

RESULTS OF 60+ RESIDENT COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Narragansett/South Kingstown Senior Regional Advisory Council distributed a community-wide survey to residents aged 60 and older to assess the level of awareness regarding local programs and services for seniors, as well as to identify areas of interest or need. This report presents the findings of the survey, with a total of 412 responses received.

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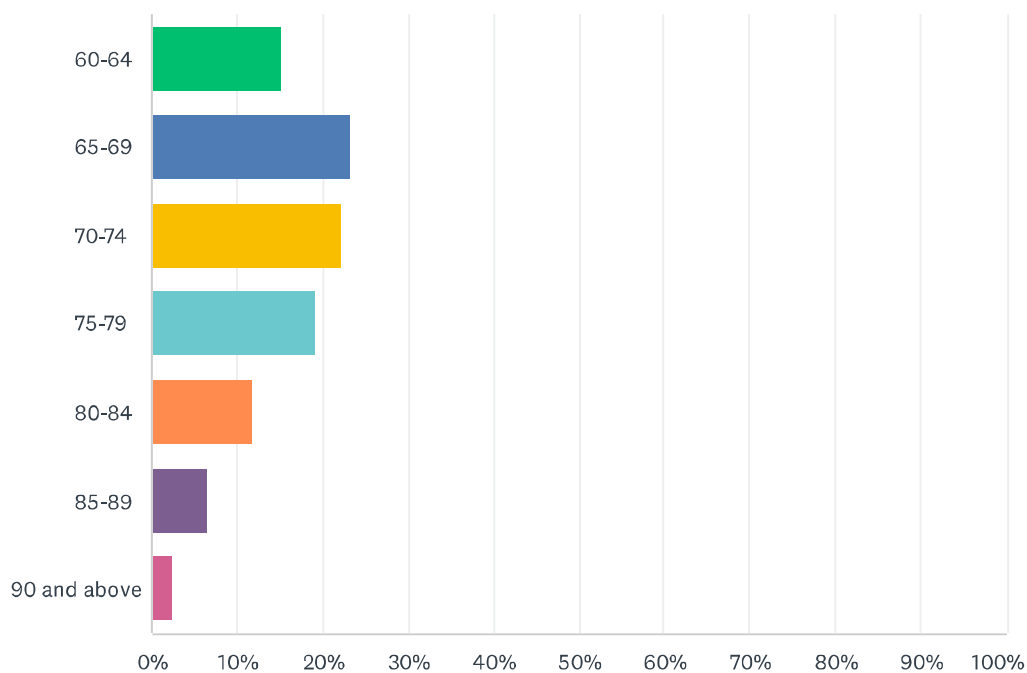
Survey was distributed:

- hard copy at Senior/Community Centers, Libraries, and Senior Housing Facilities
- digitally via Town websites, Town Social Media pages and email

December 31, 2024

Q1 Please select your age category

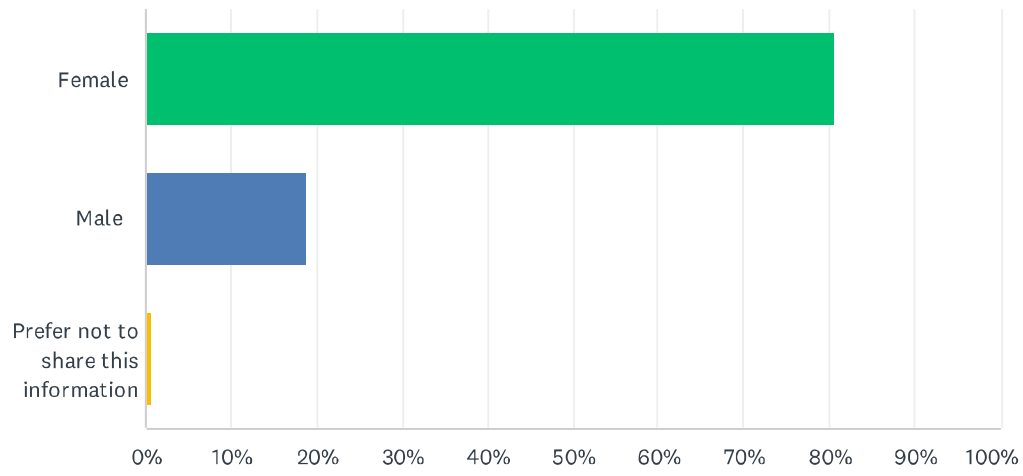
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
60-64	15.05%	62
65-69	23.30%	96
70-74	22.09%	91
75-79	19.17%	79
80-84	11.65%	48
85-89	6.31%	26
90 and above	2.43%	10
Total Respondents: 412		

Q2 What is your gender?

