

Livability for All in Monroe County, NY

An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 45-64

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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

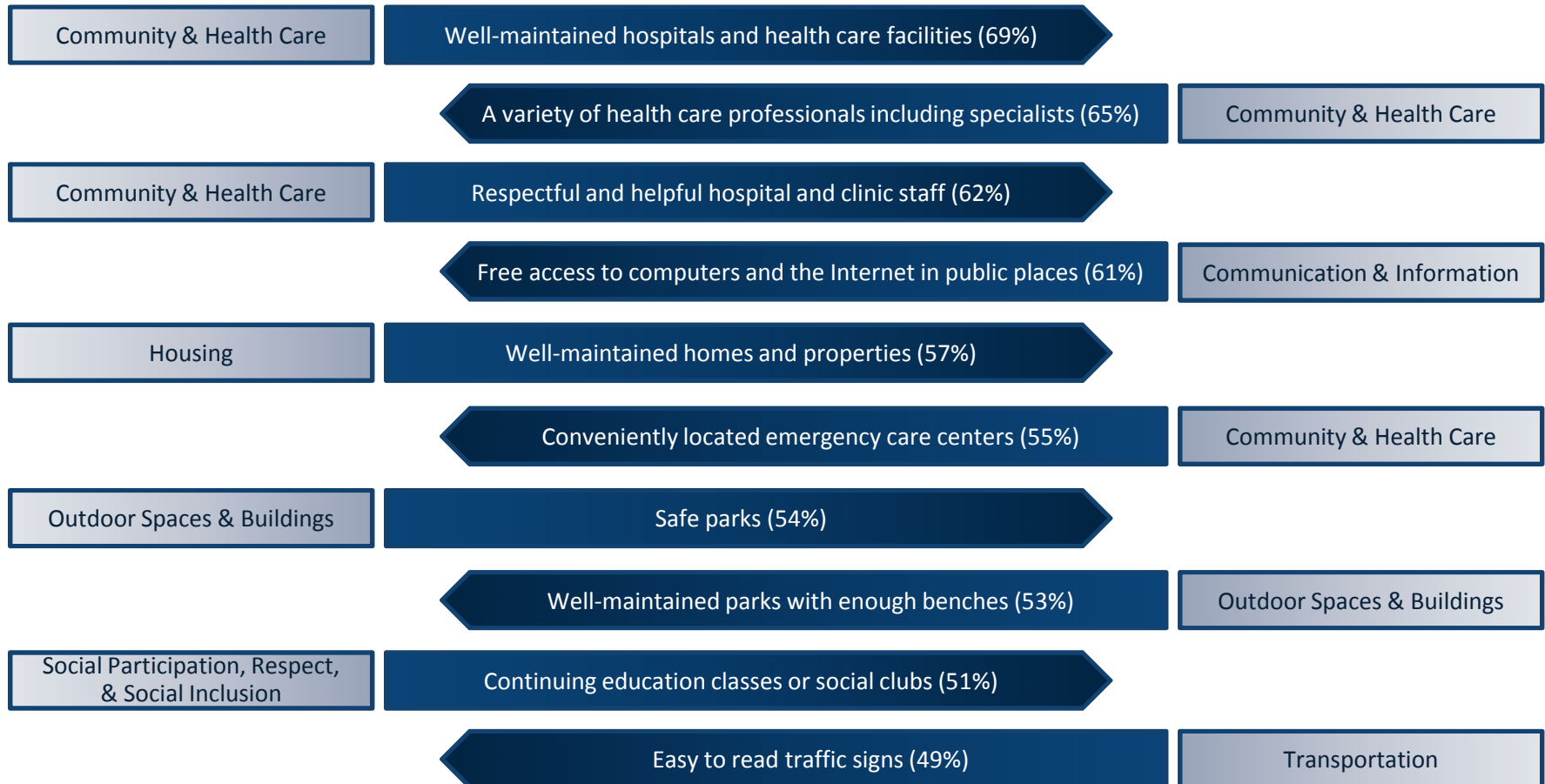


Communication
& Information

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Top 10 Community Features

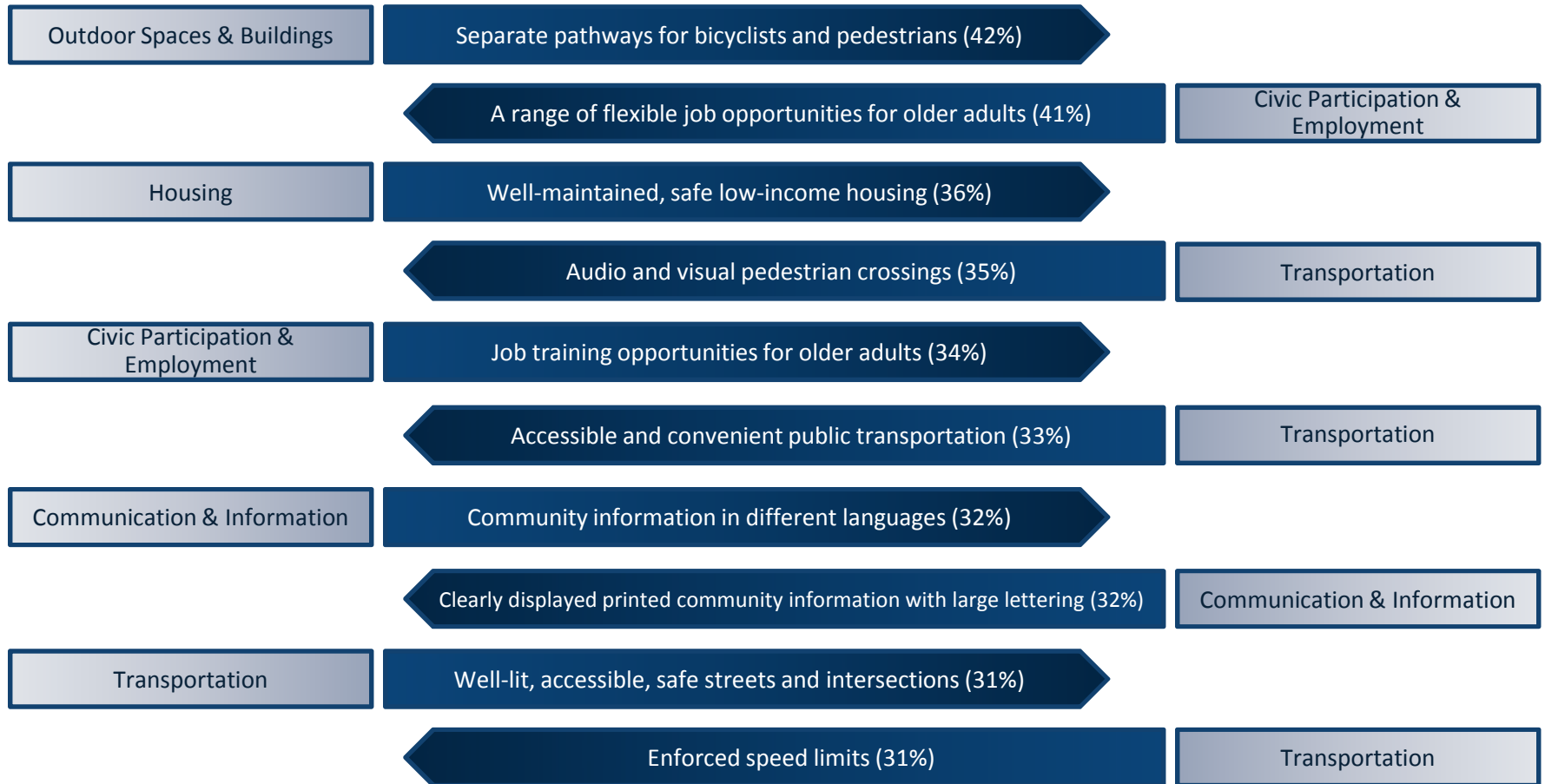
(% Excellent/Very Good)



