

Successful Aging in Newport: The 2014 Community Survey of Residents Age 45-plus in Newport, Vermont

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Key Findings

Newport residents age 45-plus say town features that improve job opportunities, town information, transportation, and outdoor spaces and public buildings are needed to make Newport a place where people can successfully age.

A livable community provides resources that allow residents to age in place, and fosters residents' engagement in their community's civic, economic, and social life. The World Health Organization (WHO) has developed eight domains that help influence the health and quality of life of older adults: housing, outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, community support and health services, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, and communication and information. The AARP Vermont State Office commissioned this community survey of residents age 45 and older in Newport, Vermont to better understand the needs of older adults with regards to being able to age in place, and to conduct a town needs gap analysis to identify and prioritize areas of focus. This survey finds that:

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus have lived in Orleans County and their town for a long time and are likely to remain there as they get older.**
 - ✓ 59% have lived in Orleans County for at least 45 years and 51% have lived in their current town for at least 25 years.
 - ✓ 37% say it is extremely or very important to stay in their town as they age.
 - ✓ 69% say they are not very or not at all likely to move outside of Orleans County when they retire and stop working completely.
- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus own their homes and say having home repair contractors who are trustworthy, affordable, and do quality work is the most important housing feature in their town.**
 - ✓ 89% own their home and 77% live in a single family home.
 - ✓ Given that most Newport residents are homeowners and want to age in place, the most important housing issues to them are having trustworthy and affordable home repair contractors (87%) and a home repair service for low-income and older adults (80%).
- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus say it is important to have outdoor spaces and buildings in their neighborhood that allow access for people of different physical abilities.**
 - ✓ 84% say it is important to have well-maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to everyone, and 82% say having sidewalks that are in good condition and accessible for assistive mobility devices is important.
- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus mostly drive themselves to get around their town, and many believe it is important to have well-maintained, safe streets that support all users.**
 - ✓ 88% drive, 47% walk, 23% ride with others, and 21% ride a bike to get around their town.
 - ✓ Most believe that it is extremely or very important to have well-lit and safe streets for all users (88%), well-maintained streets (87%), easy to read traffic signs (85%), and enforced speed limits (83%).
- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus want to stay healthy and therefore believe having good health care facilities, services, and providers is important.**
 - ✓ 94% say it is extremely or very important to have well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities in their town, and 91% say having respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff is important.
 - ✓ Similar percentages believe it is important to have a variety of health care professionals (89%), conveniently located emergency care (88%), and home health care providers who are affordable (87%) and well-trained and certified (86%).

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus believe having home delivered meals, prescription drug delivery services, and senior meal sites are important to being able to stay in their town.**
 - ✓ 82% say it is extremely or very important to have home delivered meals for older persons, and 77% say having meal sites at community or senior centers is important.
 - ✓ 78% say having a prescription drug home delivery service is extremely or very important.

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus want to have social activities in their town.**
 - ✓ 83% say they interact with friends and neighbors in their town several times a week or more.
 - ✓ 83% say it is extremely or very important to have activities that are affordable to all residents, and 74% say having activities that offer senior discounts is important.
 - ✓ 73% say it is extremely or very important to have activities that involve both younger and older residents.

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus want to have opportunities to volunteer in their town.**
 - ✓ 68% say it is extremely or very important to have transportation to and from volunteer activities for those residents who need it.
 - ✓ 61% say it is important to have easy to find information on available volunteer opportunities, while 57% say having a range of volunteer activities to choose from and opportunities for older adults to act as community decision-makers is important.

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus will work for as long as possible and believe it is important to have community supports that will enable them to do so.**
 - ✓ 83% of employed Newport residents plan to put off full retirement and keep working for as long as possible because they need or want the extra income.
 - ✓ 73% believe it is extremely or very important to have a range of flexible job opportunities for older adults in their town jobs, and similar proportions say having jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities (72%) and job training opportunities (70%) are important.

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus would turn to the Area Agency on Aging or family and friends for information on older adult services.**
 - ✓ 91% say they would turn to the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, while 86% say they would turn to family and friends for information.
 - ✓ 72% say having access to community information in one central source is important to have in their town.
 - ✓ 69% believe it is important to have community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home as well as having free access to computers and the Internet in places like the library, senior centers or government buildings.

- ❖ **Newport residents age 45-plus report their top community needs that is the gap between what is important and what is present in four key areas: job opportunities, town information, transportation, and outdoor spaces and buildings.**
 - ✓ Overall across these four areas, all three items asked about in the job opportunities domain appear in the top gaps: a range of flexible job opportunities for older adults, job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills, and jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
 - ✓ The top gaps in town information are community information that is delivered in-person, clearly displayed printed information, access to information in one source, and an automated easy to understand information source.
 - ✓ The top gap in transportation is the ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County.
 - ✓ The top gaps in outdoor spaces and buildings are neighborhood watch programs and well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities.

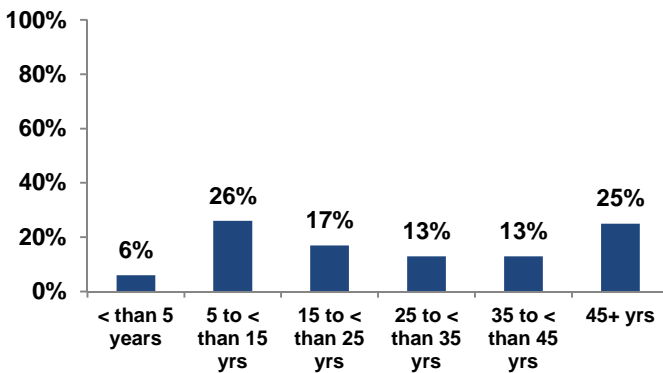
Detailed Findings

Town

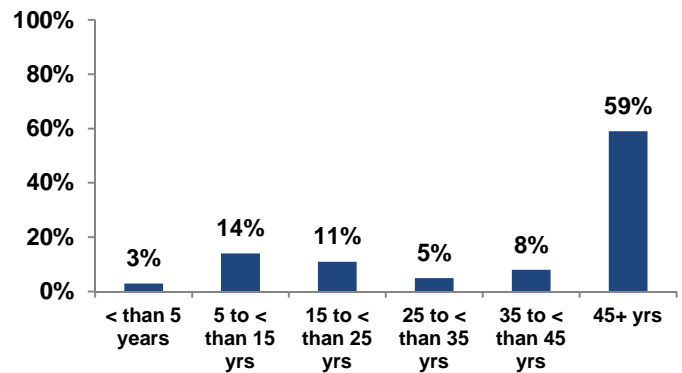
Newport residents age 45-plus are long-time residents of their town and are unlikely to move into a different home within their town or leave Orleans County altogether.

Newport 45-plus residents have deep roots in their communities. Nearly seven in ten (68%) have lived in their town at least 15 years. A quarter has lived in their town for 45 years or more and over half have lived in Orleans County for 45 years or more.

Length of Time Newport Residents Have Lived in Their Town (n=328)

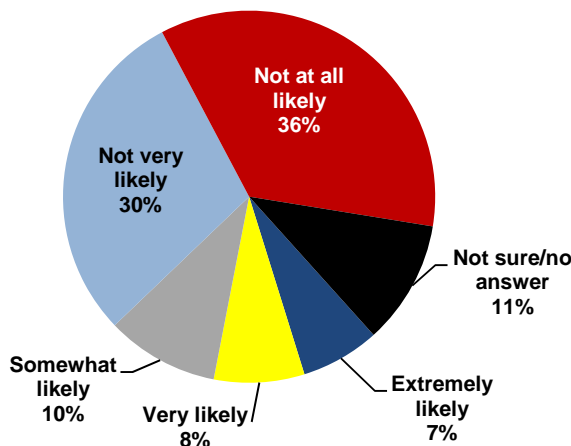


Length of Time Newport Residents Have Lived in Orleans County (n=328)

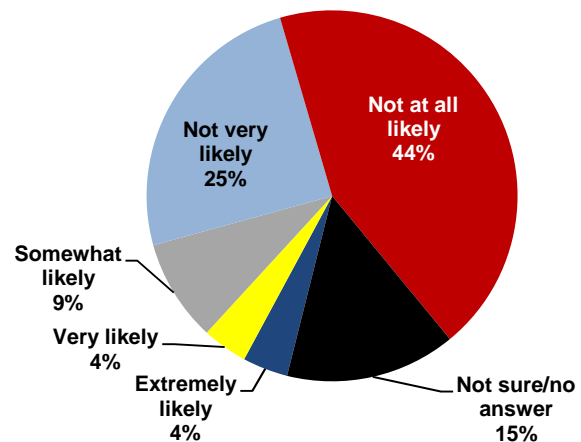


Most 45-plus Newport residents are unlikely to move into a different home *within* Orleans County or move *outside* of Orleans County when they retire completely. Two-thirds (66%) say they are not very or not at all likely to move to a different home *within* Orleans County, and another one in ten (10%) says they are only somewhat likely to do this. About the same proportion (69%) says they are not very or not at all likely to move *outside* of Orleans County, and another one in ten (9%) says they are only somewhat likely to do so.

Likelihood of Moving to a Different Home in Orleans County in Retirement Years* (n=328)



Likelihood of Moving to a Different Home outside of Orleans County in Retirement* Years (n=328)

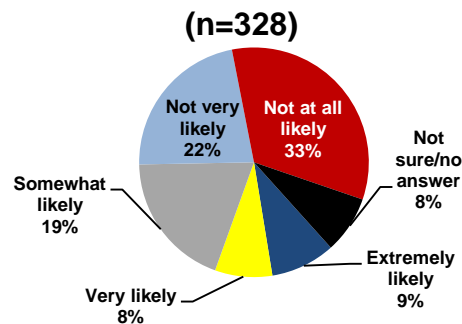


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Nearly all (95%) survey respondents say they are currently year round residents of Orleans County. When asked how likely they would be to live outside the state of Vermont only during certain seasons after they retire completely, more than half (55%) say they are not very or not at all likely to do this. Almost one in five (19%) says they are only somewhat likely to live outside of Vermont only during certain seasons, while about one in six (17%) says they are extremely or very likely to do this.

Likelihood of Living Outside of Vermont Seasonally in Retirement Years*



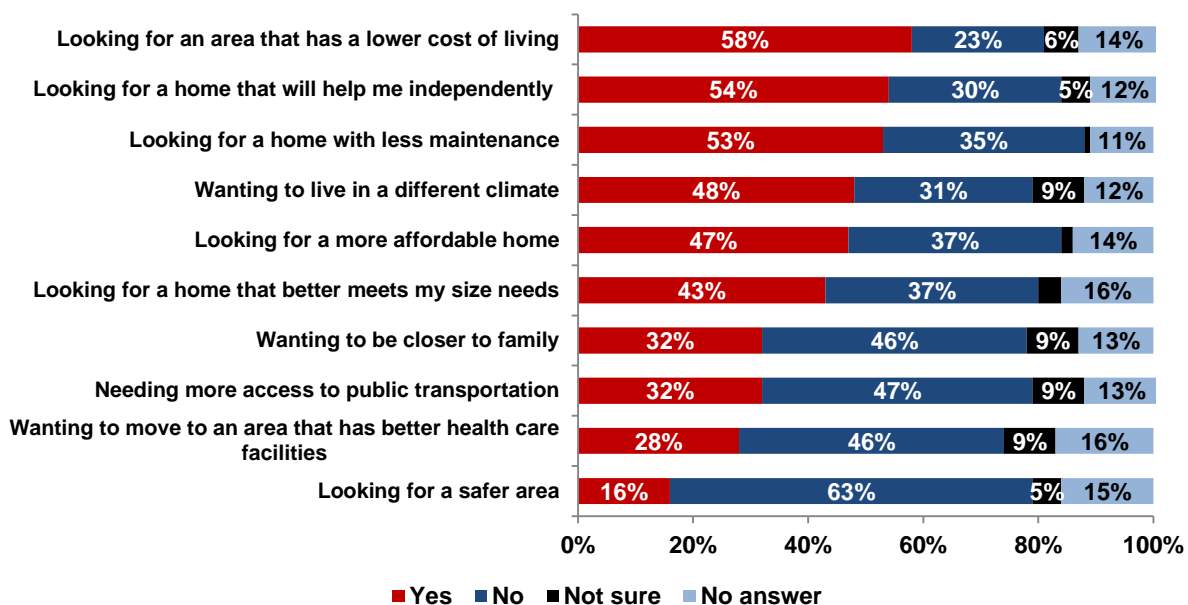
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Newport residents age 45-plus say the top factors that would impact their decision to move out of the area when they retire completely are to find an area with a lower cost of living, a home that will help them live independently as they age, or a home that requires less maintenance.

A second tier of factors that would impact Newport residents' decision to move out of the Orleans County area after retirement are the desire to live in a different climate, to find a more affordable home or a home that better meets their space needs. Factors that have somewhat less of an influence on Newport residents' decision to leave the area are the desire to live closer to family or because they want to move to an area that has better public transportation and health care facilities. Few residents cite wanting to live in a safer area as a reason to move out of Orleans County.

Factors that Impact the Decision of Newport Residents to Move*

(n=328)

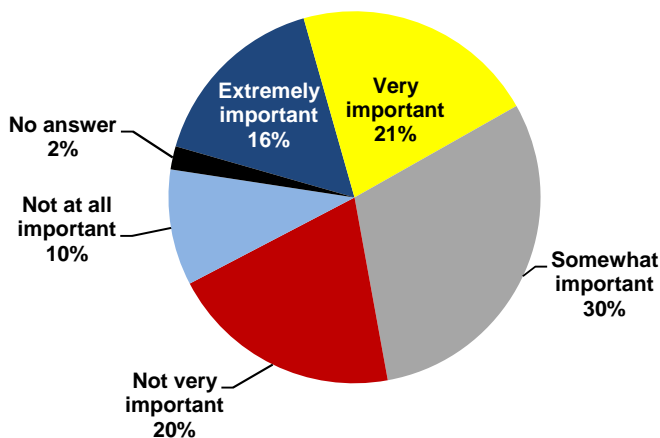


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Many Newport residents age 45-plus say it is important for them to remain in their town, and they believe their town is a good place for older people to live.

Nearly two in five (37%) Newport residents say it is extremely or very important to live their current town as they age.

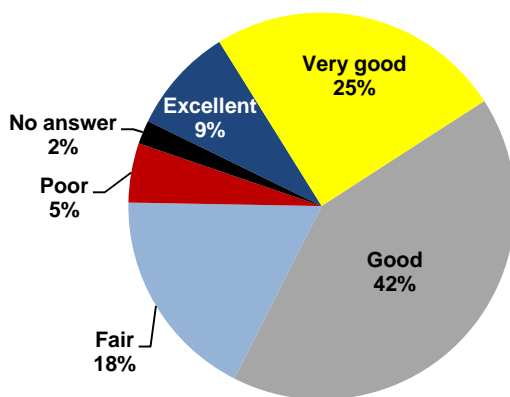
**Importance of Staying in Your Town*
(n=328)**



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Three-quarters (76%) say their town is an excellent, very good, or good place for older people to live. This high rating of their community is likely influenced by the fact that many have lived there for at least 15 years and desire to remain there as they get older.

**Rating of Town as a Place for Older People to Live*
(n=328)**



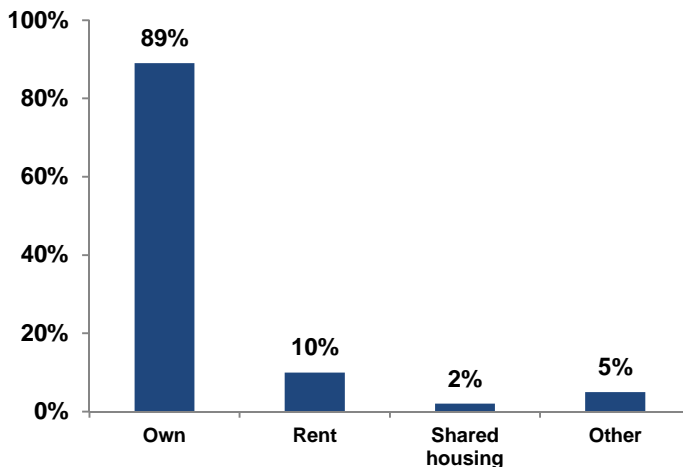
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Housing

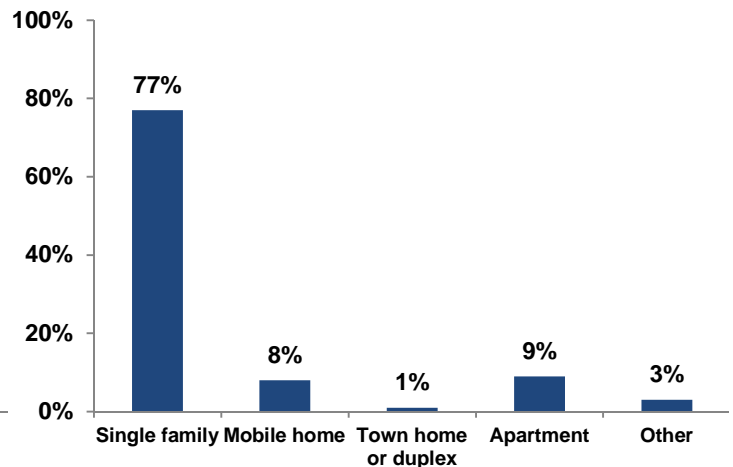
Most Newport residents age 45-plus own their own homes and live in single family homes.

The large majority Newport residents age 45-plus lives in a single family home, while fewer live in a mobile home, town home or apartment. Over half (56%) have lived in their current residence for at least 15 years and of these residents about one in five (19%) has lived there for at least 35 years.

**Own or Rent Primary Residence
(n=328)**



**Type of Home is Primary Residence
(n=328)**

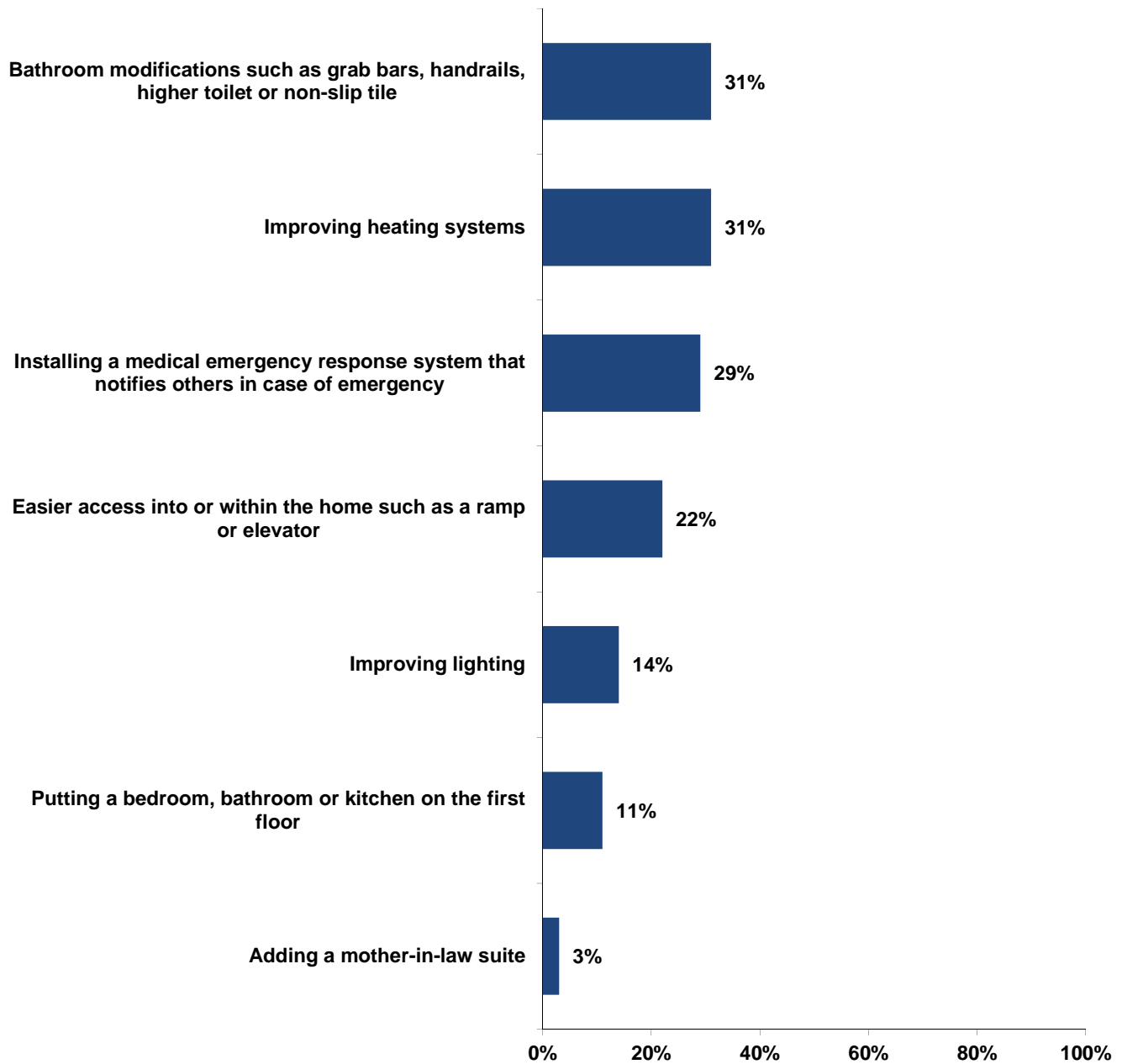


Many Newport residents age 45-plus say they will need to make home modifications to be able to age in their home and the most common ones are bathroom modifications and improving heating systems.

More than a third (34%) says they will need to make some type of major repair or modification to their home to enable them to stay there for as long as possible.

