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# **LONG-TERM CARE STUDY**

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*Interviews: Dual frame nationally representative sample of 1,419 adults 40 years old and older*

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*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**Q1. In general, how would you rate your overall health?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Excellent/Very good</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>
Excellent	12	12
Very good	29	25
<b>Good</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Fair/Poor</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
Fair	18	19
Poor	5	8
Don't know	-	-
Refused	-	*
N=	1,019	1,419

**Q2. Thinking about your own personal situation as you get older, for each item please tell me if it causes you a great deal of concern, quite a bit of concern, a moderate amount, only a little, or none at all? How about (ITEM)? [RANDOMIZED]**

Losing your independence and having to rely on others

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>
A great deal	36	38
Quite a bit	15	13
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>
Only a little	12	15
None at all	11	11
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*
N=	1,019	1,419

## Losing your memory or other mental abilities

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>
A great deal	35	36
Quite a bit	15	14
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>
Only a little	15	16
None at all	14	12
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*

N=

1,019

1,419

## Being able to pay for any care or help you might need as you grow older

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>
A great deal	29	32
Quite a bit	15	13
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>
Only a little	14	18
None at all	15	13
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*

N=

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## Having to leave your home and move into a nursing home

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>
A great deal	31	29
Quite a bit	10	10
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>
Only a little	18	20
None at all	21	22
Don't know	*	1
Refused	*	*

N=

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## Being a burden on your family

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>
A great deal	29	29
Quite a bit	12	10
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>
Only a little	15	20
None at all	22	23
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

## Leaving debts to your family

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>
A great deal	23	25
Quite a bit	9	8
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>
Only a little	18	19
None at all	33	35
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

## Being alone without family or friends around you

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>
A great deal	24	21
Quite a bit	9	9
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>
Only a little	20	21
None at all	23	27
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

Not planning enough for the care you might need when you get older

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>34</b>
A great deal	23
Quite a bit	11
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>38</b>
Only a little	21
None at all	17
Don't know	1
Refused	*

N=

1,419

**Q3. Now a few questions about your family. What is your marital status? Are you married, living as married, co-habiting; separated; divorced; widowed; or never married?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Married	59	60
Living as married/Co-habiting	4	4
Separated	4	3
Divorced	13	14
Widowed	9	10
Never married	11	9
Don't know	-	-
Refused	*	1

N=

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**Q4. Are you a parent or guardian, regardless of the age of your children, or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	78	77
No	22	23
Don't know	-	*
Refused	*	-

N=

1,019

1,419

Asked among those saying "Yes" in Q4

**Q5. Are any of your children under 18 years of age or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	35	31
No	65	69
Don't know	-	*
Refused	-	*
N=	763	1,032

**Q6. Intro if Q3=married or Q3=living as married/co-habiting AND Q5=Yes  
Thinking about family members other than your spouse or partner and children under 18...**

*Intro if Q3=married or Q3=living as married/co-habiting AND Q5=No, DK or Refused  
Thinking about family members other than your spouse or partner...*

*Intro if Q3 not married or living as married/co-habiting AND Q5=Yes  
Thinking about family members other than your children under 18...*

**...do you live in the same home with members of your family or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	34	34
No	66	65
No family	-	*
Don't know	*	-
Refused	-	1
N=	1,019	934

**No Q7 in 2014 survey**

**Q8. How much do you feel you can rely on your family to be there for you in a time of need?  
Would you say a great deal, quite a bit, a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>
A great deal	51	51
Quite a bit	18	20
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>
Only a little	10	9
None at all	5	5
It depends (VOL.)	*	*
No family (VOL.)	*	*
Don't know	*	*
Refused	1	*
<i>N=</i>	1017	1,419

**Q9. Now I am going to read a list of support systems that might provide help for you as you age.  
How much help do you think [ITEM] will provide to you as you age... a great deal, quite a bit,  
a moderate amount, only a little, or not at all?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

Your spouse or partner (asked if married or living with partner/co-habiting)

