

Survey Results for Housing Work Group – Survey Link Sent to JCCoA Members, April and May 2009

[Results are shown below for the questions submitted by the Housing Work Group]

Briefly describe what "home" means to you.

The place I can let down my hair and put up my feet after a day's work. I place to hold the things I treasure (family, books, stuff).

where I am happy to live

A place where I am loved, appreciated and accepted - where I belong - comfort

I believe that a home expresses the person's personality. Another words it is not just the building but it is the person and the atmosphere that makes a house a home.

place to be surrounded with family and or friends

The place where my head lies at night, while traveling. An environment specifically decorated by me that includes my special items. A place where my family and I feel comfortable.

A place of peace and security

where I live

Independent living in the community

A place that is warm and comfortable, with furnishings and decorations that are mine.

a place that provides for my needs - with the supplies or design that I can meet my needs a place that reflects me and provides me peace

Safe and comfortable place for wife and stuff collected over the years

a safe, affordable place to live

A comfortable, safe place where I can rest and recharge my body.

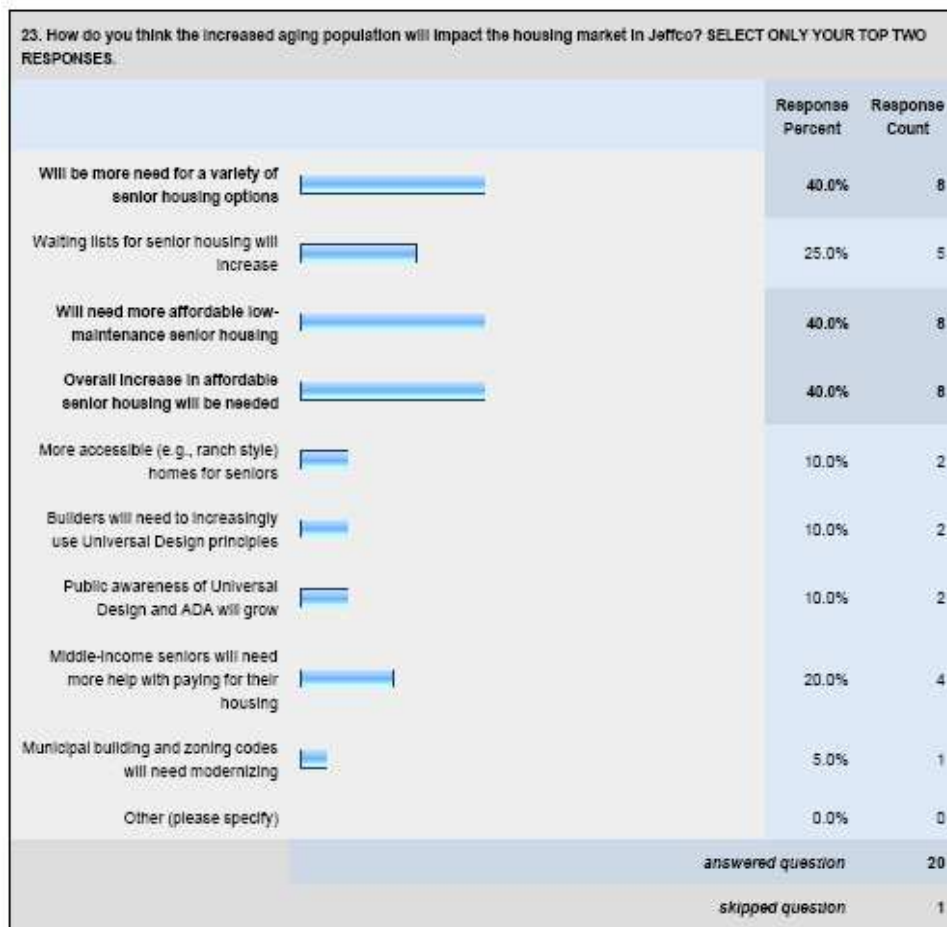
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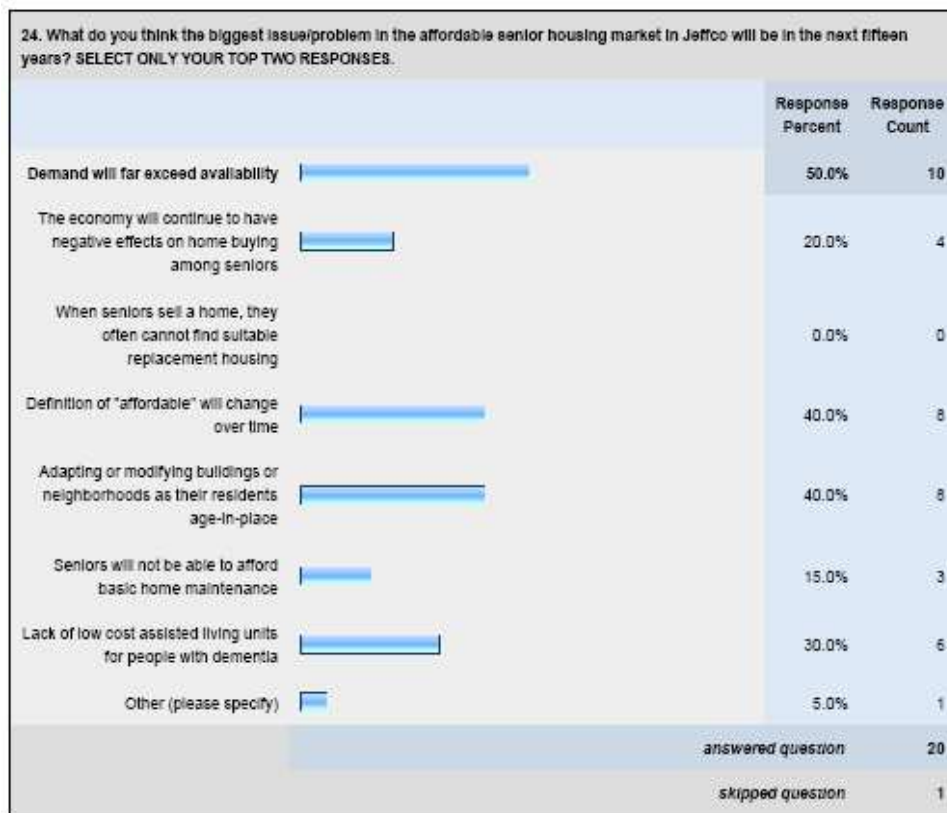
a place to go to that offers comfort and independence and assists with quality of life

