



Livability for All in Larimer County Non-Metro, CO

An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 50-Plus

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Livable Community

A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents' engagement in the community's civic, economic, and social life.

– AARP Policy Book, Chapter 9



AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

- AARP's Age-Friendly Network is an affiliate of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program.
- The program was established to connect cities, communities and organizations worldwide with the common vision of making their community a great place where people can grow up and grow old.
- The program targets the environmental, social, and economic factors that influence the health and well-being of residents of all ages.

The WHO 8 Domains of Livability



Community
& Health
Care



Transportation



Housing



Social
Participation



Outdoor
Spaces &
Buildings



Respect &
Social
Inclusion



Civic
Participation
&
Employment

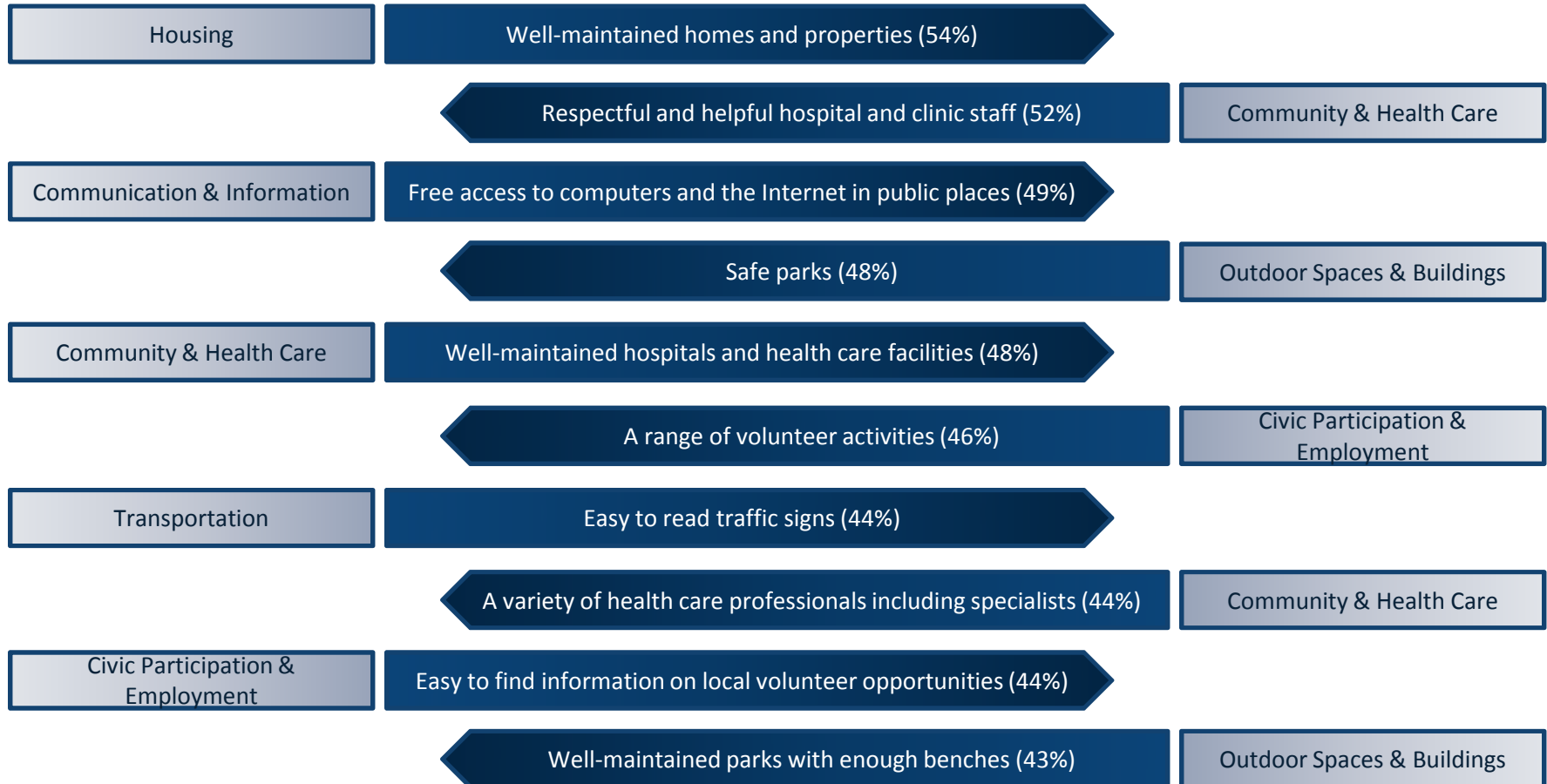


Communication
& Information

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Top 10 Community Features

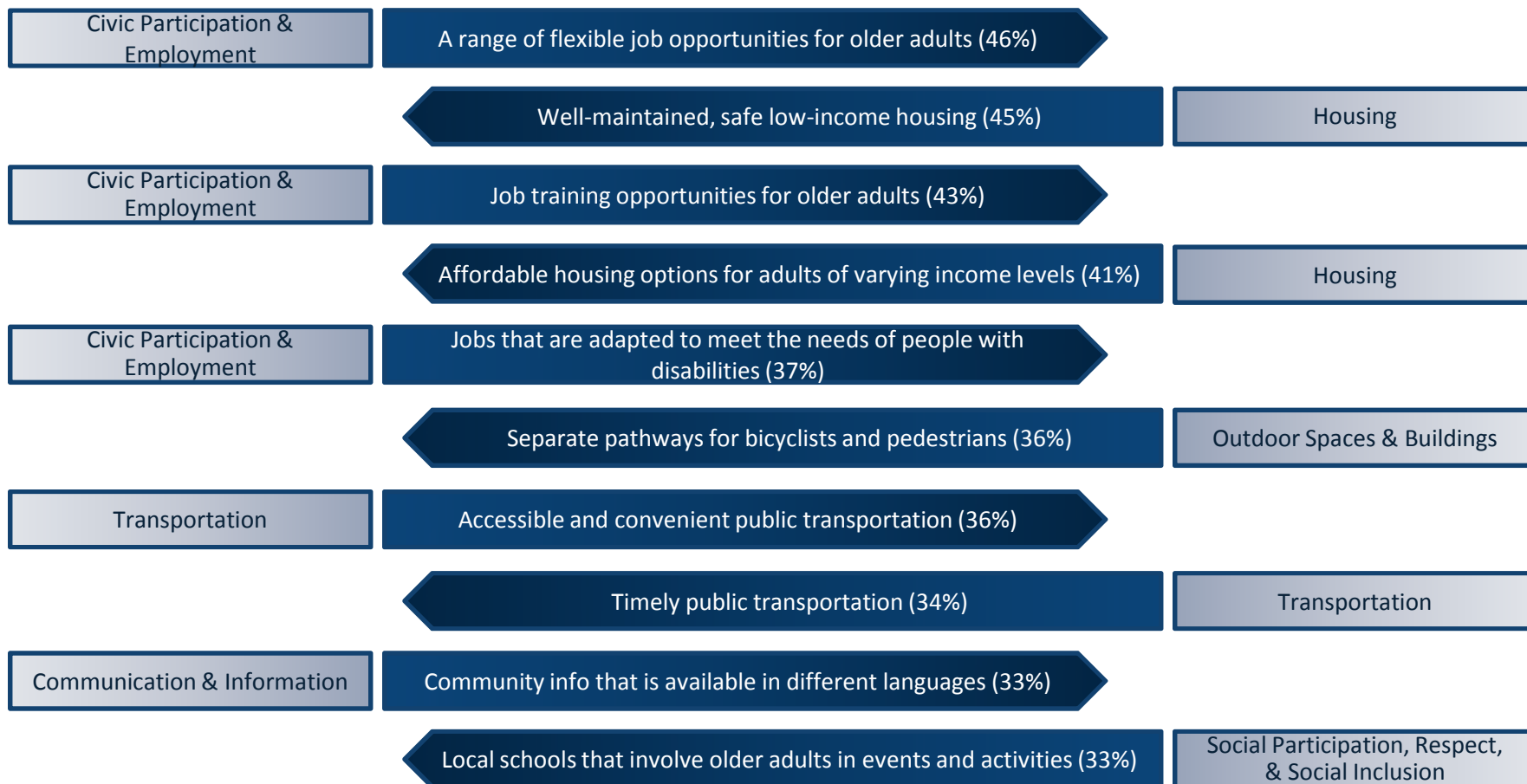
(% Excellent/Very Good)



