



**Methodology and Annotated Survey for  
*AARP 2005 Maryland Legislative Issues Survey:  
Member Priorities Newsletter*  
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AARP conducted the 2005 Maryland Legislative Issues Survey in October through November 2005, and produced the 2005 Maryland Legislative Issues Survey: Member Priorities Newsletter. The survey examines the priority Maryland members place on key legislative issues. Five thousand AARP members were randomly selected from AARP's membership database and proportionally stratified by three age segments—50 to 59, 60 to 74, and 75+. There were 2000 members Statewide and an oversample of 1000 AARP members in three Maryland districts: District 11, District 12a, and District 28 for a total sample of 5000.

The survey and all related communications from 2005 Maryland Legislative Issues Survey were mailed to AARP Maryland members between October and November 2005. First, a pre-notification postcard was sent. This was followed by a cover letter and survey. Responses as well as undelivered or ineligible mail were tracked. A reminder postcard and a second copy of the survey were mailed if the member did not respond. The returns, response rates and sampling error are as follows:

**Sample Disposition**

	<b>Returns</b>	<b>Response Rate</b>	<b>Sampling Error</b>
Statewide	989	50%	+/- 3.2
District 11	540	54%	+/- 4.3
District 12a	526	53%	+/- 4.4
District 28	508	51%	+/- 4.4

The following annotated questionnaires disclose all responses for each sample. Percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding or multiple response. Questions about this survey should be directed to Erica Dinger (202) 434-6176 or [edinger@aarp.org](mailto:edinger@aarp.org).

# AARP 2005 Maryland Legislative Issues Annotated Survey



AARP Members from Maryland Statewide (N = 989)  
 AARP Maryland Members from District 11 (N = 540)  
 AARP Maryland Members from District 12A (N = 526)  
 AARP Maryland Members from District 28 (N = 508)

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

**a. Protecting access to promised pensions and retiree health benefits**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
60	57	66	66	Top priority
26	28	24	23	High priority
6	7	6	5	Medium priority
2	2	1	1	Low priority
2	3	1	1	Not a priority
5	3	3	3	No response

**b. Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
30	29	28	28	Top priority
33	37	33	34	High priority
23	19	25	23	Medium priority
6	7	8	9	Low priority
3	4	4	4	Not a priority
5	4	3	3	No response

**c. Creating more jobs for older people and ensuring opportunities for older workers to retrain**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
20	21	18	18	Top priority
33	34	31	36	High priority
33	32	38	32	Medium priority
7	8	7	8	Low priority
2	2	3	2	Not a priority
5	4	3	4	No response

**1. [CONTINUED] To be effective, AARP Maryland wants to work on the most important issues facing AARP members in Maryland. Keeping in mind what is most important to you, how much of a priority should it be for AARP to work on the following legislative issues in Maryland?**

**d. Expanding Medicaid, the government program that provides health and long-term care for low-income people**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
29	28	27	27	Top priority
32	30	28	32	High priority
23	28	29	24	Medium priority
9	9	9	10	Low priority
3	3	4	4	Not a priority
5	3	4	3	No response

**e. Expanding funding for home modifications that allow individuals to remain in their communities/homes as they age**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
29	30	28	27	Top priority
34	34	30	35	High priority
25	24	31	25	Medium priority
6	7	6	7	Low priority
3	2	3	4	Not a priority
4	3	2	3	No response

**f. Ensuring the availability, cost, and quality of health care**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
63	65	59	58	Top priority
27	27	32	30	High priority
5	5	6	5	Medium priority
1	1	1	2	Low priority
1	1	1	1	Not a priority
4	3	2	4	No response

**1. [CONTINUED] To be effective, AARP Maryland wants to work on the most important issues facing AARP members in Maryland. Keeping in mind what is most important to you, how much of a priority should it be for AARP to work on the following legislative issues in Maryland?**

**g. Making prescription drugs more affordable**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
66	70	68	66	Top priority
22	22	23	24	High priority
6	5	5	6	Medium priority
1	1	1	2	Low priority
1	1	1	1	Not a priority
4	3	2	2	No response

**h. Maintaining access to home and community based long-term care services**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
36	36	36	35	Top priority
38	44	37	43	High priority
18	15	21	16	Medium priority
3	2	3	4	Low priority
1	1	1	1	Not a priority
5	3	3	2	No response

**2. How important are the following when it comes to the community you live in?**

**a. Affordable cost of living**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
49	47	48	54	Extremely important
34	34	36	32	Very important
8	14	12	7	Somewhat important
3	2	2	3	Not too important
1	1	<.5	1	Not at all important
5	2	3	2	No response

2. [CONTINUED] How important are the following when it comes to the community you live in?