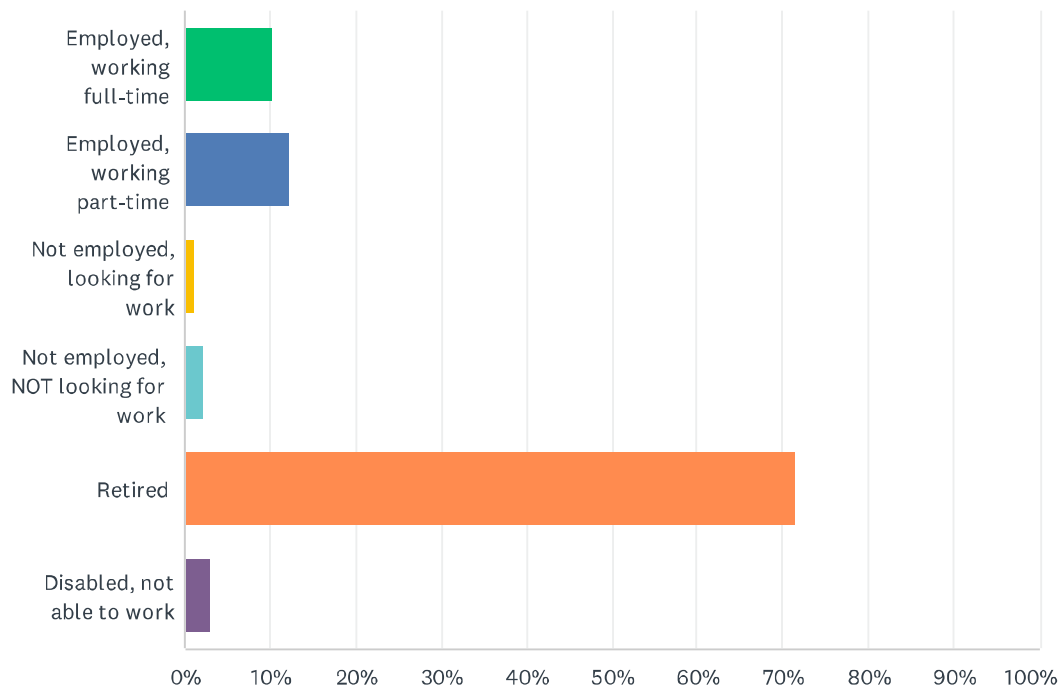
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	80.58%	332
Male	18.69%	77
Prefer not to share this information	0.73%	3
TOTAL		412

Q3 Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

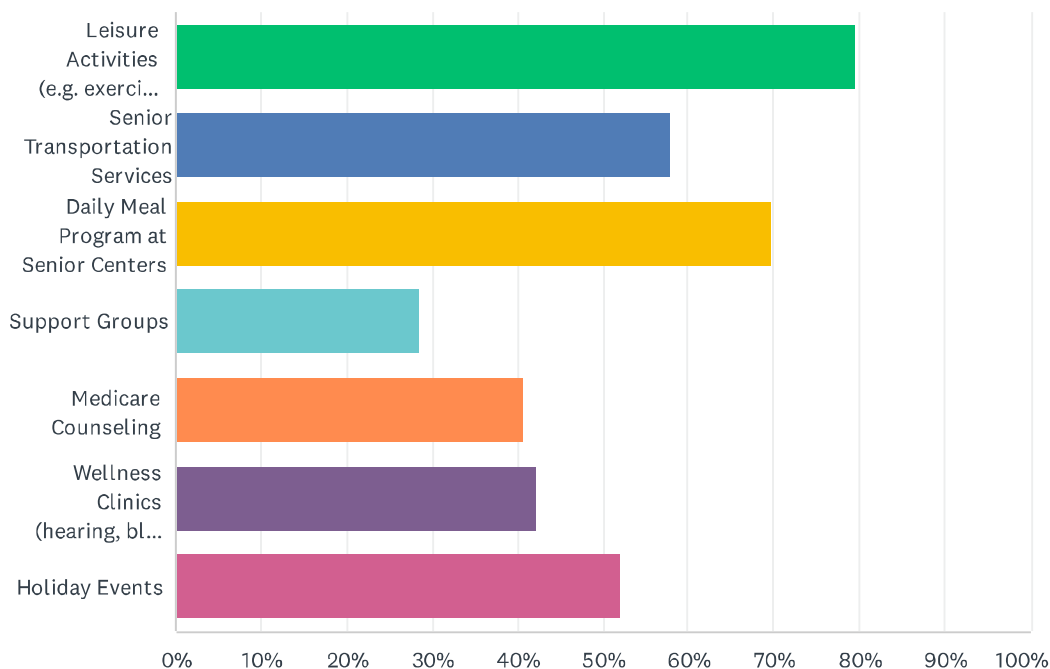
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	10.22%	42
Employed, working part-time	12.17%	50
Not employed, looking for work	0.97%	4
Not employed, NOT looking for work	2.19%	9
Retired	71.53%	294
Disabled, not able to work	2.92%	12
TOTAL		411

Q4 Which of the following services in your community are you aware of?

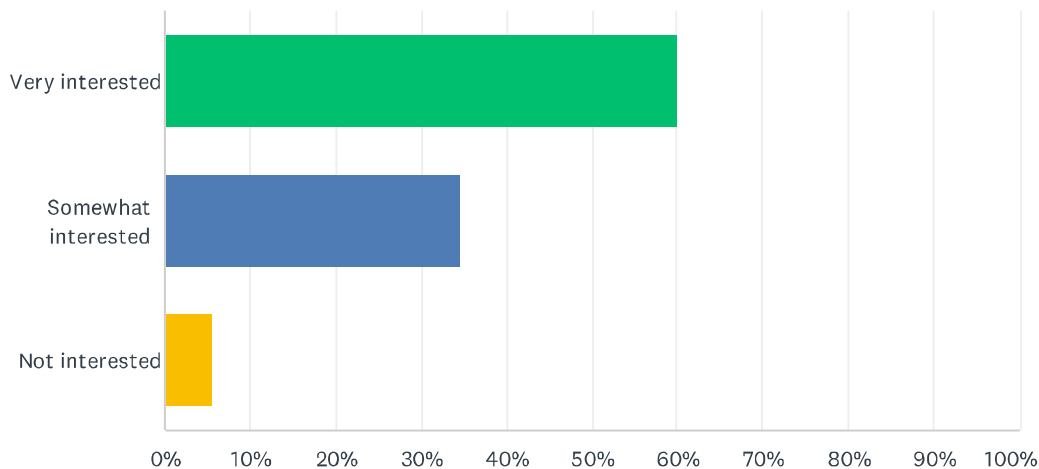
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Leisure Activities (e.g. exercise classes, hobby groups, art)	79.61%	328
Senior Transportation Services	57.77%	238
Daily Meal Program at Senior Centers	69.66%	287
Support Groups	28.64%	118
Medicare Counseling	40.78%	168
Wellness Clinics (hearing, blood pressure, flu shots, balance screenings)	42.23%	174
Holiday Events	51.94%	214
Total Respondents: 412		

Q5 What is your level of interest in knowing about programs and services specific to people over 60?