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Monroe County Residents Age 45-64

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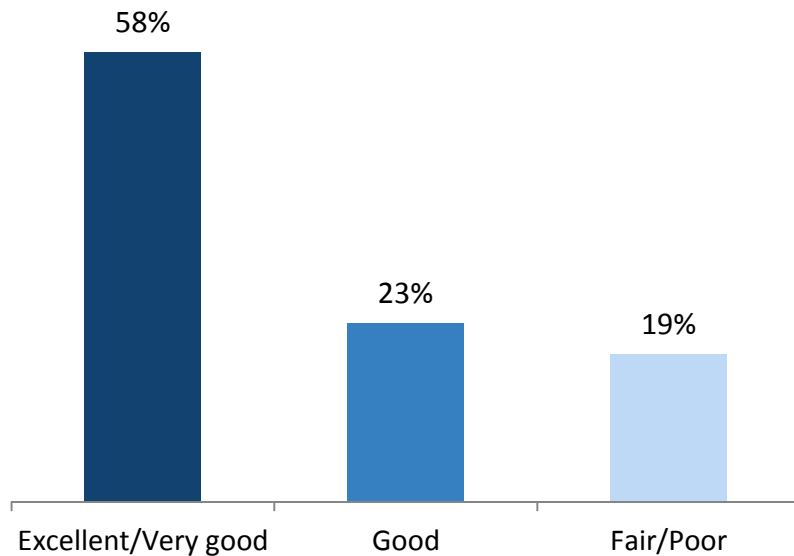
(% Fair/Poor)



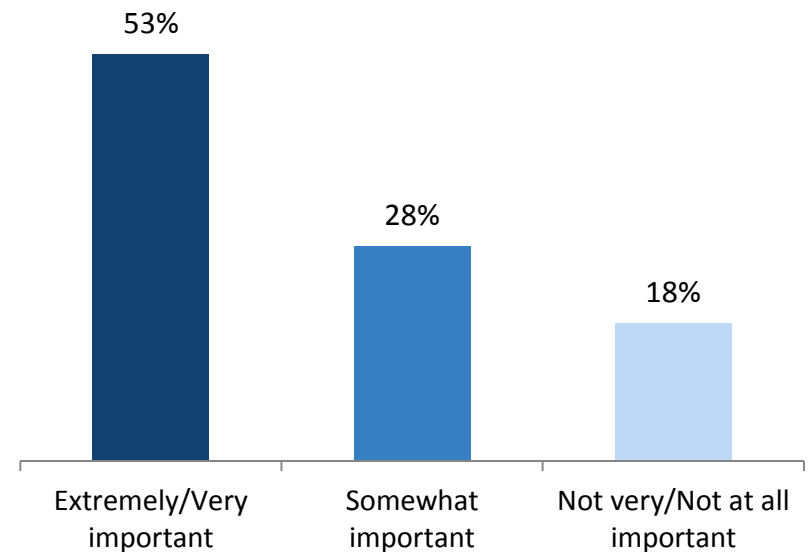
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The majority of Monroe County residents age 45-64 believe their community is a good place to age and want to live there independently for as long as possible.

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



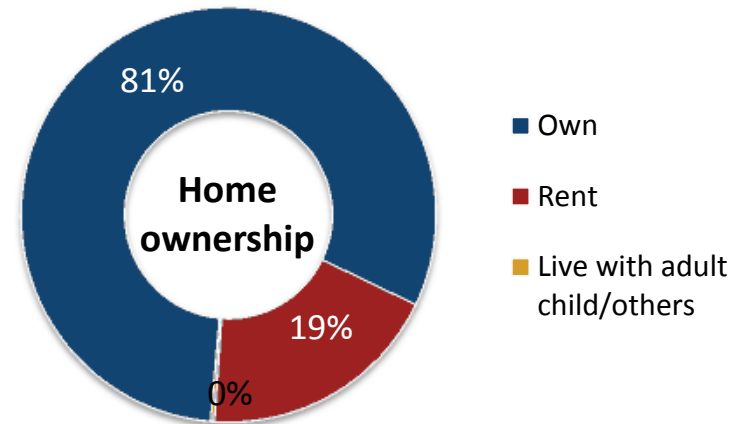
Importance of
Remaining in Current Community



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Monroe County Residents Age 45-64

Most Monroe County residents age 45-64 own single family homes.


Type of Home	
A single family house	82%
An apartment	8%
A townhouse/Row house	4%
A two family house that has two separate living units	3%
Senior housing/Assisted living facility	2%
A condominium/Coop	2%
A mobile home	0%
Other	<1%



53% of respondents say remaining in their current home is extremely/very important.

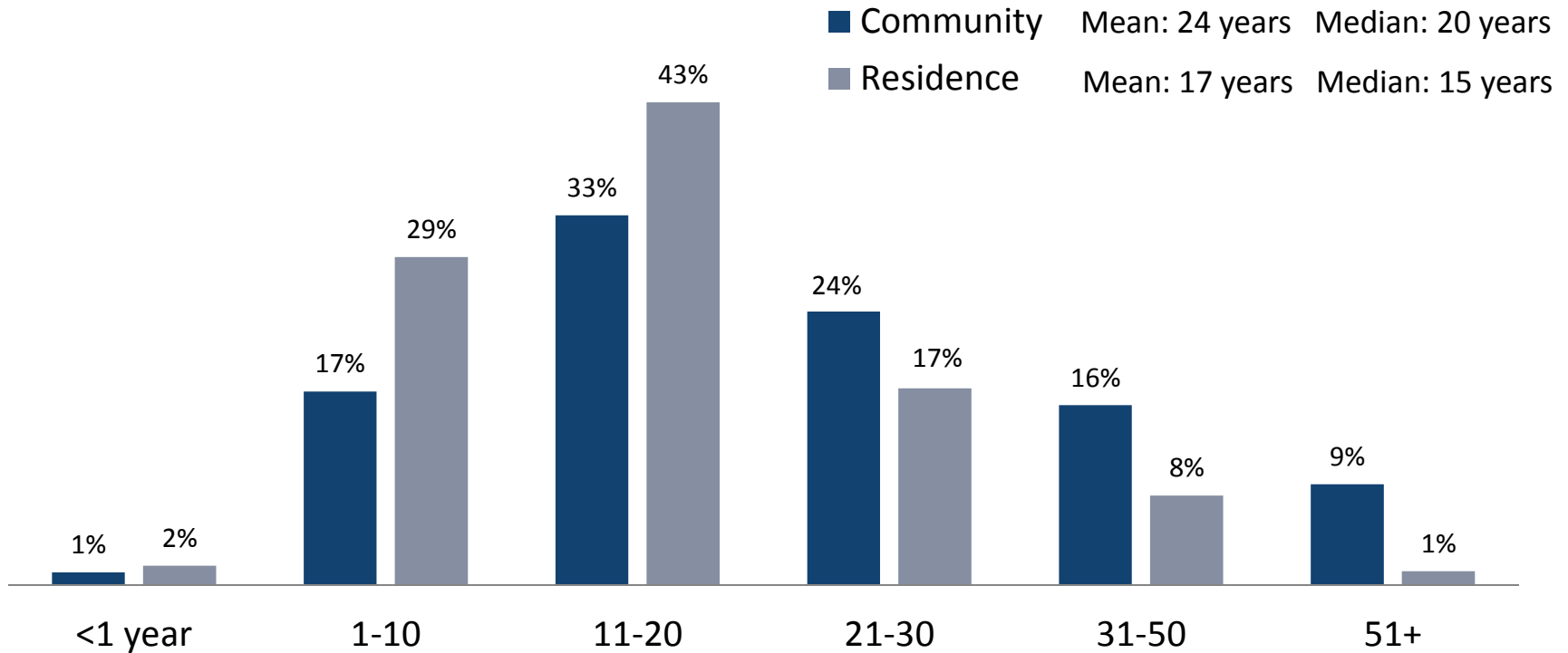


20% of respondents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications, or changes



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Monroe County residents age 45-64 have lived in their home for an average of 17 years and have lived in their community even longer, an average of 24 years.