Over three in ten Newport residents age 45-plus will need to make changes to their bathrooms such as adding grab bars, handrails, higher toilets, or non-slip tile or improve their heating systems. Almost three in ten say they will need to install a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of emergency, while just over one in five would need to ensure easier access into their home by adding a ramp or elevator or widening doorways. About one in seven says they would need to improve lighting, and one in ten says they will need to put a bedroom, bathroom or kitchen on the first floor. Very few say they would need to add a mother-in-law suite.

Types of Home Modifications Newport Residents Will Need to Make* (n=328)

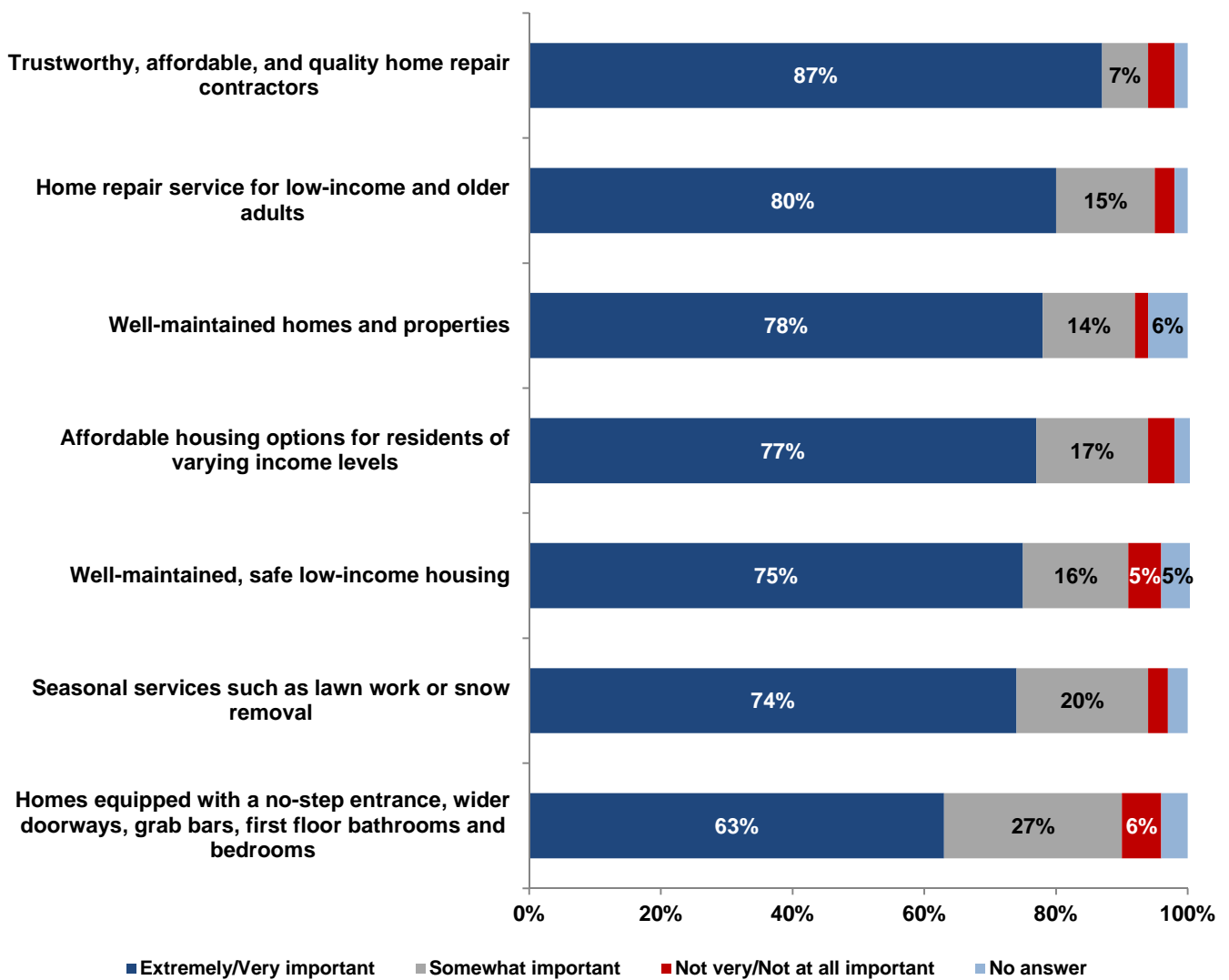


*Graph shows respondents who checked “yes” under each type of home modification.

Having home repair contractors who are trustworthy, affordable, and do quality work is the most important housing feature to 45-plus Newport residents.

A second tier of important housing features relate to the low-income population and well-maintained homes with four in five saying having a home repair service for older and low-income adults is extremely or very important, and nearly the same proportion says it is important to have well-maintained homes and properties, well-maintained, safe low-income housing, and affordable housing options for all residents. Approximately three-quarters say it is extremely or very important to have seasonal services such as lawn work and snow removal, while over three in five say it is important to have homes that are equipped with a no-step entrance, wider doorways, grab bars in bathrooms and first floor bathrooms and bedrooms.

Housing Features of Importance to Newport Residents*
(n=328)



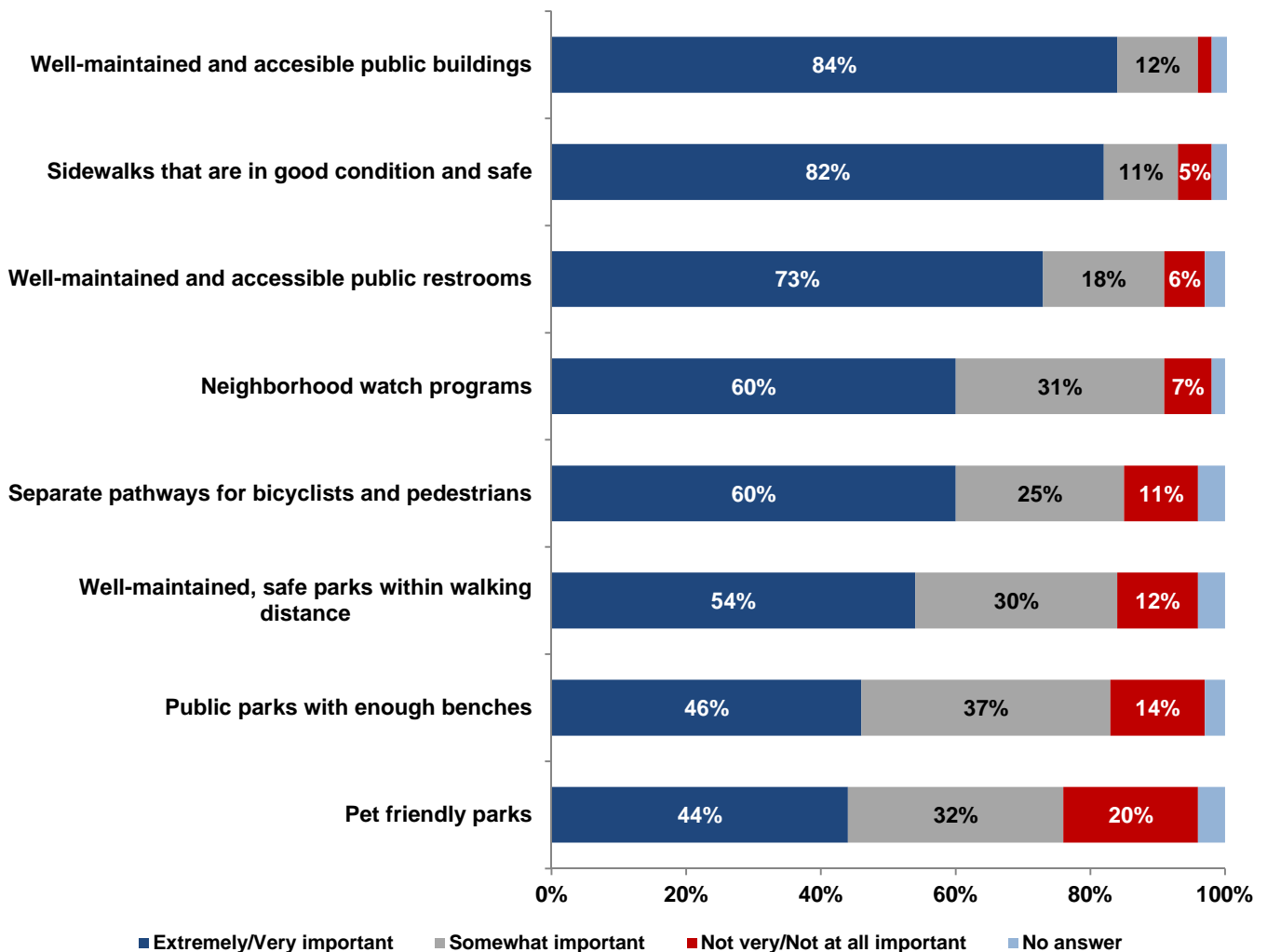
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Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Newport residents age 45-plus say outdoor spaces and building features that promote neighborhood mobility and ensure accessibility for people of different physical abilities are of high importance.

When thinking about outdoor spaces and public buildings within their community, over four in five Newport residents age 45-plus believe it is extremely or very important to have well-maintained public buildings that are accessible to people of different physical abilities and sidewalks are in good condition. Almost three-quarters say having well-maintained and accessible public restrooms is important. Three in five place importance on having neighborhood watch programs and dedicated pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians. At least two in five say it is important to have better public park features like parks that are well-maintained, within safe walking distance, have enough benches, and are pet friendly.

**Outdoor Spaces and Building Features of Importance to
Newport Residents***
(n=328)



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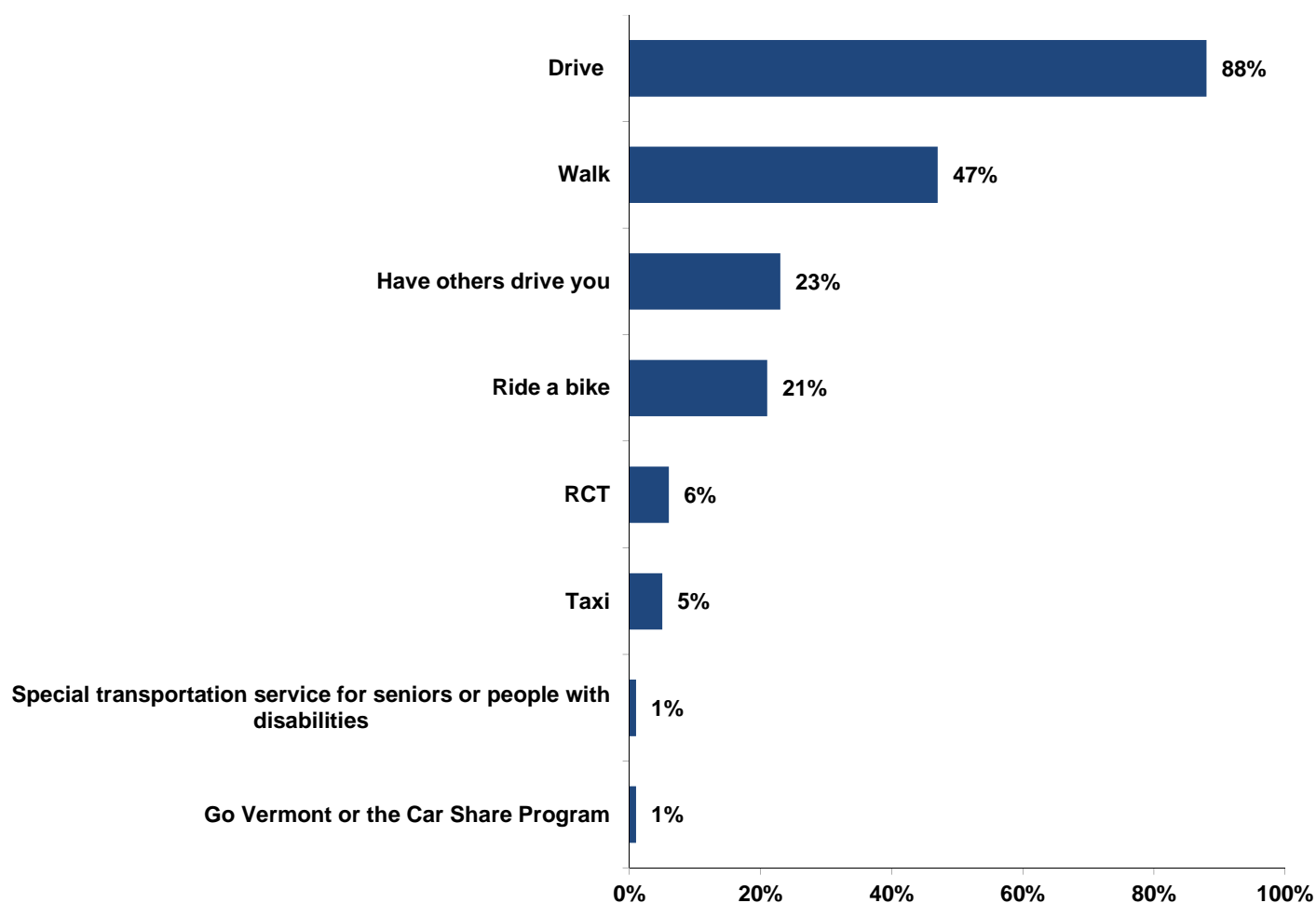
Transportation and Streets

Most Newport residents age 45-plus drive themselves to get to where they want to go; however, many also walk.

Just over one in five Newport residents age 45-plus has others drive them or rides a bike. Few use the Rural Community Transportation Service (RCT), take a taxi, use a special transportation service for seniors or people with disabilities or the Go Vermont or the Car Share program.

When asked how often they miss opportunities to get out and socialize because of a lack of transportation, two-thirds (65%) say they *never* miss getting out socially for this reason and almost another one in five (19%) says they *rarely* miss a social opportunity. This is likely because the vast majority of Newport residents drives to get themselves around their town.

Transportation Modes of Newport Residents*
(n=328)



*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each mode of transportation.

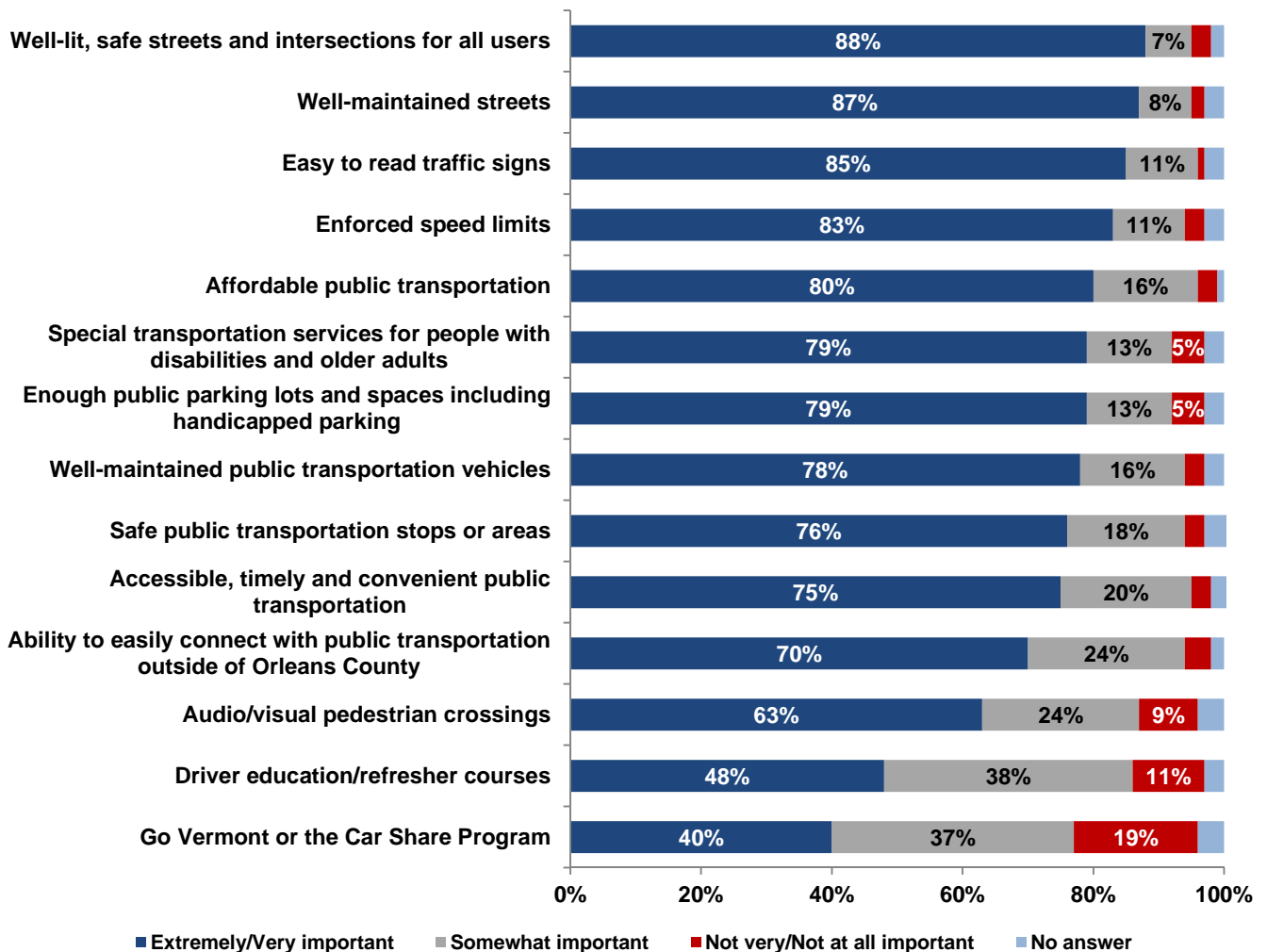
Having well-maintained, well-lit safe streets with easy to read traffic signs and enforced speed limits top the list for the most important transportation features for Newport residents age 45-plus.

A second tier of transportation features considered to be important by about four in five respondents are special transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities and enough public parking that includes handicapped spaces.

Newport residents age 45-plus also place high importance on features that relate to public transportation. At least three-quarters say it is important to have public transportation that is affordable, well-maintained, safe, accessible, and convenient in their town. Additionally, seven in ten Newport residents believe it is extremely or very important to be able to easily connect with public transportation services outside of Orleans County.

Three in five believe it is important to have audio/visual pedestrian crossings. Nearly half say having driver education courses is important, and two in five say it is important to have the Go Vermont or the Car Share Program in their town.

Transportation and Street Features of Importance to Newport Residents* (n=328)



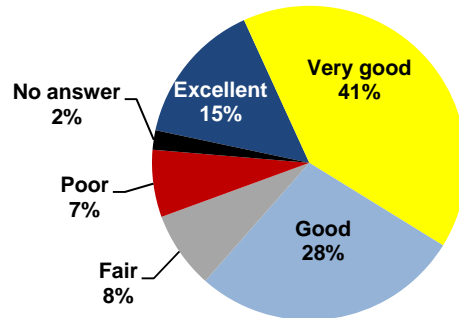
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Health and Wellness

Newport residents age 45-plus believe they are in excellent, very good, or good health, and they exercise at least once a week.

Over four in five (84%) say they are in excellent, very good, or good health, while fewer than one in ten says their health is fair.

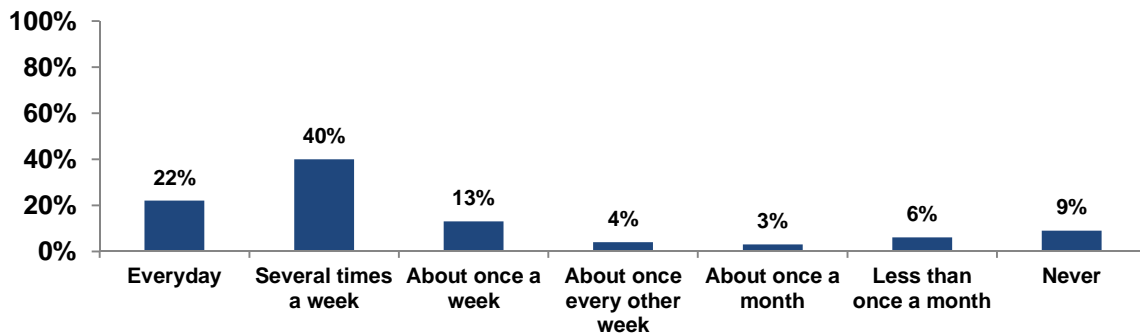
Newport Residents Rating of Their Health*
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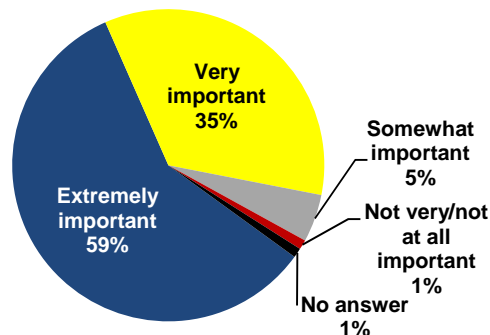
The fact that most Newport residents perceive themselves as being healthy also is reflective of their exercise habits. Over three in five (62%) say they exercise every day or several times a week, and thirteen percent say they exercise about once a week.

Frequency that Newport Residents Exercise
(n=328)



Given the frequency of exercising it is not surprising that nearly all (94%) 45-plus Newport residents say it is important to them to remain physically active for as long as possible.

Importance of Remaining Physically Active Among Newport Residents*
(n=328)



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Newport residents age 45-plus believe having well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities with respectful staff are the most important health features to have in their town.