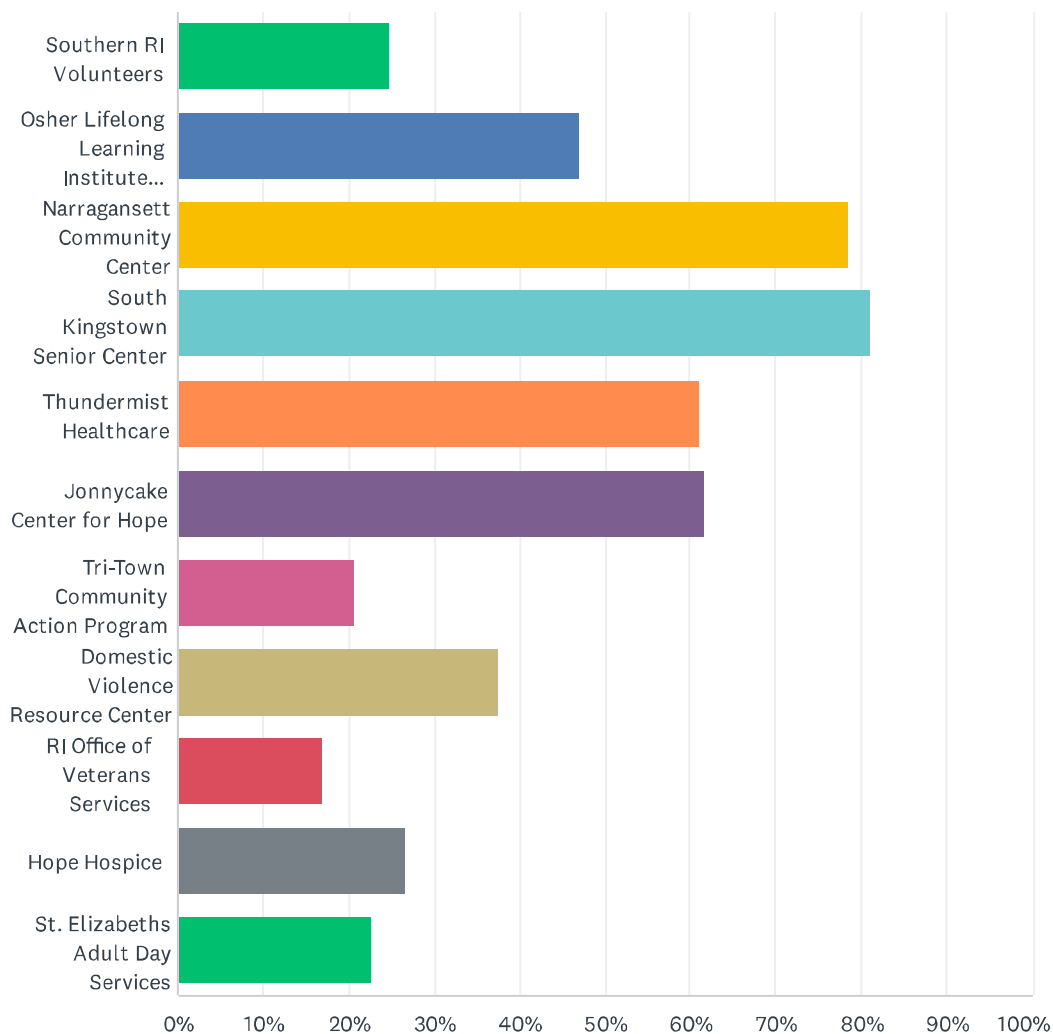
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	59.95%	247
Somewhat interested	34.47%	142
Not interested	5.58%	23
Total Respondents: 412		

Q6 Which of the following organizations are you aware of?

