

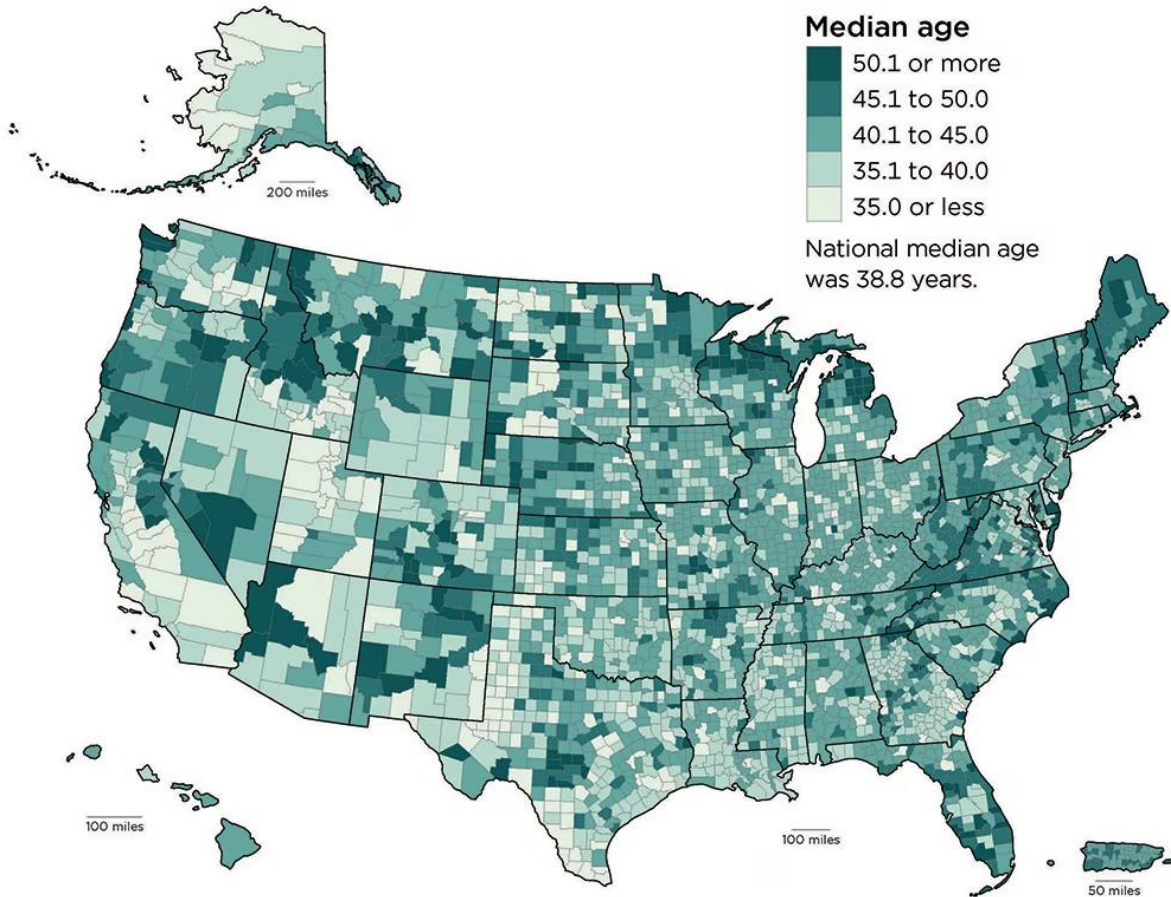
Age-Friendly Livable Communities

Mobility for All



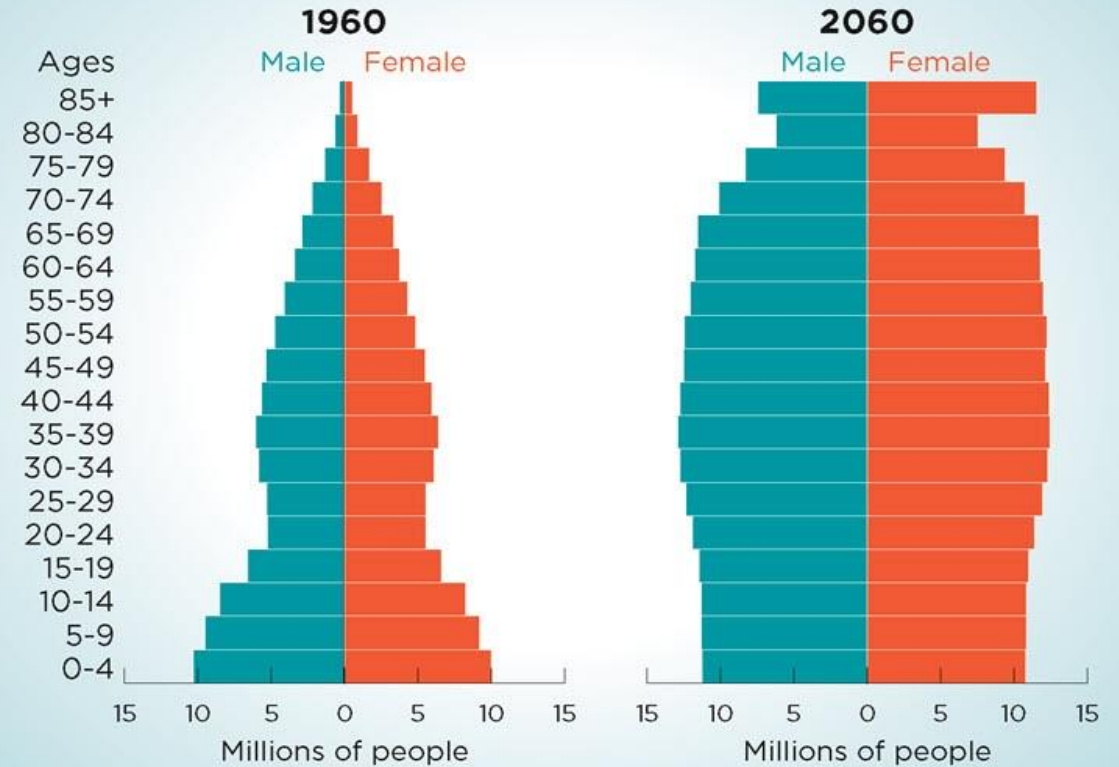
An Aging Nation

Median Age by County: July 1, 2021

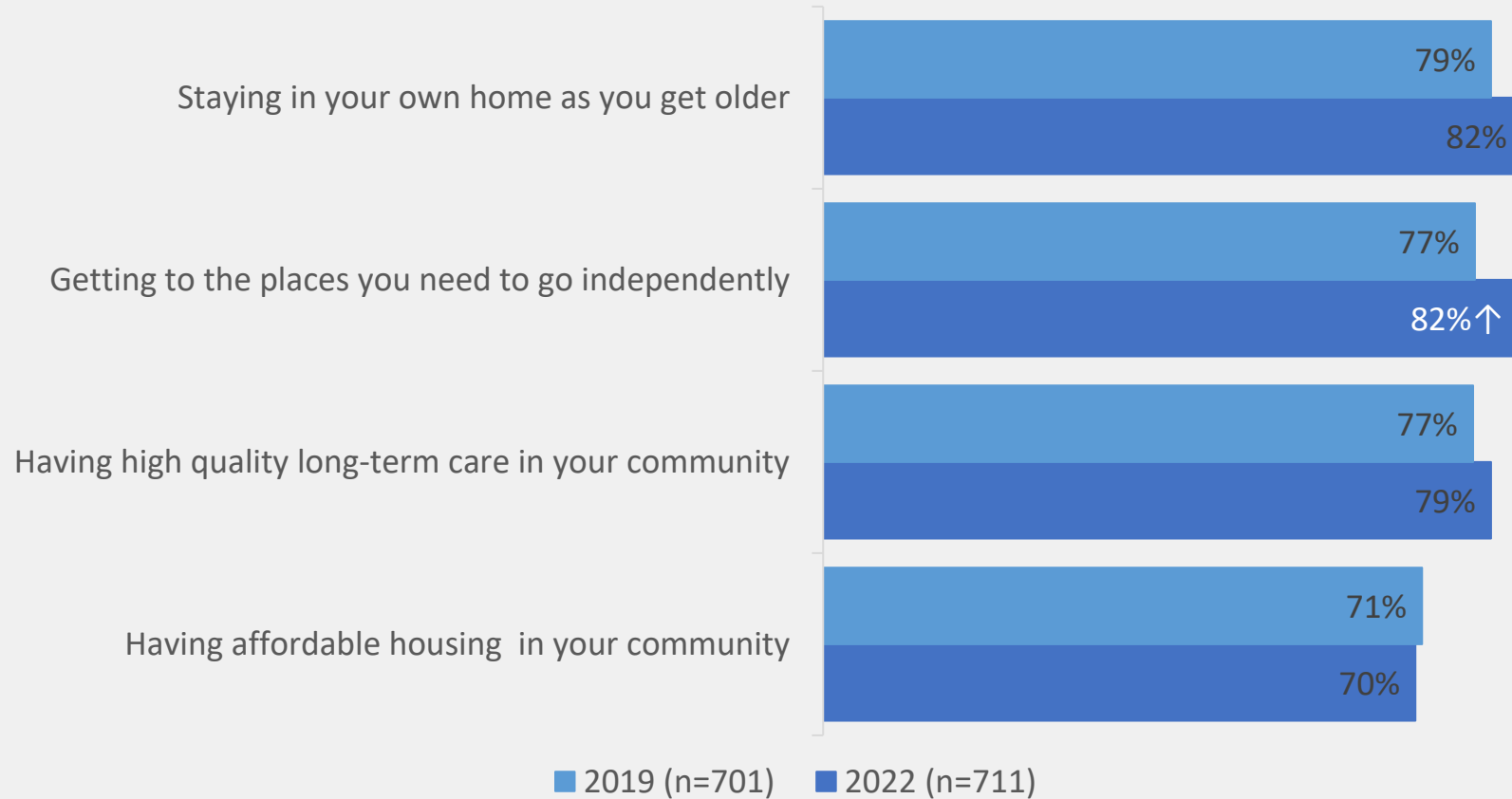


From Pyramid to Pillar: A Century of Change

Population of the United States



Important Independent Living Issues



THE PROBLEM: Too many streets are designed exclusively or almost exclusively for automobile travel, with little consideration given to the needs of people who walk, roll or ride a bike.



According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **8.3 percent of households do not own or have access to a motor vehicle** and must rely on biking, walking and/or public transit to get around.



AARP Vermont's & America Walks: Walking College Fellowship Program 2023



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Opportunities & Challenges

- Municipal Funding & Match Requirements
- Understanding Jurisdiction Differences between State & Town Highways
- Local Government Capacity for Grant Administration & Management
- Lack of Complete Streets Funding & Training
- Complex Local Processes



Policy:

- Incorporate Complete Streets into VSS
- Vtrans should establish a policy manual that details potential avenues for municipalities to be provided more design flexibility on "main streets" located on state highways.
- H. 685: Prioritizes Vulnerable Users – (1) Update the definition of pedestrian; (2) Addresses sidewalk requirement

Funding:

- Increase funding for the Bike and Pedestrian Grant Program, Downtown Transportation Fund, Better Places Program and Better Connections Program.
- Expand municipal planning grant program to support Master Plan Development
- Reduce local grant requirements where possible
- Target funding for Complete Streets within designated centers
- Fund Complete Streets Trainings

