Trends in Housing Choice for Older Minnesotans and AARP Policies

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Source: AARP, “Home and Community Preferences of the 45+ population”
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2010 AARP Survey: Homes with features that promote access and usability

- A sidewalk in front of my home: 64%
- An entrance without steps: 36%
- Door handles that are levers instead of knobs: 34%
- Doorways that are wider than standard: 27%
- A bedroom (or room that could be used as one) on...: 81%
- A half bath on the main level: 43%
- A full bath on the main level: 82%

Source: AARP, “Home and Community Preferences of the 50+ population”
Age category: 45+
Base=985
State Housing Profiles:
www.aarp.org/statehousingprofiles

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Housing for Older Adults: The Impacts of the Recession

This paper summarizes findings from State Housing Profiles 2011, which were developed to track key housing indicators for older adults. The data show that conditions have deteriorated significantly for older households during the past decade. Older homeowners and renters face greater affordability issues, and many low-income households face more unaffordable housing costs since the housing crisis and recession that began in 2007. Disability rates, family structures, foreclosure rates, and the age of homes are other factors that have shifted in the decade, as older households adapt to face new and confusing challenges.
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<td><strong>Median Household Income (2009):</strong></td>
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<td>Renters:</td>
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Housing Cost Burden is high for low-income older Minnesotans
50+ Householders who own with Mortgages

Minnesota
45.3%
Rank: 14th

Source: Harrell, Housing for Older Adults: The Impacts of the Recession, AARP Public Policy Institute, 2011
More 50+ Minnesotans now own with Mortgages

Source: Harrell, Housing for Older Adults: The Impacts of the Recession, AARP Public Policy Institute, 2011
50+ homeowners in older homes (Built before 1970)

Minnesota:
2009: 46.4%
Rank: 20th

Source: Harrell, Housing for Older Adults: The Impacts of the Recession, AARP Public Policy Institute, 2011
Disability Rates for Older Households (US)

Source: Harrell, Housing for Older Adults: The Impacts of the Recession, AARP Public Policy Institute, 2011
Disability Rates for Older Households

Minnesota: 28.1%
Rank: 51

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AARP Defines Livable Communities...

Safe & secure
Affordable and appropriate housing,
Supportive community features and services,
Adequate mobility options,
Which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.
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