

Crawford County Housing Survey of Older Adults Ages 60 and Over

Greetings! We are conducting a housing survey of adults age 60 and over in Crawford County to learn about their current and future housing needs and preferences. We also want to determine what assistance older adults might need in order to either remain safely in their current living situations or to move to another housing option which would better suit their needs.

This survey is sponsored by a committee of state and local stakeholders, including representatives of Active Aging, Inc., NW Regional Pennsylvania LINK, and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA).

If you are age 60 or older and a resident of Crawford County, we would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey.

Please note: this is a survey for information gathering purposes and is not an application for assistance.

The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, and your responses will be confidential.

If you have access to the internet, the survey can be completed @

Please feel free to share the survey with other individuals in Crawford County over the age of 60 who may be interested. Thank you!

Please return surveys by ~~8/3/10~~ to
Active Aging, Inc.
1034 Park Avenue
Meadville, PA 16335



First, a few questions about your current housing situation.

1) In which zip code do you live? _____

2) Do you:

- Own your own home
- Rent or lease your own home/apartment/etc.
- Live somewhere owned/ rented by someone else
- Live in a facility (such as a retirement home, nursing home, hospital, etc.)
- Other - Write In: _____

2a) If you rent, is your housing:

- Subsidized (you have a Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher, live in public housing/other government assisted housing)
- Not subsidized
- Don't Know/No Answer

3) Do you feel your current housing situation meets your needs?

- Yes No Somewhat Don't Know/No Answer

4) Please check each statement as it applies to you.

	Current Concern	Future Concern	Not a Concern
Ability to enter and exit my home			
The number of stairs in my home			
The width of doorways/ hallways			
Ability to access bathroom facilities			
Ability to access kitchen accommodations			
Ability to make home repairs			
Home maintenance (yard, grounds, etc.)			
Neighborhood Safety			
Ability to manage personal care needs			
Ability to access transportation			
Isolation from people/support			
Proximity to stores, doctors, etc.			
Ability to pay the rent or mortgage			
Ability to pay property taxes			
Ability to pay utilities			

A few questions about preferences if you were to move:

5) If housing were available that met your needs, would you be willing to move?

- Yes, willing to move now
- No
- Yes, willing to move in the future
- Unsure

If No, skip to question 8.

If Yes or Unsure, complete the following questions:

5a) To which type of home would you be willing to move? (Note not all options are available in Crawford County, but we would still like to get a sense of the type of home you would prefer regardless of availability. Check all that apply).

- A single family home
- A duplex or double home
- A cottage (small 1-story home, 1-2 bedrooms, ranging between +/- 400-900 sq. ft.)
- A low-rise apartment building (2-3 floors)
- A high-rise apartment building (4 or more floors)
- A garden apartment (part of a complex of one-story/low-rise apartment buildings with lawns and pathways as common areas).
- Home of a family member/s
- Other - Write In: _____

5b) If you moved, would you like a place that accepts pets?

- Yes
- No
- Does not matter

5c) If you moved, would you anticipate needing any of the following services in your new home (check all that apply):

- I would not need services
- Personal care (help eating, getting dressed, personal grooming, getting in and out of bed, bathing, etc.)
- Health/nursing care
- Housing counseling
- Transportation
- Meals
- Light Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Help with shopping/errands
- Other: _____

Now, a few questions about some specific housing options which are being planned for residents of Crawford County: ECHO Housing and SHARED Housing.

ECHO HOUSING: An Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO) unit is a small, separate, manufactured home for an older adult that is temporarily placed in the side or rear yard of a host family- related by blood or marriage. This arrangement provides privacy and dignity to both the older adult and the host family. When the ECHO cottage is no longer needed, it is relocated to the property of another host family. The older adult would pay 30% of his or her gross income for rent.

6) Would this type of ECHO arrangement (described above) be of interest to you?

Yes No Unsure

6a) If yes to 6, do you have a family member who would be willing to host you in an ECHO housing unit?