Answered: 412 Skipped: 0

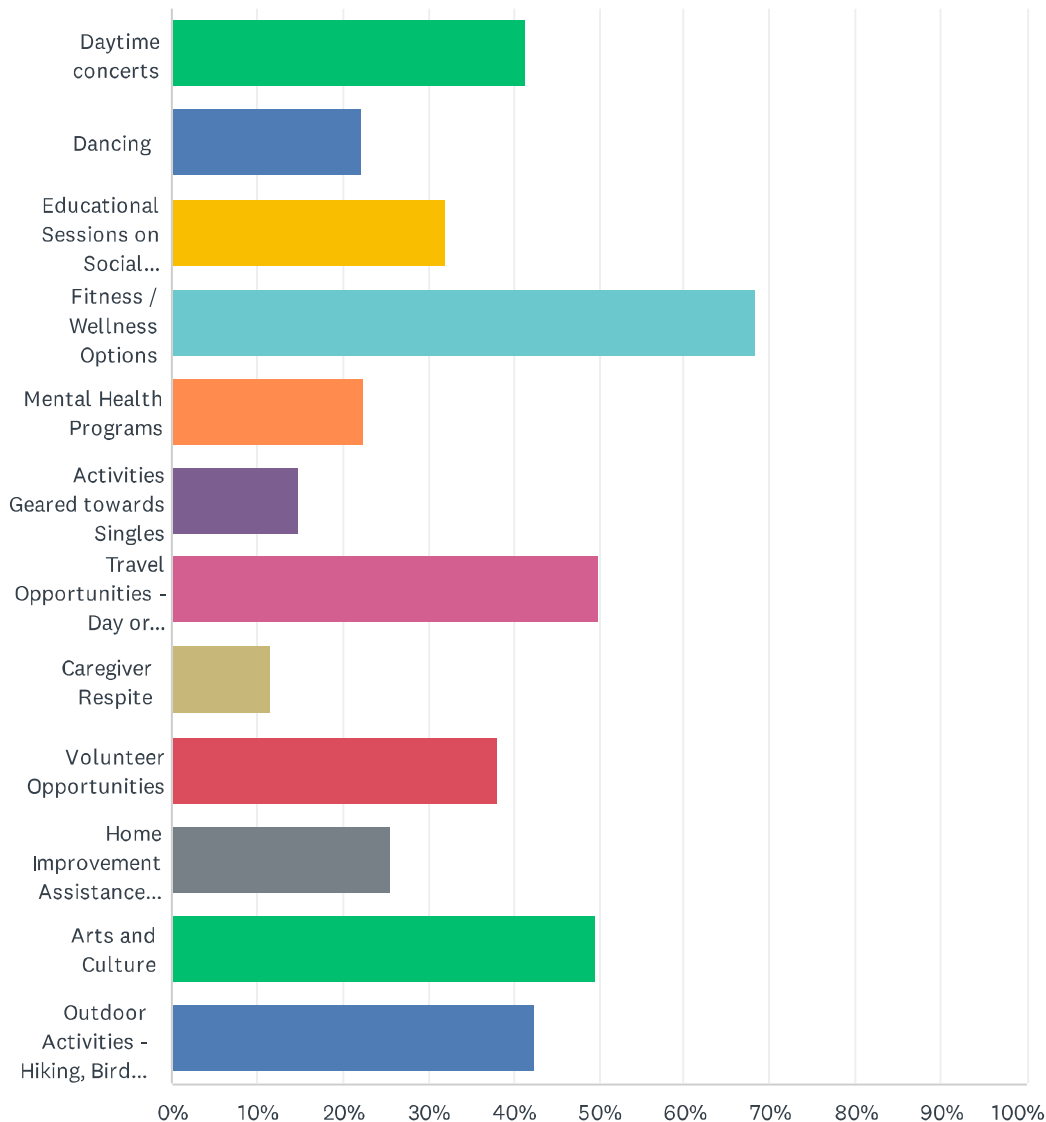


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Southern RI Volunteers	24.76%	102
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLIE)	46.84%	193
Narragansett Community Center	78.40%	323
South Kingstown Senior Center	81.07%	334
Thundermist Healthcare	60.92%	251
Jonnycake Center for Hope	61.65%	254
Tri-Town Community Action Program	20.63%	85
Domestic Violence Resource Center	37.62%	155
RI Office of Veterans Services	16.75%	69
Hope Hospice	26.70%	110
St. Elizabeths Adult Day Services	22.57%	93
Total Respondents: 412		

Q7 What types of activities, events or services would like to know more about; or to see implemented or improved for residents over 60?

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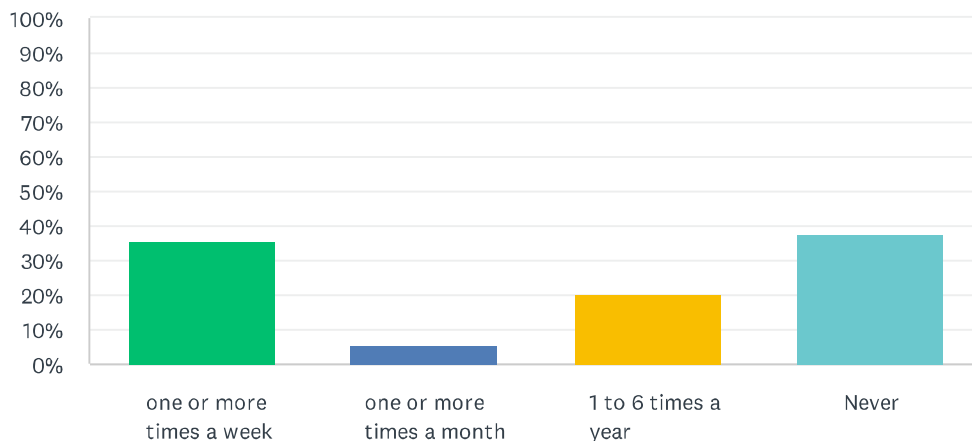


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daytime concerts	41.26%	170
Dancing	22.09%	91
Educational Sessions on Social Security, Medicare, Longterm Care Planning	32.04%	132
Fitness / Wellness Options	68.20%	281
Mental Health Programs	22.33%	92
Activities Geared towards Singles	14.81%	61
Travel Opportunities - Day or Overnight	50.00%	206
Caregiver Respite	11.41%	47
Volunteer Opportunities	38.11%	157
Home Improvement Assistance Programs	25.49%	105
Arts and Culture	49.51%	204
Outdoor Activities - Hiking, Bird Watching, Cycling	42.48%	175
Total Respondents: 412		

Q8 How often do you attend a local senior center?