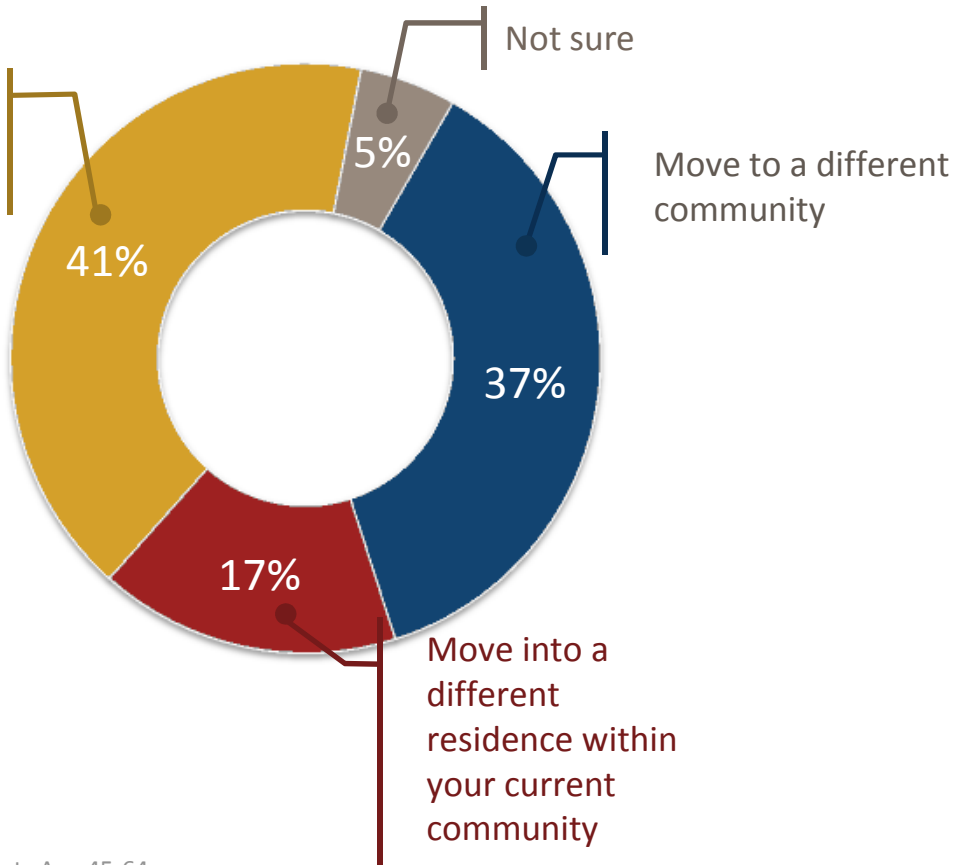
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The majority of Monroe County residents age 45-64 expect to stay in their home or community as they get older.



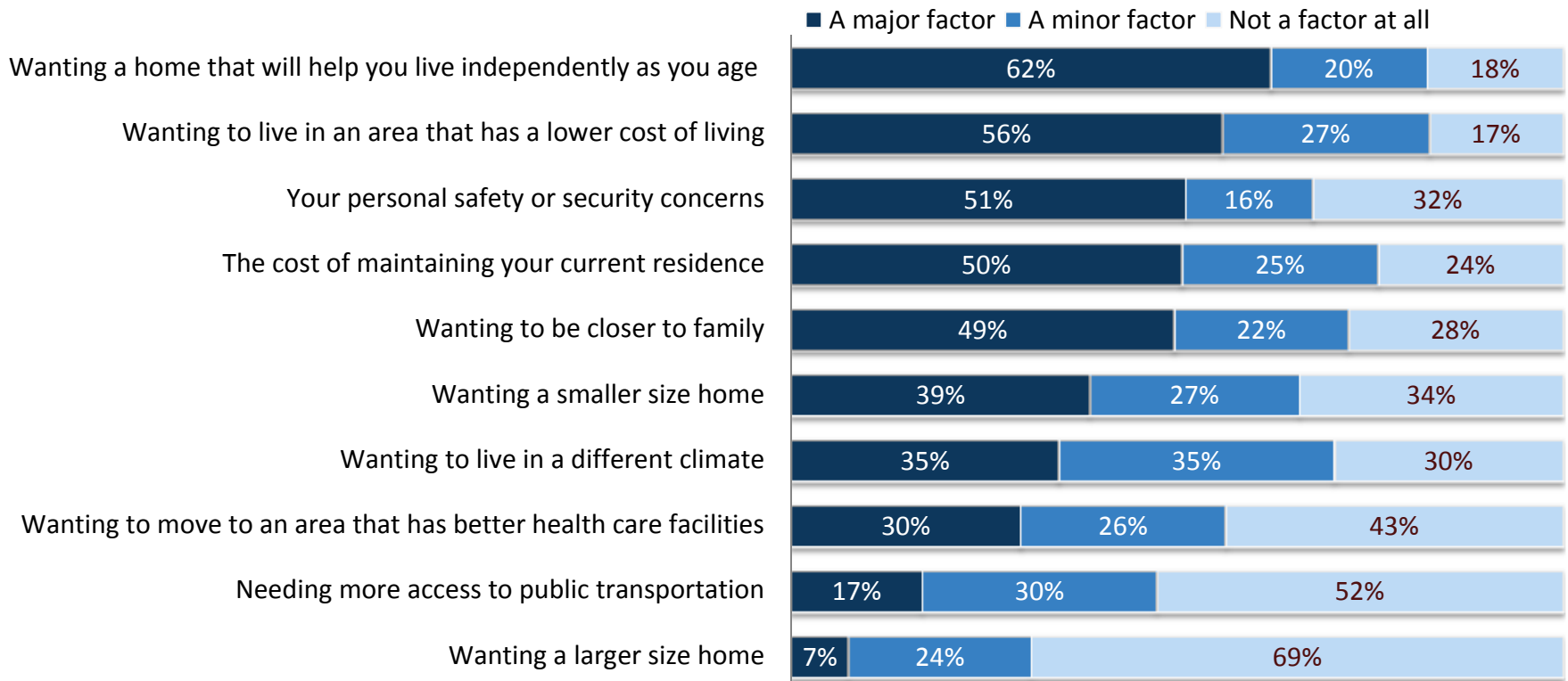
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Stay in your current residence and never move