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Larimer County Residents Age 50+

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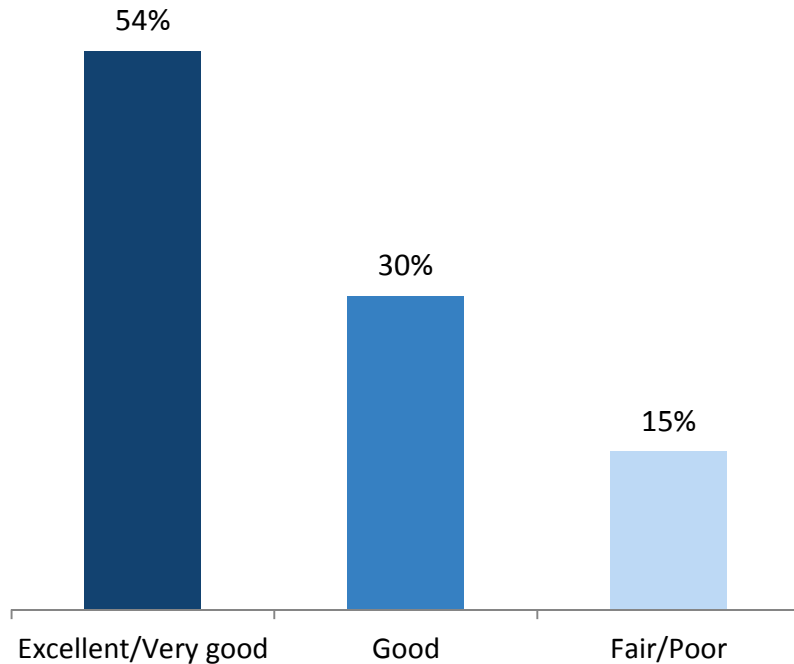
(% Fair/Poor)



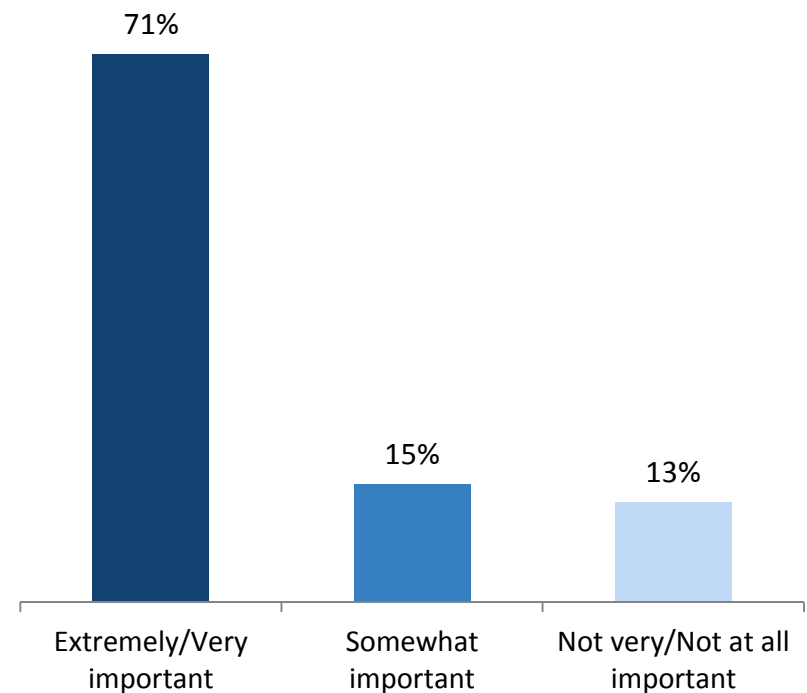
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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ believe their community is a good place to age and want to live there independently for as long as possible.

Rating of Current Community
as a Place for People to Live as They Age



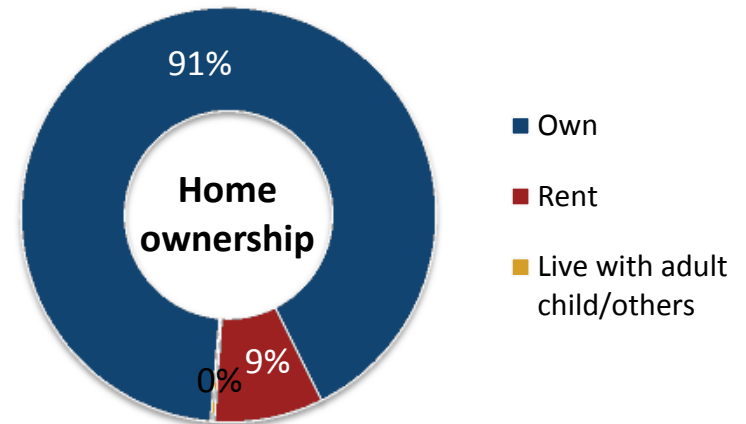
Importance of
Remaining in Current Community



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Larimer County Residents Age 50+

Most Larimer County residents age 50+ own single family homes.


Type of Home	
A single family house	91%
A condominium/Coop	3%
An apartment	2%
A townhouse/Row house	2%
Senior housing/Assisted living facility	1%
A two family house that has two separate living units	<1%
A mobile home	<1%
Other	1%



74% of respondents say remaining in their current home is extremely/very important.