A safe, comfortable and familiar environment surrounded by friends and family that reflects one personal life and freedom to exercise independence.

a place where I feel comfortable, can make my own decisions and have control over what I do and don't want.

warmth, security, companionship, self reliance, self determination





What top two trends in senior housing do you predict in Jeffco?

Rising costs - - more choices as more housing is built

I think the younger seniors are willing to give up the responsibility of a big house at an earlier age than past seniors and downsize to patio homes and condos. I think adult children or grandchildren living with seniors will continue to grow.

lack of affordable capacity issues

It is very important to continue pursuit of better use of properties already in existence -for example granny additions etc.

1. Housing that offers activities, food, etc. and has a range of services available.

Communal settings that may be multigenerational lower cost housing out of necessity

More aging in place by use of in-home services Alternative housing options to assisted living and nursing home

Apartments, and of course Senior Housing through HUD and Section 8.

More expensive More governmental sponsored housing for low to middle income seniors Need supportive care managers for those who can age in place

Don't know.

More needs, and cost.

Seniors will want more services in their home to allow them to stay in their homes.

More senior communities Downsizing to "patio homes"

I don't know what to predict. I believe the NEEDED resources are for more affordable and section 8 housing.

More residents will stay in their homes. Perhaps unsafely and without needed services. Waiting lists will become longer for affordable housing.

More co-op type of housing, more rental units specifically for seniors

not enough affordable housing more seniors living with family creating more stress on family systems

Increase in need for affordable housing. More affordable housing with supportive services.

Multiple levels of care in one facility that is affordable.

More buildings and programs devoted to an aging and declining baby boom

Where do your clients (if applicable) and or you go for information - on senior housing in Jefferson County - if they/you need it?

Seniors Blue Book - - Professional Home Care managers - - Internet - -References from friends
Seniors Resource Center and Blue Book.

I think it would be easy to find senior housing in Jefferson county through yellow pages or Senior Blue Book. But to find the housing programs that meet the needs and are run well would be more difficult. If it is long term care program, I would go to DRCOG Ombudsman program to look for suggestions. Word of mouth by someone who has dealt with the program would be good. I would also want to take into consideration Medical opinion from doctors, hospital personnel, or nurses.

Senior Recreation site or meal site for listing of senior housing

I would start with Jefferson County Housing Authority and any other housing authorities within Jefferson County. I would look in the Blue Book. I would do a Google search re senior housing, Jefferson county, Colorado OR a specific city.

Jefferson County Housing, Arvada Housing, Wheat ridge, Lakewood Housing and Edgewater Housing.
don't know

The organization has a list of senior housing; I would also do some searching on the internet.

Jeffco Housing Authority

Blue book Joan Therese Seivert

Jeffco Action Center

Seniors' Resource Center or 211

Locator Ombudsman for updates on AI or Skilled Nursing Homes

Various publications.....the yellow pages for housing organizations themselves.

Senior housing internet

Seniors' Resource Center

Blue Book, Prime Time for Seniors

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If a Jefferson County senior were no longer able to live in his/her own home: -- What would he/she do? -- What steps would he/she take? -- Where would he/she live?

