

Age Friendly Communities

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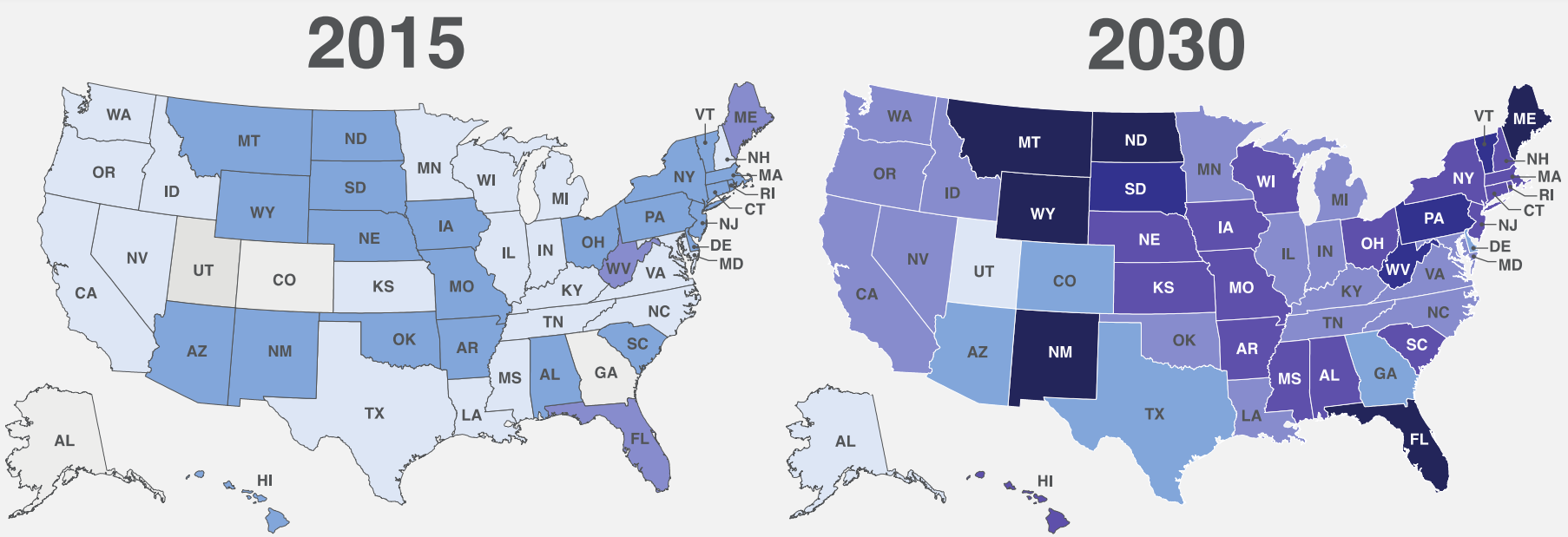


AARP's Founding is grounded in community


We are in a *lasting* demographic shift.

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Aging of America is Here



PERCENT OF POPULATION AGE 65+

0-10	10-12.5	12.5-15	15-17.5	17.5-20	20-22.5	22.5-25	25-27


Communities haven’t been built to realize the potential of that shift.

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People Want to Stay Where They Live