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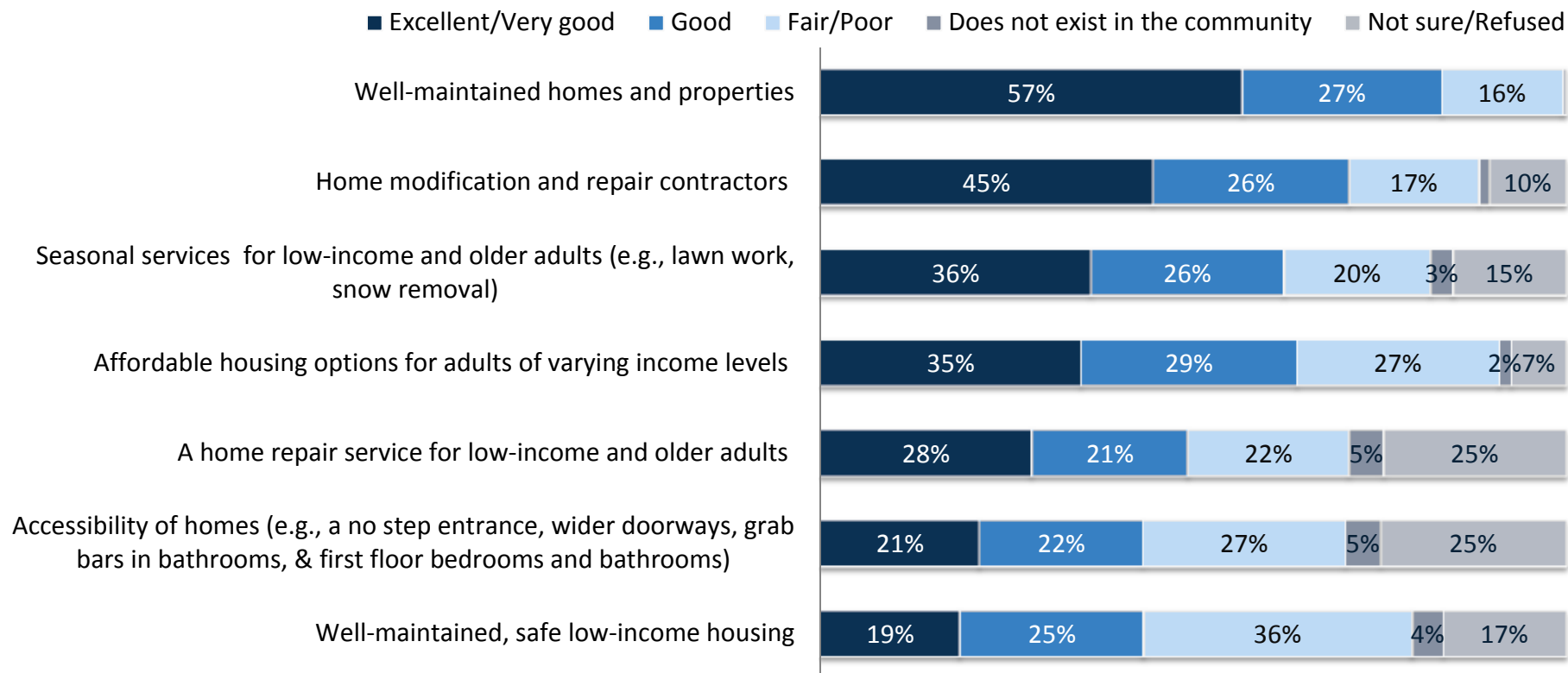
Age-friendly housing, affordability, safety, and wanting to be closer to family are influential factors for Monroe County residents age 45-64 considering moving when they get older.



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?

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Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community positively on having well-maintained homes and properties as well as good home modification and repair contractors.

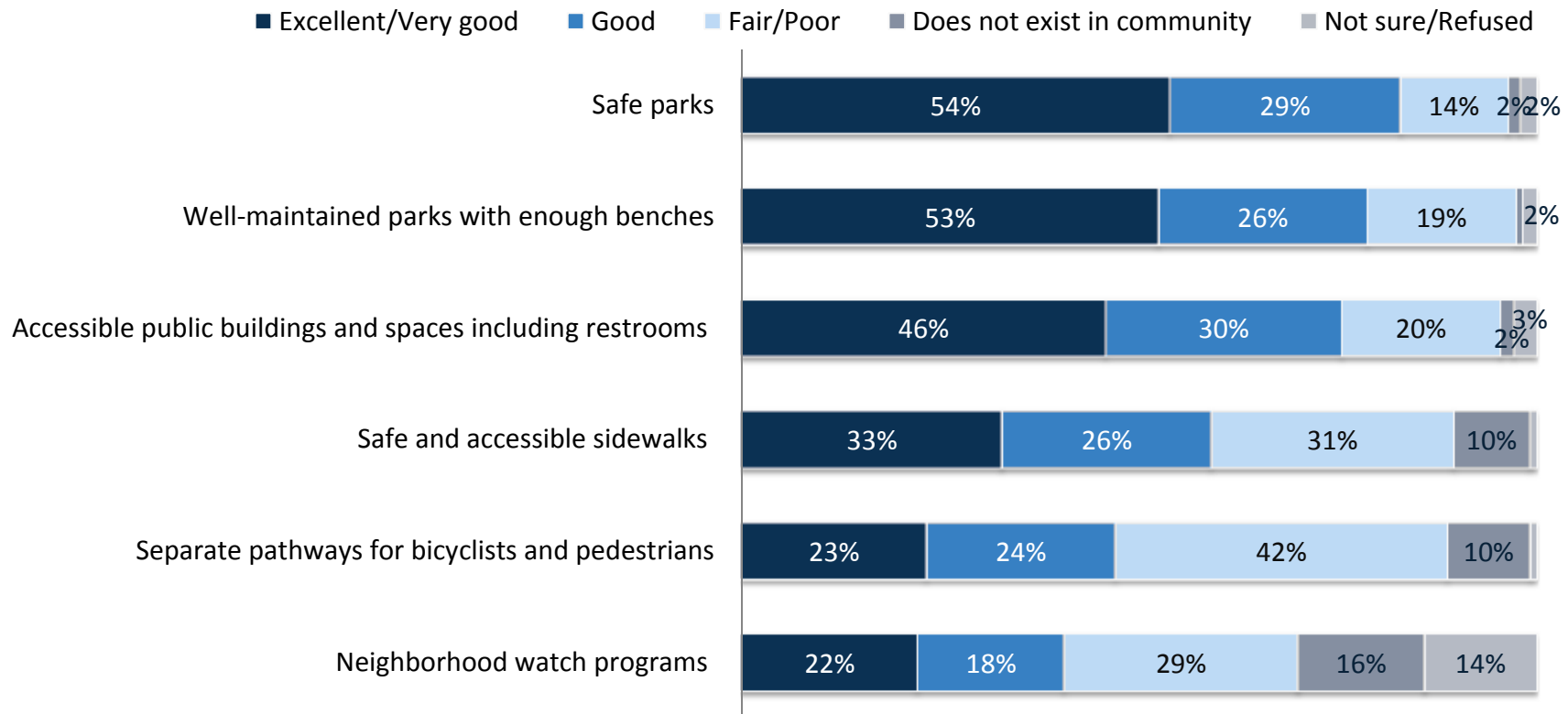


Question: Would you rate your community as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on having the following?

Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Monroe County Residents Age 45-64



Monroe County residents age 45-64 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 Monroe County residents age 45-64 drive themselves to get around their community.



