Respondents were asked to rate their community on a scale from Poor (1) – Excellent (5). Thirty one percent of survey respondents (n=582) rated the Greater Indianapolis Area as an Excellent (7%) or Very Good (24%) place for people to live as they age. An additional 36 percent felt the Greater Indianapolis Area is a Good place for people to live as they age. Thirty-three percent of survey respondents expressed that the Greater Indianapolis Area was a Fair (24%) or Poor (9%) place for people to live as they age.

**FIGURE 18: HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COMMUNITY AS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE AS THEY AGE? (N=582, RESPONSE RATE=100%)**

**FIGURE 19: HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THIS COMMUNITY? (N=578, RESPONSE RATE=99.3%)**
The majority of survey respondents (25%, n =578) have lived in the Greater Indianapolis Area for at least five years but less than 15 years. Twenty five percent of survey respondents have lived in the Greater Indianapolis Area more than 25 years but less than 45 years, meaning a quarter (25%) the survey respondents have lived in the area for over 25 years.

Those that have lived in the Greater Indianapolis area for 45 years or more represented one of the smallest segment of survey respondents (11%). Nearly a quarter (24%) of survey respondents have spent between 15 and 25 years in the Greater Indianapolis Region.

The weighted average length of time survey respondents have been living the Greater Indianapolis Area (29+ years, using range midpoints) coupled with the average age of survey respondents (61 years old), offers further evidence that many survey respondents have spent considerable proportion of their lives living in the Greater Indianapolis Area.

Respondents were asked to rate using a scale from Extremely likely (5) – Not at all Likely (1), including a Not Sure (0) category for those who were uncertain.

**FIGURE 20: THINKING ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS WHEN YOU DO NOT WORK AT ALL FOR PAY, HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL MOVE TO A DIFFERENT HOME IN YOUR COMMUNITY? (N=581, RESPONSE RATE=99.8%)**
Fifty percent of survey respondents reported that it was Extremely/Very Likely (50%) that they would consider moving within the Greater Indianapolis Area to spend their retirement years. This suggests that a majority of survey respondents in the Greater Indianapolis Area are ‘footloose,’ and are intending to spend their retirement years aging in their community, in a new home.

Interestingly, 50 percent of survey respondents are considering (Somewhat Likely) a move within the Greater Indianapolis Area.

These findings have implications from a variety of perspectives, especially housing. Those that are likely to move, create demand for housing - in this case, housing that caters to people in their retirement years. Those survey respondents that are considering staying in their current homes could create a drag on housing supply.

Respondents were also asked to rate using a scale from Extremely likely (5) – Not at all Likely (1), including a Not Sure (0) category for those who were uncertain.

**FIGURE 21: THINKING ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS WHEN YOU DO NOT WORK AT ALL FOR PAY, HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL MOVE TO A DIFFERENT HOME OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY? (N=580, RESPONSE RATE=99.7%)**
Here, respondents were considering the likelihood of moving outside of the Greater Indianapolis Area. The distribution of responses was semi similar to the question regarding moving within the Greater Indianapolis Area, with forty percent reporting that it was Not at all Likely or Not Very Likely that they would move outside of the area. Similarly, the proportion of respondents that are Somewhat Likely (23%), Very Likely and Extremely Likely (30%) are nearly identical to those reporting interest in moving within the area.

Cross tabulations offer an opportunity to examine whether respondents are likely to move or not by comparing their responses to the two questions. Results show that nearly thirty-two percent (31.6%, n = 183) of total respondents (n=580) report that the likelihood of their moving within or outside the area is unlikely. Sixty-three percent report some likelihood of moving within or outside of the area and the remaining six percent are Unsure.

The Likely movers are represented by three categories (by color): those that are likely to move outside of the area (30.7%, n=178), those likely to move inside the area (9.3%, n=54) and those that are likely to move and may land either within the area or outside (22.8%, n=132).

**FIGURE 22: SURVEY RESPONDENTS MOVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY DURING RETIREMENT**

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While it is important to understand the likelihood that seniors may leave the area during their retirement years, it is equally important to understand the motivating factors behind such a decision. Here, respondents were asked about what factors would affect their decision to move if they were considering moving after they retire.

The top factors that would motivate moving decisions were “Wanting to move to an area that has better healthcare facilities” (75% answered “Yes”) and “Looking for a different home size that meets your needs” (62% answered “Yes”).
The factors that had the least effect on the decision to move were “Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age” (62% answered “No”), “Needing more access to public transportation” (55% answered “No”) and “Wanting to be closer to family” (54% answered “No”).

Factors that played a relatively muted role in the decision to move were “Wanting to live in a different climate” (a five percentage point difference between “Yes” and “No”), “Maintaining your current home will be too expensive”, “Fearing for your personal safety or security concerns” and “Looking for an area that has a lower cost of living” (all three having a negative seven percentage points between “Yes” and “No”).

These results suggest that housing availability and healthcare facilities are key factors in the Greater Indianapolis Area. Housing availability is a complex issue influenced by many variables including overall supply, amenities, price point, year built, location, etc.

**FIGURE 23: IF YOU WERE TO CONSIDER MOVING OUT OF YOUR COMMUNITY DURING YOUR RETIREMENT WHEN YOU DO NOT WORK AT ALL, WOULD THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IMPACT YOUR DECISION TO MOVE?**
Respondents were asked to rate using a scale from Extremely Important (5) to Not at all Important (1). Over two-thirds of respondents (69%, n=582) felt that it was at least Somewhat Important to remain in their community. Thirty-three percent of respondents felt it was Very Important (22%) or Extremely Important (11%). The remaining 31 percent did not view remaining in the community as important.

Cross tabulations with questions regarding the likelihood of a move within or outside the area shows that roughly a third (27%, n=157) of respondents are not very likely to move and feel that it is at least somewhat important to remain in their community.

However, there is another group (15.8%, n = 92) of individuals that reported that they have some likelihood of moving (Somewhat to Extremely Likely) either outside or within though they feel it is important to stay (at least Somewhat Important). Additionally, twelve percent (n = 72) feel it is important to stay but are likely to move outside and another seven percent (n=41) wish to move within. These are the groups that challenges communities to devise ways to address the factors that lead to decisions to migrate (as discussed in the previous question). In contrast, sixteen percent (n=95) do not place importance on remaining and are likely to move outside. Another 40 respondents (6.9%) do not place a high importance in remaining and report a likelihood of moving either within or outside.

The remainder of the respondents are uncertain of their plans irrespective of the importance of remaining (though the majority of Unsure individuals (17 of 22) think it is important to remain) or do not expect to leave (Not Very or Not at all Likely) and do not place a high importance on remaining (4.5%, n=26).