8 IN 10

people 50+ want to stay in their community as they age

Source: AARP Home and Community Preferences Survey



Pictured: 2020 Georgia Grantee - Bike Walk Macon

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Aging in Place is Difficult



HOUSING

More than **50% of renters** 65+ are rent-burdened

Less than **1% of homes** have features needed to support aging in the home

MOBILITY

The average American outlives their ability to drive by **6-10** years

People 65+ were over-represented in pedestrian fatalities **in 35 states**

PUBLIC SPACES

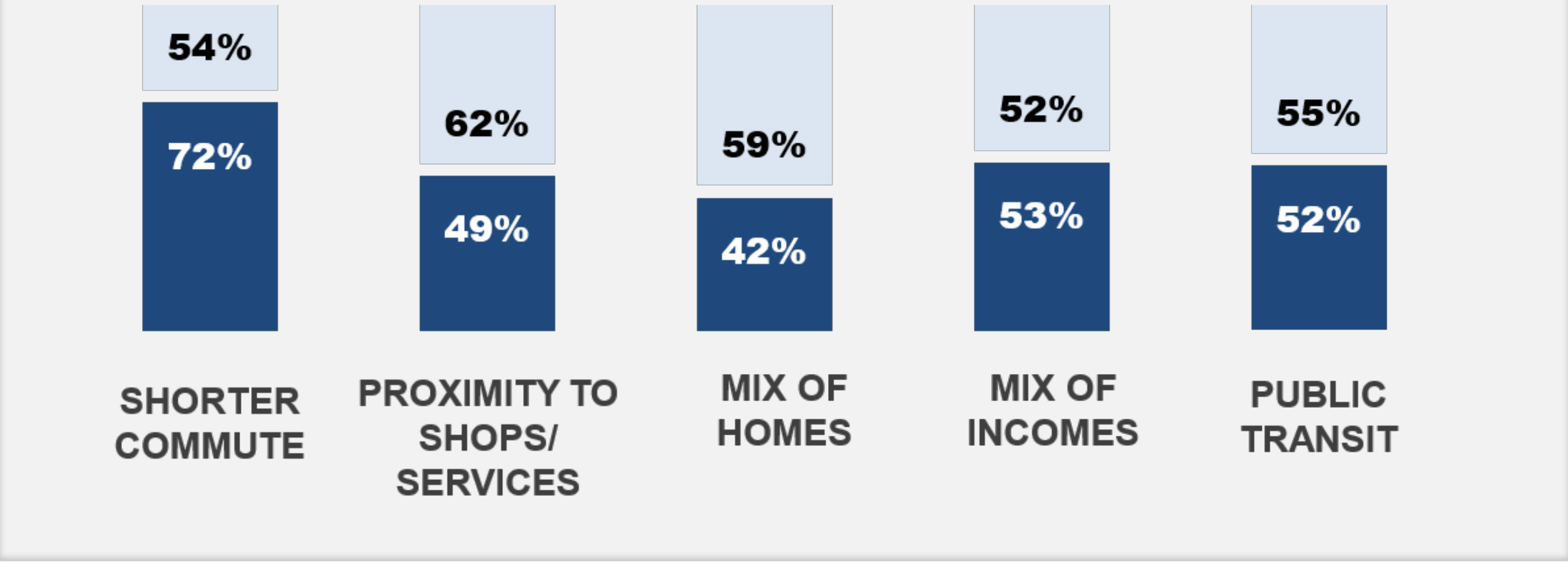
Seniors comprise **20% of population** but only **4% of park users**