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88% drive themselves around
26% have others drive them



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45% walk

14% use public transportation

24% ride a bike



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11% take a taxi
11% use a special transportation service
2% get around some other way



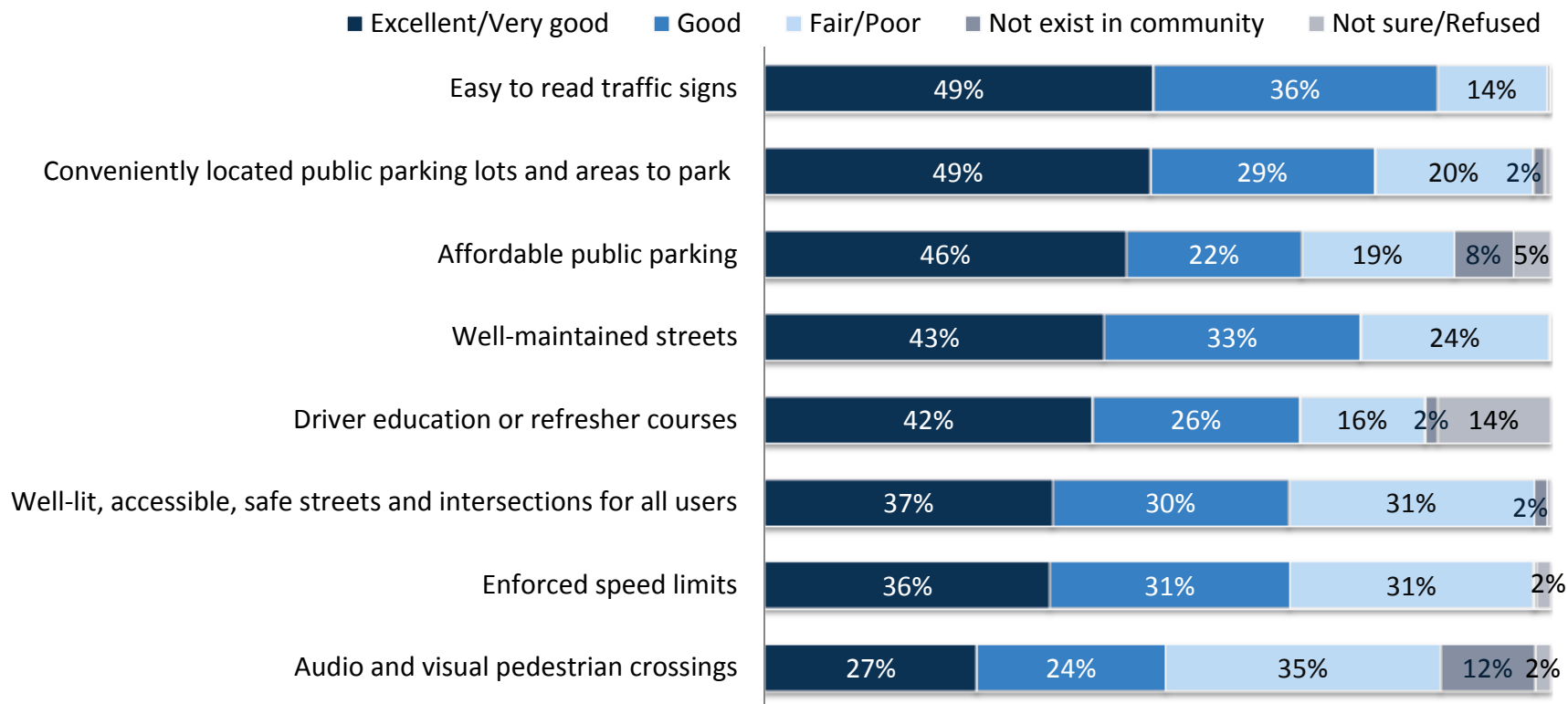
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Question: How do you usually get around your community for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things?

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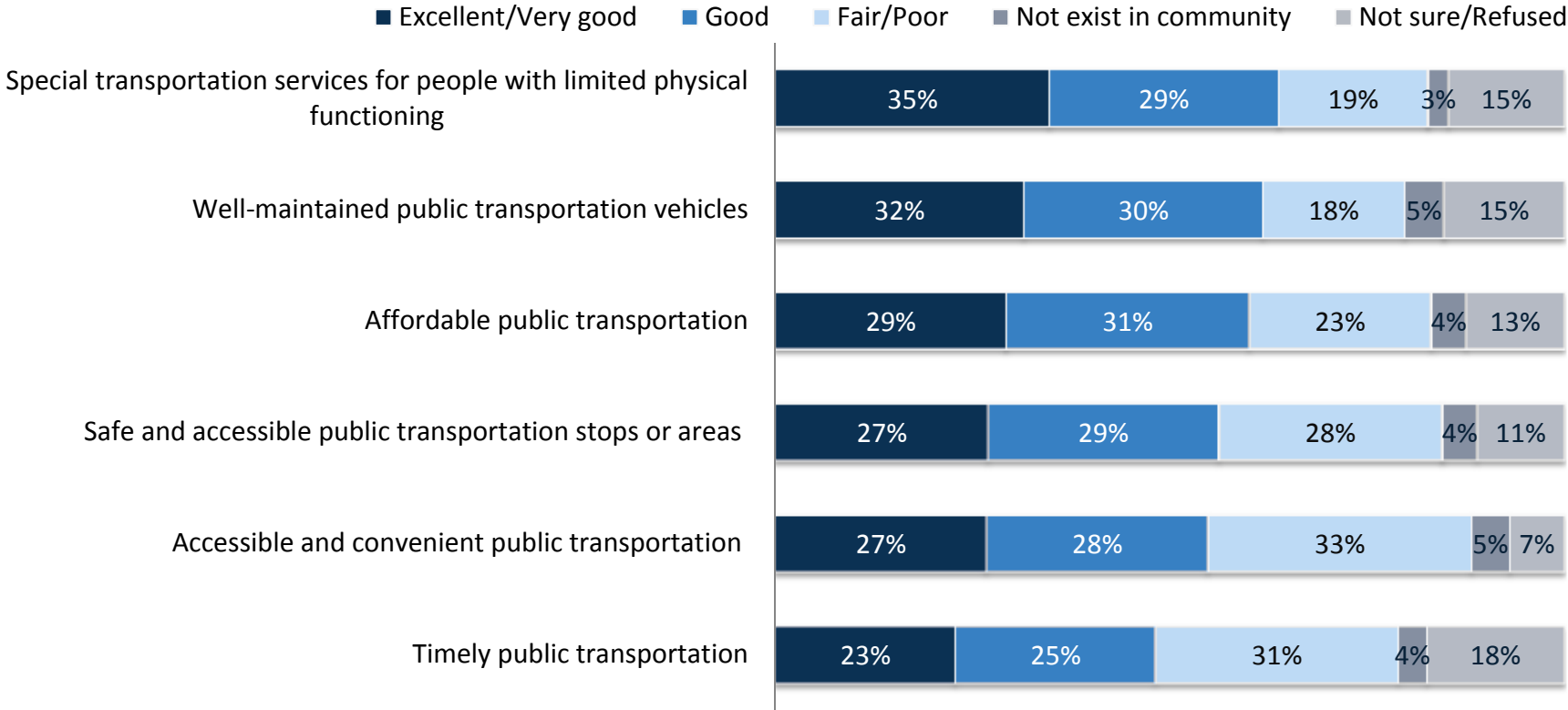
Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community excellent to good on having well-maintained, safe streets and ample places to park.



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

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Monroe County residents age 45-64 feel their community offers excellent to good special transportation options and well-maintained, safe, and affordable public transportation.

