

Assessing Current and Future Needs of Older Residents in the Town of Andover

Town of Andover
Division of Elder Services
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COA Board Mission

To identify the needs and wishes of seniors in the community, and coordinate, plan and advocate for the services and programs that will meet those needs.

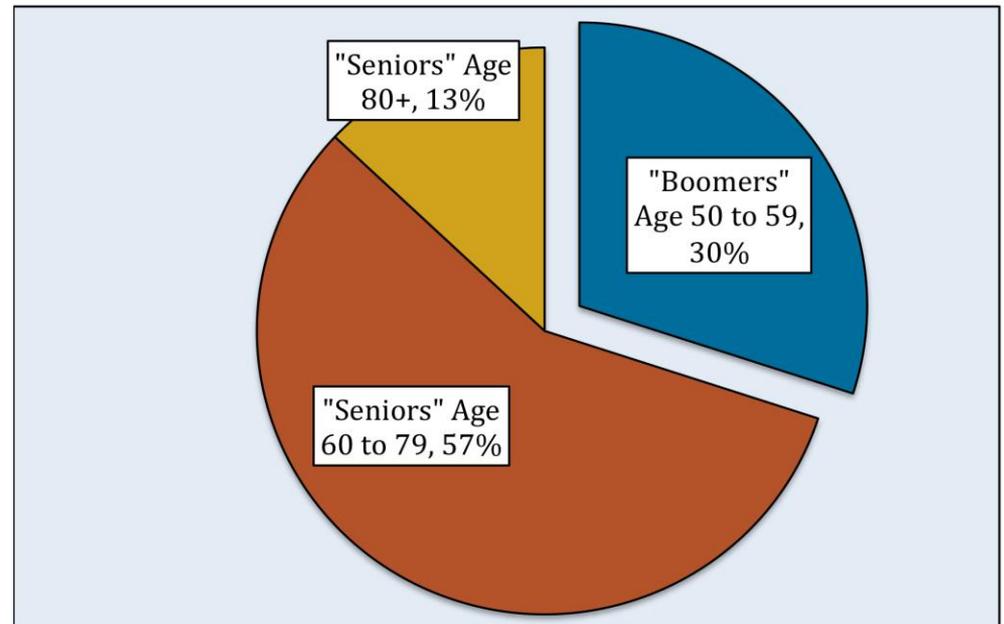
Purpose of the Study

- Identifying the service needs, preferences, and concerns of stakeholders affected by the Town's growing aging population.

Survey Sample

- 4,000 surveys sent
- 1,219 completed
- 31% response rate

Figure 11. Andover resident survey respondents by age cohort and category



Note: Excluded are 8 respondents who did not provide their age.

Livable/Age Friendly Communities

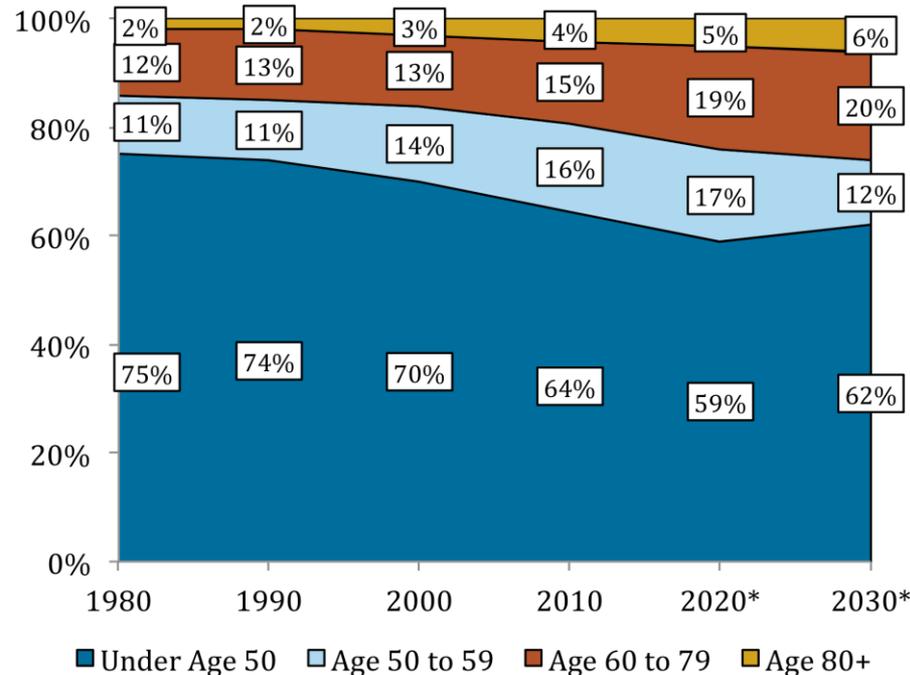
- **Community & Neighborhood**
- **Housing & Living Situation**
- **Social Activities & Relationships**
- **Caregiving**
- **Health**
- **Transportation**
- **Current & Future Retirement Plans**
- **Programs & Services**
- **Demographics**

