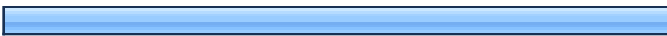


Aging in Cambridge: Housing Options for Residents 55+



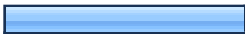
1. Are you 55 years of age or older?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	138
No		0.0%	0
answered question			138
skipped question			0

2. Which neighborhood of Cambridge best describes the one you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
East Cambridge		2.2%	3
MIT		1.5%	2
Wellington-Harrington		3.0%	4
Area Four		17.9%	24
Cambridgeport		25.4%	34
Mid-Cambridge		6.7%	9
Riverside		0.0%	0
Agassiz		9.0%	12
Neighborhood Nine		9.0%	12
West Cambridge		8.2%	11
North Cambridge		16.4%	22
Cambridge Highlands Strawberry Hill		0.7%	1
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skipped question			4

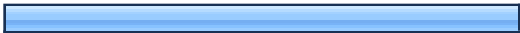
3. Which of the following best describes your current place of residence?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Condominium or town house		35.7%	45
Single Family Home		22.2%	28
Two or Three Family Home		27.0%	34
Apartment building (4-8 units)		7.1%	9
Apartment building (9-50 units)		3.2%	4
Apartment building (more than 50 units)		3.2%	4
Senior Housing		1.6%	2
Assisted Living		0.0%	0
Nursing Home		0.0%	0

Other (please specify) 10

answered question	126
skipped question	12

4. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statement: "I plan to stay in my home as long as I can."

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		77.4%	103
Somewhat Agree		15.8%	21
Somewhat Disagree		4.5%	6
Strongly Disagree		2.3%	3
answered question			133
skipped question			5

5. How likely is it that you will be able to afford living in your current residence as long as you would like?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very likely		55.6%	74
Somewhat likely		33.1%	44
Not too likely		7.5%	10
Not likely at all		3.8%	5
answered question			133
skipped question			5

6. Do you need to climb stairs as part of your daily routine?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		85.7%	114
No		14.3%	19
answered question			133
skipped question			5

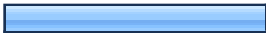
7. Cosmetic or minor repairs-- like painting, replacing screens, repairing leaky faucets, etc.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, modification needed		66.2%	86
No, modification not needed		23.8%	31
Not sure		10.0%	13
answered question			130
skipped question			8

8. Accomodations for mobility challenges-- like adding a bathroom on first level, installing a wheelchair ramp, lift or elevator, widening doorways or hallways

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, modification needed		25.4%	33
No, modification not needed		39.2%	51
Not sure		35.4%	46
answered question			130
skipped question			8

9. Major repairs--like replacing a roof, exterior painting, improvements to heating and cooling systems

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, modification needed		39.2%	51
No, modification not needed		38.5%	50
Not sure		22.3%	29
answered question			130
skipped question			8

10. The following is a list of home maintenance chores. For each one, please tell us how difficult each one is for you to perform yourself.

	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Not very difficult	Not difficult at all	Rating Count
Minor household maintenance & repairs (like changing light bulbs or smoke alarm batteries)	7.6% (10)	10.7% (14)	22.1% (29)	59.5% (78)	131
Snow shoveling	20.8% (27)	27.7% (36)	32.3% (42)	19.2% (25)	130
Household chores (like dusting, vacuuming, laundry)	1.5% (2)	8.4% (11)	32.8% (43)	57.3% (75)	131
Heavy lifting tasks (like installing window unit air-conditioners, moving furniture)	42.3% (55)	35.4% (46)	16.2% (21)	6.2% (8)	130
answered question					131
skipped question					7

11. How many additional years do you expect to stay in your current home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Up to 1 year		3.3%	4
More than 1 to up to 5 years		14.8%	18
More than 5 to up to 10 years		29.5%	36
More than 10 to up to 25 years		45.1%	55
More than 25 years		7.4%	9

Other (please specify) 10

answered question	122
skipped question	16

12. What are the one or two major reasons you might consider moving either now or some point in the future?

	Response Count
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answered question	125
skipped question	13