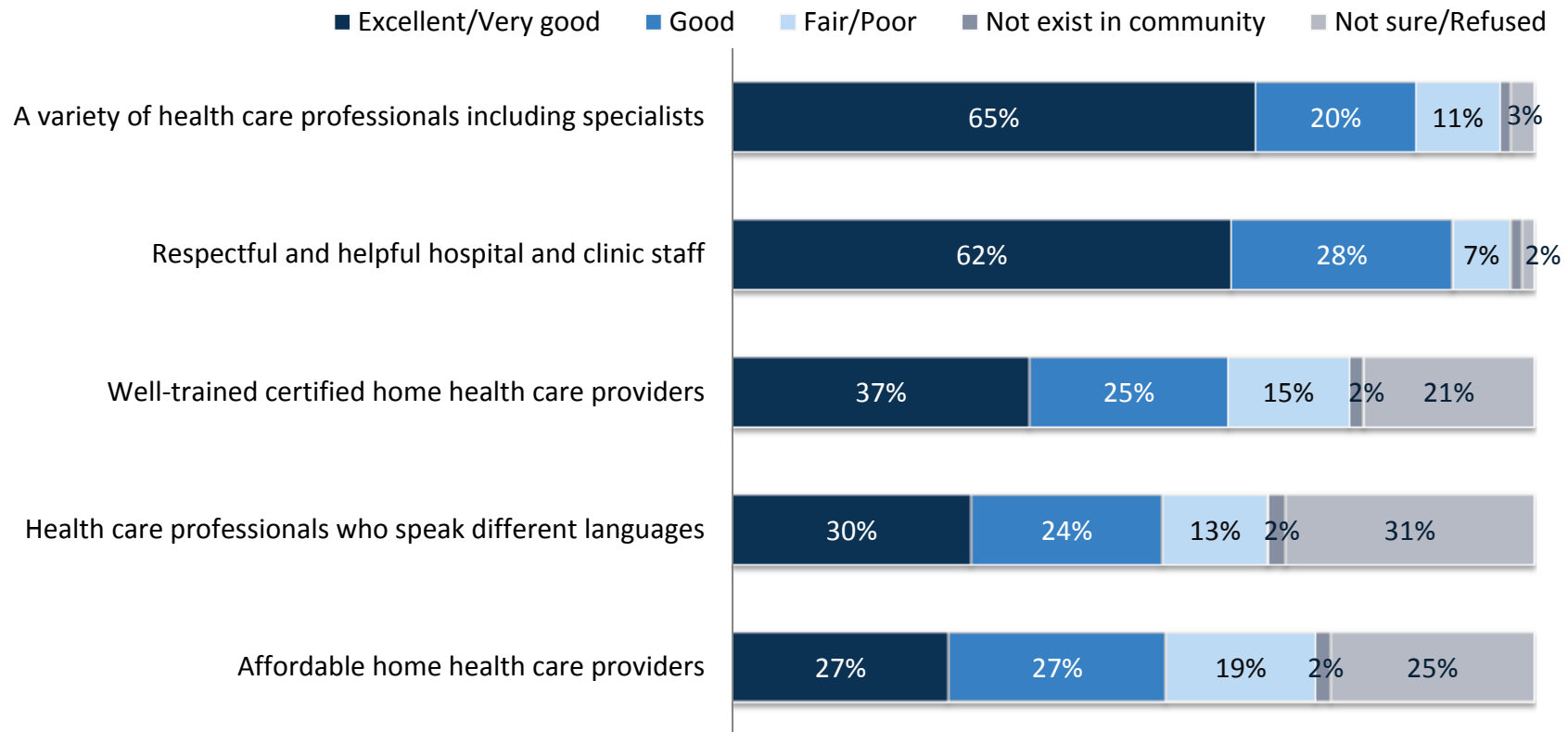


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The majority of Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community excellent to very good on having a variety of helpful and respectful health care professionals.



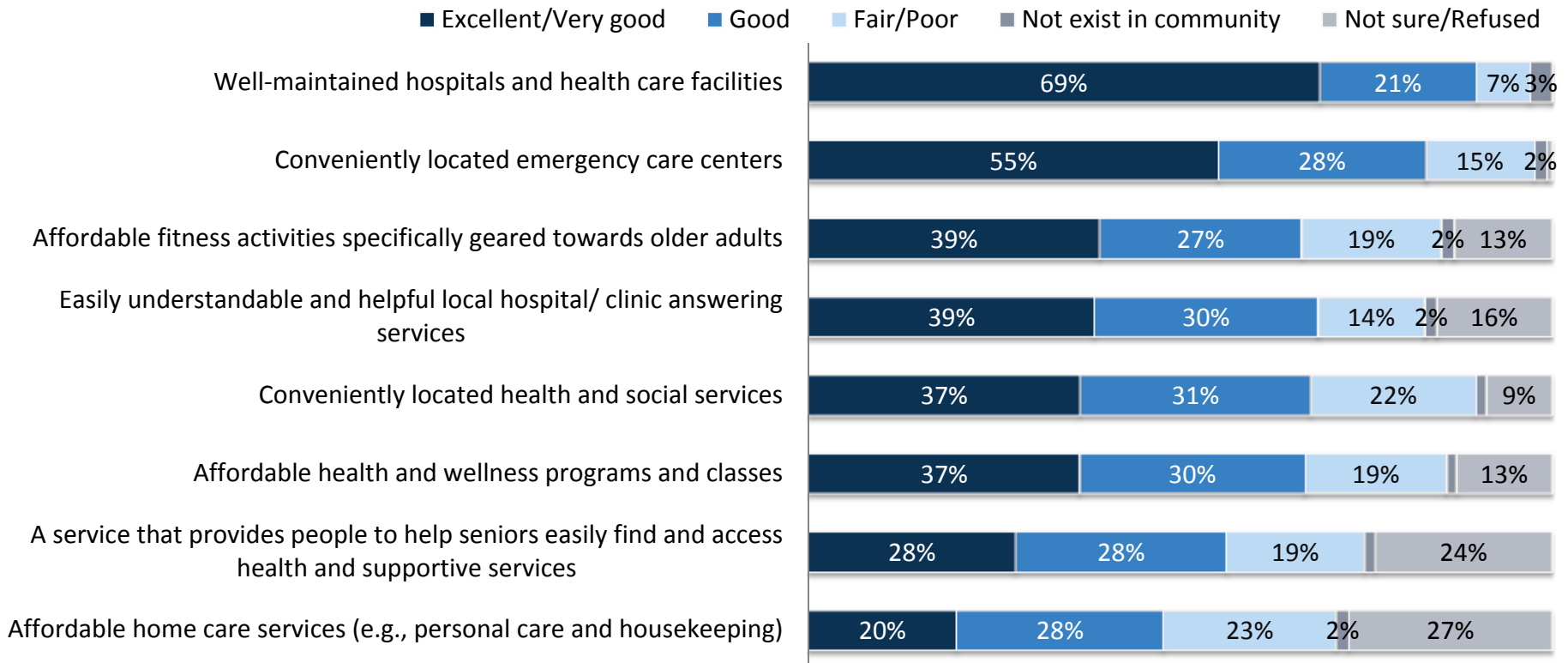
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Over half of Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community excellent to very good on having well-maintained and conveniently located health care facilities.