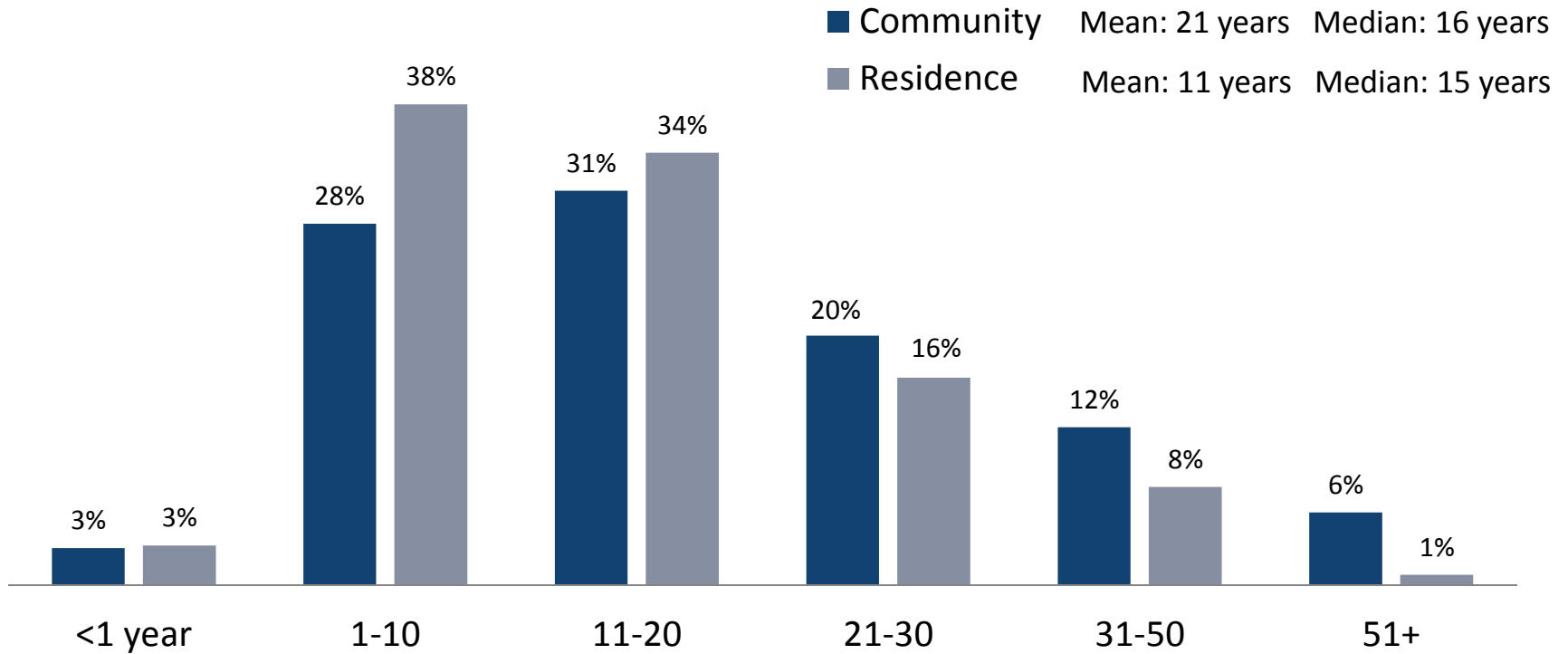


14% of respondents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications, or changes



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Larimer County residents age 50+ have lived in their home for an average of 11 years and have lived in their community even longer, an average of 21 years.



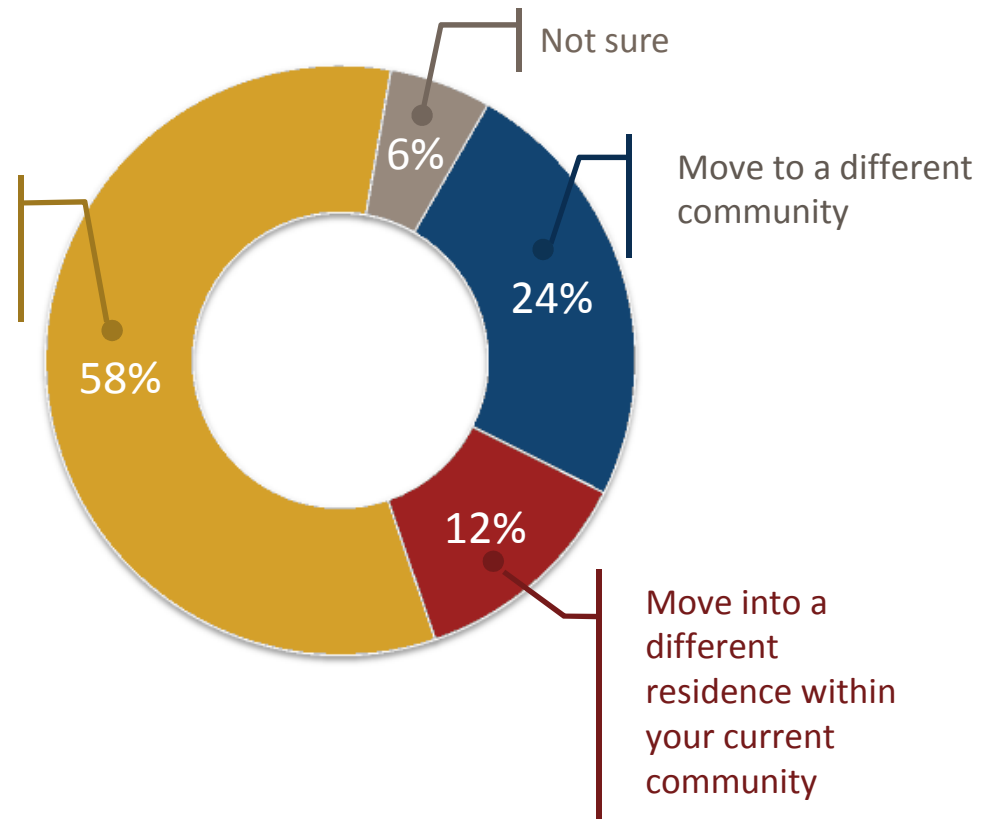
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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ expect to stay in their home or community as they get older.



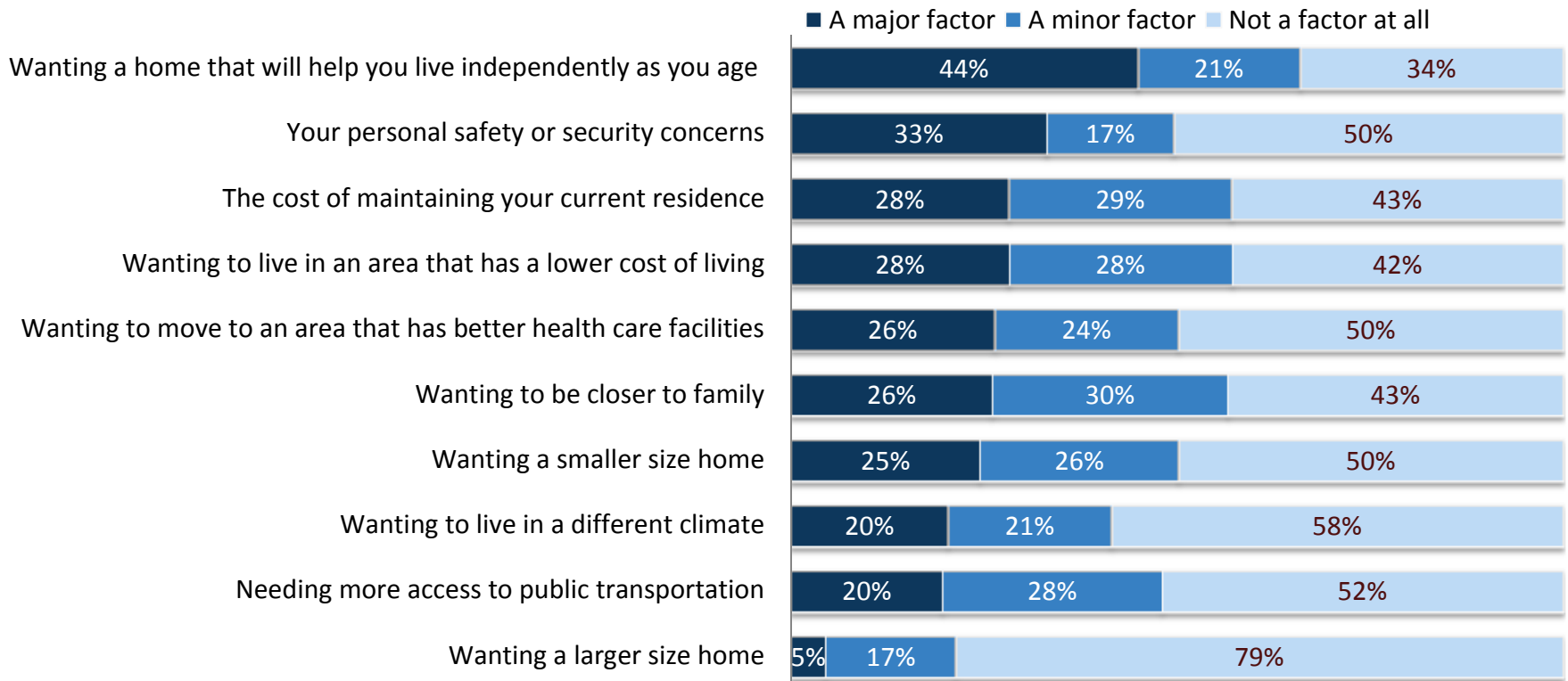
Photo from <http://www.rpsrelocation.com>

