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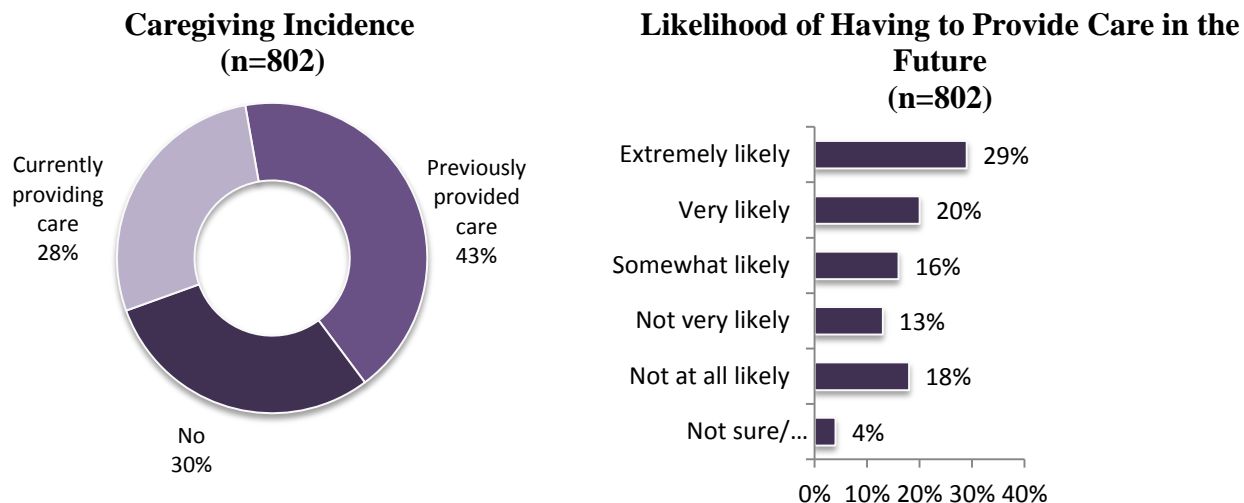
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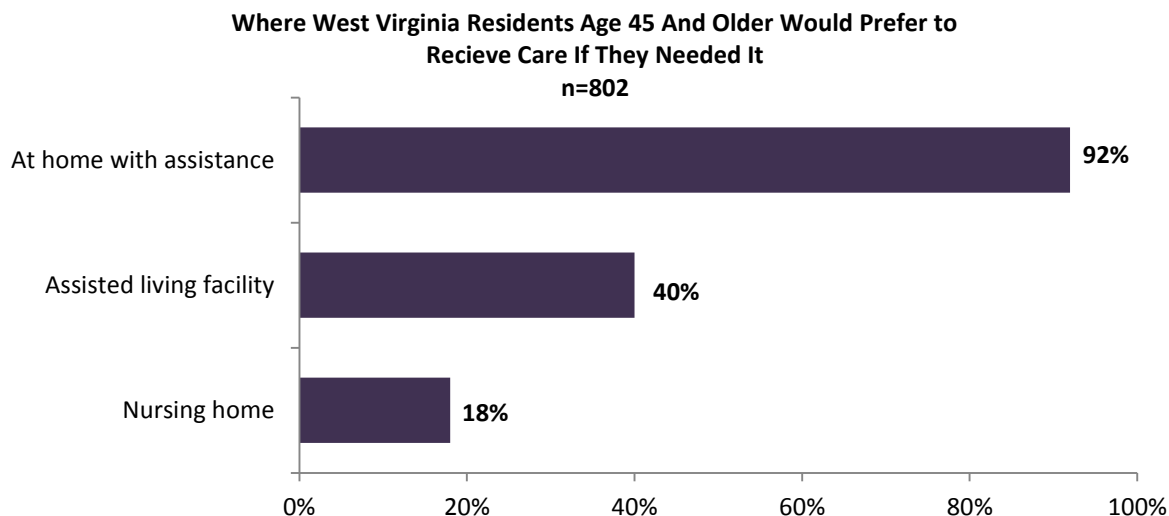
Caregiving

More than 70 percent of West Virginians age 45 and older have been a family caregiver, with 28 percent currently providing care to a family member or friend who is 18 and older, and 43 percent have done so in the past. Of those currently providing care, most say the person they are caring for is over 50 years. Further one-half believe they will likely to become a family caregiver in the future, another one in six are somewhat likely to be a caregiver in the future.



Caregiving Preferences

When presented with options about caregiving preference, most West Virginia residents age 45 and older would prefer to receive such care at home (92%). Four in ten prefer to be in an assisted living facility, and only one in six would prefer to be in a nursing home.



Methodology

This AARP Survey resulted in telephone interviews with a sample of 802 respondents aged 45+ who are residents of West Virginia. The interviews were conducted in English on landline telephones by Woelfel Research, Inc. from November 23 – December 14, 2013. The results from the study were weighted by age and gender. The margin of sampling error for the random sample of 802 is $\pm 3.5\%$.

The questionnaire was developed by AARP staff. In order to improve the quality of the data, the questionnaire was pretested with a small number of respondents. The pretest interviews were monitored by WRI and AARP staff and conducted using experienced interviewers who could best judge the quality of the answers given and the degree to which respondents understood the questions.

The response rate for this study was measured using AAPOR's response rate 3 method. The cooperation rate was measured using AAPOR's cooperation rate 3 method. The refusal rate was measured using AAPOR's refusal rate 3 method. The table below contains these rates separately for the RDD sample.

Response Rate	Cooperation Rate	Refusal Rate
28%	91%	7%

Source: AAPOR Outcome Rate Calculator Version 2.1 May 2003

Percents may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. Also, due to rounding, the percentages reported in the text may vary slightly from those in the annotation or in graphs.

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