

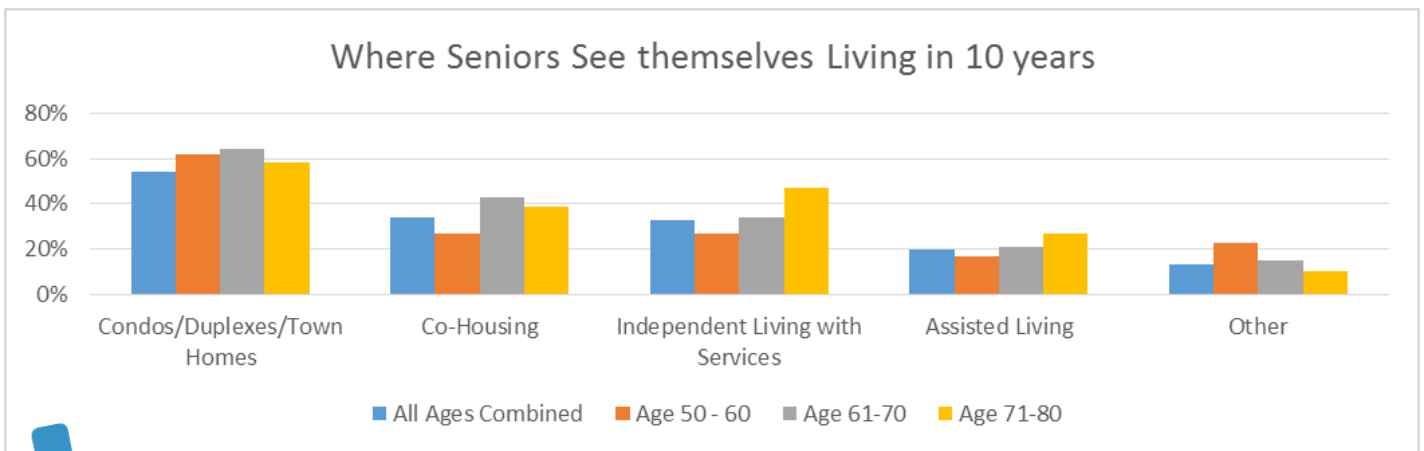


# Senior Housing Survey Summary

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## Overview

Rural Iowa is facing a housing crisis – there is a shortage of adequate and affordable housing across nearly all demographics and income levels. In Jefferson County, approximately 7,145 people, 42.5% of the population, are over the age of 50. As the community continues to age, we will face increasing costs and needs associated with elder care. To better understand the housing needs/interests of residents age 50+ and to support community planning for senior housing needs, Pathfinders RC&D worked with the City of Fairfield and FEDA to make a survey available on-line and in paper form at 6 locations in the City. Survey takers responded to a public request for “input from area residents age 50+.”



13% of respondents wrote in other suggestions, including multiple write-ins for – tiny homes, green house project, and owning a smaller home than they currently own, but living independently.

Seniors need homes with



- Lawn care and snow removal
- Bathroom aids
- Personal alert system
- Non-slip floor surfaces
- Entrance without steps
- Higher electrical outlets and lower light switches

**Affordable** housing for many seniors



Monthly housing costs of \$300—\$1,000 per month

Seniors want access to



- Well maintained roads and sidewalks
- Nearby grocery store
- Hospital
- Nearby drug store
- Entertainment and social activities
- Continued learning opportunities
- Affordable and accessible exercise facilities