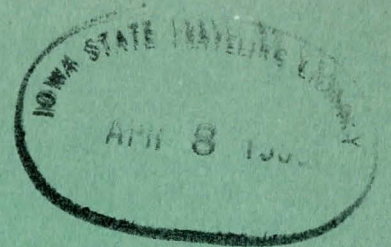


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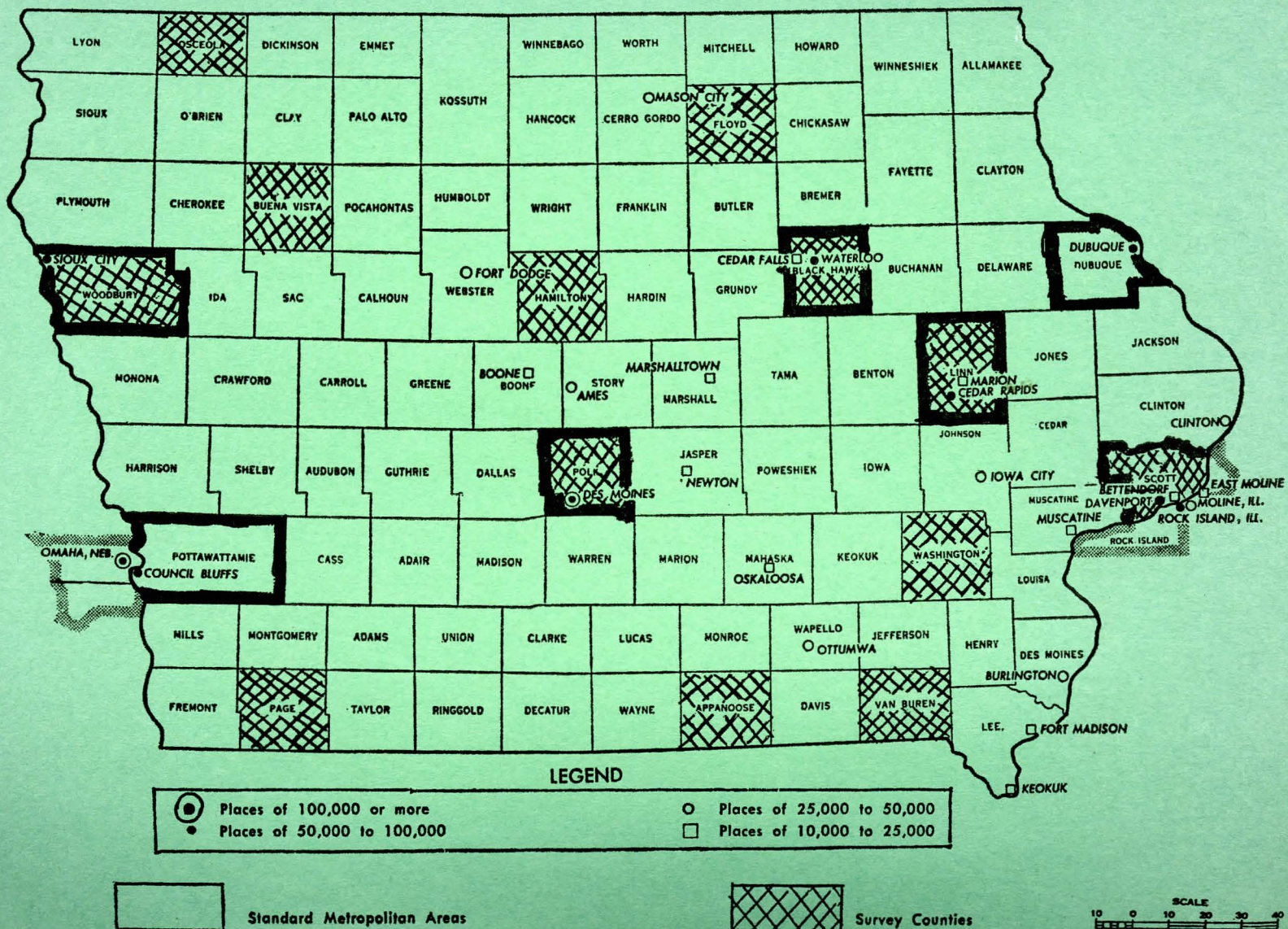
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FOREWORD

This county-by-county report is the second communication detailing the results of the 1960 survey entitled *The Iowa Survey of Life After Sixty*. The survey, from which these data come, was conducted in the summer of 1960 under the auspices of the Iowa Commission for Senior Citizens in cooperation with the Institute of Gerontology of the State University of Iowa and the Statistical Service of Iowa State University. The study was conducted as one aspect of Iowa's preparation for participation in the White House Conference on Aging.

The present report was prepared by Professor Martin U. Martel and David K. Lee, working from the original report and data. It represents an extension of the information published earlier, with a county-by-county presentation of findings about the situations in which older people find themselves in the several counties surveyed. This should prove to be valuable and useful information for county officials and interested citizens, as well as for state officials and all those who are concerned with planning improved programs for our aging citizens so that Life After Sixty in Iowa can be characterized as one of relative independence and personal dignity.

On behalf of the Commission which planned the study and the Institute of Gerontology, I would acknowledge our gratitude to all who assisted in the collection of these data. The 1,359 interviews were conducted by more than 200 volunteers from 13 Iowa counties. In each county there were "key people" or groups who took the responsibility for recruiting interviewers, training them, and receiving and transmitting the completed forms. On pages 2 to 4 these "key people" or groups and their interviewers are listed by counties. It was due to these willing and faithful Iowans that this report is possible. I also wish to express my thanks to Dr. Jason Lipkind and the Iowa Department of Health for the financial assistance which made the publication of this report possible.

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Introduction: The Survey Approach and Findings*

What kind of a state is Iowa to grow old in? What sorts of difficulties do older Iowans in various walks of life experience? How effective are existing programs conducted by the federal government, the state, our local communities, and their various organizations in helping to deal with those difficulties which can be ameliorated? What are the opinions of older people themselves about the kinds of programs needed to help them with their difficulties, and also about longer-run policy issues concerning the aged?

To answer these and other questions concerning later life in Iowa, an interview survey was carried out during the spring and early summer of 1960. Interviews were obtained in 13 counties¹ with a scientifically selected sample of 1,359 men and women who had passed their 60th birthdays. The counties chosen for the survey were selected so as to represent something of the range of communities and farming areas found within the state. (See Table I.) They include the five metropolitan areas of Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo. They also include eight of Iowa's more ruralized counties (Appanoose, Buena Vista, Floyd, Hamilton, Osceola, Page, Van Buren, and Washington). Together, the 13 survey counties contain about 25 per cent of Iowa's population past the age of 60, and provide a fairly good cross-section of the older population of the state.

The main descriptive findings for the state as a whole have been presented in an earlier report entitled *Life After 60 in Iowa*. The present report has

been prepared as a supplement to the former volume, giving separate survey findings for each of the thirteen counties in the sample.

County findings are presented in two ways. In Part I and Part II, county comparisons are given of answers to key survey questions concerning difficulties of later life, and opinions about ways of dealing with these difficulties. In Part III, separate "County Profiles" are presented for each survey county. Each profile summarizes the answers obtained from interviewees within a given county (by age and sex) to 193 of the main questions asked in the survey. The profiles include opinions about *all of the community welfare programs* which the survey covered.

The Survey Approach: In each of the survey counties, *samples of residential addresses* were systematically obtained from county maps and property-tax lists. Volunteer interviewers then were sent to each of the selected addresses to find out whether any people lived there who were past their 60th birthdays. At each sampled household where any persons over age 60 were found, one person was chosen to be interviewed. (If two or more eligible persons were found in a selected household, random number tables were used to determine which person would be interviewed.) As we well might expect, it was not possible to obtain interviews with all of the persons selected for inclusion in the survey. Some were too ill to talk to the interviewers, others were away on vacations or in the hospital during the period of the survey, and still others simply refused to take part in the survey. In total, approximately 15 per cent of the persons who should have been included in the survey were not actually interviewed—a fact that detracts somewhat from the precise representativeness of the findings obtained.

An average interview lasted about one and one-half hours. During this time several hundred questions were asked concerning the background of the interviewee, his difficulties in various areas of life, and his attitudes toward various issues pertaining to the older population. Most of these questions could be asked and answered very quickly but a few required some thought on the part of the respondent. To insure comparability between the interviews conducted by many different interviewers, an Interview Schedule was de-

*This introduction, along with the introductory statements in Part I and Part II, have been adapted from a summary article on the survey appearing in the January, 1961, issue of the Bulletin of the Institute of Gerontology, *ADDING LIFE TO YEARS*. Other articles on the survey findings for the state as a whole are available dealing with: (1) Health and Medical Care, (2) Backgrounds of Older Iowans, (3) Employment and Retirement, (4) Attitudes toward Nursing Homes and Old Age Homes, (5) Family Relations and Social Life, (6) Income and Income Adequacy, and (7) Opinions about Welfare Programs and Policies. Complete sets of these reports may be obtained by writing to the Institute of Gerontology, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

¹ The survey had to be restricted to a small number of counties, due to limitations of time and funds. It is hoped that this report will encourage other counties to undertake similar surveys of their own.

veloped of the type used in national public-opinion polls. Questions were printed on a standard form, and the interviewers were instructed to ask the same questions in the same order, using the same question wording as far as this was possible. Many precautions were of course taken, both in wording the questions asked and instructing the interviewers, to try to insure that the responses obtained would reflect the true attitudes and opinions of the people interviewed.

It must be emphasized that, for a number of reasons, *the survey findings tend to underestimate the proportions of older persons in the Iowa population who suffer from various sorts of difficulties*. One reason is that the sample was limited to the *non-institutionalized population*, excluding people in old-age homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, as well as some who were in mental institutions or in jail. Thus, some of the older people with the greatest hardships were excluded from the survey. In addition, a disproportionate number of the people selected for the sample who were *not* actually interviewed were very old or seriously ailing. Still another factor is that the people who were interviewed generally appeared reluctant to admit having difficulties to the survey interviewers. While there undoubtedly were some

"complainers" in the sample who exaggerated their troubles, many of the interviewers mentioned that their interviewees kept a "stiff upper lip," and refrained from mentioning health or financial difficulties, which they obviously had. In interpreting the survey findings, then, the reader should bear in mind that the findings tend to consistently exaggerate the well-being of older Iowans.

The survey approach employed was planned so as to provide a representative sample (of the non-institutionalized population over 60) in each of the survey counties. However, owing to practical difficulties, some of the county samples fall considerably short of adequate representativeness. One basis for evaluating the adequacy of particular county samples is given in the County Profiles (Part III), where the age-sex distribution of people over 60 in each county, as reported by the 1960 Federal Census, is included. A comparison of the number of men and women, above and below age 70, in the sample with the proportions indicated by the Census gives one quick way of assessing representativeness. More detailed evaluations of the adequacy of county samples may be obtained from the Survey Supervisors in each county, listed on pp. 2-4.

TABLE I—NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS OBTAINED IN THE 13 SURVEY COUNTIES AND SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

COUNTIES (with largest city indicated)	SURVEY SAMPLE:			Total Population (All Ages)	COUNTY %Urban	Population Characteristics ^a					
	Number of Interviews					Men	%	Over 60 years			
	Men	Women	Total					Women	%	Total	%
METROPOLITAN COUNTIES											
Blackhawk (Waterloo)	45	47	92	122,482	84	6,753	11	8,214	13	14,967	12
Linn (Cedar Rapids)	45	91	136	136,899	79	8,311	12	10,488	15	18,799	14
Polk (Des Moines)	56	123	179	266,315	92	16,049	13	20,639	15	36,688	14
Scott (Davenport)	28	42	70	119,067	85	7,444	13	9,054	15	16,498	14
Woodbury (Sioux City)	29	53	82	107,849	83	8,140	16	9,301	17	17,441	16
<i>Total (Metropolitan Counties)</i>	<u>203</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>752,612</u>		<u>46,697</u>		<u>57,696</u>		<u>104,393</u>	
NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES											
Appanoose (Centerville)	33	57	90	16,015	41	1,863	24	2,181	26	4,044	25
Buena Vista (Storm Lake)	37	41	78	21,189	36	1,799	17	2,029	19	3,828	18
Floyd (Charles City)	46	71	117	21,102	47	1,688	16	2,023	19	3,711	18
Hamilton (Webster City)	35	85	120	20,032	42	1,555	16	1,780	18	3,335	17
Osceola (Sibley)	53	46	99	10,064	28	773	15	765	15	1,538	15
Page (Shenandoah)	36	57	93	21,023	55	2,123	21	2,597	24	4,720	22
Van Buren (Keosauqua)	37	44	81	9,778	0	1,935	39	1,058	22	2,993	30
Washington (Washington)	57	65	122	19,406	31	1,670	18	2,092	21	3,762	19
<i>Total (Non-Metropolitan)</i>	<u>334</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>138,609</u>		<u>13,406</u>		<u>14,525</u>		<u>27,931</u>	
ALL SURVEY COUNTIES	537	822	1,359	891,221		60,103		72,221		132,324	

^a Source: 1960 United States Census of Population: General Population Characteristics, Series PC (1) 17B, Iowa, May, 1961.

Part I

Personal Difficulties Reported by Older Iowans (County Comparisons)

Introduction

One main objective of the survey was to obtain information about the major difficulties experienced by older men and women in the population. In a sense, we might say that the survey was "looking for troubles." The main findings obtained (partly summarized in Table I-1) are not very surprising, but there are some unexpected aspects to them.

The most serious problems reported that were fairly widespread in the sample had to do with *health* and with *lack of adequate finances*. This is shown, for example, by answers to the survey question: "What are the things that bring you greatest *unhappiness today?*" Nearly 20 per cent of the interviewees mentioned health difficulties or declining strength as their sources of greatest unhappiness, and about 10

per cent specified financial difficulties. The other main problems receiving widespread mention were *loneliness* (cited explicitly by 7 per cent) and *boredom* (mentioned by 5 per cent).

Health Difficulties: More than one-third of the survey respondents said they had "a major health difficulty," and more than one in 10 complained of being wholly or partly confined to the house because of illness or declining health. The specific health problems mentioned most often were arthritis or rheumatism, heart condition, high blood pressure, asthma, and failing eyesight. As shown in Table I-1, complaints about health difficulties were expressed much more frequently by women than by men. Also, they tended to be more widespread in the rural counties than in

TABLE I-1
DIFFICULTIES REPORTED BY OLDER IOWA MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SURVEY
SAMPLE BY AGE (SPRING, 1960)

REPORTED DIFFICULTIES NUMBER OF CASES	MEN				WOMEN			
	60-64 (138)	65-74 (258)	75+ (141)	Total (537)	60-64 (212)	65-74 (366)	75+ (244)	Total (822)
HEALTH:								
Major health difficulty	30%	29%	32%	31%	31%	38%	52%	40%
Confined to house	7	7	19	10	11	14	23	16
Poor eyesight	5	7	11	7	6	6	15	9
Poor hearing	4	3	11	5	4	4	10	5
FINANCES AND HOUSING:								
Income insufficient to meet ordinary living expenses	6%	8%	14%	9%	6%	11%	12%	10%
Had medical bill which couldn't readily afford (past two years)	13	9	15	12	10	12	11	11
Didn't receive needed medical care, due to cost	5	5	7	6	9	7	12	9
Living quarters inadequate	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	5
House too cold in winter	12	15	16	14	12	8	8	10
LONELINESS, BOREDOM, DESPONDENCY:								
Too much free time	14%	21%	39%	24%	12%	19%	31%	21%
No one to talk to personally	7	8	13	9	9	12	14	12
Life full of worry	12	10	13	11	9	14	13	13
Feel miserable much of time	13	10	13	12	5	11	11	9
Sometimes feel no point in living	7	7	8	7	2	7	7	6

the metropolitan counties. As we well might expect, complaints about ailments and physical discomfort show an increase with age among the women in the sample. However, no corresponding increase by age was found among the men.

The effects of declining health and changing physical condition are reflected in a great many problems reported by the sample. Perhaps the most important of these were the effects on employment. A large number of the men and the working women had retired from their work, and many others had reduced their working hours to a part-time basis. (See Table I-1.) Most of the people who had retired said that they had done so because of illness or the loss of strength and endurance. Interestingly enough, most of the retired interviewees denied that their *mental* abilities to do their work had been impaired, or that they were any less capable of maintaining their social relationships on the job. The problems they mentioned

were primarily physical. An unexpected finding appeared when the self-evaluations of working ability were compared for people in different types of occupations. It appeared that white-collar workers (especially people in clerical jobs and the professions) were more likely than farmers and urban manual laborers to complain that their working ability had declined due to losses in speed and physical endurance, while businessmen were the group most likely to complain "of losing their patience" as they grew older.

Quite a number of the interviewees said that their health condition made it difficult for them to do their own shopping or care for the house. Reported difficulties were greatest during the winter months when illnesses are more likely and when many found it very hard to shovel the snow and drive on icy roads. In addition, a fairly large number complained of hardships in tolerating cold winter weather. This is shown, for example, in dissatisfactions expressed about hous-

TABLE I-2
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF OLDER IOWA MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SURVEY
SAMPLE BY AGE (SPRING, 1960)

CHARACTERISTIC NUMBER OF CASES	MEN				WOMEN			
	60-64 (138)	65-74 (258)	75+ (141)	Total (537)	60-64 (212)	65-74 (366)	75+ (244)	Total (822)
BACKGROUND AND STATUS:								
Married	61%	76%	55%	72%	63%	40%	13%	37%
Employed during past year	66	52	25	55	34	24	8	22
Full time	48	25	6	30	19	10	2	10
Part time	16	25	19	23	15	13	5	11
Education—completed								
high school	7	8	9	9	24	14	11	16
Parents born outside the U.S.								
Father	27	40	38	39	27	34	41	35
Mother	20	45	43	40	23	35	39	33
Born outside the U.S.	7	8	12	10	4	7	11	7
Raised on a farm	47	60	65	62	63	55	68	61
Moved into neighborhood after 60	3	13	28	15	7	19	30	19
RESOURCES AND INCOME:								
Yearly income (median)	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,800	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,300
More than \$5,000	31%	13%	4%	14%	11%	3%	4%	7%
Less than \$1,000	11	10	24	14	22	27	42	30
HOME OWNERS:								
Own income property	85	87	72	83	88	78	70	78
Receive pension payment	30	29	33	30	18	26	32	26
Receive Social Security payment	5	25	14	16	10	20	12	14
Recipients of relief, medical assistance	4	60	65	46	23	53	34	40
Receive insurance payments	4	4	6	4	3	7	9	6
Have medical insurance	3	4	4	4	5	7	7	7
Could not afford medical bill of \$1,000	61	50	31	48	60	55	41	52
Have 1+ living offspring	28	50	36	33	31	55	44	38
Reside with offspring	76	81	78	79	78	72	80	76
Receive financial help	17	15	21	17	11	14	29	18
	1	2	6	3	2	4	13	6

ing. The most frequent complaint was that "the house is too cold in the winter." Many also complained that their health greatly limited their social activities, preventing them from going to church or from visiting their children as often as they would have liked.

About 10 per cent of the people in the sample said they needed help in order to get around and meet their daily needs. Particularly among the oldest people needing help of this kind, most were receiving assistance from their children. It appeared that family-help patterns were more strongly upheld by and for women than men. Mothers were more likely than fathers in the sample to have received help from their offspring, and daughters were more likely than sons to have taken the responsibility of caring for their older parents. While family-help patterns were fairly frequent in the samples, some of the people who most needed help were living by themselves and had no one nearby whom they could call upon for assistance. Some of these people were parents whose children had moved away from their home communities.

Financial Difficulties: After health, the lack of adequate finances was the problem most often mentioned. About 10 per cent of the interviewees said they did not have enough money to live on, and another 30 per cent said they had just enough to meet their ordinary expenses but had no resources to cover unexpected emergencies. More than one in 20 had had to depend upon relief or medical assistance during the year preceding the survey.

One survey question asked: "*What things could be done that would most improve your life-situation?*" The most frequent answer given was to provide greater income. Some of the responses were: "More income for the things that are really needed." "Larger income." "Money enough to live without worries." "Better health and income." "More money and lower taxes." "Increase Social Security." "Money to pay the cost of medical care." "Free medical care." "More money." "More money." "More money."

A fairly large number of the interviewees said they were unable to afford to buy modern labor-saving equipment which would have greatly eased their burdens of living. Some wanted automatic water pumps to eliminate the need to carry water from a well, others wanted washing machines or other mechanical cleaning devices, and some mentioned wanting automatic heating units so they would no longer have to carry coal or wood. The survey findings point up the great value of modern appliances like these for older people, in helping them to remain independent after their health begins to wane. Some older men

and women complained that their houses lacked certain conveniences which most Americans take for granted today (like an indoor toilet or a sink), and some said their houses needed basic repairs that were necessary simply to safeguard their health.

By far the most serious financial problem reported was that of paying for expensive drugs and medical care. About half of the interviewees had no medical insurance of any kind, and many of those with insurance had quite limited coverage. Nearly one-third said they had no way of paying for a medical charge of \$1,000 (a figure not much above the average cost of operations reported by the men in the sample), and one in 20 said that they needed medical or dental treatment which they could not afford because of the cost.

Income problems were most severe for the oldest people in the sample, most of whom were widowed or retired. The severity of the problems faced is suggested by the annual incomes reported by the people who had passed age 75. The men averaged less than \$1,500 (with 5 per cent receiving less than \$500), while the women averaged under \$1,000 (with 15 per cent living on less than \$500). Retirement generally resulted in a sharp drop in income. Among the retired men, 80 per cent said their income had become lower since retirement, and 61 per cent said their income had been reduced considerably. Many were living primarily on their Social Security payments, and average payments were quite low. Others were even worse off, having failed to qualify for the Social Security program in time. As shown in Table I-1, of those past 75, nearly 35 per cent of the men and 65 per cent of the women were not receiving Social Security payments. Coverage among women between ages 65 and 74 was much higher, but many in these younger ages too had been left out by the program.

Loneliness and Boredom: Loneliness and lack of satisfying activity were serious problems to many in the sample. More than 20 per cent of the men and the women complained of having "too much free time," and about 10 per cent said they had "no one with whom to talk about personal things." Presumably both problems are related to health, and it is likely that many who were afflicted by these difficulties also had serious health problems.

As one might expect, problems of isolation and boredom became more prevalent with age. It appears that for many of the men in the sample (and the working women too), these problems arose markedly in connection with retirement. The findings suggest that many of the people who had been regularly employed

throughout their adult lives had become dependent upon their work for companionship and for a feeling of usefulness as much as for the income provided. After retirement, they were cut off from their associations on the job, and some complained that they were unable to find meaningful substitutes for their work.

The preceding discussion is intended to provide an overview (for the state as a whole) of the survey findings concerning difficulties of older Iowans. In the remainder of this section, findings are presented comparing the prevalence of difficulties reported by interviewees in the 13 survey counties. As will be seen, there are considerable county variations shown for some of the difficulties reported, presumably reflecting differences in past and present local conditions. Some of these differences may also have arisen due to sampling variations in the selection of particular county samples—a factor that can best be assessed by the community leaders who supervised county operations.

The county findings are presented here without the presumption of editorial interpretation, or suggestions as to organized actions that might be taken to remedy reported difficulties. It is believed that responsible interpretations can best be made by people on the local scene and by appropriate state officials. It does clearly appear that the lot of older citizens in several survey counties is more likely to be one of needless hardship and frustration, compared with that in the more favorably situated Iowa counties, as well as other parts of the country. Some of the attitudes of older people in the various counties concerning their life situations, along with their own suggestions for possible ameliorative actions, are presented in Part II (and in the County Profiles).

A. Overall Satisfaction With Life

One popular stereotype of the older population in America has it that the majority are ailing, deprived, despondent, and apathetic. The survey findings for a sample of Iowans over sixty do not support such a stereotype. The largest number of people interviewed described their lives as being "still busy and useful," and one out of five said they were enjoying "the best years of my life."

One striking finding was that satisfaction with life was *not* uniformly lower among older interviewees. This is probably due in part to the fact that the sample excluded persons in institutions for the aged (*e.g.*, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.), and that interviews could not be obtained with persons who were very

seriously ill at the time of the survey, even if they were living at home. However, it is noteworthy that among those persons who were interviewed, the level of satisfaction reported by people in their seventies and even their eighties is not much below that for persons in their sixties.

Some tendency is shown for people living in cities to indicate higher satisfaction than those in rural areas—a finding that has been supported by surveys in other Midwestern states. On the other side, complaints about specific difficulties were more frequent in rural counties.

The gross rural-urban contrast in satisfaction is not a strong one, and greater differences appear *between* certain of the urban counties, and the rural counties as well. For example, the overall satisfaction-level is higher in Scott County than in any of the other survey counties, and is lowest in Woodbury County—both metropolitan counties. The most substantial county differences in answers to questions about "overall satisfaction with life" are indicated below.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN SATISFACTION WITH LIFE¹

1. "On the whole, how satisfied are you with your way of life today?" (% saying "very well" or "fairly well" satisfied.)

High counties: Scott (especially Men, 70 yrs. or older—83%)

Low counties: Woodbury (Men, 60-69 yrs.—24%)

2. "I never felt better in my life." (% agreeing)

High counties: Scott (Men, 70+ yrs.—58%)

Low counties: Washington (Women, 60-69 yrs.—8%)

3. "These are the best years of my life." (% agreeing)

High counties: Linn (Men, 70+ yrs.—42%)

Low counties: Hamilton (Women, 70+ yrs.—9%)

4. "This is the most useful period of my life." (% agreeing)

High counties: Scott (Men, 60-69 yrs.—44%)

¹ This section lists those counties (or age-sex groups within counties) for which answers to a given survey question differ significantly from those for the sample as a whole. All counties or county subgroups for which responses differed by 15 percent or more from the sample means are included here. The words "*High Counties*" refer to those where the proportions giving the indicated answers to questions *exceeds* the sample mean, while "*Low Counties*" indicates those falling below the sample mean.

Low counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—0%),
Buena Vista (Women, 70+ yrs.—0%)
5. "My life is still busy and useful." (% agreeing)
High counties: Hamilton (Men, 60-69 yrs.—93%),

Osceola (Woman, 60-69 yrs.—94%)
Low counties: Buena Vista (Men, 60-69 yrs.—56%)

TABLE I-A: "SATISFACTION WITH LIFE" OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES						NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan	
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	
SURVEY ITEMS	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Satisfaction with way of life:																
Satisfied	44-53	60-48	48-47	71-64	38-45	58-50	46-51	54-56	48-54	49-39	47-41	50-58	41-43	60-49	50-48	
Unsatisfied	2-2	4-0	7-5	0-0	3-2	4-2	12-4	3-0	7-4	3-1	6-0	6-2	8-5	0-2	5-2	
Very unsatisfied	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Never felt better	38-26	31-22	29-24	50-19	24-24	34-23	12-23	19-24	24-23	20-19	24-24	19-23	16-14	14-9	19-20	
Religion is a great comfort	64-83	62-78	64-79	43-83	58-89	60-82	58-84	65-85	67-78	74-77	64-85	67-84	51-68	58-84	63-81	
Religion most important thing in my life	38-55	33-50	34-44	21-45	24-48	32-49	46-63	35-49	33-44	46-56	55-67	42-88	27-48	37-55	40-56	
These are the best years of my life	20-21	33-21	29-22	32-17	21-28	27-22	18-21	24-17	19-17	23-15	23-15	19-21	19-20	16-18	20-18	
This is the most useful period of my life	20-15	13-14	27-20	36-19	28-19	24-18	9-18	16-7	22-14	11-12	21-15	8-12	22-14	4-11	14-13	
My life is still busy and useful	71-83	73-87	77-82	75-81	69-79	73-83	70-86	68-88	80-82	80-74	74-89	75-84	65-77	81-87	74-83	
a. "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women."																

B. Difficulties, and Sources of Unhappiness

While the majority of interviewees indicated general overall satisfaction with their lives, nearly one-third of the men and women indicated periodic anxieties and states of depression. Approximately one in ten expressed more general or severe feelings of deprivation, complaining of loneliness, neglect by relatives, or lack of satisfying activity. About six per cent of the total sample agreed with such statements as "My life is full of worry" and "I feel just miserable most of the time," and a smaller number (about three per cent) expressed such extreme morbid feelings as "If I don't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living." (See Table I-B.)

As was noted earlier, the *sources* of unhappiness mentioned by men and women in the sample were quite similar. The factors most often cited were health, declining strength and endurance, and financial problems. The other factors that were mentioned fairly

often were loneliness, inability to get around and participate in social activities, and simple boredom.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN DIFFICULTIES. When county-by-county comparisons in reported difficulties were examined, some substantial differences appeared. For example, the incidence of extreme expressions of unhappiness and worry was much higher among older women in Scott and Washington counties than in the other county samples. Further differences appeared in the *sources* of difficulties emphasized, with complaints about health, boredom and financial inadequacy running higher among men in Appanoose County than in any of the other counties surveyed. Significant variations in the answers given to specific survey questions are indicated below.

