

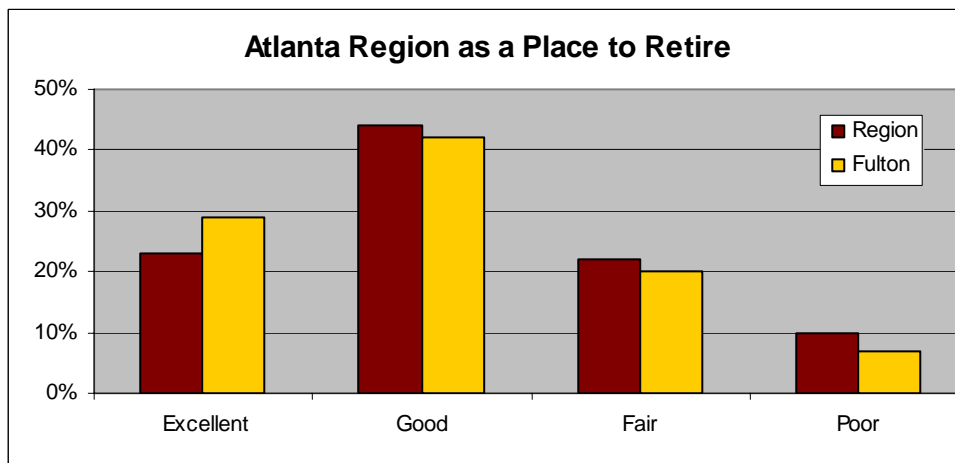
County Profile: FULTON

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 Fulton County.

Basic Demographics

	Fulton	Region		Fulton	Region
55+ population (US Census 2005)	160,671	646,620	Average years in home	21.02	18.74
% of total population 55+	17.5%	16.5%	Average years in region	41.78	37.08
% change in 55+ population 2000-2005	24.9%	30.6%	Have family in the Atlanta region	85%	85%
Projected growth 2000-2030 (ARC Estimate)	96%	127%			



Employment

	Fulton	Region
Full time employed	16%	20%
Part time employed	17%	12%
Not working at All	66%	67%
Don't Know/Refused		1%

Of those in Fulton who are not working at all, **70% retired from a full time job.**

Of the working population:

27% plan to continue working full time

44% plan to work part time

21% plan to retire

8% do not know what they will do.

Volunteering

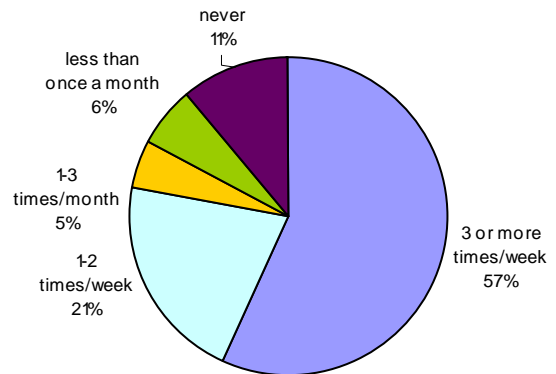
	Fulton	Region
Volunteer	42%	35%
part time/almost part time	95%	94%
full time/nearly full time	5%	6%
Do not volunteer	57%	65%

Of those in Fulton who volunteer, the **majority volunteer intermittently (56%)** but many volunteer weekly (24%).

Health and Healthcare

Health Status		
	Fulton	Region
Excellent/very good	50%	48%
Good	30%	29%
Fair	14%	17%
Poor	6%	5%
Health compared to a year ago		
Much better	9%	8%
Somewhat better	15%	12%
Same	64%	67%
Somewhat worse	10%	11%
Much worse	2%	2%
Emotional Health		
Excellent/very good	57%	53%
Good	30%	32%
Fair	9%	10%
Poor	3%	3%
Don't know/refused	1%	1%

Physical Activity- Fulton



Knowledge/Concern about Long Term Care		
	Fulton	Region
Believe that Medicare funds long term care		
Yes	21%	18%
No	47%	49%
Don't know/refused	32%	33%
Own long term care insurance policy		
Yes	23%	21%
No	74%	77%
Concerned about financing long term care		
Very concerned	20%	17%
Somewhat concerned	24%	28%
Not too concerned	30%	27%
Not at all concerned	25%	26%

Preventive Health Care- Fulton

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

96% had their blood pressure checked recently

83% had their cholesterol tested

91% of men have had a prostate exam

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

41% of older adults had a flu shot

41% have had the pneumonia vaccine

72% of women had a mammogram in the past year

55% of women had a pap test in the past year

50% have 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		
	Fulton	Region
Always	9%	9%
Often	1%	2%
Seldom	7%	8%
Never	83%	81%
Don't know/refused	0%	1%

Housing and Transportation

Most older adults in Fulton County **own their own home (80%)**. Of those who do not own their own home, 68% are paying rent and 24% are living with another family member.

Planning to live in current house		
	Fulton	Region
less than 1 year	5%	7%
1-3 more years	11%	9%
4-6 years	6%	6%
6-10 years	6%	5%
more than 10 years	2%	2%
until I retire	1%	1%
as long as I live	63%	64%
Don't know/refused	5%	6%

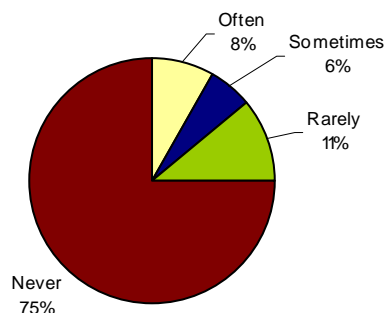
Factors choosing where to live		
	Fulton	Region
To be near family	36.4%	42.6%
Affordable cost of housing	21.6%	19.5%
To be near doctor/good doctors	22.6%	25.1%
Proximity of entertainment venues	20.4%	16.7%
To be around other people my age	15.6%	12.7%
To be in a quiet community	29.3%	28.8%
Other	34.3%	29.9%
Don't know/refused	5.7%	4.3%

Most older adults in Fulton County said if they did move, they would **move to another location in the region (55%)**. 16% would move to other locations in Georgia, 12% would move outside the state and 15% said they did not know where they would move.

Transportation		
	Fulton	Region
Primary mode of transportation		
Use own car	84%	88%
Driven by others	7%	7%
Use public transportation	6%	4%
Some other means	2%	1%
How often do you currently use public transportation?		
Several times/week	6%	4%
Once a week	2%	2%
Once a month	4%	3%
Just on occasion	42%	33%
Never	45%	59%

When asked how they will get around when they can no longer drive, **50% of older adults in Fulton County plan to be driven around by others**, 18% will use public transportation, 13% plan to find some other means and **19% do not know how they will get around**.

Difficulty with Transportation- Fulton



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 %.

