



Research on Attitudes and Perceptions of Older People to Right-sizing

Age Friendly Ireland Housing Survey

Age Friendly Ireland is conducting a survey on older people's perceptions and experiences of right-sizing. This is being carried out in the context of developing housing options for our ageing population. It is supported by the National Network of Older People's Councils. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from older householders regarding the following:

- Perceptions of older people to down-sizing/right-sizing
- Attitudes and concerns of older people to leaving the family home
- Obstacles older people encounter when seeking to right-size
- Their experiences of going through the process of right-sizing

The information will be used by Age Friendly Ireland to influence Local and National Government Housing policy. It is really important that we hear what older people have to say on matters of concern to them. The results of the survey will only be used for research and to inform policy. All information given will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Participation in this survey is voluntary

The survey will be available to complete, both online or in a hard copy, from mid March to mid April. If you chose to fill in a hard copy, you can return it through your Older Person's Council representative or the Age Friendly Programme Manager in your Local Authority by 20th of April 2020

* 1. Please tick if you are happy to proceed

Yes



* 2. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other

3. Select age range

- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85+

4. What county do you live in?

5. Which of the following best describes you?

- Living Alone
- Couple
- Living in own home with other family member

Other (please specify)

6. Which of the following best describes the household situation?

- Own home
 - Private tenant/lodger
- Local authority/social housing tenant/lodger
- Other (please specify)



7. How many bedrooms are in your home?

- 4 Bedrooms or more
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bedrooms
- 1 Bedroom

8. Would you ever consider moving from your current home?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Important Note: Follow the instructions below to complete the questionnaire

If you answered Yes or Don't Know to Question 8, please answer all questions except Question 11 and Question 12

If you answered No to Question 8, please answer all questions except Question 9 and Question 10

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9. To what extent would the following factors influence your decision to move?

	Not at all	Somewhat	Very much so
Home too large for current needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home too expensive to heat and/or maintain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden too large to maintain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home not designed/laid out for future needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Don't feel secure in my home anymore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Existence of suitable accommodation in the desired area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to be closer to amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to be closer to public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Desire to be closer to children or other relatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Desire to be closer to friends/support network/community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Release equity to fund retirement or as gifts to family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In order to move abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. How important are any of the following requirements from a new home? Tick all relevant boxes

	Not important	important	Very important
To be closer to family and friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be in my current/desired locality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accommodation needs to be designed for my future needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need minimum of two bedrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need good social living space to entertain friends and family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy efficient home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sufficient storage space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More security features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need a small garden/raised flower beds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need a parking space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to be close to public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to be close to local amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to be in an area where I feel safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

11. How important were any of the following factors in influencing your answer? Tick all relevant to you

	Not important	Important	Very important
Happy with your current home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emotional attachment to current home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good neighbours and friends in the locality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happy with the area I/We live in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limited 2 bedroom accommodation in my current/desired locality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good transport links	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good local amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comfortable living space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good garden and parking space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Management fees in private developments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stress of the process of moving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wish to use home to help meet future healthcare costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wish to pass on my home to next generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concern of family members to breaking link with family home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Current home part of Fair Deal Scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implications of releasing equity on social welfare payments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not applicable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. If your circumstances were to change at some time in the future, would you consider doing any of the following? (Tick all relevant to you)

Live in a smaller house in the same area with suitable number of rooms

Borrow to release some of the capital to help fund future needs

Live in an apartment in the same area with a suitable number of rooms

Not interested in moving

Live in a purpose built retirement complex or village within the same area, when the time comes

Don't know

Adapt home to rent part of the home and thereby increase income

Other (please specify)

13. How important are any of the following incentives be to you? (Tick all that are relevant to you)

	Unimportant	Important	Very important
Existence of suitable accommodation, designed specifically for the over-55's retirees in, or close to, the area in which you ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhanced health care package provided in new retirement development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support co-ordination package provided to ease concerns and address practical challenges of moving home e.g. Help with transferring your utilities when moving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial assistance towards moving and/or legal costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hands-on support with the moving process e.g. decluttering service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not applicable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

14. Do you live in a rural area?

- Yes
- No

15. If you live in a rural area, would you ever consider moving to a village or town?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable

16. Would you ever consider renting out spare bedrooms in your home?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

17. How do you feel about renting out a bedroom in your home?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would feel uncomfortable/awkward with strangers in my home | <input type="checkbox"/> Might consider it as an option if there was a an appropriate scheme developed matching up people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would not feel safe with strangers in my home | <input type="checkbox"/> Would enjoy having other people living in home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't really need the additional income | <input type="checkbox"/> Would like the extra income |

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For Office Use (Q 18 and Q 19 to be filled in by staff entering data)

18. Questionnaire number

19. Origin of response