1. "I feel just miserable most of the time." (% "agree")

High counties: Washington (Women, 70+ yrs.—21%)

2. "Sometimes I feel there's just no point in living."
(% "agree")

High counties: Scott (Women, 70+ yrs.—29%),
Washington (Women, 70+ yrs.—21%)

3. "My life is full of worry." (% "agree")

High counties: Scott (Women, 70+ yrs.—24%)

4. "I wish my family would pay more attention to
me." (% "agree")

High counties: Van Buren (Men, 60-69 yrs.—23%),
Polk (Men, 60-69 yrs.—21%)

5. "What are the things that bring you greatest
unhappiness today?" (% specifying)

a. Health, confinement.

High counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—

27%), Page (Women, 60-69 yrs.—27%)

Low counties: Osceola (Women, 60-69 yrs.—
0%)

b. "Can't afford things wanted."

High counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—
27%)

Low counties: Woodbury (Men—0%)

c. "Loneliness"

High counties: Floyd (Men, 70+ yrs.—33%)

Low counties: Osceola (Women—0%), Polk
(Men—0%), Woodbury (Men—0%)

d. "Boredom"

High counties: Appanoose (Men—15%)

TABLE I-B: REPORTED DIFFICULTIES AND SOURCES OF UNHAPPINESS OF MEN
AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan		
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
Greatest unhappiness:	9-13	11- 6	18- 7	7-19	14-17	12-10	15-14	11-15	13-13	11-13	13- 7	14-19	13-16	14-11	13-13		
Health, confinement	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 5	0- 0	0- 1	3- 0	0- 0	0- 0	3- 0	0- 0	0- 0	3- 0	0- 0	1- 0		
Fear of death	7- 2	2- 6	0- 7	11- 9	0- 6	3- 6	6- 5	3- 5	15- 7	11- 2	4- 4	6- 5	11-11	4- 9	7- 3		
Loneliness	9- 4	0- 0	0- 4	7- 5	3- 2	3- 3	15- 4	8- 2	4- 1	0- 1	0- 0	3- 2	11- 2	2- 3	5- 2		
Boredom	11- 6	4- 3	9- 7	4- 2	0-11	6- 6	24- 9	5- 5	2-11	6- 4	8- 0	3- 7	16- 9	5- 5	8- 6		
Can't afford things wanted	0- 2	0- 0	0- 0	0- 2	0- 0	0- 1	6- 0	0- 0	0- 3	0- 0	0- 0	0- 2	0- 0	0- 2	1- 1		
Children neglect	4- 0	0- 6	4- 3	11- 5	7- 0	4- 2	9- 2	5- 5	2- 0	6- 2	6- 4	0- 2	5- 2	4- 3	5- 2		
Political Events																	
Didn't finish things	0- 0	0- 0	2- 1	4- 0	0- 0	1- 0	0- 5	0- 2	2- 1	0- 1	0- 0	3- 0	5- 0	0- 2	1- 1		
I wanted to do	0- 0	0- 1	4- 1	0- 0	0- 2	1- 1	3- 2	0- 0	0- 0	0- 1	0- 0	0- 4	5- 5	2- 0	1- 1		
Housing	0- 2	2- 1	0- 1	0- 5	0- 0	0- 1	0- 2	3- 2	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0		
Religion	0- 2	4- 1	2- 2	4- 9	0- 0	2- 2	0- 2	0- 5	2- 4	0- 5	0- 2	0- 0	8- 0	2- 6	2- 3		
Don't care to go on living	7- 2	4- 2	7- 2	0-12	0- 4	4- 4	9- 4	8- 7	7-10	6- 9	11- 0	3- 9	11-16	14-11	9- 8		
Feel miserable most of time																	
Religion doesn't mean much to me	2- 0	11- 4	7- 5	36- 2	3- 0	10- 3	15- 5	5- 0	7- 4	3- 6	4- 9	3- 2	13- 5	4- 3	6- 4		
Sometimes there's no point in living	0- 4	2- 0	2- 2	4-17	7- 4	2- 4	0- 0	3- 2	2- 1	0- 4	0- 2	3- 5	13- 0	9-11	4- 3		
My life is full of worry	0- 4	2- 6	9- 9	4-17	7- 6	4- 8	12- 9	5- 2	7- 7	3- 7	8- 7	3-14	5- 7	7-12	6- 8		
I have more free time than I know how to use	20-15	20-19	21-20	25-17	10-21	20-19	21-14	24-20	15-13	20-19	19- 7	8-16	27- 7	14-17	18-14		
Wish family would pay more attention to me	11- 4	11- 1	14- 7	7- 7	0- 2	10- 4	12- 9	3- 2	11- 3	11- 8	2- 2	3- 5	13- 2	7- 3	8- 5		

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

C. Health and Medical Care

The largest number of interviewees described their health as being at least "fairly good," and well over half said that their health was still "good" or "excellent." (It should, again, be recalled that residents of nursing homes or homes for the aged, people in hospitals at the time of the survey, and those who were too ill to be interviewed, could not be included in the survey.) Generally, people living in cities showed better health condition than those residing in towns or on farms, and more men than women said they were in good health. (Table I-C.)

Major health difficulties were reported by a sizable number of interviewees (about 35 per cent of the total sample), with the tolls of aging being indicated by more frequent difficulties among older people. Approximately one out of eight said his physical condition restricted him to the house at least partially and limited his activities significantly; and among people past age seventy, nearly 20 per cent said they were quite limited in their activities.

The cost of medical care is indicated by the survey findings as the most critical financial problem of older Iowans. About ten per cent in the sample said that, during the preceding two years, they had been

faced with medical costs which they could not readily pay, and one in twenty said they had not obtained needed care due to the cost. A much larger number (nearly one-third) said they could not afford a medical emergency cost of \$1,000.

Medical insurance coverage was fairly limited in the sample. About one-half said they had no coverage of any kind, and many who had a medical policy indicated that coverage was quite limited, compared with likely costs if a serious emergency befell them. The problem again was most acute for the older people in the sample, among whom insurance coverage was very limited.

County variations in reported health condition and in medical costs are summarized in Table I-C. The counties (or county subgroups) which differed most from the survey sample as a whole, are indicated below.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL COSTS

1. "In general, would you say your health is:"

a. "Fair"

High counties: Hamilton (especially Men, 70+ yrs.—50%)

TABLE I-C: HEALTH AND MEDICAL COSTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES						NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan	
	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	
Reported health condition:																
Excellent	20-21	16-19	13-15	21-14	10-11	16-16	6-12	8- 7	24- 6	14-14	11-13	6- 7	13- 2	5- 3	11- 8	
Poor, very poor	7- 6	4- 5	11- 3	11-11	10- 4	9- 5	30- 9	8- 7	4-13	6-10	17- 6	17-13	16-13	14-14	14-11	
Major health difficulty	22-34	27-37	43-41	49-45	24-43	30-40	52-30	45-44	24-40	26-39	28-39	33-44	16-43	42-41	32-40	
Medical, Dental costs																
During past year:																
Less than \$100	33-40	42-39	41-46	43-45	45-49	40-44	49-46	49-37	37-55	40-36	26-39	39-35	54-52	56-41	43-43	
More than \$500	11-14	18- 6	12-12	8- 4	24- 6	14- 9	6- 7	13-11	4- 6	12- 8	16- 6	8- 2	6- 9	8- 3	9- 6	
Had medical cost which																
Could not readily afford	4-13	11- 4	13-14	21- 9	2-21	11-12	15-10	19-12	7-11	20-19	8- 4	8- 9	16- 9	9- 5	12-11	
(Past 2 years)																

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

- Low counties: Black Hawk (Men, 70+ yrs.—17%)
- b. "Good"
- High counties: Scott (Men, 70+ yrs.—58%)
2. "At present do you have any major health difficulty?" (% who said "yes")
- High counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—56%)
- Low counties: Black Hawk (Men, 60-69 yrs.—18%)
3. "Could you estimate (about) how much your medical and dental costs came to last year? What would the total be? (Try To Get Estimate, Including Costs Covered By Insurance.)"
- a. "\$99 or less"
- High counties: Washington (Men, 70+ yrs.—59%), Floyd (Women, 60-69 yrs.—62%)
- Low counties: Osceola (Men—26%)
- b. "\$100-299"
- High counties: Page (Men, 70+ yrs.—50%), Buena Vista (Women, 70+ yrs.—39%)
- c. "\$300-499"
- High counties: Scott (Men, 70+ yrs.—25%)
- d. "\$500-999"
- High counties: Woodbury (Men, 60-69 yrs.—18%)
4. "During the past two years, have you personally been faced with any important medical or dental costs that you could not readily afford to pay? (Include Cost For Wife Or Other Dependents.)" (% saying "yes")
- High counties: Scott (Men, 60-69 yrs.—25%), Hamilton (Men, 70+ yrs.—25%), Woodbury (Women, 70+ yrs.—23%)
- Low counties: Page (Men, 60-69 yrs.—0%), Linn (Women, 60-69 yrs.—0%)

D. Income and Expenses

A majority of the interviewees indicated that they were fairly comfortably situated, financially speaking. (To avoid the difficulties of asking people to discuss their finances "out loud," questions about income and income-sources were included on the Survey Questionnaire that was filled out by the interviewees.)

At the same time, a fairly large number in the sample said they had barely enough money to meet their ordinary living expenses (more than 10 per cent), and a surprisingly large group (perhaps one-third) said they could not afford to meet the costs of major medical or other emergencies.

Income difficulties were greatest for the oldest people

in the sample. Most of the men past age seventy were retired, and in most cases retirement led to a sharp drop in income. (See Table I.) Many of the men in this older group were critically dependent upon small Social Security payments or limited stipends from pensions. The older women (mostly widowed) were even worse off since, in a large number of cases, they had become widowed before their husbands had been able to qualify for the Social Security program.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN INCOME AND EXPENSES. As shown in Table I-D-1, incomes average considerably higher in the metropolitan counties than in the non-metropolitan counties. Highest average incomes for both men and women are reported in the Davenport, Sioux City, and Waterloo areas; with lowest incomes in Appanoose County. The differences crucially reflect differences in the ages of interviewees.

TABLE I-D-1: AVERAGE YEARLY INCOMES OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY*

COUNTY	MEN	WOMEN
METROPOLITAN	\$3,000	\$2,000
Black Hawk	3,200	2,000
Linn	2,400	1,800
Polk	2,700	2,100
Scott	3,200	3,000
Woodbury	3,000	2,100
NON-METROPOLITAN	\$2,700	\$1,500
Appanoose	1,800	1,200
Buena Vista	2,800	1,800
Floyd	2,800	1,400
Hamilton	2,400	1,400
Osceola	2,900	1,400
Page	3,400	1,200
Van Buren	3,000	1,400
Washington	2,500	1,400
All Counties	\$2,500	\$1,300

*Median income figures, rounded to nearest one-hundred dollars. For each figure, approximately 50 per cent reported incomes higher than the median, and another 50 per cent reported lower incomes.

The income averages give a partly misleading picture of the economic well-being of older people in the various counties, since it is possible for a sizable number to have considerable financial difficulty without affecting the average. This is shown, for example, by the Scott County figures on income adequacy, which present the greatest variability by age and sex of any of the survey counties. While Scott County had the largest number of men in their sixties in the higher income brackets, it also had the largest number of women past age seventy who said they did not have enough money to live on.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN INCOME AND INCOME ADEQUACY

1. "Current, yearly income. (Include all sources, such as pensions, insurance, Social Security, etc., before taxes.)"
 Highest income: "\$5,000 or more" Black Hawk (especially Men, 60-69 yrs.—37%), Scott (Men, 60-69 yrs.—31%)
 Lowest income: "Under \$1,500" Appanoose (Women, 70+ yrs.—46%)
2. "How adequate is your total income now?" (% saying "Not enough to live on.")
 High county: Scott (Women, 70+ yrs.—38%)
3. "Generally, how satisfactory is your present stand-

ard of living (as far as money and property is concerned)?" (% saying "unsatisfactory.")

High counties: Page (Men—20%), Appanoose (Men—18%), Polk (Women—17%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Women—2%), Appanoose (Women—4%)

4. "How much of your income goes for food, housing, and medical care?" (% saying "all" or "almost all.")

High counties: Appanoose (Men—49%, Women—40%), Scott (Women—45%), Van Buren (Men—41%), Floyd (Women—40%)

Low counties: Floyd (Men—19%), Osceola (Men—19%), Page (Men—19%)

TABLE I-D-2: INCOME AND INCOME ADEQUACY OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan		
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
Employed (during past year)	53-19	51-21	55-21	43-24	69-28	57-23	55-19	62-17	61-28	59-9	55-17	64-12	68-18	60-25	57-18		
Yearly income :																	
Less than \$1,500	16-41	29-44	22-42	29-29	20-43	22-41	39-71	29-46	27-52	23-31	26-52	20-57	37-56	32-52	30-51		
\$5,000 or more	29-11	15-8	9-8	25-12	10-2	17-8	6-2	11-5	17-0	17-8	15-4	11-4	3-0	14-8	12-4		
Inadequate income	7-13	16-11	9-14	11-19	7-9	10-13	15-9	11-5	4-7	6-7	4-9	8-9	8-7	10-9	8-11		
Standard of living:																	
Unsatisfactory	11-2	7-10	13-17	7-10	10-9	10-10	18-4	8-7	9-9	6-6	6-9	20-11	14-7	7-11	10-8		
All (or almost all) Income spent on food, housing medical care	20-30	27-29	39-35	36-45	38-36	34-34	49-40	35-27	19-40	23-22	19-28	17-28	41-20	21-31	27-30		

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

E. Living Arrangements

Most of the persons interviewed were home owners, residing in their own homes. (More than 80 per cent.) Generally, these were homes they had lived in for a good part of a lifetime.

Approximately ten per cent were living in rented units (rooms or apartments), and about five per cent were living with children or, in a very few cases, with other relatives.

Home ownership declines with age—a fact partly

reflecting the declines in health and income among older people noted in the preceding sections. Among persons 75 years old or older, a fairly large number had to give up their homes and move in with children. This was especially true among older, widowed women, and the person with whom they had moved in was in most cases a daughter.

A much larger proportion of interviewees were living alone than had been expected. (More than 25 per cent of those in their sixties, and 35 per cent of those past age seventy.) Among the oldest women in the

rural counties, a near majority were living by themselves—in many cases without anyone nearby to provide them with assistance in case of need. The prevalence of “living alone” in the sample, particularly by widowed people, is one of several indications of the very strong attachment felt by older people to their homes. Many respondents were continuing to reside in the home they had become attached to in earlier life, despite the fact that this entailed considerable physical and economic hardships for them.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND ATTITUDES

1. “Home ownership.”

High county: Appanoose (especially Men, 70+ yrs.—95%)

Low county: Scott (Men, 70+ yrs.—58%)

2. “Living in children’s house.”

High county: Linn (Women, 70+ yrs.—22%)

Low county: Osceola (Men & Women—0%)

3. “Housing costs during past year.” (\$500 or less)

High county: Hamilton (Men—54%, Women—50%)

Low county: Linn (Men—24%), Scott (Women—24%)

4. “Satisfaction with housing.” (% saying their housing is “poor.”)

High counties: Van Buren (Men—19%), Hamilton (Men—11%), Page (Men—11%), Floyd (Women—10%)

Low counties: Buena Vista (Women—0%), Linn (Men—0%)

5. “If you had the choice, would you really prefer to live somewhere else (than in present quarters)?” (% saying “yes.”)

High counties: Appanoose (Men—30%), Black Hawk (Men, 70+ yrs.—39%), Woodbury (Men—28%), Scott (Women—24%)

Low counties: Scott (Men—4%), Floyd (Men—4%)

TABLE I-E: LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES						NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan	
	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	MW %	
Own or rent quarters:																
Own	89-81	82-70	79-71	64-71	72-74	79-72	91-75	87-88	87-78	83-85	83-85	83-81	87-86	82-86	85-83	
Live in children's house	4- 6	4-14	4-11	4-12	7- 6	4-10	0- 5	3- 2	2- 3	3- 4	0- 0	3- 5	5- 2	5- 3	3- 3	
Live with other relatives	0- 0	2- 1	2- 1	4- 2	7- 0	2- 1	3- 0	0- 2	4- 3	3- 5	0- 0	0- 4	0- 2	0- 0	1- 2	
Rent	4- 6	9-14	13-12	18- 9	14-17	11-12	3-10	11- 5	0-11	9- 4	13-15	8- 7	5- 2	7- 9	7- 8	
Housing cost last year:																
\$150 or less	2- 0	4- 1	5- 2	11- 5	7- 9	5- 3	12-10	5- 5	2- 4	6- 4	6-11	6- 5	11- 7	5- 2	6- 6	
\$500 or less	29-36	24-32	39-33	36-24	41-45	34-34	42-56	32-39	39-47	54-50	28-37	47-32	49-43	30-37	39-43	
\$1,500 or less	53-40	44-44	38-36	29-36	41-30	42-38	30-21	38-42	39-32	20-23	38-28	33-33	22-32	42-32	34-30	
\$3,000 or less	11- 2	16- 5	11- 7	14-17	0- 2	11- 6	9- 0	8- 0	4- 4	3- 4	15- 0	0- 0	5- 2	9- 9	7- 3	
More than \$3,000	0- 2	2- 1	2- 2	0- 2	3- 0	2- 1	0- 0	3- 0	2- 0	0- 0	2- 4	3- 4	0- 0	5- 2	2- 1	
Housing satisfaction:																
Poor	2- 4	0- 3	2- 2	7- 2	3- 4	2- 3	6- 4	3- 0	4-10	11- 5	2- 9	11- 4	19- 7	4- 6	7- 7	
Satisfactory	24- 4	22-15	18-11	4- 9	17-11	16-11	33-18	8-12	7-17	9-23	19-19	33-16	19-18	12- 3	17-15	
Good	74-89	78-81	79-86	89-88	80-85	81-86	61-79	76-85	89-71	80-75	68-72	53-79	49-75	86-89	76-77	
Prefer to live elsewhere:																
No	60-53	84-73	68-62	93-69	65-68	73-66	64-75	87-85	78-80	83-69	81-80	70-75	65-66	82-69	77-75	
Not sure	7-17	4- 2	4- 7	4- 2	0- 9	4- 8	3- 4	3- 5	2- 6	0- 5	4- 9	3- 5	16-16	2- 8	4- 7	
Yes	29-19	9-19	18-21	4-24	28-19	18-20	30-12	8- 7	4-13	14-16	11- 9	19- 7	11- 7	12-20	13-12	
If yes (elsewhere) where?																
Country	11- 2	18- 8	14- 7	14-14	10- 6	14- 7	24-21	13-10	35-13	37-13	32-15	47-30	32-27	37-17	33-18	
Small town	4-15	18-21	21-17	11-17	14-38	14-21	46-49	73-76	30-30	31-39	51-72	33-47	35-50	32-46	39-48	
Medium town	71-62	47-56	7-17	29-21	41-28	38-35	21-12	5- 5	20-30	11-25	11- 7	11-12	8- 9	18-17	14-16	
Big city	7-11	4- 9	38-49	32-17	17-17	20-25	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	3- 4	0- 0	3- 0	0- 0	0- 5	1- 1	

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F. Social Relations and Leisure-Time Activities

The continuing importance to older men and women of their relations with friends and neighbors is pointed up by a number of the survey findings. It seems possible that for many older people whose children have left them, who have become widowed, or who have retired from work, that friendships and neighborhood associations may take on far greater

importance than at any time during earlier life, perhaps even including adolescence.

Most of the older people surveyed showed active participation and continuing interest in social affairs and leisure activities. Favorite pastimes were (in order of frequency) (1) watching television or listening to radio, (2) visiting with friends, (3) reading the newspaper, (4) visiting with children and relatives, and (5) working and puttering around the house.

County variations in preferred leisure activities are summarized in Table I-F.

TABLE I-F: SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND PREFERRED LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES										All Non-metropolitan
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington				
	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %	MW % %				
Staying home	47-47	56-58	50-40	50-60	59-43	52-48	58-54	41-51	46-55	46-39	40-33	33-60	54-43	49-52	46-48			
Working at home	78-79	87-89	68-77	68-86	55-75	72-82	73-86	57-85	56-83	54-81	51-85	53-86	68-84	61-90	59-85			
Going to church	64-70	47-73	50-73	29-60	59-49	51-70	58-75	54-83	52-71	52-68	62-80	58-70	49-75	53-55	55-73			
Reading newspaper	64-70	79-83	77-72	78-69	79-66	75-74	67-81	70-81	72-80	80-77	66-78	64-77	70-75	72-87	70-80			
Reading books	42-47	42-54	34-54	57-45	31-45	40-51	36-40	38-46	26-47	57-41	23-46	19-53	43-52	33-58	34-48			
Radio or TV	89-81	89-89	88-90	75-88	86-92	86-89	82-79	84-95	78-90	89-84	87-72	89-84	70-91	82-92	83-88			
Movies	7-11	9-18	13-16	29-26	3-19	11-17	3- 5	3-15	11-11	14-12	6-13	11- 9	5- 9	14- 6	8-10			
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	47-11	47-14	38- 9	25-21	41-19	40-14	49- 7	49- 7	28-13	60-12	34- 4	39- 2	41-11	35- 9	40- 9			
Crafts	13-43	13-50	5-56	18-36	10-49	11-49	12-44	13-51	2-52	9-46	4-52	11-47	11-41	9-54	8-49			
My work	22-19	36-19	36-21	39-21	38-21	34-20	39-21	30-10	35-24	29-19	36-19	33-26	41-23	37-21	35-21			
Reading political news	44-23	51-29	25-31	43-21	34-21	39-27	27-19	30-20	28-23	40-27	30-28	25-26	32-20	23-26	29-24			
Listening to political programs	36-19	44-39	43-37	54-38	24-34	40-35	30-21	57-39	39-21	40-37	42-35	44-40	38-25	42-32	42-31			
Sitting and thinking	9-19	18-14	25-15	11-29	14-24	16-18	33-18	24-27	15-14	26-20	19-19	22-25	22-20	18-29	22-21			
Talking with friends	62-72	84-86	80-79	75-83	72-74	75-80	88-88	78-93	78-80	83-80	77-80	81-86	70-84	84-87	80-84			
Discussing politics	24-19	20-21	20-28	25-12	31-21	23-22	15-12	24-15	19-14	29-20	24-17	28-21	24-16	14-15	22-16			
Taking walks alone	22-15	29-19	32-21	29-19	17-13	27-18	21-18	13-12	13-16	17-16	17-13	11-12	32-23	25-12	19-15			
Visiting with children	67-64	62-73	66-72	57-74	65-70	64-71	91-75	70-71	76-65	80-77	60-76	67-77	68-66	65-80	71-74			
Visiting with other relatives	51-64	64-76	66-66	46-79	55-57	58-68	82-74	73-81	61-79	86-71	74-78	72-77	57-68	75-86	72-77			
Visiting with friends	69-77	76-89	66-78	75-83	69-77	70-81	91-86	84-93	85-89	89-84	79-93	83-82	76-84	84-95	83-88			
Playing games	47-40	44-48	52-31	43-55	52-34	48-40	46-28	43-42	46-44	46-27	45-39	33-35	35-30	44-43	42-36			
Adult education courses	9- 6	4- 9	7- 8	7- 2	0- 6	6- 7	3- 4	0- 7	2- 4	11- 8	4- 9	3- 5	11-25	7- 6	5- 8			
Praying	36-62	29-67	34-58	18-67	28-53	30-61	49-74	27-61	26-54	40-61	40-74	31-68	22-52	35-63	34-63			
Reading the Bible	38-55	38-58	29-62	18-67	24-57	30-60	46-74	46-68	33-68	60-68	43-74	36-77	42-57	42-78	43-71			
Taking vacation trips	64-49	47-62	45-40	36-57	52-43	49-49	42-58	49-64	63-44	57-48	47-52	47-47	51-52	42-57	50-52			
Have more friends now than ever before	36-45	38-32	38-34	36-33	38-42	37-36	42-49	57-37	50-30	49-40	24-48	36-35	38-25	49-37	43-38			
Have very few friends	4- 9	0- 9	7-12	18- 7	3- 9	6-10	0- 4	3- 0	0- 6	6- 2	4- 0	8- 9	3- 7	4- 5	3- 4			
Have no one to talk to about personal things	9- 9	7- 6	13-10	7-19	0- 6	8- 9	12- 7	5- 7	7-11	0-11	2- 7	3-18	11-7	2-11	5-10			

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county and "W" indicates "women"

Part II

Opinions About Community Needs, Programs and Services

Introduction

In a democratic society, one basic assumption is that problems of welfare (in the broadest sense) should be dealt with giving due attention to the opinions and values of the people most concerned. In the preceding section, findings have been presented concerning difficulties of older Iowans as they themselves described them. This section takes up survey findings concerning interviewees' opinions as to needed welfare services and programs aimed at distinctive problems of the aging.

A good many of the survey questions asked for opinions about welfare programs and services for older people. Some of these questions asked individuals about the kinds of programs they personally wanted to help them with their own difficulties. Others asked them, as citizens, about programs they favored for older people generally.

The main impression gained from the responses to these questions is that most interviewees felt that more ought to be done for older people. (Perhaps 20 per cent felt a need for expanded and improved services rather strongly, and an equal number were opposed or indifferent to programs of any kind.) It further appears that people in the urban counties were considerably more likely to favor action programs of any kind than those in rural counties, and men saw more need for improved services than did the women. There is an irony in these comparisons since it was precisely the women and the rural residents who were most liable to have those very difficulties with which the programs considered are designed to deal.

The programs most widely favored parallel the problems of the sample which have been discussed (in Part I). Greatest emphasis was placed on the need for better medical services for older people, and particularly on the need for more adequate ways of paying for these services. Very few interviewees were in favor of providing medical services through free or low-cost health clinics or hospitals, where a patient could not choose his doctor. Rather, the preference was for better quality service with choice of physi-

cian, and for the expansion of medical payment programs to permit individuals to pay the costs of such services. The largest number also were in favor of the expansion of visiting-nursing services for persons in need of home care.

Most men and women in the sample seemed to feel that medical care for the aged only could be financed adequately through a federally sponsored program. More than 70 per cent of the urban residents and 50 per cent of the rural endorsed the idea of a "Forand Bill type program," in which medical insurance would be added to the existing Social Security program. While many clearly had hesitations about the "compulsory" aspects of such a program, less than 20 per cent were opposed to the idea and only about 5 per cent were strongly opposed. A good many also favored the development of other types of federal aid programs—apparently programs of medical relief. A comparatively small number were for state sponsored aid programs as an alternative to federal sponsorship, with the preference for state sponsorship receiving relatively more emphasis in the rural counties. To our surprise, very few in the sample endorsed the position that aid should be provided by private insurance companies (less than 5 per cent), and most were opposed to locally sponsored programs that would have the taint of "charity" attached to them.

Apart from payments for medical care, a large majority agreed that "more should be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on," and a good many favored the expansion of housing programs and homemaker services for those with inadequate living-quarters. Here again, principal reliance was placed on governmental programs but considerable diversity of opinion also was evidenced.

More than one-fourth of the respondents took the position that "each individual should provide for his own support" or that children should take the main responsibility for supporting their parents. (The latter response was especially frequent among the older women in the rural counties.) Nearly one-third felt that employers should assume a major responsibility for the welfare of their employees, and quite a num-

ber thought that more opportunities for part-time work should be created. However, most respondents said that the government (on some level) should assume the responsibility for buttressing the incomes of older people with severe financial problems. The most frequent suggestion made was that Social Security be increased to accomplish this end, but many also favored lowering taxes to reduce the financial pressure on some older people.

Many of the interviewees felt that more specialized housing facilities were needed to accommodate those older people who could no longer maintain a household of their own, or who needed special care. Among the facilities most favored were "nursing homes," "boarding homes," "resident hotels," and "projects for the elderly with meals provided." While a fairly large number were in favor of increasing such facilities and making them available *for others*, they seemed to resist the idea of going to reside in

such places themselves and much preferred living alone in their own homes. Many people in the sample expressed strong fears and aversions with respect to the possibility of having to go to a nursing home or a home for the elderly. The majority favored the more extensive development of a variety of home-maker services—such as "home-visiting programs," "meals-on-wheels," and "visiting-nursing services"—to enable more of the older people to remain in their homes as long as possible.

