

Current experiences of people aged 50 or over in Wales

This is the sixth annual survey undertaken since 2020 by Age Cymru and the key organisations that represent older people in Wales.

It's important that Welsh Government and others hear from older people about your experiences and what matters to you.

This survey will take 15 minutes to complete.

Your response is anonymous. If you want us to contact you about the survey you can include your contact details at the end of the survey. You can also let us know if you want to get involved in our campaigns to make change for older people across Wales.

Thank you for your support in completing this survey.

You have received this survey in English, it's also available in Welsh. Please contact **policy@agecymru.org.uk** or call **029 2043 1555** to request a copy.

A. Health and wellbeing

A1. What activities do you like to do for fun/relaxation? (Select any that apply)

- Spending time with friends/family
- Volunteering
- Reading
- Watching TV
- Playing sport
- Exercising
- Dancing
- Other_

Watching sport

- Travelling
- Going to a local day centre
- Going to live concerts/theatre
- Gardening
- Eating out
- A2. Is there anything that might prevent you from accessing the activities you enjoy?

A3. What challenging experiences have you had in the last 12 months? (Select any that apply)

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2	Isolation	your nee			ccessing food and
2	Physical health	Scams			sential items
2	Accessing prescriptions	Abuse		Tr	ansport
2	Accessing cash		or a spouse/		nployment
2	Accessing face to face	friend/re	•		eighbourhood safety
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	Other				
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Access to social o				
1.a. Have you asked fo e.g., getting an assessm ome with daily living ta are, asking for more hel	ent for your needs, sks, getting support	needs as a care to leave hospit	r, day centre support,	help
Yes for me		omeone else	No, I've not ne	ede
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Wales have a project aimed at assisting people just like you. For more information see **agecymru.org.uk/carers** or phone **0300 303 44 98**.

D1		
	. Which of the following applies to you? (Select any that apply)
	Retired Employed full-time Employed part-time (working 30 hours or less) Unable to work due to disability/illness Unable to work due to caring responsibilities	 Self-employed full-time Self-employed part-time Homemaker In full-time education Registered unemployed Doing unpaid voluntary work
	Other	
	 Have your retirement plans changed in Yes – I now plan to retire later Yes – I now plan to retire earlier Yes – I plan to come out of retirement back to paid work 	NoNot relevant
D3	a. Are you currently looking for paid wo	·k?
	Yes No	Not relevant
D3	b. If yes, how long have you been lookin	a for work?
	c. Is there anything that would support	

E. Finance

E1. Have you had to make any	changes in the last 12 months due to financial
pressures? (Select any that	apply)

Socialise less	Use credit cards or get	Come back ou
Use less energy/	into debt to pay bills	retirement
heating	Reduce saving for	Skip meals
Use less water	retirement	Reduce or stop
Reduce food bill	Increase working hours	volunteering
	Change jobs	I haven't made any changes
Other		
ase tell us more about t	the impact of financial pressures:	
Are you confident that (Select one option)	you will enough money to live on	in the next 12 mor
Very confident	Unconfider	nt
Confident	Very uncon	fident
Neither confident or und	•	
ase tell us more:		
	a scam in the last 12 months?	
Have you experienced o	a scam in the last 12 months?	Not sure
Have you experienced of Yes	No	
Have you experienced of Yes		
Have you experienced of Yes	No	
Have you experienced of Yes	No	
Have you experienced of Yes	No	

You can report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or online at **www.actionfraud.police.uk**. You can also contact the police to report scams on **101**. If you have paid money to a scammer, you should contact your bank immediately (you can reach most bank fraud lines by calling **159**).

E4. Do you receive any of the state benefits lis	sted below? (Please select any that apply)
Pension credit	Personal Independence Payment
Attendance allowance	Disability Living Allowance
Carers' allowance	Job Seekers Allowance
Universal credit	Housing Benefit
Employment Support Allowance	No
Other	
Every year, it's estimated that up to £3.5 billion o by older people, including more than £117m in per can help you find out if you are accessing everyth information go to www.agecymru.org.uk/benefit 0300 303 44 98.	ension credit in Wales. Age Cymru Advice ing you are entitled to. Find out more
E5. Has means testing the Winter Fuel payme	nt affected you?
Yes No	Don't know
If yes, please tell us more:	
E6. What best describes your home situation?	
Own home outright	Live in a mobile home (a caravan, a trailer or motorhome, a prefabricated
 Buying home with mortgage/ loan Rent from local council 	bungalow)
Bont from housing accosignion/social	-
Rent from housing association/social landlord	Shared ownership/shared equity loanLive in a family/friend's home
landlord	Shared ownership/shared equity loan
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a. What is your main met	h od of transport? (Select any th	at apply)
Driving yourself		ty transport
Public buses	Walking	-)
Trains	5	riends or family
Cycle	Don't trave	-
Taxis		
Other		
ase tell us more:		
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F3. Do you have a blue badge? (A blue badge helps people with a	disabilities or health
conditions park closer to their destination)	

Yes

No, don't need one

No, I need one but find it too difficult to apply for

If you selected 'No, I need one but find it too difficult to apply for' please tell us more:

G. Representation in society

G1. Do you think older people are represented well in society? (eg; in the media, advertising, in the workplace, in politics etc).