Andover Demographics

- U.S. 2010 & 2000 Census Data
 - Other data sets
 - Andover Census data
- **Newton** Residents
 - Total Population: 33,201
 - 19% Age 60+ (6,447)
 - 16% Age 50-59 (5,405)

Age Distribution, 1980 - 2030

Figure 1. Recent and future age distribution of Andover, 1980 to 2030

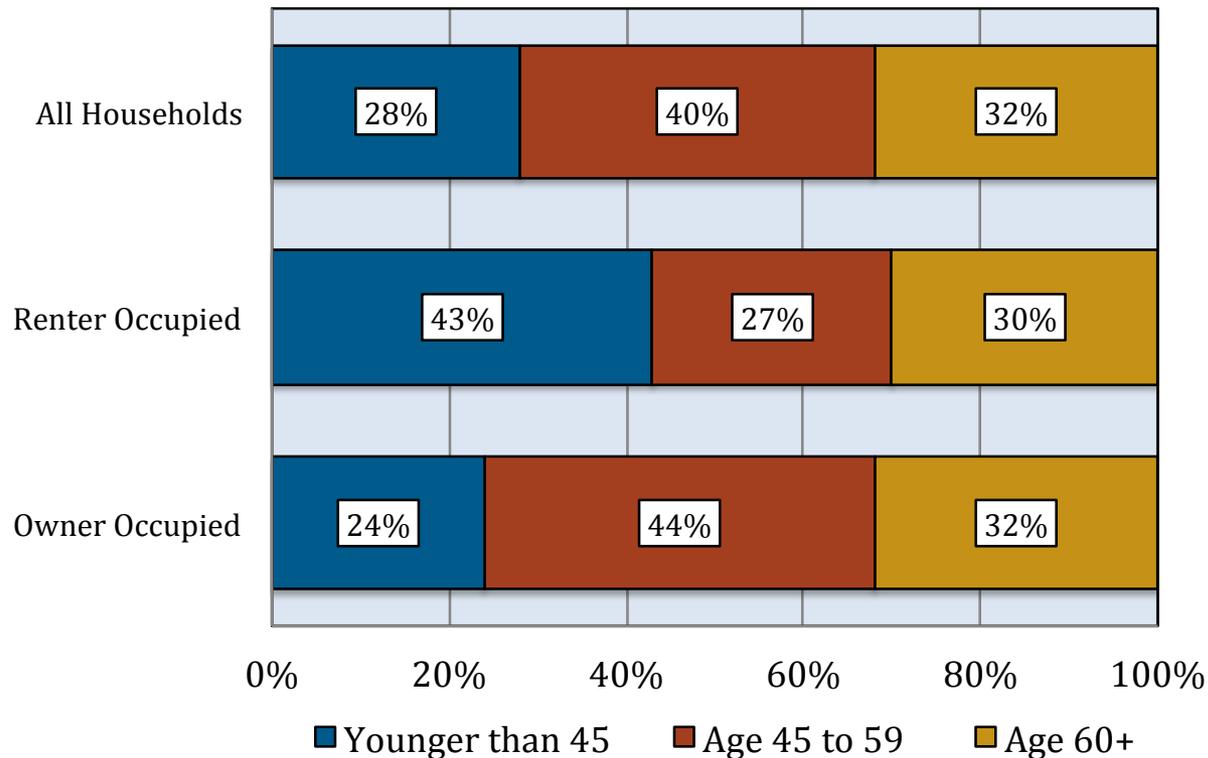


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population for 1980 thru 2010.