We might note that, in answer to the question "Who should have the main responsibility for building new housing for older people?" most interviewees (nearly 60 per cent) favored the federal, state, or local government. Unexpectedly, very few (less than 10 per cent) were in favor of the responsibility being left to "commercial builders" or "business organizations." This is one of several survey findings which indicate widespread opposition to the reliance on private en-

TABLE II—OPINIONS OF OLDER MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT COMMUNITY NEEDS AND SERVICES

OPINIONS ABOUT NEEDS, SERVICES	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 %	70+ %	All Men %	60-69 %	70+ %	All Women %
Number of cases	279	258	537	412	410	822
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^a						
Adequate	85	81	83	77	79	78
Not sure	5	6	6	9	8	9
Inadequate	6	12	9	10	11	10
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	1	4	3	2	3	3
No good doctors here	2	6	4	4	6	5
Doctors don't care about aged	1	0	1	0	1	0
Medical cost is too high	8	9	8	8	7	8
Had medical attention during past year	56	52	54	40	62	63
Have regular (family) doctor	48	46	47	58	55	57
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	82	80	81	83	78	81
In Iowa (nearby)	13	12	13	13	16	14
In Iowa (farther away)	1	1	1	2	3	3
Outside Iowa	4	5	4	3	6	5
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	37	27	32	38	37	38
Resident hotels ^c	23	22	23	28	24	26
Boarding homes ^d	23	24	23	26	19	22
Nursing homes ^e	37	37	37	39	34	36
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	25	23	24	26	27	26
Near family and friends	16	15	16	21	20	21
Away from crowded business district	30	31	31	32	25	29
In private community for the aged	17	18	18	20	16	18
More to help standard of living ^f	30	66	47	40	42	41
What should be done ^g :						
Increase social security	20	33	26	17	24	21
Provide more jobs	6	9	8	6	7	6
Lower taxes	8	29	18	14	17	15
Families should care for them	2	5	3	5	5	5

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

PROGRAMS, SERVICES	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES:						PER CENT WHO WOULD USE:	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need			
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Better medical care	19	17	35	33	30	33	29	25
Free clinic (couldn't chose doctor)	8	5	19	20	46	50	16	12
High priced clinic (could choose)	8	7	34	36	35	34	28	30
Medical relief fund	26	22	44	46	16	14	27	29
More visiting	10	12	42	39	23	29	24	16
Home visiting programs	8	12	48	48	14	14	28	24
Visiting nursing service	19	19	52	53	13	14	30	27
Meals delivery	10	9	35	35	31	33	16	18
Adult education courses	10	10	38	44	30	26	13	13
Informal courses	4	6	40	40	29	29	12	14
More church programs for older people	9	10	39	40	26	28	20	20
More church programs for young and aged	11	10	42	38	24	28	21	19
Homemaker's service	6	11	35	37	34	30	14	18
Community workshops for disabled	11	13	46	45	21	22	17	13
Community workshops for those in good health	11	12	47	44	21		23	23
More part-time work	20	20	42	43	18	18	23	19
More volunteer community work	6	6	32	32	33	35	13	9
"Meeting place" for aged	19	18	49	47	15	19	34	28
Organized club	9	10	38	38	27	28	17	17
Family adoption of the aged	3	3	23	26	45	57	6	5
Mobile library	7	9	34	48	34	32	16	19
Number of cases	(537)	(822)	(537)	(822)	(537)	(822)	(537)	(822)

a "Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?"

b "Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired)."

c "A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services)."

d "Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service)."

e "Nursing homes (with medical and personal care)."

f "Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?"

terprise to provide facilities and services for the aged. A larger number (roughly 20 per cent) felt that the churches should take a major responsibility for providing housing for their members, but most said the problem should be left to the state or to the federal governments.

The other facilities and services which won fairly wide support were mostly those concerned with social participation and leisure activities. A substantial majority felt that there was a need for more informal recreation centers in which older people could get together and play games. More than 30 per cent said they would personally make use of such a center, and this type of arrangement was decidedly preferred by many to organized "Golden Age" or "Senior Citizen" clubs. It should be said, however, that a fair-sized minority did approve of organizations of the latter type, and liked the idea of participating in them. Some other programs which received approval were community workshops (for the disabled as well as for those in good health), mobile library services, and adult education courses. A small number even approved a plan for families to "adopt" older people

who have no families of their own, but the majority did not give this plan their approval.

Some of the programs subscribed to by interviewees can only be carried out effectively on the state or national level. At the same time, support is shown for many courses of action which depend primarily on county or local community initiative. The county-by-county findings are presented in the remainder of this section, and are summarized separately for each county in Part III (County Profiles).

A. Opinions About Health-Needs and Medical Services

As mentioned above, the greatest need expressed by the sample pertained to medical care. By and large, complaints centered around the *costs* of medical services and drugs, rather than the *quality* of the services. Comparatively few said that the doctors or medical facilities available to them were unsatisfactory, or that doctors did not devote adequate attention to older patients.

In answer to a series of questions concerning possi-

ble ways of making medical services more widely available, the approach most widely favored was through federal action. More specifically, the general idea of the proposal to provide medical insurance through Social Security won greater support than any other alternative, and the extension of Social Security coverage to bolster incomes of older people also was mentioned frequently. Medical aid or "relief" also was widely supported, but, statistically speaking,

was clearly a second choice to the former approaches.

While greatest support, then, was given to federal action, many interviewees expressed a need for continuation or improvement of programs and services where state or local initiative could have an important place. This is particularly true of *visiting-nursing services*, the need for which was very widely indicated. (Table II-A.) In addition, people in some of the counties were more prone to express dissatisfaction with

TABLE II-A: OPINIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT HEALTH-NEEDS AND ADEQUACY OF MEDICAL CARE, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES								
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan	
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Complaints about medical care:																
No good hospitals here	0- 0	0- 2	0- 0	0- 2	7- 2	1- 1	6-10	11- 7	2- 3	0- 0	6- 0	3- 4	5-16	0- 0	4- 4	
No good dr.s here	0- 4	2- 3	4- 0	0- 5	7- 4	3- 3	3-16	13-12	2- 4	0- 0	6- 0	3- 4	8-16	4- 9	5- 7	
Dr.s don't care about aged	2- 0	0- 1	0- 0	0- 2	0- 0	1- 1	0- 0	3- 2	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0	3- 0	0- 2	1- 0	
Medical cost too high	13- 6	16- 9	11-14	7-24	3- 4	11-11	6- 7	8- 5	9- 7	0- 1	2-11	17- 7	5- 5	5- 0	6- 5	
Better medical care needed:																
Great need	2-19	27-12	25-26	21-26	17-21	23-21	24-18	27-15	13- 7	6- 5	21-15	8-16	27-32	10-18	17-14	
Some need	29-30	42-39	45-36	36-24	45-24	39-33	36-39	22-32	33-24	40-30	30-39	33-40	32-39	33-26	32-33	
No need	24-17	22-42	21-21	36-33	28-45	25-31	27-37	38-42	30-40	31-46	32-33	25-26	30- 5	46-37	33-35	
Free clinic (couldn't choose Dr.)																
Great need	7- 9	18-13	13- 5	14-12	17- 6	13- 8	3- 4	5- 2	4- 4	0- 2	0- 4	3- 0	16- 2	4- 5	4- 3	
Some need	13-19	27-29	29-29	21-21	28-11	24-24	15-25	11-12	22-13	26-20	13- 4	17-14	19-18	14-21	17-17	
No need	42-32	33-44	39-43	46-41	34-58	39-44	67-54	54-66	37-48	34-54	64-63	39-60	32-32	70-55	51-54	
High priced clinic (could choose):																
Great need	11- 6	11- 6	13-12	11-12	7-13	11-10	6- 9	11- 2	11- 6	0- 5	6- 2	6- 4	18- 7	0- 6	6- 5	
Some need	33-34	49-44	32-43	36-21	28-32	36-38	42-30	22-32	33-24	23-28	24-35	42-42	22-41	53-43	33-34	
No need	24-17	24-39	38-23	32-31	38-36	31-29	36-44	41-51	24-48	49-43	51-39	19-28	35-11	37-35	37-38	
Medical relief fund:																
Great need	36-28	36-29	32-32	46-33	24-24	35-30	42-19	24-20	15-16	14-11	17-15	19-10	30-20	12-26	21-17	
Some need	36-34	51-53	50-48	21-43	52-45	43-46	42-49	35-49	41-42	52-50	45-50	39-39	35-45	61-41	45-46	
No need	9- 9	7-12	5- 8	18- 7	14-23	9-11	6-16	30-24	19-16	9-21	23-30	14-23	13-11	21-21	18-20	
Visiting nursing service:																
Great need	29-19	16-22	14-32	32-33	21-11	21-25	33- 7	19-12	13-14	29-12	11-19	6-16	22-11	19-26	18-15	
Some need	53-55	69-70	66-51	50-41	52-60	60-51	46-60	51-54	41-47	46-54	55-54	47-42	38-50	54-38	48-50	
No need	2- 6	11- 6	9- 4	4- 9	10-19	7- 8	9-23	16-24	15-17	9-18	19-17	22-18	11-11	21-26	16-20	
Adequacy of medical care in community:																
Adequate	82-75	78-79	80-79	89-57	86-85	82-77	88-77	76-73	85-85	91-82	83-82	86-86	70-59	84-78	83-79	
Not sure	9-19	11- 9	7-11	4-14	0- 6	7-11	3- 4	3- 2	7- 6	3- 5	8-13	0- 5	11-14	4-11	5- 7	
Inadequate	4- 4	4-10	7- 7	7-21	10- 9	6-10	9-16	22-20	4- 9	6- 6	6- 4	14- 9	13-23	12- 9	11-11	
Had medical attention during past year	56-51	56-71	57-64	57-67	38-62	54-64	61-54	49-66	56-52	49-57	47-69	39-65	49-59	75-81	54-63	
Have regular (family) Dr.	56-54	53-65	52-66	61-64	38-55	50-63	39-46	51-59	41-49	49-55	47-48	47-58	46-45	40-51	45-52	
Location of Dr.'s office:																
In the community	87-87	93-81	79-84	86-83	76-72	84-82	88-72	68-73	85-89	89-77	74-87	75-81	70-75	84-81	79-80	
In Iowa (nearby)	16- 6	2-15	13-17	14- 7	10-26	11-15	9-16	22-12	7- 6	6-12	13- 7	31-25	11-18	16-17	14-14	
In Iowa (farther away)	0- 4	4- 1	0- 2	4- 0	3- 2	2- 2	0-10	0- 7	2- 1	0- 6	0- 0	0- 0	0- 5	0- 0	0- 4	
Outside Iowa	13-13	0- 2	2- 2	0- 0	10- 0	5- 3	3- 4	3- 0	4- 3	0- 0	2- 4	22-30	3- 5	0- 3	4- 6	

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

the medical resources available to them (or to persons in their areas generally).

It appears that people in the rural counties were more dissatisfied with their available doctors and facilities, while urban residents complained more about costs. Dissatisfactions with doctors and facilities were expressed most frequently in Appanoose, Buena Vista, and Van Buren counties, as shown below. (E.g., complaints that there are "no good doctors here," that "better medical care is needed," and that "medical care available in their communities is inadequate.") However, in other rural counties—especially Hamilton, Page, and Washington counties—general satisfaction with existing resources was expressed.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN OPINIONS ABOUT HEALTH-NEEDS AND MEDICAL SERVICES

1. "Medical Complaints" (% "specifying")

a. "No good doctors here."

High counties: Buena Vista (especially Men, 70+ yrs.—21%), Appanoose (Women—16%), Van Buren (Women—16%)

b. "Cost of medical care too high."

High counties: Page (Men, 70+ yrs.—38%), Scott (Women—24%)

Low counties: Hamilton (Men—0%), Washington (Women—0%)

2. "Better medical care" (% "indicating need")

a. "Need greatly."

High counties: Van Buren (Women—32%)

Low counties: Hamilton (Men—6%, Women—5%)

b. "Don't need."

High counties: Washington (Men—46%), Hamilton (Women—46%), Woodbury (Women—45%)

Low counties: Polk (Men—21%), Linn (Men—22%), Van Buren (Women—5%), Black Hawk (Women—17%)

c. "Would use."

High counties: Appanoose (Men—58%), Van Buren (Women—46%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—13%), Hamilton (Women—13%)

3. "A free (or low cost) health clinic where you could not choose your doctor." (% "indicating need")

a. "Don't need."

High counties: Washington (Men—70%), Ap-

panoose (Men—67%), Buena Vista (Women—66%)

Low counties: Van Buren (Men—32%, Women—32%), Black Hawk (Women—32%)

b. "Would use."

High counties: Polk (Men—29%, Women—20%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—4%, Women—4%)

4. "A higher priced health clinic where you could choose your doctor." (% "indicating need")

a. "Good to have."

High counties: Washington (Men—53%), Linn (Men—49%)

Low counties: Buena Vista (Men—22%), Scott (Women—21%)

b. "Don't need."

High counties: Osceola (Men—51%), Hamilton (Men—49%), Buena Vista (Women—51%)

Low counties: Page (Men—19%), Van Buren (Women—11%), Black Hawk (Women—17%)

c. "Would use."

High counties: Linn (Men—47%), Polk (Women—46%)

Low counties: Hamilton (Men—14%), Floyd (Women—17%)

5. "A medical relief fund to pay the doctor bills of persons who cannot afford them." (% "indicating need")

a. "Need greatly."

High counties: Scott (Men—46%, Women—33%), Appanoose (Men—42%)

Low counties: Washington (Men—12%)

b. "Good to have."

High counties: Washington (Men—61%)

Low counties: Scott (Men—21%)

6. "A visiting-nursing service for persons who need home care." (% "indicating need")

a. "Need greatly."

High counties: Scott (Men—32%, Women—33%)

b. "Good to have."

High counties: Linn (Men—69%, Women—70%)

c. "Don't need."

High counties: Page (Men—22%), Washington (Women—26%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—27%), Polk (Women—4%)

d. "Would use."

High counties: Scott (Men—54%), Polk (Women—42%)

- Low counties: Osceola (Men—17%)
7. "Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community) for persons in your position?" (% "specifying")
- a. "Adequate."
- High counties: Hamilton (Men—91%), Page (Women—86%)
- Low counties: Van Buren (Men—70%, Women—59%)
- b. "Inadequate."
- High counties: Buena Vista (Men—22%), Van Buren (Women—23%)
8. "Have you received any form of medical attention during the past year?" (% who said "yes")
- High counties: Washington (Women—81%)
- Low counties: Black Hawk (Women—51%)
9. "Do you have a regular (family) doctor who you go to for checkups, even when you are not ill?" (% who said "yes")
- High counties: Scott (Men—61%)
- Low counties: Woodbury (Men, 70+ yrs.—8%)
10. "Where is his office located?" (% "specifying")
- a. "Nearby, in neighborhood or community."
- High counties: Linn (Men, 70+ yrs.—96%)

- Low counties: Buena Vista (Men, 60-69 yrs.—61%)
- b. "In Iowa, less than an hour's drive."
- High counties: Page (Men—31%)
- Low counties: Linn (Men, 70+ yrs.—0%)
- c. "Outside of Iowa."
- High counties: Page (Men—22%, Women—30%)

B. Opinions About Measures to Improve the Incomes of Older People

After health, the problem of finances was the one most frequently mentioned by the older people surveyed. It has been noted above that the greatest financial problem indicated had to do with medical costs, and the measure receiving widest endorsement was a medical insurance program. Beyond this, nearly half of the interviewees said that more should be done to "improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on," and few disagreed with this opinion. Some tendency is shown for men to favor measures to improve the standard of living more than women, and support also is more prevalent in the urban than the rural counties. (Table II-B.)

TABLE II-B: OPINIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT WAYS OF BOLSTERING INCOMES OF OLDER PEOPLE, BY COUNTY

	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan
	a	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
More should be done to raise raise standard of living of older people.	42-45	51-42	52-45	57-60	41-40	49-45	55-42	46-39	46-44	49-30	42-33	47-42	38-41	51-38	47-40
What should be done?															
Increase Social Security	20-28	31-18	41-24	29-45	14-11	29-23	33-21	27-32	19-21	20- 9	23-19	28-19	27-20	23-17	25-19
Provide more jobs	11- 2	4- 6	14- 7	11-24	0- 6	9- 8	15- 7	5-10	9- 3	0- 2	9- 9	3- 7	8- 7	5- 5	7- 5
Lower taxes	20-11	22-15	23-19	7-19	17-17	19-17	24-18	22-24	17-18	20- 6	13-15	17-16	16-18	14- 9	17-14
Families should care for them	0- 4	7- 3	0- 5	4- 9	3- 6	2- 5	3- 4	3- 2	2- 6	0- 6	6- 7	0- 5	3- 7	9- 6	4- 5
More part-time work:															
Great need	27-30	22-22	23-33	29-36	24-17	25-28	36-14	19-10	19-18	14-11	15-15	8- 9	22-18	12-18	18-14
Some need	31-34	51-53	45-40	39-43	48-47	43-44	33-51	60-46	33-42	46-43	47-39	31-33	41-36	42-43	42-42
No need	11- 0	16-17	16-11	18- 5	7-21	14-12	15-19	8-29	13-14	14-22	21-37	28-33	16-14	40-18	21-23
Would use	24-26	31-22	32-32	29-19	21-15	28-24	39-26	22-10	9-21	14-14	17-13	8-12	32- 9	21-14	20-16

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

How should the standard of living be improved? Among those who felt improvement was needed, the measures most favored were to increase Social Security benefits and to lower taxes. Some interviewees favored tax privileges specifically for older people in recognition of their lowered incomes and earning capacities. In some of the counties the need was expressed for more job opportunities for the older population. This desire was expressed most often by the men from Appanoose County and the women in Polk and Scott counties. Quite a number of interviewees favored the development of more part-time work opportunities for older people who could not readily perform a full-time job, but were entirely capable of doing part-time work.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN INCOME SUPPORT

1. *"Do you think anything more should be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?"* (% who said "yes")

High counties: Scott (especially Men, 70+ yrs.—75%, Women, 70+ yrs.—67%)

Low counties: Van Buren (Men, 60-69 yrs.—15%), Hamilton (Women—30%)

2. *"What should be done?"* (% specifying)

- a. *"Increase Social Security."*

High counties: Polk (Men, 70+ yrs.—54%), Scott (Women, 70+ yrs.—52%)

Low counties: Woodbury (Men, 60-69 yrs.—6%), Hamilton (Women—9%)

- b. *"Provide more (better) jobs."*

High counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—27%), Scott (Women, 60-69 yrs.—29%)

Low counties: Hamilton (Men—0%), Woodbury (Men—0%)

- c. *"Lower taxes (for aged)."*

High counties: Appanoose (Men, 70+ yrs.—47%)

Low counties: Scott (Men—7%), Hamilton (Women—7%)

3. *"More part-time work for pay."* (% indicating need)

- a. *"Need greatly."*

High counties: Appanoose (Men—36%), Scott (Women—36%)

Low counties: Page (Men—8%, Women—9%)

- b. *"Good to have."*

High counties: Buena Vista (Men—60%)

- c. *"Don't need."*

High counties: Washington (Men—40%), Page (Men—28%, Women—33%), Osceola (Women—37%)

Low counties: Buena Vista (Men—8%), Scott (Women—5%), Black Hawk (Women—0%)

- d. *"Would use."*

High counties: Appanoose (Men—39%), Polk (Women—32%)

Low counties: Page (Men—8%), Floyd (Men—9%), Van Buren (Women—9%)

C. Opinions About Housing and Home-Care Programs

Most interviewees indicated that they personally wanted to live in their own homes as long as possible and seemed to feel threatened by the prospect of being consigned to a home for the aged, a nursing home, or other custodial institutions. Correspondingly, widespread support was shown for a variety of home-care and home-assistance programs which could make it easier for elderly people to continue living in their homes after their ability to provide for their own needs declines. The programs most widely endorsed are: (1) Visiting-nursing services, already mentioned; (2) Homemakers' assistance to help with the housework; (3) Home-visiting programs and mobile-libraries, especially for those who are confined to the house; and (4) Prepared meals for home delivery at low cost. Need also is indicated for help in tending the lawn, shoveling snow in winter, and performing necessary household repairs at low cost. Quite a number of the older people in the sample said that they were snowbound at times during the winter and that their houses were in need of very basic repairs which they had difficulty finding someone to do.

It is important to note that the strongest support for various home-maintaining programs was given by urban county residents, despite the fact that the greatest difficulties in keeping up their homes were found in the rural counties. It has been mentioned earlier that the most urgent housing problems were found among widowed women who were living alone in outlying areas. These were the people who were most likely to complain of their difficulties in maintaining their houses, obtaining needed repairs and improvements, and doing their shopping. However, they were less likely than their urban counterparts to express support for various home-care and home-assistance programs from which they could most have benefited. Perhaps this is due in part to their being more accustomed to

caring for themselves, and less accustomed to receiving help of an impersonal sort.

Many respondents also favored the expansion of specialized housing facilities for older people, such as apartments or cottages with prepared meals provided, or boarding houses. Not surprisingly, these facilities were more appealing to people in the urban counties, with interviewees in Linn and Polk counties showing greatest interest in making personal use of them.

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN OPINIONS ABOUT HOUSING AND HOME-CARE PROGRAMS

1. "Do you think there is a need in this county for any more of the following types of living arrangements?" (% specifying)

a. "Separate cottages or apartments for the aged (with meals served if they want them)."

TABLE II-C: OPINIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT HOUSING-NEEDS AND HOUSING PROGRAMS, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES									
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan		
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	%	%
Need for more housing units for older people in county:																	
Cottages or apartments	27-28	47-50	50-58	29-48	24-40	37-48	30-46	24-24	17-31	20-26	9-11	22-32	35-43	23-31	22-30		
Resident hotels	29-43	36-32	36-45	11-24	31-36	30-37	30-26	16-15	15-20	14-14	11-17	19-12	24-11	21-20	19-17		
Boarding homes	29-21	29-20	32-33	29-12	21-24	29-24	27-19	8-22	19-21	14-16	19-33	19-9	22-18	30-32	20-21		
Nursing homes	33-51	36-45	41-40	43-17	31-32	26-39	42-32	24-42	33-31	31-26	57-67	22-19	43-41	37-35	37-35		
Preferred location of new housing for aged:																	
Close to shopping facilities	36-23	18-26	34-41	21-21	24-32	28-31	27-33	24-20	24-30	26-15	15-15	11-10	27-27	23-35	22-23		
Near family and friends	9-19	20-20	29-31	14-14	28-34	40-25	27-14	11-29	11-16	3-15	6-7	3-10	19-32	23-23	13-18		
Away from crowded business district	24-23	47-43	46-28	25-24	31-30	26-33	30-18	30-29	26-27	29-28	24-39	17-18	30-36	30-18	27-26		
In private community for aged	13-15	11-22	29-26	21-41	17-19	19-24	39-19	11-5	15-18	17-9	15-11	11-16	11-20	18-11	17-14		
Meals delivery:																	
Great need	7-9	13-10	14-16	14-26	7-6	11-13	18-9	5-10	11-9	11-4	8-2	0-4	8-5	10-18	9-6		
Some need	36-32	49-53	41-39	43-38	38-36	41-41	33-21	38-44	28-31	23-34	30-33	25-26	30-27	37-34	31-31		
No need	27-15	24-28	27-21	29-14	24-42	26-24	30-54	41-37	22-30	26-37	38-50	39-46	27-23	46-43	34-40		
Would use	9-21	31-32	23-28	29-31	10-13	21-26	18-9	19-20	19-17	14-12	9-4	11-10	11-9	12-14	14-12		
Homemaker's service:																	
Great need	11-19	4-13	13-19	14-21	7-9	10-17	3-5	3-15	4-6	9-6	0-7	0-7	8-0	5-6	4-6		
Some need	33-36	53-54	41-41	29-41	34-34	39-43	49-51	30-32	22-31	26-32	38-22	19-25	30-32	42-35	32-33		
No need	20-6	24-24	32-20	36-24	21-40	27-23	30-30	43-42	26-32	40-36	40-48	50-46	30-18	46-38	38-36		
Would use	7-17	29-24	29-31	21-21	14-9	21-23	21-16	5-15	11-21	11-12	6-2	3-12	16-9	5-20	9-14		
Family adoption of the aged:																	
Great need	2-2	0-1	4-8	4-7	3-6	3-5	6-0	0-0	7-1	9-2	2-0	0-0	3-0	0-2	3-1		
Some need	29-32	38-32	34-35	29-36	17-28	31-33	21-21	8-20	7-18	14-22	23-9	17-28	27-25	32-23	19-21		
No need	33-21	47-54	43-37	46-31	41-53	42-41	46-56	70-56	39-42	37-48	49-65	44-42	35-30	51-51	47-49		
Would use	2-6	13-3	14-12	7-7	3-6	9-8	3-4	5-0	4-4	3-2	6-0	3-4	8-7	5-2	5-3		
Home visiting programs																	
Great need	18-21	9-20	18-35	32-33	17-9	18-25	27-18	13-10	22-17	17-8	9-9	17-12	27-20	14-18	18-14		
Some need	49-40	64-64	57-43	39-36	55-49	54-48	42-54	51-68	39-48	40-48	53-43	28-46	27-34	63-47	45-49		
No need	7-4	11-11	11-7	18-12	0-24	9-11	18-14	24-10	11-16	11-21	23-26	22-18	8-9	14-17	17-17		
Would use	27-28	44-24	39-37	36-21	28-13	36-27	18-25	16-20	24-28	23-16	21-15	25-19	27-25	33-29	24-22		

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

- High counties:* Linn (Men, 60-69—53%; Women—50%), Polk (Men—47%; Women—58%)
Low counties: Osceola (Men—9%, Women—11%)
- b. "Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service)."
High counties: Polk (Women, 60-69 yrs.—39%)
Low counties: Buena Vista (Men, 70+ yrs.—0%)
- c. "Nursing homes (with medical and personal care)."
High counties: Osceola (Men—57%; Women—67%)
Low counties: Page (Men, 60-69 yrs.—15%; Women, 70+ yrs.—14%)
2. "Where would it be best to locate new housing for the aged?" (% "approved")
- a. "Close to downtown, or a shopping area."
Low counties: Page (Men, 60-69 yrs.—5%; Women, 60-69 yrs.—9%)
- b. "Near family and friends."
High counties: Woodbury (Women—34%), Polk (Women—31%)
Low counties: Page (Men—17%)
- c. "Away from crowded business districts."
High counties: Linn (Men, 70+ yrs.—54%; Women—43%)
Low counties: Page (Men—17%)
- d. "In a private community for the aged."
High counties: Appanoose (Men—39%), Scott (Women, 60-69 yrs.—48%)
Low counties: Buena Vista (Women, 60-69 yrs.—0%)
3. "Prepared (well balanced) meals for home delivery at low cost." (% indicating "need")
- a. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—49%; Women—53%)
Low counties: Hamilton (Men—23%), Appanoose (Women—21%)
- b. "Don't need."
High counties: Washington (Men—46%), Appanoose (Women—54%), Osceola (Women—50%)
Low counties: Scott (Women—14%), Black Hawk (Women—15%), Polk (Women—21%)
- c. "Would use."
High counties: Linn (Men—31%, Women—32%), Scott (Men—29%, Women—31%), Polk (Women—28%)
Low counties: Osceola (Men—9%), Women—4%), Van Buren (Women—9%), Appanoose (Women—9%)
4. "A homemaker's service to provide help with housework." (% indicating "need")
- a. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—53%, Women—54%), Appanoose (Men—49%, Women—51%)
Low counties: Page (Men—19%), Osceola (Women—22%)
- b. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—29%, Women—31%), Linn (Men—29%)
Low counties: Page (Men—3%), Osceola (Women—2%)
5. "A family-home program (so that older people without families could live with another family)." (% indicating "need")
- a. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—38%), Page (Women—36%), Polk (Women—35%)
Low counties: Floyd (Men—7%), Buena Vista (Men—8%), Osceola (Women—9%)
- b. "Don't need."
High counties: Buena Vista (Men—70%), Osceola (Women—65%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—33%, Women—27%), Van Buren (Men—35%, Women—30%)
6. "Home visiting programs for persons who cannot get out." (% indicating "need")
- a. "Need greatly."
High counties: Scott (Men—32%, Women—33%), Polk (Women—35%)
Low counties: Hamilton (Women—8%)
- b. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—64%, Women—64%), Washington (Men—63%), Buena Vista (Women—68%)
- c. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—39%, Women—37%), Linn (Men—34%)
Low counties: Buena Vista (Men—16%), Woodbury (Women—13%)

D. Opinions About Social and Recreational Activities

A good many of the interviewees were in favor of the development of programs, facilities and organizations to provide recreational and educational activities for those older people who were not confined to their homes. Among the programs widely supported are: (1) "a place where older people could go anytime they like to talk or play games," (2) community

workshops, (3) church programs of various types, (4) adult educational courses through the public schools, and (5) organized recreational clubs, such as Senior Citizens' organizations or Golden Age clubs.

In general, the interviewees did not prefer activities

exclusively for older people. However, there were many exceptions among the people sampled—enough to provide more than adequate support for a variety of social programs in many of the communities within the sampled counties.