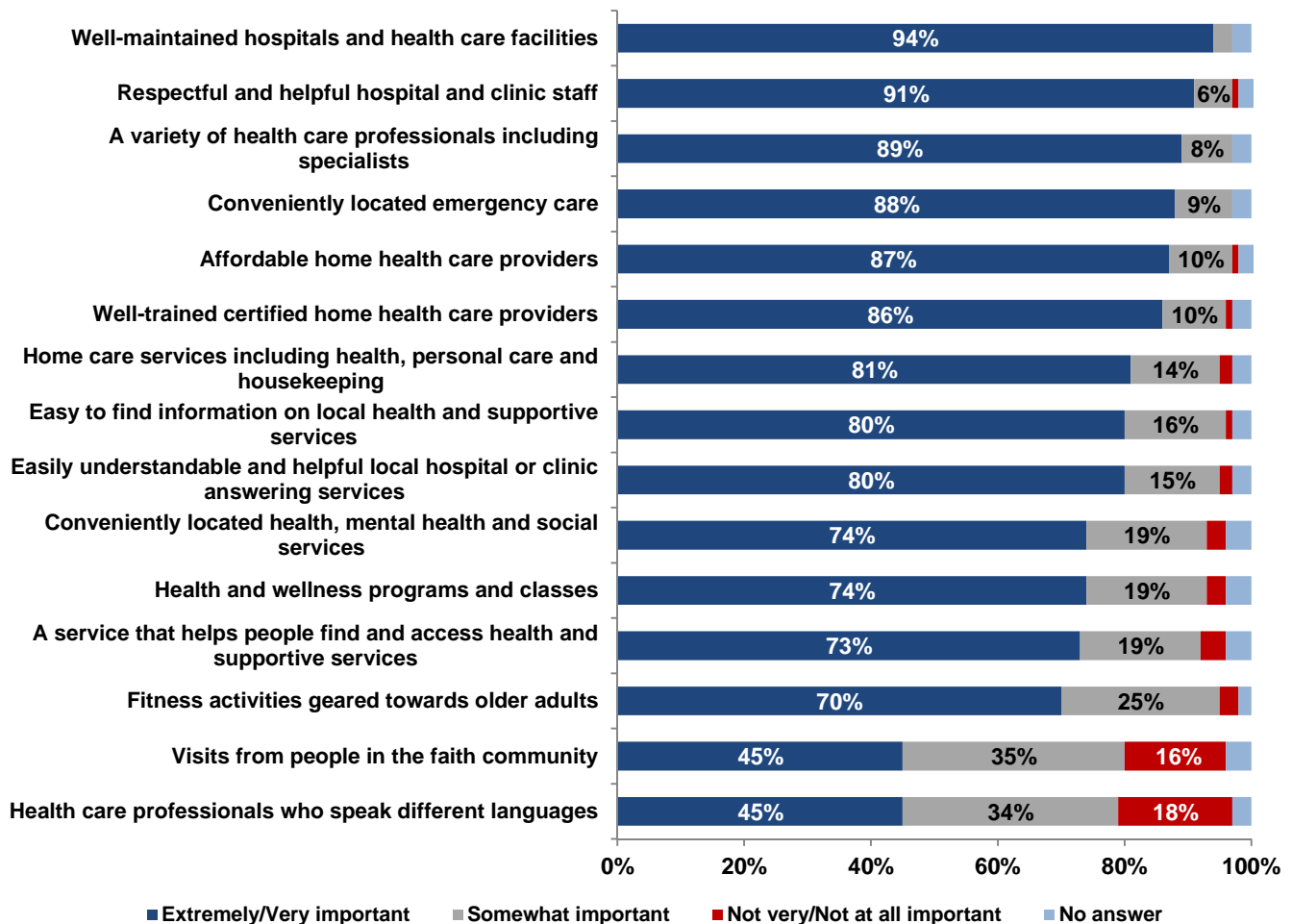
Nearly nine in ten say having a variety of health care professionals and affordable well-trained, certified home health care providers are extremely or very important to have in their town. Further, four in five say it is important to have home care services like personal care and housekeeping. Almost nine in ten also place high importance on having conveniently located emergency care.

Over seven in ten Newport residents also want to be able to easily get information on health and supportive services that will help them remain in their town as they age. This includes information that is easy find, understand, and helps people navigate the health and social services system. Additionally, more than seven in ten say having conveniently located health and social services is important.

Given the high level of physical activity of Newport residents, it is not surprising that at least seven in ten place high importance on having health and wellness programs and fitness activities for older adults in their town.

More than two in five Newport residents say it is important to have visits from people in the faith community such as ministers, priests, and nuns and health care professionals who speak different languages.

Health and Wellness Features of Importance to Newport Residents* (n=328)

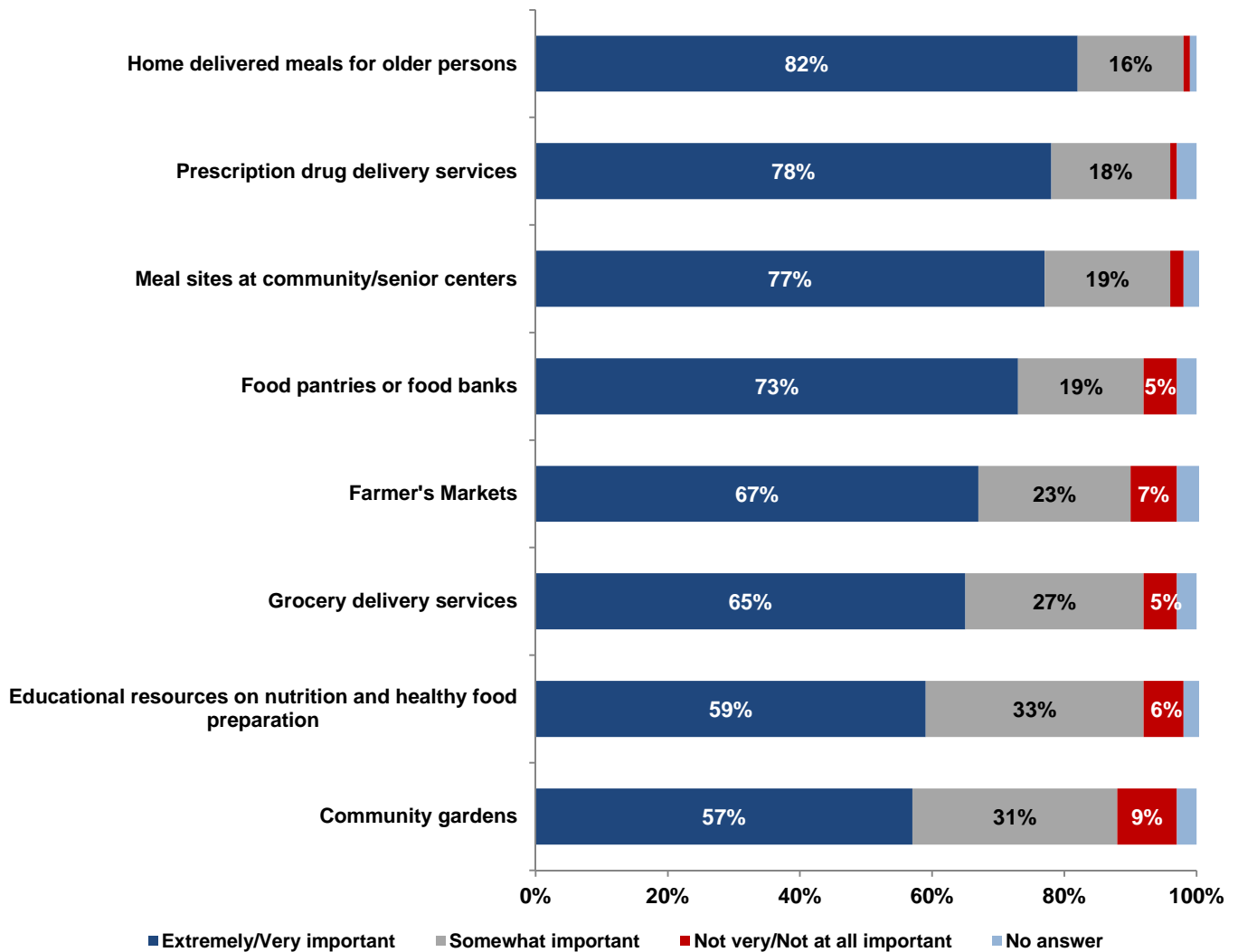


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Newport residents age 45-plus say having home delivered meals, prescription drug delivery services, and senior meal sites are the most important health and nutritional features to have in their town.

Having access to good nutritional meals and resources is important to Newport residents. Nearly three-quarters say it is extremely or very important to have food pantries or food banks, while about two-thirds say it is important to have farmer’s markets and grocery delivery services in their town. Approximately three in five believe it is important to have educational resources on nutrition and healthy meal preparation as well as community gardens.

Health and Nutritional Features of Importance to Newport Residents* (n=328)



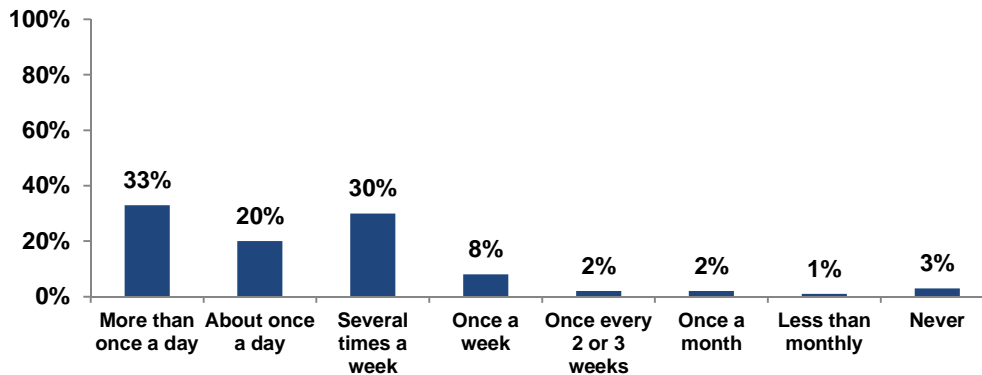
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Social Participation, Inclusion and Education Opportunities

Newport residents age 45-plus interact regularly with others in their town, and most interact socially at stores and restaurants.

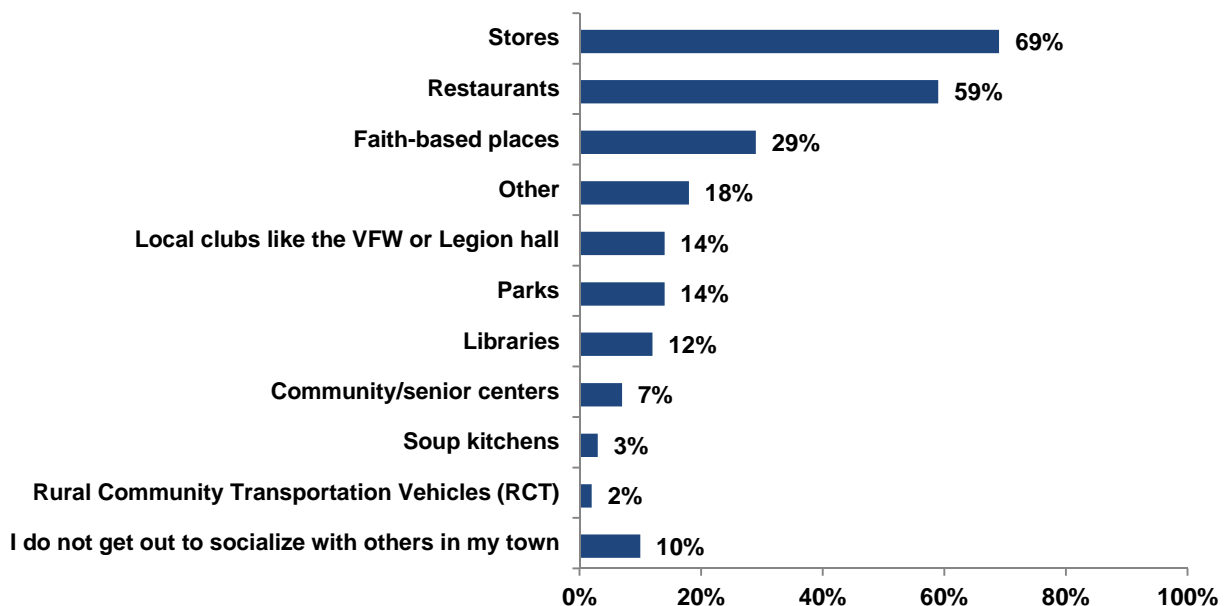
More than four in five (83%) say they interact with friends and neighbors in their town several times a week or more. Just under one in ten interacts with others in their town once a week (8%) and few interact with others less frequently.

Frequency that Newport Residents Interact with People in Their Town (n=328)



When seeking out social opportunities in their town about seven in ten say they go to grocery or retail stores, while about three in five go to restaurants. Approximately three in ten say they go to churches, synagogues, or other faith-based places. About one in seven seeks out social opportunities at the VFW or legion hall, a public park, or the library. Fewer go to community or senior centers, soup kitchens, or ride the Rural Community Transportation (RCT) vehicles.

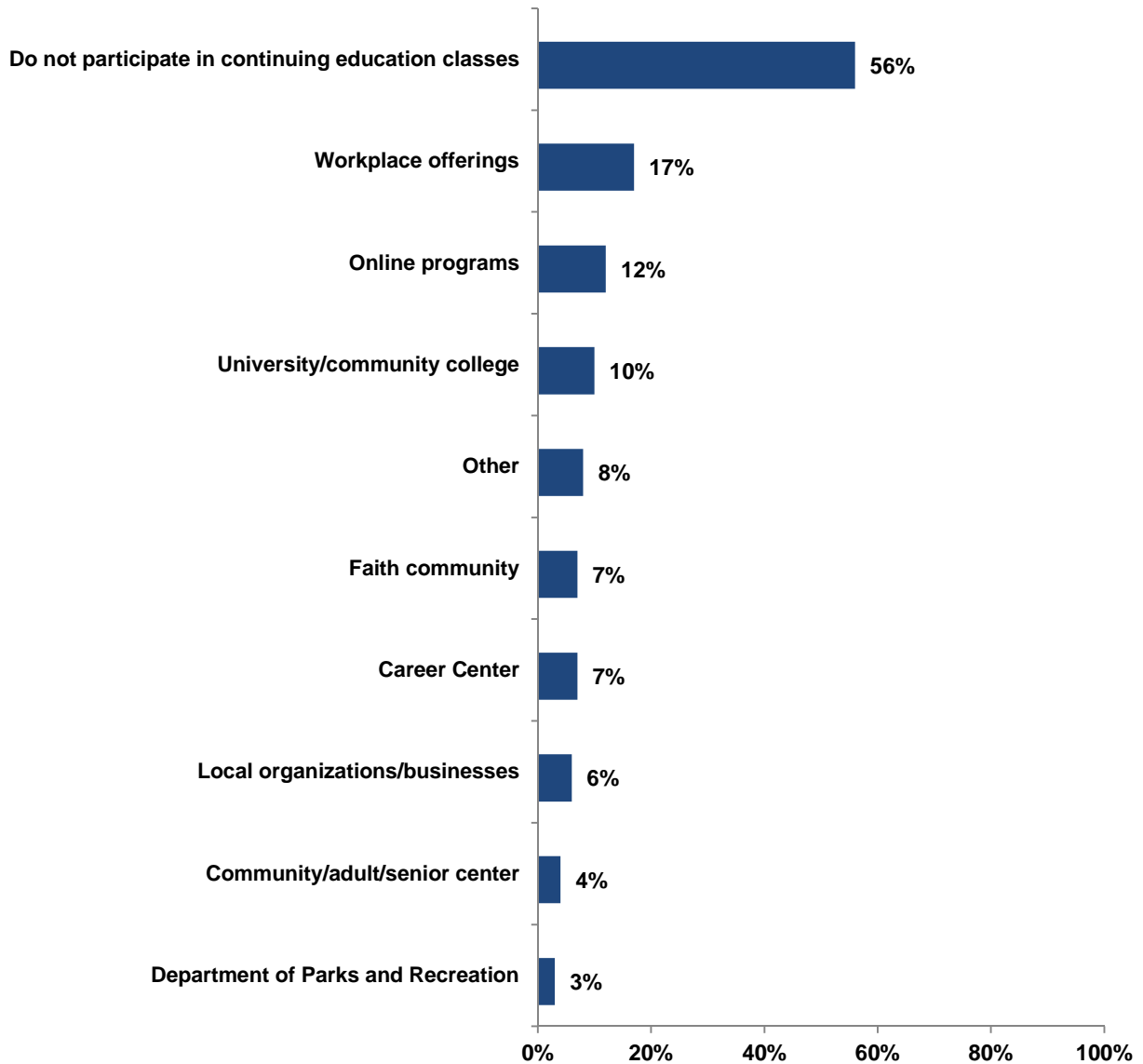
Places Newport Residents Go to Socialize with Others in Their Town* (n=328)



*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each place.

When seeking out continuing education opportunities in their town more than half say they do not do this and less than one in five seeks out any of the educational opportunities asked about in the survey. One in six seeks out opportunities through their workplace, and about one in ten looks to online programs or universities and colleges. About one in sixteen goes their faith community, career centers, or local businesses for educational opportunities. Fewer go to community centers or the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Places or Sources Newport Residents Go to for Continuing Education or Self-Improvement Classes*
(n=328)**

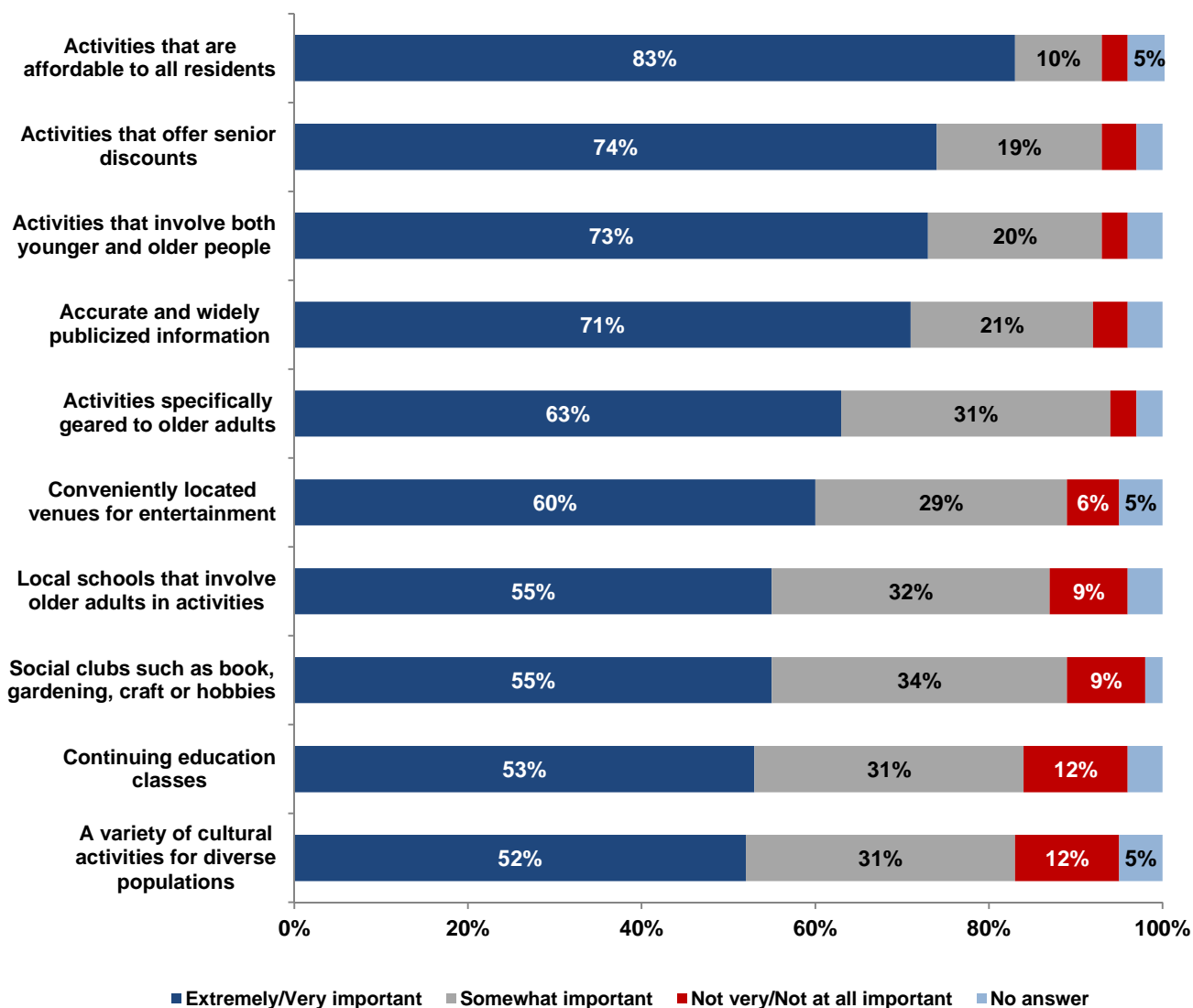


*Graph shows respondents who checked “yes” under each place/source.

Newport residents age 45-plus believe the most important social feature is to have town activities that are affordable for all residents.

When it comes to social participation, 45-plus Newport residents want to have activities that are affordable, geared to diverse audiences, and are easy to get to and find out about. At least seven in ten say having activities that offer senior discounts, involve younger and older people, and are accurately publicized are extremely or very important. At least three in five say it is important that there are activities that are geared specifically toward older adults and conveniently located entertainment venues in their town. Over half believe it is important to have local schools that involve older adults in activities, social clubs, continuing education classes, and a variety of activities that appeal to diverse audiences available in their town.

