Many Florida caregivers (current or former) age 45 and older report that they have had to modify their work schedules by taking time off or going to work early or late to provide care (71%). Others have taken a leave of absence from work (30%), gone from working full-time to part-time (25%), or given up working entirely (22%) to provide care to a loved one.
Of those who have gone into work early or late, or have taken time off from their job in order to care for an adult loved one, almost one-third report that they have had to do so at least weekly (34%). Further, nearly two-thirds (63%) of these caregivers have had to adjust their work schedules about once or more within a month to provide care.

The vast majority of Florida registered voters age 45-plus strongly support proposals to help family caregivers care for their loved ones and continue to work. As it relates directly to employers, over four in five of registered voters support ensuring employers cannot fire employees for taking time off for caregiving purposes. More than three-quarters of respondents also support requiring employers to provide some paid leave (78%) to employees for caregiving purposes and a limited amount of unpaid leave (84%).
AARP Florida commissioned a telephone survey of 1965 registered voters age 45-plus to learn about their experiences with family caregiving. This report highlights results from residents interviewed between May 27 and June 16, 2016. The data was weighted to reflect registered voters in Florida age 45-plus. The survey has a margin of error of ±2.3 percent. The survey annotation will be made available at www.aarp.org/research.

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