TABLE II-D: OPINIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ABOUT VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES NEEDED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, BY COUNTY

SURVEY ITEMS	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES										NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES							
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan			
	a																	
	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%	MW	%
More visiting:																		
Great need	9-15	31-14	9-17	14-19	21- 9	11-15	3- 7	8-10	19-10	11- 8	2- 9	8- 4	19-16	4-11	9- 9			
Some need	44-34	49-46	48-41	36-29	31-34	43-39	42-46	35-37	33-30	46-37	45-33	42-47	43-30	47-46	42-38			
No need	13-15	29-32	23-23	29-33	21-36	23-27	36-32	35-44	13-30	14-35	30-41	17-23	8- 9	33-26	24-30			
Would use	18-13	24-24	32-34	21-31	17-15	24-26	30-19	11-12	24-17	31-19	23- 9	22-21	30-23	25-15	24-17			
Adult education courses																		
Great need	13-11	2-10	18-17	11-19	21- 9	13-14	3- 9	13- 5	9- 7	11-14	9- 9	3- 2	5-11	9- 9	8- 7			
Some need	47-36	60-48	39-51	43-43	24-30	44-44	36-51	43-49	26-30	26-45	32-41	25-49	41-39	47-47	35-44			
No need	7-13	27-31	29-16	32-21	28-43	24-24	46-26	30-32	28-30	37-28	36-30	39-28	22-16	35-26	34-27			
Would use	11-15	16-12	23-25	14-14	7- 8	15-17	15-16	19-10	4- 4	14-11	9- 9	11-10	19-16	10-11	12-11			
Informal courses																		
Great need	7- 6	0- 6	11-14	7-12	10-13	7-10	0- 4	3- 2	0- 4	9- 2	2- 7	0- 2	3- 2	4- 0	2- 3			
Some need	38-40	60-50	46-43	32-43	34-24	44-42	49-42	43-42	33-28	29-36	36-37	25-46	41-41	44-37	37-38			
No need	18- 6	29-32	21-23	43-17	17-45	25-26	33-35	35-34	24-34	34-32	36-41	36-28	19-14	33-38	31-32			
Would use	11-17	18-21	23-24	11-17	3- 9	15-19	15-12	8-15	13- 7	6- 7	9- 7	3- 9	5-18	14- 8	10-10			
More church programs for older people																		
Great need	13-17	4-10	18-18	7-19	10-11	11-15	12-16	3- 7	7- 4	9- 8	6- 2	6- 5	5- 5	10- 3	7- 6			
Some need	53-38	49-46	38-42	36-41	34-36	43-42	36-46	46-39	33-41	29-33	30-41	36-32	37-39	49-41	37-39			
No need	9-11	31-35	25-21	36-12	24-32	24-24	27-21	30-39	17-25	37-32	38-33	25-39	24-20	23-37	28-31			
Would use	22-21	29-21	32-37	11-31	14-15	24-27	30-23	13-15	22-14	9-15	23-15	6- 9	19-23	19-15	18-16			
More church programs for both young and aged:																		
Great need	22-13	7-10	18-15	4-21	17-13	14-14	18-16	3-10	4- 3	17- 5	8- 7	6- 5	11-14	12- 8	10- 8			
Some need	47-28	49-43	41-49	39-36	28-36	42-41	46-46	49-34	50-30	29-39	34-33	36-33	32-39	56-38	42-37			
No need	9-13	27-35	25-18	32-17	21-34	22-24	15-21	27-39	15-32	31-32	32-28	28-37	27-20	25-35	25-31			
Would use	27-19	22-19	38-35	18-19	14- 9	26-23	33-21	11-20	24-16	11-14	11-11	14- 7	24-27	21-15	19-16			
Community workshops for disabled:																		
Great need	13-28	4-18	20-24	18-29	10-13	13-22	27- 9	13-10	7- 4	11- 8	6- 2	3- 4	5- 5	10- 6	10- 6			
Some need	49-34	62-59	55-50	50-50	59-45	55-50	36-53	38-32	48-37	40-40	55-46	33-40	30-39	42-46	41-42			
No need	13- 0	22-15	14-11	11- 5	7-28	14-13	21-25	27-42	17-27	14-27	21-33	28-33	32-23	37-29	25-29			
Would use	13-21	22-15	29-25	18-12	17-11	21-19	27-10	11-12	11-11	11- 7	13- 7	3- 7	13-14	25- 8	15- 9			
Community workshop for those in good health																		
Great need	27-23	9-11	11-22	7-24	10-17	13-19	21-14	8-10	9- 6	9- 6	6- 7	6- 2	8- 9	9- 8	9- 7			
Some need	47-36	67-56	61-49	43-38	59-45	56-47	46-49	32-42	33-47	46-36	57-41	28-32	41-48	47-44	42-42			
No need	4- 2	18-22	11-15	29-14	7-26	13-17	15-23	35-34	19-20	17-32	23-33	33-44	30-14	35-29	26-29			
Would use	31-28	31-19	29-32	21-17	24-11	28-23	39-18	16-22	15-17	17- 8	19-13	3- 9	22-20	25-12	20-14			

	METROPOLITAN COUNTIES								NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES								
	Black Hawk	Linn	Polk	Scott	Woodbury	All Metropolitan	Appanoose	Buena Vista	Floyd	Hamilton	Osceola	Page	Van Buren	Washington	All Non-metropolitan		
	a																
	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
More volunteer community work:																	
Great need	9- 9	7- 4	9-18	7-12	7- 9	8-11	9- 2	3- 2	4- 0	9- 2	4- 2	8- 0	5- 2	5- 6	6- 3		
Some need	33-32	44-45	39-38	43-41	48-38	41-39	33-32	46-32	22-24	17-26	28-28	14-26	19-20	35-18	27-26		
No need	24-13	33-33	29-24	32-19	14-34	27-26	39-44	24-46	28-40	34-40	43-41	39-46	38-32	44-54	37-43		
Would use	18-13	9- 9	21-20	18-14	10- 8	16-14	18- 5	16- 7	7- 1	3- 4	11- 7	3- 4	5-11	7- 5	9- 5		
"Meeting Place" for aged:																	
Great need	22-23	9-20	25-24	25-38	24-15	21-23	27-19	11-17	24-20	26-11	13-11	8- 4	13-11	19-15	18-14		
Some need	47-47	64-60	55-52	43-38	48-53	53-52	52-40	54-49	41-35	37-43	49-52	39-40	41-50	58-41	47-43		
No need	9- 2	20-14	16- 8	18-12	7-24	13-12	9-26	19-22	13-17	17-26	21-24	25-30	13-16	18-28	17-24		
Would use	27-34	56-29	45-40	39-41	34-24	41-34	46-21	35-17	30-31	23-22	23-19	11-14	32-30	42-28	31-23		
Organized club:																	
Great need	24-13	4-13	14-19	14-21	7-11	13-16	12- 4	3- 5	9- 3	9- 5	6- 9	3- 0	8- 9	7- 8	7- 5		
Some need	40-45	64-46	46-46	36-45	55-38	49-45	36-44	35-32	28-38	31-32	28-24	22-28	30-27	44-37	32-33		
No need	9- 6	22-26	20-18	32- 9	7- 34	18-20	30-33	41-44	22-28	23-34	19-43	39-44	27-18	35-37	33-35		
Would use	27-19	29-16	31-35	14-19	14- 9	25-23	27-19	5- 7	13-16	14- 6	6-11	6- 7	16-18	14-15	12-12		
Mobile library:																	
Great need	9-11	2-12	14-16	18-19	17- 6	11-13	0- 7	5- 2	9- 6	9- 7	2- 4	3- 5	11-11	2- 9	5- 7		
Some need	60-40	56-50	39-52	32-33	31-26	45-44	39-30	27-24	22-28	31-34	24-24	19-30	27-36	26-26	27-29		
No need	4-17	31-24	29-13	32-21	17-55	23-24	33-42	49-56	30-28	29-33	47-46	39-39	27-20	58-49	40-38		
Would use	9-13	24-22	21-35	21-14	10-19	18-24	24-16	8- 7	15-16	17-18	9- 9	8-12	27-16	14-21	15-15		

a "M" indicates the "men" interviewed within a county, and "W" indicates "women"

SUMMARY: COUNTY VARIATIONS IN OPINIONS ABOUT SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. "More friendly visiting with neighbors." (% indicating "need")

a. "Need greatly."

High counties: Linn (Men—31%)

b. "Don't need."

High counties: Buena Vista (Men—35%, Women—44%), Appanoose (Men—36%), Osceola (Women—41%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—13%, Women—15%), Van Buren (Women—9%)

c. "Would use."

High counties: Polk (Men—32%, Women—34%)

Low counties: Buena Vista (Men—11%)

2. "Adult education courses through the public schools." (% indicating "need")

a. "Good to have."

High counties: Linn (Men—60%)

Low counties: Woodbury (Men—24%)

b. "Don't need."

High counties: Appanoose (Men—46%), Woodbury (Women—42%)

Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—7%, Women—13%), Polk (Women—16%), Van Buren (Women—16%)

c. "Would use."

High counties: Polk (Men—23%, Women—25%)

Low counties: Floyd (Men—4%, Women—4%)

3. "Informal courses through a club, church, or other organization." (% indicating "need")

a. "Good to have."

High counties: Linn (Men—60%, Women—50%)

Low counties: Page (Men—25%), Woodbury (Women—24%)

b. "Don't need."

High counties: Scott (Men—43%), Woodbury (Women—45%)

Low counties: Van Buren (Men—19%, Women—14%), Black Hawk (Men—18%, Women—6%)

c. "Would use."

- High counties: Polk (Men—23%, Women—24%), Hamilton (Women—71%)
Low counties: Woodbury (Men—3%), Page (Men—3%)
4. "More church programs mainly for older people." (% indicating "need")
a. "Good to have."
High counties: Black Hawk (Men—53%)
b. "Don't need."
High counties: Osceola (Men—38%), Buena Vista (Women—39%), Washington (Women—37%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—9%, Women 11%)
c. "Would use."
High counties: Appanoose (Men—30%), Linn (Men—29%), Polk (Women—37%), Scott (Women—31%)
Low counties: Page (Men—6%, Women—8%)
5. "More church programs where older and younger people could get together." (% indicating "need")
a. "Don't need."
High counties: Buena Vista (Women—39%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—9%, Women —13%)
b. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—38%), Appanoose (Men—33%)
Low counties: Woodbury (Women—9%), Hamilton (Men—11%), Osceola (Men—11%), Scott (Men—11%)
6. "Community workshops for disabled older persons." (% indicating "need")
a. "Need greatly."
High counties: Appanoose (Men—27%), Black Hawk (Women—28%), Scott (Women—29%)
Low counties: Osceola (Women—2%)
b. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—62%, Women—59%)
Low counties: Van Buren (Men—30%)
c. "Don't need."
High counties: Washington (Men—37%), Buena Vista (Women—42%)
Low counties: Scott (Men—11%), Polk (Women—11%), Black Hawk (Women—0%)
d. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—29%, Women—25%)
Low counties: Page (Men—3%)
7. "Community workshops for persons still in good health." (% indicating "need")
a. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—67%, Women—56%)
Low counties: Page (Men—28%, Women—32%)
b. "Don't need."
High counties: Page (Men—33%, Women—44%), Buena Vista (Men—35%, Women—34%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—4%, Women —2%), Woodbury (Men—7%)
c. "Would use."
High counties: Appanoose (Men—39%)
Low counties: Page (Men—3%)
8. "More opportunities for volunteer community work." (% indicating "need")
a. "Need greatly."
High counties: Polk (Women—18%)
b. "Good to have."
High counties: Buena Vista (Men—46%), Linn (Women—45%)
Low counties: Page (Men—14%), Washington (Women—18%)
c. "Don't need."
High counties: Washington (Men—44%, Women—54%), Osceola (Men—43%)
Low counties: Woodbury (Men—14%), Black Hawk (Women—13%)
d. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—21%, Women—20%)
Low counties: Floyd (Women—1%)
9. "A place where older people could go anytime they like, to talk or play games." (% indicating "need")
a. "Need greatly."
High counties: Scott (Women—38%)
Low counties: Page (Men—8%, Women—4%)
b. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—64%, Women—60%)
c. "Don't need."
High counties: Page (Men—25%, Women—30%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Women—2%)
d. "Would use."
High counties: Linn (Men—56%), Appanoose (Men—46%), Scott (Women—41%), Polk (Men—45%, Women—40%)
Low counties: Page (Men—11%, Women—14%), Buena Vista (Women—17%)
10. "An organized social or recreational club with regular meetings and activities." (% indicating "need")
a. "Need greatly."

- High counties:* Black Hawk (Men—24%), Scott (Women—21%)
Low counties: Page (Women—0%)
- b. "Good to have."
High counties: Linn (Men—64%), Woodbury (Men—55%)
Low counties: Page (Men—22%), Osceola (Women—24%)
- c. "Don't need."
High counties: Osceola (Men—45%, Women—44%), Buena Vista (Men—41%, Women—44%), Page (Men—39%, Women—8%)
Low counties: Woodbury (Men—7%), Black Hawk (Men—9%, Women—8%)
- d. "Would use."
High counties: Polk (Men—35%), Linn (Women—29%), Appanoose (Women—27%), Black Hawk (Women—27%)
Low counties: Hamilton (Men—6%), Buena Vista (Women—5%), Page (Men—7%, Women—6%)

11. "A mobile library service." (% indicating "need")
- a. "Need greatly."
High counties: Scott (Men—18%, Women—19%)
Low counties: Appanoose (Men—0%)
- b. "Good to have."
High counties: Black Hawk (Men—60%), Linn (Men—56%, Women—50%)
Low counties: Page (Men—19%)
- c. "Don't need."
High counties: Washington (Men—58%, Women—49%), Buena Vista (Men—49%, Women—56%), Osceola (Men—47%), Woodbury (Women—55%)
Low counties: Black Hawk (Men—4%, Women—11%)
- d. "Would use."
High counties: Van Buren (Men—27%), Polk (Women—35%)
Low counties: Buena Vista (Men—8%, Women—7%)

PART III

County Profiles

APPANOOSE COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	32	(2,462)	29	(2,359)	30	(4,821)
18-59 yrs.	44	(3,427)	45	(3,723)	45	(7,150)
60 yrs. and over	24	(1,863)	26	(2,181)	25	(4,044)
60-64 yrs.	6	(432)	6	(518)	6	(950)
65-69 yrs.	6	(461)	6	(524)	6	(985)
70-74 yrs.	5	(404)	5	(437)	5	(841)
75 yrs. and over	7	(566)	9	(702)	8	(1,268)
All Ages		(7,752)		(8,263)		(16,015)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Appanoose	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(18)	(15)	Men	(31)	(26)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	6	20	12	0	0	0
Poor	17	20	18	13	4	9
Fair	44	27	36	23	50	35
Good	28	27	27	52	35	44
Excellent	6	6	6	13	12	12
Major health difficulty	56	47	52	26	35	30
Marital status:						
Married	94	73	85	52	27	40
Widowed	6	20	12	42	73	56
Single	0	0	0	0	0	0
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	100	93	97	84	73	79
Some children live nearby	61	73	67	42	61	51
See some children often	56	20	39	32	35	33
None seen often	22	13	18	19	4	12
Place of birth:						
In the county	39	40	39	36	8	23
In Iowa (other county)	11	13	12	29	27	28
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	11	27	18	19	27	23
Outside the U.S.	6	0	3	0	8	4
Raised on a farm	44	73	58	68	38	54
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	33	20	27	16	35	25
Since age 50	33	13	24	16	12	14
Since age 60	11	33	21	13	15	14
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	72	87	79	45	66	54
High school	22	6	15	42	31	37
College	6	6	6	13	0	7
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	67	40	55	26	12	19
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	6	3	23	8	16
\$500-\$999	17	20	18	19	46	32
\$1,000-\$1,499	11	27	18	23	23	23
\$1,500-\$2,499	28	27	27	6	8	7
\$2,500-\$4,999	39	0	21	13	4	9
\$5,000-\$9,999	6	0	3	3	0	2
\$10,000+	0	6	3	0	0	0

Appanoose

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (18) %	70+ (15) %	All Men (33) %	60-69 (31) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (57) %
Number of cases						
RESOURCES AND INCOME (continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	28	33	30	13	23	18
Social security	33	80	55	52	50	51
Medical assistance	0	0	0	3	12	7
Relief	0	0	0	3	12	7
Pensions	33	12	24	19	35	26
Insurance	6	0	3	6	4	5
Personal savings	6	33	18	10	19	14
Children	0	0	0	3	8	5
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	22	13	18	10	15	12
Just enough	11	20	15	36	23	30
Enough to get by	61	33	49	42	54	47
Not enough	6	27	15	10	8	9
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	28	40	33	32	23	28
Adequate	44	33	39	61	42	53
Unsatisfactory	22	13	18	0	8	4
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	44	53	49	36	46	40
About 75%	22	13	18	10	4	7
About 50%	11	6	9	16	12	14
Less than 50%	11	0	6	10	12	10
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	44	53	49	45	46	46
\$100-\$299	17	13	15	26	19	23
\$300-\$499	6	13	9	0	0	0
\$500-\$999	6	0	3	3	8	5
\$1,000-\$1,999	6	0	3	0	4	2
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	17	13	15	10	12	10
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	6	6	6	3	4	4
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	3	8	5
\$100-\$299	0	6	3	3	0	2
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	3	0	2
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	3	0	2
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	0	0	0	6	4	5
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	6	0	3	3	0	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	94	87	91	81	69	75
Live in children's house	0	0	0	0	12	5
Live with other relatives	0	6	3	0	0	0
Rent	6	0	3	13	8	10

Appanoose

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (18) %	70+ (15) %	All Men (33) %	60-69 (31) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (57) %
Number of cases						
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	11	13	12	6	15	10
\$500 or less	44	40	42	65	46	56
\$1,500 or less	28	33	30	19	23	21
\$3,000 or less	17	0	9	0	0	0
More than \$3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	6	6	6	0	8	4
Satisfactory	33	33	33	10	27	18
Good	61	60	61	90	65	79
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	67	60	64	74	77	75
Not sure	0	6	3	6	0	4
Yes	28	33	30	10	15	12
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	39	6	24	32	8	21
Small town	39	53	46	39	61	49
Medium town	11	33	21	13	12	12
Big city	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	50	67	58	48	61	54
Working at home	72	73	73	87	84	86
Going to church	50	67	58	81	69	75
Reading newspaper	61	73	67	84	77	81
Reading books	28	47	36	52	27	40
Radio or TV	94	67	82	77	81	79
Movies	6	0	3	6	4	5
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	56	40	49	10	4	7
Crafts	17	6	12	45	42	44
My work	44	33	39	29	12	21
Reading political news	17	40	27	26	12	19
Listening to political programs	28	33	30	32	8	21
Sitting and thinking	22	47	33	10	27	18
Talking with friends	83	93	88	87	88	88
Discussing politics	11	20	15	13	12	12
Taking walks alone	17	27	21	13	23	18
Visiting with children	89	93	91	81	69	75
Visiting with other relatives	83	80	82	87	58	74
Visiting with friends	83	100	91	90	81	86
Playing games	50	40	46	29	27	28
Adult education courses	6	0	3	6	0	4
Praying	50	47	49	71	77	74
Reading the Bible	44	47	46	73	74	74
Taking vacation trips	44	40	42	46	68	58
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	28	67	46	50	52	51
Unsatisfied	11	13	12	4	3	4
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	6	27	15	19	10	14
Fear of death	0	6	3	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	13	6	8	3	5
Boredom	11	20	15	0	6	4
Can't afford things wanted	22	27	24	4	13	9
Children neglect	6	6	6	0	0	0
Political events	6	13	9	0	3	2
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	8	3	5
Housing	6	0	3	4	0	2
Religion	0	0	0	4	0	2

Appanoose

Characteristic Number of cases	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (18) %	70+ (15) %	All Men (33) %	60-69 (26) %	70+ (31) %	All Women (57) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	6	20	12	27	19	23
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	0	3	2
Feel miserable most of time	6	13	9	8	0	4
Religion is a great comfort	50	67	58	73	94	84
Religion doesn't mean much	11	20	15	8	3	5
Religion most important thing in my life	44	47	46	58	68	63
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	0	0	0	0	0
These are the best years of my life	11	27	18	15	26	21
My life is full of worry	0	27	12	12	6	9
I have more free time now than I know how to use	11	33	21	15	13	14
Have more friends now than ever before	61	20	42	46	52	49
Have very few friends	0	0	0	0	6	4
Have no one to talk to about personal things	6	20	12	12	3	7
Wish family would pay more attention to me	6	20	12	15	3	9
This is most useful period of my life	17	0	9	15	19	18
My life is still busy and useful	83	53	70	77	94	86
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	17	47	30	54	39	46
Resident hotels ^c	28	33	30	31	23	26
Boarding homes ^d	33	20	27	19	19	19
Nursing homes ^e	39	47	42	31	32	32
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	44	6	27	42	26	33
Near family and friends	39	13	27	15	13	14
Away from crowded business district	33	27	30	12	23	18
In private community for aged	33	47	39	19	19	19
More to help standard of living ^f	39	73	55	38	45	42
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	28	40	33	19	23	21
Provide more jobs	6	27	15	8	6	7
Lower taxes	6	47	24	23	13	18
Families should care for them	6	0	3	4	3	4
Had medical attention during past year	61	60	61	61	46	54
Have regular (family) doctor	44	33	39	35	54	46
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	83	93	88	77	65	72
In Iowa (nearby)	17	0	9	16	15	16
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	6	15	10
Outside Iowa	0	6	3	0	8	4
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	94	80	88	71	84	77
Not sure	0	6	3	6	0	4
Inadequate	6	13	9	19	12	16
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	13	6	6	15	10
No good doctors here	0	6	3	16	15	16
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	6	6	6	6	8	7

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Better medical care	24	18	36	39	27	37	58	26
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	3	4	15	25	67	54	18	12
High priced clinic (could choose)	6	9	42	30	36	44	39	26
Medical relief fund	42	19	42	49	6	16	39	26
More visiting	3	7	42	46	36	32	30	19
Home visiting programs	27	18	42	54	18	14	18	25
Visiting nursing service	33	7	46	60	9	23	33	19
Meals delivery	18	9	33	21	30	54	18	9
Adult education courses	3	9	36	51	46	26	15	16
Informal courses	0	4	49	42	33	35	15	12
More church programs for older people	12	16	36	46	27	21	30	23
More church programs for both young and aged	18	16	46	46	15	21	33	21
Homemaker's service	3	5	49	51	30	30	21	16
Community workshops for disabled	27	9	36	53	21	25	27	10
Community workshops for those in good health	21	14	46	49	15	23	39	18
More part-time work	36	14	33	51	15	19	39	26
More volunteer community work	9	2	33	32	39	44	18	5
Meeting place for aged	27	19	52	40	9	26	46	21
Organized club	12	4	36	44	30	33	27	19
Family adoption of the aged	6	0	21	21	46	56	3	4
Mobile library	0	7	39	30	33	42	24	16
Number of cases	(33)	(57)	(33)	(57)	(33)	(57)	(33)	(57)

BLACK HAWK COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	40	(23,840)	37	(22,972)	38	(46,812)
18-59 yrs.	49	(29,198)	50	(31,505)	50	(60,703)
60 yrs. and over	11	(6,753)	13	(8,214)	12	(14,967)
60-64 yrs.	3	(2,046)	4	(2,255)	4	(4,301)
65-69 yrs.	3	(1,769)	3	(2,027)	3	(3,796)
70-74 yrs.	2	(1,319)	3	(1,660)	2	(2,979)
75 yrs. and over	3	(1,619)	4	(2,272)	3	(3,891)
All Ages		(59,791)		(62,691)		(122,482)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Black Hawk Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (27) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (22) %	70+ (25) %	All Women (47) %
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	0	17	7	0	12	6
Fair	26	17	22	36	32	34
Good	56	44	51	32	44	38
Excellent	18	22	20	32	12	21
Major health difficulty	18	28	22	27	40	34
Marital status:						
Married	85	78	82	77	32	53
Widowed	11	28	18	18	52	36
Single	0	0	0	5	4	4
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	82	89	85	82	72	77
Some children live nearby	56	58	57	59	72	66
See some children often	45	17	33	36	48	43
None seen often	22	6	16	18	0	9
Place of birth:						
In the county	15	11	13	9	16	13
In Iowa (other county)	33	28	31	55	36	45
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	18	50	31	14	20	17
Outside the U.S.	15	6	11	14	12	13
Raised on a farm	45	61	51	41	60	51
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	18	11	16	14	20	17
Since age 50	37	11	27	32	8	19
Since age 60	18	33	24	18	40	30
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	52	44	49	32	52	43
High school	30	44	36	27	36	32
College	18	17	18	41	4	21
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	78	17	53	27	12	19
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	0	0	9	12	11
\$500-\$999	4	11	7	5	24	15
\$1,000-\$1,499	4	17	9	9	20	15
\$1,500-\$2,499	18	22	20	18	20	19
\$2,500-\$4,999	26	33	29	18	12	15
\$5,000-\$9,999	37	6	24	18	4	11
\$10,000+	7	0	4	0	0	0

Black Hawk

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (27) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (22) %	70+ (25) %	All Women (47) %
RESOURCES AND INCOME (<i>continued</i>)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	33	17	27	23	44	34
Social security	37	56	44	32	48	40
Medical assistance	4	11	7	0	4	2
Relief	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions	33	39	36	9	32	21
Insurance	4	6	4	5	0	2
Personal savings	26	33	29	18	16	17
Children	0	6	2	5	12	9
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	48	17	36	32	28	30
Just enough	22	39	29	41	8	23
Enough to get by	22	28	24	14	40	28
Not enough	4	11	7	9	16	13
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	63	50	58	27	40	34
Adequate	18	28	22	55	40	47
Unsatisfactory	7	17	11	5	0	2
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	7	39	20	14	44	30
About 75%	11	33	20	5	12	9
About 50%	33	6	22	32	0	15
Less than 50%	26	17	22	18	16	17
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	30	39	33	32	48	40
\$100-\$299	26	17	22	23	24	23
\$300-\$499	15	11	13	9	0	4
\$500-\$999	7	0	4	9	0	4
\$1,000-\$1,999	7	6	7	9	4	6
\$2,000+	0	0	0	9	0	4
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	4	6	4	9	16	13
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	0	0	0	9	8	9
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100-\$299	4	0	2	5	4	4
\$300-\$499	4	0	2	0	4	2
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	5	0	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	6	2	0	4	2
Son	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	5	0	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	93	83	89	95	68	81
Live in children's house	0	11	4	0	12	6
Live with other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	4	6	4	0	12	6
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	0	6	2	0	0	0
\$500 or less	22	39	29	23	48	36
\$1,500 or less	59	44	53	50	32	40
\$3,000 or less	15	6	11	5	0	2
More than \$3,000	0	0	0	5	0	2

Black Hawk

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (27) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (22) %	70+ (25) %	All Women (47) %
Number of cases						
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	4	0	2	9	0	4
Satisfactory	11	44	24	0	8	4
Good	85	57	74	91	88	89
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	63	56	60	45	60	53
Not sure	4	11	7	18	16	17
Yes	22	39	29	23	16	19
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	15	6	11	5	0	2
Small town	4	6	4	14	16	15
Medium town	74	67	71	59	64	62
Big city	7	6	7	5	16	11

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Staying home	48	44	47	50	44	47
Working at home	74	83	78	68	88	79
Going to church	63	67	64	77	64	70
Reading newspaper	67	61	64	64	76	70
Reading books	37	50	42	59	36	47
Radio or TV	89	89	89	86	76	81
Movies	4	11	7	18	4	11
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	52	39	47	18	4	11
Crafts	15	11	13	45	40	43
My work	33	6	22	18	20	19
Reading political news	48	39	44	23	24	23
Listening to political programs	45	22	36	23	16	19
Sitting and thinking	7	11	9	18	20	19
Talking with friends	63	61	62	68	76	72
Discussing politics	26	22	24	18	20	19
Taking walks alone	7	44	22	14	16	15
Visiting with children	70	61	67	59	68	64
Visiting with other relatives	48	56	51	68	60	64
Visiting with friends	63	78	69	73	80	77
Playing games	56	33	47	45	36	40
Adult education courses	4	17	9	0	12	6
Praying	26	50	36	59	64	62
Reading the Bible	26	56	38	45	64	55
Taking vacation trips	67	61	64	59	40	49

OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE

Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	26	72	44	55	52	53
Unsatisfied	4	0	2	5	0	2
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	4	17	9	9	16	13
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	17	7	5	0	2
Boredom	7	11	9	0	8	4
Can't afford things wanted	7	17	11	5	8	6
Children neglect	0	0	0	5	0	2
Political events	0	11	4	0	0	0
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	4	2