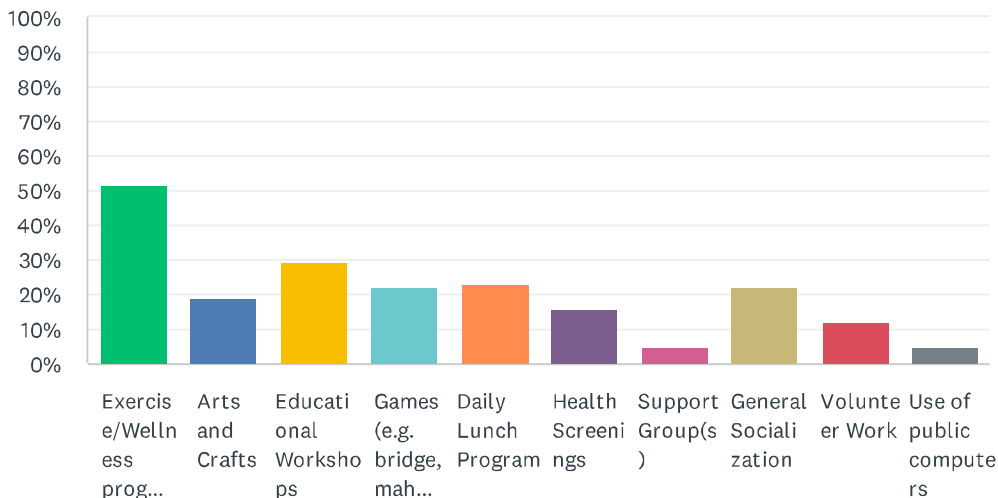
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
one or more times a week	35.92%	148
one or more times a month	5.58%	23
1 to 6 times a year	20.63%	85
Never	38.11%	157
Total Respondents: 412		

Q9 If you attend a senior center, which of the following activities or services do you participate in? (check all that apply)

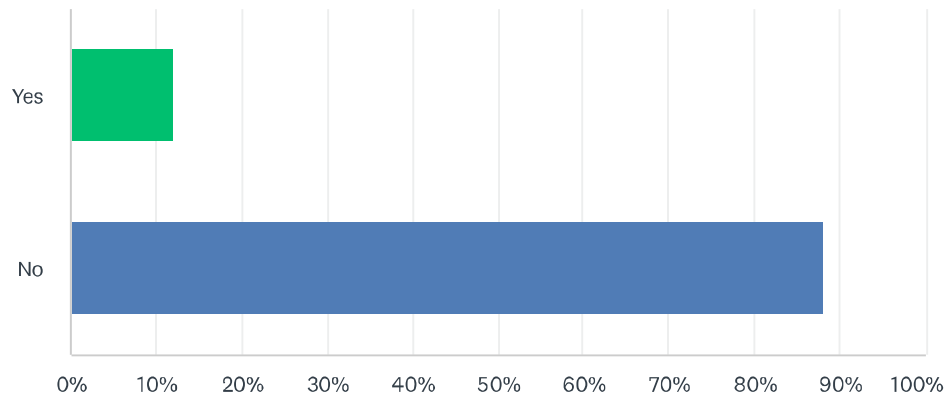
Answered: 350 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Exercise/Wellness programs	51.71%	181
Arts and Crafts	19.14%	67
Educational Workshops	29.43%	103
Games (e.g. bridge, mah jong, bingo, scrabble, chess)	22.29%	78
Daily Lunch Program	23.14%	81
Health Screenings	16.00%	56
Support Group(s)	4.57%	16
General Socialization	22.00%	77
Volunteer Work	12.29%	43
Use of public computers	4.57%	16
Total Respondents: 350		

Q10 Are you a caregiver?

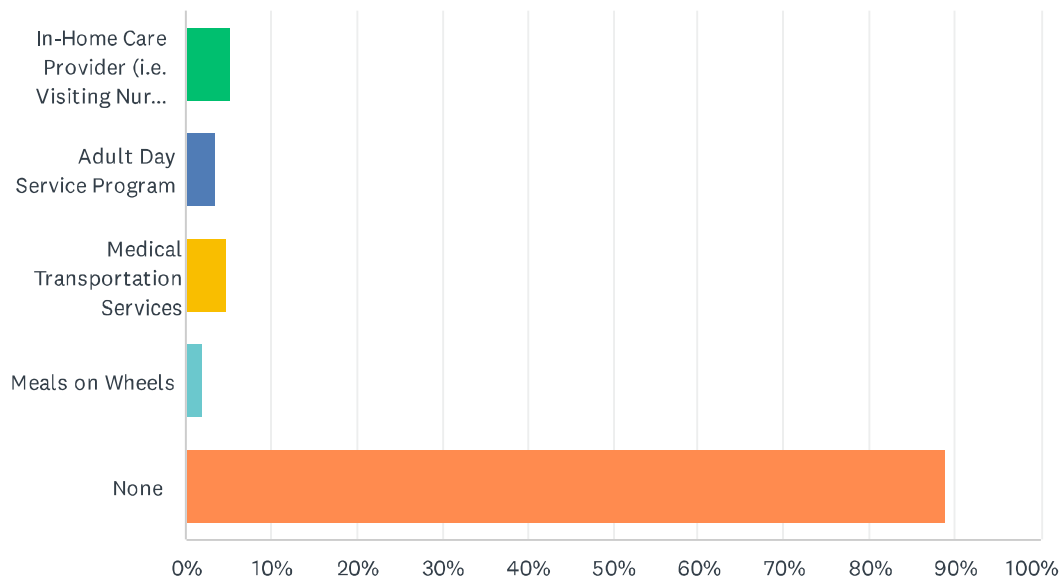
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.89%	49
No	88.11%	363
Total Respondents: 412		

Q11 If you answered "yes" to the previous question, which of the following services do you utilize to assist with caregiving?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 99



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In-Home Care Provider (i.e. Visiting Nurse, CNA)	5.11%	16
Adult Day Service Program	3.51%	11
Medical Transportation Services	4.79%	15
Meals on Wheels	1.92%	6
None	88.82%	278
Total Respondents: 313		

Q12 Please feel free to comment on any ideas or issues you think are important to you and the 60 plus community in South Kingstown and Narragansett.

