

NORTH CENTRAL REGION AGING NETWORK

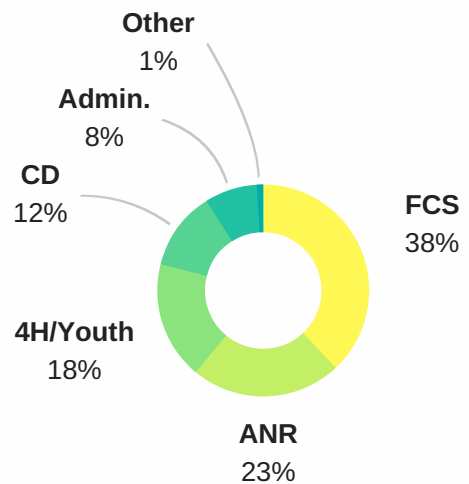
EXTENSION SURVEY RESULTS



The North Central Region Aging Network is a network of Extension specialists and educators responsible for supporting programming efforts on aging-related topics in our respective states.

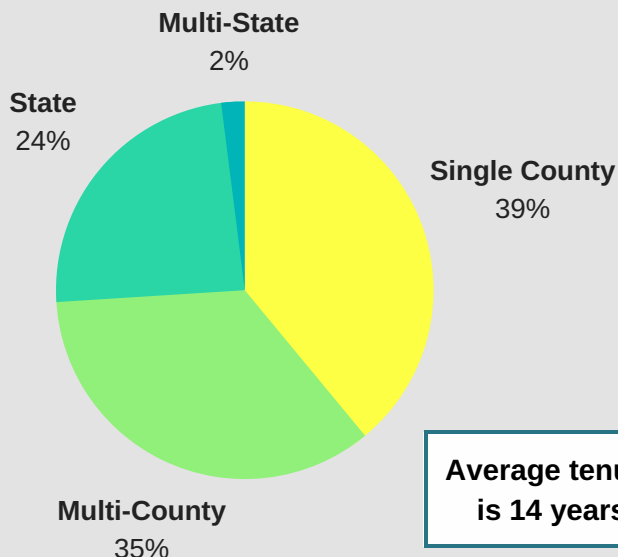
The North Central Region Aging Network conducted a needs assessment with Extension professionals across the 12-state North Central Extension Region to identify aging-related needs and the status of existing Extension programming.

1010 total online surveys were completed by Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Community Development (CD), and 4-H Extension professionals and administrators.



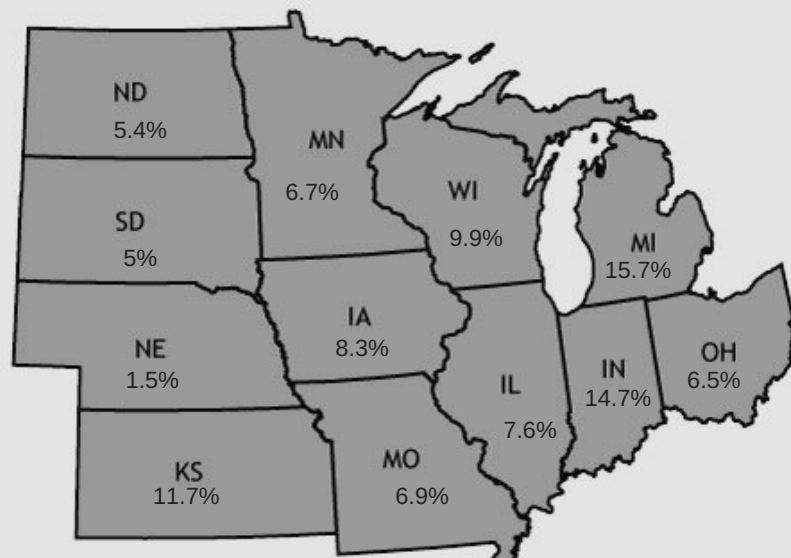
Profile of Survey Respondents

Service Coverage Area



Average tenure is 14 years.

Home State



Top



Community Needs

Current Needs

- Access, Availability & Affordability of Health Care
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Management
- Transportation

Future Needs

- Access, Availability & Affordability of Health Care
- Access to Affordable and Safe Housing
- Transportation

Materials Needed

- Nutrition & Food Safety
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Management
- Informal Caregiving & Caregiver Support

Rank order of perceived importance of community needs by provided topics:

1. Finances
2. Healthy aging
3. Aging-friendly communities
4. Brain health
5. Aging-friendly homes, ranches, and farms
6. Family-related topics
7. Informal (family/friends) caregiving
8. End of life planning
9. Formal (paid professional) caregiving
10. Ageism

Most valuable aging-related programming currently being delivered across the region:

1. Nutrition
2. Physical activity
3. Fall prevention
4. Brain health
5. Farm succession
6. Diabetes prevention & management

Preferred Educational Delivery Methods by Extension Professionals

In-person Programs

Fact Sheet Publications

Online Resources