Stay in your current residence and never move



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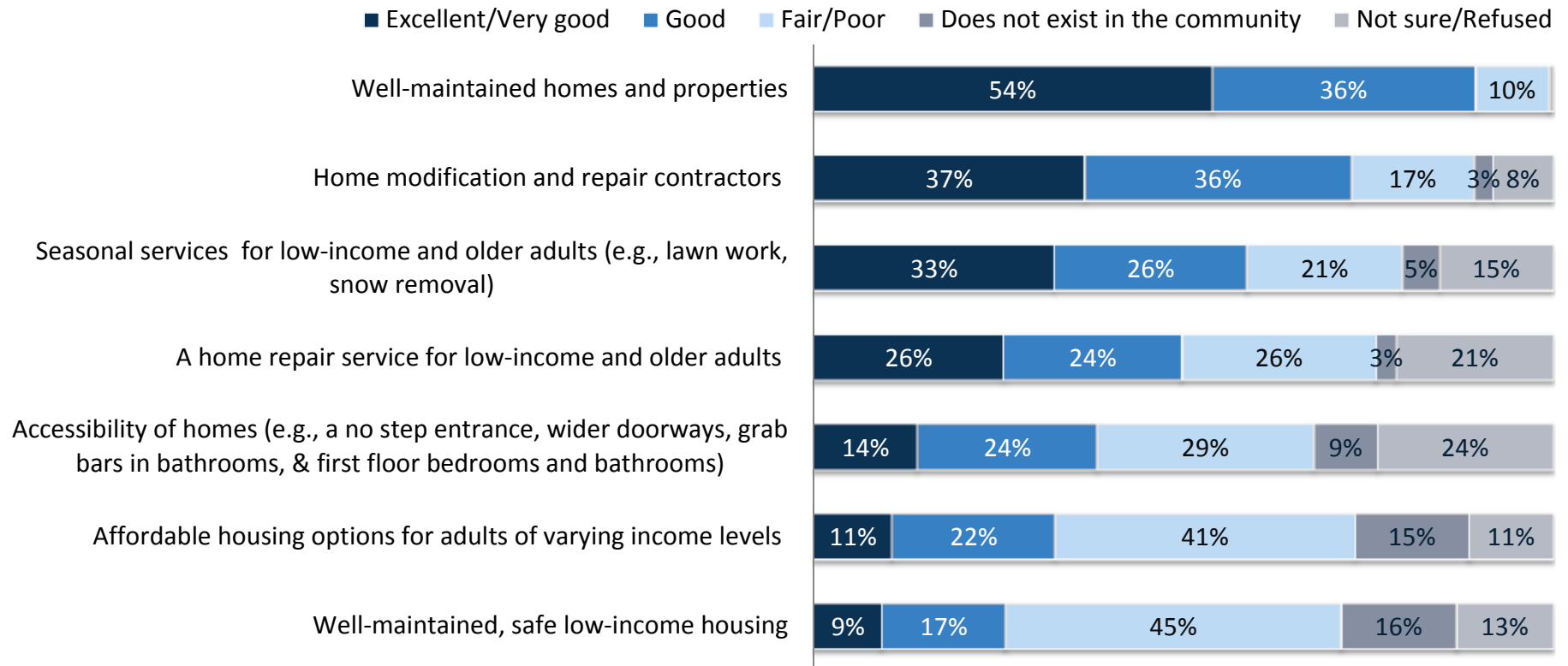
Age-friendly housing, safety, affordability, health care facilities, and wanting to be closer to family are influential factors for Larimer County residents age 50+ considering moving when they get older.



Question: If you were to consider moving out of your residence, would the following be a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in your decision to move?

Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Larimer County Residents Age 50+

Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having well-maintained homes and properties as well as good home modification and repair contractors.

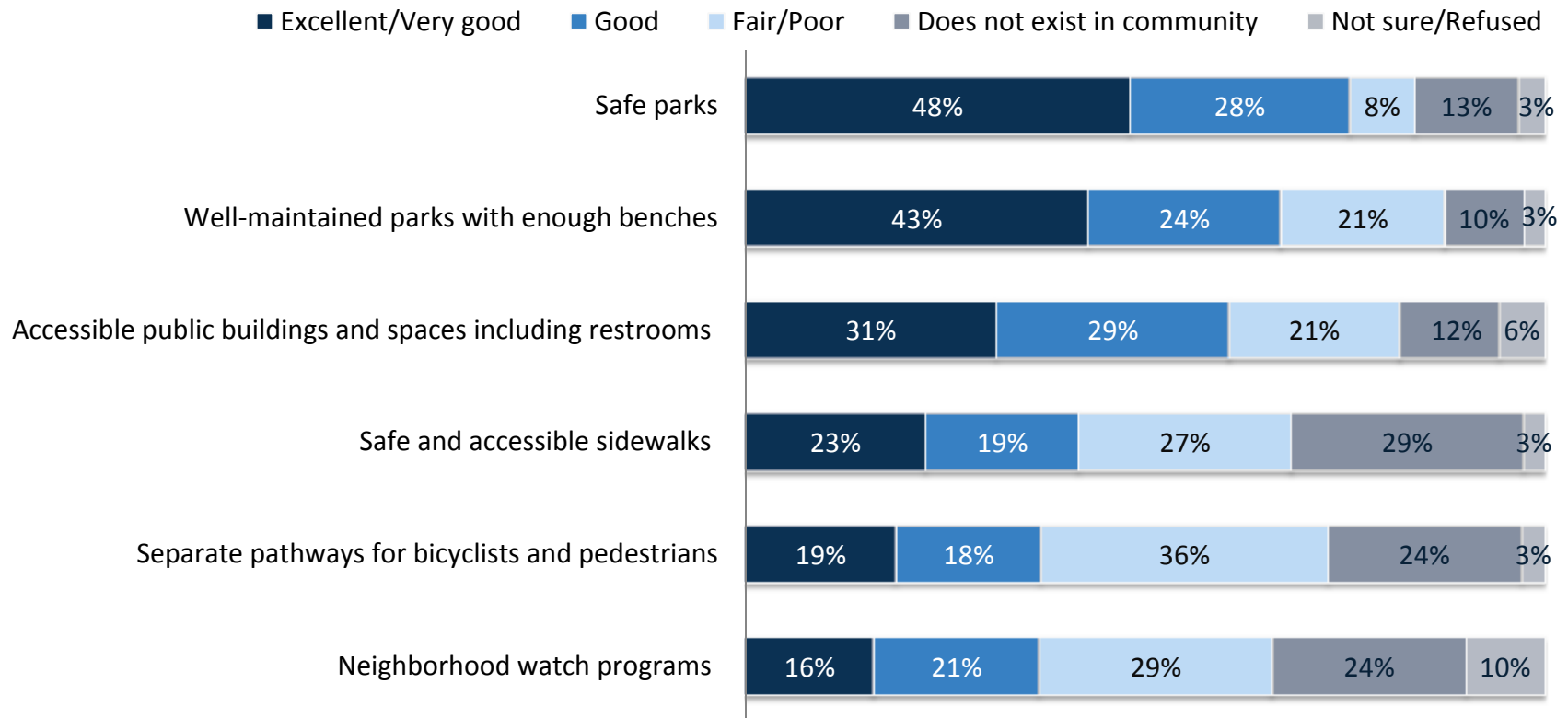


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Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Larimer County Residents Age 50+



Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good at having well-maintained, safe parks and accessible public facilities.



Question: Would you rate your community as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

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Most Larimer County residents age 50+ drive themselves to get around their community.



