

The SSM & the Saskatchewan Retirees Association (SRA) are sharing in the production of this survey. SRA would like to know how their members responded. Are you a member of SRA? Yes No

Please indicate your age:

- 54 years and under
- 55 to 59 years
- 60 to 64 years
- 65 to 69 years
- 70 to 74 years
- 75 to 79 years
- 80 to 84 years
- 85 years and older
- Prefer not to answer

Please indicate your gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other

What town/city are you part of? _____

In a typical week, approximately how many hours do you:

- a. volunteer _____
- b. work in paid employment _____
- c. spend as an unpaid caregiver to a family member(s) or friend(s) _____

What follows is based on what we heard in the forums/focus groups we held around the province.

What services and facilities do you think are the most important to meet the needs of older persons? *In each of the following areas, please rank your top three responses by indicating 1, 2, 3 in the boxes in each category. If something isn't relevant or important to you, leave it blank.*

1. Public Transportation:

- To get to medical appointments
- To visit family and friends
- To participate in community events and activities
- To get groceries, prescriptions, or other essential needs

Are you able to access public transportation services available in your community? Y___ N___

2. Available and affordable services:

- Homecare to assist with medical and personal care
- Assistance with yard work and home maintenance
- Assistance with housework
- Clear and accessible information about what services are available and where

3. Finances:

- Ensuring all services are affordable for those with lower incomes
- Providing financial support or tax credits for unpaid caregivers
- Increases to public income supports (pensions, social assistance, etc.) to provide adequate income
- Reduction in taxes for seniors
- Legislated protection of private pension and benefits plans

4. Housing:

- Having affordable services available to enable me to stay in my own home until I die
- Being able to choose where and how I live
- Access to a variety of types of housing so I can stay in my own community as my needs change
- Access to a variety of types of housing (e.g. rental, assisted living, personal care homes, long term care) that are affordable and appropriate to my needs
- Being able to “age in place” – move from one level of support and care to another while staying in the same location

5. Healthcare:

- Access to primary/basic healthcare in the community in which I live
- Having my needs taken seriously and addressed no matter what my age
- Timely access to specialists and medical procedures
- Access to affordable respite care so caregivers can have a break
- Affordability of all aspects of healthcare e.g. prescriptions
- More specialists in the area of seniors’ physical and mental health
- Greater emphasis on preventive measures and wellbeing of the whole person
- Education of health professionals on the particular needs of seniors
- Access to multi-lingual services when needed

6. Community Involvement:

- Reducing the possibility of becoming isolated
- Opportunities for intergenerational activities
- Opportunities to participate in bilingual activities
- Access and ability to use technology
- Being safe in my home and community
- Effective supports to prevent or address physical, financial, emotional, and sexual abuse of older adults
- Affordable and accessible recreational and educational activities in my community
- Community awareness of the contributions and needs of older persons

Please choose which of the following options you think would work best for addressing seniors’ issues at a provincial level. *You may choose more than one, but if you do please rank them 1, 2, 3, etc.*

- Seniors Advocate (independent office of the legislature; identifies issues and makes recommendations to governments; may also assist in directing seniors to needed services; has mandate and budget)
- Minister for Seniors (MLA appointed to this cabinet position by the Premier; provides a seniors lens to all government issues; has a mandate and budget)
- Seniors Secretariat (interdepartmental administrative office within government; specifically focused on seniors programs and issues; has mandate and budget)
- Advisory Committee on Seniors (acts in an advisory capacity to government; consulted by government on relevant issues and decisions; may have a small budget for meetings)