**b. Affordable housing**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
43	39	40	47	Extremely important
34	35	36	31	Very important
13	17	15	12	Somewhat important
4	5	4	5	Not too important
2	1	2	2	Not at all important
4	3	3	3	No response

**c. A variety of housing options for older citizens**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
31	29	27	33	Extremely important
40	40	42	41	Very important
21	23	23	19	Somewhat important
3	4	4	3	Not too important
2	2	1	1	Not at all important
4	3	4	3	No response

**d. Low crime**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
62	68	61	69	Extremely important
26	24	30	24	Very important
5	4	4	4	Somewhat important
1	1	1	<.5	Not too important
<.5	<.5	0	1	Not at all important
5	3	3	3	No response

**e. Convenient and reliable public transportation**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
29	27	26	27	Extremely important
33	35	35	37	Very important
25	23	26	22	Somewhat important
6	8	7	7	Not too important
2	3	2	3	Not at all important
5	4	4	4	No response

2. [CONTINUED] How important are the following when it comes to the community you live in?

f. Close, convenient shopping and services

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
28	27	26	24	Extremely important
38	37	40	37	Very important
22	25	26	27	Somewhat important
5	6	4	6	Not too important
1	1	<.5	2	Not at all important
6	3	4	4	No response

g. Well-run parks, community centers, and recreation centers

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
19	17	17	17	Extremely important
35	35	33	30	Very important
31	34	37	35	Somewhat important
9	9	9	12	Not too important
2	2	2	3	Not at all important
5	3	3	3	No response

h. Opportunities to meet and make friends with other people age 50 and over

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
15	14	13	14	Extremely important
27	27	30	26	Very important
38	35	37	35	Somewhat important
14	17	15	17	Not too important
4	3	3	4	Not at all important
4	4	2	3	No response

i. Entertainment and cultural activities, such as theaters, concerts, and spectator sports

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
12	15	9	11	Extremely important
28	31	25	26	Very important
37	35	45	41	Somewhat important
15	14	14	16	Not too important
4	2	3	4	Not at all important
5	3	3	2	No response

**2. [CONTINUED] How important are the following when it comes to the community you live in?**

**j. High quality local government services**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
34	34	31	31	Extremely important
41	44	40	45	Very important
17	14	22	17	Somewhat important
3	3	4	3	Not too important
1	1	1	2	Not at all important
5	4	3	3	No response

**k. High quality doctors and specialists are close by**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
54	53	50	60	Extremely important
33	35	37	29	Very important
7	8	9	7	Somewhat important
1	1	1	1	Not too important
<.5	<.5	<.5	<.5	Not at all important
5	3	2	3	No response

**l. A place of learning that offers educational, recreational, or employment training programs**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
16	15	13	14	Extremely important
36	37	35	36	Very important
34	33	39	33	Somewhat important
8	10	9	12	Not too important
3	3	2	3	Not at all important
4	3	2	3	No response

**3. How important is it to you for the state to make it easier for people to...?**

**a. Stay at home and in their communities if they choose to when they need long-term care**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
47	47	45	48	Extremely important
37	37	35	38	Very important
11	12	14	10	Somewhat important
2	1	2	1	Not very important
1	<.5	1	1	Not at all important
3	3	2	2	No response

**3. (Continued) How important is it to you for the state to make it easier for people to...?**

**b. Access affordable transportation services so they can work, volunteer, and get to health and community services**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
35	34	31	35	Extremely important
41	42	44	42	Very important
18	18	21	17	Somewhat important
3	4	2	2	Not very important
1	1	1	1	Not at all important
4	2	2	2	No response

**c. Retrain, attend classes, and have meaningful and rewarding employment later in life**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
15	19	14	17	Extremely important
34	35	34	35	Very important
36	32	39	35	Somewhat important
8	9	8	8	Not very important
3	2	3	3	Not at all important
4	3	2	2	No response