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96% drive themselves around
23% have others drive them



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42% walk

7% use public transportation
24% ride a bike



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1% take a taxi
10% use a special transportation service
7% get around some other way

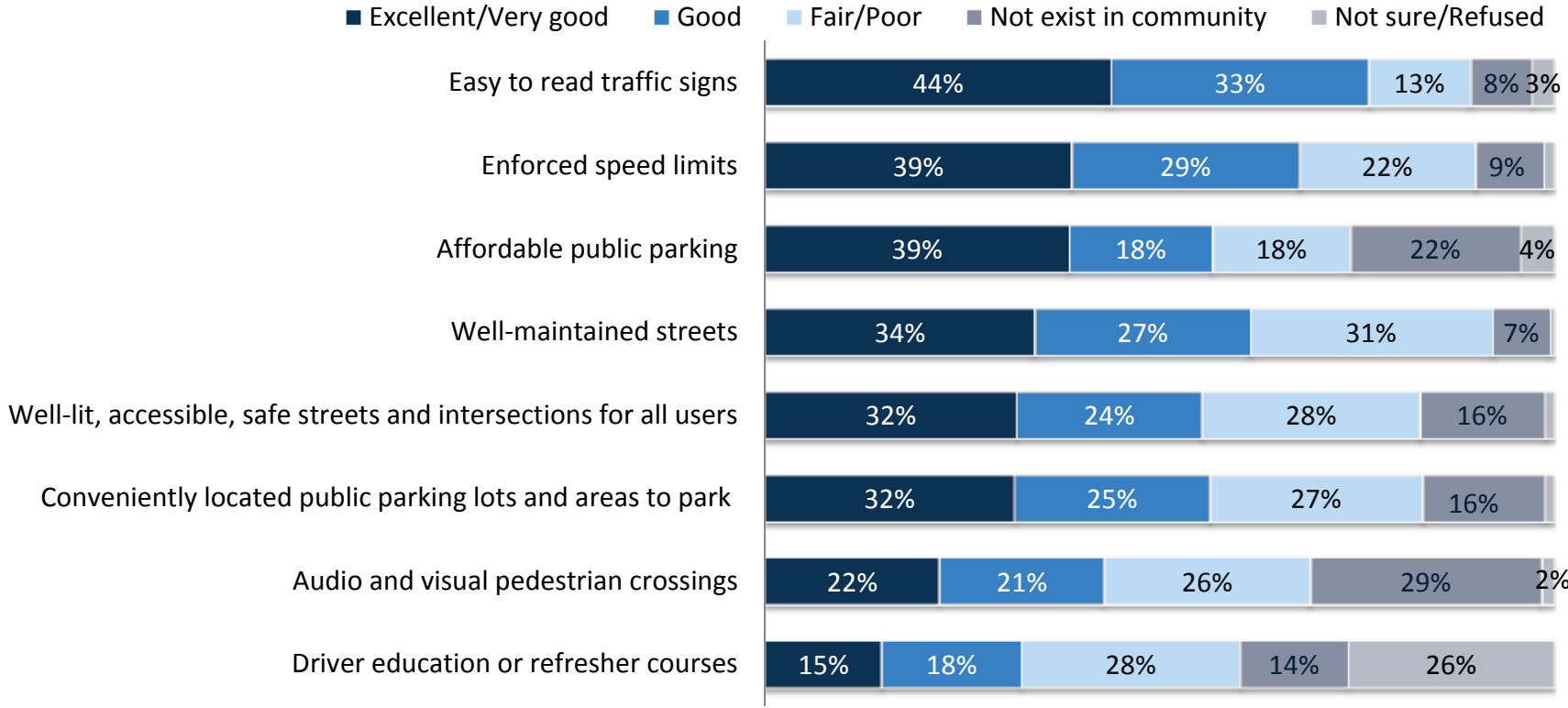


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Question: How do you usually get around your community for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things?

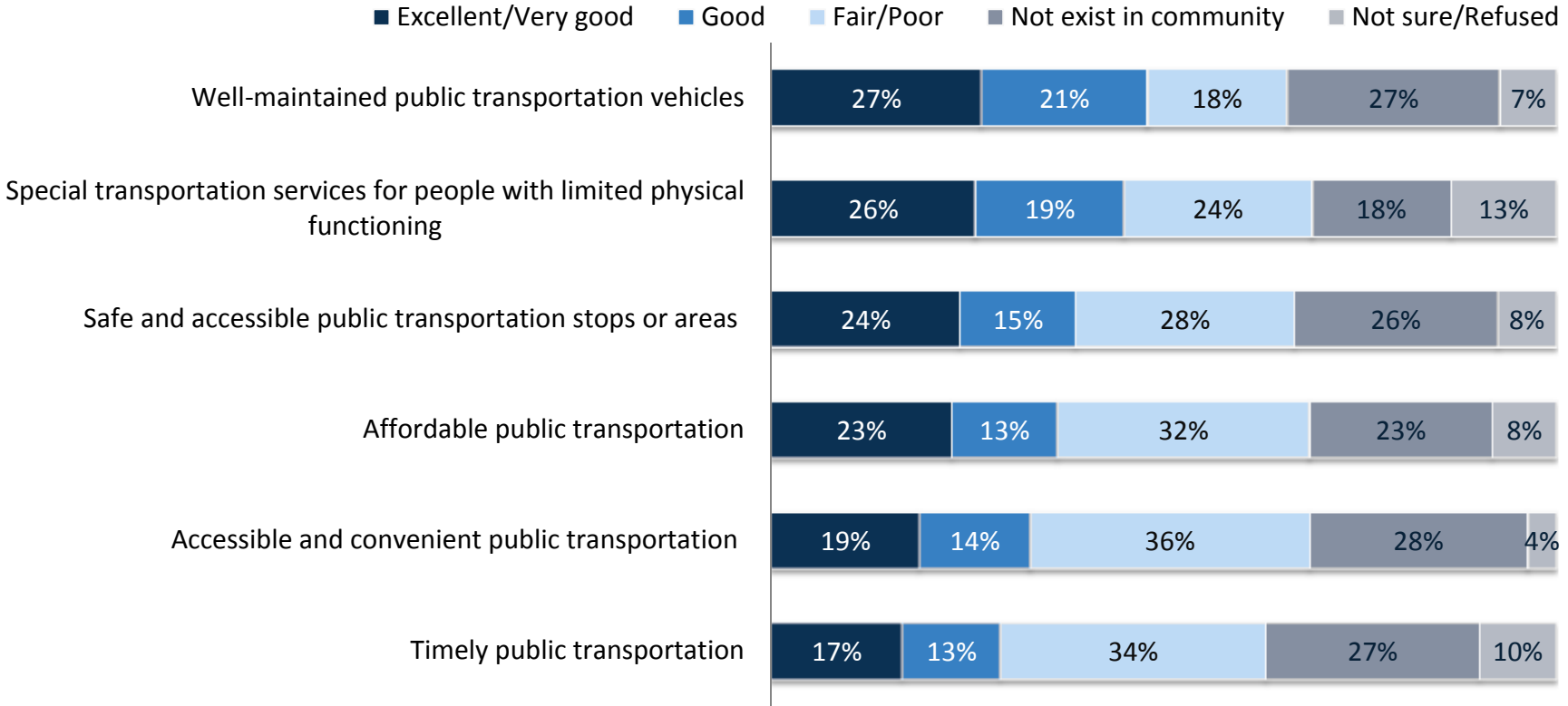
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Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good on having easy to read traffic signs and enforced speed limits.