* Figures for 2020 and 2030 are projections generated by the Donahue Institute, University of Massachusetts: <http://pep.donahue-institute.org/>

Age structure of householders by owner status

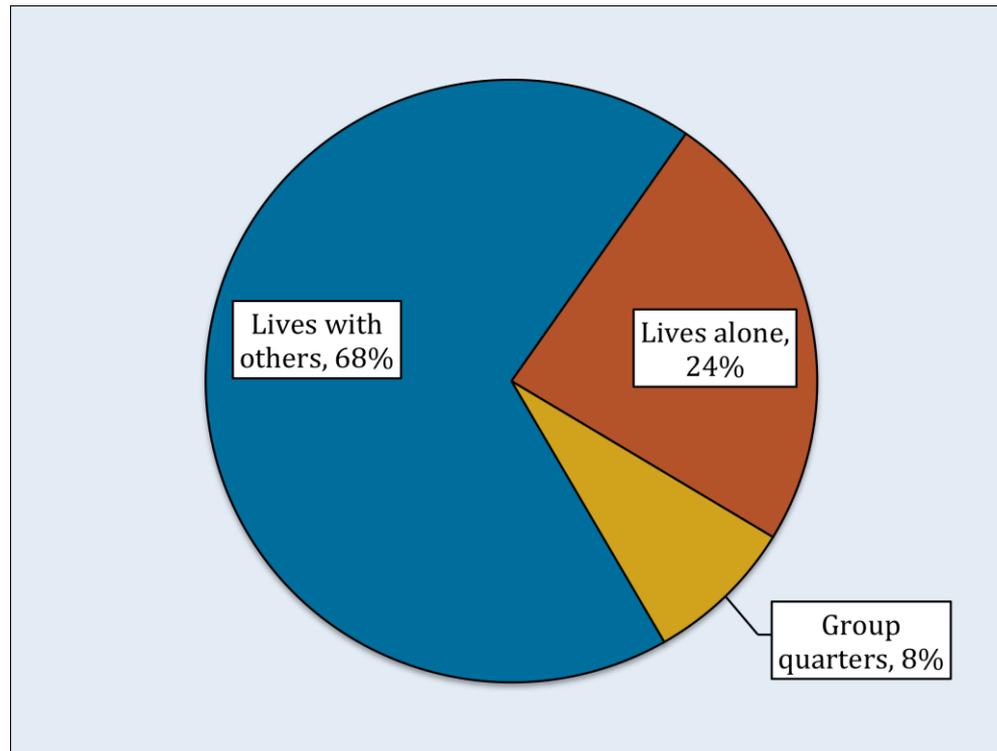
Figure 4. Age structure of householders by owner status, Andover 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2010 Census, Summary File 1, Table H17.