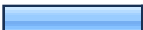
13. Do you expect to rent or own your next home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Rent		16.8%	22
Own		37.4%	49
Not sure		45.8%	60
answered question			131
skipped question			7

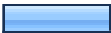
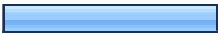
14. Which one of the following statements best represents your desire if, for health reasons, you could no longer live independently?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would look to stay in my home with assistance from family, friends, and/or an agency.		41.9%	52
I would look to share a residence with a family member or friend, which may or may not entail a move		8.9%	11
I would look to move to assisted living		7.3%	9
I am unsure what I would do		41.9%	52
Other (please specify)			9
answered question			124
skipped question			14

15. Which one of the following statements comes closest to describing your situation:

		Response Percent	Response Count
I currently have room in my home for a caregiver or relative to stay with me.		41.7%	53
I could alter my home to provide space for a caregiver or relative to stay with me.		21.3%	27
I could not provide space for a caregiver or relative to stay with me.		20.5%	26
Don't know		7.1%	9
Does not apply		9.4%	12
answered question			127
skipped question			11

16. What type of housing would you consider for your next residence?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single family home or town house		5.8%	7
Two or three family home		5.0%	6
3-4 story walk up apartment building		0.0%	0
Elevator apartment building		15.8%	19
Senior living building or community		12.5%	15
Assisted living		4.2%	5
Shared living residence, like "co-housing"		25.0%	30
Don't know		31.7%	38
Other (please specify)			18
answered question			120
skipped question			18

17. The following is a list of factors that might apply if you were seeking a next place to live. For each one, please tell us how important each one is to you personally.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Rating Count
Being able to stay in Cambridge	70.3% (90)	26.6% (34)	2.3% (3)	0.8% (1)	128
Being able to stay in your current neighborhood	30.5% (39)	57.8% (74)	9.4% (12)	2.3% (3)	128
Having extra space--like for overnight guest(s), office	40.2% (51)	39.4% (50)	15.0% (19)	5.5% (7)	127
Having a kitchen in my unit	85.9% (110)	12.5% (16)	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	128
Having access to outdoor space-- (e.g. terrace, balcony, garden)	69.8% (90)	22.5% (29)	5.4% (7)	2.3% (3)	129
Elevator	35.5% (44)	32.3% (40)	18.5% (23)	13.7% (17)	124
Having a parking space	44.1% (56)	26.8% (34)	17.3% (22)	11.8% (15)	127
Having a multi-purpose community room and kitchen	8.7% (11)	32.5% (41)	38.1% (48)	20.6% (26)	126
Having a gym and pool	15.4% (19)	22.8% (28)	33.3% (41)	28.5% (35)	123
Having on-site building and grounds management	31.2% (39)	32.0% (40)	22.4% (28)	14.4% (18)	125
Having on-site educational, social, and cultural activities/classes	18.4% (23)	26.4% (33)	36.0% (45)	19.2% (24)	125
Being within walking distance to retail, cultural, and social activities	78.1% (100)	20.3% (26)	1.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	128
answered question					129
skipped question					9

18. How likely would you be to consider having your own private unit that is part of a complex, which also provides shared community resources, such as a kitchen, multi-purpose common room, and outdoor space?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very likely		34.6%	44
Somewhat likely		40.2%	51
Not too likely		18.1%	23
Not likely at all		7.1%	9
answered question			127
skipped question			11

19. How likely would you be to consider sharing an apartment or house with others-- having your own private bedroom, with shared kitchen and common areas, bathrooms may be private or shared?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very likely		11.7%	15
Somewhat likely		27.3%	35
Not too likely		43.0%	55
Not likely at all		18.0%	23
answered question			128
skipped question			10

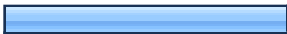
20. The following is a list of reasons some people say are important when considering living in a shared housing situation. For each one, please tell me how important each one is to you personally.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Rating Count
Being able to share living costs (more economical housing option)	30.7% (39)	40.2% (51)	25.2% (32)	3.9% (5)	127
Being able to share maintenance & upkeep-errands, yard work, snow removal, etc	44.1% (56)	40.9% (52)	11.8% (15)	3.1% (4)	127
The chance to have more social interactions	32.5% (41)	49.2% (62)	15.1% (19)	3.2% (4)	126
answered question					127
skipped question					11

