

County Profile: CITY OF ATLANTA

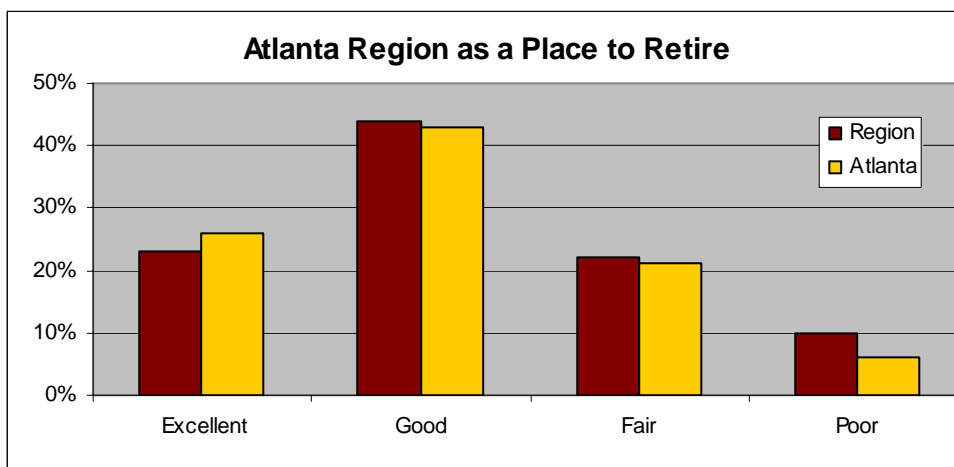
Older Adults in the Atlanta Region: Preferences, Practices and Potential of the 55+ Population

In the Fall of 2006, the UGA Carl Vinson Institute conducted a survey of the 55+ population living in the ten county Atlanta Region. The following tables and charts summarize the survey's findings for the City of Atlanta.

Basic Demographics

	Atlanta	Region
55+ population (US Census 2000)	71,301	646,620
% of total population 55+ (US Census 2000)	17.1%	16.5%

	Atlanta	Region
Average years in home	24.19	18.74
Average years in region	42.56	37.08
Have family in the region	85%	85%



Employment		
	Atlanta	Region
Full time employed	14%	20%
Part time employed	13%	12%
Not working at All	71%	67%
Don't Know/Refused	2%	1%

Of those in Atlanta who are not working at all, **67% retired from a full time job.**

Of the working population:

25% plan to continue working full time

27% plan to work part time

36% plan to retire

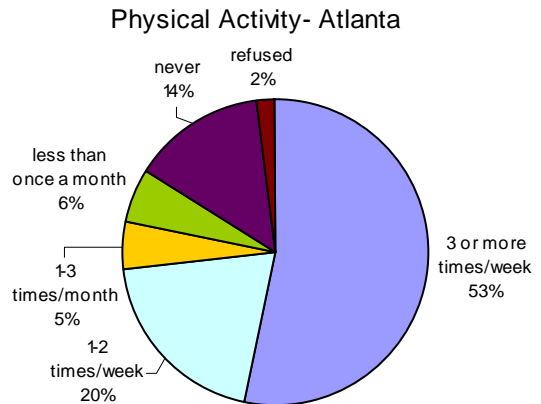
12% do not know what they will do.

Volunteering		
	Atlanta	Region
Volunteer	35%	35%
part time/almost part time	95%	94%
full time/nearly full time	5%	6%
Do not volunteer	65%	65%

Of those in Atlanta who volunteer, **many volunteer intermittently (37%)** or weekly (35%).

Health and Healthcare

Health Status		
	Atlanta	Region
Excellent/very good	45%	48%
Good	31%	29%
Fair	20%	17%
Poor	4%	5%
Health compared to a year ago		
Much better	8%	8%
Somewhat better	8%	12%
Same	70%	67%
Somewhat worse	12%	11%
Much worse	1%	2%
Emotional Health		
Excellent/very good	51%	53%
Good	38%	32%
Fair	8%	10%
Poor	2%	3%
Don't know/refused	1%	1%



Knowledge/Concern about Long Term Care		
	Atlanta	Region
Believe that Medicare funds long term care		
Yes	23%	18%
No	43%	49%
Don't know/refused	33%	33%
Own long term care insurance policy		
Yes	20%	21%
No	77%	77%
Concerned about financing long term care		
Very concerned	21%	17%
Somewhat concerned	27%	28%
Not too concerned	29%	27%
Not at all concerned	22%	26%

Preventive Health Care- Atlanta

Most older adults in Atlanta are accessing basic preventive health services:

96% had their blood pressure checked recently

83% had their cholesterol tested

85% of men have had a prostate exam

However **many forgo necessary services**, only:

44% of older adults had a flu shot

42% have had the pneumonia vaccine

74% of women have had a mammogram

86% of women have had a pap test

44% have had a colorectal cancer screening within the past two years

While older adults are healthier and living longer than ever before, **many in the community still need assistance with basic needs.**

Need for Assistance with Meals		
	Atlanta	Region
Always	13%	9%
Often	0%	2%
Seldom	5%	8%
Never	80%	81%
Don't know/refused	2%	1%

Housing and Transportation

Most older adults in the City of Atlanta **own their own home (78%)**. Of those who do not own their own home, 59% are paying rent and 31% are living with another family member.

Planning to live in current house		
	Atlanta	Region
less than 1 year	2%	7%
1-3 more years	7%	9%
4-6 years	4%	6%
6-10 years	7%	5%
more than 10 years	3%	2%
until I retire	0%	1%
as long as I live	72%	64%
Don't know/refused	4%	6%

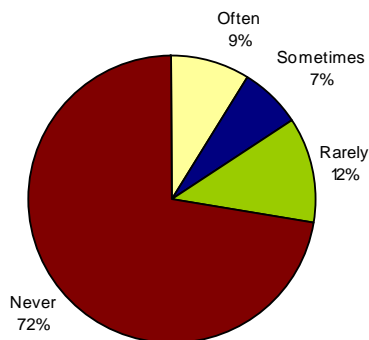
Factors choosing where to live		
	Atlanta	Region
To be near family	31.2%	42.6%
Affordable cost of housing	18.3%	19.5%
To be near doctor/good doctors	21%	25.1%
Proximity of entertainment venues	11.7%	16.7%
To be around other people my age	9.4%	12.7%
To be in a quiet community	24.4%	28.8%
Other	32.9%	29.9%
Don't know/refused	7.6%	4.3%

Most older adults in the City of Atlanta said if they did move, they would **move to another location in the region (59%)**. 14% would move to other locations in Georgia, 14% would move outside the state and 12% said they did not know where they would move.

Transportation		
	Atlanta	Region
Primary mode of transportation		
Use own car	79%	88%
Driven by others	6%	7%
Use public transportation	10%	4%
Some other means	3%	1%
How often do you currently use public transportation?		
Several times/week	7%	4%
Once a week	3%	2%
Once a month	6%	3%
Just on occasion	44%	33%
Never	41%	59%

When asked how they will get around when they can no longer drive, **47% of older adults in the City of Atlanta plan to be driven around by others**, 18% will use public transportation, 15% plan to find some other means and **20% do not know how they will get around**.

Difficulty with Transportation- Atlanta



Methodology: The Carl Vinson Institute of the University of Georgia drew 11 independent samples for each of 10 counties and the City of Atlanta within the Atlanta region. In total, 1,651 individuals 55 and over were interviewed between September 15 and October 14 of 2006. The maximum sampling error for any single county is +/- eight %, while the sampling error for the entire region is +/- four %.