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>
A great deal	60	52
Quite a bit	17	22
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Only a little	6	6
None at all	4	4
Don't know	1	1
Refused	1	*
<i>N=</i>	570	807

## Your children or grandchildren (asked if a parent or guardian)

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>
A great deal	28	28
Quite a bit	19	16
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>
Only a little	14	17
None at all	9	10
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	763	1,032

## Doctors, nurses, and other health care providers

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>
A great deal	20	19
Quite a bit	19	24
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>
Only a little	14	13
None at all	5	3
Don't know	1	3
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	1,019	1,419

## The health insurance system

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>
A great deal	19	17
Quite a bit	11	17
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>
Only a little	22	18
None at all	9	8
Don't know	2	3
Refused	1	*
<i>N=</i>	1,019	1,419

## Extended family members (asked if they have family members)

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>
A great deal	16	17
Quite a bit	13	15
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>
Only a little	24	23
None at all	17	19
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,012</i>	<i>1,416</i>

## The Medicare system, which provides health care insurance for seniors

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>
A great deal	17	18
Quite a bit	12	16
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>
Only a little	22	17
None at all	9	6
Don't know	4	4
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

## The Medicaid system, which provides health care coverage for low-income adults and people with certain disabilities

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
A great deal	9	10
Quite a bit	8	7
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>
Only a little	27	22
None at all	31	26
Don't know	4	7
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

*Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can be help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member's home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.*

**Q10. Are you currently receiving this kind of ongoing living assistance or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	5	7
No	95	93
Don't know	*	-
Refused	-	-
N=	1,019	1,419

*Asked among those saying "No," "Don't know" or "Refused" in Q10*

**Q11. Have you ever received ongoing living assistance like this or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	4	4
No	95	96
Don't know	*	-
Refused	*	-
N=	952	1,311

**Q10/Q11 combined.**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Currently or ever received ongoing living assistance	9	11
Never received assistance	90	89
Don't know	*	-
Refused	*	-
N=	1,019	1,419

Asked among those saying "Yes" in Q10 or "Yes" in Q11

**Q12. Are you currently receiving / Did you most recently receive this ongoing living assistance in your own home, in a friend or family member's home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Own home	82	81
Friend or family member's home	9	4
Nursing home	3	2
Senior community	5	11
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
N=	122	167

Asked among those saying "Own home," "Friend or family member's home," "Don't know" or "Refused" in Q12

**Q13. Have you ever received ongoing living assistance from [ITEM] or not?**

AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A family member	37	63	-	-
A friend	46	54	-	-
A professional home health care aide	46	54	-	-

N=103

AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A family member	48	52	*	-
A friend	17	82	*	-
A professional home health care aide	34	64	2	-

N=143

**Q14. Are you currently providing ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	23	20
No	77	80
Don't know	-	-
Refused	*	-
N=	1,019	1,419

Asked among those who said "No," "Don't know" or "Refused" in Q14

**Q15. Have you ever provided ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	39	41
No	60	59
Don't know	*	*
Refused	-	-
N=	829	1,143

**Q14/Q15 Combined.**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Total ever provided care	53	53
Never provided care	47	47
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	-
N=	1,019	1,419

Asked among those who said "Yes" in Q14 or "Yes" in Q15

**Q16. How is the person or people you are providing ongoing living assistance to related to you?**

If you have ever provided ongoing living assistance for any other family members or close friends, how were they related to you? [Open-ended question coded and multiple responses possible. Percentages sum to greater than 100 percent.]

