

# Illinois Seniors' top concern: Property taxes



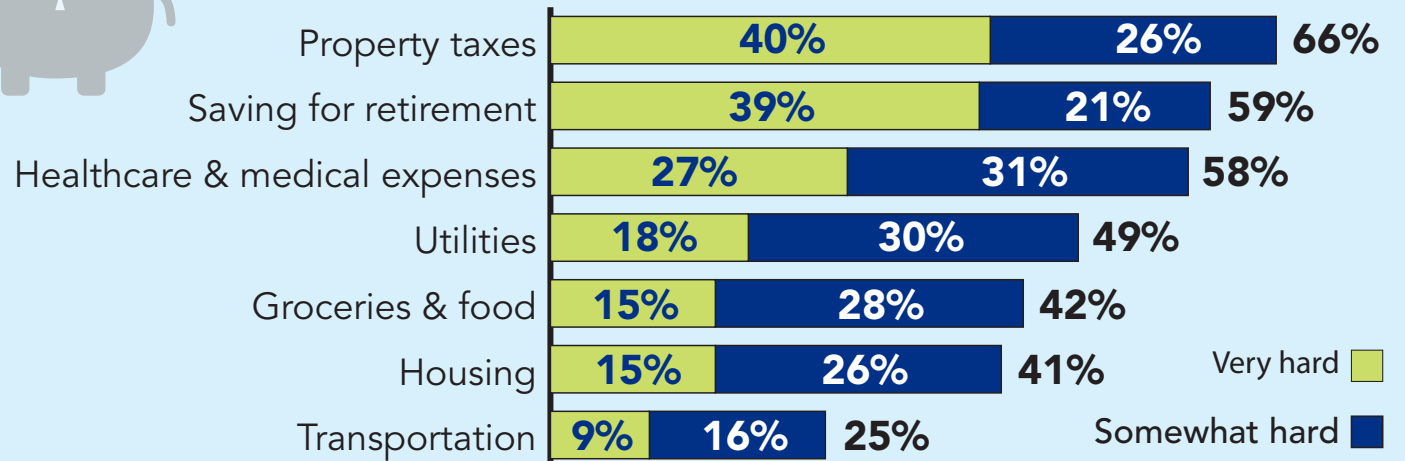
How are senior citizens faring in Illinois? Illinois REALTORS® Senior Housing Working Group commissioned a survey of state residents 55 and older about how they felt about their current living situations and what they wanted in housing as they aged. The survey was part of an initiative by the association to better understand seniors' housing needs and to help REALTORS® meet those needs.

## Top concern for state's seniors: Property taxes

Paying property taxes tops the list of financial concerns for seniors surveyed.



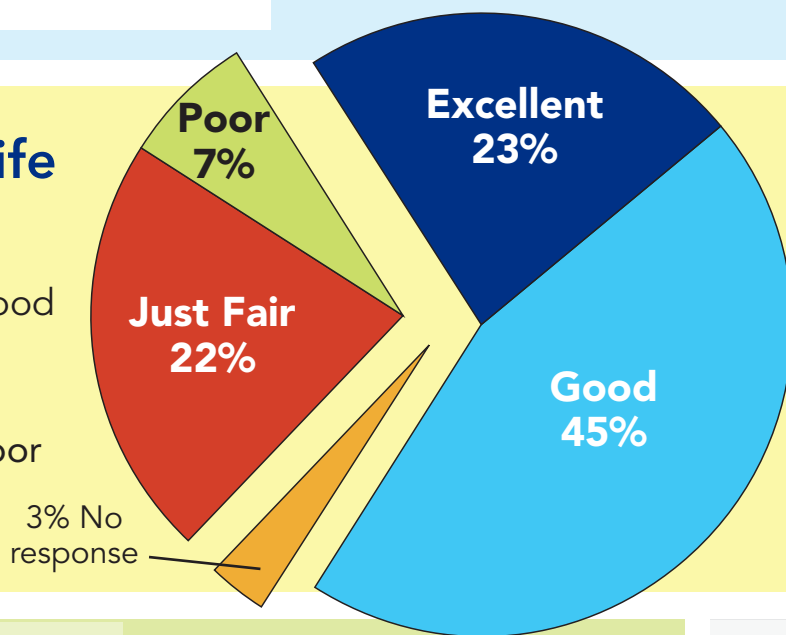
## How hard is it to afford:



