

Key Finding #1: Housing

- High percentage of older adults spending 30% or more of income on housing
 - Rent – 60.4% in Richmond City and 58.1% in Henrico County
 - Mortgage – 37.9% in Richmond City and 24.5% in Henrico County
- Lack of affordable housing for seniors
 - Nearly 75% feel there is a high need for affordable housing for seniors in the community
 - Only 20% of key informants “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that there is affordable housing options for seniors

Key Finding #2: Transportation & Walkability

- Concerns about public transportation
 - Nearly 75% of key informants didn’t feel public transportation is available for older people.
 - Half of older adult survey respondents didn’t feel that public transportation is easy to use/reliable or that stops are safe
- Pedestrian safety issues
 - Only 17% of key informants feel safe green spaces and pedestrian-friendly walkways are accessible for older adults

Nearly half of older adult survey respondents said their biggest challenge when traveling is that they do not feel safe walking

Key Finding #3: Aging in Place and Access to Service

- Increase in older adult population
 - By 2021, older adults will account for 16.4% of total population in Henrico County (55,955) and 14.6% in Richmond City (34,226).
- Desire to age in place
 - Top transition decision according to key informants – providing caregiving services to aging parents
 - Over half of older adult survey respondents said it is extremely/very important to remain in their community as they age
- Access to services
 - Top most pressing issue according to key informants – navigating/accessing health care and social services

Key Finding #4: Chronic Disease Management

- Chronic disease management identified as second most pressing issue for older adults
 - 36.4% of Medicare beneficiaries in Henrico County and 34.6% in Richmond City have 4 or more chronic conditions
- Smoking and Obesity
 - Current smokers – 17.7% in Henrico County and 22.6% in Richmond City
 - Obesity – about 69% in both Henrico County and Richmond City
- Burden of disease different in each area
 - Richmond City – colon/rectal cancer, lung/bronchus cancer, prostate cancer, asthma, and COPD
 - Henrico County – breast cancer, melanoma, heart disease & depressive disorder