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Mother	41
Father	17
Spouse or partner	14
Extended family member(s)	10
Child/children	9
Mother-in-law	8
Grandparent(s)	6
Sibling(s)	6
Close friends	6
Father-in-law	3
Other	3
Don't know	-
Refused	*

N=744

Asked among those saying "Yes," in Q14 or "Yes" in Q15

**Q17. When you think about your personal experience providing ongoing living assistance ...**

**RANDOMIZED**

AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Been a positive experience in your life	83	15	2	*
Strengthened your personal relationship with the person you cared for	77	21	1	*
Caused stress in your family	51	48	1	-
Taken time away from your family life	42	58	*	-
Taken time away from your work	38	62	*	*
Been a burden on your personal finances	29	71	*	*
Weakened your personal relationships with the person you cared for	9	90	1	*

N=743

**Q17\_1. Are you, or is anyone in your family, currently employing someone to provide in-home ongoing living assistance or not? In answering this question, do not include those who solely provide housekeeping assistance.**

**IF NECESSARY: This can include ongoing living assistance for yourself, a family member, or a friend.**

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	7
No	93
Don't know	*
Refused	-

N=

1,419

*Asked of those who said they do not currently receive ongoing living assistance in Q10*

**Q18. How likely do you think it is that you will personally require ongoing living assistance some day? Would you say extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>
Extremely likely	8	8
Very likely	16	12
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>
Not too likely	23	24
Not at all likely	9	12
Don't know	2	4
Refused	*	*
N=	952	1,311

*Asked of those who said they are not currently providing ongoing living assistance in Q14*

**Q19. How likely do you think it is that an aging family member or close friend will need ongoing living assistance in the next five years? Would you say extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Excellent/Very likely</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
Extremely likely	13	12
Very likely	20	18
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>
Not too likely	19	19
Not at all likely	14	18
Don't know	1	3
Refused	*	*
N=	829	1,142

Asked of those saying somewhat, very or extremely likely in Q19

**Q19C. Do you think you, personally, will be responsible for providing that ongoing living assistance, or will someone else be providing that care?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
You	33	32
Someone else	54	57
COMBINATION (Vol.)	9	6
Don't know	3	5
Refused	*	-
N=	506	656

Asked of those saying "You" or "Combination" in Q19C

**Q19D. Do you, personally, feel extremely prepared, very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not at all prepared to provide ongoing living assistance to that aging family member or friend?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

*New question, no trend*

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Extremely/Very prepared</b>	<b>30</b>
Extremely prepared	7
Very prepared	23
<b>Somewhat prepared</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all prepared</b>	<b>18</b>
Not too prepared	10
Not at all prepared	8
Don't know	*
Refused	-
N=	243

**Q19E. Have you taken any of the following actions to plan for your family member's or friend's needs? Have you [ITEM] or not?**

**RANDOMIZED**

*New question, no trend*

AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Discussed their preferences for the kinds of ongoing living assistance they do or do not want	40	60	*	*
Discussed their preferences for where they want to live while receiving ongoing living assistance	37	63	*	*
Helped your family member or friend make a financial plan to pay for their ongoing living assistance expenses including nursing home care, senior community, or care from a home health care aide	22	78	*	-

*N=1,419*

*No Q20 or Q21 in 2014 survey*

**Q22\_2. I am going to read you a short list of people or groups who might provide information about ongoing living assistance. For each one, please tell me whether you have or have not gotten information about ongoing living assistance from that source in the past twelve months. How about [INSERT ITEM]?**

**RANDOMIZED**

*New question, no trend*

AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Friends, family, or co-workers	21	79	*	-
Medicare	14	86	1	-
A nursing home or assisted living facility	13	87	*	*
Private insurers	12	87	*	-
A financial planner or accountant	12	88	*	*
Your family physician	9	90	*	-
Medicaid	8	91	1	-
An emergency room physician	6	94	*	-
Your employer	5	95	-	*

*N=1,419*

Each item asked among those saying "Yes" to corresponding item in Q22\_2

**Q22\_3. When you get information about ongoing living assistance from [INSERT ITEM IF Q22\_2=1], how much do you *trust* the information they provide?**