**d. Go to a place in their community where people of all ages could find recreation, education, employment, health information, cultural and civic opportunities, or fellowship**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
18	19	19	20	Extremely important
38	38	38	33	Very important
33	32	30	35	Somewhat important
7	7	10	8	Not very important
2	2	2	2	Not at all important
2	1	2	2	No response

**e. Build or modify houses that allow them to remain in their communities/ homes as they age**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
30	30	27	33	Extremely important
41	37	37	37	Very important
21	25	27	21	Somewhat important
6	5	6	5	Not very important
1	2	3	3	Not at all important
2	1	2	1	No response



**4. If a candidate for state office supported initiatives to make it easier for people to do the following, would you be more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for him or her, or would it not make any difference?**

**a. Stay at home and in their community if they chose to when they need long-term care**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
71	72	67	70	More likely to vote
25	25	29	26	Would not make any difference
2	1	1	1	Less likely to vote
3	2	2	3	No response

**b. Access affordable transportation services so they can work, volunteer, and get to health and community services**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
64	62	59	61	More likely to vote
32	34	35	34	Would not make any difference
2	2	2	2	Less likely to vote
3	2	4	2	No response

**c. Retrain, attend classes, and have meaningful and rewarding employment later in life**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
41	45	37	39	More likely to vote
51	49	55	53	Would not make any difference
4	4	4	4	Less likely to vote
4	3	4	3	No response

**d. Go to a place in their community where people of all ages could find recreation, education, employment, health information, cultural and civic opportunities, or fellowship**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
50	50	46	47	More likely to vote
43	44	48	48	Would not make any difference
4	3	3	3	Less likely to vote
3	3	3	2	No response

**4. [CONTINUED] If a candidate for state office supported initiatives to make it easier for people to do the following, would you be more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for him or her, or would it not make any difference?**

**e. Build or modify houses that allow them to remain in their communities/homes as they age**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
67	63	58	66	More likely to vote
28	33	35	30	Would not make any difference
2	3	5	3	Less likely to vote
3	2	3	2	No response

**5. How strongly would you support or oppose the state doing the following to create places where people of all ages could go to find recreation, education, employment, health information, cultural and civic opportunities, or fellowship?**

**a. Providing state funding**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
35	35	32	34	Strongly support
33	34	36	36	Somewhat support
20	20	19	18	Neither support nor oppose
5	6	5	6	Somewhat oppose
3	2	3	4	Strong oppose
4	3	5	3	No response

**b. Combining state and private funding**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
35	39	39	37	Strongly support
37	36	35	32	Somewhat support
18	18	18	21	Neither support nor oppose
4	3	3	5	Somewhat oppose
2	2	2	3	Strong oppose
4	3	4	3	No response

**5. (CONTINUED) How strongly would you support or oppose the state doing the following to create places where people of all ages could go to find recreation, education, employment, health information, cultural and civic opportunities, or fellowship?**

**c. Allowing communities flexibility when creating places**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
35	37	34	34	Strongly support
40	36	39	37	Somewhat support
18	21	19	22	Neither support nor oppose
2	3	2	3	Somewhat oppose
1	1	<.5	2	Strong oppose
4	3	5	2	No response

**6. What other legislative issues not mentioned above should AARP Maryland work on? Please specify below.**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
4	4	2	1	Health insurance for uninsured/affordable health insurance/universal health care
4	3	4	2	Lower prescription costs/price control/better info on prescriptions
2	1	1	1	Better public transportation/mass transit
2	2	3	2	Social Security concerns
3	1	2	6	Reduced real estate tax for seniors/tax breaks for homeowners/tax caps for fixed income
2	2	2	2	Tax reform/tax breaks/flat tax
23	23	24	25	Other
1	1	1	1	None
<.5	<.5	<.5	<.5	Don't know
75	77	75	74	No response

**About You**

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

**D1. Are you male or female?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
48	50	51	44	Male
51	48	48	54	Female
1	2	2	2	No response

**D2. What is your age as of your last birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ years**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
25	32	29	41	50-59
44	39	36	42	60-74
30	26	33	15	75+
2	3	3	2	No Response

**D3. What is the highest level of education that you completed?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
8	5	9	7	0-12 <sup>th</sup> grade (no diploma)
20	17	23	25	High school graduate (or equivalent)
16	16	17	25	Post-high school education (no degree)
8	8	8	9	2-year college degree
12	16	11	7	4-year college degree
7	9	6	7	Post-graduate study (no degree)
15	22	17	11	Graduate or professional degree(s)
14	9	9	10	No response

