

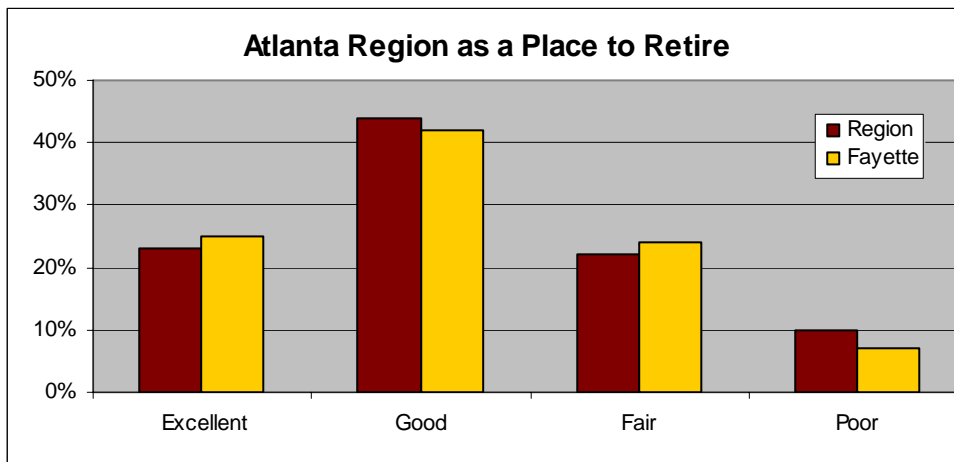
County Profile: FAYETTE

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 in Fayette County.

Basic Demographics

	Fayette	Region		Fayette	Region
55+ population (US Census 2005)	23,868	646,620	Average years in home	15.99	18.74
% of total population 55+	22.9%	16.5%	Average years in region	30.64	37.08
% change in 55+ population 2000-2005	41.6%	30.6%	Have family in the Atlanta region	81%	85%
Projected growth 2000-2030 (ARC Estimate)	205%	127%			



Employment

	Fayette	Region
Full time employed	25%	20%
Part time employed	9%	12%
Not working at All	66%	67%
Don't Know/Refused		1%

Of those in Fayette who are not working at all, **75% retired from a full time job.**

Of the working population:

35% plan to continue working full time

15% plan to work part time

38% plan to retire

12% do not know what they will do.

Volunteering

	Fayette	Region
Volunteer	37%	35%
part time/almost part time	95%	94%
full time/nearly full time	4%	6%
Do not volunteer	63%	65%

Of those in Fayette who volunteer, the **majority volunteer weekly (49%)** but many volunteer intermittently (35%).

Health and Healthcare

Health Status		
	Fayette	Region
Excellent/very good	50%	48%
Good	25%	29%
Fair	18%	17%
Poor	7%	5%
Health compared to a year ago		
Much better	9%	8%
Somewhat better	11%	12%
Same	66%	67%
Somewhat worse	12%	11%
Much worse	1%	2%
Emotional Health		
Excellent/very good	55%	53%
Good	30%	32%
Fair	11%	10%
Poor	2%	3%
Don't know/refused	2%	1%

Preventive Health Care- Fayette

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

95% had their blood pressure checked recently

79% had their cholesterol tested

94% of men have had a prostate exam

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

46% of older adults had a flu shot

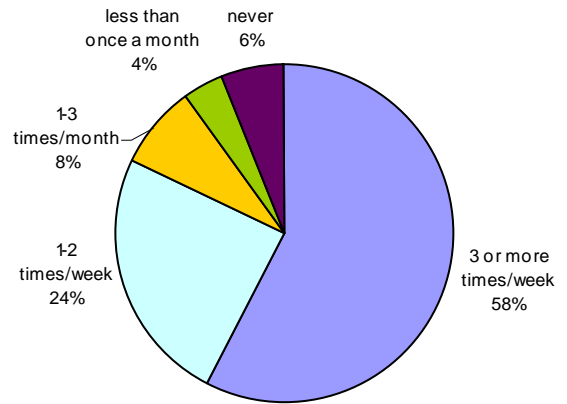
35% have had the pneumonia vaccine

71% of women had a mammogram in the past year

57% of women had a pap test in the past year

48% have had a colorectal cancer screening within the past two years

Physical Activity- Fayette



Knowledge/Concern about Long Term Care		
	Fayette	Region
Believe that Medicare funds long term care		
Yes	14%	18%
No	62%	49%
Don't know/refused	24%	33%
Own long term care insurance policy		
Yes	25%	21%
No	73%	77%
Concerned about financing long term care		
Very concerned	17%	17%
Somewhat concerned	30%	28%
Not too concerned	19%	27%
Not at all concerned	30%	26%

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		
	Fayette	Region
Always	12%	9%
Often	1%	2%
Seldom	8%	8%
Never	79%	81%
Don't know/refused	1%	1%

Housing and Transportation

Most older adults in Fayette County **own their own home (93%)**. Of those who do not own their own home, 62% are paying rent and 19% are living with another family member.

Planning to live in current house		
	Fayette	Region
less than 1 year	11%	7%
1-3 more years	9%	9%
4-6 years	8%	6%
6-10 years	7%	5%
more than 10 years	2%	2%
until I retire	0%	1%
as long as I live	60%	64%
Don't know/refused	3%	6%

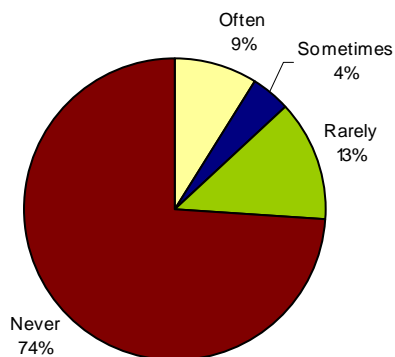
Factors choosing where to live		
	Fayette	Region
To be near family	49.9%	42.6%
Affordable cost of housing	13.9%	19.5%
To be near doctor/good doctors	20.4%	25.1%
Proximity of entertainment venues	11.7%	16.7%
To be around other people my age	9.2%	12.7%
To be in a quiet community	23%	28.8%
Other	28.5%	29.9%
Don't know/refused	3.9%	4.3%

Most older adults in Fayette County said if they did move, they would **move to another location in the region (52%)**. 12% would move to other locations in Georgia, 26% would move outside the state and 9% said they did not know where they would move.

Transportation		
	Fayette	Region
Primary mode of transportation		
Use own car	97%	88%
Driven by others	3%	7%
Use public transportation	0%	4%
Some other means	0%	1%
How often do you currently use public transportation?		
Several times/week	1%	4%
Once a week	1%	2%
Once a month	0%	3%
Just on occasion	38%	33%
Never	60%	59%

When asked how they will get around when they can no longer drive, **63% of older adults in Fayette County plan to be driven around by others**, 4% will use public transportation, 14% plan to find some other means and **19% do not know how they will get around**.

Difficulty with Transportation- Fayette



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 %.