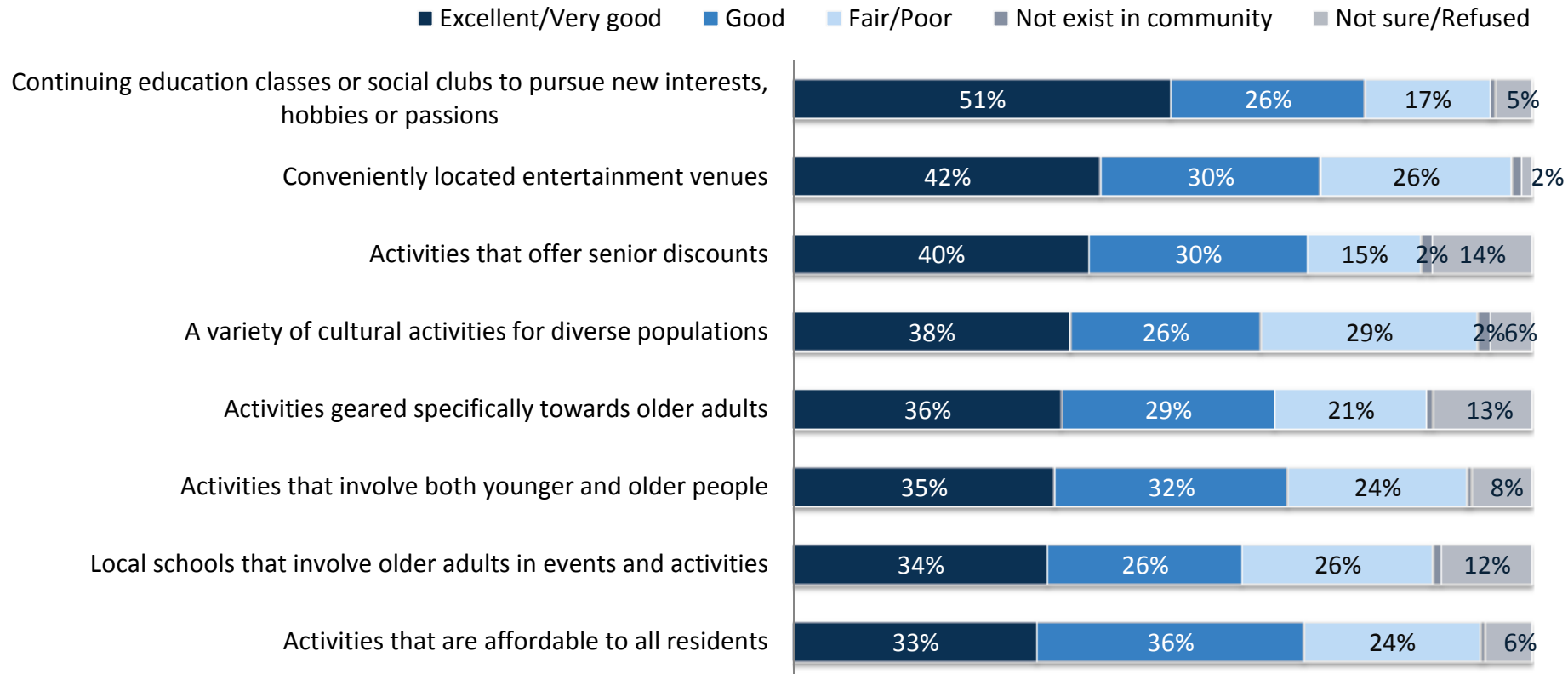
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Monroe County residents age 45-64 say their community has an excellent to good variety of affordable social activities at convenient locations.

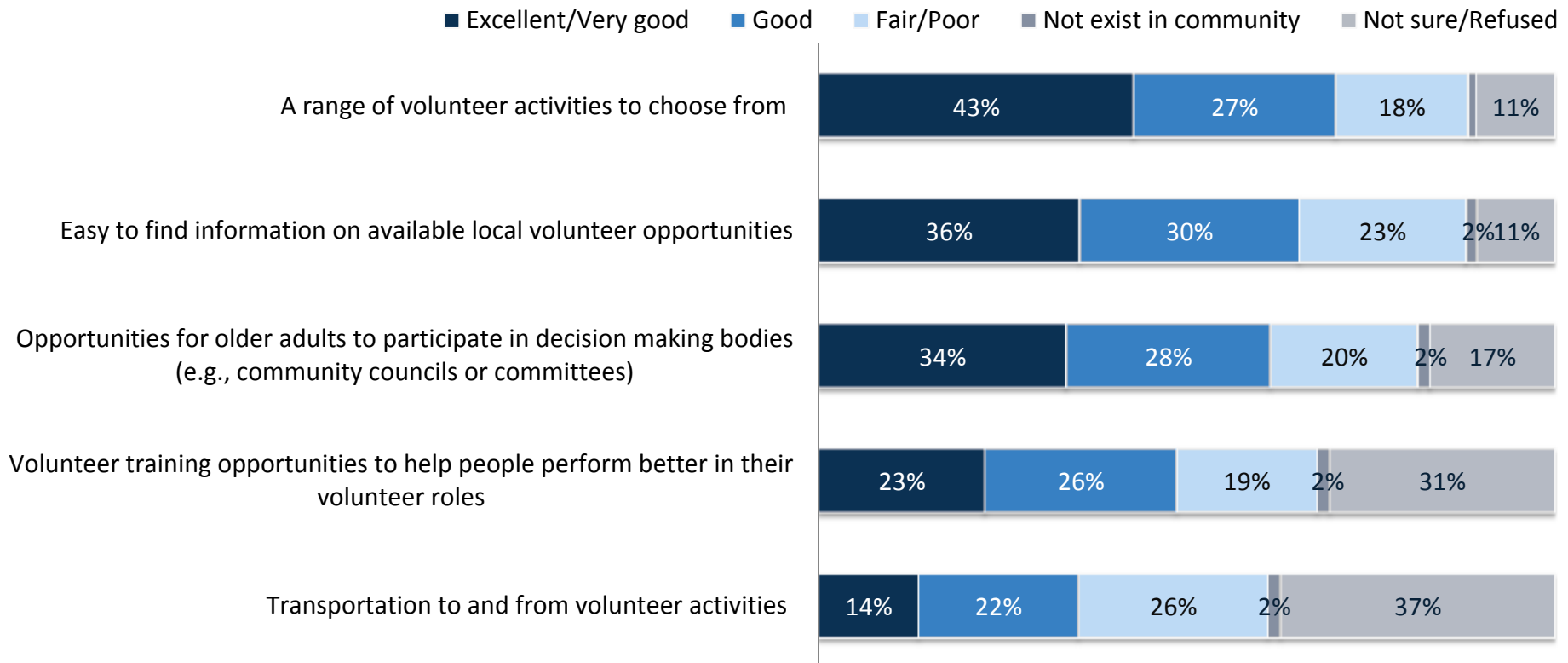


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The majority of Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community positively on having access to a variety of volunteer activities although a plurality give a negative rating on having volunteer transportation.

