% | 22% | 59% | 41% | 65% | 54% | 56% | 43% |
| | Market for products and services | 29% | 22% | 37% | 13% | 12% | 43% | 40% | 46% | 14% |
| | Potential pool of productive workers | 21% | 20% | 17% | 8% | 12% | 24% | 29% | 20% | 38% |
| | Increased diversity | 21% | 55% | 9% | 7% | 8% | 39% | 15% | 28% | 2% |
| | Assisting younger family members by providing child care | 8% | 4% | 2% | 11% | - | 19% | 15% | 12% | 2% |
| | Older workforce with beneficial qualities (e.g. skills, expertise) | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 8% | - | 8% |
| | Better health and medical care, longer lives | 6% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 6% | - | 10% | 2% | 20% |
| | More opportunities available for younger people | 5% | 2% | 20% | 9% | - | - | - | - | 11% |
| | Greater volunteerism/community service | 2% | - | - | - | - | 2% | 4% | - | 11% |
| | Increased demand will improve public and social services | 2% | 2% | 9% | 2% | - | - | 2% | 2% | - |
| | New ideas, innovation, and research to deal with the issue | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - | 9% |
| | Environmental benefits (slower population growth, less consumption) | 2% | - | 7% | - | 4% | - | 2% | - | 2% |
| | Intergenerational interaction | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | 5% |
| | Older people have stabilizing influence | 1% | - | 2% | - | - | - | 6% | - | 3% |
| | Economic benefits | 2% | - | 2% | - | 6% | - | 2% | - | 5% |
| | None | 2% | - | - | - | 10% | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Other | 6% | 4% | 13% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 11% |
| | Don't know | 8% | 20% | 20% | 8% | - | 12% | 2% | 4% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |

Q4. How will the aging of the population in our country have a negative impact or pose new challenges over the next 20 years?

Based on respondents who think the aging population will have a positive, negative or both a positive and negative impact

| Based on multiple mentions | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 406 | 49 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 49 | 48 | 50 | 70 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 385 | 49 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 50 | 47 |
| | Increased cost of providing health care | 60% | 86% | 30% | 44% | 18% | 88% | 69% | 74% | 66% |
| | Increased cost of providing pension/retirement income | 55% | 78% | 70% | 30% | 43% | 68% | 25% | 78% | 49% |
| | Providing housing and other basic accommodations for older people | 16% | 29% | 22% | 4% | 2% | 8% | 15% | 38% | 6% |
| | People may need to work longer than they would like before they can retire | 14% | 35% | 4% | 9% | 8% | 14% | 15% | 22% | 4% |
| | Children having to take care of their parents | 13% | 4% | 15% | 11% | 4% | 8% | 33% | 20% | 8% |
| | Greater fraction of population out of the workforce | 13% | 4% | 35% | 4% | 10% | - | 21% | 10% | 19% |
| | Increased need for accommodations for the physically disabled | 7% | 24% | - | 4% | - | 14% | 10% | - | 3% |
| | Economic problems | 4% | - | 9% | 2% | 10% | - | 6% | 2% | 5% |
| | Increase in physical and mental health problems in the population | 3% | - | 4% | - | - | - | 8% | - | 15% |
| | Intergenerational conflicts, social instability | 4% | 2% | 2% | - | 8% | 4% | 8% | - | 3% |
| | Adapting to an older workforce | 3% | 2% | 2% | - | 6% | - | 10% | - | 7% |
| | More old people with financial problems | 4% | - | - | 19% | - | - | 13% | - | 2% |
| | None | 1% | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | 6% | 2% | 7% | 4% | 16% | 4% | 4% | - | 9% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 4% | 9% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q5. Compared to other issues facing our country, how important an issue is the aging of the population—very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very important | 51% | 38% | 28% | 48% | 70% | 30% | 52% | 80% | 61% |
| | Somewhat important | 41% | 52% | 58% | 39% | 20% | 68% | 42% | 18% | 34% |
| | Not very important | 7% | 8% | 12% | 13% | 10% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 3% |
| | Not important at all | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Don't know | * | 2% | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q6. Overall, how prepared is our country to deal with potential changes that may result from the aging of the population—very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not prepared at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very prepared | 4% | 10% | - | 2% | 4% | - | 12% | - | 2% |
| | Somewhat prepared | 32% | 60% | 4% | 25% | 18% | 65% | 52% | 4% | 29% |
| | Not too prepared | 48% | 20% | 80% | 25% | 66% | 27% | 30% | 74% | 63% |
| | Not prepared at all | 15% | 10% | 14% | 46% | 12% | 8% | 2% | 22% | 6% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | 2% | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |

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Q7a. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it: **the central/federal government.**²¹

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 5% | 6% | - | - | 12% | 10% | 4% | 6% | - |
| | Right amount of attention | 43% | 48% | 30% | 22% | 72% | 43% | 70% | 46% | 15% |
| | Too little attention | 49% | 46% | 68% | 76% | 16% | 47% | 20% | 44% | 79% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | - | - | 6% | 4% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |

Q7b. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it: **the business community.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 2% | - | 2% | - | 10% | 2% | - | - | 3% |
| | Right amount of attention | 23% | 14% | 14% | 14% | 52% | 18% | 10% | 36% | 30% |
| | Too little attention | 72% | 86% | 82% | 80% | 38% | 80% | 88% | 62% | 61% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | 6% | - | - | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |

²¹ Respondents in Australia and the US were asked about “the federal government.” Respondents in China, India, Japan, and South Korea were asked about “the central government.” Respondents in New Zealand were asked about “the government.” Respondents in Singapore were asked about “the Singapore government.”

Q7c. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it:
non-governmental groups.²²

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 6% | 6% | 2% | 8% | 20% | 4% | 2% | 6% | - |
| | Right amount of attention | 52% | 72% | 30% | 55% | 32% | 69% | 60% | 58% | 37% |
| | Too little attention | 33% | 14% | 62% | 29% | 30% | 11% | 32% | 34% | 48% |
| | Don't know | 10% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 18% | 16% | 6% | 2% | 12% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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Q7d. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it:
state/local governments.²³

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 324 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 300 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 6% | - | 2% | - | 30% | - | - | 4% | - |
| | Right amount of attention | 23% | 20% | 12% | 16% | 42% | - | - | 26% | 19% |
| | Too little attention | 67% | 76% | 82% | 78% | 26% | - | - | 66% | 75% |
| | Don't know | 4% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | - | - | 4% | 3% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q7e. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it:
the media.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 9% | 10% | 10% | 3% | 22% | 6% | 4% | 8% | 8% |
| | Right amount of attention | 42% | 42% | 36% | 13% | 44% | 49% | 48% | 56% | 44% |
| | Too little attention | 46% | 48% | 50% | 75% | 32% | 42% | 46% | 34% | 41% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 4% | 9% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q7f. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it:
the younger people of our country.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Right amount of attention | 12% | 12% | 6% | 17% | 18% | 10% | 12% | 12% | 6% |
| | Too little attention | 85% | 84% | 94% | 74% | 82% | 90% | 86% | 82% | 88% |
| | Don't know | 3% | 4% | - | 9% | - | - | 2% | 6% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

²² Respondents were given two or three examples of local groups.

²³ Respondents in Australia, India, and the US were asked about "state and local governments." Respondents in China, Japan, and South Korea were asked about "local government." This question was not asked in New Zealand or Singapore.

Q7g. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it: **the older people of our country.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 15% | 6% | 16% | 17% | 42% | 6% | 4% | 16% | 14% |
| | Right amount of attention | 50% | 64% | 44% | 29% | 36% | 70% | 48% | 64% | 45% |
| | Too little attention | 30% | 24% | 34% | 43% | 20% | 24% | 42% | 18% | 36% |
| | Don't know | 4% | 6% | 6% | 11% | 2% | - | 6% | 2% | 3% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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Q7h. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it: **the health care community, including doctors and hospitals.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 9% | 2% | 10% | - | 50% | - | - | 4% | 6% |
| | Right amount of attention | 46% | 60% | 22% | 19% | 40% | 70% | 56% | 60% | 38% |
| | Too little attention | 42% | 34% | 68% | 75% | 6% | 30% | 40% | 32% | 53% |
| | Don't know | 3% | 4% | - | 6% | 4% | - | 4% | 4% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q7i. In your opinion, have the following groups and institutions paid too much attention, about the right amount of attention, or too little attention to the aging of the population and the challenges and opportunities associated with it: **labor unions.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Too much attention | 2% | - | 4% | - | 8% | 2% | - | - | 3% |
| | Right amount of attention | 36% | 28% | 10% | 12% | 62% | 51% | 54% | 38% | 31% |
| | Too little attention | 51% | 50% | 78% | 69% | 28% | 35% | 38% | 60% | 49% |
| | Don't know | 11% | 22% | 8% | 18% | 2% | 12% | 8% | 2% | 14% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q8a. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: **Our government has the necessary knowledge and expertise to address issues related to the aging of the population.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 22% | 46% | 12% | 22% | 12% | 37% | 22% | - | 24% |
| | Somewhat agree | 44% | 40% | 30% | 41% | 56% | 51% | 56% | 40% | 41% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 24% | 10% | 46% | 18% | 26% | 6% | 18% | 44% | 21% |
| | Strongly disagree | 10% | 4% | 12% | 17% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 14% | 14% |
| | Don't know | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q8b. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
The aging of the population should not be a priority; we have other, more pressing issues to address.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 6% | 2% | 6% | 12% | 16% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 4% |
| | Somewhat agree | 17% | 6% | 32% | 23% | 22% | 10% | 16% | 12% | 11% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 36% | 24% | 48% | 35% | 38% | 44% | 26% | 42% | 32% |
| | Strongly disagree | 40% | 68% | 14% | 30% | 22% | 43% | 52% | 42% | 53% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | - | 2% | - | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |

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Q8c. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
Our health care system is not well prepared to deal with an aging population.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 33% | 22% | 34% | 63% | 30% | 18% | 12% | 30% | 59% |
| | Somewhat agree | 44% | 62% | 46% | 24% | 44% | 53% | 46% | 50% | 31% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 17% | 14% | 14% | 6% | 24% | 28% | 32% | 14% | 8% |
| | Strongly disagree | 4% | 2% | 4% | 8% | 2% | - | 8% | 6% | 1% |
| | Don't know | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q8d. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
The aging of the population is an opportunity to create new roles for older people in our country.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 46% | 68% | 12% | 42% | 56% | 56% | 52% | 12% | 71% |
| | Somewhat agree | 41% | 30% | 60% | 39% | 40% | 40% | 34% | 56% | 29% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 9% | 2% | 22% | 11% | 4% | 2% | 12% | 20% | - |
| | Strongly disagree | 3% | - | 4% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 12% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | 4% | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q9. In your opinion, at what age is a worker an "older" worker?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | 40 to 49 | 3% | 4% | 2% | - | - | 10% | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| | 50 to 54 | 13% | 38% | 4% | 16% | - | 14% | 20% | 10% | 3% |
| | 55 to 59 | 14% | 24% | 12% | 10% | 2% | 12% | 26% | 18% | 9% |
| | 60 to 64 | 27% | 18% | 48% | 36% | 8% | 27% | 26% | 40% | 17% |
| | 65 to 69 | 22% | 6% | 24% | 13% | 52% | 22% | 8% | 18% | 35% |
| | 70 to 74 | 10% | 4% | 8% | 8% | 32% | 2% | 4% | 6% | 16% |
| | 75 to 85 | 1% | - | - | 3% | 2% | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Depends on mindset/attitude (Volunteered) | 2% | 2% | - | 6% | - | 4% | 2% | 2% | - |
| | Depends on physical health (Volunteered) | 2% | 2% | - | 4% | - | 2% | 4% | - | 6% |
| | Depends on occupation (Volunteered) | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | 2% | 4% | 2% | 4% |
| | Depends on something else (Volunteered) | 2% | - | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | 3% |
| | Combination of any of the above (Volunteered) | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | - | - | 2% | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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Q10a. In general, at what age do you think most male workers should retire or stop working?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | 45 to 49 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 50 to 54 | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | 55 to 59 | 2% | 2% | 4% | 8% | - | - | 2% | 4% | - |
| | 60 | 16% | 8% | 26% | 22% | 6% | 6% | 12% | 44% | 4% |
| | 61 to 64 | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | 4% | - | 2% | - | 2% |
| | 65 | 35% | 38% | 46% | 28% | 50% | 35% | 38% | 28% | 20% |
| | 66 to 69 | 3% | 2% | 2% | - | 4% | 2% | 6% | - | 9% |
| | 70 | 13% | 22% | 6% | 8% | 18% | 16% | 8% | 10% | 18% |
| | 71 to 74 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | 75 | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | 5% |
| | 76 to 85 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Never/when die | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | 10% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 6% |
| | Depends on mindset/attitude (Volunteered) | 8% | 16% | - | 7% | - | 21% | 6% | 4% | 7% |
| | Depends on physical health (Volunteered) | 4% | 2% | 4% | 12% | 4% | 4% | 2% | - | 3% |
| | Depends on occupation (Volunteered) | 3% | 2% | 6% | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| | Depends on something else (Volunteered) | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 2% |
| | Combination of any of the above (Volunteered) | 4% | 6% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 8% | 2% | 9% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | - | 7% | - | 4% | - | - | 10% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |

Q10b. In general, at what age do you think most female workers should retire or stop working?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | 45 to 49 | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | 50 to 54 | 2% | - | 2% | 8% | 2% | - | 2% | 4% | - |
| | 55 to 59 | 8% | 2% | 34% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 16% | - |
| | 60 | 20% | 10% | 38% | 23% | 14% | 18% | 18% | 34% | 4% |
| | 61 to 64 | 2% | - | 4% | 7% | - | - | 4% | - | 3% |
| | 65 | 27% | 38% | 8% | 25% | 48% | 31% | 26% | 24% | 19% |
| | 66 to 69 | 3% | - | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | 8% | - | 9% |
| | 70 | 9% | 22% | 4% | - | 14% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 17% |
| | 71 to 74 | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 3% |
| | 75 | 2% | - | - | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | - | 4% |
| | 76 to 85 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Never/when die | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | 8% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 6% |
| | Depends on mindset/attitude (Volunteered) | 7% | 16% | - | 4% | - | 19% | 8% | 4% | 7% |
| | Depends on physical health (Volunteered) | 4% | 2% | 4% | 12% | 4% | 4% | 2% | - | 5% |
| | Depends on occupation (Volunteered) | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | 4% | 2% |
| | Depends on something else (Volunteered) | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 3% |
| | Combination of any of the above (Volunteered) | 4% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 10% | 2% | 7% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | - | 9% | - | 4% | - | - | 10% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |

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Q11. In some countries workers are required to retire at a particular age. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the idea of a mandatory retirement age?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly support | 7% | - | 8% | 29% | 10% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% |
| | Somewhat support | 22% | 2% | 42% | 28% | 34% | 2% | 18% | 44% | 4% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 30% | 12% | 34% | 24% | 36% | 23% | 40% | 38% | 31% |
| | Strongly oppose | 37% | 82% | 6% | 10% | 16% | 73% | 34% | 12% | 62% |
| | Support mandatory retirement for some occupations/It depends (Volunteered) | 4% | 4% | 6% | 9% | 4% | - | 4% | 4% | 1% |
| | Don't know | * | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q12. And what should the mandatory retirement age be?

Based on respondents who either strongly support or somewhat support a mandatory retirement age

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 117 | 1 | 25 | 28 | 22 | 2 | 11 | 23 | 5 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 116 | 1 | 25 | 28 | 22 | 2 | 11 | 23 | 3 |
| | 50 to 59 | 10% | - | 12% | 25% | - | - | - | 9% | - |
| | 60 | 28% | - | 32% | 26% | 9% | - | 18% | 57% | - |
| | 61 to 64 | 6% | - | 4% | 15% | - | - | 9% | 4% | - |
| | 65 | 41% | 100% | 44% | 20% | 77% | 47% | 45% | 26% | 35% |
| | 66 to 70 | 8% | - | 8% | - | 14% | - | 18% | 4% | 47% |
| | Don't know | 5% | - | - | 15% | - | 53% | 9% | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18% |

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Q13. In your opinion, how well prepared are employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] for a future workforce comprised of more older workers—very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?²⁴

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 4% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 8% | 2% | - | 4% |
| | Somewhat well | 27% | 48% | 8% | 31% | 26% | 47% | 8% | 16% | 36% |
| | Not too well | 47% | 32% | 42% | 40% | 62% | 35% | 60% | 68% | 41% |
| | Not well at all | 19% | 16% | 46% | 15% | 10% | 10% | 28% | 12% | 14% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | - | 6% | - | - | 2% | 4% | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 4% |

Q14. To the best of your knowledge, is discrimination against older people a big problem, a moderate problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all when employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] are recruiting and hiring employees?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big problem | 34% | 22% | 40% | 38% | 52% | 12% | 44% | 36% | 27% |
| | Moderate problem | 40% | 32% | 34% | 42% | 34% | 47% | 42% | 44% | 44% |
| | Small problem | 19% | 44% | 16% | 4% | 8% | 39% | 10% | 14% | 21% |
| | Not a problem | 5% | - | 10% | 13% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 8% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | - | 3% | - | - | 2% | 4% | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

²⁴ Prior to being asked this question, all respondents were read the following: For the rest of this interview, when we ask about older workers we are referring to workers who are 50 years of age or older.

