

Community Needs Survey: Key Insights

Jan. 31, 2026

Summary

- Survey conducted from October 8, 2025 – January 31, 2026
- 242 respondents
- Affordable housing, in-home support, and transportation dominate statewide priorities.
- Food insecurity and mental health are strong secondary concerns.
- Older adults and aging service providers represent the largest respondent groups.

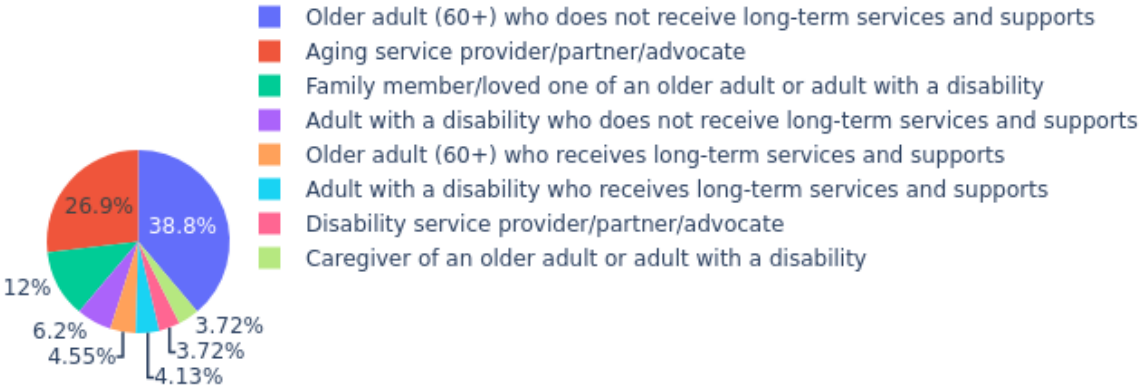
Key Findings

Respondent Role Distribution

Role	Count
Older adult (60+) who does not receive long-term services and supports	94
Aging service provider/partner/advocate	65
Family member/loved one of an older adult or adult with a disability	29

Role	Count
Adult with a disability who does not receive long-term services and supports	15
Older adult (60+) who receives long-term services and supports	11
Adult with a disability who receives long-term services and supports	10
Disability service provider/partner/advocate	9
Caregiver of an older adult or adult with a disability	9
Total	242

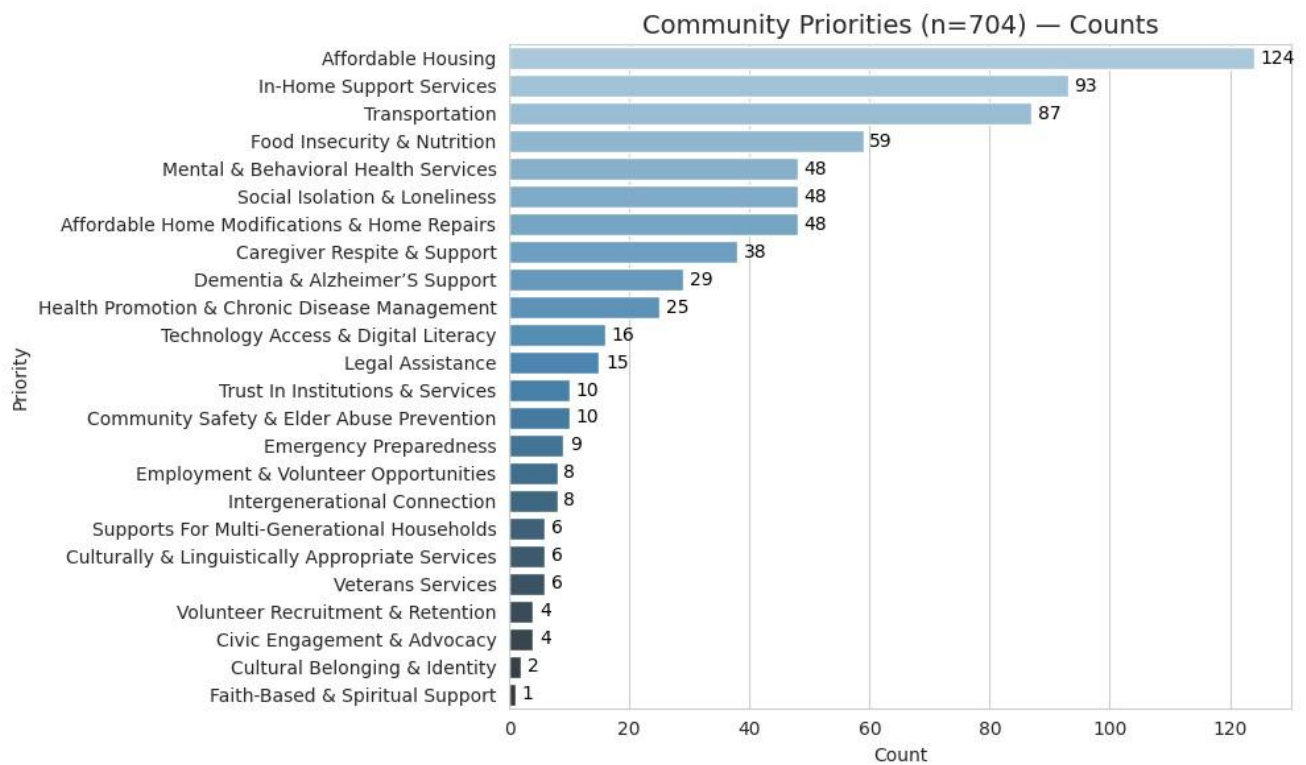
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Top 10 Priorities (Statewide)

Priority	Count	Share (%)
Affordable Housing	124	17.2
In-Home Support Services	93	12.9
Transportation	87	12.1

Priority	Count	Share (%)
Food Insecurity and Nutrition	59	8.2
Mental and Behavioral Health Services	48	6.7
Social Isolation and Loneliness	48	6.7
Affordable Home Modifications and Home Repairs	48	6.7
Caregiver Respite and Support	38	5.3
Dementia and Alzheimer's Support	29	4.0
Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Management	25	3.5



Comments (118 respondents left a comment)

Theme	% of comments	Notes
Housing affordability and displacement	19.8%	Rent increases, risk of homelessness, need for affordable/accessible units.
Navigation and access barriers	14.7%	Difficulty finding/qualifying for help, complex processes, coordination gaps.
Transportation access	13.8%	Travel limits (esp. wheelchairs), rural service gaps, safety concerns.
Social isolation and loneliness	13.8%	Need for live interactions, home visits, intergenerational connection.
Financial strain (costs, utilities, taxes, SNAP)	12.1%	Fixed incomes, COLA/SNAP interactions, need for utility discounts/tax relief.
Mental and behavioral health	10.3%	Access to providers, in-home behavioral supports, suicide prevention.
In-home support capacity	8.6%	Availability, affordability, and reliability of home care.
Caregiver respite and support	7.8%	Strain on family caregivers; need for respite/day services.

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Food insecurity and nutrition	6.0%	Access to groceries/meal programs.
Cultural competence (LGTBQ+, Deaf/HH, DeafBlind)	6.0%	Welcoming housing; culturally/linguistically appropriate services.
Dementia and memory care capacity	5.2%	Memory care waitlists; in-home dementia supports.
Home modifications and repairs	5.2%	Accessible upgrades and small fixes to age in place.

Source: 2026 State Plan on Aging Community Needs Survey

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