Social Participation Features of Importance to Newport Residents* (n=328)



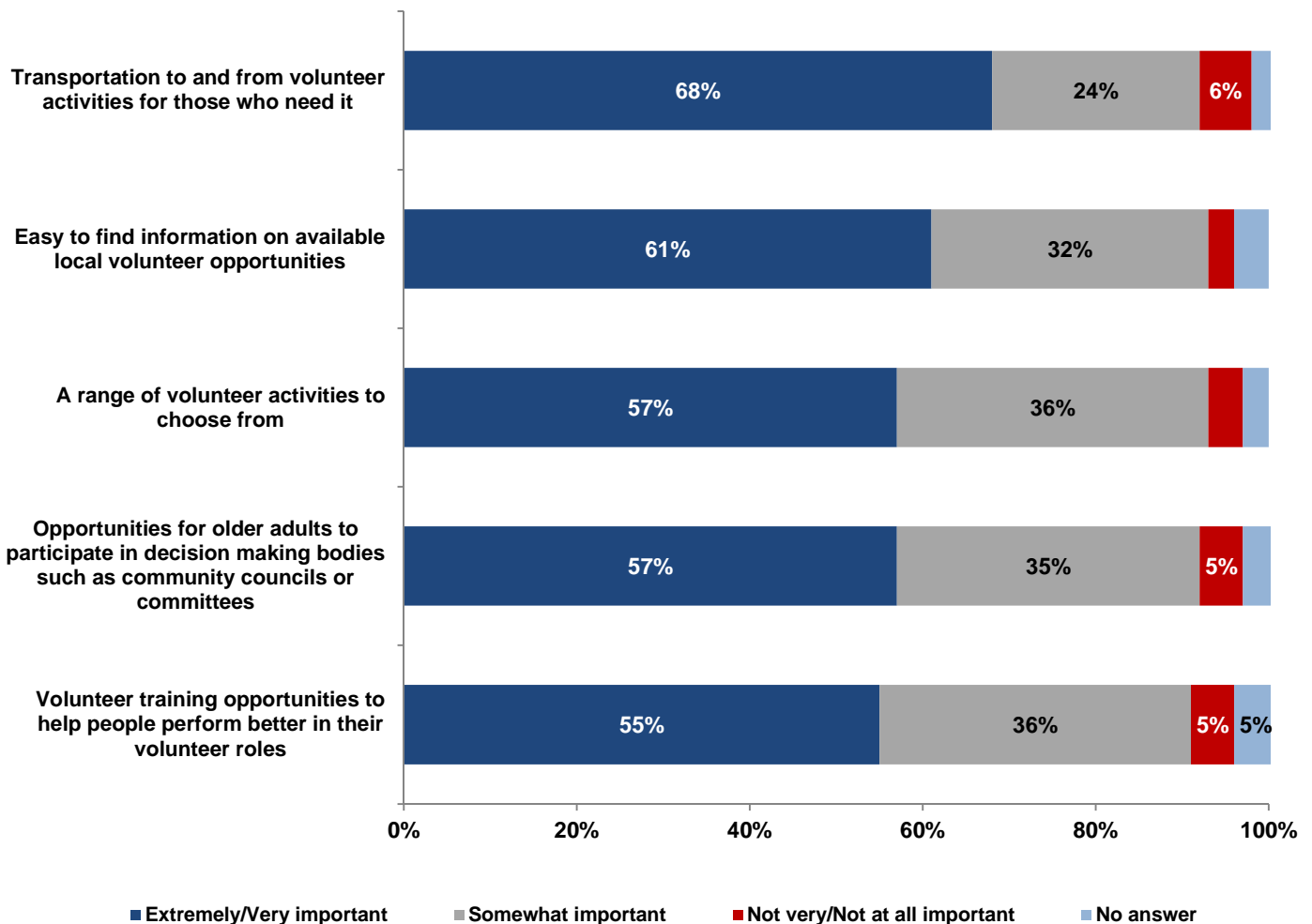
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Volunteering and Civic Engagement

Newport residents age 45-plus believe it is important to have transportation available so residents can easily get to volunteer activities.

When asked about volunteer and civic engagement features, approximately three in five believe it is important that their town has easy to find information on volunteer opportunities, a range of volunteer activities to choose from, and opportunities that allow older adults to participate in decision-making bodies like community councils or committees. Over half say having volunteer training opportunities that allow residents to better perform in these roles is extremely or very important to have in their town.

**Volunteer and Civic Engagement Features of Importance to Newport Residents*
(n=328)**



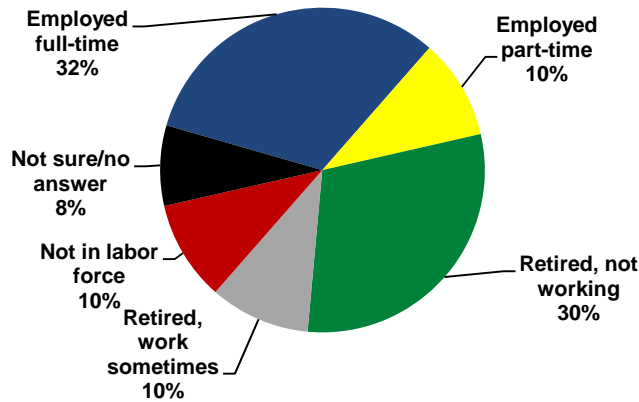
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Job Opportunities

Many Newport residents age 45-plus are working and will put off full retirement for the extra income and to pay for health insurance premiums and co-pays.

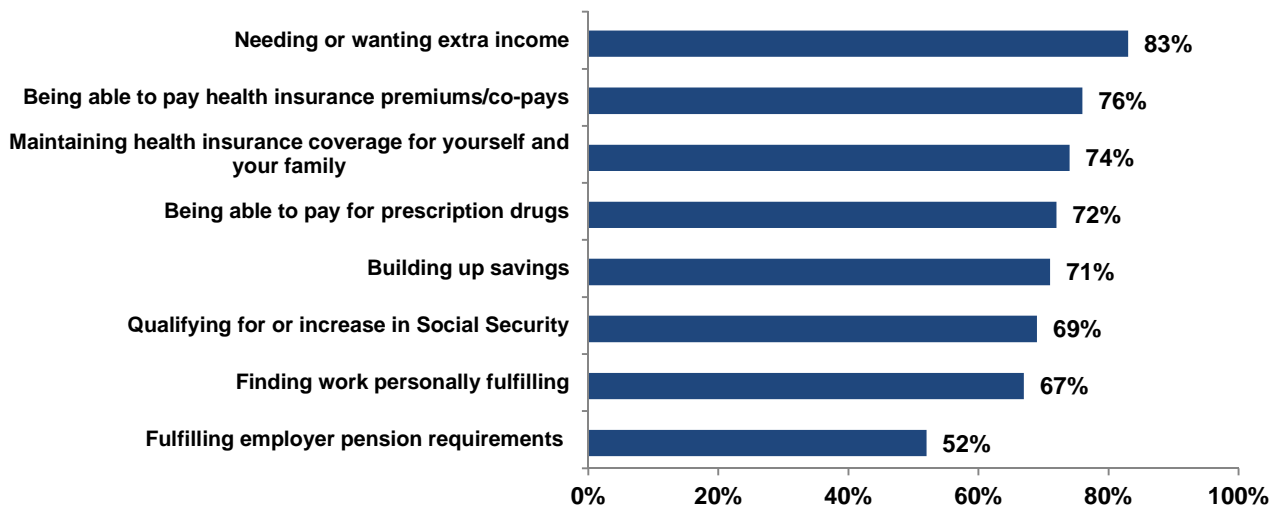
Over two in five (42%) Newport residents are employed either full or part-time. Three in ten are retired and not working at all, while about one in ten is retired and works occasionally. Another one in ten is not in the labor force for other reasons.

**Employment Status of Newport Residents
Age 45-Plus
(n=328)**



More than four in five Newport residents say they will put off full retirement and work for as long as possible because they need or want the extra income. About three-quarters say they would continue to work in order to maintain their health insurance coverage or be able to pay for health insurance premiums or copays and prescription drugs. About seven in ten say they would keep working to build up their savings or qualify for or increase their Social Security benefits. Two-thirds say they would continue to work simply because they find it personally fulfilling. Just over half say they need to fulfill certain requirements to receive their employer's pension benefits.

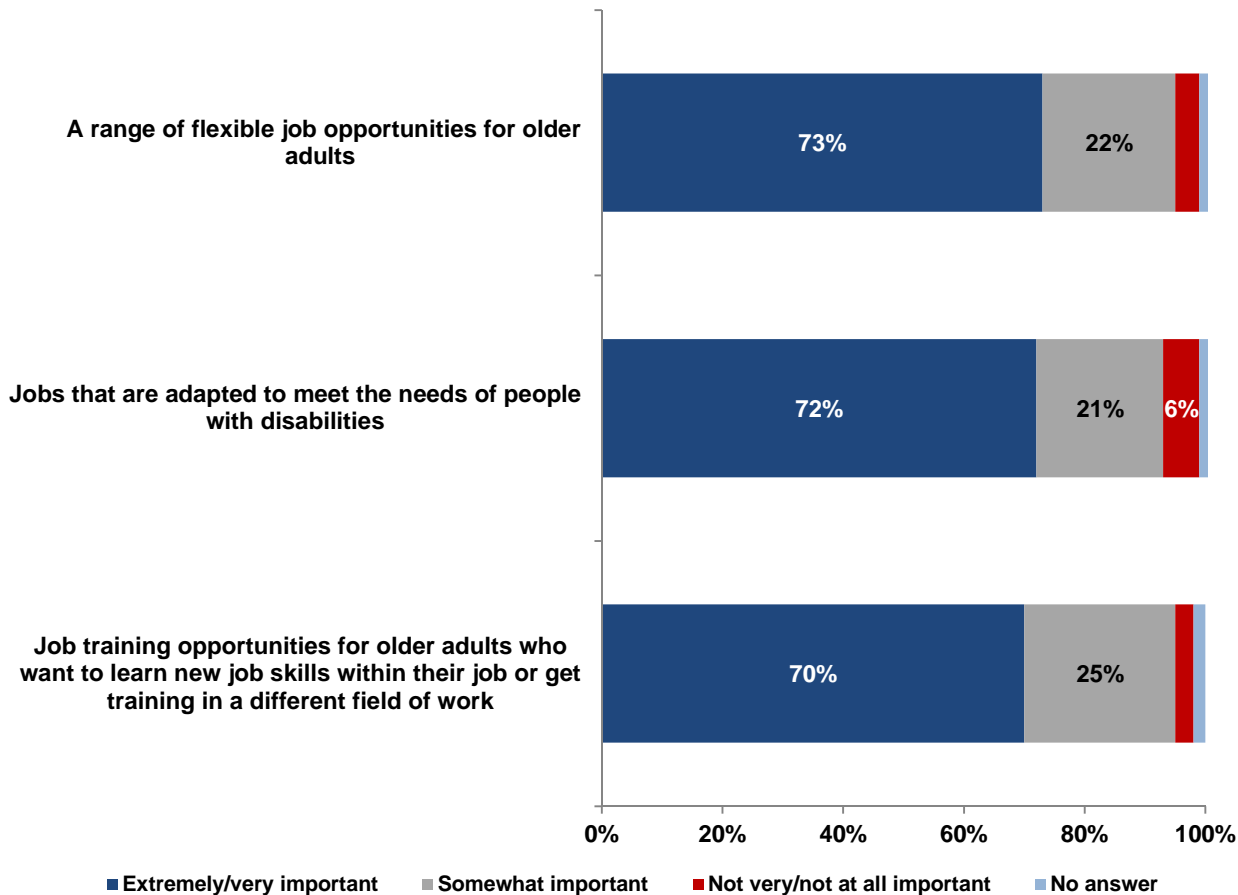
**Factors that Influence Working Longer
Among Working Newport Residents*
(n=169)**



*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each factor.

Given that many Newport residents are still working, it is not surprising that they place high importance on having community supports in place for working residents. Seven in ten or more believe that having a range of flexible job opportunities for older adults, jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities, and job training opportunities are extremely or very important to have in their town.

**Job Features of Importance to Newport Residents*
(n=328)**



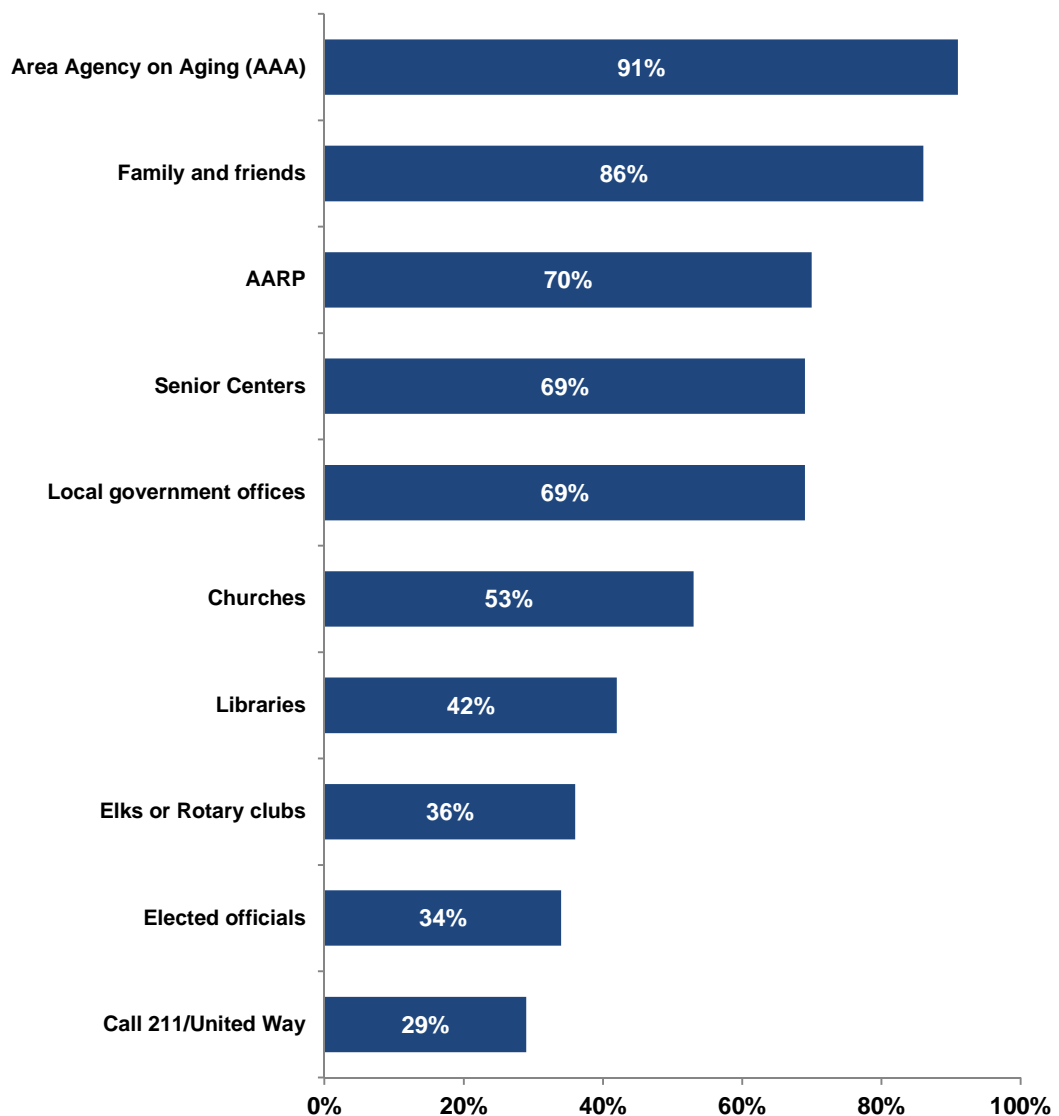
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Town Information

Most Newport residents age 45-plus say they would first turn to the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont or family and friends for information on services for older adults.

A second tier of information sources that seven in ten turn to would be AARP, senior centers, or local government offices like the Health Department. About half say they would look to churches for information on older adult services, while two in five would go to the library for this type of information. About a third would turn to Elks or Rotary clubs or their elected officials, while slightly fewer would contact Call 211/United Way.

**Sources Newport Residents Would Turn to
For Information on Older Adult Services*
(n=328)**

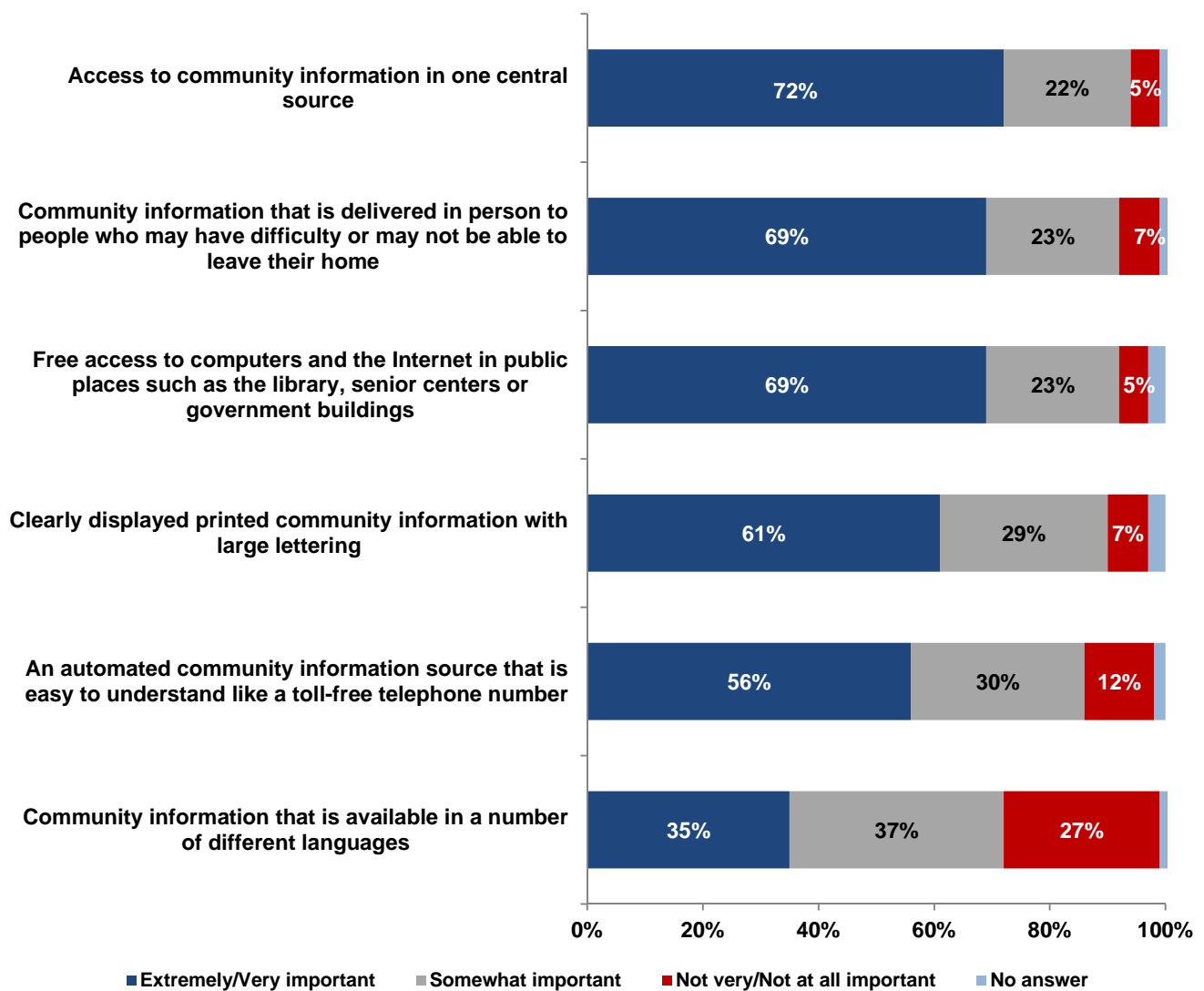


*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each information source.

Newport residents age 45-plus want to have easy access to town information in a myriad of ways.

Having access to information in one central source, community information that is delivered in person to residents who cannot leave their homes, and free access to computers and the Internet in public places are important to about seven in ten Newport residents. Half or more say it is extremely or very important to have clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering and an automated information source like a toll-free number in their town. Although having information available in different languages ranks at the bottom of the list, it is still extremely or very important to about a third of Newport residents.

**Town Information Features of Importance to Newport Residents*
(n=328)**



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Gaps in Town Features and Services

In order to identify the needs of 45-plus Newport residents survey respondents were asked how important the prior town features and services were to them. Then they were asked if these features and services existed in their town. These questions were then paired together to identify town needs or “gaps.” Pairing these questions allows us to look at “gaps” between the importance of a feature or service and its presence in the town. To compare these questions, respondents who said a feature or service is extremely, very, or somewhat important were aggregated and then compared to respondents who said the feature or service was present in their town. Survey respondents who said they were not sure if a feature or service was in their town were removed from this analysis.

The top town needs as defined by importance vs. presence gaps are concentrated in four key areas: job opportunities, town information, transportation, and outdoor spaces.

If we examine individual items across all eight domains, the top needs, or gaps between importance and presence are in: job opportunities, town information, transportation, and outdoor spaces and buildings domains with town information taking four slots and job opportunities taking three slots in the top items. These are followed by outdoor spaces taking two slots and transportation taking one slot among the top items.

The largest gaps or needs for 45-plus Newport residents are having a range of flexible job opportunities for older adults, community information that is delivered in person to people who cannot leave their homes, the ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County, and job training opportunities for older adults.