21. Do you currently rent or own your residence?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Rent		18.0%	23
Own		79.7%	102
Live with relatives or others and not responsible for paying housing costs		0.8%	1
Other		1.6%	2
answered question			128
skipped question			10

22. Which one of the following best describes your current living situation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No one- I live by myself		42.2%	54
With a spouse or partner		48.4%	62
With my child(ren)		5.5%	7
Grandchild(ren)		0.8%	1
With my parent(s)		0.0%	0
With another relative(s)		0.0%	0
With friend(s) or non-relatives (including roommates)		0.8%	1
Other		2.3%	3
answered question			128
skipped question			10

23. Including yourself, how many people live in your home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
One		39.7%	50
Two		45.2%	57
Three		7.1%	9
Four		3.2%	4
Five		4.0%	5
Six or more		0.8%	1
answered question			126
skipped question			12

24. How many years have you lived in your current household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Up to 1 year		2.4%	3
More than 1 to up to 5 years		7.9%	10
More than 5 to up to 10 years		11.9%	15
More than 10 to up to 25 years		32.5%	41
More than 25 to up to 50 years		42.9%	54
More than 50 years		2.4%	3
answered question			126
skipped question			12

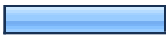
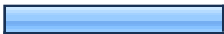
25. How many years have you lived in Cambridge?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Up to 1 year		0.8%	1
More than 1 to up to 5 years		2.4%	3
More than 5 to up to 10 years		7.1%	9
More than 10 to up to 25 years		16.5%	21
More than 25 to up to 50 years		66.9%	85
More than 50 years		6.3%	8
answered question			127
skipped question			11

26. How would you rate your overall health at this time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		48.0%	61
Good		40.9%	52
Fair		9.4%	12
Poor		1.6%	2
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			127
skipped question			11

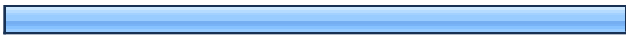
27. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
55-60		20.6%	26
61-65		23.8%	30
66-70		32.5%	41
71-75		16.7%	21
76-80		3.2%	4
81-85		1.6%	2
86-90		0.8%	1
Over 90		0.8%	1
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			126
skipped question			12

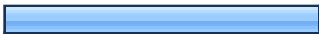
28. Gender

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		24.0%	30
Female		76.0%	95
Other		0.0%	0
answered question			125
skipped question			13

29. From which racial or ethnic group do most of your ancestors come?

		Response Percent	Response Count
White/Caucasian		93.6%	117
Black/African-American		4.8%	6
Asian-Pacific Islander		0.0%	0
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleutian		0.0%	0
Hispanic/Spanish/Puerto Rican		0.0%	0
Other/Multi-Racial		1.6%	2
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			125
skipped question			13

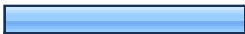
30. What is your current marital status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Married		47.2%	58
Living together as though married		4.1%	5
Separated/Divorced		15.4%	19
Widowed		7.3%	9
Never Married		10.6%	13
Single		15.4%	19
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			123
skipped question			15

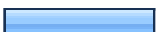
31. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

		Response Percent	Response Count
12th Grade or less		0.0%	0
Graduated high school or equivalent		2.4%	3
Some college, no degree		8.0%	10
Associate degree		3.2%	4
Bachelor's degree		25.6%	32
Advanced degree		60.0%	75
Don't know		0.8%	1
answered question			125
skipped question			13

32. What is your current employment status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Employed full time		36.0%	45
Employed part time		23.2%	29
Retired		34.4%	43
Unemployed		6.4%	8
Don't know		0.0%	0
answered question			125
skipped question			13

33. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ranges does your total household income fall?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$30,000		25.4%	30
Between \$30,000-\$60,000		16.1%	19
Between \$60,000-\$90,000		14.4%	17
Between \$90,000-\$120,000		20.3%	24
More than \$120,000		22.0%	26
Don't know		1.7%	2
answered question			118
skipped question			20

34. Finally, is there anything else you could imagine that would describe your ideal future living arrangement?

Response Count	
66	
answered question	66
skipped question	72