`	Yes	No	Don't know
Pleo	ise tell us more:		

H. Communication

 I can't access the internet at home and don't want to I access the internet outside of the
home at a library or community centre
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H2.a. How confident are you when navigating the internet and using online services?

- Very confident
- Confident
- Neither confident or unconfident
- Unconfident
- Very unconfident
- Not applicable

Finding out information Work	Online shoppingVideo calling friends or family
Social media Other	Playing games
Work	Video calling friends or family
	 Online banking Online shopping Video calling friends or family
. What do you go online for? (Select any Contacting friends/family	
Other	
WhatsApp	
Local newspaper	I don't access information
National newspaper	Online search engine (e.g., Google)
-	-
X (Formerly Twitter)	Local notice board/community cer
Facebook	Word of mouth
Radio	Telephone helpline
TV news	Face to face services
How do you prefer to access informat	

H2.b. If you're not confident when navigating the internet or using online services, what support could help you?

H7. What do you think could be done to improve access to information about services and support? I. Looking ahead I1. Are you optimistic about the year ahead? Yes No Don't know Please tell us more: I2.a. What is likely to be most challenging for you in the year ahead? I2.b. What support could help you address this/these challenge/s? I3. Which of these statements best describes your feelings about climate change? (Select one option) I am greatly concerned by climate I am rarely concerned by climate change. change. I am sometimes concerned by climate I am not concerned by climate change. change. Not sure Please tell us more:

J. Anything else?

J1. Is there anything else that matters to you that you'd like to let us know about?

Aboi	ut you (Select as appro	priate)			
hat th	- ·	erstand who we're hearing from ty of backgrounds and experier			
Α.	How did you find out about the survey?				
В.	I live in the county of:				
	Blaenau Gwent	Flintshire	Powys		
	Bridgend	Gwynedd	Rhondda Cynon Taff		
	Caerphilly	Isle of Anglesey	Swansea		
	Cardiff	Merthyr Tydfil	Torfaen		
	Carmarthenshire	Monmouthshire	Vale of Glamorgan		
	Ceredigion	Neath Port Talbot	Wrexham		
	Conwy	Newport	Outside Wales		
	Denbighshire	Pembrokeshire			
C.	I am aged:				
	50-54	70-74	90-94		
	55-59	75-79	95-99		
	60-64	80-84	100 or over		
	65-69	85-89			
D.	D. I would describe my ethnicity as:				
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	Irish		-		
As	sian / Asian British or Welsh				
	Indian	Chinese			
	Pakistani	Any other As	ian Background		
	Bangladeshi				

	African Caribbean		Any other Black / African / Caribbean Background			
Mi	xed					
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Ot	Other ethnic group					
	Arab		Any other ethnic Group			
	Prefer to self-describe					
E.	I am:					
	Male	Female	Prefer not to say			
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Black / African / Caribbean / Black British or Welsh

*The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities

H. I have served in the Armed Forces (This could include as a regular, reservist, or national service):

	Yes	No
I.	I live on my own	
	Yes	No
J.	I can: (Select all that apply)	
	Speak Welsh	Read in Welsh
	Write in Welsh	Understand spoken

Welsh

Thank you for your time and contribution to our work

If you're happy for us to contact you further about this survey, please fill in your contact details below:

Name:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

We're always looking for people aged 50 or over in Wales to tell us their story and support us to raise issues that impact older people with the media, politicians, and many other key stakeholders. Want to become an Age Cymru storyteller? Leave your details above and say that you'd like to tell us your story, and we'll be in contact.

Or you can contact us for an informal chat on 029 2043 1555 or email policy@agecymru.org.uk

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Age Cymru Advice: 0300 303 44 98

advice for older people, their families, friends, carers, and professionals

C.A.L.L: 0800 132 737 emotional support and information on mental health

Cruse: 0808 808 1677 bereavement support

Hourglass Cymru: 0808 808 8141 support for older people experiencing (or at risk) of harm

Cymru Bywiog Active Wales ol o Waith - nid o Fywyd from Work - not from Life



Samaritans: 116 123 emotional support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide

Silverline: 0800 4 70 80 90 free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and support to older people, 24 hours a day.



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