Black Hawk

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (27) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (22) %	70+ (25) %	All Women (47) %
Number of cases						
Never felt better	41	33	38	27	24	26
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	5	0	2
Feel miserable most of time	4	11	7	5	0	2
Religion is a great comfort	63	67	64	91	76	83
Religion doesn't mean much	0	6	2	0	0	0
Religion most important thing in my life	41	33	38	50	60	55
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	0	0	0	8	4
These are the best years of my life	26	11	20	23	20	21
My life is full of worry	0	0	0	5	4	4
I have more free time now than I know how to use	4	44	20	9	20	15
Have more friends now than ever before	48	17	36	32	56	45
Have very few friends	4	6	4	5	12	9
Have no one to talk to about personal things	4	17	9	14	4	9
Wish family would pay more attention to me	11	11	11	5	4	4
This is most useful period of my life	30	6	20	9	20	15
My life is still busy and useful	78	61	71	82	84	83

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Need more housing units for older people in county:

Cottages or apartments ^b	30	22	27	23	32	28
Resident hotels ^c	26	33	29	50	36	43
Boarding homes ^d	26	33	29	23	20	21
Nursing homes ^e	41	22	33	50	52	51

Preferred location of new housing for aged:

Close to shopping facilities	30	44	36	27	20	23
Near family and friends	15	0	9	18	20	19
Away from crowded business district	33	11	24	36	40	23
In private community for aged	11	17	13	14	16	15
More to help standard of living ^f	36	67	42	45	44	45

What should be done^g:

Increase social security	15	28	20	23	32	28
Provide more jobs	7	17	11	0	4	2
Lower taxes	11	33	20	5	16	11
Families should care for them	0	0	0	5	4	4

Had medical attention during past year

Have regular (family) doctor	59	50	56	55	48	51
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Location of doctor's office:

In the community	89	83	87	86	88	87
In Iowa (nearby)	15	17	16	5	8	6
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	9	0	4
Outside Iowa	11	17	13	5	20	13

Adequacy of medical care in the community^g

Adequate	82	83	82	77	72	75
Not sure	7	11	9	14	24	19
Inadequate	4	6	4	5	4	4

Complaints about medical care:

No good hospitals here	0	0	0	0	0	0
No good doctors here	0	0	0	0	8	4
Doctors don't care about aged	4	0	2	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	15	11	13	5	8	6

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	%
Better medical care	2	19	29	30	24	17	15	17
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	7	9	13	19	42	32	4	4
High priced clinic (could choose)	11	6	33	34	24	17	36	32
Medical relief fund	36	28	36	34	9	9	29	34
More visiting	9	15	44	34	13	15	18	13
Home visiting programs	18	21	49	40	7	4	27	28
Visiting nursing service	29	19	53	55	2	6	24	34
Meals delivery	7	9	36	32	27	15	9	21
Adult education courses	13	11	47	36	7	13	11	15
Informal courses	7	6	38	40	18	6	11	17
More church programs for older people	13	17	53	38	9	11	22	21
More church programs for both young and aged	22	13	47	28	9	13	27	19
Homemaker's service	11	19	33	36	20	6	7	17
Community workshops for disabled	13	28	49	34	13	0	13	21
Community workshops for those in good health	27	23	47	36	4	2	31	28
More part-time work	27	30	31	34	11	0	24	26
More volunteer community work	9	9	33	32	24	13	18	13
Meeting place for aged	22	23	47	47	9	2	27	34
Organized club	24	13	40	45	9	6	27	19
Family adoption of the aged	2	2	29	32	33	21	2	6
Mobile library	9	11	60	40	4	17	9	13
Number of cases	(45)	(47)	(45)	(47)	(45)	(47)	(45)	(47)

BUENA VISTA COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)

AGES	%	MEN	%	WOMEN	%	TOTAL
Under 18 yrs.	37	(3,799)	35	(3,757)	36	(7,556)
18-59 yrs.	46	(4,814)	46	(4,991)	46	(9,805)
60 yrs. and over	17	(1,799)	19	(2,029)	18	(3,828)
60-64 yrs.	5	(503)	5	(518)	5	(1,021)
65-69 yrs.	5	(474)	5	(506)	5	(980)
70-74 yrs.	4	(384)	4	(416)	4	(800)
75 yrs. and over	4	(438)	6	(589)	5	(1,027)
All Ages		(10,412)		(10,777)		(21,189)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May- July, 1960)

Buena Vista

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
Number of cases	60-69 (18) %	70+ (19) %	All Men (37) %	60-69 (15) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (41) %

BACKGROUND AND STATUS

Reported health condition:

Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	6	11	8	6	7	7
Fair	39	32	35	47	50	49
Good	50	47	49	47	31	37
Excellent	6	11	8	0	12	7
Major health difficulty	39	32	35	53	39	44

Marital status:

Married	78	74	76	53	12	27
Widowed	17	21	19	20	73	54
Single	11	5	8	6	7	7

Have living children:

Have 1+ living children	94	79	87	73	73	73
Some children live nearby	89	53	70	60	66	64
See some children often	33	16	24	33	35	34
None seen often	0	5	3	0	4	2

Place of birth:

In the county	17	16	16	20	35	29
In Iowa (other county)	6	21	13	27	12	17
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	28	16	22	33	46	42
Outside the U.S.	22	21	22	6	0	2
Raised on a farm	50	58	54	60	85	76

Residence in neighborhood:

Since childhood	33	26	30	13	12	12
Since age 50	11	5	8	20	7	12
Since age 60	11	32	22	6	15	10

Education (grade reached):

Eighth grade or less	72	58	65	47	58	54
High school	33	52	32	27	27	27
College	6	16	11	13	7	10

RESOURCES AND INCOME

Employed during past year	89	37	62	20	15	17
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	17	0	8	6	7	7
\$500-\$999	11	5	8	13	12	12
\$1,000-\$1,499	0	26	13	20	31	27
\$1,500-\$2,499	22	5	13	13	15	15
\$2,500-\$4,999	22	58	41	20	15	17
\$5,000-\$9,999	17	5	11	0	7	5
\$10,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Buena Vista		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(18)	(19)	Men	(15)	(26)	Women
		%	%	%	%	%	%
RESOURCES AND INCOME (<i>continued</i>)							
Sources of income:							
Income from property		33	37	35	27	50	42
Social security		33	63	49	40	54	49
Medical assistance		0	0	0	6	4	5
Relief		6	0	3	0	4	2
Pensions		6	16	11	20	12	15
Insurance		0	0	0	6	7	7
Personal savings		28	26	27	6	19	15
Children		6	5	5	0	12	7
Income adequacy:							
More than enough		11	26	19	13	27	22
Just enough		39	47	43	47	35	39
Enough to get by		28	21	24	20	31	27
Not enough		17	5	11	13	0	5
Standard of living:							
Entirely satisfactory		39	53	46	33	50	44
Adequate		44	47	46	33	35	34
Unsatisfactory		17	0	8	6	7	7
Very unsatisfactory		0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES							
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:							
Almost all		33	37	35	6	39	27
About 75%		17	16	16	13	23	20
About 50%		17	16	16	6	12	10
Less than 50%		22	11	16	27	12	17
Had medical and dental costs during past year:							
\$99 or less		39	58	49	40	35	37
\$100-\$299		22	16	17	27	39	34
\$300-\$499		17	0	8	6	4	5
\$500-\$999		6	5	5	6	7	7
\$1,000-\$1,999		6	0	3	6	0	2
\$2,000+		11	0	5	0	4	2
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)		28	11	19	13	12	12
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)		11	0	5	6	7	7
Money needed:							
\$99 or less		0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100-\$299		0	0	0	6	0	2
\$300-\$499		11	0	5	0	7	5
\$500-\$999		0	0	0	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999		0	0	0	0	0	0
\$2,000+		6	0	3	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):							
Spouse		0	0	0	0	0	0
Son		11	0	5	0	0	0
Daughter		6	0	3	0	4	2
Other relatives		0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property		0	0	0	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor		0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed		0	0	0	0	4	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS							
Own or rent quarters:							
Own		78	95	87	87	89	88
Live in children's house		0	5	3	0	4	2
Live with other relatives		0	0	0	6	0	2
Rent		22	0	11	6	4	5
Housing costs last year:							
\$150 or less		11	0	5	6	4	5
\$500 or less		22	42	32	27	46	39
\$1,500 or less		33	42	38	47	39	42
\$3,000 or less		6	11	8	0	0	0
More than \$3,000		6	0	3	0	0	0

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	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(18)	(19)	Men	(15)	(26)	Women
	%	%	(37)	%	%	(41)
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)						
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	6	0	3	0	0	0
Satisfactory	11	5	8	20	7	12
Good	83	68	76	80	89	85
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	94	79	87	73	92	85
Not sure	0	5	3	13	0	5
Yes	6	11	8	13	4	7
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	22	5	13	20	4	10
Small town	67	79	73	67	81	76
Medium town	0	11	5	6	4	5
Big city	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	39	42	41	67	42	51
Working at home	39	74	57	87	85	85
Going to church	39	68	54	73	89	83
Reading newspaper	56	84	70	73	85	81
Reading books	28	47	38	40	50	46
Radio or TV	83	84	84	87	100	95
Movies	0	5	3	20	12	15
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	28	68	49	0	12	7
Crafts	6	21	13	47	54	51
My work	33	26	30	13	7	10
Reading political news	28	32	30	13	23	20
Listening to political programs	56	58	57	20	50	39
Sitting and thinking	17	32	24	33	23	27
Talking with friends	67	89	78	80	100	93
Discussing politics	28	21	24	0	23	15
Taking walks alone	17	11	13	0	19	12
Visiting with children	61	79	70	73	69	71
Visiting with other relatives	56	89	73	80	81	81
Visiting with friends	78	89	84	87	96	93
Playing games	44	42	43	33	46	42
Adult education courses	0	0	0	13	4	7
Praying	28	26	27	60	62	61
Reading the Bible	33	58	46	40	85	68
Taking vacation trips	44	53	49	60	66	64
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	33	74	54	53	58	56
Unsatisfied	0	5	3	0	0	0
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	6	16	11	6	19	15
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	5	3	0	7	5
Boredom	11	5	8	0	4	2
Can't afford things wanted	6	5	5	6	4	5
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	6	5	5	0	7	5
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	0	4	2
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	5	3	0	4	2

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	60-69 (18) %	70+ (19) %	All Men (37) %	60-69 (15) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (41) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	22	16	19	13	31	24
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	6	4	5
Feel miserable most of time	17	0	8	6	7	7
Religion is a great comfort	56	74	65	80	89	85
Religion doesn't mean much	6	5	5	0	0	0
Religion most important thing in my life	39	32	35	33	58	49
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	5	3	6	0	2
These are the best years of my life	28	21	24	20	15	17
My life is full of worry	6	5	5	6	0	2
I have more free time now than I know how to use	28	21	24	6	27	20
Have more friends now than ever before	56	58	57	40	35	37
Have very few friends	0	5	3	0	0	0
Have no one to talk to about personal things	6	5	5	6	7	7
Wish family would pay more attention to me	6	0	3	0	4	2
This is most useful period of my life	11	21	16	20	0	7
My life is still busy and useful	56	79	68	93	85	88
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	28	21	24	20	27	24
Resident hotel ^c	22	11	16	20	12	15
Boarding homes ^d	17	0	8	33	15	22
Nursing homes ^e	17	32	24	67	27	42
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	39	11	24	27	15	20
Near family and friends	11	11	11	27	31	29
Away from crowded business district	22	37	30	27	31	29
In private community for aged	6	16	11	0	7	5
More to help standard of living ^f	28	63	46	33	42	39
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	28	26	27	20	39	32
Provide more jobs	11	0	5	20	4	10
Lower taxes	22	21	22	20	27	24
Families should care for them	0	5	3	0	4	2
Had medical attention during past year	44	53	49	73	62	66
Have regular (family) doctor	50	53	51	60	58	59
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	61	74	68	87	66	73
In Iowa (nearby)	33	11	22	0	19	12
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	6	7	7
Outside Iowa	0	5	3	0	0	0
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	72	79	76	73	73	73
Not sure	6	0	3	6	0	2
Inadequate	22	21	22	13	23	20
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	21	11	6	7	7
No good doctors here	6	21	13	13	12	12
Doctors don't care about aged	0	5	3	0	4	2
Medical cost is too high	6	11	8	0	7	5

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

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COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	%
Better medical care	27	15	22	32	38	42	32	22
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	5	2	11	12	54	66	16	5
High priced clinic (could choose)	11	2	22	32	41	51	16	24
Medical relief fund	24	20	35	49	30	24	24	17
More visiting	8	10	35	37	35	44	11	12
Home visiting programs	13	10	51	68	24	10	16	20
Visiting nursing service	19	12	51	54	16	24	22	24
Meals delivery	5	10	38	44	41	37	19	20
Adult education courses	13	5	43	49	30	32	19	10
Informal courses	3	2	43	42	35	34	8	15
More church programs for older people	3	7	46	39	30	39	13	15
More church programs for both young and aged	3	10	49	34	27	39	11	20
Homemaker's service	3	15	30	32	43	42	5	15
Community workshops for disabled	13	10	38	32	27	42	11	12
Community workshops for those in good health	8	10	32	42	35	34	16	22
More part-time work	19	10	60	46	8	29	22	10
More volunteer community work	3	2	46	32	24	46	16	7
Meeting place for aged	11	17	54	49	19	22	35	17
Organized club	3	5	35	32	41	44	5	7
Family adoption of the aged	0	0	8	20	70	56	5	0
Mobile library	5	2	27	24	49	56	8	7
Number of cases	(37)	(41)	(37)	(41)	(37)	(41)	(37)	(41)

FLOYD COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN			WOMEN		TOTAL
	%	()		%	()	
Under 18 yrs.	38	(3,945)	34	(3,653)	36	(7,598)
18-59 yrs.	46	(4,858)	47	(4,935)	46	(9,793)
60 yrs. and over	16	(1,688)	19	(2,023)	18	(3,711)
60-64 yrs.	4	(447)	5	(485)	4	(932)
65-69 yrs.	4	(420)	4	(472)	4	(892)
70-74 yrs.	3	(352)	4	(415)	4	(767)
75 yrs. and over	2	(250)	3	(333)	3	(583)
All Ages		(10,491)		(10,611)		(21,102)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

<i>Floyd</i>	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All Men	60-69	70+	All Women
Number of cases	(28)	(18)	(46)	(42)	(29)	(71)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	0	0	0	5	14	9
Poor	4	6	4	0	10	4
Fair	11	39	22	31	52	40
Good	57	28	46	57	21	42
Excellent	21	28	24	7	3	6
Major health difficulty	14	39	24	19	69	40
Marital status:						
Married	86	61	76	50	24	40
Widowed	14	39	24	41	52	45
Single	0	0	0	7	10	13
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	81	91	86	74	48	64
Some children live nearby	89	89	74	60	48	55
See some children often	64	61	61	48	31	41
None seen often	61	6	7	7	7	7
Place of birth:						
In the county	14	44	26	33	31	32
In Iowa (other county)	29	17	24	36	21	30
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	18	22	19	21	31	25
Outside the U.S.	14	6	11	5	10	7
Raised on a farm	68	56	63	69	62	66
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	25	11	19	5	7	6
Since age 50	25	28	26	21	7	16
Since age 60	7	22	13	9	41	23
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	64	56	61	50	55	52
High school	32	33	33	36	55	30
College	11	22	15	9	17	13
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	82	28	61	38	14	28
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	14	6	11	14	7	11
\$500-\$999	7	11	9	21	31	25
\$1,000-\$1,499	4	11	7	17	14	16
\$1,500-\$2,499	7	28	15	17	17	17
\$2,500-\$4,999	32	33	33	7	7	7
\$5,000-\$9,999	29	0	17	0	0	0
\$10,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	60-69 (28) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (46) %	60-69 (42) %	70+ (29) %	All Women (71) %
Number of cases						
RESOURCES AND INCOME (continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	50	17	37	24	38	30
Social security	18	83	43	50	52	51
Medical assistance	4	6	4	0	3	1
Relief	0	6	2	5	3	4
Pensions	18	17	17	5	14	9
Insurance	0	0	0	5	7	6
Personal savings	7	17	11	14	24	18
Children	0	0	0	0	10	4
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	32	6	22	21	28	24
Just enough	46	39	43	29	31	30
Enough to get by	11	44	24	31	34	32
Not enough	4	6	4	9	3	7
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	54	28	43	43	52	47
Adequate	32	67	46	36	34	35
Unsatisfactory	11	0	7	12	3	9
Very unsatisfactory	0	6	2	0	0	0
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	7	39	19	36	45	40
About 75%	21	11	17	12	21	16
About 50%	21	17	19	12	14	13
Less than 50%	32	11	24	14	0	9
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	54	11	37	62	45	55
\$100-\$299	14	33	22	12	28	18
\$300-\$499	11	11	11	2	7	4
\$500-\$999	0	11	4	5	3	4
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	2	0	1
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	3	1
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	7	6	7	14	7	11
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	4	6	4	5	10	7
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100-\$299	4	0	2	2	3	3
\$300-\$499	0	6	2	0	3	1
\$500-\$999	11	0	7	2	3	3
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	6	2	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	6	2	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	0	0	0	3	3
Daughter	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	2	0	3
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	93	78	87	83	69	78
Live in children's house	0	6	2	2	3	3
Live with other relatives	0	11	4	5	0	3
Rent	0	0	0	5	21	11
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	0	6	2	7	0	4
\$500 or less	39	39	39	43	52	47
\$1,500 or less	39	39	39	29	38	32
\$3,000 or less	4	6	4	5	3	4
More than \$3,000	4	0	2	0	0	0

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Number of cases	(28)	(18)	Men	(42)	(29)	Women	
	%	%	(46)	%	%	(71)	%
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)							
Housing satisfaction:							
Poor	7	0	4	7	14	10	
Satisfactory	7	6	7	24	7	17	
Good	86	94	89	69	72	71	
Prefer to live elsewhere:							
No	86	67	78	76	86	80	
Not sure	4	0	2	7	3	6	
Yes	0	11	4	12	14	13	
If yes (elsewhere) where?:							
Country	36	33	35	19	3	13	
Small town	32	28	30	26	34	30	
Medium town	18	28	22	24	38	30	
Big city	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LEISURE ACTIVITIES							
Staying home	54	33	46	52	59	55	
Working at home	64	44	56	81	86	83	
Going to church	61	39	52	74	65	71	
Reading newspaper	75	67	72	71	93	80	
Reading books	29	22	26	36	62	47	
Radio or TV	78	78	78	86	96	90	
Movies	14	6	11	12	10	11	
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	25	33	28	17	7	13	
Crafts	4	0	2	48	59	52	
My work	46	17	35	29	17	24	
Reading political news	32	22	28	14	34	23	
Listening to political programs	46	28	39	17	28	21	
Sitting and thinking	14	17	15	7	24	14	
Talking with friends	71	83	76	79	83	80	
Discussing politics	25	11	19	5	28	14	
Taking walks alone	11	17	13	14	17	16	
Visiting with children	78	72	76	69	59	65	
Visiting with other relatives	57	67	61	76	83	79	
Visiting with friends	82	89	85	86	93	89	
Playing games	50	39	46	43	45	44	
Adult education courses	4	0	2	5	3	4	
Praying	32	17	26	43	69	54	
Reading the Bible	36	28	33	64	72	68	
Taking vacation trips	71	50	63	55	28	44	
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE							
Satisfaction with way of life:							
Satisfied	36	67	48	52	55	54	
Unsatisfied	0	17	7	5	3	4	
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Greatest unhappiness:							
Health, confinement	18	6	13	7	21	13	
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loneliness	4	33	15	7	7	7	
Boredom	0	11	4	0	3	1	
Can't afford things wanted	0	6	2	12	10	11	
Children neglect	0	0	0	2	3	3	
Political events	4	0	2	0	0	0	
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	6	2	0	3	1	
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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	60-69 (28) %	70+ (18) %	All Men (46) %	60-69 (42) %	70+ (29) %	All Women (71) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	29	17	24	26	17	23
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	6	2	5	3	4
Feel miserable most of time	11	0	7	5	17	10
Religion is a great comfort	71	61	67	74	83	78
Religion doesn't mean much	0	17	7	7	0	4
Religion most important thing in my life	36	28	33	41	48	44
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	6	2	2	0	1
These are the best years of my life	25	11	19	17	17	17
My life is full of worry	4	11	7	9	3	7
I have more free time now than I know how to use	7	28	15	7	21	13
Have more friends now than ever before	54	44	50	29	31	30
Have very few friends	0	0	0	7	3	6
Have no one to talk to about personal things	7	6	7	9	14	11
Wish family would pay more attention to me	14	6	11	0	7	3
This is most useful period of my life	32	6	22	19	7	14
My life is still busy and useful	89	67	80	83	79	82
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	21	11	17	31	31	31
Resident hotel ^c	14	17	15	17	24	20
Boarding homes ^d	21	17	19	29	10	21
Nursing homes ^e	39	22	33	33	28	31
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	21	28	24	26	34	30
Near family and friends	11	11	11	17	14	16
Away from crowded business district	29	22	26	33	17	27
In private community for aged	18	11	15	19	17	18
More to help standard of living ^f	29	72	46	48	38	44
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	21	17	19	26	14	21
Provide more jobs	4	17	9	2	3	3
Lower taxes	7	33	17	19	17	18
Families should care for them	0	6	2	7	3	6
Had medical attention during past year	54	61	56	57	45	52
Have regular (family) doctor	32	56	41	45	55	49
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	89	78	85	88	90	89
In Iowa (nearby)	4	11	7	5	7	6
In Iowa (farther away)	4	0	2	0	3	1
Outside Iowa	0	11	4	2	3	3
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	82	89	85	83	86	85
Not sure	7	6	7	7	3	6
Inadequate	4	6	4	7	10	9
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	6	2	2	3	3
No good doctors here	0	6	2	0	10	4
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	11	6	9	7	7	7

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

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^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

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COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	%
Better medical care	13	17	33	24	30	40	19	20
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	4	4	22	13	37	48	19	13
High priced clinic (could choose)	11	6	33	24	24	48	30	17
Medical relief fund	15	16	41	42	19	16	28	34
More visiting	19	10	33	30	13	30	24	17
Home visiting programs	22	17	39	48	11	16	24	28
Visiting nursing service	13	14	41	47	15	17	19	32
Meals delivery	11	9	28	31	22	30	19	17
Adult education courses	9	7	26	30	28	30	4	4
Informal courses	0	4	33	28	24	34	13	7
More church programs for older people	7	4	33	41	17	25	22	14
More church programs for both young and aged	4	3	50	30	15	32	24	16
Homemaker's service	4	6	22	31	26	32	11	21
Community workshops for disabled	7	4	48	37	17	27	11	11
Community workshops for those in good health	9	6	33	47	19	20	15	17
More part-time work	19	18	33	42	13	14	9	21
More volunteer community work	4	0	22	24	28	40	7	1
Meeting place for aged	24	20	41	35	13	17	30	31
Organized club	9	3	28	38	22	28	13	16
Family adoption of the aged	7	1	7	18	39	42	4	4
Mobile library	9	6	22	28	30	28	15	16
Number of cases	(46)	(71)	(46)	(71)	(46)	(71)	(46)	(71)

HAMILTON COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	38	(3,733)	35	(3,503)	36	(7,236)
18-59 yrs.	47	(4,663)	48	(4,798)	47	(9,461)
60 yrs. and over	16	(1,555)	18	(1,780)	17	(3,335)
60-64 yrs.	5	(457)	5	(456)	5	(913)
65-69 yrs.	4	(383)	4	(443)	4	(826)
70-74 yrs.	3	(327)	4	(370)	3	(697)
75 yrs. and over	4	(388)	5	(511)	5	(899)
All Ages		(9,951)		(10,081)		(20,032)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

<i>Hamilton</i>	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(15)	(20)	Men	(43)	(42)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	0	0	0	5	2	4
Poor	0	10	6	2	9	6
Fair	47	50	49	39	38	39
Good	47	20	31	42	31	36
Excellent	6	20	14	12	17	14
Major health difficulty	27	25	26	35	43	39
Marital status:						
Married	53	60	57	49	21	35
Widowed	20	30	26	39	67	53
Single	6	10	9	5	7	6
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	60	80	71	84	71	77
Some children live nearby	47	15	29	56	64	60
See some children often	27	40	34	49	52	50
None seen often	0	10	6	9	5	7
Place of birth:						
In the county	13	15	14	16	14	15
In Iowa (other county)	20	10	14	37	17	27
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	33	15	23	14	26	20
Outside the U.S.	0	20	14	7	14	11
Raised on a farm	33	55	46	54	64	59
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	33	50	43	23	26	25
Since age 50	0	10	6	25	9	18
Since age 60	0	15	9	28	26	27
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	73	60	66	39	62	50
High school	20	25	23	54	19	36
College	0	15	9	7	12	9
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	75	16	59	14	5	9
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	5	3	7	9	8
\$500-\$999	0	5	3	9	9	9
\$1,000-\$1,499	6	25	17	14	14	14
\$1,500-\$2,499	13	15	14	14	9	12
\$2,500-\$4,999	20	10	14	19	17	18
\$5,000-\$9,999	40	0	17	5	7	6
\$10,000+	0	0	0	2	2	2

Hamilton		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(15)	(20)	Men	(43)	(42)	Women
		%	%	%	%	%	%
RESOURCES AND INCOME (<i>continued</i>)							
Sources of income:							
Income from property		40	20	29	14	36	25
Social security		20	50	37	23	43	33
Medical assistance		0	0	0	7	2	5
Relief		0	0	0	2	5	4
Pensions		6	20	14	7	14	11
Insurance		0	0	0	14	7	11
Personal savings		6	5	6	7	17	12
Children		0	5	3	5	9	7
Income adequacy:							
More than enough		27	5	14	28	17	22
Just enough		27	25	26	28	50	39
Enough to get by		47	50	49	37	19	28
Not enough		0	10	6	7	7	7
Standard of living:							
Entirely satisfactory		53	50	52	42	69	55
Adequate		40	45	43	44	24	34
Unsatisfactory		0	0	0	9	2	6
Very unsatisfactory		6	5	6	0	0	0
EXPENSES							
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:							
Almost all		13	30	23	21	24	22
About 75%		20	25	23	14	9	12
About 50%		13	5	9	4	12	13
Less than 50%		33	30	31	14	12	13
Had medical and dental costs during past year:							
\$99 or less		47	25	40	44	29	36
\$100-\$299		20	20	20	9	29	19
\$300-\$499		0	10	6	12	5	8
\$500-\$999		0	5	3	5	7	6
\$1,000-\$1,999		6	10	9	2	0	1
\$2,000+		0	0	0	0	2	1
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)		13	25	20	25	12	19
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)		0	15	9	14	5	9
Money needed:							
\$99 or less		0	5	3	2	2	2
\$100-\$299		6	0	3	2	0	1
\$300-\$499		0	0	0	0	2	1
\$500-\$999		0	5	0	5	0	2
\$1,000-\$1,999		0	5	3	0	0	0
\$2,000+		0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):							
Spouse		0	0	0	0	0	0
Son		0	0	0	0	0	0
Daughter		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives		0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property		0	0	0	2	0	1
Friend or neighbor		0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed		0	5	3	5	2	4
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS							
Own or rent quarters:							
Own		87	80	83	88	83	85
Live in children's house		0	5	3	2	5	4
Live with other relatives		6	0	3	0	9	5
Rent		6	10	9	7	0	4