Living Situation, 60+

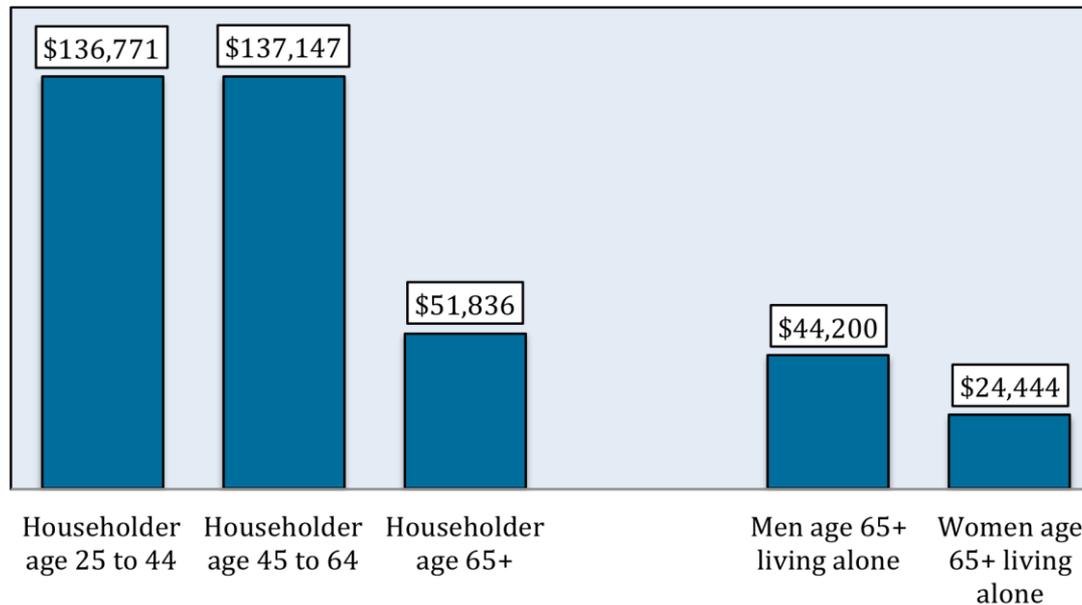
Figure 7. Living arrangements of Andover residents, age 65 and older



Source: U.S. Census 2010; Table SF-1, P34.

Median HH Income, by Age

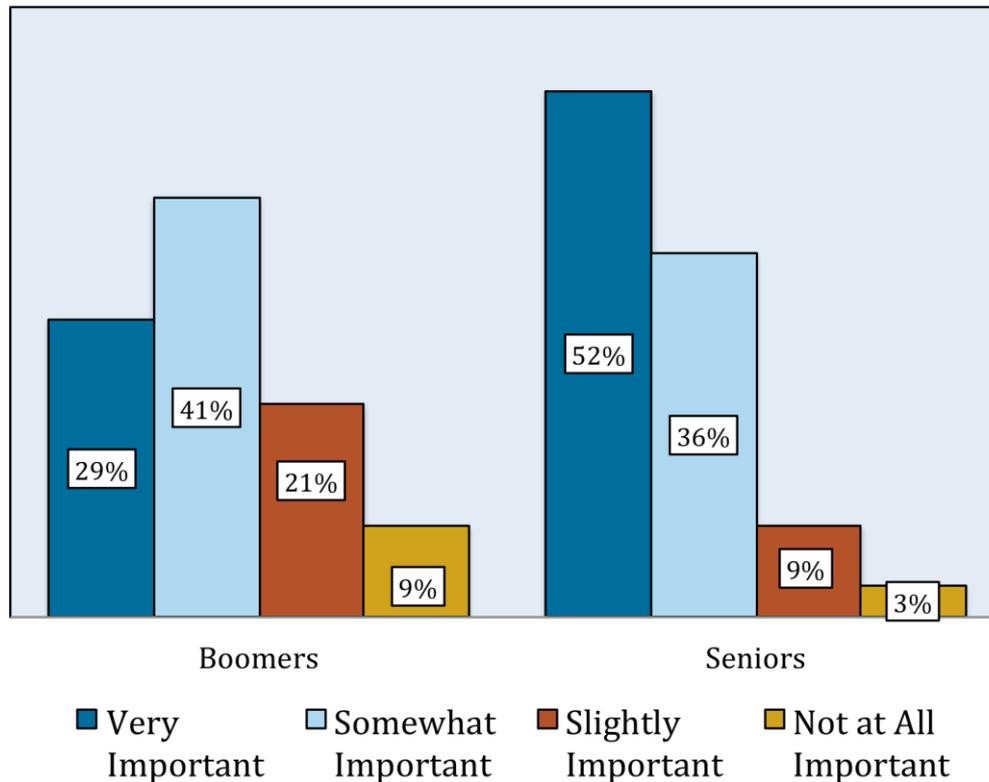
Figure 8. Median household income in Andover by age and living situation of householder (in 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2009-2013, Tables B19049 and B19215.
Note: Includes only community households, not group quarters such as nursing homes.

