

Stakeholder Priorities for an Elder Friendly
Community:

Survey Results by Senior Sub- groups

Part of Care for Elders 2009/10 Consumer Input Initiative



Outline of this Presentation

- Background that led to Care for Elders Consumer Input Process
- Demographics of **Senior** respondents:
Ages **65-74** yrs vs. **75 -84** yrs vs. **85+** yrs
- Top 5 Priorities
- Top 5 Areas for Expansion
- Comparing Responses of each Subgroup of Seniors

Background

- Care for Elders participated in a process lead by the City of Houston's Department of Health & Human Services to create an *Aging Agenda* for Houston & Harris County (in 2008).
- In creating the *Aging Agenda*, experts consolidated different issues/concerns into 8 domains or themes, which were used to evaluate the extent to which Houston/Harris County is elder-friendly.
- The domains:
 - Health and Well-Being
 - Access to Quality Care
 - Basic Needs
 - Housing
 - Transportation and Mobility
 - Safety and Security
 - Civic Engagement/Volunteerism and Employment
 - Spirituality, Culture, Recreation, and Lifelong Learning

Background Information

- The *Aging Agenda* had a total of 48 recommendations to improve our community's elder friendliness.
- Care for Elders “translated” the 40 recommendations into “lay language” and re-categorized them into 10 domains /categories.
- Care for Elders then conducted extensive community outreach to get input from seniors and other stakeholders about ***priorities for action.***
- Time Frame
 - Surveys were conducted from September 2009 – March 2010

Distinguishing feedback from the three age categories of senior respondents

- CFE reached 1198 survey participants through its process; **702** were aged 65+ (seniors).
- This analysis identifies similarities & differences among three age categories of seniors:
 - **320** respondents were between **65-74 years**; **46%** of seniors
 - **275** respondents were between **75-84 years**; **39%** of seniors
 - **107** respondents were **85+ years**; **15%** of seniors

Demographics of Seniors by Age Groups

Homebound participants:

74% of all homebound were seniors:

- 6.2 % of Homebound were young seniors (65-74)
- 6.6 % of Homebound were middle aged seniors (75-84)
- 6.5 % of Homebound were older seniors (85+)

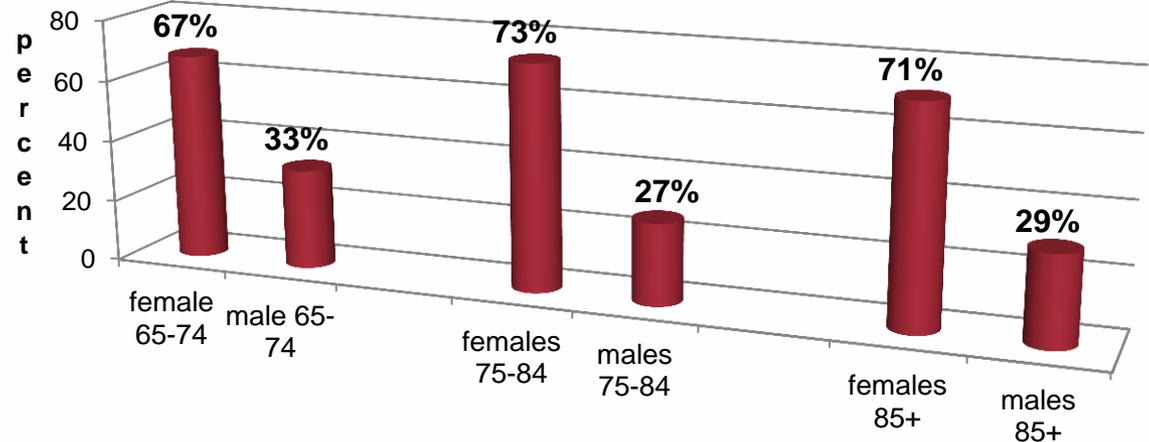
Gender Distribution:

- The 65-74 age group had the most **males**;
- Middle age group had the most **females**;

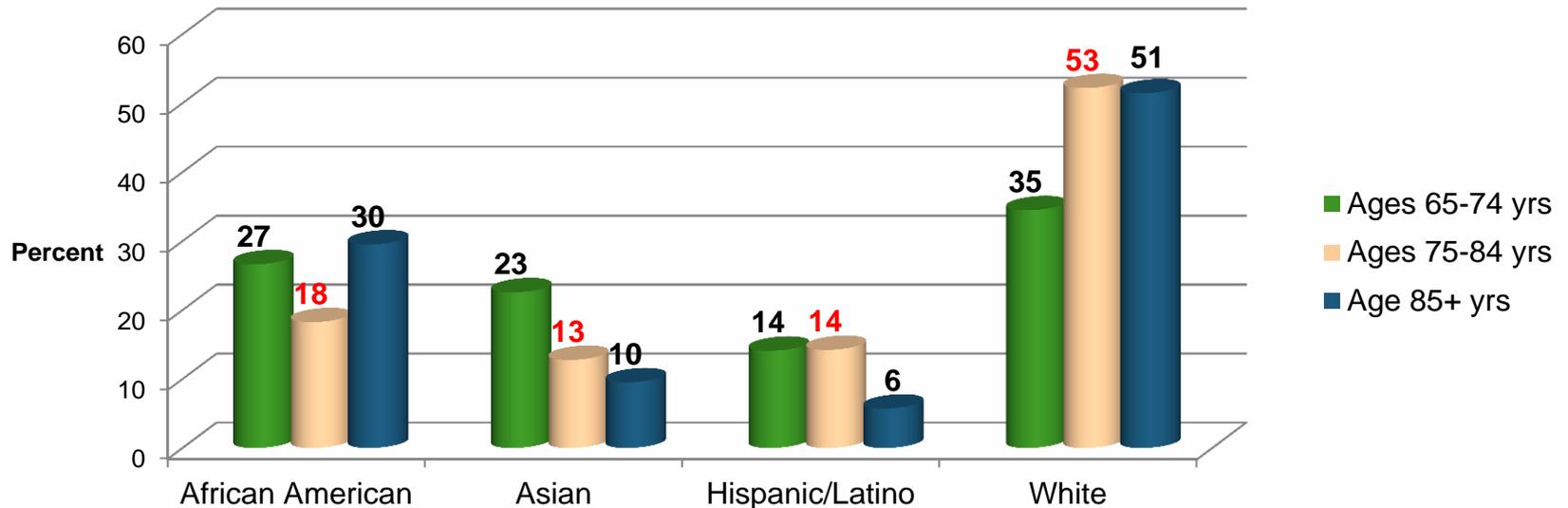
Residence:

- Most seniors live in Harris County, **Precincts 1 and 2**
- Almost 1/3 of seniors 65 -74 live in Harris County, **Precinct 1**
- 1/3 seniors 75-84 live in Harris, **Precinct 2**
- Over 1/3 of 85+ yrs live in Harris County **Precinct 2**

Gender Distribution Amongst Senior Groups

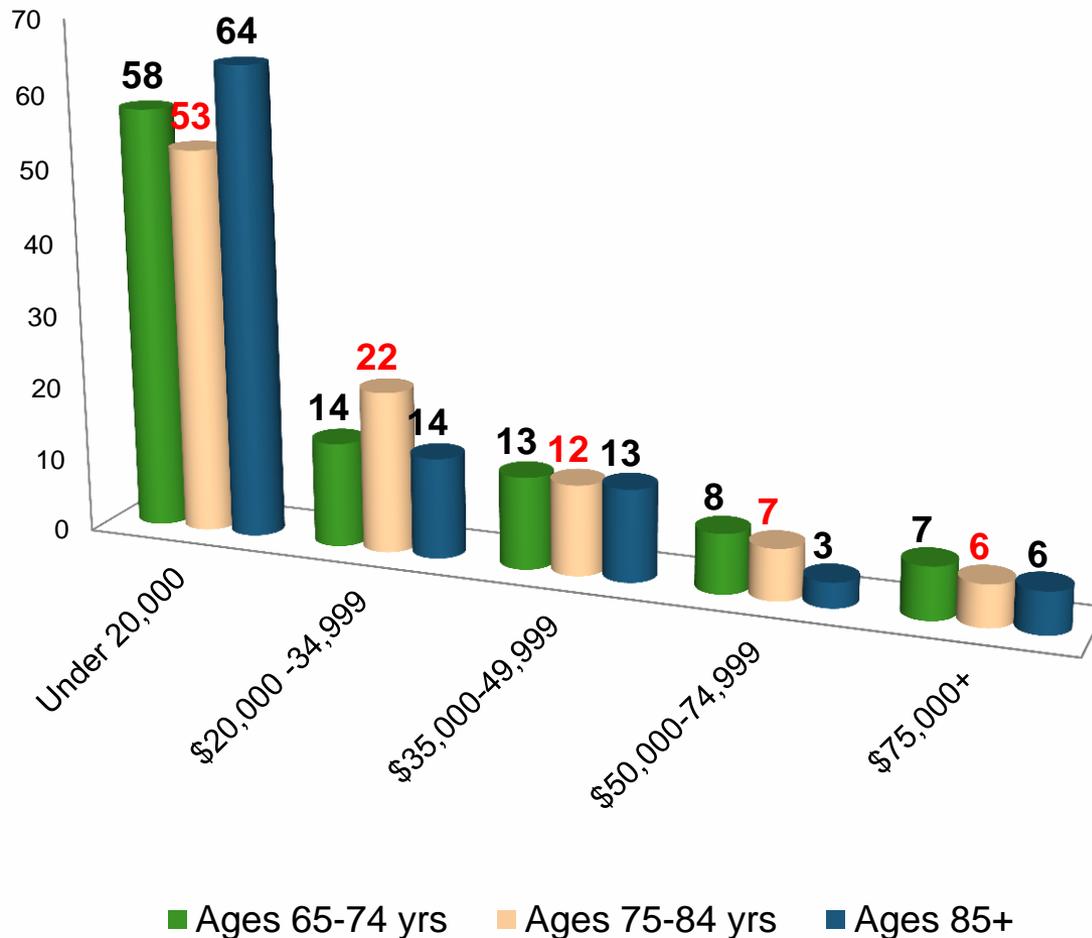


Self-Reported Racial Distribution of Senior Respondents, by Age Category



Most senior respondents reported their race as White/Caucasian. African American was the next most represented racial group, followed by Asians.

Demographics: Income by Senior Age Group

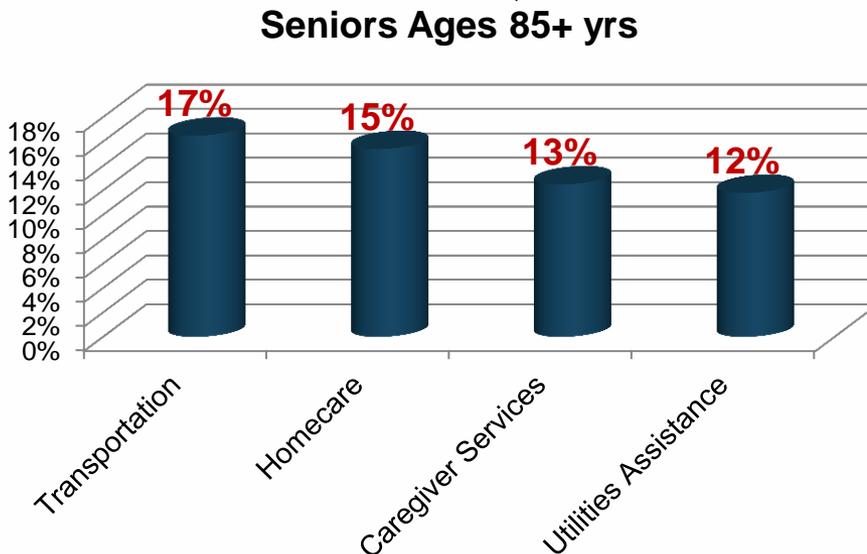
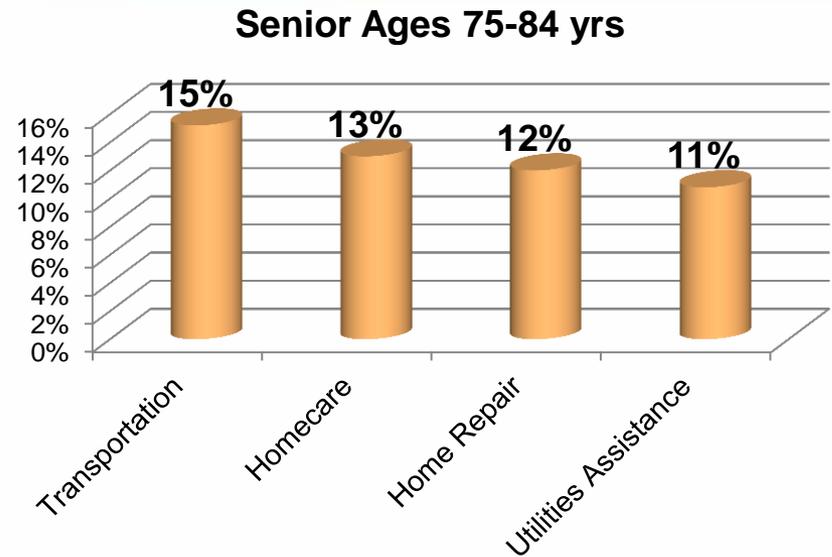
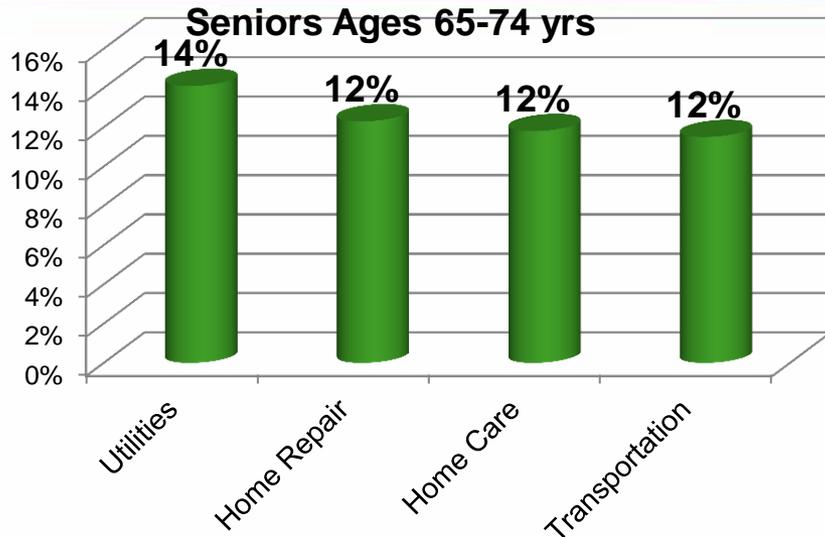


Income distribution is similar across age groups. Statistical analyses reveal that the distributions by age categories are not significantly different from each other.

Comparing Top 5 Priorities by Senior Age Group

Rank	Feedback from 65- 74 yrs Domain & Recommendation	Feedback from 75 -84 yrs Domain & Recommendation	Feedback from 85+ yrs Domain & Recommendation
1	Transportation: Improve how current transportation programs operate so that they better meet seniors' needs	Transportation: Improve how current transportation programs operate so that they better meet seniors' needs	Transportation: Improve how current transportation programs operate so that they better meet seniors' needs
2	Quality & Direct Workforce: Make it a law that all home care and "hands on" workers must be trained <i>before</i> they help a senior	Quality & Direct Workforce: Make it a law that all home care and "hands on" workers must be trained <i>before</i> they help a senior	Safety & Security: Teach older adults about scams and how to protect themselves from being taken advantage of
3	Basic Needs: Make it easier to get help with paying electric and utility bills	Safety & Security: Teach older adults about scams and how to protect themselves from being taken advantage of	Civic Engagement, Employment: Work with businesses to encourage them to hire older workers.
4	Safety & Security: Teach older adults about scams and how to protect themselves from being taken advantage of	Basic Needs: Utilize volunteers to help with home repair of seniors' homes.	Basic Needs: Utilize volunteers to help with home repair of seniors' homes.
5	Services & Supports for Caregivers: Require all service providers to check on how both the senior and the caregiver are doing	Services & Supports for Caregivers: Require all service providers to check on how both the senior and the caregiver are doing	Access to Services: Establish one (1) application form that can be used for various services to reduce the number of times a senior has to provide the same information.

Areas to be Expanded by Senior Age Groups



All three groups agree that transportation, home care and utilities assistance are three areas that should be expanded resources permitting.

What did we learn about differences among the three age groups of Seniors?

- In terms of key demographics (race and income), there are **no statistically significant differences**.
- **Young seniors** (65-74yrs) and **middle age seniors** (75-84yrs) are **more similar** in terms of priorities.
- Older seniors (85+) are more concerned about **employment opportunities** and want to **reduce the number of times they provide the same information** across different services/ organizations.

What did we learn about differences among the three age groups of Seniors?

- Survey data was analyzed by many sub-groups (e.g. by race, age group etc.) The **85+ year old group was the only sub group that prioritized streamlining information** provided to agencies/services as one of their top five priorities.
- Older seniors may be **more concerned about employers being more receptive to hiring older workers** because they may be living on a reduced income for a longer period of time (compared to the other senior groups). They may be experiencing more resistance in securing employment.

What did we learn about differences among the three age groups of Seniors?

- Older seniors are less concerned about having trained home care workers (compared to other two senior groups); this may be because almost 2/3 of them do not rely on outside agency support activities of daily living.

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