*New question, no trend*

AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14	Completely/ Very much	Completely	Very much	Moderately	Slightly/ Not at all	Slightly	Not at all	DK	Ref.
Your family physician (N=135)	<b>66</b>	36	30	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	15	1	-	*
A financial planner or accountant (N=185)	<b>57</b>	12	45	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	16	4	*	-
Friends, family, or co- workers (N=304)	<b>53</b>	23	30	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	14	2	-	-
Your employer (N=71)	<b>50</b>	13	37	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	16	2	-	-
An emergency room physician (N=75)	<b>49</b>	19	31	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	15	1	1	-
Medicare (N=209)	<b>45</b>	16	29	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	18	4	-	-
Medicaid (N=108)	<b>43</b>	20	22	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	25	5	*	-
A nursing home or assisted living facility (N=207)	<b>37</b>	10	27	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	13	5	2	-
Private insurers (N=206)	<b>29</b>	10	19	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	24	9	2	-

**Q23. Thinking about your current/possible needs for ongoing living assistance, how confident are you that you will have the financial resources to pay for any care you need as you get older? Would you say extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Extremely/Very confident</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
Extremely confident	9	9
Very confident	18	20
<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Not too/Not confident at all</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>
Not too confident	21	17
Not confident at all	11	15
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*

N=

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Order randomized for Q24, Q25, and Q26. Also order randomized of response scale so that respondent received all three highest to lowest or lowest to highest. Respondents from California were asked a different version of these questions and are excluded from analysis.

**Q24. A nursing home is a facility that provides residents with a room, meals, personal care, nursing care, and medical services. Just a guess, what's your best estimate of the national average monthly cost to live in a nursing home? Is it: less than \$2,000, \$2,000-\$4,000, \$4,000-\$6,000, \$6,000-\$8,000, or more than \$8,000?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Less than \$2,000	4	5
\$2,000-\$4,000	23	19
\$4,000-\$6,000	31	29
\$6,000-\$8,000	24	21
More than \$8,000	14	21
Don't know	3	4
Refused	*	*

N=

1,019

934

*Respondents from California were asked a different version of this question and are excluded from analysis.*

**Q25. An assisted living community provides services to people who are not able to live independently, but do not require the level of care provided by a nursing home or other medical facility. Just a guess, what's your best estimate of the national average monthly cost to live in an assisted living community? Is it: less than \$1,000, \$1,000-\$2,000, \$2,000-\$3,000, \$3,000-\$4,000, or more than \$4,000?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Less than \$1,000	4	4
\$1,000-\$2,000	6	8
\$2,000-\$3,000	21	19
\$3,000-\$4,000	29	24
More than \$4,000	36	41
Don't know	3	4
Refused	*	*

N=

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*Respondents from California were asked a different version of this question and are excluded from analysis.*

**Q26. Home health care aides are trained to provide hands-on care and assistance to people in their homes who need help with daily activities. Just a guess, what's your best estimate of the national average monthly cost of home health care aide who visits every day for 2 hours? Is it: less than \$1,000, \$1,000-\$2,000, \$2,000-\$3,000, \$3,000-\$4,000, or more than \$4,000?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Less than \$1,000	14	19
\$1,000-\$2,000	30	26
\$2,000-\$3,000	29	24
\$3,000-\$4,000	14	11
More than \$4,000	9	13
Don't know	4	7
Refused	*	*

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*Respondents from California were asked a different version of this question and are excluded from analysis.*

**Q27. How much planning, if any, did you do/have you done for your own needs for ongoing living assistance?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
A great deal	7	6
Quite a bit	9	7
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>
Only a little	20	21
None at all	45	47
Don't know	-	*
Refused	-	*

N= 1,019 1,419

**Q28. If Q27 equals "None at all": The following actions might be considered planning for living assistance even if you haven't thought about them that way.**

**Asked among all others: What actions have you taken to plan for your own needs as you age? Have you (ITEM) or not?**

#### RANDOMIZED

Created an advanced directive, sometimes called a living will, that allows someone you trust to make decisions for you if you cannot on your own

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	47	53
No	53	47
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*
N=	1,019	1,419

Discussed your preferences for the kinds of ongoing living assistance you do or do not want with your family

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	41	41
No	58	59
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*
N=	1,019	1,419

Set aside money to pay for ongoing living assistance expenses including nursing home care, senior community, or care from a home health care aide