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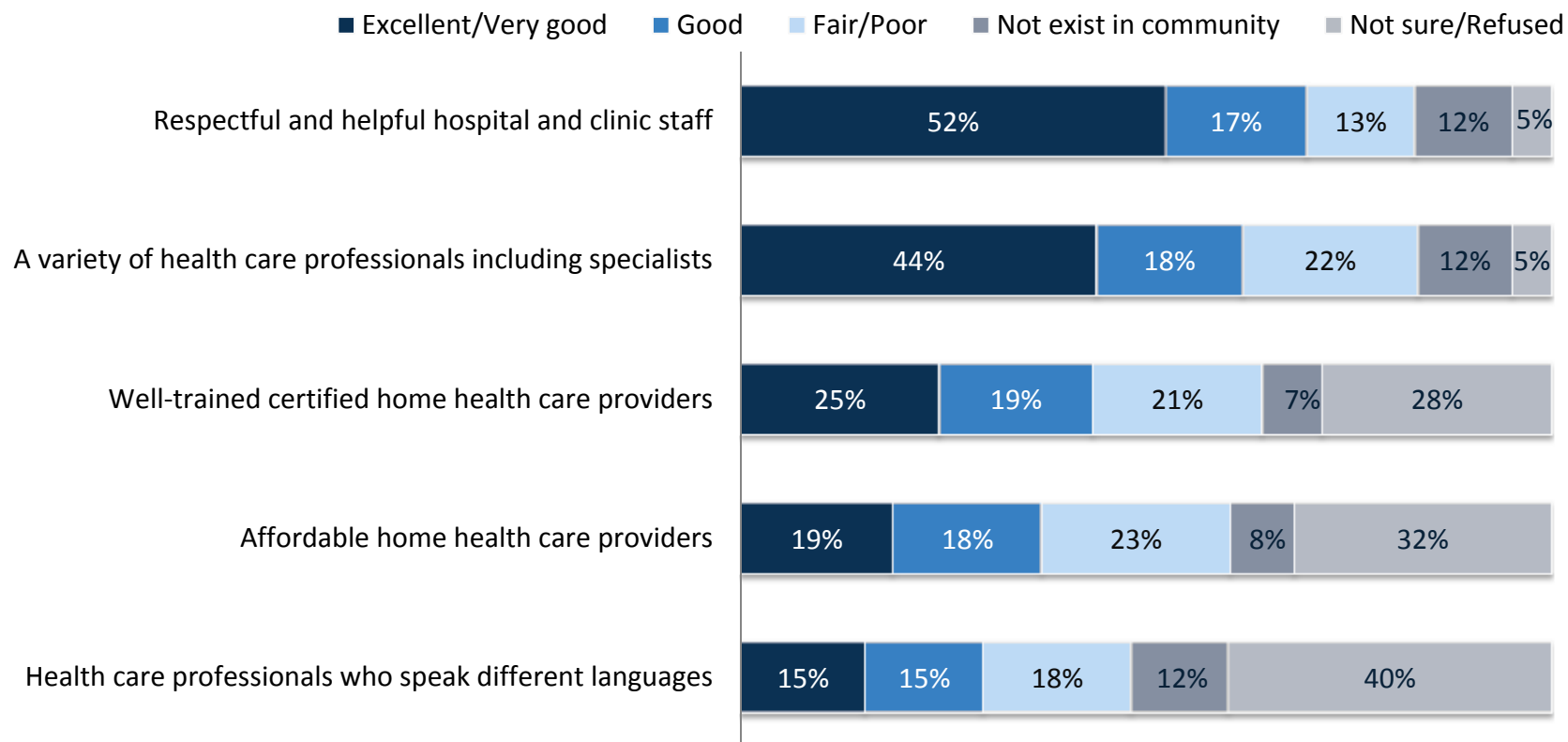
About half of Larimer County residents age 50+ feel their community offers excellent to good well-maintained public transportation and special transportation options.



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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good on having a variety of helpful and respectful health care professionals.



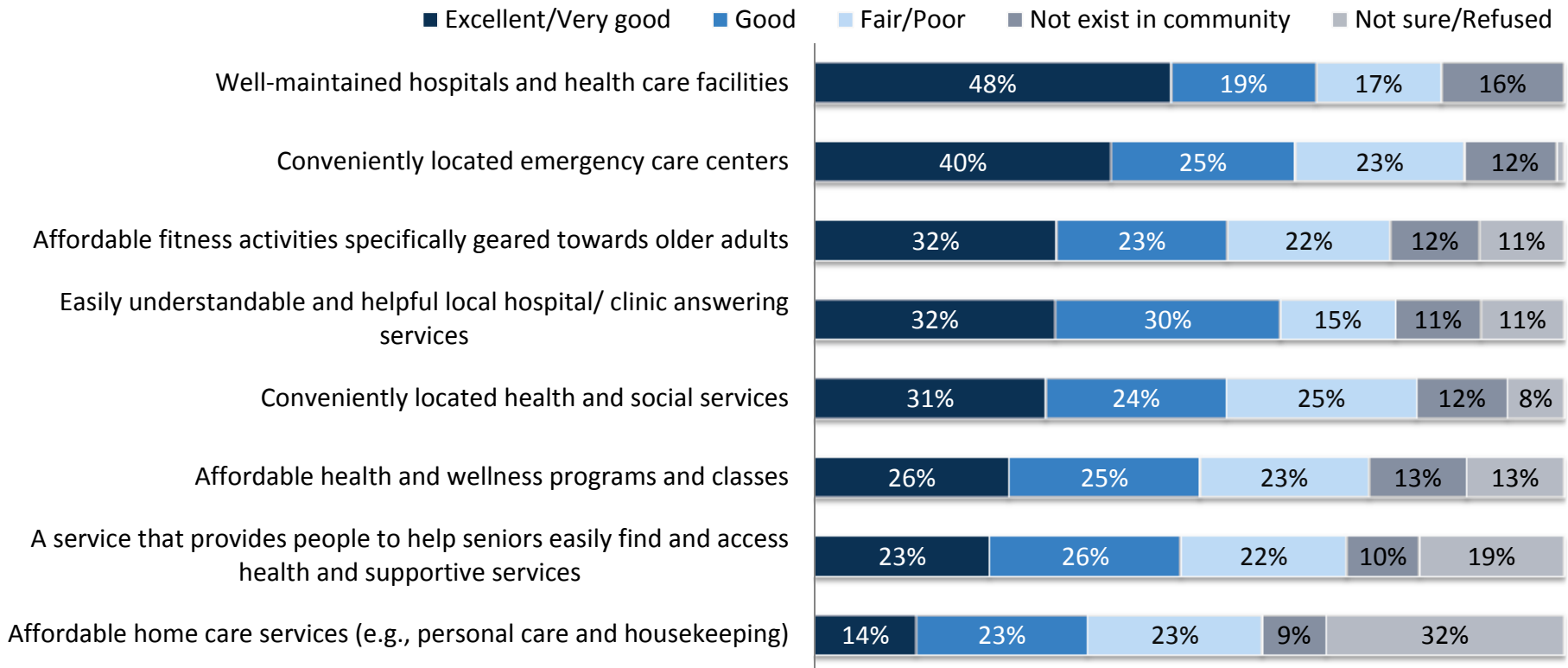
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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good on having well-maintained and conveniently located health care facilities.