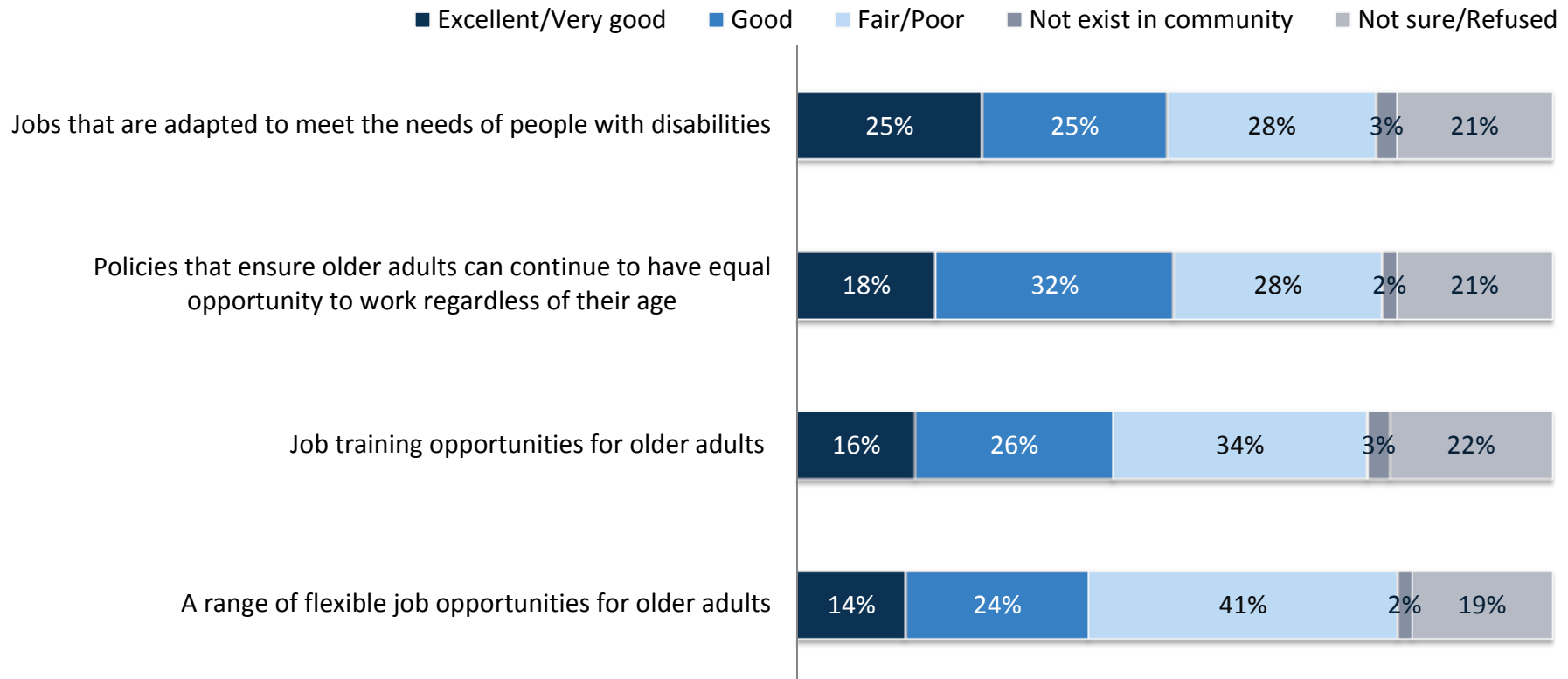


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Monroe County residents age 45-64 are somewhat divided in their opinions on how well their community is doing in terms of having employment opportunities for older residents.

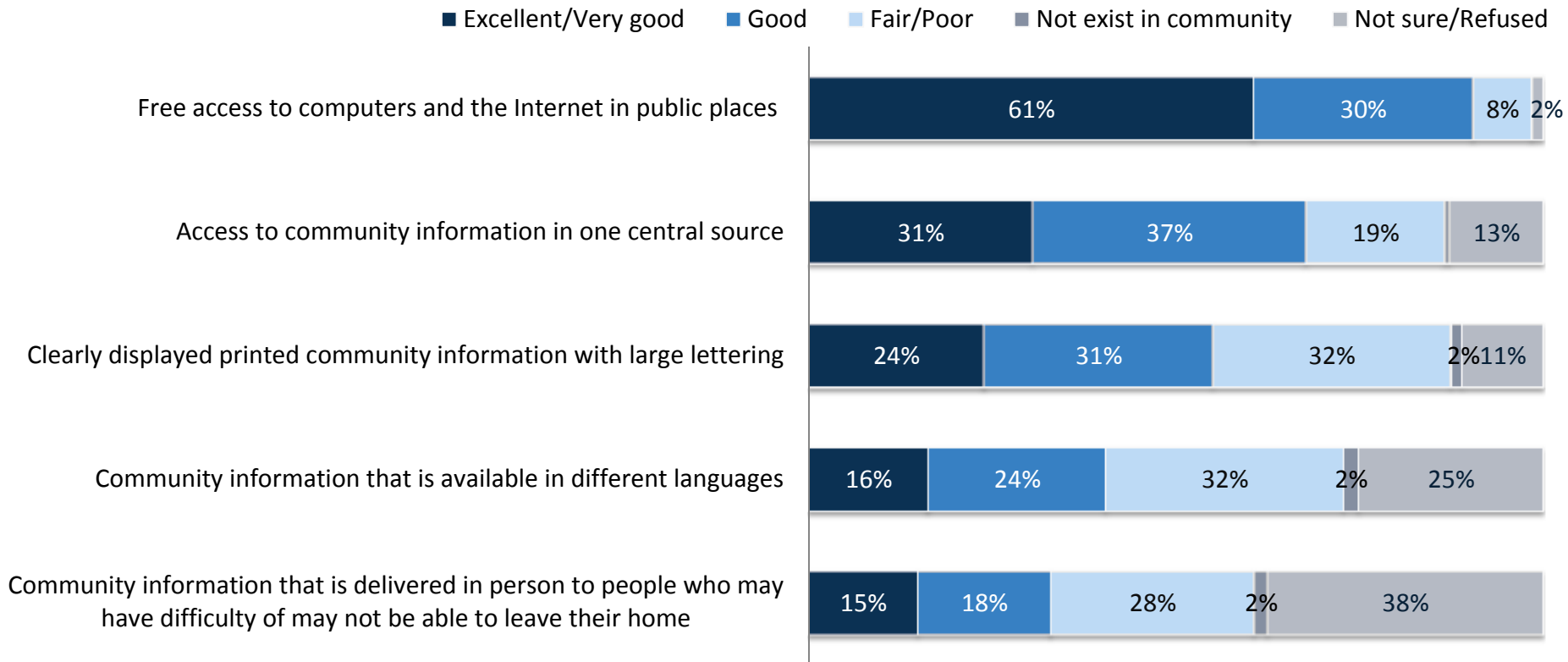


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The majority of Monroe County residents age 45-64 rate their community positively on having easy access to community information; however, having information available in different languages and for residents with limited mobility receive more negative ratings.



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	48%
Female	52%

Age	
45-49	25%
50-54	28%
55-64	48%

Race/Ethnicity	
White or Caucasian	79%
Black	15%
Asian	2%
Native American or Alaskan Native	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic	5%
Other	2%

Marital Status	
Single, never married	13%
Married	66%
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	2%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	4%

Health Status	
Excellent/Very good	60%
Good	24%
Fair/Poor	15%

Disability Status	
Yes, myself	21%
Yes, my spouse or partner	4%
Yes, both myself and my spouse or partner	2%
No	73%

AARP Membership	
Yes	17%
No	82%

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Respondent Profile: Socioeconomic & Voting

Education

0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	4%
High school graduate or equivalent	17%
Post high school education, but with no degree	12%
2 year degree (Associate's Degree)	15%
4 year degree (Bachelor's Degree)	26%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	5%
Graduate or professional degree	20%

Employment Status

Self-employed full-time	10%
Self-employed part-time	4%
Employed full-time	42%
Employed part-time	8%
Retired and not working at all	15%
Unemployed and looking for work	5%
Not in the labor force for other reasons	17%

Income

< \$10,000	5%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	7%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	10%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	10%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	14%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	17%
\$150,000 +	13%

Voting Behavior

Always	52%
Most of the time	25%
About half of the time	11%
Seldom	4%
Never	8%

Political Party

Democrat	39%
Republican	30%
Independent	22%
Something else	2%

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Survey Methodology:

- A telephone survey was commissioned by AARP to assess public opinion among Monroe County residents age 45-64 about age-friendly and livable community topics in Monroe County.
- Telephone interviewing was conducted by Alan Newman Research from June 22nd to July 5th 2016.
- A total of 503 interviews were conducted. The margin of error for this sample is $\pm 4.4\%$.
- The sample utilized RDD landline and cell phone records.

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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
- For more information about age-friendly work in Monroe County, please contact Erin Mitchell, AARP New York, at emitchell@aarp.org.
- For more information about the survey, please contact Joanne Binette, AARP Research, at jbinette@aarp.org.