The Top Gaps in Which Features are Important Versus Which Ones Exist by Domain

Features in the Town (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists	Domain
A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	-83.4%	94.2%	10.8%	Job Opportunities
Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	-73.4%	91.8%	18.4%	Town Information
Ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County	-72.9%	93.6%	20.7%	Transportation
Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work	-72.6%	94.8%	22.2%	Job Opportunities
Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	-71.5%	89.7%	18.2%	Town Information
Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	-71.1%	92.7%	21.6%	Job Opportunities
Neighborhood watch programs	-67.8%	91.2%	23.4%	Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
Access to community information in one central source	-67.1%	93.4%	26.3%	Town Information
An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number like 211	-65.3%	86.3%	21.0%	Town Information
Well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	-65.0%	91.2%	26.2%	Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Gap Analysis: Importance vs. Presence for Each Item within Each Domain

Housing Features (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs	-55.9%	94.5%	38.6%
Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels such as older active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces	-34.7%	93.4%	58.7%
Well-maintained and safe low-income housing	-33.9%	90.8%	56.9%
Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults	-32.8%	94.3%	61.5%
Homes that are equipped with things like no step entrance, wide doorways, grab bars in bathrooms, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	-21.4%	89.9%	68.6%
Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	-11.6%	94.2%	82.6%
Well-maintained homes and properties	-4.6%	91.8%	87.2%

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Neighborhood watch programs	-67.8%	91.2%	23.4%
Well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	-65.0%	91.2%	26.2%
Public parks with enough benches	-48.7%	82.6%	33.9%
Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	-45.3%	85.1%	39.8%
Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from obstructions and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	-41.1%	92.8%	51.7%
Well-maintained and safe parks that are within walking distance of your home	-41.0%	83.7%	41.8%
Well-maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to people of different physical abilities especially in Winter	-36.1%	95.7%	59.6%
Pet friendly parks	-27.8%	76.0%	48.2%

Transportation and Streets Features (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County	-72.9%	93.6%	20.7%
Go Vermont or the Car share program	-54.1%	76.7%	22.6%
Accessible, timely and convenient public transportation	-51.1%	94.4%	43.3%
Affordable public transportation	-48.1%	95.6%	47.8%
Safe public transportation stops or areas	-45.3%	93.5%	48.2%
Well-maintained public transportation vehicles	-42.7%	93.8%	51.1%
Well-lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)	-37.6%	94.6%	57.0%
Audio/visual pedestrian crossings	-36.7%	87.6%	50.9%
Enough public parking lots, spaces and areas to park including handicapped parking	-26.2%	91.7%	65.5%
Driver education/refresher courses	-19.7%	86.0%	66.3%
Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	-18.7%	91.8%	73.1%
Well-maintained streets	-18.0%	95.1%	77.1%
Enforced speed limits	-13.0%	94.3%	81.3%
Easy to read traffic signs	-8.1%	95.8%	87.7%

Health and Wellness Features (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Health care professionals who speak different languages including American Sign Language (ASL)	-34.0%	78.6%	44.6%
Affordable home health care providers	-29.7%	96.2%	66.5%
Easy to find information on local health and supportive services	-26.7%	96.1%	69.4%
A variety of health care professionals, including specialists	-26.4%	96.7%	70.3%
A service that helps seniors find and access health and supportive services	-26.2%	92.5%	66.3%
Fitness activities specifically geared to older adults	-19.9%	95.1%	75.2%
Easily understandable and helpful local hospitals or clinic answering services	-17.7%	94.8%	77.1%
Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities	-13.5%	97.1%	83.6%
Well-trained certified home health care providers	-13.0%	95.7%	82.7%
Conveniently located emergency care	-12.0%	97.0%	85.0%
Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping	-11.0%	94.8%	83.8%
Conveniently located health, mental health and social services	-10.6%	93.5%	82.9%
Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff	-8.2%	96.6%	88.4%
Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as as nutrition, smoking cessation, and weight control	-3.8%	92.9%	89.1%
Visits from people in the faith community such as ministers, priests and nuns	7.6%	80.4%	88.0%

Health and Wellness/Healing and Nutrition Features (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Grocery delivery services	-64.7%	91.9%	27.2%
Food pantries or food banks	-9.8%	92.2%	82.4%
Educational resources on nutrition and healthy food preparation	-25.0%	91.4%	66.4%
Community gardens where residents can grow fruits and vegetables	-17.9%	87.7%	69.8%
Prescription drug delivery services	-12.5%	95.8%	83.3%
Home delivered meals for older persons	-7.2%	97.7%	90.5%
Meal sites at community or senior centers	-5.3%	95.3%	90.0%
Farmers' markets	-2.5%	89.0%	86.5%

Social Participation, Inclusion, and Education Opportunities (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	-62.9%	82.9%	20.0%
Conveniently located venues for entertainment	-53.2%	88.7%	35.5%
Activities that are affordable to all residents	-50.1%	92.8%	42.7%
Activities specifically geared to older adults	-47.5%	94.6%	47.1%
Accurate and widely publicized information about social activities	-43.9%	91.9%	48.0%
Activities that offer senior discounts	-36.9%	92.3%	55.4%
Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities	-35.6%	86.9%	51.3%
Activities that involve both younger and older people	-34.5%	93.1%	58.6%
Social clubs such as book, gardening, craft or hobbies	-15.2%	88.4%	73.2%
Continuing education classes	-2.3%	83.9%	81.6%

Volunteering and Civic Engagement (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Transportation to and from volunteer activities for those who need it	-58.4%	91.5%	33.1%
Easy to find information on local volunteer opportunities	-50.8%	92.5%	41.7%
Volunteer training opportunities	-47.5%	90.3%	42.8%
A range of volunteer activities to choose from	-35.2%	93.6%	58.4%
Opportunities for older adults to participate in decision making bodies such as community councils or committees	-20.5%	91.2%	70.7%

Job Opportunities (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	-83.4%	94.2%	10.8%
Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work	-72.6%	94.8%	22.2%
Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	-71.1%	92.7%	21.6%

Town Information (n=328)	Gap	Extremely, Very, or Somewhat Important	Yes, Characteristic or Service Exists
Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	-73.4%	91.8%	18.4%
Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	-71.5%	89.7%	18.2%
Access to community information in one central source	-67.1%	93.4%	26.3%
An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number like 211	-65.3%	86.3%	21.0%
Community information that is available in a number of different languages	-55.4%	71.8%	16.4%
Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, senior centers or government buildings	-5.4%	91.3%	85.9%

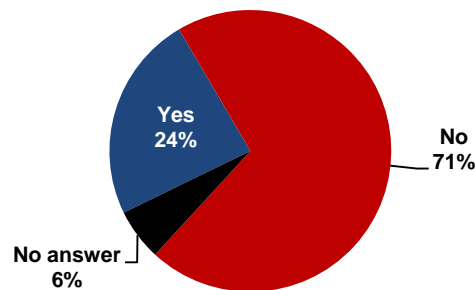
Caregiving

Many Newport residents age 45-plus are caregivers or have been caregivers in the past.

An informal caregiver can be anyone who provides unpaid care for a relative, friend, spouse, companion, or partner 18 years or older who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical or mental disability. Unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs, household chores, meals, shopping or transportation, financial or medical management, arranging for outside services, or a variety of other tasks. The care recipient may live with the caregiver or somewhere else.

One-quarter says they are *currently* (14%) providing care for a relative, friend, spouse, companion, or partner 18 years or older who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical or mental disability or *has provided* (10%) this type of care for someone in the past. On the other hand, seven in ten say they are not providing care for anyone or have not provided care in the past.

Providing/Provided Unpaid Caregiving Services Among Newport Residents* (n=328)



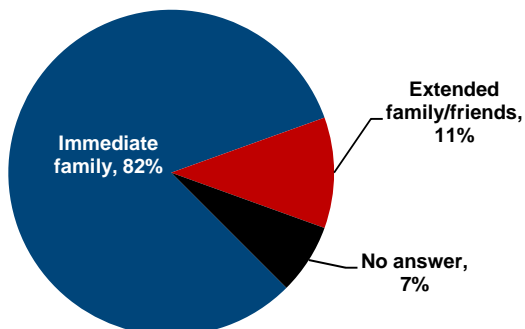
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More than four in five Newport residents age 45-plus provide or have provided unpaid caregiving services for their immediate family members.

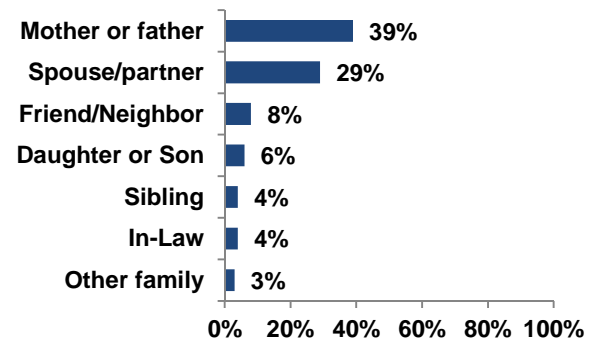
Of those who identify themselves as current or former caregivers, most provide care to an immediate family member. Two in five provide or have provided care for their parents, while about three in ten care or have cared for their spouse or partner. Fewer than one in ten provides care or has provided care for a friend, son or daughter, sibling, in-law, or other family member.

Further, over two in five (44%) Newport residents age 45-plus say the person they are providing or have provided care for currently lives or lived with them.

Relationship of Care Recipient to Caregiver Among Caregivers in Newport (n=79, current or former caregivers)



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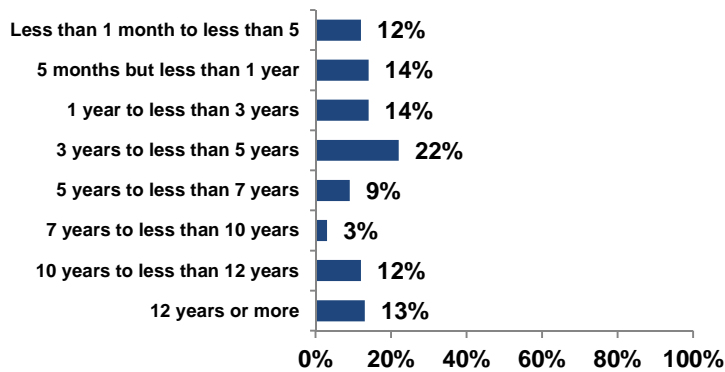


Many Newport residents age 45-plus have been caregivers for at least three years and spend or have spent more than twenty hours per week providing this care.

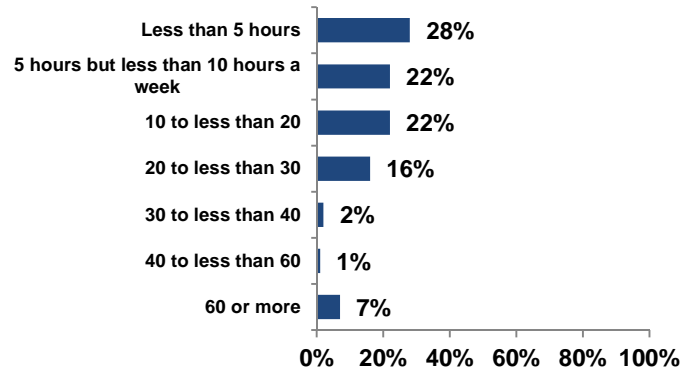
Almost three in five (59%) say they have been providing or provided care for at least three years, and of these caregivers, a quarter (25%) has been providing or provided care for at least 10 years. One in seven (14%) has been providing care or provided care for at least one year but less than three years, and a quarter (26%) has been providing or provided care for less than a year.

A quarter (26%) spends or has spent at least 20 hours per week on caregiving activities, and of these caregivers about one in twelve (8%) provides or has provided care for at least 40 hours per week. Another one in five (22%) provides or has provided care for at least 10 but less than 20 hours per week, and half (50%) spend or have spent less than 10 hours per week on caregiving tasks.

Length of Time Newport Residents Have Been Caregivers
(n=79, current or former caregivers)



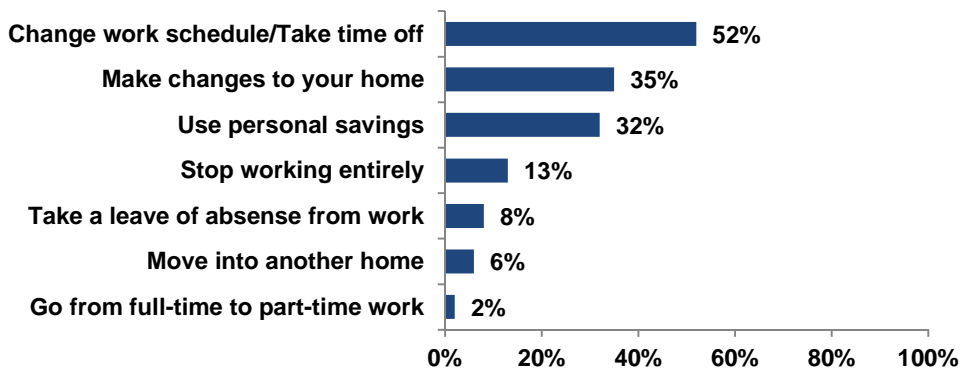
Number of Hours Per Week Newport Residents Spend Providing Caregiving Services
(n=79, current or former caregivers)



Many Newport residents age 45-plus have had to make changes in their jobs, modify their homes, or use personal savings in order to provide care for family and friends.

Over half have had to change their work schedule or take time off, while another one in eight has had to stop working entirely, and one in twelve has taken a leave of absence. Over a third has made changes to their home and about one in sixteen has had to move into another home to better accommodate caregiving recipients. Additionally, just under a third has used their personal savings in order to care for someone.

Actions Newport Residents Have Had to Take Due to Caregiving Responsibilities*
(n=79, current or former caregivers)

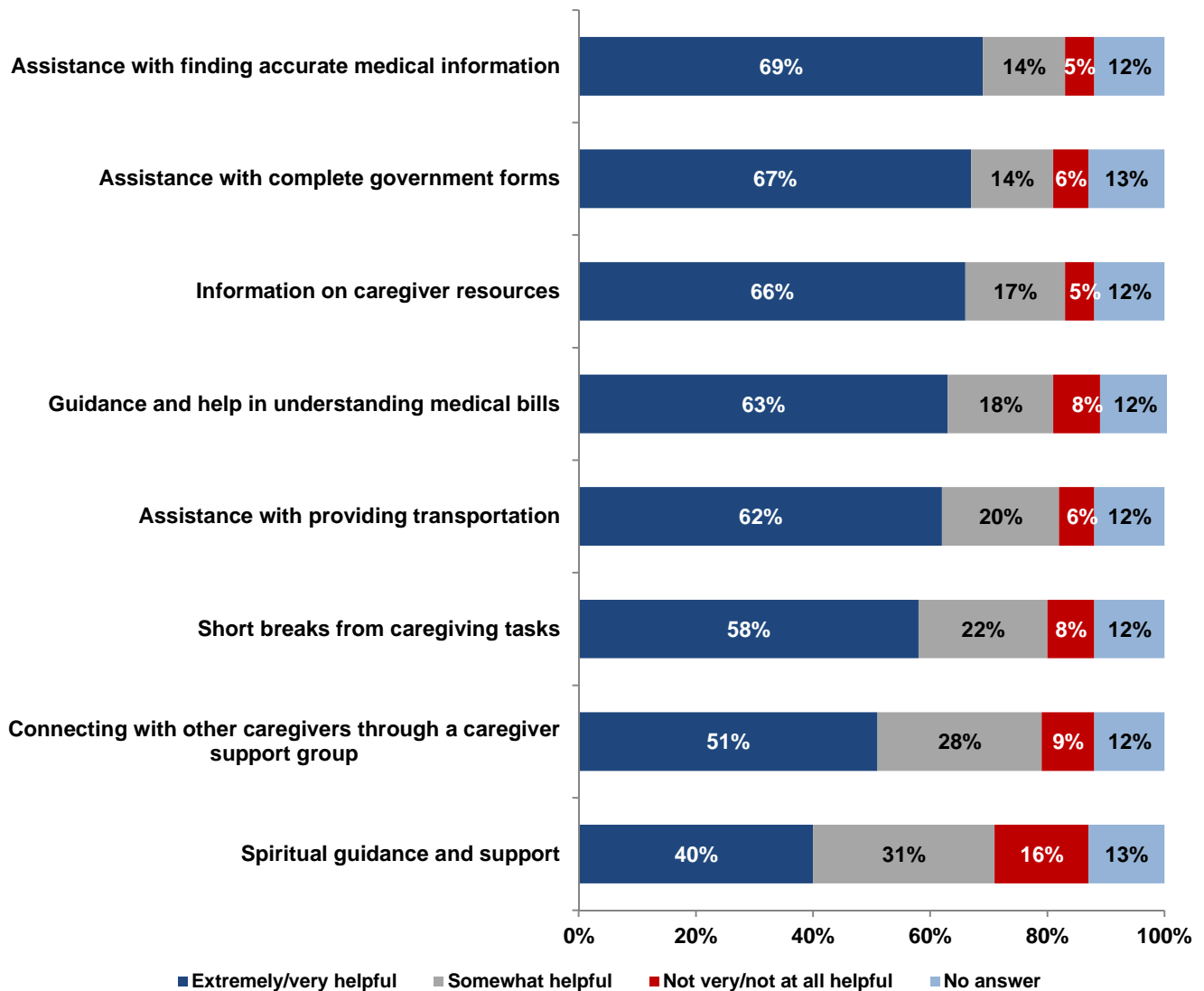


*Graph shows respondents who checked "yes" under each action.

Newport residents age 45-plus say the most helpful caregiver resource is getting help finding accurate medical information.

Other types of support that about two-thirds would also find extremely or very helpful would be assistance in completing government forms and information on caregiver resources. Approximately three in five would find guidance and help in understanding medical bills, assistance with providing transportation, and getting short breaks from caregiving tasks extremely or very helpful. Half would find connecting with other caregivers through a caregiver support group extremely or very helpful, while two in five say spiritual guidance and support would be extremely or very helpful.

**Helpfulness of Caregiver Resources Among Newport Residents*
(n=328)**

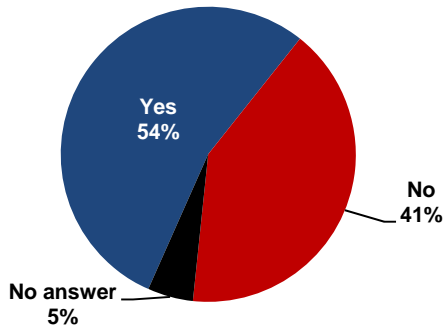


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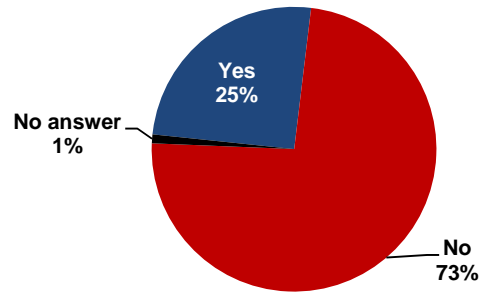
The majority of Newport residents age 45-plus are grandparents and would find information on fun things to do with grandchildren the most helpful grandparenting resource.

Over half (54%) of Newport residents age 45-plus have grandchildren, great grandchildren, or step grandchildren. Grandparents tend to be older and retired. A quarter of these grandparents helps with the day-to-day responsibilities of caring for their grandchildren.

Grandparent Status of Newport Residents (n=328)



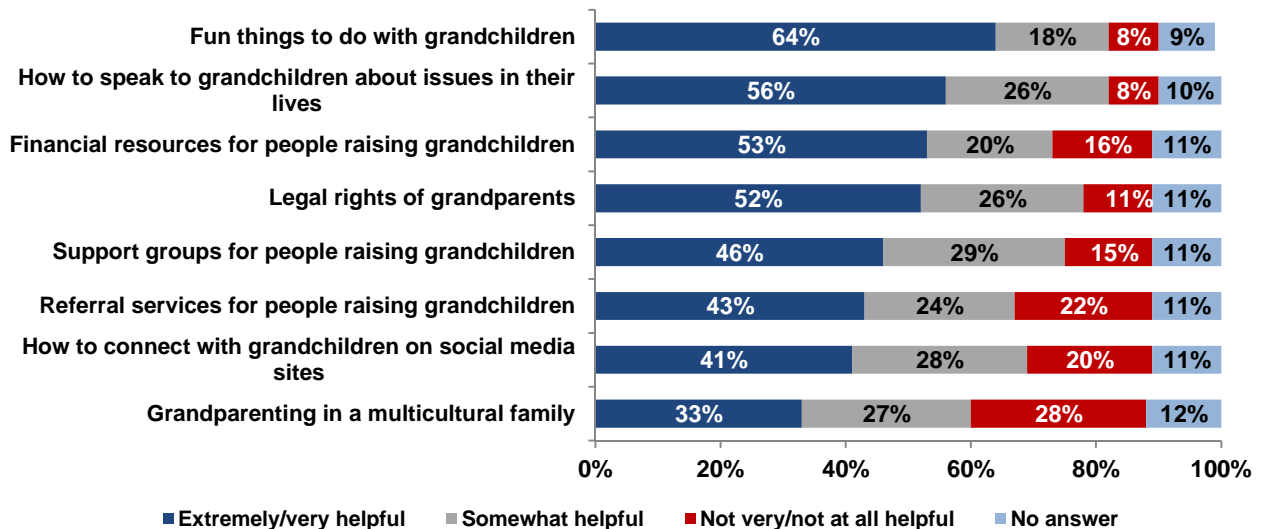
Help with Day-to-Day Responsibilities Of Caring for Grandchildren* (n=177, grandparents)



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Over three in five would find information on fun things to do with their grandchildren the most helpful grandparenting resource. More than half would also find information on how to talk with grandchildren about issues in their lives, information on financial resources for those raising grandchildren, and legal rights for grandparents extremely or very helpful. Over two in five would find support groups for people raising grandchildren, grandparenting referral services, and information on connecting with grandchildren via social media extremely or very helpful. A third says it would be extremely or very helpful to have information on grandparenting in a multicultural family.