**D4. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
4	6	3	3	Self-employed, part-time
4	7	3	5	Self-employed, full-time
7	11	7	7	Employed, part-time
22	29	23	31	Employed, full-time
51	37	54	43	Retired, not working at all
2	2	3	2	Not in labor force for other reasons
1	<.5	1	2	Unemployed but looking for work
10	7	5	8	No response

**D5. What is your current marital status?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
50	58	54	58	Married
1	2	2	3	Not married, living with partner
1	2	<.5	2	Separated
13	11	12	12	Divorced
20	16	21	15	Widowed
5	5	7	3	Never married
9	7	4	7	No response

**D6. How interested are you in Maryland state government activities that affect residents age 50 and older?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
30	35	28	32	Extremely interested
33	33	40	32	Very interested
22	20	22	23	Somewhat interested
4	4	5	3	Not very interested
2	1	1	3	Not at all interested
1	1	1	1	Not sure
9	7	4	6	No response

**D7. Have you participated in the following activities in the last 5 years?**

**a. Phoned or written to a public official to make your views known on an issue**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
39	44	45	39	Yes
50	48	48	54	No
11	8	7	7	No response

**b. Emailed a public official to make your views known on an issue**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
23	25	24	24	Yes
65	65	67	68	No
13	10	10	8	No response

**c. Contributed money to a candidate or political party**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
35	39	38	38	Yes
54	52	54	52	No
11	9	8	9	No response

**d. Volunteered to work on a campaign for a particular candidate or party**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
9	17	10	9	Yes
79	74	82	82	No
12	9	8	9	No response

**D7. [CONTINUED] Have you participated in the following activities in the last 5 years?**

**e. Written a letter to a newspaper or called a radio or TV show to make your views known on an issue**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
16	16	16	15	Yes
72	75	75	77	No
12	9	9	8	No response

**f. Attended a political event or town meeting**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
36	35	34	35	Yes
52	56	56	55	No
12	10	10	10	No response

**g. Volunteered with a group working to influence local government**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
13	13	11	13	Yes
76	78	80	79	No
12	9	8	8	No response

**h. Volunteered with a group working to influence state government**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
10	12	9	11	Yes
78	79	82	81	No
12	9	9	9	No response

**i. Volunteered with a group working to influence national government**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
9	11	8	8	Yes
80	80	84	84	No
12	9	8	8	No response

**D8. Do you own or rent your current home?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
77	75	71	82	Own
11	15	19	7	Rent
2	1	2	4	Live rent free with family
10	8	8	7	No response

**D9. Thinking about your state elections for Maryland Governor and Legislators in the last ten years, how often would you say you vote?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
70	79	76	73	Always
11	7	9	8	Most of the time
3	3	3	5	About half of the time
3	2	4	3	Seldom
5	3	4	5	Never
8	6	4	6	No response

**D10. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
55	63	48	45	Democrat
22	18	29	33	Republican
15	13	16	14	Independent
2	2	1	2	Other
3	3	3	4	Not sure
4	2	3	2	No response

**D11. How would you characterize your political views?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
26	22	30	31	Conservative
42	49	43	45	Moderate
15	18	13	9	Liberal
3	2	4	3	None of the above
9	7	7	10	Not sure
4	2	2	3	No response

**D12. What is your race?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
76	78	89	79	White-Caucasian
18	16	6	16	Black or African-American
0	<.5	0	<.5	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
1	<.5	1	<.5	Asian
0	<.5	<.5	<.5	American Indian or Alaska Native
2	2	1	2	Other
3	3	3	3	No response

**D13. What is your 5-digit zip code? (WRITE IN YOUR ZIP CODE.)** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**D14. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2004?**

Statewide (n=989)	District 11 (n=540)	District 12A (n=526)	District 28 (n=508)	
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
4	2	3	4	Less than \$10,000
11	8	13	6	\$10,000 to less than \$20,000
15	13	19	12	\$20,000 to less than \$35,000
16	15	12	14	\$35,000 to less than \$50,000
6	7	7	7	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
9	10	8	10	\$60,000 to less than \$75,000
26	32	23	34	\$75,000 or more
6	5	6	6	Not sure
9	8	9	8	No response

**Thank you for completing this survey. Please use the postage-paid envelope and return it to State Member Research, AARP, 601 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20049, by November 22, 2005.**