Answered: 113 Skipped: 299

Q13 Name (optional)

Answered: 172 Skipped: 240

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	78.49%	135
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	95.35%	164
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	68.02%	117
Phone Number	0.00%	0

Q12 Please feel free to comment on any ideas or issues you think are important to you and the 60 plus community in South Kingstown and Narragansett.

Answered: 113 Skipped: 299

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Technology I need more info on easier ways to use my cell phone	12/6/2024 1:56 PM
2	Senior Center More funding for Narragansett Center	12/6/2024 1:42 PM
3	Programs More Bridge (Duplicate)	12/6/2024 1:36 PM
4	Facilities Senior Center Bring the piano out!	12/6/2024 1:26 PM
5	Programs More bus trips and services	12/6/2024 1:09 PM
6	Transportation more transportation for seniors rather than just mornings	12/5/2024 3:26 PM
7	Social Services More affordable housing, more info on services for elderly, Better outreach, services are not well known by seniors	12/5/2024 3:23 PM
8	Programs Exercise and health programs	12/5/2024 3:15 PM
9	Transportation Thank you for the bus rides to shopping centers when my car was broken	12/5/2024 3:00 PM
10	Programs Talks by people in arts: they come to us Entertainment: plays, movies music, dancing	12/5/2024 2:54 PM
11	Programs Senior Center Social Services Transportation Continue to provide a range of services.	12/5/2024 2:25 PM
12	Programs Transportation Expand free transportation local, walking groups, comment/complaint box,	12/5/2024 2:20 PM
13	Programs Exercise and balance programs	12/5/2024 1:41 PM
14	Programs Balance classes	12/5/2024 1:20 PM
15	Programs Transportation More lectures More bussing	12/5/2024 1:04 PM
16	Volunteer Love the AARP Taxes completion-so helpful, interested in Southern RI Volunteers. The facility is always clean and well-cared for	12/5/2024 12:47 PM
17	Technology Phone and Kindle technology	12/3/2024 7:11 PM
18	Programs Painting watercolor, drawing instruction on a weekly basis	12/3/2024 5:53 PM
19	Will there be a way to get/hear the results?	12/3/2024 5:44 PM
20	Financial Taxes Price water bills Problem neighbors - loud & disrespectful	12/3/2024 4:55 PM
21	Programs Socialization through activities	12/2/2024 7:47 PM
22	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Housing No elevator! For senior & disabled residents no elevator! Please put in a chairlift for each building at So. Winds! They are not expensive & would be a tremendous help to seniors on a 2nd floor, especially with groceries!! PLEASE!! Help!!	12/2/2024 6:36 PM
23	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Seniors need improved access to Narragansett Town Beach. Overcrowding makes navigating entrance to & on the beach or build a community swimming outdoor pool.	12/2/2024 6:29 PM
24	Programs Transportation Movies, trips	12/2/2024 5:32 PM
25	Programs Lessons - Quilting, sewing, weaving	12/2/2024 5:14 PM

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26	Programs Wellness / Fitness	I think it's very important to have exercise classes for various levels of ability.	12/2/2024 5:01 PM
27	Programs Wellness / Fitness	Exercise class for 50+ Similar to South Kingstown unless you are doing coordination. More art type classes/crafts	12/2/2024 4:56 PM
28	Facilities Social Services	Mental Health Support Groups Wellness I would love to see a separate pool constructed for seniors only. Fundraisers related to a pool YMCA too busy, too much usage	12/2/2024 4:42 PM
29	Facilities	Repair cracks & resurface Clark Rd. pickleball courts	12/2/2024 4:36 PM
30	Facilities	More Pickleball courts.	12/2/2024 4:33 PM
31	Municipal	Less URI students living in the area who do not help create a community of stability and regular neighbors.	11/26/2024 5:54 AM
32	Financial	Why do we deliver \$ to S.K. when we have a wonderful Community Center?	11/25/2024 4:40 PM
33	Transportation	More buses	11/25/2024 4:33 PM
34	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information	I am 57 wanted to be a member Narragansett Community Center.	11/25/2024 4:25 PM
35	Financial	Pull money given to South Kingstown for Narragansett participation back into the Narragansett programs. Karen Flint is doing an awesome job!	11/25/2024 4:15 PM
36	Programs	I think we need more programs for teens, not seniors. *2nd shift 4-8 pm for kids. Portable ping pong table, chess club, board games, clubs	11/25/2024 4:10 PM
37	Programs	Would like to know if any organized bingo games in area.	11/25/2024 4:03 PM
38	Programs Wellness / Fitness	Chair yoga, movement programs are very important.	11/22/2024 4:56 PM
39	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Municipal	I think there should be blinking lights at the crosswalks, esp the one on Kingstown Rd. in front of the elderly & handicap apartment building. "Beachwood Apts" as many residents walk to the library risking their lives trying to cross the street.	11/22/2024 2:58 PM
40	Programs	More courses on classical/jazz music, literature, etc.	11/22/2024 1:57 PM
41	Programs Senior Center	Orientation - group tours of facility & introduction to programs	11/22/2024 1:53 PM
42	Housing Programs	Would like to hear a speaker talking about OSHER Lifelong Learning Program & what they offer. Also, procedure/requirements needed to go into senior housing & list of senior housing available in South County - or RI in general.	11/21/2024 7:48 PM
43	Housing Social Services	Affordable housing Help with caregiving	11/21/2024 7:02 PM
44	Senior Center	The Center in SK is wonderful! Staff is friendly & efficient Love all the classes	11/21/2024 6:49 PM
45	Senior Center Transportation	Provide a congenial place to visit Transportation is a real plus In-home visitors for those unable to get out Multigenerational Opportunities, especially for the holidays.	11/21/2024 6:25 PM
46	Programs Senior Center	My husband and I come to the Senior Center for lunch and social activities.	11/21/2024 5:16 PM
47	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Programs Senior Center	I am blind so I enjoy lunches here and walking at the Rec Center.	11/21/2024 4:51 PM
48	Programs Transportation	I would like to travel day or night.	11/21/2024 4:42 PM
49	Programs Transportation	Trips since we are restricted in our driving.	11/21/2024 4:38 PM
50	Programs Senior Center	More social interaction; comfort of food and drinks fireplace utilized for warmth and comfort; literature sharing; tree breaks	11/18/2024 3:47 PM
51	Programs	Music Concerts	11/18/2024 3:31 PM
52	Programs Senior Center Social Services	Emergency Support Daily Activities	11/18/2024 2:47 PM