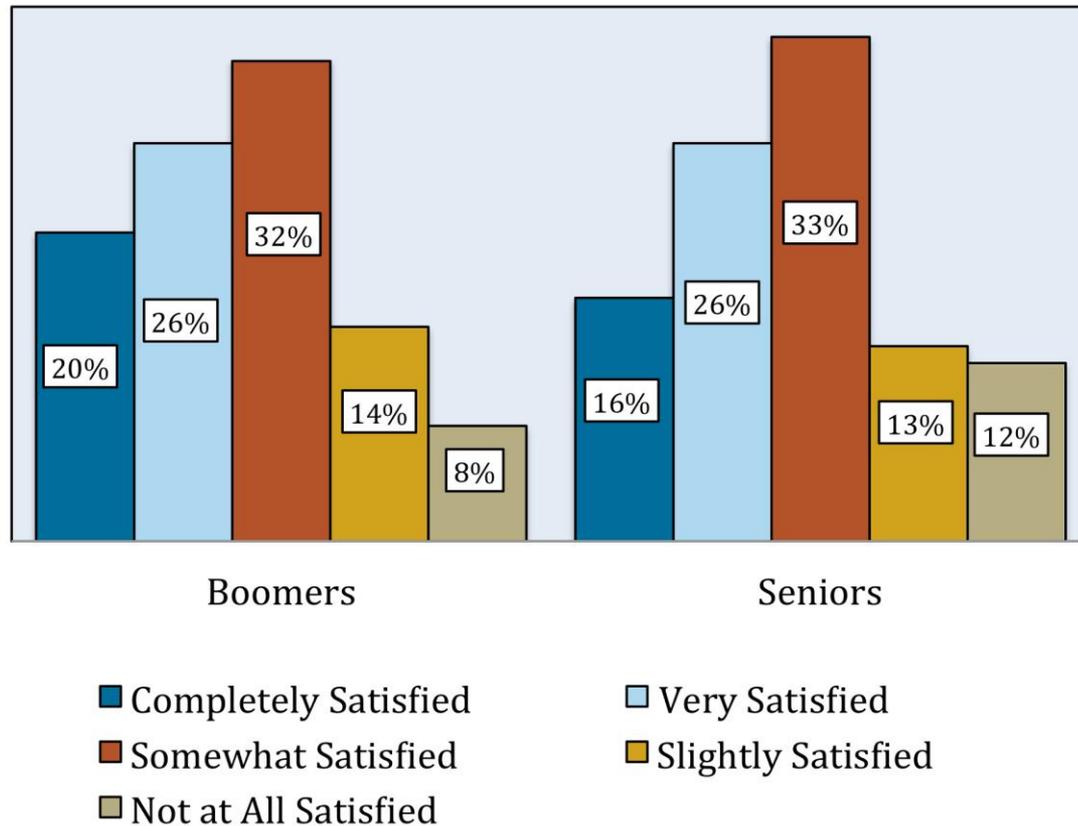
Importance of Staying in Andover

Figure 13. Rated importance of living in Andover as long as possible by age cohort



Satisfaction with Transportation

Figure 26. Satisfaction with transportation options in Andover by age cohort



Recommendations

- Plan for substantial growth, and shifting interests needs
- Consider ways to leverage existing services
- Promote quality of life and social engagement
- Use “senior” planning as opportunity to promote livability for all residents
- Expand knowledge of Senior Services activities
- Utilize seniors as assets
- Target those with limited inadequate resources