ISOLATION

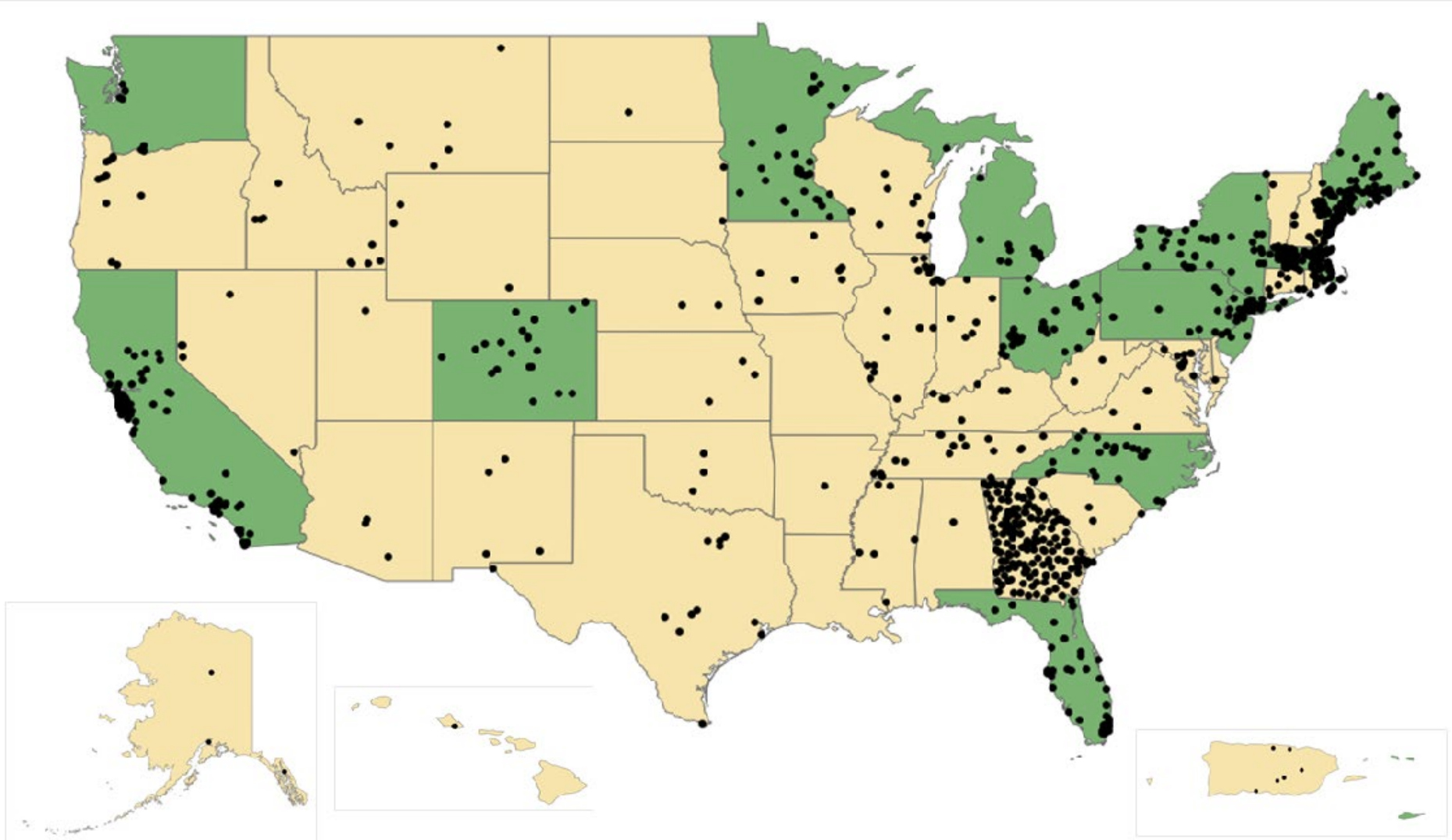
The health risks of prolonged isolation = **smoking 15 cigarettes a day**


If you build a community great for an older adult you build a community great for everyone
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Different Generations Want Similar Things



AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities



1,025 – Communities
14 – States

38% of U.S. population resides in an age-friendly community

Over 45% of all Americans live in a state/territory enrolled in the Network.

AF Community
AF State

The Network Creates Community Value

Helping Communities Improve Older Adults' Lives:

- Cornell study shows that communities in the Network have higher livability scores
- Communities take an average of 21 actions to improve livability
- 97% note tangible benefits for older adults
- 63% report roughly half or more residents benefit from changes enacted

Overcoming Community Barriers:

- 91% of communities overcome barriers to improving conditions for older adults

Advancing Policy Change:

- 58% of communities successfully advance policy changes in the 8 domains of livability

The Network Creates Community Value

Increasing Investment in Aging:

- 60% of initiatives receive funding from private sources

Enabling Connections Across the Country:

- 59% contact other age-friendly communities for advice
- 46% mentor or provide guidance to other communities

Helping Local Government Support Aging:

- 67% of communities partner with local government
- 46% of initiatives are municipality-led


Age friendly communities are addressing the pressing topics.

Common Actions Taken by Communities



HOUSING

68% are working to improve land use.



TRANSPORTATION

80% are addressing pedestrian safety.



SOCIAL

73% are improving access to social opportunities.



HEALTH

50% are providing services to family caregivers.

Preparing Communities for Weather Hazards

Roughly half of age friendly communities are addressing Disaster Preparedness.

- Adding safety resources and tips to utility bills and local government mailings.
- Creating tool kits that can help older adults manage in the event of a power outage, food shortages or other disruptions.
- Using or adapting existing emergency plans and resources.



Mobilizing Older Adults on Zoning Reform

Lexington, Kentucky's Department of Senior Services launched an ADU design competition with the University of Kentucky, held community engagement sessions and created a manual to help older residents build ADUs.




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