Q15a. Next, thinking about ways in which employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] may accommodate older workers, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following practices: **allowing older workers to work fewer hours?**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly support | 44% | 60% | 22% | 34% | 48% | 41% | 60% | 22% | 67% |
| | Somewhat support | 39% | 34% | 62% | 32% | 44% | 39% | 28% | 46% | 28% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 12% | 4% | 10% | 17% | 6% | 20% | 6% | 26% | 3% |
| | Strongly oppose | 2% | - | - | 6% | 2% | - | 6% | 4% | 1% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 6% | 9% | - | - | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q15b. Thinking about ways in which employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] may accommodate older workers, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following practices: **providing opportunities for additional training and education?**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly support | 55% | 86% | 20% | 57% | 60% | 57% | 54% | 34% | 72% |
| | Somewhat support | 36% | 14% | 54% | 28% | 28% | 41% | 40% | 56% | 28% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 6% | - | 16% | 10% | 10% | 2% | 4% | 8% | - |
| | Strongly oppose | 1% | - | 4% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 6% | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |

Q15c. Thinking about ways in which employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] may accommodate older workers, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following practices: **establishing and enforcing policies that prohibit discrimination based on age at the workplace?**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly support | 58% | 90% | 32% | 56% | 50% | 65% | 58% | 34% | 79% |
| | Somewhat support | 29% | 10% | 50% | 26% | 30% | 29% | 28% | 46% | 14% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 9% | - | 14% | 10% | 16% | 2% | 8% | 16% | 3% |
| | Strongly oppose | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | - | 4% | 6% | 2% | 1% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | 1% |

Q15d. Thinking about ways in which employers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] may accommodate older workers, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the following practices: **offering older workers a different position with fewer responsibilities?**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly support | 33% | 46% | 28% | 30% | 34% | 15% | 50% | 20% | 43% |
| | Somewhat support | 42% | 38% | 56% | 34% | 38% | 37% | 30% | 64% | 39% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 17% | 10% | 10% | 22% | 16% | 44% | 12% | 16% | 8% |
| | Strongly oppose | 4% | 2% | 2% | 10% | 4% | 4% | 8% | - | 6% |
| | Don't know | 3% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 8% | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q16a. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements. In general, private businesses [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] have **the necessary knowledge and expertise** to address issues related to an older workforce.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 16% | 34% | 6% | 18% | 10% | 13% | 24% | 16% | 7% |
| | Somewhat agree | 33% | 34% | 24% | 40% | 30% | 56% | 10% | 26% | 44% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 37% | 14% | 42% | 22% | 58% | 21% | 52% | 52% | 32% |
| | Strongly disagree | 12% | 16% | 22% | 15% | 2% | 8% | 12% | 4% | 13% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 6% | 5% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 2% |

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Q16b. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements. In general, private businesses [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] have **the will and desire** to address issues related to an older workforce.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 12% | 14% | 16% | 22% | 6% | 4% | 16% | 12% | 6% |
| | Somewhat agree | 37% | 50% | 16% | 29% | 48% | 57% | 26% | 30% | 42% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 37% | 28% | 44% | 33% | 40% | 31% | 40% | 46% | 35% |
| | Strongly disagree | 12% | 8% | 20% | 13% | 6% | 6% | 16% | 10% | 16% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |

Q16c. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements. In general, private businesses [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] have **financial resources** to address issues related to an older workforce.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 19% | 48% | 14% | 21% | 2% | 17% | 20% | 16% | 14% |
| | Somewhat agree | 37% | 34% | 50% | 29% | 16% | 46% | 42% | 30% | 51% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 32% | 8% | 22% | 32% | 64% | 32% | 28% | 42% | 25% |
| | Strongly disagree | 9% | 6% | 10% | 11% | 14% | 4% | 6% | 10% | 9% |
| | Don't know | 3% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 4% | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |

Q16d. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements. In general, private businesses [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry] have **a responsibility to society** to address issues related to an older workforce.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 46% | 84% | 48% | 30% | 58% | 47% | 30% | 18% | 51% |
| | Somewhat agree | 29% | 12% | 30% | 33% | 32% | 45% | 26% | 30% | 25% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 19% | 2% | 14% | 29% | 8% | 6% | 32% | 42% | 19% |
| | Strongly disagree | 5% | - | 6% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 10% | 8% | 4% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |

Q17. To the best of your knowledge, is there a particular business sector or industry in our country that is doing a good job of employing and using older workers to their full potential? What is the name of the business or industry?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Services (e.g. food, retail) | 13% | - | - | - | 16% | 2% | 64% | 10% | 14% |
| | Non-profits/charitable organizations | 12% | 26% | 2% | 8% | 2% | 16% | 6% | 32% | 1% |
| | Academia | 11% | 12% | 12% | 15% | 8% | 10% | 2% | 20% | 6% |
| | Government | 10% | 28% | 12% | 7% | 2% | 25% | 2% | 6% | 1% |
| | Manufacturing/Construction | 4% | - | - | 6% | 22% | - | - | 4% | 1% |
| | Agriculture | 3% | - | - | 4% | 12% | - | - | 10% | - |
| | Financial sector | 2% | 6% | - | 3% | - | - | 2% | 6% | 2% |
| | Health services | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | 4% | 4% | 2% | 3% |
| | Social welfare services | 1% | 2% | - | - | 6% | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | 4% | 2% | 2% | 11% | 6% | - | 2% | 4% | 3% |
| | No such industry | 15% | 14% | 42% | - | 12% | 10% | 6% | 2% | 37% |
| | Don't know | 21% | 10% | 28% | 48% | 14% | 32% | 12% | 2% | 24% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 7% |

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Q18a. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Flexible**.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 12% | 16% | 2% | 10% | 6% | 36% | 2% | 6% | 14% |
| | Somewhat well | 41% | 62% | 14% | 45% | 32% | 39% | 28% | 54% | 56% |
| | Not too well | 40% | 22% | 68% | 35% | 54% | 24% | 56% | 36% | 24% |
| | Not well at all | 5% | - | 14% | - | 6% | - | 12% | 2% | 4% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | 10% | 2% | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |

Q18b. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Fast learners**.

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 5% | 6% | - | 10% | 2% | 16% | - | - | 8% |
| | Somewhat well | 33% | 62% | 10% | 19% | 16% | 57% | 28% | 16% | 58% |
| | Not too well | 51% | 32% | 74% | 50% | 68% | 27% | 56% | 74% | 29% |
| | Not well at all | 8% | - | 16% | 13% | 12% | - | 12% | 8% | - |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | - | 8% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 5% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |

Q18c. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Open to new technology.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 5% | 14% | 2% | 5% | - | 12% | 2% | - | 3% |
| | Somewhat well | 36% | 62% | 34% | 41% | 10% | 44% | 30% | 16% | 49% |
| | Not too well | 48% | 20% | 56% | 39% | 74% | 34% | 52% | 74% | 38% |
| | Not well at all | 8% | 4% | 2% | 9% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 6% | 6% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 6% | 6% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 4% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |

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Q18d. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Wise.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 39% | 70% | 10% | 45% | 56% | 62% | 22% | 8% | 42% |
| | Somewhat well | 51% | 28% | 80% | 41% | 38% | 36% | 64% | 68% | 55% |
| | Not too well | 7% | - | 10% | 6% | 4% | - | 12% | 22% | 1% |
| | Not well at all | * | - | - | - | 2% | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | - | 8% | - | 2% | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 1% |

Q18e. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Productive.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 18% | 42% | 6% | 18% | 6% | 31% | 8% | - | 35% |
| | Somewhat well | 48% | 58% | 32% | 48% | 42% | 53% | 60% | 36% | 58% |
| | Not too well | 27% | - | 50% | 21% | 44% | 16% | 24% | 56% | 5% |
| | Not well at all | 3% | - | 6% | 4% | 8% | - | 4% | 4% | - |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 6% | 9% | - | - | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | - |

Q18f. In your opinion, how well do the following words describe older workers [IF PRIVATE SECTOR: in your industry]—very well, somewhat well, not too well, not well at all: **Respected.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very well | 28% | 28% | 36% | 47% | 16% | 39% | 12% | 8% | 37% |
| | Somewhat well | 54% | 62% | 62% | 36% | 60% | 51% | 62% | 50% | 53% |
| | Not too well | 14% | 10% | 2% | 6% | 18% | 10% | 22% | 34% | 8% |
| | Not well at all | 2% | - | - | 2% | 6% | - | 2% | 6% | - |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | - | 10% | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | - |

Q19. In your view, how likely is it that our country will experience a labor shortage within the next 20 years—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very likely | 37% | 30% | 26% | 14% | 48% | 43% | 48% | 56% | 26% |
| | Somewhat likely | 32% | 34% | 36% | 12% | 34% | 42% | 26% | 34% | 34% |
| | Not too likely | 19% | 24% | 26% | 21% | 16% | 10% | 18% | 8% | 29% |
| | Not likely at all | 11% | 10% | 10% | 49% | 2% | 4% | 2% | - | 7% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | - | - | 6% | 2% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

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Q20. How likely is it that we will adopt more liberal immigration policies to compensate for this labor shortage—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Based on respondents who think a labor shortage is very likely or somewhat likely

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 285 | 32 | 31 | 13 | 41 | 42 | 37 | 45 | 44 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 272 | 32 | 31 | 13 | 41 | 43 | 37 | 45 | 30 |
| | Very likely | 34% | 53% | 3% | 41% | 10% | 53% | 62% | 33% | 18% |
| | Somewhat likely | 41% | 34% | 35% | 37% | 51% | 33% | 30% | 47% | 59% |
| | Not too likely | 16% | 3% | 42% | 22% | 29% | 7% | 3% | 13% | 20% |
| | Not likely at all | 4% | - | 13% | - | 10% | - | 3% | 4% | - |
| | Don't know | 4% | 9% | 6% | - | - | 7% | 3% | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q20. How likely is it that we will adopt more liberal immigration policies to compensate for this labor shortage—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Based on all survey respondents

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JAP | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very likely | 24% | 34% | 2% | 12% | 8% | 46% | 46% | 30% | 12% |
| | Somewhat likely | 28% | 22% | 22% | 10% | 42% | 28% | 22% | 42% | 36% |
| | Not too likely | 11% | 2% | 26% | 6% | 24% | 6% | 2% | 12% | 12% |
| | Not likely at all | 3% | - | 8% | - | 8% | - | 2% | 4% | - |
| | Don't know | 3% | 6% | 4% | - | - | 6% | 2% | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Not asked | 32% | 36% | 38% | 72% | 18% | 14% | 26% | 10% | 38% |

Q21. In your opinion, which of the following should have primary responsibility for providing for people in their old age?²⁵

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Government | 31% | 28% | 62% | 10% | 42% | 28% | 14% | 46% | 19% |
| | Employers | 4% | 2% | 10% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 8% |
| | Individual older people | 30% | 44% | 8% | 6% | 28% | 43% | 50% | 32% | 30% |
| | Family members/children | 8% | - | 14% | 4% | 16% | 2% | 10% | 14% | 6% |
| | Community | 1% | 2% | - | 2% | 4% | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Combination (Volunteered) | 23% | 20% | 2% | 77% | 4% | 22% | 24% | 2% | 33% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 4% | - | - | 2% | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | 1% | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |

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Q22a. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Government**.

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 5% | 2% | - | 8% | - | 2% | 24% | - | 4% |
| | 1-10% | 12% | 9% | 13% | 18% | 8% | 6% | 16% | 17% | 8% |
| | 11-20% | 15% | 13% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 4% | 31% | 30% | 16% |
| | 21-30% | 21% | 39% | 13% | 12% | 22% | 17% | 18% | 23% | 28% |
| | 31-40% | 13% | 24% | 10% | 6% | 6% | 34% | - | 6% | 16% |
| | 41-50% | 19% | 13% | 25% | 27% | 30% | 19% | 8% | 13% | 18% |
| | 51-60% | 5% | - | 4% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 2% | 4% | 5% |
| | 61-70% | 5% | - | 15% | 4% | 14% | 2% | - | - | 1% |
| | 71-80% | 2% | - | 6% | 4% | - | 4% | - | 2% | - |
| | 81-90% | 1% | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | 4% | - |
| | 91-100% | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | 4% | - | - | - | 2% |

Q22b. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Employers**.

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 27% | 20% | 21% | 32% | 32% | 52% | 31% | 13% | 14% |
| | 1-10% | 22% | 46% | 23% | 15% | 22% | 20% | 20% | 26% | 4% |
| | 11-20% | 19% | 17% | 21% | 16% | 22% | 15% | 18% | 23% | 15% |
| | 21-30% | 21% | 11% | 25% | 28% | 18% | 11% | 20% | 23% | 29% |
| | 31-40% | 5% | 4% | 2% | - | - | - | 4% | 9% | 20% |
| | 41-50% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 9% | 6% | 2% | 6% | 4% | 14% |
| | 51-60% | 1% | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | 61-70% | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% |
| | 71-80% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 81-90% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 91-100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

²⁵ Prior to being asked this question, all respondents were read the following: In the following questions, when we ask about people in their old age or older people, we are referring to older people who are retired or past retirement age. (By retired, we mean no longer working for pay.)

Q22c. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Individual older people themselves.**

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 13% | - | 35% | 32% | 12% | 2% | 4% | 9% | 5% |
| | 1-10% | 14% | - | 25% | 18% | 20% | 8% | 10% | 21% | 8% |
| | 11-20% | 13% | 4% | 19% | 11% | 18% | 8% | 10% | 15% | 16% |
| | 21-30% | 15% | 17% | 10% | 14% | 20% | 8% | 16% | 13% | 23% |
| | 31-40% | 13% | 28% | 4% | 6% | 10% | 23% | 6% | 9% | 19% |
| | 41-50% | 16% | 15% | 2% | 11% | 16% | 23% | 22% | 28% | 10% |
| | 51-60% | 7% | 15% | - | 4% | - | 11% | 14% | 4% | 8% |
| | 61-70% | 3% | 7% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 5% |
| | 71-80% | 4% | 9% | - | - | 2% | 10% | 8% | 2% | 3% |
| | 81-90% | 1% | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | 3% |
| | 91-100% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 6% | - | - |

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Q22d. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Family members/Children.**

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 40% | 59% | 10% | 28% | 38% | 69% | 22% | 26% | 70% |
| | 1-10% | 29% | 41% | 40% | 13% | 36% | 27% | 16% | 34% | 25% |
| | 11-20% | 16% | - | 27% | 19% | 20% | - | 29% | 30% | 5% |
| | 21-30% | 9% | - | 15% | 22% | 6% | - | 22% | 6% | - |
| | 31-40% | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | - | 2% | 6% | 2% | - |
| | 41-50% | 2% | - | 2% | 10% | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | 51-60% | 1% | - | 2% | 3% | - | 2% | 4% | - | - |
| | 61-70% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 71-80% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 81-90% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 91-100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q22e. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Community.**

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 61% | 43% | 52% | 60% | 52% | 94% | 53% | 51% | 86% |
| | 1-10% | 30% | 48% | 40% | 27% | 26% | 6% | 39% | 43% | 12% |
| | 11-20% | 6% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 12% | - | 4% | 6% | 2% |
| | 21-30% | 2% | - | - | - | 10% | - | 4% | - | - |
| | 31-40% | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 41-50% | * | - | - | 3% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 51-60% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 61-70% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 71-80% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 81-90% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 91-100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q22f. If you had to determine the optimal mix of income for people in their old age, what percent would come from each of the following: **Other**.

Based on those who responded to this series of questions

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 399 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 61 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 380 | 46 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 41 |
| | 0% | 95% | 100% | 79% | 96% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 87% | 96% |
| | 1-10% | 5% | - | 21% | 2% | - | - | - | 11% | 4% |
| | 11-20% | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | 21-30% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 31-40% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 41-50% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 51-60% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 61-70% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 71-80% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 81-90% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 91-100% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q23a. In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play a big role, moderate role, small role, or no role at all in **providing retirement income**?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big role | 14% | - | 26% | 53% | 4% | 6% | 14% | 8% | 3% |
| | Moderate role | 27% | 12% | 28% | 26% | 22% | 20% | 44% | 52% | 16% |
| | Small role | 37% | 40% | 34% | 8% | 58% | 37% | 34% | 38% | 45% |
| | No role at all | 21% | 48% | 10% | 13% | 16% | 37% | 8% | 2% | 33% |
| | Don't know | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q23b. In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play a big role, moderate role, small role, or no role at all in **providing long-term care for sick or disabled**?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big role | 32% | - | 70% | 86% | 12% | 20% | 36% | 16% | 16% |
| | Moderate role | 37% | 40% | 20% | 10% | 34% | 45% | 54% | 54% | 43% |
| | Small role | 25% | 44% | 8% | 2% | 48% | 29% | 8% | 26% | 32% |
| | No role at all | 5% | 14% | - | 2% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 5% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q23c. In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play a big role, moderate role, small role, or no role at all in **providing housing**?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big role | 23% | 4% | 50% | 78% | 8% | 8% | 22% | 6% | 7% |
| | Moderate role | 32% | 24% | 26% | 18% | 40% | 36% | 38% | 44% | 31% |
| | Small role | 37% | 60% | 14% | 2% | 44% | 45% | 32% | 44% | 54% |
| | No role at all | 7% | 12% | 8% | 2% | 8% | 10% | 8% | 4% | 6% |
| | Don't know | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 2% |