## Quality of Life

68%  
Total Excellent/Good

29%  
Total Just Fair/Poor



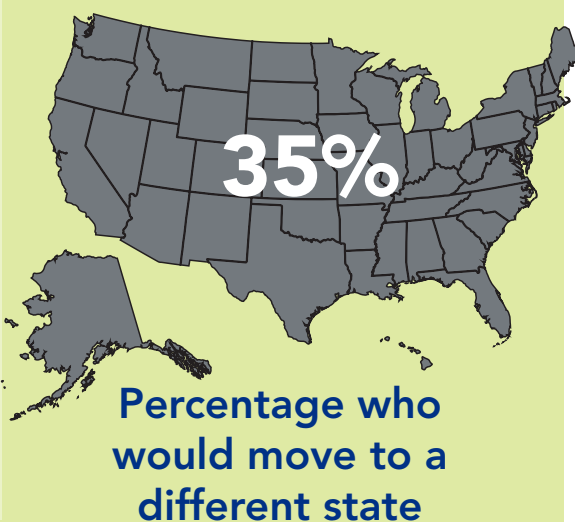
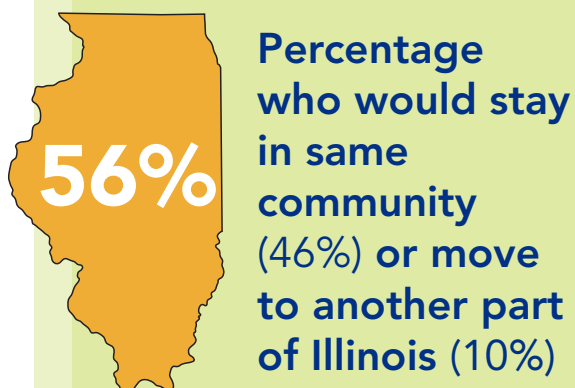
Despite taxes, older adults generally happy in state

68% of seniors surveyed said they rated the quality of life in Illinois as excellent or good.



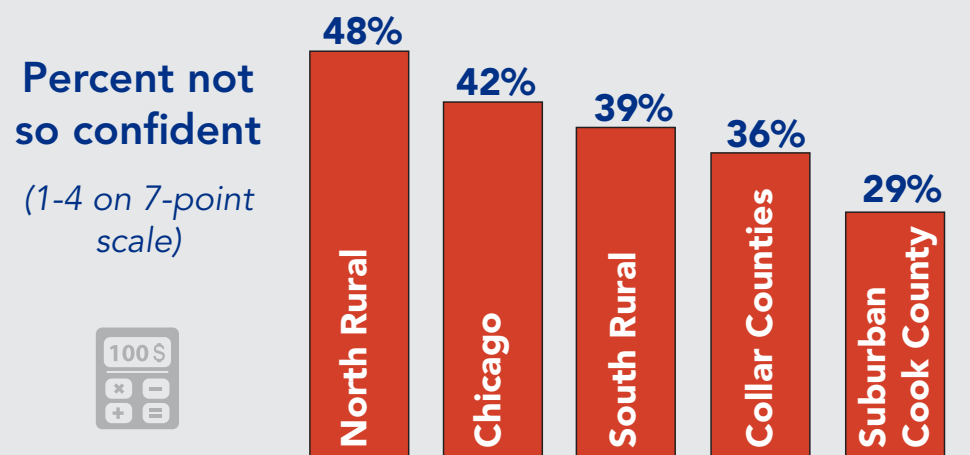
Most seniors say they would prefer to stay in state

If older residents move, most say they'd stay in Illinois; fifty-six percent say they would stay within their community or another part of the state.



Rural Illinois and Chicago seniors least confident about housing affordability

A third of seniors surveyed said they were very confident they would be able to afford the home they want when they move. But not all seniors were as optimistic about their housing prospects.



The survey was conducted April 7-12, 2016, by American Strategies for Illinois REALTORS®, and reached 600 adults aged 55 or older. The data was weighted to take into account cellular telephone and landline usage, geography, age, race and gender diversity. The overall margin of error is +/- 4.0 percent. To learn more, see the full results at: [www.illinoisrealtors.org/Senior-Toolkit](http://www.illinoisrealtors.org/Senior-Toolkit).

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