Yes No Unsure

6b) If no to 6, what is the main reason why you wouldn't consider moving to an ECHO unit? (select only one answer)

- No family in the area
- I don't want to be a burden to my family
- I don't get along with my family/don't want to be so close to my family
- I prefer to live in my own apartment or home
- I don't want to live in a modular/manufactured unit
- Cottage would be too small for me
- Other - Write In: _____

7) Do you think other older adults would be interested in living in an ECHO cottage?

Yes No Unsure

8) Do you see any of the following benefits to this type of housing arrangement? (check all that apply)

- Convenience
- Alternative to nursing home/institution
- Companionship
- Safety
- Access to transportation
- Affordable rent
- Other - Write In: _____

SHARED HOUSING: This option involves the voluntary matching of a home host (someone with at least one extra bedroom) and a home sharer (someone willing to live in someone else's home). Either the home host and/or the home sharer must be an older adult. The home sharer has his/her own bedroom and both parties share living, dining, kitchen and other common areas. Although not required, either person can provide services to help the other (for example: assistance with laundry or cooking, removal of snow or leaves, etc.), depending on needs and abilities. The home sharer would pay up to 30% of his or her gross income for rent. This option is similar to what was portrayed in *The Golden Girls* or *The Odd Couple*.

9) Would the type of housing arrangement described above be of interest to you?

- Yes No Unsure

9a) If yes to 9, would you be:

- Home host (someone with at least one extra bedroom)
 Home sharer (someone willing to move into someone else's home)

**9b) If yes to 9, with whom would you be willing to share a home?
(check all that apply)**

- With someone my own age With anyone
 With someone older than me Unsure
 With someone younger than me

9c) If no to 9, what is the main reason why you wouldn't consider a SHARED housing situation (select only one answer)?

- I wouldn't feel safe with anyone else in my home
 I don't want to move
 I prefer to live alone
 Other - Write In: _____

10) Do you think other older adults would be interested in living in SHARED Housing?

- Yes No Unsure

11) Do you see any of the following benefits to this type of housing arrangement? (check all that apply)

- Help around the house
- Safety
- Companionship
- Alternative to nursing home/institution
- Access to transportation
- Affordable rent/additional income
- Other - Write In: _____

Please answer a few final questions about yourself:

12) Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other- Write in: _____

13) Current Marital Status:

- Married
- Single (never married)
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Separated
- Domestic partnership
- No Answer

14) What month/year were you born?

Month: _____ Year: _____

15) What are your current sources of income? (check all that apply)

- Employment
- Veterans benefits
- SSI
- Insurance
- SSDI
- No sources of income
- Social Security, Pension, Retirement
- Don't Know/No Answer
- Other- Write In: _____

15a) What is your approximate total household monthly income?

- Less than \$500
- \$2500-\$3500
- \$500-\$1500
- More than \$3,500
- \$1500-\$2500
- Don't Know/No Answer

16) Do you have any of the following? (check all that apply)

- A mobility impairment
- A visual impairment (not corrected with glasses)
- A hearing disability (not corrected with a hearing aid)
- An intellectual disability
- Behavioral health concerns (mental health and/or substance use disorders)
- No disability

16a) If Yes, please indicate if you use any of the following assistive devices/accommodations. (An Assistive Device is a device that helps someone do something that they might not otherwise be able to do well or at all. Hearing aids, dentures and eyeglasses are not considered assistive devices.) (Check all that apply):

- A mobility device: wheelchair/walker Ramp
 A companion/service animal Grab bars
 Another assistive device - Write In: _____
 I do not use any of the above

17) What is your primary means of transportation?

- My own vehicle Aging ride sharing Volunteer
 Public transportation No transportation available
 Rides from friends/family Other – Write In: _____

18) Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your housing needs and preferences that was not already addressed in the survey?

19) If ECHO or SHARE sounds like something you want to learn more about, please provide your contact information below and/or call Sharon Moosmann, Active Aging, Inc. at 814-336-1792, ext 145.

___ Yes. I am interested in more information about (check all that apply)
___ SHARE ___ ECHO and would like to provide my contact information:

Name _____

Best way to contact me:

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Thank You!

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We very much appreciate you helping us with this important survey!