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Q23d. In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play a big role, moderate role, small role, or no role at all in **providing transportation**?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big role | 22% | 4% | 46% | 65% | 10% | 20% | 16% | 4% | 13% |
| | Moderate role | 40% | 34% | 34% | 21% | 42% | 57% | 34% | 50% | 47% |
| | Small role | 32% | 62% | 14% | 14% | 34% | 21% | 40% | 42% | 31% |
| | No role at all | 5% | - | 4% | - | 14% | 2% | 8% | 4% | 5% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q23e. In your opinion, how big a role should family play in providing the following types of support to people in their old age? Should family play a big role, moderate role, small role, or no role at all in **providing health care costs, including medicine**?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Big role | 19% | 2% | 28% | 77% | 6% | - | 24% | 14% | 1% |
| | Moderate role | 29% | 6% | 32% | 18% | 30% | 24% | 46% | 52% | 21% |
| | Small role | 38% | 68% | 30% | 6% | 44% | 51% | 24% | 32% | 49% |
| | No role at all | 14% | 24% | 8% | - | 20% | 25% | 6% | 2% | 26% |
| | Don't know | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q24a. As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should **the age of eligibility for pensions be increased, for those receiving pensions** to help cover these increased costs—great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Great extent | 18% | 24% | 22% | 39% | 16% | 6% | 10% | 12% | 14% |
| | Moderate extent | 40% | 38% | 40% | 43% | 38% | 30% | 36% | 58% | 34% |
| | Small extent | 19% | 26% | 16% | 4% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 16% | 24% |
| | Not at all | 19% | 12% | 18% | 2% | 24% | 41% | 14% | 14% | 23% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 4% | 8% | - | - | 8% | - | 2% |
| | Refused | 2% | - | - | 5% | - | - | 10% | - | 2% |

Q24b. As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should **taxes be increased** to help cover these increased costs—great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Great extent | 12% | 24% | 24% | 2% | 18% | 4% | 4% | 8% | 10% |
| | Moderate extent | 33% | 50% | 30% | 20% | 38% | 16% | 26% | 46% | 36% |
| | Small extent | 32% | 18% | 26% | 29% | 24% | 33% | 46% | 40% | 37% |
| | Not at all | 21% | 6% | 12% | 45% | 18% | 45% | 20% | 6% | 14% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 8% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 3% |

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Q24c. As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should **private savings be made mandatory/mandatory private savings be increased** to help cover these increased costs—great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?²⁶

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Great extent | 30% | 36% | 24% | 45% | 6% | 76% | 20% | 10% | 26% |
| | Moderate extent | 32% | 46% | 26% | 37% | 24% | 14% | 36% | 48% | 24% |
| | Small extent | 21% | 16% | 16% | 9% | 36% | 6% | 32% | 24% | 25% |
| | Not at all | 15% | 2% | 32% | 4% | 30% | 2% | 12% | 16% | 23% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% |

Q24d. As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should **pensions be reduced, for those receiving pensions** to help cover these increased costs—great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Great extent | 3% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 12% | - | 2% | 4% | 1% |
| | Moderate extent | 18% | 12% | 14% | 12% | 28% | 8% | 12% | 48% | 14% |
| | Small extent | 28% | 18% | 40% | 13% | 28% | 37% | 36% | 30% | 21% |
| | Not at all | 47% | 68% | 40% | 63% | 28% | 55% | 42% | 18% | 61% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 4% | 6% | 4% | - | 6% | - | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 4% | - | - | 2% | - | 3% |

²⁶ Opinion leaders in China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and the US were asked "private savings be made mandatory." Opinion leaders in Australia were asked "superannuation contributions be increased." Opinion leaders in Singapore were asked "mandatory private savings be increased."

Q24e. As more people age and stop working, the costs for providing for this growing number of older people will increase. To what extent should **people be educated about the importance of saving and encouraged to save more** to help cover these increased costs—great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Great extent | 58% | 94% | 30% | 80% | 2% | 86% | 66% | 18% | 88% |
| | Moderate extent | 22% | 4% | 38% | 18% | 24% | 14% | 18% | 54% | 10% |
| | Small extent | 10% | - | 14% | - | 32% | - | 12% | 24% | - |
| | Not at all | 7% | 2% | 16% | - | 38% | - | - | 4% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% |

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Q25. In general, is it best for relatively healthy older people to...

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | live independently as long as possible | 59% | 98% | 30% | 32% | 58% | 76% | 64% | 28% | 87% |
| | live with extended families | 23% | - | 22% | 49% | 38% | 6% | 28% | 36% | 3% |
| | live in assisted care facilities | 13% | 2% | 40% | 2% | 4% | 18% | 2% | 32% | 4% |
| | live in nursing homes | 1% | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Other/It depends (Volunteered) | 3% | - | 2% | 15% | - | - | 2% | - | 4% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | 4% | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q26a. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree: **Older people in our country are generally helpful, contributing members of society.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 47% | 34% | 64% | 63% | 22% | 63% | 42% | 16% | 71% |
| | Somewhat agree | 45% | 60% | 32% | 31% | 70% | 32% | 46% | 62% | 25% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 7% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 10% | 22% | 3% |
| | Strongly disagree | 1% | - | - | - | 2% | 2% | - | - | 2% |
| | Don't know | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q26b. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree: **The business community views older people as an opportunity for marketing and selling products and services.**

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 32% | 34% | 38% | 24% | 42% | 31% | 14% | 16% | 55% |
| | Somewhat agree | 42% | 44% | 50% | 17% | 50% | 43% | 36% | 62% | 35% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 16% | 14% | 8% | 25% | 4% | 14% | 40% | 20% | 5% |
| | Strongly disagree | 7% | - | 2% | 30% | 2% | 8% | 10% | - | 3% |
| | Don't know | 3% | 8% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 4% | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |

Q26c. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree: **The business community views older people as a source of potential productive workers.**

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 5% | - | 4% | 15% | 8% | 4% | - | 4% | 7% |
| | Somewhat agree | 33% | 34% | 38% | 26% | 44% | 28% | 18% | 30% | 44% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 45% | 46% | 42% | 24% | 36% | 55% | 62% | 56% | 42% |
| | Strongly disagree | 15% | 20% | 16% | 27% | 10% | 12% | 20% | 8% | 7% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 8% | 2% | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q26d. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree: **Our government should do more to take advantage of the contributions that older people can make to the community by enlisting them to help with community projects.**

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 50% | 38% | 48% | 68% | 56% | 49% | 46% | 34% | 61% |
| | Somewhat agree | 42% | 56% | 50% | 18% | 32% | 47% | 44% | 54% | 36% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 5% | - | 2% | 6% | 10% | 4% | 8% | 8% | 2% |
| | Strongly disagree | 2% | 6% | - | 5% | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q26e. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree: **Older people are often a burden on the community.**

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 3% | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| | Somewhat agree | 25% | 52% | 12% | 2% | 16% | 25% | 16% | 54% | 22% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 32% | 20% | 46% | 10% | 36% | 38% | 36% | 24% | 43% |
| | Strongly disagree | 40% | 24% | 40% | 85% | 46% | 30% | 42% | 18% | 31% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | 2% | - | - | 2% | - | - |

Q27. How would you describe the overall quality of life of older people in our country—is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very good | 13% | 24% | - | 6% | 6% | 37% | 8% | - | 25% |
| | Somewhat good | 49% | 72% | 50% | 30% | 58% | 55% | 66% | 4% | 55% |
| | Somewhat bad | 28% | - | 44% | 40% | 30% | 8% | 22% | 64% | 13% |
| | Very bad | 8% | - | 2% | 21% | 4% | - | 4% | 32% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 4% | 3% | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Refused | 1% | 2% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 4% |

Q28. And 20 years from now, do you think the overall quality of life of older people in our country will have gotten much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, or much worse?

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Much better | 7% | 8% | 2% | 10% | 2% | 8% | 10% | 4% | 11% |
| | Somewhat better | 53% | 64% | 74% | 39% | 28% | 61% | 56% | 56% | 49% |
| | Somewhat worse | 25% | 4% | 16% | 30% | 48% | 18% | 28% | 24% | 33% |
| | Much worse | 6% | 2% | - | 9% | 16% | 2% | 4% | 12% | - |
| | Stayed about the same (Volunteered) | 6% | 20% | 6% | 10% | 4% | 6% | - | 2% | 3% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 1% |

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Q29. Do you think that the average older person's pension and benefits from the government or from their employers is generally sufficient for an older person to live very comfortably, somewhat comfortably, not too comfortably, or not comfortably at all?