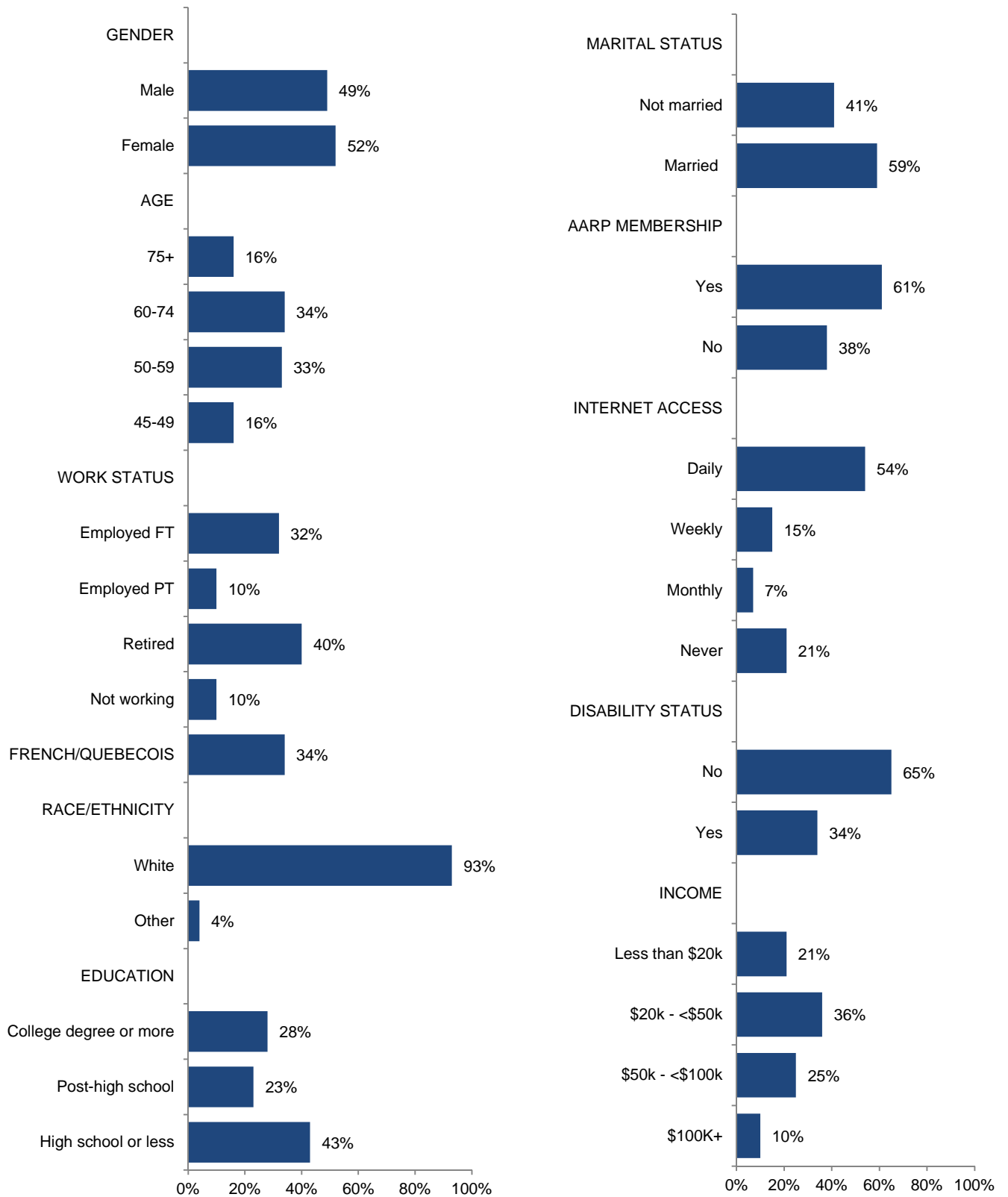
Helpfulness of Grandparenting Resources Among Newport Residents* (n=328)



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Demographic Profile of Respondents

(n=328)



Survey Annotation

2014 AARP Survey of Residents in Orleans County, Vermont

Orleans County= 696n; Newport=328n

Margin of Error

	+/-	
Orleans County	3.7%	
Newport		5.5%

1. What is the name of the town where you live in Orleans County?

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Albany	1.4%	-
Barton	6.1%	-
Brownington	3.7%	-
Charleston	2.5%	-
Coventry	1.9%	4.1%
Craftsbury	1.9%	-
Derby	12.7%	26.9%
Derby Line - village of Derby	2.5%	5.3%-
Glover	2.8%	
Greensboro	2.9%	-
Holland	2.9%	-
Irasburg	2.7%	-
Jay	2.8%	-
Lowell	2.9%	-
Morgan	1.6%	-
Newport (city)	20.1%	42.6%
Newport (town)	9.9%	21.0%
North Troy - village of Troy	1.3%	-
Orleans - village of Barton	4.4%	-
Troy	1.3%	-
Westfield	1.6%	-
Westmore	1.1%	-
Other	2.7%	-
No Response	6.4%	

2. How would you rate this town as a place for people to live as they age?

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Excellent	7.5%	8.6%
Very good	22.1%	24.9%
Good	42.7%	42.4%
Fair	19.9%	17.7%
Poor	6.3%	4.8%
No response	1.5%	1.6%

3. How long have you lived in this town?

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Less than 5 years	4.9%	5.8%
5 years but less than 15 years	26.6%	25.8%
15 years but less than 25 years	15.4%	17.0%
25 years but less than 35	11.9%	12.8%
35 years but less than 45	12.5%	13.1%
45 years or more	27.8%	25.2%
No response	1.0%	0.2%

4. How long have you lived in Orleans County?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Less than 5 years	2.2%	2.8%
5 years but less than 15 years	15.6%	14.0%
15 years but less than 25 years	11.5%	11.4%
25 years but less than 35	6.6%	4.7%
35 years but less than 45	10.3%	8.4%
45 years or more	53.4%	58.7%
No response	0.4%	-

5. Some people reside in places outside of Orleans County for part of the year. Which of the following describes how you reside in Orleans County?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Year round, do not reside anywhere outside of Orleans County	94.4%	94.5%
Seasonally, reside outside of Orleans County during Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall on a regular basis	4.9%	5.3%
No response	0.6%	0.2%

6. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work at all, how likely is it that you will move to a different home in Orleans County?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely likely	5.8%	6.6%
Very likely	8.3%	7.7%
Somewhat likely	8.7%	9.5%
Not very likely	32.5%	29.9%
Not at all likely	36.2%	35.9%
Not sure	7.0%	10.0%
No response	1.5%	0.5%

7. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work at all, how likely is it that you will move to a different home outside of Orleans County but still live in the state of Vermont?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely likely	3.0%	3.5%
Very likely	4.2%	4.2%
Somewhat likely	9.5%	8.5%
Not very likely	27.4%	24.8%
Not at all likely	44.3%	44.4%
Not sure	10.6%	13.0%
No response	0.9%	1.7%

8. Thinking about your retirement years when you do not work at all, how likely is it that you will reside seasonally outside of the state of Vermont during Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall on a regular basis?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely likely	8.1%	9.2%
Very likely	8.3%	8.1%
Somewhat likely	18.3%	19.2%
Not very likely	20.8%	22.1%
Not at all likely	35.4%	33.4%
Not sure	8.0%	6.9%
No response	1.1%	1.0%

9. If you were to consider moving out of Orleans County during your retirement when you do not work at all, would the following factors impact your decision to move?

a. Looking for a different home size that meets your needs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	46.1%	43.3%
No	35.9%	36.8%
Not sure	5.2%	4.3%
No response	12.8%	15.6%
b. Looking for a home that needs less indoor and outdoor maintenance	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	53.6%	53.0%
No	32.3%	34.6%
Not sure	3.4%	1.0%
No response	10.7%	11.4%
c. Looking for a home that is more affordable	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	46.6%	47.1%
No	37.0%	36.6%
Not sure	3.7%	2.1%
No response	12.7%	14.3%
d. Looking for a safer area to live	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	15.6%	16.4%
No	65.2%	62.9%
Not sure	6.1%	5.4%
No response	13.1%	15.3%
e. Looking for a home that will help you live independently as you age	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	54.6%	53.5%
No	29.3%	30.1%
Not sure	5.4%	4.6%
No response	10.7%	11.8%
f. Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	26.3%	28.4%
No	48.4%	46.2%
Not sure	11.5%	9.1%
No response	13.9%	16.2%
g. Wanting to be closer to family	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	29.6%	31.5%
No	51.0%	46.1%
Not sure	7.8%	8.9%
No response	11.6%	13.4%

h. Needing more access to public transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	30.0%	31.5%
No	47.7%	46.6%
Not sure	10.3%	8.6%
No response	12.0%	13.3%
i. Wanting to live in a different climate	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	46.0%	48.1%
No	32.7%	30.5%
Not sure	10.3%	9.2%
No response	11.1%	12.3%
j. Looking for an area that has a lower cost of living	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	57.4%	58.1%
No	23.3%	22.6%
Not sure	5.7%	5.8%
No response	13.6%	13.5%
k. Other, please specify:	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
	10.0%	9.1%
10. How important is it for you to remain in your town as you age?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	15.9%	16.1%
Very important	22.8%	21.2%
Somewhat important	28.7%	29.9%
Not very important	20.9%	20.2%
Not at all important	10.1%	10.4%
No response	1.7%	2.2%
11. Thinking about your primary residence, what type of housing or living arrangement do you have?		
a. Own your primary home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	91.4%	88.7%
No	4.6%	6.9%
No response	4.0%	4.4%
b. Rent your primary home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	7.3%	10.0%
No	39.9%	36.5%
No response	52.8%	53.5%
c. Have a "Shared Housing" arrangement through a service where older adults are matched with other adults needing or wanting to share a home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	1.1%	1.5%
No	43.7%	42.1%
No response	55.3%	56.4%

d. Have another type of living arrangement such as living with a family member or a friend	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	3.8%	4.7%
No	41.2%	39.0%
No response	55.0%	56.3%

12. What type of home is your primary home?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Single family home	79.6%	77.4%
Mobile home	8.1%	7.6%
Town home or duplex	1.5%	1.3%
Apartment	5.6%	8.6%
Condominium or coop	0.7%	1.2%
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	0.1%	-
Other	2.2%	1.8%
No response	2.1%	2.1%

13. How long have you lived in your current primary home?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Less than 5 years	9.1%	10.6%
5 years but less than 15 years	33.7%	33.2%
15 years but less than 25 years	16.8%	18.6%
25 years but less than 35	18.2%	18.7%
35 years but less than 45	11.2%	11.4%
45 years or more	10.0%	7.3%
No response	0.9%	0.2%

14. Does your current primary home need any major repairs, modifications, or changes to enable you to stay there as you age?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	35.7%	33.6%
No	62.2%	63.9%
No response	2.1%	2.5%

15. Do you think you will need to make the following types of modifications or improvements to your home to enable you to stay there as you age?

a. Easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chairlift or elevator, or wider doorways	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	21.8%	22.0%
No	49.1%	48.0%
Not sure	22.2%	21.6%
No response	6.8%	8.4%

b. Bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, higher toilet or non-slip tile	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	32.6%	31.3%
No	44.6%	45.1%
Not sure	16.9%	16.9%
No response	5.9%	6.7%

c. Putting a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen on the first floor	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	12.9%	10.7%
No	71.4%	70.0%
Not sure	7.6%	10.5%
No response	8.2%	8.8%
No Answer	-	-

d. Improving lighting	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	14.4%	13.9%
No	68.0%	68.5%
Not sure	9.2%	9.3%
No response	8.4%	8.3%

e. Improving heating system	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	30.0%	30.8%
No	50.3%	51.6%
Not sure	11.9%	9.4%
No response	7.7%	8.2%

f. Adding a mother-in-law suite	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	3.9%	3.2%
No	77.7%	80.3%
Not sure	9.4%	7.3%
No response	8.9%	9.2%

g. Installing a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of emergency	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	29.1%	29.2%
No	38.1%	36.1%
Not sure	25.8%	27.7%
No response	6.9%	7.0%

h. Other, please specify:	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
	6.9%	7.3%

16. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	47.3%	52.2%
Very important	34.7%	35.0%
Somewhat important	12.2%	7.0%
Not very important	2.3%	2.3%
Not at all important	1.6%	1.2%
No response	1.8%	2.3%

b. Well-maintained homes and properties	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	27.1%	30.0%
Very important	43.2%	47.7%
Somewhat important	19.7%	14.1%
Not very important	3.1%	1.3%
Not at all important	1.5%	1.0%
No response	5.4%	5.9%

c. A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	42.7%	47.3%
Very important	33.4%	32.4%
Somewhat important	17.7%	14.9%
Not very important	3.0%	2.4%
Not at all important	1.2%	0.8%
No response	2.0%	2.2%

d. Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	37.8%	44.5%
Very important	34.3%	29.8%
Somewhat important	21.5%	20.0%
Not very important	3.1%	2.4%
Not at all important	1.4%	1.0%
No response	1.9%	2.3%

e. Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels such as older active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	35.9%	45.5%
Very important	36.0%	31.5%
Somewhat important	19.1%	16.5%
Not very important	4.8%	2.4%
Not at all important	1.4%	1.6%
No response	2.8%	2.7%

f. Homes that are equipped with things like a no step entrance, wider doorways, grab bars in bathrooms, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	28.0%	36.0%
Very important	34.3%	26.7%
Somewhat important	28.0%	27.2%
Not very important	4.3%	3.8%
Not at all important	2.5%	2.4%
No response	3.0%	4.0%

g. Well-maintained and safe low-income housing	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	35.8%	42.8%
Very important	36.7%	31.7%
Somewhat important	18.0%	16.3%
Not very important	4.1%	3.3%
Not at all important	1.8%	1.3%
No response	3.5%	4.6%

17. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. Home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	54.4%	57.7%
No	17.4%	12.1%
Not sure	26.8%	28.7%
No response	1.4%	1.4%

b. Well-maintained homes and properties	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	62.7%	68.8%
No	16.9%	10.1%
Not sure	16.2%	17.2%
No response	4.2%	3.9%

c. A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	14.6%	15.8%
No	34.9%	25.2%
Not sure	48.7%	56.4%
No response	1.9%	2.6%

d. Seasonal services such as lawn work or snow removal for low-income and older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	31.6%	33.8%
No	28.4%	21.1%
Not sure	37.3%	41.7%
No response	2.6%	3.4%

e. Affordable home options for adults of varying income levels such as older active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	31.3%	37.1%
No	37.7%	26.1%
Not sure	27.9%	32.7%
No response	3.0%	4.1%

f. Homes that are equipped with things like a no step entrance, wider doorways, grab bars in bathrooms, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	23.8%	27.2%
No	23.5%	12.5%
Not sure	49.8%	56.5%
No response	3.0%	3.8%

g. Well-maintained and safe low-income housing	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	27.7%	30.9%
No	36.7%	23.4%
Not sure	33.6%	42.3%
No response	2.1%	3.4%

18. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. Well-maintained and safe parks that are within walking distance of your home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	17.3%	23.4%
Very important	26.4%	30.3%
Somewhat important	29.0%	30.0%
Not very important	17.4%	9.0%
Not at all important	5.6%	3.0%
No response	4.2%	4.2%

b. Public parks with enough benches	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	13.3%	17.2%
Very important	24.5%	28.8%
Somewhat important	33.9%	36.6%
Not very important	18.3%	10.4%
Not at all important	6.1%	3.9%
No response	3.9%	3.1%

c. Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from obstruction and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	29.4%	39.0%
Very important	37.5%	42.5%
Somewhat important	13.4%	11.3%
Not very important	12.5%	4.1%
Not at all important	4.5%	0.4%
No response	2.7%	2.7%

d. Well-maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to people of different physical abilities especially in Winter	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	34.5%	39.4%
Very important	41.5%	44.2%
Somewhat important	16.6%	12.1%
Not very important	3.1%	1.4%
Not at all important	1.7%	0.2%
No response	2.6%	2.7%

e. Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	18.9%	24.2%
Very important	29.1%	35.5%
Somewhat important	24.6%	25.3%
Not very important	16.5%	9.1%
Not at all important	6.1%	1.5%
No response	4.9%	4.2%

f. Well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	27.6%	34.8%
Very important	33.9%	38.1%
Somewhat important	21.9%	18.3%
Not very important	8.0%	5.2%
Not at all important	4.7%	0.5%
No response	3.8%	3.1%

g. Neighborhood watch programs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	21.1%	24.3%
Very important	30.9%	35.8%
Somewhat important	28.8%	31.1%
Not very important	13.1%	6.4%
Not at all important	3.3%	0.4%
No response	2.8%	2.0%

h. Pet friendly parks	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	17.2%	21.0%
Very important	19.8%	23.1%
Somewhat important	28.3%	31.9%
Not very important	17.9%	14.0%
Not at all important	12.3%	6.4%
No response	4.5%	3.6%

19. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. Well-maintained and safe parks that are within walking distance of your home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	26.6%	40.0%
No	68.0%	55.6%
Not sure	3.0%	2.7%
No response	2.4%	1.7%

b. Public parks with enough benches	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	17.5%	28.7%
No	69.6%	56.0%
Not sure	10.8%	14.2%
No response	2.0%	1.1%

c. Sidewalks that are in good condition, free from obstruction and are safe for pedestrian use and accessible for wheelchairs or other assistive mobility devices	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	34.1%	44.8%
No	54.0%	41.9%
Not sure	8.3%	10.2%
No response	3.6%	3.1%

d. Well-maintained public buildings and facilities that are accessible to people of different physical abilities especially during Winter	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	49.3%	45.9%
No	31.3%	31.1%
Not sure	17.4%	21.7%
No response	2.1%	1.2%

e. Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	20.6%	35.0%
No	68.5%	53.0%
Not sure	8.7%	10.8%
No response	2.2%	1.2%

f. Well-maintained public restrooms that are accessible to people of different physical abilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	15.5%	18.4%
No	61.7%	51.9%
Not sure	19.7%	26.3%
No response	3.1%	3.4%

g. Neighborhood watch programs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	9.4%	15.0%
No	61.6%	48.9%
Not sure	26.5%	33.7%
No response	2.5%	2.4%

h. Pet friendly parks	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	22.0%	37.0%
No	59.6%	39.7%
Not sure	15.5%	20.0%
No response	3.0%	3.3%

20. Do you get around for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or going to other places in the following ways?

a. Drive yourself	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	91.2%	88.4%
No	6.9%	8.3%
No response	1.9%	3.2%

b. Have family or friends drive you	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	23.1%	23.4%
No	68.5%	69.0%
No response	8.4%	7.7%

c. Use Go Vermont or the Car share Program	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	1.0%	0.8%
No	88.5%	88.5%
No response	10.5%	10.7%

d. Walk	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	38.5%	46.5%
No	53.0%	44.2%
No response	8.5%	9.3%

e. Ride a bike		
Yes	13.7%	20.8%
No	76.3%	68.6%
No response	9.9%	10.6%

f. Use the Rural Community Transportation (RCT) service	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	4.2%	6.2%
No	85.9%	83.6%
No response	9.9%	10.2%

g. Take a taxi/cab	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	2.6%	5.0%
No	86.5%	84.3%
No response	10.9%	10.6%

h. Use a special transportation service, such as one for seniors or persons with disabilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	1.2%	1.2%
No	86.7%	86.2%
No response	12.1%	12.6%

i. Other, please specify:	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
	2.0%	1.1%

21. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. Accessible, timely and convenient public transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.9%	32.0%
Very important	37.7%	42.7%
Somewhat important	23.4%	19.8%
Not very important	7.4%	2.4%
Not at all important	2.6%	0.4%
No response	4.0%	2.7%

b. Affordable public transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	27.7%	35.5%
Very important	37.7%	44.0%
Somewhat important	21.1%	16.4%
Not very important	7.7%	2.4%
Not at all important	2.6%	0.3%
No response	3.3%	1.4%

c. Well-maintained public transportation vehicles	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.2%	27.7%
Very important	42.5%	49.9%
Somewhat important	19.6%	16.1%
Not very important	6.6%	2.5%
Not at all important	2.9%	0.5%
No response	4.3%	3.2%

d. Safe public transportation stops or areas	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.6%	29.2%
Very important	38.2%	46.3%
Somewhat important	22.5%	18.0%
Not very important	6.8%	2.4%
Not at all important	3.1%	0.5%
No response	4.9%	3.7%

e. Ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	23.3%	27.4%
Very important	38.8%	42.6%
Somewhat important	24.1%	23.6%
Not very important	6.6%	3.3%
Not at all important	3.2%	0.8%
No response	3.9%	2.3%

f. Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	31.5%	37.2%
Very important	41.8%	41.7%
Somewhat important	16.2%	12.9%
Not very important	4.1%	3.3%
Not at all important	2.3%	1.8%
No response	4.0%	3.1%

g. Well-maintained streets	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	33.8%	40.7%
Very important	47.1%	46.5%
Somewhat important	10.4%	7.9%
Not very important	2.6%	0.8%
Not at all important	1.8%	0.7%
No response	4.3%	3.3%

h. Easy to read traffic signs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	34.4%	38.0%
Very important	46.1%	47.1%
Somewhat important	12.6%	10.7%
Not very important	2.4%	1.1%
Not at all important	0.9%	-
No response	3.7%	3.1%

i. Enforced speed limits	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	32.9%	34.4%
Very important	42.8%	48.5%
Somewhat important	15.3%	11.4%
Not very important	3.2%	0.9%
Not at all important	2.2%	1.7%
No response	3.5%	3.1%
j. Enough public parking lots, spaces and areas to park including handicapped parking	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	31.9%	37.0%
Very important	37.0%	41.8%
Somewhat important	16.1%	12.9%
Not very important	8.7%	5.0%
Not at all important	2.5%	-
No response	3.8%	3.3%
k. Well-lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	37.2%	45.1%
Very important	39.2%	42.6%
Somewhat important	11.3%	6.9%
Not very important	5.6%	3.1%
Not at all important	2.7%	0.2%
No response	4.0%	2.1%
l. Audio/visual pedestrian crossings	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	22.7%	29.7%
Very important	27.7%	33.6%
Somewhat important	23.7%	24.3%
Not very important	13.4%	6.8%
Not at all important	7.8%	1.7%
No response	4.7%	4.0%
m. Go Vermont or the Car share program	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	12.1%	16.1%
Very important	24.4%	23.7%
Somewhat important	34.5%	36.9%
Not very important	16.1%	13.6%
Not at all important	8.4%	5.4%
No response	4.6%	4.3%
n. Driver education/refresher courses	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	17.6%	21.8%
Very important	25.6%	26.4%
Somewhat important	35.9%	37.8%
Not very important	12.0%	7.2%
Not at all important	5.1%	3.6%
No response	3.8%	3.2%

22. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. Accessible, timely and convenient public transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	19.1%	31.5%
No	55.5%	41.3%
Not sure	22.6%	24.8%
No response	2.8%	2.4%
b. Affordable public transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	19.1%	31.8%
No	52.2%	34.7%
Not sure	25.4%	29.5%
No response	3.4%	4.1%
c. Well-maintained public transportation vehicles	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	17.4%	27.9%
No	44.3%	26.7%
Not sure	33.9%	40.2%
No response	4.4%	5.2%
d. Safe public transportation stops or areas	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	17.9%	28.3%
No	48.3%	30.4%
Not sure	29.9%	36.1%
No response	3.9%	5.2%
e. Ability to easily connect with other public transportation services outside of Orleans County	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	8.2%	9.3%
No	48.1%	35.6%
Not sure	38.8%	47.8%
No response	5.0%	7.3%
f. Special transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	37.6%	39.5%
No	22.9%	14.5%
Not sure	35.9%	41.0%
No response	3.6%	5.0%
g. Well-maintained streets	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	62.4%	67.2%
No	27.1%	20.0%
Not sure	6.7%	9.0%
No response	3.8%	3.8%
h. Easy to read traffic signs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	71.9%	78.7%
No	18.0%	11.1%
Not sure	5.8%	5.1%
No response	4.3%	5.2%

i. Enforced speed limits	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	55.0%	68.0%
No	27.4%	15.7%
Not sure	14.4%	13.0%
No response	3.2%	3.4%

j. Enough public parking lots, spaces and areas to park including handicapped parking	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	41.7%	48.8%
No	35.2%	25.7%
Not sure	18.3%	20.1%
No response	4.7%	5.4%

k. Well-lit, safe streets and intersections for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers)	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	36.9%	45.4%
No	43.2%	34.2%
Not sure	15.7%	16.3%
No response	4.2%	4.2%

l. Audio/visual pedestrian crossings	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	21.9%	37.3%
No	55.5%	35.9%
Not sure	18.0%	22.2%
No response	4.5%	4.5%

m. Go Vermont or the Car share program	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	5.4%	7.6%
No	41.1%	26.0%
Not sure	49.9%	62.5%
No response	3.6%	4.0%

n. Driver education/refresher courses	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	22.1%	31.5%
No	33.8%	16.0%
Not sure	40.7%	48.7%
No response	3.3%	3.8%

23. In general, how would you rate your health?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Excellent	16.7%	15.0%
Very good	39.0%	40.5%
Good	29.6%	27.7%
Fair	8.7%	8.1%
Poor	4.8%	6.8%
No response	1.1%	1.9%

24. How often do you engage in some form of physical exercise (such as walking, running, biking, swimming, sports, strength training, yoga, stretching)?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Everyday	26.0%	22.1%
Several times a week, but not everyday	36.9%	40.4%
About once a week	14.7%	12.5%
About once every other week	3.9%	3.8%
About once a month	3.2%	3.4%
Less than once a month	6.5%	6.1%
Never	7.4%	9.2%
No response	1.5%	2.3%
25. How important is it to you to remain physically active for as long as possible?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	64.2%	58.6%
Very important	29.5%	35.0%
Somewhat important	5.1%	4.9%
Not very important	0.2%	0.2%
Not at all important	0.2%	0.5%
No response	0.8%	0.9%
26. How important do you think it is to have the following health and wellness features in your town?		
a. Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation, and weight control	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	26.1%	31.1%
Very important	36.5%	42.6%
Somewhat important	25.5%	19.2%
Not very important	5.8%	3.4%
Not at all important	2.2%	-
No response	3.9%	3.6%
	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
b. Fitness activities specifically geared towards older adults		
Extremely important	25.5%	28.6%
Very important	37.9%	41.5%
Somewhat important	27.2%	24.9%
Not very important	4.6%	3.2%
Not at all important	1.8%	-
No response	3.0%	1.8%
c. Conveniently located health, mental health and social services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	31.1%	37.4%
Very important	39.5%	37.0%
Somewhat important	19.9%	19.1%
Not very important	5.0%	3.3%
Not at all important	0.9%	-
No response	3.6%	3.2%

d. A service that helps people find and access health and supportive services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	28.7%	35.3%
Very important	39.5%	38.0%
Somewhat important	22.0%	19.2%
Not very important	5.2%	3.8%
Not at all important	1.0%	0.2%
No response	3.8%	3.5%
e. Conveniently located emergency care	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	42.4%	51.1%
Very important	39.4%	37.3%
Somewhat important	12.3%	8.6%
Not very important	1.9%	-
Not at all important	0.4%	-
No response	3.7%	3.0%
f. Easy to find information on local health and supportive services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	32.3%	36.8%
Very important	41.5%	43.2%
Somewhat important	19.6%	16.1%
Not very important	2.0%	0.4%
Not at all important	0.6%	-
No response	4.0%	3.5%
g. Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	34.2%	40.4%
Very important	43.2%	40.3%
Somewhat important	15.8%	14.1%
Not very important	3.0%	1.5%
Not at all important	0.4%	-
No response	3.5%	3.7%
h. Well-trained certified home health care providers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	37.6%	44.8%
Very important	46.3%	41.0%
Somewhat important	10.7%	10.0%
Not very important	1.7%	1.3%
Not at all important	0.6%	-
No response	3.1%	3.0%
i. Affordable home health care providers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	43.2%	51.5%
Very important	41.7%	35.2%
Somewhat important	9.7%	9.5%
Not very important	1.5%	0.5%
Not at all important	0.4%	-
No response	3.5%	3.2%

j. Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	48.7%	57.1%
Very important	38.7%	36.9%
Somewhat important	6.2%	3.0%
Not very important	2.3%	-
Not at all important	0.6%	-
No response	3.5%	2.9%
k. A variety of health care professionals including specialists	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	46.1%	56.3%
Very important	36.1%	32.9%
Somewhat important	10.1%	7.5%
Not very important	3.0%	-
Not at all important	0.9%	-
No response	3.8%	3.3%
l. Health care professionals who speak different languages including American Sign Language (ASL)	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	16.3%	18.8%
Very important	24.5%	25.7%
Somewhat important	32.8%	34.0%
Not very important	14.4%	13.6%
Not at all important	7.9%	4.6%
No response	4.1%	3.2%
m. Visits from people in the faith community such as ministers, priests and nuns	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	16.7%	19.9%
Very important	23.4%	25.4%
Somewhat important	35.0%	35.1%
Not very important	13.6%	9.3%
Not at all important	7.3%	6.9%
No response	3.9%	3.4%
n. Easily understandable and helpful local hospital or clinic answering services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	30.0%	36.9%
Very important	43.5%	42.7%
Somewhat important	18.5%	15.2%
Not very important	3.2%	1.8%
Not at all important	1.0%	-
No response	3.8%	3.4%
o. Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	42.6%	49.9%
Very important	42.9%	40.6%
Somewhat important	8.6%	6.0%
Not very important	1.9%	0.3%
Not at all important	0.9%	0.1%
No response	3.1%	3.0%

27. Does the town where you live have the following health and wellness features?

a. Health and wellness programs and classes in areas such as nutrition, smoking cessation, and weight control	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	44.5%	73.2%
No	33.3%	9.0%
Not sure	19.0%	14.7%
No response	3.2%	3.1%

b. Fitness activities specifically geared towards older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	33.9%	47.6%
No	35.5%	15.7%
Not sure	27.3%	33.5%
No response	3.3%	3.2%

c. Conveniently located health, mental health and social services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	45.8%	69.0%
No	37.1%	14.2%
Not sure	13.1%	13.5%
No response	4.0%	3.2%

d. A service that helps people find and access health and supportive services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	26.9%	35.1%
No	36.4%	17.9%
Not sure	33.1%	44.5%
No response	3.6%	2.5%

e. Conveniently located emergency care	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	53.8%	76.5%
No	32.9%	13.5%
Not sure	10.4%	7.8%
No response	2.9%	2.2%

f. Easy to find information on local health and supportive services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	33.5%	40.6%
No	30.5%	17.9%
Not sure	31.9%	37.4%
No response	4.0%	4.1%

g. Home care services including health, personal care and housekeeping	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	48.5%	58.2%
No	21.7%	11.2%
Not sure	27.2%	28.9%
No response	2.6%	1.6%

h. Well-trained certified home health care providers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	46.0%	54.3%
No	19.0%	11.3%
Not sure	31.7%	31.0%
No response	3.3%	3.4%
i. Affordable home health care providers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	27.7%	32.5%
No	24.3%	16.4%
Not sure	43.6%	46.9%
No response	4.5%	4.3%
j. Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	54.4%	75.5%
No	32.9%	14.9%
Not sure	7.2%	5.3%
No response	5.5%	4.3%
k. A variety of health care professionals including specialists	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	39.6%	56.3%
No	38.8%	23.8%
Not sure	16.6%	15.8%
No response	5.0%	4.0%
l. Health care professionals who speak different languages including American Sign Language (ASL)	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	11.3%	15.1%
No	33.6%	18.7%
Not sure	50.4%	61.4%
No response	4.7%	4.8%
m. Visits from people in the faith community such as ministers, priests and nuns	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	44.0%	53.9%
No	16.1%	7.3%
Not sure	36.5%	35.5%
No response	3.3%	3.3%
n. Easily understandable and helpful local hospital or clinic answering services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	36.3%	45.1%
No	26.4%	13.4%
Not sure	33.0%	37.8%
No response	4.2%	3.7%
o. Respectful and helpful hospital and clinic staff	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	58.5%	78.2%
No	23.9%	10.3%
Not sure	14.0%	8.4%
No response	3.5%	3.1%

28. How important do you think it is to have the following nutritional features in your town?

a. Home delivered meals for older person	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	36.5%	41.3%
Very important	42.3%	40.6%
Somewhat important	17.5%	15.9%
Not very important	1.6%	0.8%
Not at all important	0.4%	-
No response	1.7%	1.4%
b. Grocery delivery services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.9%	24.0%
Very important	40.5%	40.7%
Somewhat important	23.7%	27.3%
Not very important	5.8%	3.2%
Not at all important	2.2%	1.8%
No response	2.9%	3.1%
c. Prescription drug delivery services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	31.2%	32.9%
Very important	43.4%	45.2%
Somewhat important	18.3%	17.7%
Not very important	3.6%	1.1%
Not at all important	1.0%	-
No response	2.5%	3.1%
d. Meal sites at community or senior centers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	32.0%	33.5%
Very important	41.9%	43.2%
Somewhat important	19.4%	18.6%
Not very important	2.6%	1.5%
Not at all important	1.0%	0.3%
No response	3.0%	2.9%
e. Food pantries or food banks	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	30.6%	33.4%
Very important	40.0%	40.0%
Somewhat important	21.4%	18.8%
Not very important	3.3%	2.9%
Not at all important	1.4%	1.7%
No response	3.3%	3.2%
f. Famers' markets	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	27.2%	30.4%
Very important	33.8%	36.1%
Somewhat important	27.0%	22.5%
Not very important	6.2%	6.1%
Not at all important	2.0%	1.1%
No response	3.9%	3.8%

g. Community gardens where residents can grow fruits and vegetables	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	21.6%	25.3%
Very important	30.0%	31.3%
Somewhat important	29.4%	31.1%
Not very important	12.7%	8.5%
Not at all important	2.8%	0.9%
No response	3.4%	2.9%

h. Educational resources on nutrition and healthy food preparation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	20.8%	22.3%
Very important	30.9%	36.5%
Somewhat important	33.9%	32.5%
Not very important	7.8%	4.6%
Not at all important	2.5%	0.9%
No response	4.0%	3.1%

29. Does the town where you live have the following nutritional features?

a. Home delivered meals for older person	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	50.4%	58.4%
No	15.7%	6.1%
Not sure	32.2%	34.3%
No response	1.8%	1.1%

b. Grocery delivery services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	11.8%	11.6%
No	41.4%	31.1%
Not sure	43.7%	53.6%
No response	3.0%	3.6%

c. Prescription drug delivery services	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	47.8%	64.1%
No	27.3%	12.9%
Not sure	22.6%	21.5%
No response	2.3%	1.5%

d. Meal sites at community or senior centers	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	62.4%	75.4%
No	19.9%	8.4%
Not sure	14.2%	13.4%
No response	3.6%	2.7%

e. Food pantries or food banks	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	50.2%	66.3%
No	30.3%	14.2%
Not sure	15.6%	16.6%
No response	3.8%	2.9%

f. Farmers' markets	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	58.0%	81.1%
No	33.8%	12.6%
Not sure	5.3%	3.2%
No response	2.9%	3.1%
g. Community gardens where residents can grow fruits and vegetables	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	29.3%	50.4%
No	45.2%	21.8%
Not sure	21.9%	24.2%
No response	3.6%	3.7%
h. Educational resources on nutrition and healthy food preparation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	20.1%	29.2%
No	36.2%	14.8%
Not sure	40.6%	53.2%
No response	3.1%	2.9%
30. About how frequently do you interact with your friends, family or neighbors in your town either by phone, in person, email, or social media like Facebook or Twitter?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
More than once a day	30.9%	32.7%
About once a day	20.9%	20.3%
Several times a week	26.4%	30.3%
Once a week	8.9%	8.2%
Once every 2 or 3 weeks	3.3%	1.9%
Once a month	1.3%	1.9%
Less than monthly	3.5%	0.7%
Never	2.4%	2.8%
No response	2.3%	1.4%
31. Where do you typically go to socialize with other people in your town?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Faith-based centers such as churches or synagogues	28.9%	29.3%
Community or senior centers	7.4%	6.5%
Restaurants	46.5%	59.4%
Local clubs like the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall or Legion hall	10.8%	14.3%
Soup kitchens or other meal sites	3.1%	3.2%
Rural Community Transportation (RCT) vehicles	1.4%	2.1%
Libraries	14.1%	12.0%
Parks	9.4%	14.2%
Stores such as grocery, general or retail stores	65.4%	68.9%
Other	18.4%	17.9%
I do NOT get out to socialize with other people in my town	12.8%	9.5%
No response	2.6%	1.3%

32. How often to you miss social activities because you do not have transportation?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Always	1.6%	0.8%
Frequently	2.2%	1.7%
Sometimes	7.9%	11.7%
Rarely	18.4%	19.2%
Never	67.2%	64.6%
No response	2.6%	1.8%

33. Where do you typically go for continuing education or self-improvement classes/workshops in your town?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
University/Community College	9.3%	9.5%
Department of Parks and Recreation	1.7%	3.4%
Career Center	6.9%	7.1%
Faith community	9.1%	7.2%
Local organizations or businesses	5.9%	5.6%
Community/Adult/Senior center	4.1%	4.1%
Offerings through my work	12.7%	16.9%
Online programs	13.0%	12.2%
Other	9.4%	7.6%
I do NOT participate in any continuing education/self-improvement classes	54.9%	55.7%
No response	3.5%	2.2%

34. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. Conveniently located venues for entertainment	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	16.1%	19.5%
Very important	29.9%	40.2%
Somewhat important	34.0%	28.9%
Not very important	12.0%	5.2%
Not at all important	2.5%	1.0%
No response	5.4%	5.1%

b. Activities specifically geared towards older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	17.7%	22.3%
Very important	35.4%	41.1%
Somewhat important	35.9%	31.2%
Not very important	5.3%	2.5%
Not at all important	1.6%	0.4%
No response	4.2%	2.5%

c. Activities that offer senior discounts	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	26.2%	32.0%
Very important	40.2%	41.9%
Somewhat important	21.6%	18.5%
Not very important	5.7%	3.8%
Not at all important	1.6%	0.5%
No response	4.8%	3.4%

d. Activities that are affordable to all residents	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	31.3%	40.4%
Very important	44.4%	42.2%
Somewhat important	15.2%	10.3%
Not very important	3.5%	2.5%
Not at all important	0.9%	0.2%
No response	4.6%	4.5%
e. Activities that involve both younger and older people	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	29.4%	35.8%
Very important	39.0%	37.3%
Somewhat important	21.3%	20.0%
Not very important	4.7%	3.0%
Not at all important	1.0%	0.2%
No response	4.6%	3.7%
f. Accurate and widely publicized information about social activities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.7%	28.0%
Very important	40.7%	43.1%
Somewhat important	23.5%	20.8%
Not very important	5.1%	3.7%
Not at all important	1.3%	0.6%
No response	4.8%	3.8%
g. A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	14.7%	17.0%
Very important	30.0%	35.3%
Somewhat important	32.1%	30.6%
Not very important	12.9%	9.7%
Not at all important	4.1%	2.2%
No response	6.2%	5.2%
h. Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	18.1%	17.7%
Very important	33.3%	37.4%
Somewhat important	32.8%	31.8%
Not very important	8.5%	7.6%
Not at all important	2.3%	1.5%
No response	5.0%	4.0%
i. Continuing education classes	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	15.8%	17.2%
Very important	29.5%	35.8%
Somewhat important	35.3%	30.9%
Not very important	10.3%	9.5%
Not at all important	4.0%	2.6%
No response	5.1%	4.0%

j. Social clubs such as book, gardening, craft or hobbies	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	17.7%	18.2%
Very important	29.5%	36.7%
Somewhat important	37.0%	33.6%
Not very important	8.3%	6.2%
Not at all important	3.1%	2.9%
No response	4.3%	2.4%

35. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. Conveniently located venues for entertainment	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	26.7%	29.6%
No	56.4%	53.9%
Not sure	12.7%	13.4%
No response	4.2%	3.0%

b. Activities specifically geared towards older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	27.0%	29.5%
No	40.3%	33.1%
Not sure	28.7%	35.4%
No response	4.0%	1.9%

c. Activities that offer senior discounts	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	24.7%	33.4%
No	39.7%	26.8%
Not sure	31.2%	37.2%
No response	4.4%	2.6%

d. Activities that are affordable to all residents	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	21.9%	25.9%
No	41.1%	34.8%
Not sure	32.6%	36.9%
No response	4.5%	2.5%

e. Activities that involve both younger and older people	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	30.9%	35.6%
No	31.8%	25.2%
Not sure	32.2%	37.0%
No response	5.1%	2.2%

f. Accurate and widely publicized information about social activities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	27.2%	30.7%
No	39.0%	33.3%
Not sure	28.3%	32.8%
No response	5.5%	3.2%

g. A variety of cultural activities for diverse populations	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	9.8%	10.6%
No	48.1%	42.3%
Not sure	36.4%	44.0%
No response	5.7%	3.1%

h. Local schools that involve older adults in events and activities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	28.3%	25.2%
No	28.7%	23.9%
Not sure	38.0%	47.1%
No response	5.1%	3.8%

i. Continuing education classes	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	36.5%	60.4%
No	34.8%	13.6%
Not sure	23.6%	22.4%
No response	5.0%	3.6%

j. Social clubs such as book, gardening, craft or hobbies	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	33.1%	44.2%
No	29.9%	16.1%
Not sure	32.6%	36.3%
No response	4.4%	3.4%

36. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. A range of volunteer activities to choose from	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	13.6%	17.1%
Very important	35.6%	40.4%
Somewhat important	38.3%	36.1%
Not very important	6.0%	3.1%
Not at all important	1.9%	0.4%
No response	4.6%	2.9%

b. Volunteer training opportunities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	12.5%	17.8%
Very important	32.5%	36.9%
Somewhat important	39.3%	35.6%
Not very important	8.8%	4.5%
Not at all important	1.4%	0.8%
No response	5.5%	4.5%

c. Opportunities for older adults to participate in city councils or other civic committees	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	13.9%	18.3%
Very important	35.1%	38.2%
Somewhat important	36.8%	34.7%
Not very important	7.0%	4.1%
Not at all important	1.9%	0.4%
No response	5.4%	4.3%

d. Easy to find information on volunteer opportunities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	16.4%	20.3%
Very important	36.3%	40.5%
Somewhat important	35.4%	31.7%
Not very important	5.3%	2.6%
Not at all important	1.4%	0.6%
No response	5.2%	4.3%

e. Transportation to and from volunteer activities for those who need it	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	22.2%	30.3%
Very important	38.2%	37.4%
Somewhat important	27.2%	23.9%
Not very important	5.6%	3.8%
Not at all important	2.6%	2.1%
No response	4.3%	2.5%

37. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. A range of volunteer activities to choose from	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	25.4%	36.4%
No	38.6%	26.0%
Not sure	32.2%	34.8%
No response	3.8%	2.8%

b. Volunteer training opportunities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	12.0%	18.2%
No	40.7%	24.3%
Not sure	43.6%	54.7%
No response	3.7%	2.8%

c. Opportunities for older adults to participate in city councils or other civic committees	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	31.9%	32.8%
No	23.7%	13.6%
Not sure	40.1%	49.3%
No response	4.3%	4.3%

d. Easy to find information on volunteer opportunities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	14.5%	19.6%
No	39.7%	27.5%
Not sure	41.8%	49.2%
No response	4.0%	3.7%

e. Transportation to and from volunteer activities for those who need it	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	9.2%	13.1%
No	39.0%	26.4%
Not sure	48.6%	58.5%
No response	3.2%	2.0%

38. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Self-employed, part-time	2.8%	2.3%
Self-employed, full-time	4.6%	1.7%
Employed, part-time	6.2%	7.7%
Employed, full-time	31.2%	29.9%
Unemployed, but looking for work	0.8%	-
Retired, but still working occasionally	9.1%	9.9%
Retired, not working at all	28.5%	30.3%
Not in labor force for other reasons	8.8%	10.1%
No response	8.1%	8.2%