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53	Financial Municipal	homestead exemption on property taxes	11/18/2024 2:44 PM
54	Programs Senior Center	more activities needed at SK senior center. more comfortable furniture needed at SK center.	11/15/2024 4:49 PM
55	Programs Senior Center Transportation	Take out window for cold lunch; bus trips (daily, overnight), boat rides, lectures, museums (passes and trips). We need spanish and bilingual staff.	11/15/2024 4:46 PM
56	Programs Senior Center	Your programs are wonderful and have have made my transitioning on becoming a widow so very helpful.	11/15/2024 4:40 PM
57	Senior Center	I miss the re-sale shop which was open before Covid.	11/13/2024 4:43 PM
58	Technology	Would like to learn how to use technology like a smart phone	11/13/2024 4:37 PM
59	Senior Center	Provide drinking water at center	11/13/2024 4:36 PM
60	Transportation	TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR SENIORS FOR APPTS OR OTHER IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WAS A BIG HASSLE FOR MY MOM. I HOPE I DONT RUN INTO THAT AS I AGE	10/31/2024 8:45 PM
61	Volunteer	I believe Southern Rhode Island Volunteer's programs are vital to our community and should be talked about far more often. I tell all of my customers about them!	10/31/2024 9:46 AM
62	Programs Wellness / Fitness	When I have time one day I would like to participate in organized day walks at our beautiful wall or trails. I would also like to have lunch at community tables at different local restaurants, at least during off season time.	10/21/2024 9:04 PM
63		I appreciate the various opportunities, but am well integrated with the circles I have chosen, esp church (Peacedale UCC)	10/21/2024 6:16 PM
64	Financial Wellness / Fitness	Control of costs. Access to affordable care Health & wellness programs Access to reliable home maintenance resources	10/20/2024 10:06 PM
65	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information	I still work full time, so there are limited opportunities to participate in senior activities. More flexibility with timing would be helpful	10/19/2024 12:18 PM
66	Financial Municipal	I think all senior residents should have anticipated their retirement needs, and the taxpayers shouldn't be paying for services the seniors or their families should be providing for themselves or their aging parents.	10/18/2024 1:15 PM
67	Financial Programs Senior Center	I really enjoy the educational classes at sk senior center. I feel that the resources given to them is very important. I live in Narragansett and have no problem going to sk center fit activities. It is not necessary to spread our resources over 2 facilities. Let's use our funds to bring even more programs to so senior center	10/17/2024 6:50 AM
68	Senior Center	no activities after 3pm. Jamestown does an excellent job with their senior center	10/15/2024 1:34 PM
69	Programs	As someone who just came of age, many of the topics listed in question 9 are of interest ps: although I have yet to attend question 10 was mandatory	10/14/2024 4:28 PM
70	Programs Senior Center	Do not have the time. When at our vacation home in NH attend lunch daily. No advance notice needed. Activities they provide are very exciting and varied daily. People very friendly.	10/13/2024 7:52 PM
71	Transportation	More transportation would be helpful for doctor appointments in the Warwick and Providence area . As you age so do your friends and it's hard to find people who are comfortable driving Rt 95 to these areas. Thank you.	10/12/2024 3:25 PM
72		Survey poorly done with re: to questions 8, 9, 10, and 11. Required responses that could not be answered honestly.	10/12/2024 12:11 PM
73	Programs Transportation	I would like to see more cultural event's available and if not local transportation available.	10/12/2024 7:52 AM
74	Programs	Unless you play pickleball this community is stagnant for any type of progress.	10/12/2024 7:33 AM
75		Error in survey. If I answer "Never" to #8, I should not be required to answer #9. Same with answering "no" to #10 but still requiring an answer to #11.	10/12/2024 6:37 AM