Hamilton	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (15) %	70+ (20) %	All Men (35) %	60-69 (43) %	70+ (42) %	All Women (85) %
Number of cases						
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	6	5	6	2	5	4
\$500 or less	53	55	54	60	41	50
\$1,500 or less	20	20	20	21	26	23
\$3,000 or less	6	0	3	5	2	4
More than \$3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	6	15	11	7	21	14
Satisfactory	6	10	9	25	12	19
Good	80	75	77	65	67	66
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	80	85	83	67	71	69
Not sure	0	0	0	5	5	5
Yes	20	10	14	16	17	16
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	40	35	37	16	9	13
Small town	33	30	31	35	43	39
Medium town	13	10	11	33	17	25
Big city	0	5	3	0	7	4
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	33	55	46	51	26	39
Working at home	33	70	54	74	88	81
Going to church	33	65	52	70	67	68
Reading newspaper	87	75	80	81	74	77
Reading books	47	65	57	47	36	41
Radio or TV	93	85	89	88	81	84
Movies	20	10	14	14	9	12
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	73	50	60	16	7	12
Crafts	13	5	9	47	45	46
My work	33	25	29	25	12	19
Reading political news	40	40	40	28	26	27
Listening to political programs	27	50	40	39	36	37
Sitting and thinking	20	30	26	16	24	20
Talking with friends	87	80	83	84	76	80
Discussing politics	20	35	29	21	19	20
Taking walks alone	6	25	17	16	17	16
Visiting with children	73	85	80	84	71	77
Visiting with other relatives	80	90	86	74	69	71
Visiting with friends	87	90	89	79	91	84
Playing games	53	40	46	31	24	27
Adult education courses	20	5	11	12	5	8
Praying	20	55	40	60	62	61
Reading the Bible	27	85	60	70	67	68
Taking vacation trips	60	55	57	54	43	48
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	27	65	49	35	43	39
Unsatisfied	0	5	3	0	2	1
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	6	15	11	7	19	13
Fear of death	0	5	3	0	0	0
Loneliness	13	10	11	2	2	2
Boredom	0	0	0	0	2	1
Can't afford things wanted	0	10	6	7	0	4
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	0	10	6	5	0	2
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	2	0	1
Housing	0	0	0	2	0	1
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hamilton	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(15)	(20)	Men	(43)	(42)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>continued</i>)						
Never felt better	27	15	20	23	14	19
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	2	7	5
Feel miserable most of time	0	10	6	14	5	9
Religion is a great comfort	80	70	74	72	83	77
Religion doesn't mean much	0	5	3	5	7	6
Religion most important thing in my life	27	60	46	56	57	56
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	0	0	5	2	4
These are the best years of my life	33	15	23	21	9	15
My life is full of worry	0	5	3	7	7	7
I have more free time now than I know how to use	20	20	20	16	21	19
Have more friends now than ever before	60	40	49	44	36	40
Have very few friends	6	5	6	2	2	2
Have no one to talk to about personal things	0	0	0	7	14	11
Wish family would pay more attention to me	13	10	11	9	7	8
This is most useful period of my life	13	10	11	12	12	12
My life is still busy and useful	93	70	80	79	69	74
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	27	15	20	28	24	26
Resident hotel ^c	20	10	14	19	9	14
Boarding homes ^d	6	20	14	21	12	16
Nursing homes ^e	27	35	31	28	24	26
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	40	15	26	19	12	15
Near family and friends	0	5	3	21	9	15
Away from crowded business district	20	35	29	33	24	28
In private community for aged	0	30	17	9	9	9
More to help standard of living ^f	27	65	49	31	31	30
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	13	25	20	9	9	9
Provide more jobs	0	0	0	2	2	2
Lower taxes	0	35	20	7	5	6
Families should care for them	0	0	0	5	7	6
Had medical attention during past year	60	40	49	58	57	57
Have regular (family) doctor	53	45	49	56	55	55
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	93	85	89	81	74	77
In Iowa (nearby)	0	10	6	9	14	12
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	5	7	6
Outside Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	93	90	91	84	81	82
Not sure	0	5	3	2	7	5
Inadequate	6	5	6	7	5	6
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	0	0	0	0	0
No good doctors here	0	0	0	0	0	0
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	0	0	0	2	0	1

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^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

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^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

Hamilton

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Better medical care	6	5	40	30	31	46	17	13
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	0	2	26	20	34	54	14	5
High priced clinic (could choose)	0	5	23	28	49	43	14	22
Medical relief fund	14	11	52	50	9	21	17	21
More visiting	11	8	46	37	14	35	31	19
Home visiting programs	17	8	40	48	11	21	23	16
Visiting nursing service	29	12	46	54	9	18	20	23
Meals delivery	11	4	23	34	26	37	14	12
Adult education courses	11	4	26	45	37	28	14	11
Informal courses	9	2	29	36	34	32	6	7
More church programs for older people	9	8	29	33	37	32	9	15
More church programs for both young and aged	17	5	29	39	31	32	11	14
Homemaker's service	9	6	26	32	40	36	11	12
Community workshops for disabled	11	8	40	40	14	27	11	7
Community workshops for those in good health	9	6	46	36	17	32	17	8
More part-time work	14	11	46	43	14	22	14	14
More volunteer community work	9	2	17	26	34	40	3	4
Meeting place for aged	26	11	37	43	17	26	23	22
Organized club	9	5	31	32	23	34	14	6
Family adoption of the aged	9	2	14	22	37	48	3	2
Mobile library	9	7	31	34	29	33	17	18
Number of cases	(35)	(85)	(35)	(85)	(35)	(85)	(35)	(85)

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	37	(24,829)	34	(23,710)	36	(48,539)
18-59 yrs.	50	(33,672)	51	(35,889)	51	(69,561)
60 yrs. and over	12	(8,311)	15	(10,488)	14	(18,799)
60-64 yrs.	4	(2,493)	4	(2,811)	4	(5,304)
65-69 yrs.	3	(2,187)	4	(2,542)	3	(4,729)
70-74 yrs.	2	(1,621)	3	(2,097)	3	(3,718)
75 yrs. and over	3	(2,010)	4	(3,038)	4	(5,048)
All Ages		(66,812)		(70,087)		(136,899)
SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)						

<i>Linn</i>	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All Men	60-69	70+	All Women
Number of cases	(19)	(26)	(45)	(46)	(45)	(91)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	5	0	2	2	2	2
Poor	0	4	2	2	4	3
Fair	21	42	33	33	42	37
Good	53	42	47	43	33	38
Excellent	21	12	16	19	18	19
Major health difficulty	21	31	27	30	44	37
Marital status:						
Married	89	61	73	50	20	34
Widowed	11	38	27	30	73	51
Single	0	8	4	7	2	4
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	89	69	78	69	76	72
Some children live nearby	63	54	58	59	69	63
See some children often	42	38	40	39	38	38
None seen often	16	12	13	4	2	3
Place of birth:						
In the county	32	19	24	22	29	25
In Iowa (other county)	32	38	36	48	38	43
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	16	19	18	15	13	14
Outside the U.S.	16	15	16	13	13	13
Raised on a farm	58	73	67	39	51	44
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	11	12	11	4	7	5
Since age 50	21	23	22	30	24	27
Since age 60	21	19	20	15	33	24
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	32	61	49	48	51	49
High school	53	42	47	46	38	41
College	21	4	11	4	4	4
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	79	31	51	35	7	21
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	5	4	4	0	20	10
\$500-\$999	5	12	9	11	27	18
\$1,000-\$1,499	11	19	16	13	20	16
\$1,500-\$2,499	16	27	22	22	22	22
\$2,500-\$4,999	37	27	31	24	7	15
\$5,000-\$9,999	16	8	11	13	2	8
\$10,000+	11	0	4	0	0	0

Characteristic	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (19) %	70+ (26) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (46) %	70+ (45) %	All Women (91) %
Linn						
Number of cases						
RESOURCES AND INCOME (continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	5	38	24	24	20	22
Social security	47	73	62	48	42	45
Medical assistance	5	0	2	4	0	2
Relief	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions	21	27	24	26	18	22
Insurance	11	8	9	2	7	4
Personal savings	0	35	20	17	22	20
Children	0	8	4	0	13	7
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	16	23	20	4	16	10
Just enough	37	31	33	63	31	47
Enough to get by	32	31	31	28	31	29
Not enough	16	15	16	4	18	11
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	47	50	49	37	36	36
Adequate	53	35	42	35	42	38
Unsatisfactory	5	8	7	11	4	8
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	2	2	2
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	0	46	27	26	33	29
About 75%	32	19	24	33	13	23
About 50%	16	8	11	7	9	8
Less than 50%	21	15	18	15	4	10
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	32	50	42	35	44	39
\$100-\$299	21	8	13	37	24	30
\$300-\$499	5	4	4	7	4	5
\$500-\$999	16	4	9	2	4	3
\$1,000-\$1,999	5	12	9	2	4	3
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	11	12	11	0	9	4
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	5	0	2	2	7	4
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100-\$299	0	0	0	2	2	2
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	0	2	1
\$500-\$999	0	4	2	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	0	2	1
\$2,000+	5	0	2	2	0	1
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	0	0	0	4	2
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	5	4	4	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	79	84	82	78	62	70
Live in children's house	5	4	4	7	22	14
Live with other relatives	0	4	2	2	0	1
Rent	11	8	9	13	16	14

Linn	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (19) %	70+ (26) %	All Men (45) %	60-69 (46) %	70+ (45) %	All Women (91) %
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	0	8	4	0	2	1
\$500 or less	26	23	24	19	44	32
\$1,500 or less	47	42	44	59	29	44
\$3,000 or less	16	15	16	4	7	5
More than \$3,000	0	4	2	0	2	1
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	0	0	0	4	2	3
Satisfactory	26	19	22	17	13	15
Good	74	81	78	78	84	81
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	74	92	84	63	84	73
Not sure	11	0	4	4	0	2
Yes	11	8	9	22	16	19
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	16	19	18	4	11	8
Small town	26	12	18	26	16	21
Medium town	47	50	47	54	58	56
Big city	0	8	4	9	9	9
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	47	61	56	65	51	58
Working at home	84	88	87	91	89	89
Going to church	47	46	47	72	76	73
Reading newspaper	74	84	79	85	82	83
Reading books	37	46	42	59	49	54
Radio or TV	89	88	89	87	93	89
Movies	16	4	9	19	16	18
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	68	31	47	24	4	14
Crafts	5	19	13	59	40	50
My work	47	27	36	30	7	19
Reading political news	47	54	51	35	24	29
Listening to political programs	37	50	44	41	38	39
Sitting and thinking	11	23	18	9	20	24
Talking with friends	79	88	84	82	91	86
Discussing politics	11	27	20	26	16	21
Taking walks alone	16	38	29	22	16	19
Visiting with children	74	54	62	74	71	73
Visiting with other relatives	68	61	64	82	69	76
Visiting with friends	68	81	76	82	98	89
Playing games	53	38	44	54	42	48
Adult education courses	5	4	4	15	2	9
Praying	32	27	29	63	71	67
Reading the Bible	32	42	38	50	67	58
Taking vacation trips	53	42	47	72	51	62
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	42	73	60	50	47	48
Unsatisfied	0	8	4	0	0	0
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	5	15	11	4	7	6
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	5	0	2	4	7	6
Boredom	0	0	0	0	0	0
Can't afford things wanted	11	0	4	4	2	3
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	0	0	0	2	9	6
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	2	1
Religion	0	4	2	2	0	1

Characteristic Number of cases	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
	(19) %	(26) %	Men (45) %	(46) %	(45) %	Women (91) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	26	35	31	24	20	22
Don't care to go on living ^a	5	4	4	0	2	1
Feel miserable most of time	11	0	4	2	2	2
Religion is a great comfort	47	73	62	69	89	78
Religion doesn't mean much	11	12	11	2	7	4
Religion most important thing in my life	21	42	33	43	56	50
Sometimes there's no point in living	5	0	2	0	0	0
These are the best years of my life	21	42	33	17	24	21
My life is full of worry	5	0	2	9	2	6
I have more free time now than I know how to use	26	15	20	9	29	19
Have more friends now than ever before	32	42	38	37	27	32
Have very few friends	0	0	0	33	7	9
Have no one to talk to about personal things	11	4	7	4	7	6
Wish family would pay more attention to me	16	8	11	0	2	1
This is most useful period of my life	11	15	13	13	16	14
My life is still busy and useful	68	77	73	85	91	87
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	53	42	47	52	47	50
Resident hotel ^c	37	35	36	30	33	32
Boarding homes ^d	37	23	29	19	20	20
Nursing homes ^e	21	46	36	52	38	45
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	16	19	18	22	31	26
Near family and friends	26	15	20	19	20	20
Away from crowded business district	37	54	47	43	42	43
In private community for aged	11	12	11	26	18	22
More to help standard of living ^f	37	61	51	41	42	42
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	26	35	31	15	20	18
Provide more jobs	5	4	4	7	4	6
Lower taxes	11	31	22	15	16	15
Families should care for them	0	12	7	4	2	3
Had medical attention during past year	68	46	56	67	76	71
Have regular (family) doctor	63	46	53	69	60	65
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	89	96	93	82	82	81
In Iowa (nearby)	5	0	2	17	13	15
In Iowa (farther away)	5	4	4	0	2	1
Outside Iowa	0	0	0	2	2	2
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	68	84	78	78	82	79
Not sure	16	8	11	13	4	9
Inadequate	5	4	4	4	16	10
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	0	0	0	4	2
No good doctors here	0	4	2	0	7	3
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	2	0	1
Medical cost is too high	26	8	16	11	7	9

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

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COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	%
Better medical care	27	12	42	39	22	42	33	19
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	18	13	27	29	33	44	16	20
High priced clinic (could choose)	11	6	49	44	24	39	47	38
Medical relief fund	36	29	51	53	7	12	24	23
More visiting	31	14	49	46	29	32	24	24
Home visiting programs	9	20	64	64	11	11	44	24
Visiting nursing service	16	22	69	70	11	6	47	48
Meals delivery	13	10	49	53	24	28	31	32
Adult education courses	2	10	60	48	27	31	16	12
Informal courses	0	6	60	50	29	32	18	21
More church programs for older people	4	10	49	46	31	35	29	21
More church programs for both young and aged	7	10	49	43	27	35	22	19
Homemaker's service	4	13	53	54	24	24	29	24
Community workshops for disabled	4	18	62	59	22	15	22	15
Community workshops for those in good health	9	11	67	56	18	22	31	19
More part-time work	22	22	51	53	16	17	31	22
More volunteer community work	7	4	44	45	33	33	9	9
Meeting place for aged	9	20	64	60	20	14	56	29
Organized club	4	13	64	46	22	26	29	16
Family adoption of the aged	0	1	38	32	47	54	13	3
Number of cases	(45)	(91)	(45)	(91)	(45)	(91)	(45)	(91)

OSCEOLA COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	40	(2,026)	38	(1,876)	39	(3,902)
18-59 yrs.	45	(2,281)	47	(2,343)	46	(4,624)
60 yrs. and over	15	(773)	15	(765)	15	(1,538)
60-64 yrs.	5	(238)	4	(218)	5	(456)
65-69 yrs.	4	(212)	4	(206)	4	(418)
70-74 yrs.	3	(157)	3	(151)	3	(308)
75 yrs. and over	3	(166)	4	(190)	4	(356)
All Ages		(5,080)		(4,984)		(10,064)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

<i>Osceola</i>	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(32)	(21)	Men	(17)	(29)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	3	10	6	0	3	2
Poor	9	14	11	0	7	4
Fair	41	33	38	47	48	48
Good	34	29	32	47	21	30
Excellent	9	14	11	6	17	13
Major health difficulty	25	33	28	29	45	39
Marital status:						
Married	81	71	77	47	14	26
Widowed	0	19	8	47	72	63
Single	12	5	9	6	14	11
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	75	71	74	82	76	78
Some children live nearby	50	52	51	65	59	61
See some children often	25	24	24	41	31	35
None seen often	6	14	9	18	3	9
Place of birth:						
In the county	12	24	17	24	14	17
In Iowa (other county)	44	38	42	24	24	24
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	22	14	19	35	38	37
Outside the U.S.	6	14	9	6	10	9
Raised on a farm	78	71	75	82	55	65
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	22	24	23	12	17	15
Since age 50	22	19	21	35	10	19
Since age 60	0	14	6	0	21	13
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	75	76	75	59	55	56
High school	25	19	23	29	38	35
College	0	5	2	12	7	9
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	69	33	55	24	14	17
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	3	0	2	18	10	13
\$500-\$999	6	14	9	24	21	22
\$1,000-\$1,499	6	29	15	18	17	17
\$1,500-\$2,499	22	14	19	6	24	17
\$2,500-\$4,999	19	14	17	18	7	11
\$5,000-\$9,999	6	24	13	6	3	4
\$10,000+	3	0	2	0	0	0

<i>Osceola</i>		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All	
Number of cases	(32)	(21)	Men	(17)	(29)	Women	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
RESOURCES AND INCOME (continued)							
Sources of income:							
Income from property	53	48	51	29	62	50	
Social security	31	71	47	24	45	37	
Medical assistance	0	0	0	0	3	2	
Relief	3	10	6	0	10	7	
Pensions	9	10	9	18	10	13	
Insurance	0	0	0	12	3	7	
Personal savings	6	5	6	12	10	11	
Children	0	0	0	6	7	7	
Income adequacy:							
More than enough	19	29	23	24	17	19	
Just enough	37	33	36	35	62	52	
Enough to get by	25	33	28	29	14	19	
Not enough	3	5	4	12	7	9	
Standard of living:							
Entirely satisfactory	47	43	45	29	41	37	
Adequate	47	43	45	41	34	37	
Unsatisfactory	3	10	6	18	3	9	
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EXPENSES							
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:							
Almost all	16	24	19	29	28	28	
About 75%	28	38	32	12	21	17	
About 50%	22	19	21	12	10	11	
Less than 50%	12	14	13	12	7	9	
Had medical and dental costs during past year:							
\$99 or less	31	19	26	41	38	39	
\$100-\$299	31	14	24	24	21	22	
\$300-\$499	0	19	8	0	10	7	
\$500-\$999	3	10	6	6	0	2	
\$1,000-\$1,999	6	10	8	6	3	4	
\$2,000+	0	5	2	0	0	0	
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	3	14	8	12	0	4	
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	3	10	6	6	3	4	
Money needed:							
\$99 or less	3	0	2	0	0	0	
\$100-\$299	3	5	4	0	0	0	
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	0	0	0	
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	0	3	2	
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	6	0	2	
\$2,000+	3	5	4	0	0	0	
Money obtained from (by):							
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Son	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bank, loan, sold property	0	0	0	6	0	2	
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Didn't obtain money needed	3	0	2	0	0	0	
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS							
Own or rent quarters:							
Own	84	81	83	77	90	85	
Live in children's house	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Live with other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rent	9	19	13	24	10	15	

Osceola

	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(32)	(21)	Men	(17)	(29)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	6	5	6	6	14	11
\$500 or less	22	38	28	41	34	37
\$1,500 or less	31	48	38	35	24	28
\$3,000 or less	19	10	15	0	0	0
More than \$3,000	3	0	2	0	7	4
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	0	0	0	12	7	9
Satisfactory	16	0	9	24	17	19
Good	81	57	72	65	76	72
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	81	81	81	71	86	80
Not sure	3	5	4	24	0	9
Yes	12	10	11	6	10	9
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	41	19	32	29	7	15
Small town	47	57	51	53	83	72
Medium town	12	10	11	12	3	7
Big city	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	41	38	40	41	28	33
Working at home	50	52	51	88	83	85
Going to church	69	52	62	94	72	80
Reading newspaper	66	67	66	77	79	78
Reading books	19	29	23	41	48	46
Radio or TV	88	86	87	100	90	72
Movies	6	5	6	18	10	13
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	44	19	34	6	3	4
Crafts	3	5	4	65	45	52
My work	37	33	36	24	17	19
Reading political news	22	43	30	12	38	28
Listening to political programs	31	57	42	24	41	35
Sitting and thinking	16	24	19	6	28	19
Talking with friends	81	71	77	82	79	80
Discussing politics	25	24	24	12	21	17
Taking walks alone	12	24	17	6	17	13
Visiting with children	63	57	60	82	72	76
Visiting with other relatives	78	67	74	77	79	78
Visiting with friends	81	76	79	88	96	93
Playing games	53	33	45	29	45	39
Adult education courses	6	0	4	6	10	9
Praying	34	48	40	71	76	74
Reading the Bible	37	52	43	82	69	74
Taking vacation trips	59	29	47	53	52	52
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	28	76	47	29	48	41
Unsatisfied	6	5	6	0	0	0
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	6	24	13	0	10	7
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	3	5	4	6	3	4
Boredom	0	0	0	0	0	0
Can't afford things wanted	3	14	8	0	0	0
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	0	14	6	0	7	4
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0

Osceola		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(32)	(21)	Men	(17)	(29)	Women
		%	%	%	%	%	%
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>continued</i>)							
Never felt better		16	38	24	35	17	24
Don't care to go on living ^a		0	0	0	6	0	2
Feel miserable most of time		6	19	11	0	0	0
Religion is a great comfort		56	76	64	88	83	85
Religion doesn't mean much		3	5	4	6	10	9
Religion most important thing in my life		53	57	55	71	65	67
Sometimes there's no point in living		0	0	0	6	0	2
These are the best years of my life		12	38	23	24	10	15
My life is full of worry		3	14	8	6	7	7
I have more free time now than I know how to use		12	29	19	6	7	7
Have more friends now than ever before		25	24	24	59	41	48
Have very few friends		3	5	4	0	0	0
Have no one to talk to about personal things		0	5	2	6	7	7
Wish family would pay more attention to me		3	0	2	6	0	2
This is most useful period of my life		16	29	21	24	10	15
My life is still busy and useful		69	81	74	94	86	89
COMMUNITY NEEDS							
Need more housing units for older people in county:							
Cottages or apartments ^b		9	10	9	18	7	11
Resident hotel ^c		9	14	11	29	10	17
Boarding homes ^d		22	14	19	35	31	33
Nursing homes ^e		56	57	57	65	69	67
Preferred location of new housing for aged:							
Close to shopping facilities		12	19	15	6	21	15
Near family and friends		6	5	6	12	3	7
Away from crowded business district		25	24	24	47	34	39
In private community for aged		12	19	15	6	14	11
More to help standard of living ^f		28	62	42	18	41	33
What should be done?:							
Increase social security		16	33	23	12	24	19
Provide more jobs		6	14	9	6	10	9
Lower taxes		0	33	13	18	14	15
Families should care for them		6	5	6	0	10	7
Had medical attention during past year		56	33	47	71	69	69
Have regular (family) doctor		50	43	47	53	45	48
Location of doctor's office:							
In the community		63	90	74	94	83	87
In Iowa (nearby)		19	5	13	0	10	7
In Iowa (farther away)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Outside Iowa		3	0	2	0	7	4
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g							
Adequate		81	86	83	71	90	82
Not sure		6	10	8	18	10	13
Inadequate		6	5	6	12	0	4
Complaints about medical care:							
No good hospitals here		9	0	6	0	0	0
No good doctors here		9	0	6	0	0	0
Doctors don't care about aged		0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high		3	0	2	18	7	11

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

Osceola

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Better medical care	21	15	30	39	32	33	21	17
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	0	4	13	4	64	63	8	4
High priced clinic (could choose)	6	2	24	35	51	39	17	19
Medical relief fund	17	15	45	50	23	30	21	19
More visiting	2	9	45	33	30	41	23	9
Home visiting programs	9	9	53	43	23	26	21	15
Visiting nursing service	11	19	55	54	19	17	17	19
Meals delivery	8	2	30	33	38	50	9	4
Adult education courses	9	9	32	41	36	30	9	9
Informal courses	2	7	36	37	36	41	9	7
More church programs for older people	6	2	30	41	38	33	23	15
More church programs for both young and aged	8	7	34	33	32	28	11	11
Homemaker's service	0	7	38	22	40	48	6	2
Community workshops for disabled	6	2	55	46	21	33	13	7
Community workshops for those in good health	6	7	57	41	23	33	19	13
More part-time work	15	15	47	39	21	37	17	13
More volunteer community work	4	2	28	28	43	41	11	7
Meeting place for aged	13	11	49	52	21	24	23	19
Organized club	6	9	28	24	19	43	6	11
Family adoption of the aged	2	0	23	9	49	65	6	0
Mobile library	2	4	24	24	47	46	9	9
Number of cases	(53)	(46)	(53)	(46)	(53)	(46)	(53)	(46)

PAGE COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN			WOMEN		
	%			%		
Under 18 yrs.	32	(3,214)	29	(3,119)	30	(6,333)
18-59 yrs.	47	(4,802)	48	(5,168)	47	(9,970)
60 yrs. and over	21	(2,123)	24	(2,597)	22	(4,720)
60-64 yrs.	6	(578)	6	(652)	6	(1,230)
65-69 yrs.	5	(517)	5	(594)	5	(1,111)
70-74 yrs.	4	(418)	5	(533)	5	(951)
75 yrs. and over	6	(610)	8	(818)	7	(1,428)
All Ages		(10,139)		(10,884)		(21,023)
SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)						

Page	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(20)	(16)	Men	(22)	(35)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	0	13	6	0	6	4
Poor	5	19	11	23	0	9
Fair	45	38	42	41	43	42
Good	45	25	36	27	46	39
Excellent	5	6	6	9	6	7
Major health difficulty	20	50	33	50	40	44
Marital status:						
Married	85	69	78	59	34	44
Widowed	10	19	14	27	57	46
Single	5	6	6	5	6	5
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	95	75	86	82	89	86
Some children live nearby	75	75	75	77	66	70
See some children often	40	63	50	41	49	46
None seen often	15	0	8	9	6	7
Place of birth:						
In the county	30	25	28	23	37	32
In Iowa (other county)	15	0	8	14	11	12
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	15	38	25	32	23	26
Outside the U.S.	0	6	3	5	9	7
Raised on a farm	60	50	56	73	71	72
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	50	38	44	23	29	26
Since age 50	15	0	8	27	6	14
Since age 60	5	25	14	5	17	12
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	85	44	67	55	52	53
High school	10	38	22	32	26	28
College	5	19	11	14	20	18
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	80	44	64	14	11	12
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	0	0	23	14	18
\$500-\$999	10	25	17	27	23	25
\$1,000-\$1,499	0	6	3	14	14	14
\$1,500-\$2,499	15	6	11	5	6	5
\$2,500-\$4,999	30	38	33	14	11	12
\$5,000-\$9,999	15	0	8	0	0	0
\$10,000+	5	0	3	0	6	4

Page	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(20)	(16)	Men	(22)	(35)	Women
	%	%	(36)	%	%	(57)
RESOURCES AND INCOME (<i>continued</i>)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	15	25	19	27	37	33
Social security	20	88	50	45	43	44
Medical assistance	5	6	6	14	11	12
Relief	5	0	3	5	9	7
Pensions	5	13	8	14	11	12
Insurance	5	6	6	9	11	10
Personal savings	5	13	8	18	23	21
Children	5	0	3	9	9	9
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	5	25	14	5	37	25
Just enough	45	13	31	41	14	25
Enough to get by	40	56	47	41	17	26
Not enough	10	6	8	9	9	9
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	35	50	42	32	40	37
Adequate	45	25	36	41	29	33
Unsatisfactory	20	13	17	9	6	7
Very unsatisfactory	0	6	3	9	0	4
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	15	25	19	41	20	28
About 75%	15	25	19	0	6	4
About 50%	15	25	19	14	3	7
Less than 50%	15	6	11	5	3	4
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	55	19	39	32	37	35
\$100-\$299	10	50	28	32	29	30
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	14	9	10
\$500-\$999	5	13	8	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	0	3	2
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	0	19	8	14	6	9
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	0	13	6	5	3	4
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100-\$299	0	6	3	0	0	0
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$500-\$999	0	6	3	5	0	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	3	2
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	6	3	0	0	0
Daughter	0	6	3	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	0	6	3	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	90	75	83	73	86	81
Live in children's house	0	6	3	0	9	5
Live with other relatives	0	0	0	9	0	4
Rent	10	6	8	14	3	7

Page	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(20)	(16)	Men	(22)	(35)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	5	6	6	5	6	5
\$500 or less	45	50	47	36	29	32
\$1,500 or less	40	25	33	27	37	33
\$3,000 or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than \$3,000	5	0	3	5	3	4
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	0	25	11	5	3	4
Satisfactory	45	19	33	32	6	16
Good	50	56	53	64	89	79
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	65	75	70	68	80	75
Not sure	0	6	3	5	6	5
Yes	25	13	19	14	3	7
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	55	38	47	50	20	32
Small town	30	38	33	32	57	47
Medium town	10	13	11	14	11	12
Big city	0	6	3	0	0	0
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	30	38	33	59	60	60
Working at home	45	63	53	86	86	86
Going to church	55	63	58	68	71	70
Reading newspaper	65	63	64	82	74	77
Reading books	15	25	19	59	49	53
Radio or TV	85	94	89	95	77	84
Movies	10	13	11	9	9	9
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	35	44	39	0	3	2
Crafts	5	19	11	64	37	47
My work	45	19	33	18	31	26
Reading political news	15	38	25	27	26	26
Listening to political programs	35	56	44	55	31	40
Sitting and thinking	5	44	22	23	26	25
Talking with friends	75	88	81	100	77	86
Discussing politics	15	44	28	32	14	21
Taking walks alone	0	25	11	14	11	12
Visiting with children	70	63	67	82	74	77
Visiting with other relatives	70	75	72	82	74	77
Visiting with friends	85	81	83	95	74	82
Playing games	40	25	33	41	31	35
Adult education courses	5	0	3	5	6	5
Praying	25	38	31	68	69	68
Reading the Bible	30	44	36	82	74	77
Taking vacation trips	65	25	47	59	40	47
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	25	81	50	64	54	58
Unsatisfied	0	13	6	0	3	2
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	5	25	14	27	14	19
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	13	6	5	6	5
Boredom	0	6	3	5	0	2
Can't afford things wanted	5	0	3	9	6	7
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	3	2
Political events	0	0	0	5	0	2
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	6	3	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	5	3	4
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0