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	35	32
No	64	66
Don't know	*	1
Refused	1	*
N=	1,019	1,419

Looked for information about aging issues and ongoing living assistance

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	25	20
No	75	79
Don't know	*	*
Refused	-	*
N=	1,019	1,419

## Modified your home in any way to make it easier to live in as you grow older

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	23	28
No	77	71
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	*
<i>N=</i>	1,019	1,419

## Moved/made plans to move to a community or facility designed for older adults

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	7	8
No	93	91
Don't know	*	1
Refused	-	*
<i>N=</i>	1,019	1,419

## Discussed your preferences for your funeral arrangements with someone you trust

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	65
No	35
Don't know	-
Refused	-
<i>N=</i>	1,419

**Q29. Medicare is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors. As far as you know, does Medicare pay for (ITEM) or not?****RANDOMIZED**

AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	71	13	6	10	*
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	44	30	5	21	*
Ongoing care in nursing home	37	36	8	18	*

*N=1,019*

AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/14	Yes	No	Depends (Vol.)	Don't know	Refused
Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and other assistive devices	67	16	4	14	-
Ongoing care at home by a licensed home health care aide	38	31	6	25	*
Ongoing care in nursing home	42	30	7	21	*

*N=1,419*

**Q30. Medicaid is a government health care coverage program for low income people and people with certain disabilities. Do you think you will need Medicaid to help pay for your ongoing living assistance expenses as you grow older or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	39	41
No	54	53
Don't know	7	6
Refused	1	*
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

**Q31. Now, thinking about who *should* be responsible for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance...**

**How much responsibility should [ITEM] have for paying for the costs of ongoing living assistance?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

**RANDOMIZED**

	<b>Very large/ Large</b>	Very large	Large	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Small/ None at all</b>	Small	None at all	DK	Ref.
AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13									
Health insurance companies	<b>55</b>	20	35	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	7	5	3	1
Individuals	<b>40</b>	15	25	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>	12	5	3	1
Medicare	<b>39</b>	13	25	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	12	5	2	1
Medicaid	<b>37</b>	13	23	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	16	6	4	1
Families	<b>23</b>	8	15	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	20	20	2	1

*N*=1,019

	<b>Very large/ Large</b>	Very large	Large	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Small/ None at all</b>	Small	None at all	DK	Ref.
AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14									
Health insurance companies	<b>54</b>	21	33	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	4	1
Individuals	<b>40</b>	16	24	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	12	7	3	*
Medicare	<b>42</b>	16	26	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>	8	5	3	1
Medicaid	<b>38</b>	14	24	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	13	7	5	*
Families	<b>19</b>	6	13	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	21	24	2	1

*N*=1,419



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**Q32. To help Americans prepare for the costs of ongoing living assistance, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor or oppose (ITEM)? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?**

**RANDOMIZED**

	<b>Total favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13									
Tax breaks to encourage saving for ongoing living assistance expenses	<b>77</b>	48	29	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	6	6	3	1
A government administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	<b>51</b>	30	21	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	11	21	5	1
A requirement that individuals purchase private long-term care insurance	<b>34</b>	13	21	<b>13</b>	<b>50</b>	20	30	2	1

*N=1,019*

	<b>Total favor</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14									
Tax breaks to encourage saving for ongoing living assistance expenses	<b>81</b>	57	23	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	3	4	3	1
A government administered long-term care insurance program, similar to Medicare	<b>58</b>	36	22	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	9	20	2	1
A requirement that individuals purchase private long-term care insurance	<b>34</b>	15	19	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	14	30	4	*
Tax breaks for consumers who purchase long-term care insurance ( <i>new, no trend</i> )	<b>77</b>	56	22	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	4	5	3	1
The ability for individuals to purchase long-term care insurance through their employer that is portable if they pay the premium after they leave the job, similar to COBRA ( <i>new, no trend</i> )	<b>75</b>	48	27	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	3	1

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- Q33.** Next, I am going to read a list of ways some people say the quality of ongoing living assistance services could be improved. For each of the following, please indicate how helpful you think each item would be in improving the quality of ongoing living assistance for those in need of care.