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76	Social Services Aid to seniors to ensure their medical bills are correct and advocating for them for billing corrections seems like a service that would be helpful. I'm personally very informed and comfortable navigating insurance for myself and my elder family members. I have been told by health practitioners that there are seniors who don't have the skill level to navigate medical insurance issues.	10/11/2024 11:12 PM
77	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Housing I am considering a move to my second home in Narragansett, however to make the house senior friendly(age in place), i need a small addition ' have been told by a local architect I cannot grow my house. I hate this! I might rent to students & go elsewhere. Narragansett needs to consider all ages when making these rules.	10/11/2024 7:06 PM
78	Senior Center I am a Narragansett resident and believe that our senior services are far too limited. I have lived in other towns that offer so much more for seniors and employ people with degrees and experience working with an aging population. The center in Narragansett is bare minimum and not very inclusive and welcoming so, consequently I rarely go there. Luckily, I still drice so I don't need to rely so heavily on the services, but sure would like to know they are there for those that do.	10/11/2024 3:13 PM
79	Programs I'd like to see more cultural excursions	10/11/2024 2:47 PM
80	Safety and security. NOTE: Some of the questions force an answer when "none" is appropriate (4,6,9). This may skew your data.	10/11/2024 2:24 PM
81	Currently I live in Charlestown, RI, right on the South Kingstown line.	10/11/2024 2:13 PM
82	Financial I'd like more information about why Narragansett gives SK \$100000 for - what specific programs does that give Narr residents that they can't get from Narragansett directly.	10/11/2024 1:03 PM
83	Programs Wellness / Fitness We moved to Narragansett full time 2 years ago and finding a primary care physician has been almost impossible. Any suggestions? Also, we have found it very difficult meeting people in our age group...62 to 65. Has there ever been new comers activities to try and connect people who are newer to the community?	10/11/2024 12:33 PM
84	Programs Senior Center I would like to to see Narragansett have more for the seniors - I always hear my friends talking about all the things they do at the SK center - indoor walking and exercise programs - social events - fun and educational classes - hoping to retire soon and would love to see more for seniors in Narragansett. Can't remember everything that goes on at SK center but always hearing my friends talk about going there.	10/11/2024 11:39 AM
85	Programs Senior Center Better advertising needed. Facebook. Emails The community center seems so sad looking. It's old and doesn't seem inviting	10/11/2024 11:11 AM
86	Housing More affordable housing.	10/11/2024 10:42 AM
87	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information It would be nice to have a mailed printout of offerings. I had to answer #9 even though I do not attend a center in order to complete questionnaire.	10/11/2024 10:23 AM
88	Senior Center All that is offered is very important. To some seniors the centers are their only outlet to socialize.	10/11/2024 9:43 AM
89	Financial Municipal Senior Center Continuation of funding for the community/senior centers to keep the fees affordable. Avoid any reduction of funding for the public libraries.Like the centers they are VITAL for offering programs and and resources for everyone but especially those individuals over 65.	10/11/2024 9:31 AM
90	Municipal Very bothered about fast drivers, flying down back roads.	10/11/2024 8:32 AM
91	Senior Center Senior centers in both towns are wonderful resources filled with cheerful compassionate volunteers and workers	10/11/2024 8:11 AM
92	Senior Center Make Narragansett Senior Center more like SK Senior Center.	10/11/2024 8:01 AM
93	Programs Transportation More day trips	10/11/2024 7:38 AM
94	Financial Municipal Tax relief for South Kingstown elderly residents such as the Homestead act. Help seniors stay in their home, if you are a long time resident and over 60 provide relief. The income limit is too low. Those just over it have a hard time staying here.	10/11/2024 7:27 AM

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95	Municipal I'd like other resources. For instance, where can I find a platform statement from candidates for office of TC and SC.	10/11/2024 7:00 AM
96	Facilities The town should expand the pickle ball courts on Clarke Rd. They have been overcrowded, since they were built in 2018. Many vacationers come each year and play with the regular players. A committee has recommended this plan for the last three years, but the town has not approved plan yet. The four courts are in need of repair now!!! Please look into this plan and the number of players. This activity has many health benefits for seniors. I am 82 and still play competitively. Thank youRick .	10/11/2024 6:55 AM
97	Question 9 does not require an answer if you don't attend a senior center! Re read it. I checked educational to move the survey along, but I've never gone to a senior center	10/11/2024 6:27 AM
98	Programs Senior Center Would like to see more activities/courses in Narragansett such as the SK Guild offers. More info and help for caregivers, as well	10/11/2024 6:19 AM
99	Programs Wellness / Fitness more exercise classes for seniors	10/10/2024 9:46 PM
100	Municipal Programs I have concerns about safety issues particularly in regard to police. I think the chief is doing a great job, but in my experience, some of the male officers need counseling in areas regarding intimidating behavior both on and off the job. They could also use classes in certain areas of the law and why it is important that they should not feel they can break the law because of their position of authority.	10/10/2024 8:58 PM
101	Non	10/10/2024 5:36 PM
102	Programs Senior Center Wellness / Fitness Prior to covid I attended two exercise classes at SK Center. It's not clear to me if Narragansett residents can attend SK Center classes. And if so, is there a fee. If not, then I would like to see a program in Narragansett that mirrors the one in SK. Thank you	10/10/2024 4:16 PM
103	I am just retiring so expect the part in more activities in future	10/10/2024 11:06 AM
104	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Evening programs would be nice.	10/10/2024 9:26 AM
105	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Programs Social Services Would like a newsletter or one place to see all services and activities in one place	10/10/2024 7:57 AM
106	Programs Learning about wines.. wine tasting; mushroom foraging,	10/9/2024 4:27 PM
107	Senior Center I would like to be more involved in 60 plus organization	10/9/2024 1:29 PM
108	SK has much more than some nearby communities so Thank You! Information for the next generation to help their parents transition would be wonderful.	10/9/2024 12:50 PM
109	Accessibility - Physical, and to Information Newsletter or email on what is offered. Thx	10/9/2024 9:20 AM
110	Transportation Senior transportation to Drs offices and other needed services. I do not currently need then, but know folks who do.	10/9/2024 6:22 AM
111	It wants me to answer question #9 but I have never attended the senior center!	10/8/2024 4:42 PM
112	I don't attend a senior center but question #9 makes me answer.	10/8/2024 4:20 PM
113	Programs More things geared towards active, younger seniors.	10/8/2024 4:10 PM