Should move to one of the many retirement residences close to his/her home Shop everything nearby - - put down a deposit to hold get the place deemed most suitable Last resort - - if family is available nearby - - move in with them

Visit a variety of senior retirement and assisted living places to find one that meets their needs. Other alternatives may be group homes.

see what supports available in home pick up phone review all alternatives, assisted living, personal care homes, family, etc

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If there is family, a conference with the family to discuss the options and make plans. If the family is unable to help, to seek the advice and help from agencies that they are already involved with or to get a care manager to help. It would be important to discuss the needs of the person first (i.e. should they live near one of their children, do they want a high rise, do they need full medical help or just a little help, if an apt program, what does the apt program offer as far as activities and support). May have to be on a waiting list and then the person (and family if involved) need to discuss options until there is room.

Usually medical assessment would be tied to this decision, so medical assessment, family support assessment and the most liberal plan to maintain a reasonable level of independence

-- He/she would have to determine why they no longer can live in home, e.g. what their future needs are. -- Once determined, a search will be made for the most appropriate housing alternative, e.g. independent senior housing (subsidized, market rate, affordable), assisted living (small, medium or large-scale), or nursing home care. See #5 above re: where he/she could look in addition to calling the Area Agency on Aging.

Contact Housing, work with family members, also contact Aging and Adult Services, Blue Book Senior Resource Center, DRCOG,

If all resources to keep the senior in their home were truly exhausted, living with relatives is usually the first alternative. Assisted living or a nursing home is next.

Check to see what assisted living facilities are available. Contact Senior Resource Center Care Management for assistance.

Explore options. Probably would live in a place that would provide the most independence while meeting needs.

That really depends on the reason. Financial or health. They would need to address relocating to accommodations that fit the need.

An assessment should be done, probably by SRC, to see what kind of facility they need. A Care Manager would also look at Medicaid eligibility for payment source.

Call me, a care manager about needs and preferences.

Rely on family, relatives, pastor, professional senior aide for assistance. Make certain of financial status/health condition, social/psychological needs. See #5

Look at all options It would depend on situation

Learn about other options available. I would start with SRC and consult a care manager. Personal care and boarding home, assisted living, family co-op.

Ask their children for support. If no kids, they would probably stay and continue to compensate as best they can. Seek in-home care services to remain living in the home.

One would assess if the need to move arose from a financial or functional change. If financial, I would begin to look to subsidy such as adding Medicaid, finding affordable housing etc If functional, I would begin to get professional assessment to guide the choice of the appropriate level of care - ALF, rehab, LTC

If a senior were no longer able to live in his/her own home, what do you think his/her preferred type of housing would be?

A ground-level apartment with friends of all ages in the building - - and meals available if desired
Very individual. Some congregate housing, some smaller individual homes or apartments, some skilled care. Depends on personal preference and needs.

individual choice-can't second guess

A place with as little restriction of choice that would meet my needs

As independent as they could handle. I would think that they would want big rooms. In some of the senior apts that I have seen, the rooms are so small that you feel like the walls are caving in on you and this is even a bigger problem if they are in a wheelchair. I have also had some comment that they would like to live where they don't have to go up elevators and stairs. Having their laundry area in their apt. would seem to be important also so that they or their caregivers don't have to leave the apt to do laundry. Sometimes they miss services because they were out doing their laundry and they were given a specific time when they could do their laundry.

Single apartment with supportive ties to community

There isn't a one fits all answer to this question.

Small home with no steps private but, close to neighbors who are of the same age.

something where there is help such as dining.

Don't know

Assisted living.

a place that will provide for his/her needs and will allow for the most independence

Apartment

affordable assisted living

Cottages like the Homestead in Lakewood has.

Co-op living

what is the reason? Maybe assisted living

Assisted living.

home care services so they can remain their residence

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Where would a Jefferson County senior go for emergency shelter?

Not sure - - Red Cross would be my first place to inquire - - To home of a family member - - if they live nearby JAC has only a very small homeless shelter

Jeffco Action Center or police department for voucher.

Call Clements- I do not now. Clements would say where

Call Adult Protection for an answer

That is a good question. I would probably go for help through my church family but if that wasn't available through the police. Depends upon the emergency but I think that those are the first two places I would check.

To family or friends

There are not any shelters available for seniors specifically and one or two alternatives for others.

Jeffco Action Center

Jeffco Action Center or Jeffco has a voucher for short term I think.

Don't know.

Jeffco Housing Authority

I don't know. I would call Jeffco Action or Family Tree for information.

Red Cross

There are very few appropriate resources for this. Older adults are not usually comfortable with younger adults, especially children. Shelters for older adults is a much needed missing resource in the Denver metro area.

Jefferson County Social Services

Senior Resource center and other such programs

They are listed in the senior resource book internet

Jefferson County Human Services, Jeffco Action Center

I have no idea

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General Info on Survey Respondents