*New question, no trend*

	<b>Total helpful</b>	Extremely helpful	Very helpful	<b>Somewhat helpful</b>	<b>Total not helpful</b>	Not too helpful	Not at all helpful	DK	Ref.
AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14									
Providing access to services in the community that help people continue to live independently	<b>82</b>	52	31	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	1	1	1	*
Ensuring that all care is focused on the person's quality of life as well as length of life	<b>77</b>	50	27	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	1	2	2	1
Providing affordable care programs that give the family caregiver the opportunity to take breaks from caregiving	<b>75</b>	48	28	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	2	2	1	*
Letting a family member take time away from work or adjust their work schedule to provide ongoing living assistance without penalties from their employer	<b>72</b>	46	26	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	3	5	1	1
Taking into account the person's personal goals and preferences during all aspects of ongoing living assistance	<b>68</b>	38	30	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	2	1	2	1
Designating a caregiver on the medical chart, who must be included in all discussions about care	<b>65</b>	37	28	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	3	4	2	*
Assigning a single case manager who can coordinate all aspects of the person's care	<b>62</b>	33	29	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	4	6	2	1

N=1,419

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be combined with those of other participants to this survey.

**Ins1. The next questions are about health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills. Are you covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	87	86
No	13	13
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	1
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

*Asked if Ins1 equals "Yes," "Don't know" or "Refused"*

**Ins2. What kind of health insurance or health care coverage do you have? Is it Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance that you buy through your employer or on your own, or some other type?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Private	60	58
Medicare	20	27
Medicaid	4	6
Other	7	7
More than one kind (Vol.)	9	-
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
<i>N</i> =	938	1,283

**Ins2A. In addition to Medicare, do you have health insurance coverage through Medicaid, or not?**

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	22
No	76
Don't know	1
Refused	-
<i>N</i> =	444

**Ins2B. In addition to Medicaid, do you have health insurance coverage through Medicare, or not?**

	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	29
No	69
Don't know	2
Refused	-
<i>N</i> =	56

**Ins3. Do you currently have long-term care insurance from a private insurance company, or not? That's extra insurance that covers expenses of ongoing living assistance.**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	21	17
No	76	80
Don't know	2	3
Refused	*	1
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

*Asked of those who said "Yes" in Ins3*

**Ins4. Some people sometimes mistakenly think that other kinds of health insurance cover long-term care. How sure are you that you have private insurance that specifically covers long-term care – are you very sure of this, somewhat sure, neither sure nor unsure, somewhat unsure or very unsure?**

**REVERSED ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Total sure</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
Very sure	55	65
Somewhat sure	25	14
<b>Neither sure nor unsure</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total unsure</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>
Somewhat unsure	5	7
Very unsure	11	10
Don't know	3	1
Refused	-	1
<i>N</i> =	263	286

## Ins3/Ins4 combined.

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Have LTC insurance</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
Very sure	12	11
Somewhat sure	5	2
Less sure/Don't know	4	3
<b>Do not have LTC insurance</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>
Don't know	2	3
Refused	*	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

## D1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Democrat	33	29
Republican	21	21
Independent	22	27
None of these	18	19
Don't know	1	*
Refused	4	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

- D2. IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?  
IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?  
IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," DK OR REFUSED ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
<b>Democrat</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>
Democrat - strong	19	14
Democrat - moderate	14	14
Democrat - unknown intensity	*	*
Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Democrat	12	14
<b>Ind/None/DK/Ref. - DO NOT LEAN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>
Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Republican	13	13
Republican - unknown intensity	*	*
Republican - moderate	10	10
Republican - strong	11	11
<b>None/Other/DK/Refused</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
None/DK/Ref. - lean others	1	1
Independent - lean others	1	1
None - lean DK/Refused	3	1
DK - lean DK/Refused	1	*
Refused - lean DK/Refused	3	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

- D4. Are you, yourself, currently employed...**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Full-time	41	37
Part-time	11	11
Not employed	48	52
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,419</i>

**No D5 in 2014 survey****D6. In what year were you born?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
40-54	46	42
55-64	24	26
65-74	16	16
75-84	9	9
85+	3	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	3
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

**D7. What is the last grade of school you completed?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Less than high school graduate	14	10
High school graduate	30	33
Technical/trade school	3	3
Some college	17	17
College graduate (BA or BS)	19	20
Some graduate school	3	2
Graduate degree (PhD, MD, JD, Master's Degree)	13	14
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	1
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

**No D8-D11 in 2014 survey****D12. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Yes	11	11
No	87	87
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	1
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

If Hispanic, Latin or Spanish origin in D12, ask:

**D13. In addition to being of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]**

If not Hispanic/Latino/Spanish in D12, ask:

**D14. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]**

**ONLY IF RESPONDENT NEEDS "PROMPTING," INTERVIEWER SHOULD READ: Are you White, Black, Asian or some other race? BUT THE RESPONSE ARE STILL CODED INTO THE MATRIX BELOW.**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
White, Caucasian	72	69
Black, African-American	11	11
American Indian, Alaska Native	3	3
Asian Indian	*	1
Native Hawaiian	-	*
Chinese	*	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-	-
Filipino	*	*
Samoan	-	-
Japanese	*	*
Korean	*	-
Vietnamese	*	-
Other Asian	*	*
Other Pacific Islander	-	-
[VOL] Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	3	11
Some other race [SPECIFY]	8	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	3
N=	1,019	1,419

**D16. How many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
0	14	12
1	74	73
2	9	10
3	1	2
4	*	1
5 or more	1	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	2
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

**D17. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
0	24	28
1	72	68
2	3	2
3	*	*
4	*	*
5 or more	-	*
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	1
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

*No D18-D19 in 2014 survey***D20. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher?***INTERVIEWER NOTE: If asked, this is 'yearly' household income*

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Below \$50,000 (ASK D29)	48	49
\$50,000+ (ASK D30)	46	45
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	5
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

Ask if "BELOW \$50K" in D20

**D21. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?**

Ask if "\$50K or higher" in D20

**D22. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Under \$10,000	7	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	13	13
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	11	10
\$150,000 or more	8	9
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	4
<i>N</i> =	944	1,331

**D24. INTERVIEWER RECORD GENDER (IF YOU ARE UNSURE, ASK THE FOLLOWING: Are you male or female?)**

	AP-NORC 2/21-3/27/13	AP-NORC 3/13-4/23/14
Male	47	47
Female	53	53
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	-
<i>N</i> =	1,019	1,419

## Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The survey was conducted from March 13 through April 23, 2014. The survey was funded by The SCAN Foundation. NORC at the University of Chicago, AP, and The SCAN Foundation, staff collaborated on all aspects of the study.

This random-digit-dial (RDD) survey of the 50 states and the District of Columbia was conducted via telephone with 1,419 adults age 40 and older. In households with more than one adult 40 or older, we used a process that randomly selected which eligible adult would be interviewed. The sample included 1,014 respondents on landlines and 405 respondents on cell phones. The sample also included an oversample of Californians 40 years and older. The sample includes 485 residents of California ages 40 and older. Cell phone respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for participating, as compensation for telephone usage charges. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. All interviews were completed by professional interviewers who were carefully trained on the specific survey for this study.

The RDD sample was provided by a third-party vendor, Marketing Systems Group. The final response rate was 22 percent, based on the American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Response Rate 3 method.

Sampling weights were calculated to adjust for sample design aspects (such as unequal probabilities of selection) and for nonresponse bias arising from differential response rates across various demographic groups. Poststratification variables included age, sex, race, region, education, and landline/cell phone use. The weighted data, which thus reflect the U.S. population, were used for all analyses. The overall margin of error was +/- 3.6 percentage points, including the design effect resulting from the complex sample design.

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