Page	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (20) %	70+ (16) %	All Men (36) %	60-69 (22) %	70+ (35) %	All Women (57) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>continued</i>)						
Never felt better	15	25	19	23	23	23
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feel miserable most of time	5	0	3	14	6	9
Religion is a great comfort	65	69	67	86	83	84
Religion doesn't mean much	0	6	3	0	3	2
Religion most important thing in my life	40	44	42	73	97	88
Sometimes there's no point in living	0	6	3	9	3	5
These are the best years of my life	20	19	19	32	14	21
My life is full of worry	0	6	3	18	11	14
I have more free time now than I know how to use	0	19	8	9	20	16
Have more friends now than ever before	40	31	36	41	31	35
Have very few friends	5	13	8	14	6	9
Have no one to talk to about personal things	5	0	3	23	14	18
Wish family would pay more attention to me	5	0	3	5	6	5
This is most useful period of my life	10	6	8	23	6	12
My life is still busy and useful	80	56	75	91	80	84
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	20	25	22	32	31	32
Resident hotel ^c	10	31	19	9	14	12
Boarding homes ^d	5	38	19	9	9	9
Nursing homes ^e	15	31	22	27	14	19
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	5	19	11	9	11	10
Near family and friends	5	0	3	14	9	10
Away from crowded business district	15	19	17	14	20	18
In private community for aged	10	13	11	27	9	16
More to help standard of living ^f	25	75	47	45	40	42
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	25	38	28	18	20	19
Provide more jobs	5	0	3	5	9	7
Lower taxes	0	38	17	18	14	16
Families should care for them	0	0	0	5	6	5
Had medical attention during past year	20	63	39	68	63	65
Have regular (family) doctor	40	56	47	64	54	58
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	80	69	75	91	74	81
In Iowa (nearby)	25	38	31	14	31	25
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outside Iowa	15	31	22	27	31	30
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	90	81	86	86	86	86
Not sure	0	0	0	9	3	5
Inadequate	10	19	14	5	9	9
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	5	0	3	0	6	4
No good doctors here	5	0	3	0	6	4
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	0	38	17	5	9	7

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	%
Better medical care	8	16	33	40	25	26	17	30
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	3	0	17	14	39	60	8	10
High priced clinic (could choose)	6	4	42	42	19	28	31	25
Medical relief fund	19	10	39	39	14	23	22	18
More visiting	8	4	42	47	17	23	22	21
Home visiting programs	17	12	28	46	22	18	25	19
Visiting nursing service	6	16	47	42	22	18	22	18
Meals delivery	0	4	25	26	39	46	11	10
Adult education courses	3	2	25	49	39	28	11	10
Informal courses	0	2	25	46	36	28	3	9
More church programs for older people	6	5	36	32	25	39	6	9
More church programs for both young and aged	6	5	36	33	28	37	14	7
Homemaker's service	0	7	19	25	50	46	3	12
Community workshops for disabled	3	4	33	40	28	33	3	7
Community workshops for those in good health	6	2	28	32	33	44	3	9
More part-time work	8	9	31	33	28	33	8	12
More volunteer community work	8	0	14	26	39	46	3	4
Meeting place for aged	8	4	39	40	25	30	11	14
Organized club	3	0	22	28	39	44	6	7
Family adoption of the aged	0	0	17	28	44	42	3	4
Mobile library	3	5	19	30	39	39	8	12
Number of cases	(36)	(57)	(36)	(57)	(36)	(57)	(36)	(57)

POLK COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	37	(47,543)	33	(45,876)	35	(93,419)
18-59 yrs.	50	(64,012)	52	(72,196)	51	(136,208)
60 yrs. and over	13	(16,049)	15	(20,639)	14	(36,688)
60-64 yrs.	4	(5,068)	4	(5,823)	4	(10,891)
65-69 yrs.	3	(4,296)	4	(5,254)	4	(9,550)
70-74 yrs.	2	(3,132)	3	(3,989)	3	(7,121)
75 yrs. and over	3	(3,553)	4	(5,573)	3	(9,126)
All ages		(127,604)		(138,711)		(266,315)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Polk	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(28)	(28)	Men	(67)	(56)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	4	4	4	0	2	1
Poor	7	11	7	3	4	2
Fair	39	18	29	43	38	41
Good	32	61	46	37	45	41
Excellent	18	7	13	18	13	15
Major health difficulty	36	50	43	42	39	41
Marital status:						
Married	75	46	61	49	20	32
Widowed	11	46	29	54	70	32
Single	7	0	4	5	5	5
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	64	78	71	88	80	77
Some children live nearby	46	75	61	52	57	54
See some children often	29	39	34	31	41	36
None seen often	18	7	13	12	9	11
Place of birth:						
In the county	7	25	16	21	14	18
In Iowa (other county)	36	32	34	45	46	45
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	46	25	36	21	23	22
Outside the U.S.	46	14	31	2	9	5
Raised on a farm	68	46	57	46	38	42
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	4	4	4	8	4	6
Since age 50	46	21	34	21	20	20
Since age 60	7	21	14	9	41	24
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	68	68	68	44	52	44
High school	14	21	18	58	34	42
College	14	11	13	16	14	14
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	78	32	55	27	14	21
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	7	0	4	6	14	10
\$500-\$999	4	11	7	10	25	17
\$1,000-\$1,499	4	18	11	15	16	15
\$1,500-\$2,499	14	32	23	16	14	15
\$2,500-\$4,999	32	21	27	19	11	15
\$5,000-\$9,999	7	7	7	10	0	6
\$10,000+	4	0	2	2	2	2

Polk	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(28)	(28)	Men	(67)	(56)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
RESOURCES AND INCOME (Continued)						
Sources of income: ^a						
Income from property						
Social security						
Medical assistance						
Relief						
Pensions						
Insurance						
Personal savings						
Children						
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	7	25	20	15	14	15
Just enough	32	50	41	31	29	30
Enough to get by	32	18	25	36	39	37
Not enough	32	18	25	36	39	37
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	29	43	36	37	34	36
Adequate	50	43	46	40	32	37
Unsatisfactory	4	14	9	9	18	13
Very unsatisfactory	7	0	4	5	4	4
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	29	50	39	30	41	35
About 75%	25	4	14	15	9	12
About 50%	21	25	23	13	11	12
Less than 50%	7	14	11	16	7	12
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	46	36	41	49	43	46
\$100-\$299	21	14	18	21	13	17
\$300-\$499	7	21	14	10	16	13
\$500-\$999	4	11	7	5	7	6
\$1,000-\$1,999	4	7	5	6	4	5
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	2	1
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	7	18	13	12	16	14
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	7	0	4	8	11	9
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	4	0	2	0	4	2
\$100-\$299	0	4	2	3	2	2
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	2	0	1
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	2	4	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	4	0	2	3	2	2
\$2,000+	0	0	0	2	2	2
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	2	0	1
Son	0	0	0	0	2	1
Daughter	0	0	0	0	4	2
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	4	4	4	5	0	2
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	4	0	2	2	2	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	82	75	79	82	57	71
Live in children's house	0	7	4	6	16	11
Live with other relatives	4	0	2	2	0	1
Rent	7	18	13	8	18	12

^aFigures are omitted for income sources due to inadequate reporting.

Polk	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (28) %	70+ (28) %	All Men (56) %	60-69 (67) %	70+ (56) %	All Women (123) %
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	4	7	5	2	2	2
\$500 or less	32	46	39	31	36	33
\$1,500 or less	50	25	38	37	34	36
\$3,000 or less	4	18	11	9	5	7
More than \$3,000	4	0	2	2	2	2
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	0	4	2	3	2	2
Satisfactory	21	14	18	6	16	11
Good	75	82	79	91	80	86
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	61	75	68	57	70	62
Not sure	4	4	4	9	5	7
Yes	25	11	18	19	23	21
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	14	14	14	6	7	7
Small town	18	21	21	16	18	17
Medium town	7	7	7	21	13	17
Big city	39	36	38	51	48	49
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	46	54	50	45	34	40
Working at home	71	64	68	76	79	77
Going to church	50	50	50	78	68	73
Reading newspaper	71	82	77	76	68	72
Reading books	39	29	34	61	45	54
Radio or TV	86	89	88	88	93	90
Movies	21	4	13	18	14	16
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	39	36	38	8	11	9
Crafts	4	7	5	58	54	56
My work	50	21	36	27	14	21
Reading political news	21	29	25	33	29	31
Listening to political programs	32	54	43	39	36	37
Sitting and thinking	18	32	25	10	20	15
Talking with friends	71	89	80	81	79	79
Discussing politics	11	29	20	31	25	28
Taking walks alone	25	39	32	13	31	21
Visiting with children	57	75	66	73	71	72
Visiting with other relatives	64	68	66	66	66	66
Visiting with friends	57	75	66	79	77	78
Playing games	50	54	52	34	27	31
Adult education courses	11	4	7	8	9	8
Praying	29	39	34	51	66	58
Reading the Bible	25	32	29	55	70	62
Taking vacation trips	54	36	45	42	38	40
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	39	57	48	46	48	47
Unsatisfied	4	11	7	3	7	5
Very unsatisfied	0	4	2	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	14	21	18	9	4	7
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	0	0	9	5	7
Boredom	0	0	0	5	4	4
Can't afford things wanted	7	11	9	3	13	7
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	0	2	4	3	4	3
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	4	2	0	2	1
Housing	4	4	4	0	2	1
Religion	0	0	0	2	0	1

Polk	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(28)	(28)	Men	(67)	(56)	Women
	%	%	(56)	%	%	(123)
			%			%
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	36	21	29	27	20	24
Don't care to go on living ^a	4	0	2	2	2	2
Feel miserable most of time	4	11	7	3	2	2
Religion is a great comfort	57	71	64	76	84	79
Religion doesn't mean much	4	11	7	3	7	5
Religion most important thing in my life	25	43	34	34	55	44
Sometimes there's no point in living	4	0	2	2	4	2
These are the best years of my life	29	29	29	25	18	22
My life is full of worry	14	4	9	8	11	9
I have more free time now than I know how to use	11	32	21	8	36	20
Have more friends now than ever before	43	32	38	39	29	34
Have very few friends	7	7	7	12	13	12
Have no one to talk to about personal things	14	11	13	9	11	10
Wish family would pay more attention to me	21	7	14	6	7	7
This is most useful period of my life	25	29	27	21	20	20
My life is still busy and useful	86	68	77	83	80	82
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	54	46	50	57	61	58
Resident hotels ^c	43	29	36	48	43	45
Boarding homes ^d	32	32	32	39	27	33
Nursing homes ^e	39	39	41	37	42	40
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	36	32	34	36	46	41
Near family and friends	25	32	29	30	32	31
Away from crowded business district	39	54	46	33	23	28
In private community for aged	36	21	29	28	23	26
More to help standard of living ^f	39	64	52	42	50	45
What should be done ^g :						
Increase social security	29	54	41	19	29	24
Provide more jobs	14	14	14	6	9	7
Lower taxes	14	32	23	18	20	19
Families should care for them	0	0	0	5	5	5
Had medical attention during past year	64	50	57	61	68	64
Have regular (family) doctor	46	57	52	75	57	66
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	86	71	79	83	86	84
In Iowa (nearby)	4	21	13	18	16	17
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	2	2	2
Outside Iowa	4	0	2	3	0	2
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	89	71	80	79	79	79
Not sure	7	7	7	10	11	11
Inadequate	0	14	7	6	9	7
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	0	0	0	0	0
No good doctors here	0	7	4	0	0	0
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	11	11	11	15	13	14

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

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^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men %	Women %	Men %	Women %	Men %	Women %		
Better medical care	25	26	45	36	21	21	46	36
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	13	5	29	29	39	43	29	19
High priced clinic (could choose)	13	12	32	43	38	23	36	45
Medical relief fund	32	32	50	48	5	8	32	46
More visiting	9	17	48	41	23	23	32	34
Home visiting programs	18	35	57	43	11	17	39	37
Visiting nursing service	14	32	66	51	9	4	48	41
Meals delivery	14	16	41	39	27	21	23	28
Adult education courses	18	17	39	51	29	16	23	25
Informal courses	11	14	46	43	21	23	23	24
More church programs for older people	18	18	38	42	25	21	32	37
More church programs for both young and aged	18	15	41	49	25	18	38	35
Homemaker's service	13	19	41	41	32	20	29	31
Community workshops for disabled	20	24	55	50	14	11	29	25
Community workshops for those in good health	11	22	61	49	11	15	29	32
More part-time work	23	33	45	40	16	11	32	32
More volunteer community work	9	18	39	38	29	24	21	20
Meeting place for aged	25	24	55	52	16	8	45	40
Organized club	14	19	46	46	20	18	31	35
Family adoption of the aged	4	8	34	35	43	37	14	12
Mobile library	14	16	39	52	29	13	21	35
Number of cases	(56)	(123)	(56)	(123)	(56)	(123)	(56)	(123)

SCOTT COUNTY PROFILE

AGES	AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)					
	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	38	(22,248)	35	(21,121)	36	(43,369)
18-59 yrs.	49	(28,920)	50	(30,280)	50	(59,200)
60 yrs. and over	13	(7,444)	15	(9,054)	14	(16,498)
60-64 yrs.	4	(2,362)	4	(2,491)	4	(4,853)
65-69 yrs.	3	(1,993)	4	(2,319)	4	(4,312)
70-74 yrs.	3	(1,489)	3	(1,826)	3	(3,315)
75 yrs. and over	3	(1,600)	4	(2,418)	3	(4,018)
All Ages		(58,612)		(60,455)		(119,067)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Scott	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All Men	60-69	70+	All Women
Number of cases	(16)	(12)	(28)	(21)	(21)	(42)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	6	8	7	5	0	2
Poor	6	0	4	0	19	9
Fair	6	17	11	33	43	38
Good	56	58	57	33	38	36
Excellent	25	17	21	29	0	14
Major health difficulty	25	33	29	29	62	45
Marital status:						
Married	75	42	61	52	19	36
Widowed	13	42	25	24	71	48
Single	6	17	11	10	5	7
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	56	92	71	67	76	71
Some children live nearby	31	92	57	67	71	69
See some children often	31	67	46	43	29	36
None seen often	19	33	25	0	5	2
Place of birth:						
In the county	31	42	36	29	38	33
In Iowa (other county)	13	8	11	29	19	24
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	25	67	29	33	29	31
Outside the U.S.	6	17	11	0	10	5
Raised on a farm	25	25	25	48	48	48
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	25	0	14	5	10	7
Since age 50	13	0	7	14	14	14
Since age 60	13	42	25	29	33	31
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	69	83	75	48	76	62
High school	25	25	25	43	14	19
College	13	0	7	0	5	2
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	50	33	43	24	24	24
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	6	17	11	5	5	5
\$500-\$999	0	33	14	10	24	17
\$1,000-\$1,499	6	0	4	0	14	7
\$1,500-\$2,499	6	17	11	14	14	14
\$2,500-\$4,999	25	17	21	24	14	19
\$5,000-\$9,999	31	17	25	19	5	12
\$10,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Scott	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (16) %	70+ (12) %	All Men (28) %	60-69 (21) %	70+ (21) %	All Women (42) %
Characteristic						
Number of cases						
RESOURCES AND INCOME (Continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	31	33	32	33	24	29
Social security	56	83	68	48	67	57
Medical assistance	13	8	11	5	0	2
Relief	0	0	0	0	5	2
Pensions	31	33	32	14	29	21
Insurance	0	8	4	19	5	12
Personal savings	6	8	7	10	29	19
Children	0	25	11	5	5	5
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	19	8	14	10	5	7
Just enough	50	58	54	52	14	33
Enough to get by	25	8	18	33	43	38
Not enough	6	17	11	0	38	19
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	50	50	50	43	24	33
Adequate	50	33	43	48	43	45
Unsatisfactory	0	17	7	0	0	0
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	25	50	36	38	52	45
About 75%	25	8	18	0	14	7
About 50%	6	17	11	14	0	7
Less than 50%	31	8	21	10	0	5
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	38	50	43	52	38	45
\$100-\$299	6	8	7	19	14	17
\$300-\$499	13	25	18	5	19	12
\$500-\$999	6	0	0	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999	6	0	4	0	5	2
\$2,000+	0	8	4	5	0	2
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	25	17	21	5	14	9
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	6	0	4	5	0	2
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	0	0	0	5	2
\$100-\$299	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	6	0	4	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	69	58	64	81	62	71
Live in children's house	0	8	4	0	24	12
Live with other relatives	0	8	4	5	0	2
Rent	25	8	18	10	10	9

Scott	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (16) %	70+ (12) %	All Men (28) %	60-69 (21) %	70+ (21) %	All Women (42) %
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (<i>continued</i>)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	13	8	11	5	5	5
\$500 or less	44	25	36	19	29	24
\$1,500 or less	31	25	29	48	24	36
\$3,000 or less	13	17	14	14	19	17
More than \$3,000	0	0	0	5	0	2
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	13	0	7	0	5	2
Satisfactory	6	0	4	5	14	9
Good	81	100	89	95	81	88
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	88	100	93	67	71	69
Not sure	6	0	4	5	0	2
Yes	6	0	4	19	29	24
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	19	8	14	5	24	14
Small town	6	17	11	24	10	17
Medium town	31	25	29	29	14	21
Big city	31	33	32	10	24	17
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	50	50	50	62	57	60
Working at home	69	67	68	90	81	86
Going to church	31	25	29	67	52	60
Reading newspaper	81	75	78	81	57	69
Reading books	56	58	57	52	38	45
Radio or TV	81	67	75	100	76	88
Movies	21	25	29	33	19	26
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	38	8	25	33	10	21
Crafts	19	17	18	52	19	36
My work	44	33	39	24	19	21
Reading political news	44	42	43	29	14	21
Listening to political programs	50	58	54	57	19	38
Sitting and thinking	6	17	11	19	38	29
Talking with friends	75	75	75	86	81	83
Discussing politics	31	17	25	14	10	12
Taking walks alone	25	33	29	14	24	19
Visiting with children	44	75	57	81	67	74
Visiting with other relatives	38	58	46	86	71	79
Visiting with friends	69	83	75	90	76	83
Playing games	50	33	43	57	52	55
Adult education courses	13	0	7	5	0	2
Praying	25	8	18	71	62	67
Reading the Bible	25	8	18	62	71	67
Taking vacation trips	50	17	36	62	52	57
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	63	83	71	62	67	64
Unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	6	8	7	14	24	19
Fear of death	0	0	0	5	5	5
Loneliness	6	17	11	5	14	9
Boredom	0	17	7	5	5	5
Can't afford things wanted	0	8	4	0	5	2
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	5	2
Political events	6	17	11	10	0	5
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	6	0	4	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	5	5	5

Scott	MEN			WOMEN		
	60-69 (16) %	70+ (12) %	All Men (28) %	60-69 (21) %	70+ (21) %	All Women (42) %
Characteristic						
Number of cases						
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>continued</i>)						
Never felt better	44	58	50	24	14	19
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	8	4	0	9	9
Feel miserable most of time	0	0	0	10	14	12
Religion is a great comfort	44	42	43	86	81	83
Religion doesn't mean much	25	50	36	0	5	2
Religion most important thing in my life	25	17	21	29	62	45
Sometimes there's no point in living	6	0	4	5	29	17
These are the best years of my life	31	33	32	19	14	17
My life is full of worry	6	0	4	10	24	17
I have more free time now than I know how to use	19	33	25	10	24	17
Have more friends now than ever before	44	25	36	24	43	33
Have very few friends	6	33	18	10	5	7
Have no one to talk to about personal things	0	17	7	14	24	19
Wish family would pay more attention to me	13	0	7	0	14	7
This is most useful period of my life	44	25	36	14	24	19
My life is still busy and useful	69	83	75	95	67	81
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	38	17	29	33	62	48
Resident hotel ^c	13	8	11	33	14	24
Boarding homes ^d	25	33	29	14	10	12
Nursing homes ^e	44	42	43	19	14	17
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	19	25	21	19	24	21
Near family and friends	6	25	14	5	24	14
Away from crowded business district	25	25	25	24	24	24
In private community for aged	25	17	21	48	33	41
More to help standard of living ^f	44	75	57	52	67	60
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	25	33	29	38	52	45
Provide more jobs	13	8	11	29	19	24
Lower taxes	6	8	7	10	29	19
Families should care for them	6	0	4	10	10	9
Had medical attention during past year	56	58	57	57	76	67
Have regular (family) doctor	63	58	61	67	62	64
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	94	75	86	90	76	83
In Iowa (nearby)	6	25	14	10	5	7
In Iowa (farther away)	0	8	4	0	0	0
Outside Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	94	83	89	62	52	57
Not sure	0	8	4	14	14	14
Inadequate	6	8	7	19	24	21
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	0	0	0	5	2
No good doctors here	0	0	0	5	5	5
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	5	2
Medical cost is too high	6	8	7	24	24	24

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^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

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^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

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^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Better medical care	21	26	36	24	36	33	29	26
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	14	12	21	21	46	41	14	19
High priced clinic (could choose)	11	12	36	21	32	31	32	31
Medical relief fund	46	33	21	43	18	7	25	36
More visiting	14	19	36	29	29	33	21	31
Home visiting programs	32	33	39	36	18	12	36	21
Visiting nursing service	32	33	50	41	4	9	54	36
Meals delivery	14	26	43	38	29	14	29	31
Adult education courses	11	19	43	43	32	21	14	14
Informal courses	7	12	32	43	43	17	11	17
More church programs for older people	7	19	36	41	36	12	11	31
More church programs for both young and aged	4	21	39	36	32	17	18	19
Homemaker's service	14	21	29	41	36	24	21	21
Community workshops for disabled	18	29	50	50	11	5	18	12
Community workshops for those in good health	7	24	43	38	29	14	21	17
More part-time work	29	36	39	43	18	5	29	19
More volunteer community work	7	12	43	41	32	19	18	14
Meeting place for aged	25	38	43	38	18	12	39	41
Organized club	14	21	36	45	32	9	14	19
Family adoption of the aged	4	7	29	36	46	31	7	7
Mobile library	18	19	32	33	32	21	21	14
Number of cases	(28)	(42)	(28)	(42)	(28)	(42)	(28)	(42)

VAN BUREN COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)

AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL
	%		%	%	
Under 18 yrs.	34	(1,647)	31	(1,531)	33 (3,178)
18-59 yrs.	45	(2,211)	45	(2,170)	45 (4,381)
60 yrs. and over	39	(1,935)	22	(1,058)	31 (2,993)
60-64 yrs.	6	(279)	6	(284)	6 (563)
65-69 yrs.	5	(250)	5	(262)	5 (512)
70-74 yrs.	4	(210)	4	(215)	4 (425)
75 yrs. and over	6	(314)	8	(405)	7 (719)
All Ages		(4,911)		(4,867)	(9,778)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Van Buren

	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(13)	(24)	Men (37)	(23)	(21)	Women (44)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	8	8	8	4	0	2
Poor	8	8	8	4	19	11
Fair	38	50	46	35	38	36
Good	38	17	24	52	38	45
Excellent	8	17	13	0	5	2
Major health difficulty	15	17	16	44	43	43
Marital status:						
Married	85	71	76	48	14	32
Widowed	0	17	11	39	67	52
Single	0	0	0	4	14	9
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	77	79	78	61	71	66
Some children live nearby	54	63	60	44	52	48
See some children often	31	42	38	30	33	32
None seen often	15	13	13	13	19	16
Place of birth:						
In the county	23	13	16	26	19	23
In Iowa (other county)	38	17	24	30	14	23
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	8	21	16	26	33	30
Outside the U.S.	0	0	0	0	5	2
Raised on a farm	54	46	49	57	52	55
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	31	50	43	30	33	32
Since age 50	0	13	8	30	5	18
Since age 60	0	8	5	0	5	12
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	46	63	57	39	43	41
High school	31	21	24	44	43	43
College	15	17	16	13	14	14
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	90	46	68	26	10	18
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	8	5	4	14	9
\$500-\$999	8	21	16	17	24	20
\$1,000-\$1,499	0	25	16	30	24	27
\$1,500-\$2,499	8	4	5	17	10	14
\$2,500-\$4,999	62	8	27	26	10	18
\$5,000-\$9,999	0	4	3	0	0	0
\$10,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Van Buren	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (13) %	70+ (24) %	All Men (37) %	60-69 (23) %	70+ (21) %	All Women (44) %
RESOURCES AND INCOME (Continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	38	13	22	30	14	23
Social security	8	46	32	39	43	41
Medical assistance	0	4	3	4	5	5
Relief	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions	0	17	11	9	33	20
Insurance	0	4	3	13	24	18
Personal savings	15	17	16	13	19	16
Children	0	4	3	4	5	5
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	15	8	11	17	5	11
Just enough	23	25	24	39	29	34
Enough to get by	46	42	43	22	60	39
Not enough	0	13	8	9	5	7
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	31	25	27	26	29	27
Adequate	54	54	54	39	29	34
Unsatisfactory	8	13	11	0	10	5
Very unsatisfactory	0	4	3	4	0	2
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	15	54	41	13	29	20
About 75%	23	13	16	17	5	11
About 50%	8	0	3	4	5	5
Less than 50%	31	17	22	17	14	16
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	62	50	54	44	62	52
\$100-\$299	0	25	16	30	5	18
\$300-\$499	15	0	5	9	5	7
\$500-\$999	0	4	3	4	0	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	4	5	5
\$2,000+	0	4	3	0	5	2
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	15	17	16	9	10	9
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	8	4	5	4	0	2
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	0	4	3	0	0	0
\$100-\$299	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300-\$499	8	0	3	0	0	0
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	0	5	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	4	3	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Son	0	4	3	0	0	0
Daughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	8	0	3	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	4	0	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	92	83	87	91	81	86
Live in children's house	0	8	5	4	0	2
Live with other relatives	0	0	0	4	0	2
Rent	0	8	5	0	5	2

Van Buren	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(13)	(24)	Men	(23)	(21)	Women
	%	%	(37)	%	%	(44)
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)						
Housing costs last year:						
\$150 or less	0	17	11	9	5	7
\$500 or less	62	42	49	44	43	43
\$1,500 or less	8	29	22	35	29	32
\$3,000 or less	15	0	5	0	5	2
More than \$3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing satisfaction:						
Poor	15	25	19	9	5	7
Satisfactory	23	21	19	9	29	18
Good	62	54	49	83	67	75
Prefer to live elsewhere:						
No	69	63	65	61	71	66
Not sure	15	17	16	22	10	16
Yes	15	8	11	4	10	7
If yes (elsewhere) where?:						
Country	38	29	32	17	38	27
Small town	15	46	35	57	43	50
Medium town	15	4	8	13	5	9
Big city	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEISURE ACTIVITIES						
Staying home	69	46	54	39	48	43
Working at home	62	71	68	83	86	84
Going to church	54	46	49	78	71	75
Reading newspaper	77	67	70	78	71	75
Reading books	31	50	43	48	57	52
Radio or TV	69	63	70	87	95	91
Movies	0	8	5	13	5	9
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	62	29	41	17	5	11
Crafts	15	8	11	52	29	41
My work	62	29	41	22	24	23
Reading political news	31	33	32	13	29	20
Listening to political programs	38	38	38	22	29	25
Sitting and thinking	38	13	22	22	19	20
Talking with friends	77	67	70	78	90	84
Discussing politics	23	25	24	13	19	16
Taking walks alone	38	29	32	17	29	23
Visiting with children	62	71	68	61	71	66
Visiting with other relatives	62	54	57	70	67	68
Visiting with friends	92	67	76	83	86	84
Playing games	46	29	35	35	24	30
Adult education courses	23	4	11	35	14	25
Praying	8	29	22	48	57	52
Reading the Bible	46	42	42	52	65	57
Taking vacation trips	62	46	51	65	38	52
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE						
Satisfaction with way of life:						
Satisfied	15	54	41	48	38	43
Unsatisfied	0	13	8	0	10	5
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:						
Health, confinement	15	13	13	13	19	16
Fear of death	0	4	3	0	0	0
Loneliness	0	17	11	9	14	11
Boredom	8	13	11	0	5	2
Can't afford things wanted	8	21	16	13	5	9
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
Political events	0	8	5	0	5	2
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	8	5	0	0	0
Housing	0	8	5	4	5	5
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0