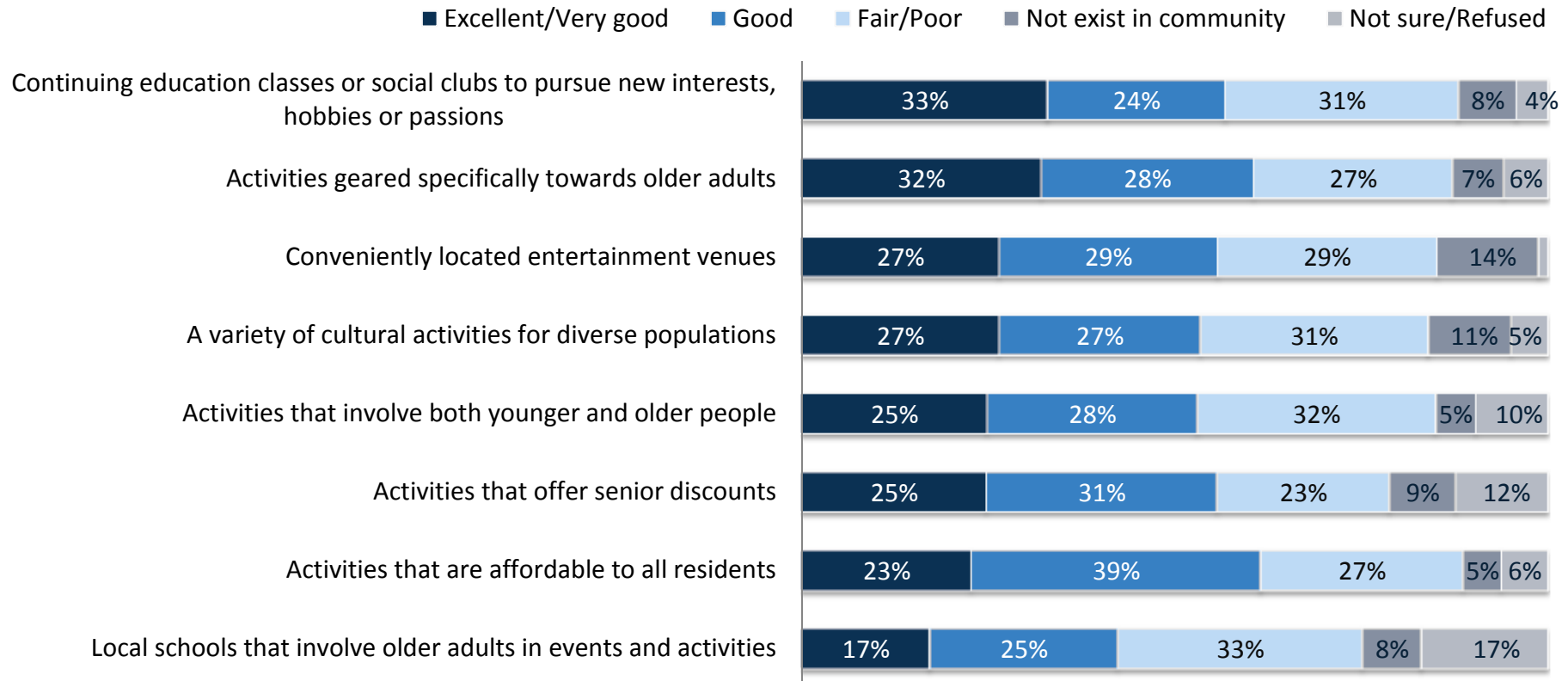
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Larimer County residents age 50+ say their community has an excellent to good variety of affordable social activities at convenient locations.

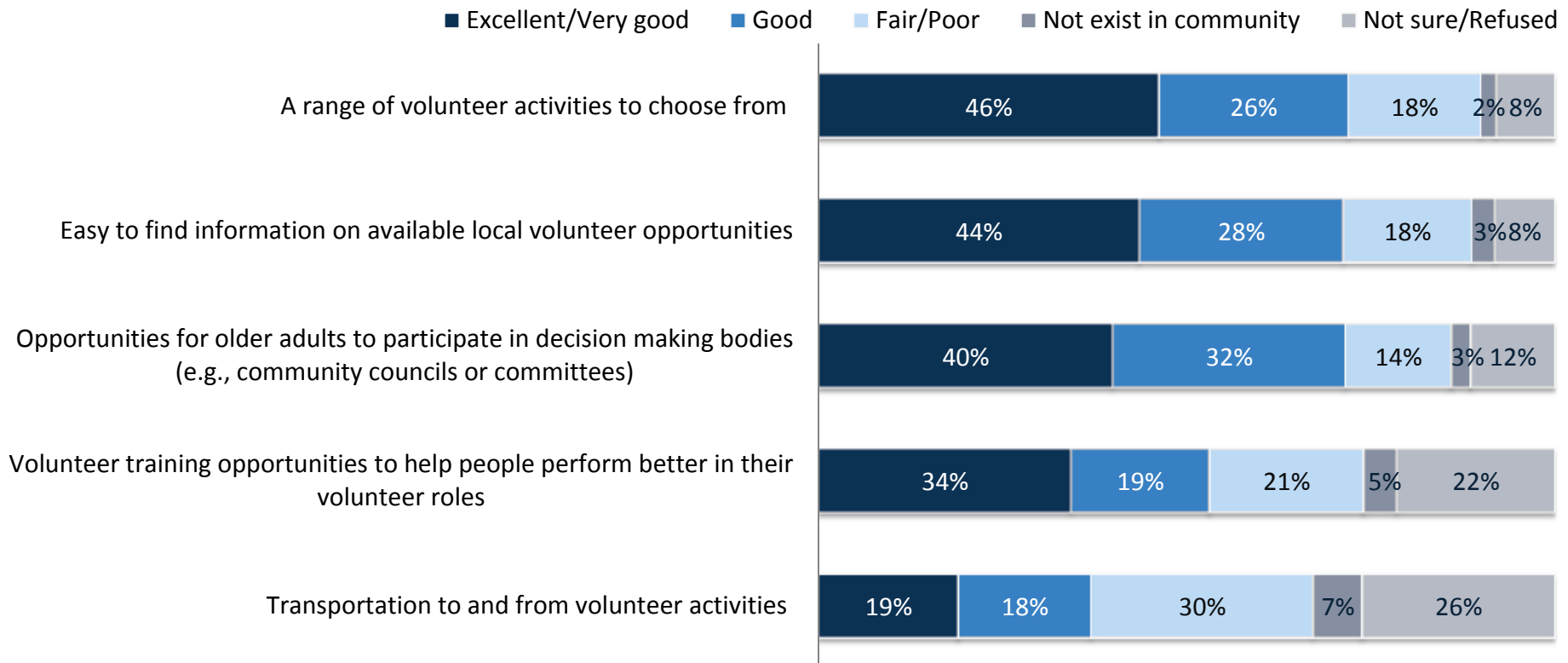


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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having access to a variety of volunteer activities although a plurality give a negative rating on having volunteer transportation.

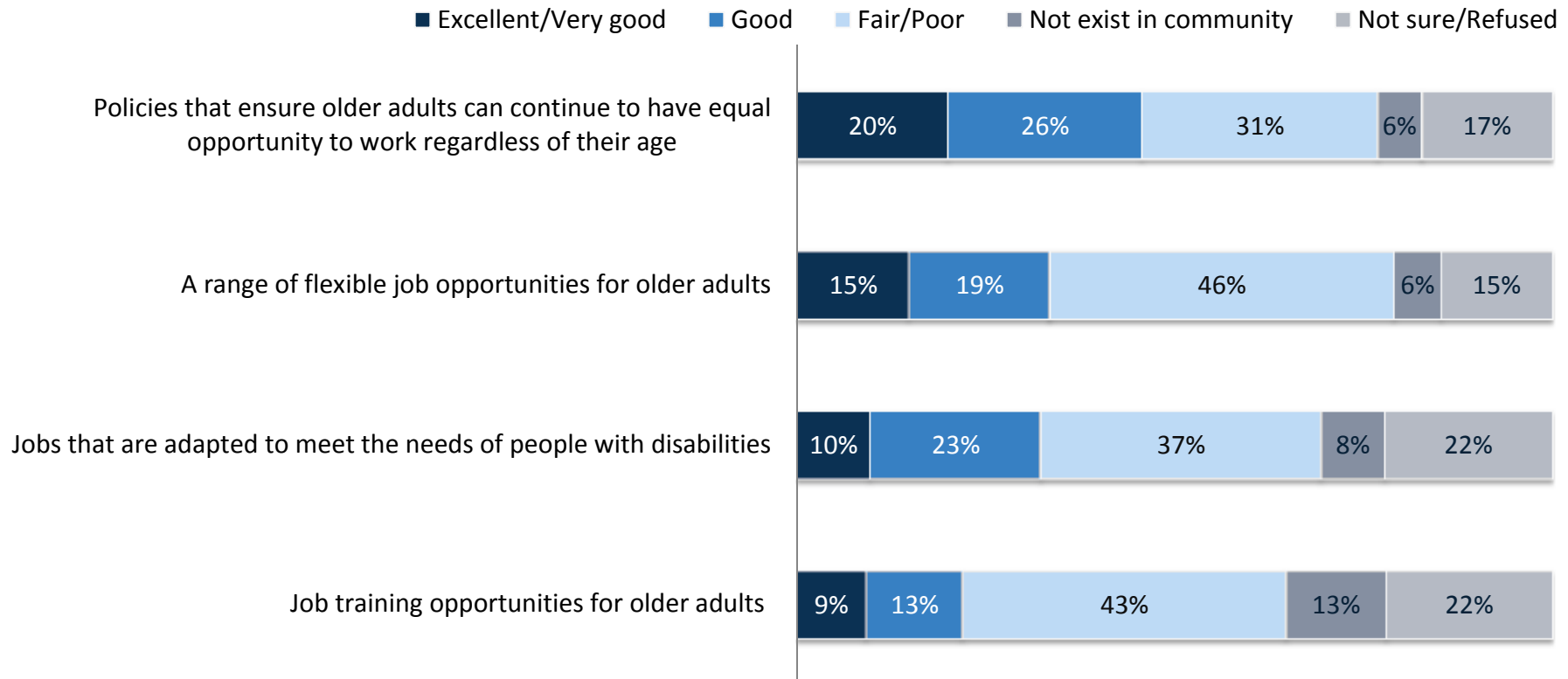


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Larimer County residents age 50+ are somewhat divided in their opinions on how well their community is doing in terms of having employment opportunities for older residents.

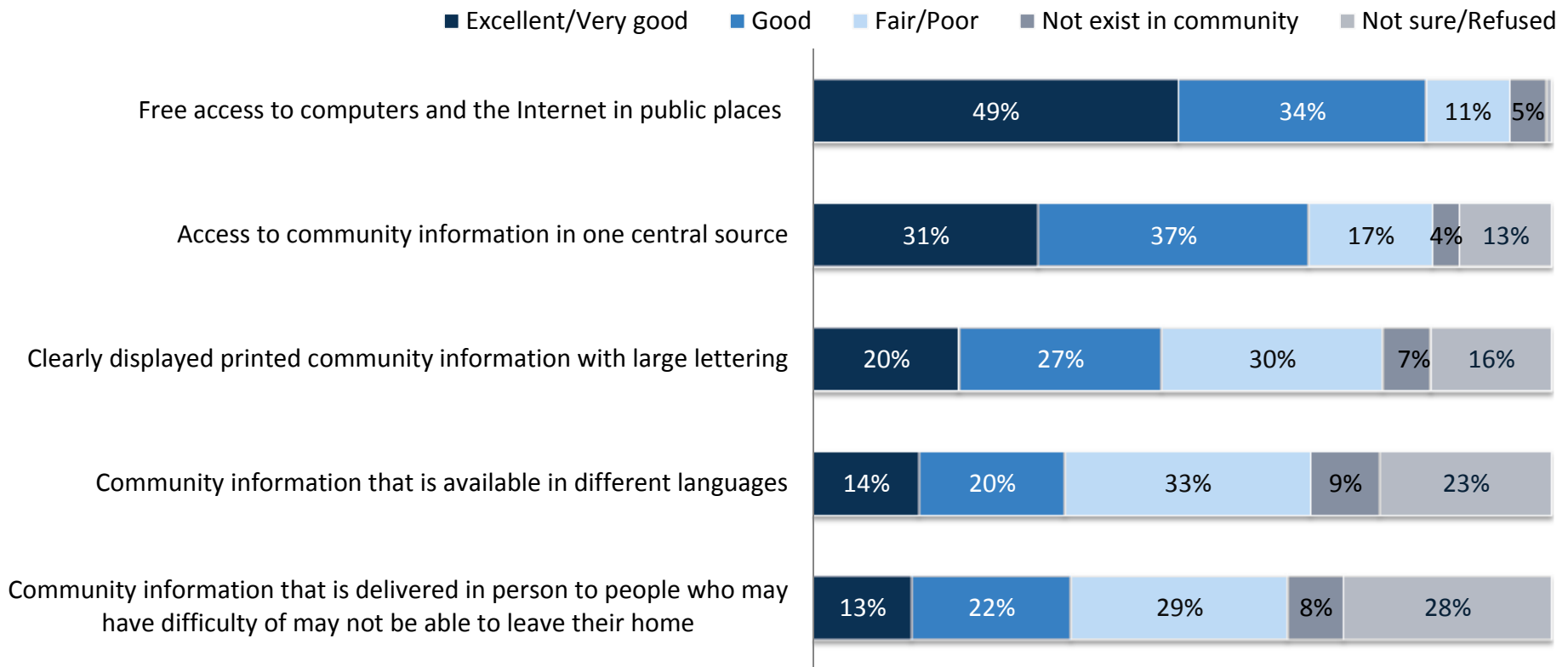


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The majority of Larimer County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having easy access to community information.



Question: Would you rate your community as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

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Respondent Profile: Demographics

Gender	
Male	50%
Female	50%

Age	
50-54	16%
55-64	39%
65-74	23%
75-84	13%
85+	9%

Race/Ethnicity	
White or Caucasian	97%
Asian	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Black	<1%
Hispanic	0%
Other	0%

Marital Status	
Single, never married	8%
Married	64%
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	2%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	12%

Health Status	
Excellent/Very good	70%
Good	20%
Fair/Poor	10%

Disability Status	
Yes, myself	18%
Yes, my spouse or partner	6%
Yes, both myself and my spouse or partner	3%
No	73%

AARP Membership	
Yes	39%
No	60%

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Respondent Profile: Socioeconomic & Voting

Education

0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	1%
High school graduate or equivalent	12%
Post high school education, but with no degree	9%
2 year degree (Associate's Degree)	18%
4 year degree (Bachelor's Degree)	26%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	8%
Graduate or professional degree	27%

Employment Status

Self-employed full-time	12%
Self-employed part-time	5%
Employed full-time	19%
Employed part-time	9%
Retired and not working at all	49%
Unemployed and looking for work	1%
Not in the labor force for other reasons	5%

Income

< \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	13%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	13%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	14%
\$150,000 +	9%

Voting Behavior

Always	73%
Most of the time	18%
About half of the time	7%
Seldom	1%
Never	2%

Political Party

Democrat	26%
Republican	37%
Independent	29%
Something else	3%

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Survey Methodology:

- A telephone survey was commissioned by AARP to assess public opinion among Larimer County Residents Age 50+ about age-friendly and livable community topics in Larimer County outside of Fort Collins/Loveland.
- Telephone interviewing was conducted by Alan Newman Research from July 1st to 14th 2016.
- A total of 188 interviews were conducted. The margin of error for this sample is $\pm 7.3\%$.
- The sample utilized RDD landline and cell phone records.
- The data contained in this deck are based only on those respondents who live in Larimer County outside of Fort Collins and Loveland.

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Contact Information:

- This deck, the annotated survey, the methodology report, and an infographic can be accessed at:
www.aarp.org/2016agefriendlycommunity
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- For more information about the survey, please contact Joanne Binette, AARP Research, at jbinette@aarp.org.