39. Would the following factors influence you to put off full retirement and work for as long as possible?

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
a. Maintaining health insurance coverage for yourself and your family	n=380	n=169
Yes	70.2%	74.0%
No	22.2%	21.4%
Not sure	4.9%	2.7%
No response	2.7%	1.8%

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
b. Being able to pay for health insurance premiums and co-pay		
Yes	76.7%	76.4%
No	17.3%	19.6%
Not sure	3.6%	2.2%
No response	2.4%	1.8%

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
c. Being able to pay for prescription drugs		
Yes	72.7%	72.0%
No	20.4%	22.1%
Not sure	4.2%	5.4%
No response	2.7%	0.5%

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
d. Needing or wanting the extra income		
Yes	83.2%	82.8%
No	11.5%	15.0%
Not sure	2.9%	1.8%
No response	2.4%	0.4%

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
e. Fulfilling requirements to receive employer pension benefits		
Yes	47.0%	52.1%
No	41.5%	39.6%
Not sure	6.3%	7.8%
No response	5.2%	0.5%

f. Qualifying for or increase Social Security Benefits	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	70.3%	69.1%
No	21.0%	25.0%
Not sure	5.5%	5.0%
No response	3.3%	0.9%
g. Building up your savings account	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	70.8%	70.7%
No	20.8%	20.3%
Not sure	5.2%	7.1%
No response	3.2%	2.0%
h. Finding working personally fulfilling	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	66.3%	67.0%
No	21.8%	25.0%
Not sure	6.0%	5.7%
No response	5.8%	2.2%
i. Other, please specify:	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
	4.4%	2.9%

40. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.2%	29.2%
Very important	39.3%	43.4%
Somewhat important	25.4%	21.6%
Not very important	5.2%	3.1%
Not at all important	2.1%	0.9%
No response	3.8%	1.9%
b. Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	24.2%	29.4%
Very important	36.4%	40.6%
Somewhat important	27.9%	24.8%
Not very important	5.3%	2.5%
Not at all important	1.9%	0.7%
No response	4.3%	2.0%
c. Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	29.2%	35.1%
Very important	33.2%	36.6%
Somewhat important	26.2%	21.0%
Not very important	5.6%	4.9%
Not at all important	1.9%	0.7%
No response	3.9%	1.7%

41. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	5.6%	5.6%
No	56.0%	46.4%
Not sure	35.6%	45.9%
No response	2.9%	2.1%

b. Job training opportunities for older adults who want to learn new job skills within their job or get training in a different field of work

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	7.4%	10.6%
No	50.4%	36.9%
Not sure	39.3%	50.2%
No response	2.9%	2.4%

c. Jobs that are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	6.9%	9.3%
No	45.9%	33.5%
Not sure	44.2%	54.7%
No response	3.0%	2.5%

42. Would you turn to the following resources if you, a family member or friend needed information about services for older adults such as caregiving services, home delivered meals, home repair, medical transport, or social activities?

a. AARP

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	62.9%	69.7%
No	24.7%	22.7%
No response	12.4%	7.6%

b. Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Northeastern Vermont

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	86.7%	90.9%
No	6.3%	5.4%
No response	6.9%	3.7%

c. Senior centers

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	66.5%	68.5%
No	19.0%	20.4%
No response	14.6%	11.1%

d. Call 211/United Way

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	28.2%	28.9%
No	50.6%	54.7%
No response	21.2%	16.3%

e. Churches	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	51.0%	52.5%
No	34.1%	36.9%
No response	14.9%	10.6%

f. Family and friends		
Yes	82.6%	85.5%
No	8.9%	8.1%
No response	8.4%	6.4%

g. Elected officials such as city council members or state representatives	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	33.9%	33.6%
No	50.7%	54.0%
No response	15.5%	12.4%

h. Libraries		
Yes	40.8%	41.9%
No	44.4%	46.5%
No response	14.8%	11.6%

i. Elks or Rotary Clubs	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	29.9%	35.6%
No	53.7%	51.5%
No response	16.4%	12.9%

j. Local government offices like the Health Department	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	62.3%	69.0%
No	26.4%	22.2%
No response	11.3%	8.8%

43. How important do you think it is to have the following in your town?

a. Access to community information in one central source	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	22.5%	25.1%
Very important	42.0%	46.5%
Somewhat important	25.1%	21.8%
Not very important	5.3%	4.5%
Not at all important	1.3%	0.4%
No response	3.9%	1.7%

b. Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely important	21.1%	23.1%
Very important	33.4%	37.7%
Somewhat important	32.5%	28.9%
Not very important	7.0%	6.8%
Not at all important	1.0%	0.2%
No response	5.0%	3.3%

c. An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number like 211

Orleans County

Newport

Extremely important	18.5%	22.2%
Very important	33.6%	33.8%
Somewhat important	29.7%	30.3%
Not very important	11.4%	11.0%
Not at all important	2.2%	0.8%
No response	4.6%	2.0%

d. Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, senior centers or government buildings

Orleans County

Newport

Extremely important	25.6%	28.1%
Very important	39.8%	40.5%
Somewhat important	22.6%	22.7%
Not very important	5.5%	4.8%
Not at all important	1.6%	0.5%
No response	4.9%	3.4%

e. Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home

Orleans County

Newport

Extremely important	27.0%	30.0%
Very important	34.8%	38.9%
Somewhat important	26.3%	22.9%
Not very important	6.3%	6.0%
Not at all important	1.2%	0.7%
No response	4.3%	1.5%

f. Community information that is available in a number of different languages

Orleans County

Newport

Extremely important	12.4%	12.5%
Very important	21.0%	22.8%
Somewhat important	32.3%	36.5%
Not very important	22.2%	21.2%
Not at all important	7.9%	5.3%
No response	4.3%	1.7%

44. Does the town where you live have the following?

a. Access to community information in one central source

Orleans County

Newport

Yes	15.0%	11.9%
No	37.5%	33.4%
Not sure	43.8%	53.1%
No response	3.7%	1.6%

b. Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	8.1%	9.5%
No	46.1%	42.6%
Not sure	41.6%	45.0%
No response	4.1%	3.0%

c. An automated community information source that is easy to understand like a toll-free telephone number like 211	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	9.3%	9.1%
No	41.8%	34.4%
Not sure	45.3%	54.9%
No response	3.6%	1.6%

d. Free access to computers and the Internet in public places such as the library, senior centers or government buildings	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	53.2%	59.9%
No	18.6%	9.8%
Not sure	23.9%	27.6%
No response	4.3%	2.7%

e. Community information that is delivered in person to people who may have difficulty or may not be able to leave their home	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	5.0%	5.9%
No	36.3%	26.2%
Not sure	54.9%	66.4%
No response	3.8%	1.5%

f. Community information that is available in a number of different languages	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	3.2%	4.6%
No	36.6%	23.3%
Not sure	56.2%	69.2%
No response	4.1%	2.9%

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45. A caregiver can be anyone who provided unpaid care for a relative, friend, spouse, companion, or partner 18 years or older who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical or mental disability. Unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, financial or medical management, arranging for outside services, or a variety of other tasks. The person you provide care for may live with your or somewhere else.

Are you currently providing unpaid assistance, or have you provided unpaid assistance in the past two years, to care for a relative, friend, spouse, companion, or partner 18 years or older who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical or mental disability?

Yes, I am currently providing care for someone	15.1%	13.8%
Yes, I have provided care for someone in the past 2 years	10.1%	10.3%
No	68.5%	70.5%
No response	6.3%	5.5%

46. Thinking about your most recent caregiving experience with a family member or friend, what is the care recipient's relationship to you? If you are a former caregiver, what was the care recipient's relationship to you? (n = 175)	Orleans County n=175	Newport n=79
Spouse or Partner	25.8%	29.1%
Mother or Father	40.3%	38.9%
Mother-in-law or Father-in-law	3.9%	3.9%
Sister or Brother	6.6%	4.1%
Daughter or Son	6.1%	6.0%
Other Family Member	1.7%	3.3%
Friend or Neighbor	5.7%	7.9%
No response	9.9%	6.9%
47. Still thinking about the person you most recently provided care for, does the care recipient live with you? If you are a former caregiver, did the person you provided care for live with you? (n=175)	Orleans County n=175	Newport n=79
Yes	48.6%	44.2%
No	48.0%	50.8%
No response	3.3%	5.0%
48. How long have you been providing care for this person? If you are a former caregiver, how long did you provide care for this person? (n = 175)	Orleans County n=175	Newport n=79
Less than 1 month	4.6%	3.0%
1 month but less than 3 months	4.1%	7.3%
3 months but less than 5 months	3.1%	1.6%
5 months but less than 7 months	4.3%	6.8%
7 months but less than 10 months	1.2%	2.2%
10 months but less than 1 year	2.9%	4.8%
1 year but less than 3 years	23.6%	13.5%
3 years but less than 5 years	17.7%	21.6%
5 years but less than 7 years	6.0%	8.6%
7 years but less than 10 years	4.0%	3.3%
10 years but less than 12 years	8.1%	11.6%
12 years or more	14.8%	13.1%
No response	5.6%	2.7%
49. Considering all types of care you provide for this person, how much time do you spend in an average week doing these things? If you are a former caregiver, how much time did you spend in an average week providing care? (n = 175)	Orleans County n=175	Newport n=79
Less than 5 hours a week	27.7%	28.3%
5 hours but less than 10 hours a week	19.6%	21.5%
10 hours but less than 20 hours a week	16.2%	21.8%
20 hours but less than 30 hours a week	14.6%	15.8%
30 hours but less than 40 hours a week	4.0%	2.4%
40 hours but less than 60 hours a week	2.4%	0.8%
60 hours but less than 80 hours a week	4.2%	0.8%
80 hours or more a week	6.0%	5.7%
No response	5.2%	2.7%

50. As a current or former caregiver, have you had to take any of the following actions in order to provide care for someone?	Orleans County n=175	Newport n=79
a. Use your personal savings in order to help provide care	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	32.1%	31.6%
No	61.0%	58.6%
No response	6.9%	9.8%
b. Go into work early or late, or take time off to provide care	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	46.4%	51.9%
No	45.2%	41.6%
No response	8.4%	6.5%
c. Take a leave of absence from your job	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	6.8%	7.5%
No	80.9%	80.2%
No response	12.3%	12.3%
d. Make changes to your home for the care recipient	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	36.0%	35.0%
No	60.0%	59.6%
No response	3.9%	5.4%
e. Go from working full-time to part-time	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	8.3%	2.4%
No	79.8%	84.5%
No response	11.9%	13.1%
f. Give up working entirely	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	11.6%	12.7%
No	77.8%	74.2%
No response	10.6%	13.1%
g. Move into another home to accommodate the care recipient	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	6.9%	5.8%
No	81.8%	81.1%
No response	11.3%	13.1%
51. As a current or former caregiver OR someone who may provide care in the future, how helpful would the following types of support be to you?		
a. Assistance with providing transportation	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	25.8%	27.0%
Very helpful	33.7%	35.2%
Somewhat helpful	20.6%	19.6%
Not very helpful	5.6%	3.0%
Not at all helpful	3.2%	2.8%
No response	11.1%	12.3%

b. Assistance with finding accurate medical information	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	29.2%	28.7%
Very helpful	38.8%	40.2%
Somewhat helpful	15.3%	13.9%
Not very helpful	4.0%	3.7%
Not at all helpful	2.1%	1.3%
No response	10.5%	12.1%
c. Connecting with other caregivers in similar situations through a caregiver support group	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	18.3%	20.5%
Very helpful	32.2%	30.7%
Somewhat helpful	28.0%	28.0%
Not very helpful	7.6%	7.4%
Not at all helpful	2.8%	1.6%
No response	11.1%	11.8%
d. Guidance and help in understanding medical bills	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	22.9%	26.6%
Very helpful	37.0%	35.9%
Somewhat helpful	18.5%	18.0%
Not very helpful	7.4%	5.9%
Not at all helpful	2.8%	1.6%
No response	11.4%	12.0%
e. Spiritual support and guidance	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	19.0%	21.3%
Very helpful	21.2%	18.5%
Somewhat helpful	29.5%	30.8%
Not very helpful	12.4%	11.3%
Not at all helpful	5.5%	5.0%
No response	12.4%	13.1%
f. Information about available resources for caregivers in your community	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	28.4%	30.5%
Very helpful	35.0%	35.9%
Somewhat helpful	19.6%	17.3%
Not very helpful	3.8%	3.4%
Not at all helpful	2.6%	1.4%
No response	10.7%	11.5%
g. Short breaks from your caregiving tasks	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	28.6%	28.8%
Very helpful	29.0%	28.7%
Somewhat helpful	20.3%	22.1%
Not very helpful	6.3%	5.9%
Not at all helpful	4.5%	2.4%
No response	11.3%	12.2%

h. Assistance in completing government forms and applications	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	33.4%	35.1%
Very helpful	31.2%	31.9%
Somewhat helpful	14.3%	13.6%
Not very helpful	6.1%	4.8%
Not at all helpful	3.1%	1.6%
No response	11.9%	13.0%

52. Do you have any grandchildren, including great grandchildren or step-grandchildren?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	58.1%	54.0%
No	37.7%	41.1%
No response	4.2%	5.0%

53. Do you help with any of the day-to-day responsibilities of caring for any of your grandchildren, great grandchildren or step grandchildren?	<u>Orleans County</u> n=404	<u>Newport</u> n=177
Yes	24.3%	25.4%
No	74.4%	73.4%
No response	1.3%	1.2%

54. If you are or were to become a grandparent, how helpful would you find the following services or information?

a. Fun things to do with grandchildren of all ages	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	24.8%	24.6%
Very helpful	35.7%	39.4%
Somewhat helpful	21.2%	18.4%
Not very helpful	6.4%	6.2%
Not at all helpful	3.6%	2.1%
No response	8.4%	9.4%

b. How to speak to grandchildren about issues in their lives	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	19.1%	20.2%
Very helpful	31.2%	35.9%
Somewhat helpful	27.7%	26.0%
Not very helpful	8.8%	4.5%
Not at all helpful	4.5%	3.0%
No response	8.6%	10.4%

c. Legal rights of grandparents	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	22.4%	25.1%
Very helpful	27.6%	27.3%
Somewhat helpful	26.0%	25.5%
Not very helpful	8.8%	5.9%
Not at all helpful	5.8%	5.3%
No response	9.4%	10.9%

d. Grandparenting in a multicultural family	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	10.0%	12.7%
Very helpful	15.8%	19.8%
Somewhat helpful	26.2%	26.9%
Not very helpful	22.6%	17.1%
Not at all helpful	14.4%	11.1%
No response	11.0%	12.4%
e. Referral services for people raising grandchildren	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	15.2%	18.3%
Very helpful	21.8%	25.0%
Somewhat helpful	25.4%	24.1%
Not very helpful	17.2%	13.2%
Not at all helpful	10.0%	8.5%
No response	10.4%	10.9%
f. Financial resources for people raising grandchildren	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	21.9%	25.4%
Very helpful	24.3%	27.9%
Somewhat helpful	22.1%	19.6%
Not very helpful	11.6%	8.0%
Not at all helpful	9.7%	7.6%
No response	10.4%	11.4%
g. Support groups for people raising grandchildren	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	17.2%	20.5%
Very helpful	22.2%	25.6%
Somewhat helpful	27.2%	28.6%
Not very helpful	14.3%	8.5%
Not at all helpful	8.9%	6.1%
No response	10.2%	10.7%
h. How to connect with grandchildren on social media sites like Facebook or Twitter	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Extremely helpful	13.0%	15.1%
Very helpful	23.4%	26.0%
Somewhat helpful	25.9%	27.6%
Not very helpful	15.8%	11.5%
Not at all helpful	11.7%	8.8%
No response	10.2%	11.0%
D1. Are you male or female?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Male	49.0%	48.5%
Female	51.0%	51.5%
D2. What is your age as of your last birthday?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Under 50	14.5%	16.2%
50-59	33.1%	33.0%
60-74	36.4%	34.1%
75+	15.2%	15.9%
No response	0.8%	0.7%

D3. What is your current marital status?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Married	60.6%	58.7%
Not married, living with partner	3.1%	1.2%
Separated	1.5%	0.4%
Divorced	11.8%	13.6%
Widowed	14.0%	16.4%
Single, never married	8.5%	9.4%
No response	0.4%	0.3%

D4. Are you or your spouse or partner currently a member of AARP?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	57.5%	61.4%
No	40.9%	38.0%
No response	1.6%	0.5%

D5. Besides you, do you have any of the following people living in your household?

a. Child/children under 18	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	8.9%	9.3%
No	76.8%	74.8%
No response	14.2%	16.0%

b. Child/children 18 or older	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	13.4%	14.0%
No	72.8%	70.1%
No response	13.8%	15.9%

c. Child/children away at college	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	4.0%	5.6%
No	75.8%	71.2%
No response	20.3%	23.2%

d. Adult relative or friend 18 or older	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	19.6%	18.8%
No	68.5%	67.3%
No response	11.9%	13.9%

D6. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including employer-provided health insurance, private health insurance, or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	94.4%	95.8%
No	4.3%	2.5%
No response	1.3%	1.7%

D7. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or any member of your household from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes, myself	20.4%	20.7%
Yes, other members of my household	11.6%	9.8%
Yes, both me and other members of my household	3.1%	3.9%
No	64.3%	64.6%
No response	0.6%	1.1%

D8. Are you of French or Quebecois origin or descent?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Yes	27.3%	34.2%
No	67.6%	60.8%
No response	5.1%	5.0%

D9. If you are French or Quebecois, please indicate which one best represents the language(s) you speak at home.	<u>Orleans County</u> n=190	<u>Newport</u> n=112
French only	0.7%	1.1%
French most of the time	1.2%	-
French and English equally but prefer French	2.3%	3.5%
French and English equally and do not have a preference	3.2%	4.2%
French and English equally but prefer English	5.1%	5.0%
English most of the time	23.8%	25.4%
English only	61.7%	59.1%
No response	2.0%	1.7%

D10. What is your race and/or ethnicity?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
White or Caucasian	95.9%	93.3%
Black or African American	2.0%	0.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.6%	3.2%
Asian	0.4%	0.7%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	-	-
Other	1.0%	0.4%
No response	2.7%	2.3%

D11. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
K-12th grade (no diploma)	11.7%	11.7%
High school graduate, GED or equivalent	33.6%	31.0%
Post-high school education/training (no degree)	14.8%	15.7%
2-year college degree	9.4%	7.7%
4-year college degree	11.4%	11.3%
Post-graduate study (no degree)	2.7%	3.7%
Graduate or professional degree(s)	12.5%	12.6%
No response	4.0%	6.3%

D12. Thinking about state elections for Vermont Governor and Legislators in the last five years, how often would you say you vote?

Orleans County

Newport

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Always	56.9%	54.4%
Most of the time	17.0%	17.0%
About half of the time	5.1%	5.2%
Seldom	6.5%	5.8%
Never	13.5%	16.9%
No response	0.9%	0.7%

D13. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

Orleans County

Newport

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Democrat	24.2%	27.9%
Republican	20.6%	17.5%
Independent	28.8%	25.8%
Something else	19.1%	20.7%
No response	7.2%	8.1%

D14. In general, how often do you go online to access the Internet for things like sending or receiving email, getting news and information, paying bills or managing finances or buying products or services?

Orleans County

Newport

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Several times a day	33.8%	30.5%
About once a day	20.5%	23.4%
3-6 days a week	6.3%	9.5%
1-2 days a week	5.3%	5.7%
Once every few weeks	2.2%	1.9%
Once a month or less	5.1%	5.2%
Never go online	23.8%	20.7%
No response	3.1%	3.1%

D15. What was your annual household income before taxes in 2013?

Orleans County

Newport

	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
Less than \$10,000	5.0%	3.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16.4%	16.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	13.9%	14.1%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	23.3%	21.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15.8%	16.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8.9%	8.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7.4%	9.6%
\$150,000 or more	0.3%	0.5%
No response	9.0%	8.7%

D16. What is your 5-digit [AREA OF SURVEY] ZIP code?	<u>Orleans County</u>	<u>Newport</u>
05055	0.1%	-
05085	0.1%	-
05487	0.1%	-
05785	0.1%	-
05820	0.8%	-
05822	5.1%	-
05823	0.1%	0.2%
05825	0.5%	1.1%
05826	1.9%	-
05827	0.2%	-
05829	7.8%	16.1%
05830	6.7%	6.7%
05833	0.2%	-
05839	1.8%	-
05841	0.9%	-
05842	2.8%	-
05845	4.2%	-
05847	3.4%	-
05850	-	-
05853	1.4%	-
05854	0.1%	0.2%
05855	31.7%	63.8%
05857	4.8%	8.1%
05858	0.1%	0.2%
05859	5.0%	-
05860	10.1%	0.3%
05868	0.2%	-
05872	2.6%	-
05874	2.1%	-
05875	1.5%	-
05895	0.1%	-
05907	0.1%	-
15855	0.1%	-
85614	0.1%	-
No response	3.3%	3.3%

Methodology

The AARP Vermont State Office commissioned a mail survey on livable communities of 2,811 residents age 45 and older in Orleans County, Vermont. The sample was drawn by Survey Sampling, Inc. using existing lists and Census data.

The survey was fielded from October 31 through November 24, 2014 and exactly 696 usable surveys were returned by the cut-off date and 137 surveys were returned as undeliverable, for a response rate of 26 percent. Each sampled resident was contacted about the survey four times receiving the following pieces of mail: pre-notification postcard, the survey itself, a reminder postcard, and a second copy of the survey. The survey has a margin of error of ± 3.8 percent. This means that if 95 out of 100 samples of this same size and population were given the same survey, the responses to the questions would fall within a range of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points of what would have been obtained if every resident age 45 years and older in the sampled area were asked the same questions. The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the actual distribution of Orleans County residents age 45-plus and the weighted number of responses is also 696. This report is based on only those 328 respondents who reside in Newport, Vermont. The response rate for this sample of 328 respondents is 12 percent and the margin of error is ± 5.5 percent.

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