Van Buren	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(13)	(24)	Men	(23)	(21)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (continued)						
Never felt better	15	17	16	17	10	14
Don't care to go on living ^a	8	8	8	0	0	0
Feel miserable most of time	15	8	11	13	19	16
Religion is a great comfort	54	50	51	70	67	68
Religion doesn't mean much	15	13	13	4	5	5
Religion most important thing in my life	8	38	27	48	48	48
Sometimes there's no point in living	15	13	13	0	0	0
These are the best years of my life	15	21	19	13	29	20
My life is full of worry	8	4	5	4	10	7
I have more free time now than I know how to use	0	42	27	4	10	7
Have more friends now than ever before	23	46	38	35	14	25
Have very few friends	0	4	3	0	14	7
Have no one to talk to about personal things	0	17	11	9	5	7
Wish family would pay more attention to me	23	8	13	4	0	2
This is most useful period of my life	15	25	22	17	10	14
My life is still busy and useful	62	67	65	78	76	77
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	31	38	35	39	48	43
Resident hotel ^c	23	25	24	17	5	11
Boarding homes ^d	15	25	22	9	29	18
Nursing homes ^e	46	42	43	30	43	41
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	23	29	27	17	38	27
Near family and friends	15	21	19	26	38	32
Away from crowded business district	31	29	30	48	24	36
In private community for aged	8	13	11	26	14	20
More to help standard of living ^f	15	50	38	48	33	41
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	8	38	27	17	24	20
Provide more jobs	8	8	8	9	5	7
Lower taxes	0	25	16	22	14	18
Families should care for them	0	4	3	9	5	7
Had medical attention during past year	54	46	49	74	43	59
Have regular (family) doctor	38	50	46	44	48	45
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	62	75	70	83	67	75
In Iowa (nearby)	15	8	11	22	14	18
In Iowa (farther away)	0	0	0	0	10	5
Outside Iowa	8	0	3	4	5	5
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	77	67	70	52	67	59
Not sure	8	13	11	22	5	14
Inadequate	8	17	13	22	24	23
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	8	5	22	10	16
No good doctors here	0	13	8	17	14	16
Doctors don't care about aged	8	0	3	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	8	4	5	9	0	5

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Better medical care	27	32	32	39	30	5	30	45
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	16	2	19	18	32	32	27	11
High priced clinic (could choose)	18	7	22	41	35	11	16	34
Medical relief fund	30	20	35	45	13	11	32	27
More visiting	19	16	43	30	8	9	30	23
Home visiting programs	27	20	27	34	8	9	27	25
Visiting nursing service	22	11	38	50	11	11	30	34
Meals delivery	18	5	30	27	27	23	11	9
Adult education courses	15	11	41	39	22	16	19	16
Informal courses	3	2	41	41	19	14	5	18
More church programs for older people	5	5	37	39	24	20	19	23
More church programs for both young and aged	11	14	32	39	27	20	24	27
Homemaker's service	8	0	30	32	30	18	16	9
Community workshops for disabled	5	5	30	39	32	23	13	14
Community workshops for those in good health	8	9	41	48	30	14	22	20
More part-time work	22	18	41	36	16	14	32	9
More volunteer community work	5	2	19	20	38	32	5	11
Meeting place for aged	13	11	41	50	13	16	32	30
Organized club	8	9	30	27	27	18	16	18
Family adoption of the aged	3	0	27	25	35	30	8	7
Mobile library	11	11	27	36	27	20	27	16
Number of cases	(37)	(44)	(37)	(44)	(37)	(44)	(37)	(44)

WASHINGTON COUNTY PROFILE

AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)						
AGES	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	%		%		%	
Under 18 yrs.	38	(3,592)	35	(3,421)	36	(7,013)
18-59 yrs.	45	(4,230)	44	(4,401)	45	(8,631)
60 yrs. and over	18	(1,670)	21	(2,092)	19	(3,762)
60-64 yrs.	5	(458)	5	(499)	5	(957)
65-69 yrs.	4	(411)	5	(458)	5	(869)
70-74 yrs.	4	(341)	4	(419)	4	(760)
75 yrs. and over	5	(460)	7	(716)	6	(1,176)
All Ages		(9,492)		(9,914)		(19,406)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Washington	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All Men	60-69	70+	All Women
Number of cases	(28)	(29)	(57)	(36)	(29)	(65)
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	0	3	2	3	10	6
Poor	21	3	12	3	14	8
Fair	43	55	49	42	48	4
Good	25	38	32	50	28	40
Excellent	11	0	5	3	3	3
Major health difficulty	46	38	42	28	59	41
Marital status:						
Married	78	62	70	67	24	47
Widowed	11	28	19	22	72	44
Single	7	7	7	6	3	5
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	64	79	72	75	83	63
Some children live nearby	50	76	63	58	65	61
See some children often	21	31	26	42	31	37
None seen often	11	10	10	6	14	9
Place of birth:						
In the county	21	17	19	36	24	31
In Iowa (other county)	32	21	26	36	52	43
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	18	28	23	17	14	15
Outside the U.S.	4	7	5	0	3	2
Raised on a farm	71	69	70	72	72	72
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	39	38	39	17	10	14
Since age 50	18	7	12	22	14	18
Since age 60	4	21	12	8	41	23
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	71	83	77	39	55	46
High school	25	14	19	42	24	34
College	4	3	4	19	21	20
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	89	31	60	36	10	25
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	7	4	6	17	11
\$500-\$999	4	10	7	22	31	26
\$1,000-\$1,499	21	21	21	11	21	15
\$1,500-\$2,499	7	28	18	19	24	21
\$2,500-\$4,999	36	24	30	19	3	12
\$5,000-\$9,999	18	7	12	8	3	6
\$10,000+	4	0	2	3	0	2

Washington		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(28)	(29)	Men	(36)	(29)	Women
		%	%	(57)	%	%	(65)
RESOURCES AND INCOME (Continued)							
Sources of income:							
Income from property		36	41	39	31	48	38
Social security		43	90	67	50	41	46
Medical assistance		0	7	4	0	3	2
Relief		4	0	2	0	10	5
Pensions		11	10	10	8	7	8
Insurance		0	14	7	3	7	5
Personal savings		14	28	21	22	31	26
Children		0	3	2	0	14	6
Income adequacy:							
More than enough		21	17	19	22	10	17
Just enough		36	34	35	36	41	38
Enough to get by		29	34	32	33	34	34
Not enough		14	7	10	6	14	9
Standard of living:							
Entirely satisfactory		21	41	32	39	24	32
Adequate		75	45	60	36	41	38
Unsatisfactory		4	7	5	8	10	9
Very unsatisfactory		0	3	2	0	3	2
EXPENSES							
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:							
Almost all		11	31	21	22	41	31
About 75%		18	17	18	8	14	11
About 50%		29	14	21	11	0	6
Less than 50%		25	21	23	8	10	9
Had medical and dental costs during past year:							
\$99 or less		54	59	56	44	38	41
\$100-\$299		11	10	10	31	31	31
\$300-\$499		11	7	9	11	10	11
\$500-\$999		4	3	4	3	3	3
\$1,000-\$1,999		4	3	4	0	0	0
\$2,000+		0	0	0	0	0	0
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)		11	7	9	3	7	5
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)		0	7	4	0	10	5
Money needed:							
\$99 or less		0	3	2	0	0	0
\$100-\$299		0	0	0	0	3	2
\$300-\$499		0	0	0	0	0	0
\$500-\$999		0	0	0	0	0	0
\$1,000-\$1,999		0	3	2	0	0	0
\$2,000+		0	0	0	0	3	2
Money obtained from (by):							
Spouse		0	0	0	0	0	0
Son		0	0	0	0	0	0
Daughter		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relatives		0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property		0	3	2	0	0	8
Friend or neighbor		0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed		0	0	0	0	7	3
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS							
Own or rent quarters:							
Own		82	83	82	92	79	86
Live in children's house		4	7	5	3	3	3
Live with other relatives		0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent		11	3	7	3	17	9

Washington		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69 (28) %	70+ (29) %	All Men (57) %	60-69 (36) %	70+ (29) %	All Women (65) %
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)							
Housing costs last year:							
\$150 or less	7	3	5	3	0	2	
\$500 or less	32	28	30	25	52	37	
\$1,500 or less	46	38	42	39	24	32	
\$3,000 or less	11	7	9	14	3	9	
More than \$3,000	4	7	5	3	0	2	
Housing satisfaction:							
Poor	0	7	4	6	7	6	
Satisfactory	18	7	12	3	3	3	
Good	82	90	86	89	90	89	
Prefer to live elsewhere:							
No	78	86	82	75	62	69	
Not sure	0	3	2	6	10	8	
Yes	14	10	12	17	24	20	
If yes (elsewhere) where?:							
Country	43	31	37	14	21	17	
Small town	36	28	32	47	45	46	
Medium town	14	21	18	14	21	17	
Big city	0	0	0	6	3	5	
LEISURE ACTIVITIES							
Staying home	43	55	49	61	41	52	
Working at home	57	65	61	97	83	90	
Going to church	46	59	53	81	59	55	
Reading newspaper	78	65	72	86	90	87	
Reading books	39	28	33	64	52	58	
Radio or TV	93	72	82	95	90	92	
Movies	7	21	14	8	3	6	
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	36	34	35	14	3	9	
Crafts	7	10	9	61	45	54	
My work	46	28	37	31	10	21	
Reading political news	25	21	23	25	28	26	
Listening to political programs	46	38	42	39	24	32	
Sitting and thinking	14	21	18	36	21	29	
Talking with friends	93	76	84	83	93	87	
Discussing politics	7	21	14	19	10	15	
Taking walks alone	21	28	25	11	14	12	
Visiting with children	54	76	65	81	79	80	
Visiting with other relatives	82	69	75	95	76	86	
Visiting with friends	82	86	84	95	96	95	
Playing games	32	55	44	53	31	43	
Adult education courses	11	3	7	11	0	6	
Praying	32	38	35	61	65	63	
Reading the Bible	36	48	42	78	79	78	
Taking vacation trips	46	38	42	67	45	57	
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE							
Satisfaction with way of life:							
Satisfied	36	83	60	56	41	49	
Unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	3	2	
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Greatest unhappiness:							
Health, confinement	14	14	14	11	10	11	
Fear of death	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Loneliness	7	0	4	11	7	9	
Boredom	4	0	2	3	3	3	
Can't afford things wanted	4	7	5	6	3	5	
Children neglect	0	0	0	0	3	2	
Political events	4	3	4	3	3	3	
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0	3	0	2	
Housing	0	3	2	0	0	0	
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Washington		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(28)	(29)	Men	(36)	(29)	Women
		%	%	%	%	%	%
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>Continued</i>)							
Never felt better		14	14	14	8	10	9
Don't care to go on living ^a		0	3	2	0	14	6
Feel miserable most of time		14	14	14	3	21	11
Religion is a great comfort		61	55	58	86	83	84
Religion doesn't mean much		7	0	4	3	3	3
Religion most important thing in my life		36	38	37	53	59	55
Sometimes there's no point in living		4	14	9	3	21	11
These are the best years of my life		21	10	16	25	10	18
My life is full of worry		11	3	7	6	21	12
I have more free time now than I know how to use		7	21	14	8	28	17
Have more friends now than ever before		46	52	49	44	28	37
Have very few friends		4	3	4	3	7	5
Have no one to talk to about personal things		4	0	2	0	24	11
Wish family would pay more attention to me		7	7	7	0	7	3
This is most useful period of my life		4	3	4	14	7	11
My life is still busy and useful		89	72	81	92	83	87
COMMUNITY NEEDS							
Need more housing units for older people in county:							
Cottages or apartments ^b		25	21	23	36	24	31
Resident hotel ^c		21	21	21	22	17	20
Boarding homes ^d		29	31	30	39	24	32
Nursing homes ^e		43	31	37	42	28	35
Preferred location of new housing for aged:							
Close to shopping facilities		25	21	23	42	28	35
Near family and friends		25	21	23	22	24	23
Away from crowded business district		32	28	30	25	10	18
In private community for aged		21	14	18	11	10	11
More to help standard of living ^f		32	69	51	42	34	38
What should be done?:							
Increase social security		18	28	23	14	21	17
Provide more jobs		0	10	5	3	7	5
Lower taxes		7	21	14	6	14	9
Families should care for them		4	14	9	6	7	6
Had medical attention during past year		75	76	75	81	83	81
Have regular (family) doctor		36	45	40	56	45	51
Location of doctor's office:							
In the community		93	76	84	83	79	81
In Iowa (nearby)		14	17	16	14	21	17
In Iowa (farther away)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Outside Iowa		0	0	0	6	0	3
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g							
Adequate		86	83	84	86	69	78
Not sure		4	3	4	3	21	11
Inadequate		11	14	12	8	10	9
Complaints about medical care:							
No good hospitals here		0	0	0	0	0	0
No good doctors here		4	3	4	3	17	9
Doctors don't care about aged		0	0	0	0	3	2
Medical cost is too high		4	7	5	0	0	0

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

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^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

Washington

COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
		%		%		%	%	
Better medical care	11	18	33	26	46	37	32	32
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	4	5	14	22	70	55	14	14
High priced clinic (could choose)	0	6	53	43	37	35	30	29
Medical relief fund	12	26	61	42	21	22	33	28
More visiting	4	11	47	46	33	26	25	15
Home visiting programs	14	18	63	48	14	17	33	29
Visiting nursing service	19	26	54	38	21	26	32	37
Meals delivery	11	8	37	34	46	43	12	14
Adult education courses	9	9	47	48	35	26	11	11
Informal courses	4	0	44	37	33	39	14	8
More church programs for older people	11	3	49	42	23	37	19	15
More church programs for both young and aged	12	8	56	38	25	35	21	15
Homemaker's service	5	6	42	35	46	39	5	20
Community workshops for disabled	11	6	42	46	37	29	25	8
Community workshops for those in good health	9	8	47	45	35	29	25	12
More part-time work	12	18	42	43	40	19	21	14
More volunteer community work	5	6	35	18	44	54	7	5
Meeting place for aged	19	15	58	42	18	28	42	28
Organized club	7	8	44	37	35	37	14	15
Family adoption of the aged	0	2	32	23	51	51	5	2
Mobile library	2	9	26	26	58	49	14	22
Number of cases	(57)	(65)	(57)	(65)	(57)	(65)	(57)	(65)

WOODBURY COUNTY PROFILE

AGES	AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION (U.S. CENSUS, 1960)					
	MEN			WOMEN		
	%		%	%		TOTAL
Under 18 yrs.	38	(19,895)	34	(19,000)	36	(38,895)
18-59 yrs.	47	(24,446)	49	(27,067)	48	(51,513)
60 yrs. and over	16	(8,140)	17	(9,301)	16	(17,441)
60-64 yrs.	5	(2,382)	5	(2,705)	5	(5,087)
65-69 yrs.	4	(2,192)	4	(2,463)	4	(4,655)
70-74 yrs.	3	(1,645)	3	(1,797)	3	(3,442)
75 yrs. and over	4	(1,921)	4	(2,336)	4	(4,257)
All Ages		(52,481)		(55,368)		(107,849)

SURVEY FINDINGS (May-July, 1960)

Woodbury	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases	(17)	(12)	Men	(27)	(26)	Women
	%	%	%	%	%	%
BACKGROUND AND STATUS						
Reported health condition:						
Very poor	6	0	3	0	4	2
Poor	6	8	7	0	4	2
Fair	29	42	34	41	54	47
Good	47	42	45	48	27	38
Excellent	12	8	10	11	12	11
Major health difficulty	29	17	24	33	54	43
Marital status:						
Married	82	83	82	52	23	38
Widowed	12	17	14	22	66	43
Single	6	0	3	11	7	9
Have living children:						
Have 1+ living children	82	86	84	56	77	66
Some children live nearby	59	50	55	45	73	58
See some children often	35	42	38	33	46	40
None seen often	0	33	14	7	0	4
Place of birth:						
In the county	18	8	14	22	4	13
In Iowa (other county)	24	42	31	18	35	26
In U.S. (outside Iowa)	35	25	31	37	42	40
Outside the U.S.	12	8	10	7	15	11
Raised on a farm	41	58	48	59	62	60
Residence in neighborhood:						
Since childhood	12	25	17	15	12	13
Since age 50	6	0	3	22	23	23
Since age 60	6	25	14	11	31	21
Education (grade reached):						
Eighth grade or less	77	75	76	52	73	62
High school	35	25	31	18	19	19
College	6	8	7	15	4	9
RESOURCES AND INCOME						
Employed during past year	77	58	69	41	15	28
Yearly income:						
Less than \$500	0	0	0	15	15	15
\$500-\$999	6	17	10	4	27	15
\$1,000-\$1,499	12	8	10	11	15	13
\$1,500-\$2,499	0	33	14	18	15	17
\$2,500-\$4,999	53	17	38	11	12	11
\$5,000-\$9,999	12	8	10	0	4	2
\$10,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Woodbury	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (17) %	70+ (12) %	All Men (29) %	60-69 (27) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (53) %
RESOURCES AND INCOME (Continued)						
Sources of income:						
Income from property	18	58	34	18	42	30
Social security	18	100	52	30	62	45
Medical assistance	0	8	3	0	0	0
Relief	0	0	0	0	4	2
Pensions	12	42	24	18	12	15
Insurance	12	17	14	0	0	0
Personal savings	18	25	21	15	15	15
Children	0	8	3	4	19	11
Income adequacy:						
More than enough	6	17	10	22	15	19
Just enough	53	33	45	22	31	26
Enough to get by	29	42	34	48	42	45
Not enough	6	8	7	4	15	9
Standard of living:						
Entirely satisfactory	47	25	38	56	35	45
Adequate	53	50	52	33	42	38
Unsatisfactory	0	25	10	4	15	9
Very unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENSES						
Income spent on food, housing, medical care:						
Almost all	29	50	38	26	46	36
About 75%	29	25	28	15	7	11
About 50%	12	8	10	18	12	15
Less than 50%	18	0	10	7	12	9
Had medical and dental costs during past year:						
\$99 or less	35	58	45	48	50	49
\$100-\$299	12	17	14	30	19	24
\$300-\$499	18	0	10	7	7	8
\$500-\$999	18	8	14	0	12	6
\$1,000-\$1,999	12	8	10	0	0	0
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Could not readily afford medical costs (past 2 yrs.)	12	0	7	18	23	21
Other expenses couldn't readily afford (past 2 yrs.)	6	8	7	4	7	6
Money needed:						
\$99 or less	6	0	3	0	12	6
\$100-\$299	6	0	3	0	7	4
\$300-\$499	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$500-\$999	0	0	0	4	0	2
\$1,000-\$1,999	0	0	0	4	0	2
\$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money obtained from (by):						
Spouse	0	0	0	4	4	4
Son	0	0	0	0	7	4
Daughter	0	0	0	0	7	4
Other relatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, loan, sold property	6	0	3	0	0	0
Friend or neighbor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Didn't obtain money needed	0	0	0	4	0	2
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS						
Own or rent quarters:						
Own	77	67	72	78	69	74
Live in children's house	0	17	7	0	12	6
Live with other relatives	12	0	7	0	0	0
Rent	12	17	14	18	15	17

Woodbury		MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic		60-69	70+	All	60-69	70+	All
Number of cases		(17)	(12)	Men	(27)	(26)	Women
		%	%	%	%	%	%
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)							
Housing costs last year:							
\$150 or less	0	17	7		7	12	9
\$500 or less	41	42	41		45	46	45
\$1,500 or less	41	42	41		37	23	30
\$3,000 or less	0	0	0		4	0	2
More than \$3,000	6	0	3		0	0	0
Housing satisfaction:							
Poor	6	0	3		7	0	4
Satisfactory	12	17	17		4	19	11
Good	82	83	80		89	81	85
Prefer to live elsewhere:							
No	65	8	65		67	69	68
Not sure	0	0	0		7	12	9
Yes	29	25	28		26	12	19
If yes (elsewhere) where?:							
Country	12	8	10		7	4	6
Small town	6	25	14		45	31	38
Medium town	53	25	41		22	35	28
Big city	18	17	17		18	15	17
LEISURE ACTIVITIES							
Staying home	65	50	59		52	35	43
Working at home	59	50	55		82	69	75
Going to church	82	25	59		70	66	49
Reading newspaper	82	75	79		67	66	66
Reading books	41	17	31		59	31	45
Radio or TV	82	92	86		89	96	92
Movies	0	8	3		26	12	19
Sports (golf, fishing, etc.)	53	25	41		30	7	19
Crafts	18	0	10		56	42	49
My work	35	42	38		30	12	21
Reading political news	41	25	34		33	7	21
Listening to political programs	29	17	24		37	31	34
Sitting and thinking	6	25	14		33	15	24
Talking with friends	77	67	72		70	77	74
Discussing politics	18	50	31		33	17	21
Taking walks alone	12	25	17		15	12	13
Visiting with children	71	58	65		67	73	70
Visiting with other relatives	59	50	55		63	50	57
Visiting with friends	65	75	69		70	85	77
Playing games	53	50	52		45	23	34
Adult education courses	0	0	0		7	4	6
Praying	35	17	28		52	54	53
Reading the Bible	29	17	24		59	54	57
Taking vacation trips	65	33	52		67	19	43
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE							
Satisfaction with way of life:							
Satisfied	24	58	38		41	50	45
Unsatisfied	0	8	3		0	4	2
Very unsatisfied	0	0	0		0	0	0
Greatest unhappiness:							
Health, confinement	12	17	14		7	27	17
Fear of death	0	0	0		0	0	0
Loneliness	0	0	0		4	7	6
Boredom	0	8	3		0	4	2
Can't afford things wanted	0	0	0		4	19	11
Children neglect	0	0	0		0	0	0
Political events	0	17	7		0	0	0
Didn't finish things I wanted to do	0	0	0		0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0		0	4	2
Religion	0	0	0		0	0	0

Woodbury	MEN			WOMEN		
Characteristic	60-69 (17) %	70+ (12) %	All Men (29) %	60-69 (27) %	70+ (26) %	All Women (53) %
OPINIONS TOWARD LIFE (<i>Continued</i>)						
Never felt better	29	17	24	33	15	24
Don't care to go on living ^a	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feel miserable most of time	0	0	0	0	7	4
Religion is a great comfort	77	33	59	82	96	89
Religion doesn't mean much	6	0	3	0	0	0
Religion most important thing in my life	41	0	24	48	69	58
Sometimes there's no point in living	6	8	7	4	4	4
These are the best years of my life	24	17	21	37	19	28
My life is full of worry	6	8	7	4	7	6
I have more free time now than I know how to use	18	0	10	11	31	21
Have more friends now than ever before	47	25	38	41	42	42
Have very few friends	6	0	3	4	15	9
Have no one to talk to about personal things	0	0	0	7	4	6
Wish family would pay more attention to me	0	0	0	4	0	2
This is most useful period of my life	35	17	28	18	19	19
My life is still busy and useful	77	58	69	85	73	79
COMMUNITY NEEDS						
Need more housing units for older people in county:						
Cottages or apartments ^b	29	17	24	48	31	40
Resident hotels ^c	41	17	31	33	39	36
Boarding homes ^d	24	17	21	33	15	24
Nursing homes ^e	29	33	31	33	31	32
Preferred location of new housing for aged:						
Close to shopping facilities	18	33	24	45	19	32
Near family and friends	29	25	28	37	31	34
Away from crowded business district	47	8	31	37	23	30
In private community for aged	24	8	17	18	19	19
More to help standard of living ^f	24	67	41	30	50	40
What should be done?:						
Increase social security	6	25	14	0	23	11
Provide more jobs	0	0	0	4	7	6
Lower taxes	18	17	17	11	23	17
Families should care for them	0	8	3	7	4	6
Had medical attention during past year	47	25	38	59	62	62
Have regular (family) doctor	59	8	38	45	66	55
Location of doctor's office:						
In the community	77	75	76	67	77	72
In Iowa (nearby)	18	0	10	30	23	26
In Iowa (farther away)	0	8	3	4	0	2
Outside Iowa	6	17	10	0	0	0
Adequacy of medical care in the community ^g						
Adequate	94	75	86	78	92	85
Not sure	0	0	0	7	4	6
Inadequate	0	25	10	15	4	9
Complaints about medical care:						
No good hospitals here	0	17	7	4	0	2
No good doctors here	0	17	7	7	0	4
Doctors don't care about aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical cost is too high	0	8	3	4	4	4

^a If I can't feel better soon, I don't care whether or not I go on living.

^b Separate cottages or apartments for the aged with meals served (if desired).

^c A moderate priced resident hotel for older people (with all hotel services).

^d Boarding homes (with meals and cleaning service).

^e Nursing homes (with medical and personal care).

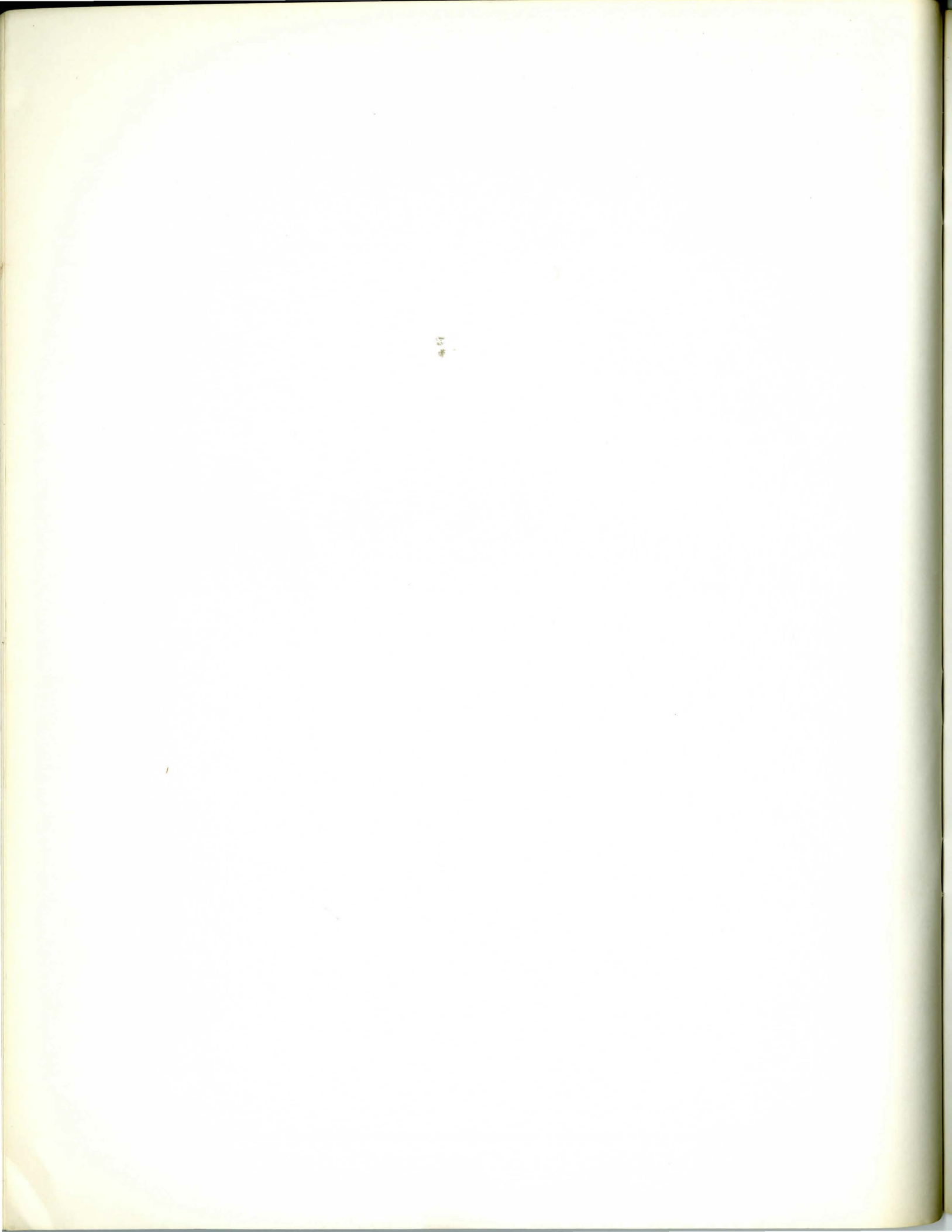
^f Should more be done to help improve the standard of living of older people who don't have enough to get by on?

^g Do you feel that adequate medical care is available (in your community); for persons in your position?

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COMMUNITY SERVICES CHECK LIST (Included on the SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE)

Characteristic	NEED EXPRESSED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES						% Who Would Use	
	Great Need		Some Need		No Need		M.	W.
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Better medical care	17	21	45	24	28	45	24	24
Free clinic (couldn't choose doctor)	17	6	28	11	34	58	21	9
High priced clinic (could choose)	7	13	28	32	38	36	21	30
Medical relief fund	24	24	52	45	14	23	21	28
More visiting	21	9	31	34	21	36	17	15
Home visiting programs	17	9	55	49	0	24	28	13
Visiting nursing service	21	11	52	60	10	19	24	32
Meals delivery	7	6	38	36	24	42	10	13
Adult education courses	21	9	24	30	28	43	7	8
Informal courses	10	13	34	24	17	45	3	9
More church programs for older people	10	11	34	36	24	32	14	15
More church programs for both young and aged	17	13	28	36	21	34	14	9
Homemaker's service	7	9	34	34	21	40	14	9
Community workshops for disabled	10	13	59	45	7	28	17	11
Community workshops for those in good health	10	17	59	45	7	26	24	11
More part-time work	24	17	48	47	7	21	21	15
More volunteer community work	7	9	48	38	14	34	10	8
Meeting place for aged	24	15	48	53	7	24	34	24
Organized club	7	11	55	38	7	34	14	9
Family adoption of the aged	3	6	17	28	41	53	3	6
Mobile library	17	6	31	26	17	55	10	19
Number of cases	(29)	(53)	(29)	(53)	(29)	(53)	(29)	(53)



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