

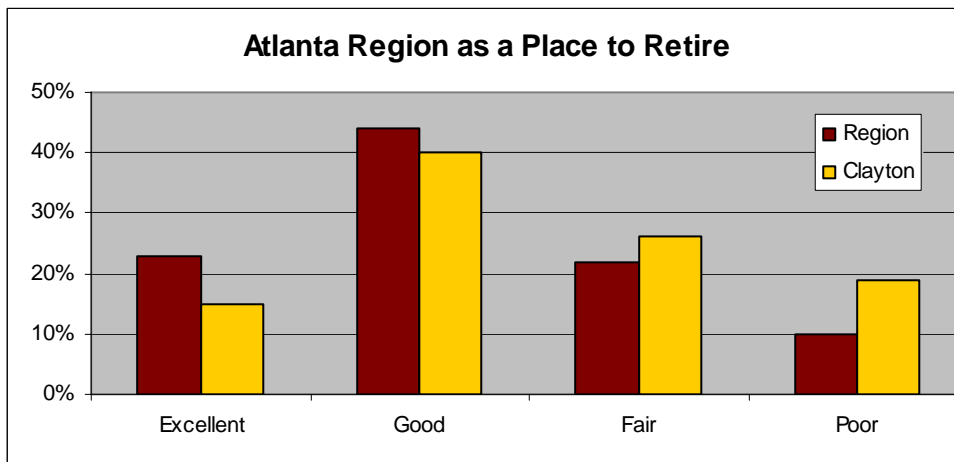
County Profile: CLAYTON

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 Clayton County.

Basic Demographics

	Clayton	Region		Clayton	Region
55+ population (US Census 2005)	39,004	646,620	Average years in home	19.42	18.74
% of total population 55+	14.5%	16.5%	Average years in region	37.87	37.08
% change in 55+ population 2000-2005	33.9%	30.6%	Have family in the Atlanta region	80%	85%
Projected growth 2000-2030 (ARC Estimate)	107%	127%			



Employment		
	Clayton	Region
Full time employed	22%	20%
Part time employed	12%	12%
Not working at All	66%	67%
Don't Know/Refused		1%

Of those in Clayton who are not working at all, **74% retired from a full time job.**

Of the working population:

40% plan to continue working full time

26% plan to work part time

22% plan to retire

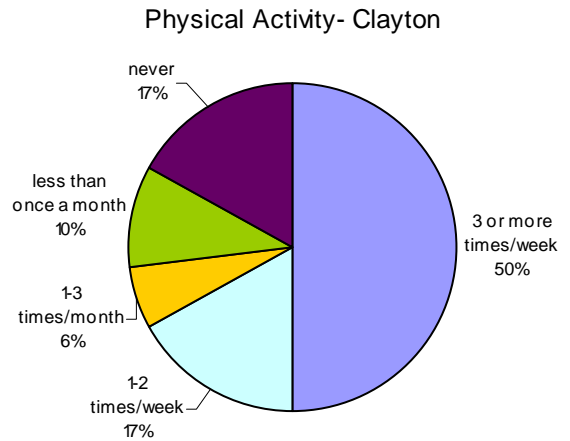
13% do not know what they will do.

Volunteering		
	Clayton	Region
Volunteer	29%	35%
part time/almost part time	84%	94%
full time/nearly full time	15%	6%
Do not volunteer	71%	65%

Of those in Clayton who volunteer, the **majority volunteer intermittently (42%)** but many volunteer weekly (36%) or daily (11%).

Health and Healthcare

Health Status		
	Clayton	Region
Excellent/very good	35%	48%
Good	39%	29%
Fair	18%	17%
Poor	8%	5%
Health compared to a year ago		
Much better	7%	8%
Somewhat better	9%	12%
Same	70%	67%
Somewhat worse	10%	11%
Much worse	3%	2%
Emotional Health		
Excellent/very good	46%	53%
Good	33%	32%
Fair	17%	10%
Poor	3%	3%
Don't know/refused		1%



Knowledge/Concern about Long Term Care		
	Clayton	Region
Believe that Medicare funds long term care		
Yes	19%	18%
No	43%	49%
Don't know/refused	38%	33%
Own long term care insurance policy		
Yes	15%	21%
No	84%	77%
Concerned about financing long term care		
Very concerned	24%	17%
Somewhat concerned	35%	28%
Not too concerned	15%	27%
Not at all concerned	23%	26%

Preventive Health Care- Clayton

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

96% had their blood pressure checked recently

88% had their cholesterol tested

83% of men have had a prostate exam

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

67% of women had a mammogram in the past year

50% of women had a pap test in the past year

37% of older adults had a flu shot

35% have had the pneumonia vaccine

46% 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		
	Clayton	Region
Always	10%	9%
Often	4%	2%
Seldom	12%	8%
Never	75%	81%
Don't know/refused		1%

Housing and Transportation

Most older adults in Clayton County **own their own home (82%)**. Of those who do not own their own home, 57% are paying rent and 37% are living with another family member.

Planning to live in current house		
	Clayton	Region
less than 1 year	7%	7%
1-3 more years	14%	9%
4-6 years	8%	6%
6-10 years	5%	5%
more than 10 years	1%	2%
until I retire	2%	1%
as long as I live	54%	64%
Don't know/refused	10%	6%

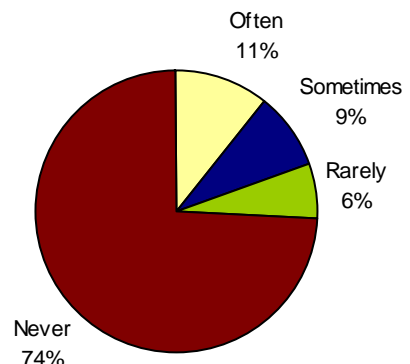
Factors choosing where to live		
	Clayton	Region
To be near family	39.5%	42.6%
Affordable cost of housing	19.4%	19.5%
To be near doctor/good doctors	25.4%	25.1%
Proximity of entertainment venues	17.4%	16.7%
To be around other people my age	9.7%	12.7%
To be in a quiet community	25.8%	28.8%
Other	27.8%	29.9%
Don't know/refused	6.6%	4.3%

Most older adults in Clayton County said if they did move, they would **move to another location in the region (42%)**. 28% would move to other locations in Georgia, 21% would move outside the state and 5% said they did not know where they would move.

Transportation		
	Clayton	Region
Primary mode of transportation		
Use own car	86%	88%
Driven by others	11%	7%
Use public transportation	2%	4%
Some other means	1%	1%
How often do you currently use public transportation?		
Several times/week	4%	4%
Once a week	1%	2%
Once a month	3%	3%
Just on occasion	19%	33%
Never	73%	59%

When asked how they will get around when they can no longer drive, **62% of older adults in Clayton County plan to be driven around by others**, 10% will use public transportation, 10% plan to find some other means and **19% do not know how they will get around**.

Difficulty with Transportation- Clayton



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 %.