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very comfortably | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | - | - | 5% |
| | Somewhat comfortably | 42% | 68% | 60% | 29% | 40% | 46% | 20% | 28% | 41% |
| | Not too comfortably | 43% | 28% | 34% | 44% | 54% | 48% | 46% | 50% | 41% |
| | Not comfortably at all | 10% | 2% | - | 15% | 2% | 2% | 28% | 22% | 10% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 4% | 7% | - | 2% | 4% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 3% | - | - | 2% | - | 2% |

Q30a. Do you think our government should increase its efforts to **ensure that older people receive the health services they need** a great deal, moderately, a little, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | A great deal | 53% | 18% | 90% | 89% | 50% | 24% | 54% | 60% | 36% |
| | Moderately | 33% | 46% | 6% | 7% | 34% | 61% | 42% | 34% | 36% |
| | A little | 10% | 32% | 4% | 2% | 10% | 12% | 2% | 6% | 14% |
| | Not at all | 3% | 4% | - | 2% | 4% | 2% | - | - | 9% |
| | Government should decrease efforts (Volunteered) | * | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | * | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q30b. Do you think our government should increase its efforts to **ensure that older people have access to adequate housing** a great deal, moderately, a little, or not at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | A great deal | 38% | 14% | 34% | 71% | 34% | 24% | 40% | 56% | 31% |
| | Moderately | 39% | 58% | 44% | 15% | 42% | 49% | 34% | 34% | 39% |
| | A little | 17% | 22% | 20% | 11% | 14% | 21% | 20% | 10% | 20% |
| | Not at all | 4% | 4% | - | 2% | 8% | 6% | 6% | - | 7% |
| | Government should decrease efforts (Volunteered) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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Q31a. Is the **central/federal government** very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?²⁷

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very committed | 14% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 2% | 34% | 34% | 8% | 11% |
| | Somewhat committed | 53% | 72% | 50% | 38% | 52% | 64% | 60% | 36% | 56% |
| | Not too committed | 27% | 12% | 40% | 39% | 38% | - | 6% | 50% | 27% |
| | Not committed at all | 4% | 6% | - | 11% | 8% | - | - | 4% | 3% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | 4% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q31b. Is the **business community** very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very committed | 1% | - | 2% | 2% | - | - | 4% | - | 3% |
| | Somewhat committed | 21% | 28% | 20% | 17% | 30% | 12% | 18% | 12% | 30% |
| | Not too committed | 57% | 50% | 58% | 44% | 58% | 61% | 66% | 66% | 55% |
| | Not committed at all | 17% | 22% | 12% | 29% | 12% | 25% | 10% | 20% | 10% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 8% | 7% | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 3% |

²⁷ Respondents in Australia and the US were asked about "the federal government." Respondents in China, India, Japan, and South Korea were asked about "the central government." Respondents in New Zealand were asked about "the government." Respondents in Singapore were asked about "the Singapore government."

Q31c. Are **non-governmental organizations** very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?²⁸

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very committed | 27% | 64% | 4% | 14% | 12% | 62% | 46% | - | 14% |
| | Somewhat committed | 48% | 36% | 40% | 63% | 58% | 30% | 40% | 52% | 67% |
| | Not too committed | 16% | - | 46% | 13% | 14% | 2% | 10% | 32% | 12% |
| | Not committed at all | 4% | - | 4% | 6% | 6% | - | - | 16% | 1% |
| | Don't know | 4% | - | 6% | 4% | 10% | 6% | 4% | - | 3% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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Q31d. Are **local governments/state and local governments** very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?²⁹

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 324 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 300 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 50 | 50 |
| | Very committed | 4% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 4% |
| | Somewhat committed | 41% | 44% | 34% | 37% | 56% | - | - | 22% | 56% |
| | Not too committed | 44% | 40% | 54% | 40% | 36% | - | - | 60% | 32% |
| | Not committed at all | 10% | 8% | 10% | 21% | 4% | - | - | 12% | 4% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | 2% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q31e. Are **labor unions** very committed, somewhat committed, not too committed, or not committed at all to improving the quality of life for older people?

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very committed | 5% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 20% | 2% | 6% |
| | Somewhat committed | 27% | 20% | 14% | 19% | 26% | 33% | 46% | 18% | 37% |
| | Not too committed | 38% | 22% | 56% | 20% | 50% | 38% | 26% | 60% | 33% |
| | Not committed at all | 21% | 34% | 20% | 51% | 18% | 16% | 4% | 18% | 8% |
| | Don't know | 8% | 22% | 8% | 4% | 4% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 11% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 4% |

²⁸ Respondents were given two or three examples of local groups.

²⁹ Respondents in Australia, India, and the US were asked about "state and local governments." Respondents in China, Japan, and South Korea were asked about "local government." This question was not asked in New Zealand or Singapore.

Q32a. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
An adequate retirement income is available to people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 6% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 10% | 10% | 2% | 6% | 3% |
| | Somewhat agree | 23% | 48% | 14% | 4% | 26% | 38% | 18% | 14% | 20% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 36% | 24% | 42% | 17% | 36% | 46% | 48% | 48% | 25% |
| | Strongly disagree | 35% | 22% | 36% | 72% | 28% | 4% | 32% | 32% | 50% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

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Q32b. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
Access to quality health care is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 11% | 10% | 10% | 2% | 14% | 21% | 10% | 10% | 8% |
| | Somewhat agree | 35% | 66% | 12% | 10% | 44% | 45% | 58% | 14% | 32% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 26% | 14% | 40% | 18% | 26% | 25% | 20% | 46% | 19% |
| | Strongly disagree | 27% | 8% | 36% | 68% | 16% | 8% | 12% | 30% | 38% |
| | Don't know | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q32c. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
Adequate housing is available to older people of all social and economic backgrounds in our country.

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Strongly agree | 10% | 14% | 6% | 2% | 10% | 24% | 20% | 6% | 1% |
| | Somewhat agree | 33% | 56% | 16% | 10% | 40% | 53% | 50% | 10% | 26% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 31% | 22% | 56% | 23% | 32% | 14% | 22% | 52% | 23% |
| | Strongly disagree | 25% | 6% | 20% | 64% | 18% | 6% | 6% | 32% | 45% |
| | Don't know | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | - | 3% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q33a. How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots, will be in **extending the productive work lives of older workers** in our country over the next 20 years—very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 35% | 60% | 18% | 48% | 22% | 47% | 40% | 8% | 36% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 45% | 38% | 52% | 27% | 56% | 51% | 46% | 42% | 45% |
| | Not too helpful | 16% | 2% | 24% | 16% | 18% | - | 8% | 44% | 16% |
| | Not helpful at all | 3% | - | 6% | 6% | 4% | - | 4% | 6% | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 4% | - | 2% | 2% | - | 1% |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |

Q33b. How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots, will be in **extending independent living by older people** in our country over the next 20 years—very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 36% | 74% | 28% | 28% | 20% | 64% | 36% | 6% | 31% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 49% | 24% | 58% | 48% | 60% | 34% | 54% | 68% | 48% |
| | Not too helpful | 11% | 2% | 8% | 17% | 20% | - | 6% | 22% | 16% |
| | Not helpful at all | 1% | - | 4% | 4% | - | - | 2% | 2% | - |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | 4% | - | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |

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Q33c. How helpful do you think technology, such as computers and robots, will be in **improving health and medical care of older people** in our country over the next 20 years—very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 48% | 90% | 42% | 40% | 32% | 80% | 46% | 18% | 36% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 42% | 10% | 52% | 47% | 50% | 16% | 46% | 58% | 54% |
| | Not too helpful | 7% | - | 4% | 9% | 16% | 2% | 2% | 16% | 6% |
| | Not helpful at all | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 6% | 2% |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 4% | - | 2% | 4% | 2% | - |
| | Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q34AUS. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Council on the Aging | - | 42% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | National Seniors Association | - | 30% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Advocare | - | 14% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Salvation Army | - | 20% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Red Cross | - | 8% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Alzheimers Australia | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | National Heart Foundation Australia | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Australian Retired Persons Association | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | St Vincent de Paul Society | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Anglicare | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Catholic Social Services | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Over 50s Association | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Association of Independent Retirees | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Grey Pass website | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Community Housing Group | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Carers Australia | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Aged and Community Services Association | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Australian Association of Gerontologists | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | National Council of Social Services | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Department of Health and Ageing | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Office of Seniors Interests | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Government agencies | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Charitable organizations | - | 34% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Universities | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Websites | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Religious organizations | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | 8% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | 14% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q34CHI. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| | | total | country | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | China National Committee on Aging | - | - | 18% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | National Population and Family Planning Commission of China | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Old Age Association | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Civil affairs organizations | - | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Elderly activity centers | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Nursing homes | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | University research institutes | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | 50% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | 14% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q34IND. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | HelpAge | - | - | - | 48% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Care | - | - | - | 15% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Harmony Initiative | - | - | - | 8% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Dignity Foundation | - | - | - | 6% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Age Care | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Mother Theresa Organization | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Sonali Shiksha Community | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Vishranthi Charitable Trust | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | All India Pensioners' Association | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | ASTHA | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Prayas | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Lions Club | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | ICICI Bank | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Charitable organizations, NGOs | - | - | - | 9% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Old homes | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organization | - | - | - | 21% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | 8% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q34JPN. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| | Japanese Society of Caregiving for the Elderly | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - |
| | International Longevity Center | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Ikiiki-Zaidan | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Institute for the Support of the Elderly and Handicapped | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Association of Elderly Clubs | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Social Welfare Committee | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Care Insurance Service Provider | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | - | - | 40% | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | 44% | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q34KOR. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - |
| | Korean Senior Citizen Association | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16% | - |
| | Korean Association of Retired Persons | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Silver Line | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Korean Information and Referral Service Center on Aging | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Ministry of Health and Welfare | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22% | - |
| | Ministry of Gender Equality and Family | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Ministry of Labor | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | National Pension Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6% | - |
| | Local government social welfare agencies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - |
| | Seoul City Job Introduction Center | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | Korea Labor Force Development Institute for the Aged | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6% | - |
| | Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - |
| | Korea Development Institute | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22% | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 40% | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - |

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Q34NZ. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | 49 | - | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - |
| | Grey Power | - | - | - | - | - | 30% | - | - | - |
| | Age Concern | - | - | - | - | - | 12% | - | - | - |
| | Red Cross | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - |
| | St Vincent de Paul Society | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Alzheimers New Zealand | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - |
| | Retirement Commission | - | - | - | - | - | 6% | - | - | - |
| | Human Rights Commission | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Equal Employment Opportunities Trust | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | University of Third Age | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | City Councils | - | - | - | - | - | 6% | - | - | - |
| | District Health Boards | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Government agencies | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Charitable organizations | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - |
| | Research institutes | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - |
| | Religious organizations | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | - | - | - | 13% | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | 34% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q34SIN. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | - | - |
| | Singapore Action Group of Elders | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34% | - | - |
| | Tsao Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14% | - | - |
| | St. Luke's Hospital and Eldercare | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Lions Befrienders | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - |
| | Marine Parade Family Service Center | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Agency for Lifelong Learning | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Thye Hwa Kwan Moral Society | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Lien Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Caring Hands Retired and Senior Volunteer Program | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | National Kidney Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | National Council of Social Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - |
| | Singapore National Employers Federation | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - |
| | National Trade Union Congress | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8% | - | - |
| | Singapore Professionals and Executives Cooperative | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Ministry of Community Development, Youth, and Sports | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8% | - | - |
| | Ministry of Health | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Ministry of Manpower | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Central Provident Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Singapore Human Resources Institute | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | YAH Community College | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Religious Organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Volunteer welfare organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | Community organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - |
| | Aware, but did not specify | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | - |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 26% | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q34US. Are you aware of any organizations in our country that work to improve the quality of life of older people and serve as an information source on aging issues?

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS. | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| | AARP | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 65% |
| | AFL-CIO | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Alliance for Retired Americans | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | American Society on Aging | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Area Agency on Aging | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Association of Retired Americans | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Better Business Bureaus | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Catholic Charities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | Civic Ventures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Commonwealth Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Councils on Aging | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9% |
| | Employer Retiree Association | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Gerontological Society of America | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Gray Panthers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Hospice | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Institute for Women's Policy Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Kaiser Family Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Long-term Care Coalition | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Lutheran Charities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Medicare Rights Center | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | National Alliance for Caregiving | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% |
| | National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | National Institutes of Health | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Older Women's League | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Red Cross | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Salvation Army | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | United Way | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Urban Institute | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Women's Research and Education Institute | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |
| | Social Security Administration | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |
| | State government agencies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Labor unions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Professional associations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |
| | Religious organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |
| | Local organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |
| | Aware, but did not specify | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9% |
| | No, not aware of any organizations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6% |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

Q35. How familiar are you with the US organization called A-A-R-P, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons—very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not familiar at all?³⁰

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very familiar | 11% | 14% | - | - | 10% | 2% | 6% | 6% | 50% |
| | Somewhat familiar | 16% | 28% | 8% | 8% | 10% | 2% | 24% | 8% | 42% |
| | Not too familiar | 20% | 30% | 32% | 8% | 20% | 29% | 8% | 26% | 4% |
| | Not familiar at all | 50% | 28% | 60% | 78% | 60% | 67% | 62% | 44% | 3% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | 14% | - |
| Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | 1% | |

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Q36. What is your overall impression of AARP—very favorable, somewhat favorable, not very favorable, or not favorable at all?

Based on respondents who are very familiar, somewhat familiar or not too familiar with AARP

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 210 | 36 | 20 | 8 | 20 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 71 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 187 | 36 | 20 | 8 | 20 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 48 |
| | Very favorable | 18% | 19% | 10% | 27% | 20% | - | 21% | 20% | 21% |
| | Somewhat favorable | 51% | 36% | 65% | 36% | 50% | 37% | 74% | 45% | 57% |
| | Not very favorable | 5% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10% | 14% |
| | Not favorable at all | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| | Don't know | 23% | 44% | 25% | 25% | 30% | 63% | 5% | 15% | - |
| Refused | 3% | - | - | 11% | - | - | - | 10% | 5% | |

Q37. If an organization like AARP was established in our country, how helpful would this be to older people—very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?^{31,32}

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 349 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 350 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | Very helpful | 38% | 24% | 32% | 59% | 38% | 35% | 48% | 30% | - |
| | Somewhat helpful | 47% | 52% | 56% | 34% | 54% | 55% | 38% | 42% | - |
| | Not too helpful | 8% | 12% | 8% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 10% | 16% | - |
| | Not helpful at all | 2% | 4% | - | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | 5% | 8% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 10% | - |
| Refused | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | - | |

³⁰ Respondents in the US were asked “How familiar are you with A-A-R-P, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons—very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not familiar at all?”

³¹ Q37 through Q39 were not asked in the US.

³² Before being asked this question, respondents outside the US were read the following: AARP is a not-for-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life of older people who are age 50 or older. The organization works with the U.S. central government, local governments and businesses to be sure that older people have what they need for their health, finances and jobs. It also offers education programs, travel discounts and social opportunities for the older people who join. To join AARP, older people pay approximately \$12 a year, which is a low fee in the U.S.

Q38a. Why do you think the organization would be helpful. Is **it would provide knowledge and expertise** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would be very helpful or somewhat helpful

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 297 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 298 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 45 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | Big reason | 55% | 47% | 55% | 57% | 54% | 66% | 70% | 33% | - |
| | Moderate reason | 37% | 37% | 43% | 35% | 28% | 34% | 26% | 58% | - |
| | Small reason | 7% | 16% | 2% | 4% | 17% | - | 5% | 8% | - |
| | Not a reason at all | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Don't know | 1% | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Q38b. Why do you think the organization would be helpful. Is **it would raise awareness about aging** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would be very helpful or somewhat helpful

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 297 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 298 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 45 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | Big reason | 64% | 71% | 82% | 76% | 67% | 61% | 49% | 36% | - |
| | Moderate reason | 30% | 24% | 16% | 22% | 28% | 39% | 37% | 50% | - |
| | Small reason | 4% | 5% | - | 2% | 2% | - | 12% | 11% | - |
| | Not a reason at all | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 2% | 3% | - |
| | Don't know | * | - | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q38c. Why do you think the organization would be helpful. Is **it would influence government policy** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would be very helpful or somewhat helpful

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 297 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 298 | 38 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 45 | 43 | 36 | - |
| | Big reason | 39% | 37% | 41% | 46% | 46% | 36% | 33% | 33% | - |
| | Moderate reason | 50% | 61% | 45% | 35% | 46% | 61% | 49% | 56% | - |
| | Small reason | 7% | 3% | 11% | 9% | 7% | - | 14% | 8% | - |
| | Not a reason at all | 2% | - | - | 4% | - | - | 5% | 3% | - |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | - | 6% | 2% | 2% | - | - | - |
| | Refused | * | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q39a. Why do you think the organization would not be helpful. Is **it would not work with our system of government** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would not be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would not be too helpful or not helpful at all

