

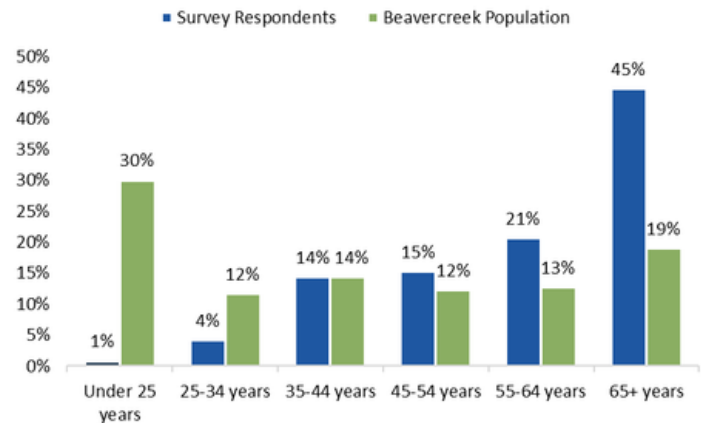
Beavercreek Age-Friendly Community Survey 2025 Results

The City of Beavercreek and Beavercreek Township partnered to launch an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age-Friendly Livable Community Survey as part of their ongoing commitment to support residents at every stage of life. Funded through a grant from The Dayton Foundation, the initiative was designed to gather community input that will guide future aging-related efforts and improve livability for all residents.

Community Engagement

Over 900 people responded, with a significant portion ages 65 and older, showing deep interest in age-friendly planning. Given the survey's focus on aging in place, the sample overrepresents older age groups relative to the overall population of Beavercreek.

Age Composition



Home and Community



Quality of Life for Aging

Respondents like living in Beavercreek and want to stay there.

- About 50% rate Beavercreek as a very good or excellent place to live as they age.
- 72% expect to remain in Beavercreek over the next 10 years.



Housing Concerns

The cost of living and the need for a home that supports them as they age are key reasons respondents may move in the next 10 years.

- 61% feel the cost of living in their current home would strongly affect whether they move.
- 47% would want a home that helps them stay independent as they age, such as one with no stairs.
- Respondents say they are concerned about overdevelopment, without enough infrastructure to support the current population (e.g., overcrowding of schools, roads, and recreational areas).



Sense of Community

A sense of community in Beavercreek could be strengthened. Respondents recommend expanding affordable or free activities, hosting more community-wide events, and extending Senior Center hours to help foster greater inclusion across all age groups.

- 47% feel moderately or very connected and included, while 53% feel only somewhat or not at all connected.
- Respondents say they want more affordable or free activities, more community-wide events, and extended Senior Center hours.

Transportation

Connectivity

Respondents most commonly get around Beavercreek by driving themselves, walking, or riding a bike. However, many do not feel there is strong physical connectivity throughout the city and would like better walkability and connections through sidewalks, paths, and trails.

- 98% get around by driving themselves, 46% walk, and/or 34% ride a bike.
- 45% feel that current bike paths, trails, and sidewalks connect them very or moderately well to key destinations, while 31% feel only somewhat connected, and 24% feel not at all well connected to existing paths.
- Respondents state they want improved walkability, and assurance that all paths are safe.



Transportation Services

Older adults value the Senior Center bus as a cost-effective and reliable option, and they consider accessible transportation for people with disabilities and older adults to be very important.

- 52% of respondents ages 55 years and older feel it is very or extremely important to focus on accessible transportation for people with disabilities and older adults.



“Without the senior bus people would be more isolated.”

Recreation



Importance of Recreational Spaces

Parks, bike paths, green spaces, and wetlands are highly valued. These spaces greatly contribute to the community's quality of life and are frequently used for recreation. Respondents would like to see improved safety and maintenance in these areas.

- 84% rate parks, bike paths, green spaces, and wetlands as moderately to very important.
- 62% spend most of their time outside their home in these spaces.
- 65% feel it is very to extremely important to focus on improving safety and maintenance of these areas.



Preferred Activities

Respondents spend most of their recreational time going out for food or drinks and shopping. Many express interest in a wider variety of dining and shopping options, as well as more affordable or free activities.

- 77% spend recreational time going out for food or drinks, and 46% visit shopping centers.
- 40% want to see an improvement in variety of food, drink, or shopping establishments.
- 42% say improving access to affordable or free activities is extremely important.



Health and Safety

Access to Healthcare

Health and safety are top priorities for respondents, particularly as the population continues to age.

- 80% rate access to healthcare services as very or extremely important.
- 52% value outreach services (screenings, vaccinations) as very or extremely important.

Emergency Services

There is high satisfaction with safety services, and these services are viewed as important. The Fire Department and Police Department both receive high ratings for professionalism, quality, and response time.

- Nearly 80% rate emergency response as very or extremely important for future investment.
- 85% who used the Beavercreek Township Fire Department or EMS services are very satisfied.
- 86% who used the Beavercreek Township Fire Department fire protection services (including smoke detector or carbon monoxide issues) are very satisfied.
- 90% or more are satisfied or very satisfied with the Fire Department and Police Department's professionalism, quality, and response time.

"The Senior Center makes it economical for seniors to get healthy through gym, classes, or soft yoga. The Senior Center is extremely welcoming to the community. Staff are always able to help out and help in the gym. And in the gym, we see others just like me, not the big body builders like in other gyms."

