

## Willmar Age-Friendly Community Survey

We would like to find out about Willmar and what you'll need as you get older to make your community a great place to live. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential. This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

### Your Home and Community

Q1. Do you live in Willmar, Minnesota?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

Q2. How long have you lived in Willmar?

- Less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- 20 to 30 years
- More than 30 years

Q3. How would you rate Willmar as a place for older people?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Q4. In the future, are you more likely to move to a different community, move to a different home within Willmar or stay in your current home and never move? [**CHECK ONLY ONE**]

- Move to a different community
- Move into a different home within Willmar
- Stay in current home and never move
- Not applicable, I am currently homeless

Q5. Some people find that they need or want to move out of their *home* as they get older. If you *were* to consider moving from your current *home*, how much would each of the following factor into your decision to move?

	<b>Major Factor</b>	<b>Minor Factor</b>	<b>Not a Factor</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
a. Wanting a smaller home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Wanting a larger home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The cost of maintaining your current home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Wanting a better accessibility for example a home without stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. Some people decide to move out of their community as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of Willmar, how much would each of the following affect your decision?

	<b>Major Factor</b>	<b>Minor Factor</b>	<b>Not a Factor</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
a. Your personal safety or security concerns.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Wanting to move to an area that has better healthcare.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Wanting to be closer to family.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Needing better access to public transportation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Wanting different weather/climate.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Wanting a lower cost of living.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Wanting more opportunities for social interaction.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Wanting better access to healthy food.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. How important is it for you to remain in Willmar for as long as possible?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

Q8. Which of the following types of homes best describes your home?

**[CHECK ONLY ONE]**

- Single family house
- Duplex
- Townhouse
- Apartment
- Condominium or coop
- Mobile home or manufactured home
- Senior housing or assisted living facility
- Nursing home or long-term care facility
- Currently experiencing homelessness

Q9. Do you own or rent your primary home or do you live with a family member or friend?

- Own
- Rent
- Neither own nor rent but live with adult child or others

Q10. How important is it for you to be able to live independently in your own home as you age?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

Q11. Some people find that they need to modify their home so they can live there for as long as possible. Does your current home need any major repairs, modifications, or changes so you can stay there for as long as possible?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

## Homes, Public Buildings, and Spaces

Q12. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Home modification and repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work, and are affordable.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Seasonal services such as lawn services for low-income and older adults.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Sidewalks that are in good condition, safe for pedestrians, and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Well-lit, accessible, safe streets and intersections for all users.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Safe pedestrian crossings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Walking/biking paths.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Well-maintained streets...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Easy to read traffic signs..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Enforced speed limits.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Well-maintained homes and properties.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Affordable housing options for adults of varying incomes levels.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Housing that is handicap accessible (examples: no step entrance, wider doorways, first floor bedrooms and bathrooms)....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Safe and well-maintained parks.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Handicap accessible public buildings.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Enough benches for resting in public areas like parks, along sidewalks, and around public buildings.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Conveniently located emergency rooms and urgent care clinics.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Well-maintained hospitals and healthcare facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Q14 Continued . Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
i. Neighborhood watch programs.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Conveniently located public parking lots and areas to park including handicapped parking.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Transportation**

Q15. How do you usually get around Willmar for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
a. Walk.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Drive yourself.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Have others drive you.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Take a taxi.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Use a ride source company such as Uber or Lyft.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- f. Use a special transportation service, such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities (Care Cab).....
- g. Use public transportation.....
- h. Ride a bike.....
- i. Some other way.....
- J. I do not get out of the house.....

Q16. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Accessible and convenient public transportation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Affordable public transportation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Well-maintained public transportation vehicles.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Timely public transportation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Safe handicap accessible bus stops.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Specialized transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Health and Wellness

Q17. Thinking now about health care professionals in your community, would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Well-trained certified home health care providers.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Affordable home health care providers.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A variety of healthcare providers including specialists.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Healthcare professionals who speak different languages.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q18. Thinking about health and wellness services would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Affordable health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation, and fitness.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Affordable fitness activities for older adults.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A service that helps seniors easily find and access health and supportive services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Affordable home care services including personal care and housekeeping services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Easily understandable and helpful hospital or clinic answering services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Social Participation, Inclusion and Education Opportunities

Q19. How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you?

- Everyday
- Several times a week, but not everyday
- Once a week
- Once every 2 or 3 weeks
- Once a month
- Less than monthly
- Never

Q20. How often do you feel the following?

	<b>Often</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Never</b>
a. I lack companionship.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I feel left out.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I feel lonely.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21. If you were in trouble, do you have friends or family who can help you at any time of the day or night?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Q22. Do you use the following sources for continuing education or self-improvement classes or workshops in Willmar?

- |   | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Department of Parks and Recreation.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Faith community (church, synagogue, mosque).....                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Local organizations or businesses.....                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Willmar Community & Activity Center.....                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Offerings through my work.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Online programs.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Some other sources.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Community Education.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. I do NOT participate in any continuing education/self-improvement classes... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q23. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

- |   | <b>Excellent</b>         | <b>Good</b>              | <b>Fair</b>              | <b>Poor</b>              |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Conveniently located entertainment venues..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- |   |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| b. Activities for older adults...   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Activities that offer senior discounts.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Activities that are affordable to all residents.....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Activities that involve both younger and older people.....                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities.....                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests, hobbies or passions..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Drivers education or refresher courses.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Volunteering and Civic Engagement

Q25. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
a. Range of volunteer activities to choose from....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies (examples community councils or committees).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Transportation to and from volunteer activities for those who need it.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Job Opportunities

Q26. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- Self-employed, part-time **GO TO Question 26**
- Self-employed, full-time **GO TO Question 26**
- Employed, part-time **GO TO Question 26**
- Employed, full-time **GO TO Question 26**
- Unemployed, but looking for work **GO TO Question 26**
- Retired, not working at all **SKIP TO Question 27**
- Not in workforce for other reasons **SKIP TO Question 27**



Q26. How likely is it that you will continue to work as long as possible, rather than choosing to retire?

- Extremely Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not sure
- Already retired

Q27. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. A range of job opportunities for older adults.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Policies that ensure older adults can continue to have equal opportunity to work for as long as they want or need to regardless of their age.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Community Information

Q28. Would you turn to the following resources if you, a family member or friend needed information about services for older adults such as caregiving services, home delivered meals, home repair, medical transport, or social activities?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
a. Local senior centers.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Office of Healthy Aging (formerly Dept. of Elderly Affairs).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Family or Friends.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Local nonprofit organizations.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. AARP.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Faith-based organizations like churches or synagogues, or mosques.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Internet.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Phone book.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Your doctor or other healthcare professional.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. County Public Health and Human Services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Library.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Community Education.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Senior LinkAge Line.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

n. Some other sources.....

Q29. Would you rate Willmar as excellent, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
a. Access to community information in one central source.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, community centers or government buildings.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty leaving their home.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Community information that is available in a number of different languages.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Demographics

D1. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

D2. What is your age as of your last birthday [**AGE IN YEARS**]?

D3. What is your current marital status?

- Married
- Not married, living with partner
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never married

D4. Are you or your spouse or partner currently a member of AARP?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

D5. Besides you, do you have any of the following people living in your household?

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
a. Child/children under 18.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Child/children 18 or older.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Child/children away at college.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Parents.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other adult relative or friend 18 or older.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D6. In general how would you rate your health?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

D7. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or your spouse or partner from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities? [**CHECK ONLY ONE**]

- Yes, myself
- Yes, my spouse or partner
- Yes, both me and my spouse or partner
- No

D8. A family caregiver is someone who provides care for an adult loved one who has limited ability to care for themselves. This care may include helping with personal needs like bathing or dressing, meals, household chores, shopping, transportation, managing medical care or finances, or even just visiting regularly to see how they are doing. This adult need not live with you.

Are you currently a family caregiver providing unpaid care to an adult loved one to help them take care of themselves?

- Yes [**SKIP TO D10**]
- No [**GO TO D9**]

D9. How likely is it that you will provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Not At All Likely

D10. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

- Less than a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- High school graduate, GED or equivalent
- Post-high school education/training (no degree)
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college degree
- Post-graduate study (no degree)
- Graduate or professional degree(s)

D13. What is your race? [**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**]

- Black or African American
- White or Caucasian
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

D14. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2019?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

**Thank you very much for completing this survey.  
Your assistance in providing this information is very much  
appreciated.**