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | Big reason | 17% | 38% | 25% | 34% | - | - | 20% | - | - |
| | Moderate reason | 32% | 25% | 50% | 34% | - | 27% | 20% | 50% | - |
| | Small reason | 29% | 25% | 25% | - | 33% | 24% | 20% | 50% | - |
| | Not a reason at all | 17% | 13% | - | 31% | 33% | 49% | 20% | - | - |
| | Don't know | 6% | - | - | - | 33% | - | 20% | - | - |
| Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |

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Q39b. Why do you think the organization would not be helpful. Is **we don't need any more organizations; there are too many already** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would not be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would not be too helpful or not helpful at all

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | Big reason | 26% | 75% | - | 34% | 33% | 27% | - | - | - |
| | Moderate reason | 20% | 13% | 25% | - | - | - | - | 63% | - |
| | Small reason | 14% | - | 50% | 34% | - | 24% | 20% | - | - |
| | Not a reason at all | 34% | 13% | 25% | 31% | 33% | 49% | 80% | 25% | - |
| | Don't know | 6% | - | - | - | 33% | - | - | 13% | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q39c. Why do you think the organization would not be helpful. Is **the issues are too complicated for any one organization to tackle** a big reason, moderate reason, small reason, or not a reason at all such an organization would not be helpful?

Based on respondents who think an organization like AARP would not be too helpful or not helpful at all

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 35 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | - |
| | Big reason | 29% | 13% | 100% | 34% | 67% | 27% | - | 13% | - |
| | Moderate reason | 31% | 38% | - | 34% | - | - | 20% | 75% | - |
| | Small reason | 14% | 13% | - | - | - | 24% | 40% | 13% | - |
| | Not a reason at all | 25% | 38% | - | 31% | 33% | 49% | 40% | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Q40a. If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be? Would **educating people in other countries about issues related to aging and retirement** be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?^{33,34}

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 37% | 36% | 16% | 56% | 32% | 57% | 52% | 20% | 26% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 45% | 52% | 56% | 42% | 52% | 29% | 46% | 48% | 37% |
| | Not too helpful | 10% | 12% | 18% | 2% | 12% | 6% | 2% | 20% | 10% |
| | Not helpful at all | 3% | - | 4% | - | - | 4% | - | 6% | 8% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | - | 6% | 8% |
| | Refused | 2% | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | 12% |

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Q40b. If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be? Would **organizing conferences to bring together policy makers and aging experts from various countries** be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 35% | 48% | 20% | 53% | 24% | 45% | 44% | 14% | 29% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 48% | 40% | 54% | 38% | 56% | 45% | 44% | 60% | 45% |
| | Not too helpful | 11% | 8% | 20% | 7% | 16% | 4% | 12% | 16% | 6% |
| | Not helpful at all | 3% | 4% | - | 2% | 2% | 4% | - | 4% | 7% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | - | 2% | 2% | - | 6% | 4% |
| | Refused | 2% | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | 9% |

Q40c. If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be? Would **meeting with government policy makers to exchange information about aging and retirement** be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 30% | 34% | 18% | 43% | 24% | 33% | 42% | 14% | 32% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 57% | 54% | 66% | 49% | 60% | 55% | 54% | 68% | 48% |
| | Not too helpful | 7% | 10% | 10% | 8% | 12% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 4% |
| | Not helpful at all | 2% | 2% | - | - | - | 4% | 2% | 6% | 6% |
| | Don't know | 2% | - | 2% | - | 4% | 4% | - | 6% | 3% |
| | Refused | 1% | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |

³³ Before being asked this question, respondents in the US were read the following: AARP is a not-for-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life of older people who are age 50 or older. The organization works with the federal government, local governments, and businesses to be sure that older people have what they need for their health, finances and jobs. It also offers education programs, travel discounts and social opportunities for the older people who join. To join AARP, older people pay approximately \$12 a year.

³⁴ Respondents in the US were asked "If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be for other countries?"

Q40d. If AARP were to play a role in promoting the interests of older people in countries other than the United States, how helpful would the following activities be? Would **helping establish similar organizations in other countries** be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not helpful at all?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Very helpful | 29% | 30% | 20% | 62% | 26% | 23% | 36% | 12% | 25% |
| | Somewhat helpful | 50% | 58% | 50% | 32% | 54% | 55% | 48% | 58% | 42% |
| | Not too helpful | 12% | 8% | 20% | 4% | 12% | 16% | 12% | 18% | 7% |
| | Not helpful at all | 4% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 8% |
| | Don't know | 3% | - | 2% | - | 6% | 2% | 2% | 6% | 8% |
| | Refused | 2% | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | 10% |

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D1. Sex

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | Male | 74% | 62% | 86% | 81% | 90% | 47% | 72% | 92% | 60% |
| | Female | 26% | 38% | 14% | 19% | 10% | 53% | 28% | 8% | 39% |
| | No answer | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1% |

D2. What is your age?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 423 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 74 |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 400 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| | 40 or less | 30% | 26% | 52% | 27% | 20% | 24% | 42% | 34% | 12% |
| | 41 to 50 | 30% | 36% | 26% | 19% | 16% | 39% | 28% | 54% | 20% |
| | 51 to 60 | 30% | 34% | 20% | 37% | 36% | 33% | 24% | 8% | 50% |
| | Over 60 | 8% | 2% | 2% | 11% | 24% | 2% | 6% | 4% | 12% |
| | Refused | 3% | 2% | - | 6% | 4% | 2% | - | - | 7% |

D3. Have you ever studied abroad?³⁵

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 349 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 350 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | Yes | 40% | 50% | 22% | 26% | 20% | 45% | 74% | 40% | - |
| | No | 60% | 50% | 78% | 72% | 76% | 55% | 26% | 60% | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 2% | 4% | - | - | - | - |

³⁵ D3 through D5 were not asked in the US.

D4. Which country or countries did you study in?

Based on respondents who have studied abroad

| BASED ON MULTIPLE MENTIONS | | total | topline_country | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 138 | 25 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 22 | 37 | 20 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 138 | 25 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 22 | 37 | 20 | - |
| | United States | 45% | 44% | 36% | 31% | 60% | 32% | 49% | 60% | - |
| | United Kingdom | 31% | 36% | 27% | 22% | 20% | 37% | 38% | 15% | - |
| | Australia | 15% | 8% | - | 8% | 10% | 36% | 22% | 5% | - |
| | Canada | 12% | 36% | - | - | - | 13% | 11% | 5% | - |
| | Sweden | 5% | 24% | - | - | - | 5% | - | - | - |
| | India | 4% | - | - | - | - | 4% | 14% | - | - |
| | Germany | 4% | 4% | 9% | - | 10% | - | 5% | - | - |
| | France | 2% | 4% | - | - | - | - | 5% | - | - |
| | Italy | 2% | 4% | - | 7% | - | 5% | - | - | - |
| | Singapore | 2% | - | 9% | 8% | - | - | - | 5% | - |
| | China | 1% | - | - | - | 10% | - | 3% | - | - |
| | Japan | 2% | - | - | 10% | - | - | - | 5% | - |
| | Netherlands | 1% | - | - | 14% | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Switzerland | 2% | 4% | - | - | - | 5% | - | - | - |
| | Zimbabwe | 2% | - | - | - | - | 9% | - | - | - |
| | Austria | 1% | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Belgium | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5% | - |
| | Finland | 1% | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | New Zealand | 1% | 4% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Russia | 1% | - | 9% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | South Africa | 1% | - | - | - | - | 5% | - | - | - |
| | South Korea | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 3% | - | - |
| | Thailand | 1% | - | - | - | - | - | 3% | - | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | 9% | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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D5a. Have you ever traveled to the United States?

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 349 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 350 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | - |
| | Yes | 63% | 66% | 38% | 47% | 56% | 77% | 88% | 70% | - |
| | No | 36% | 34% | 62% | 49% | 42% | 23% | 12% | 30% | - |
| | Refused | 1% | - | - | 4% | 2% | - | - | - | - |

D5b. Was this within the past 10 years or earlier?

Based on respondents who have traveled to the United States

| | | total | COUNTRY | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | Total | AUS | CHI | IND | JPN | NZ | SIN | KOR | US |
| | UNWEIGHTED BASE | 221 | 33 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 38 | 44 | 35 | - |
| | WEIGHTED BASE | 221 | 33 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 39 | 44 | 35 | - |
| | Within past 10 years | 84% | 82% | 63% | 92% | 79% | 87% | 89% | 86% | - |
| | Earlier | 16% | 18% | 37% | 8% | 21% | 13% | 11% | 14% | - |
| | Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |