



Livability for All in Pittsburgh/Allegheny County

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

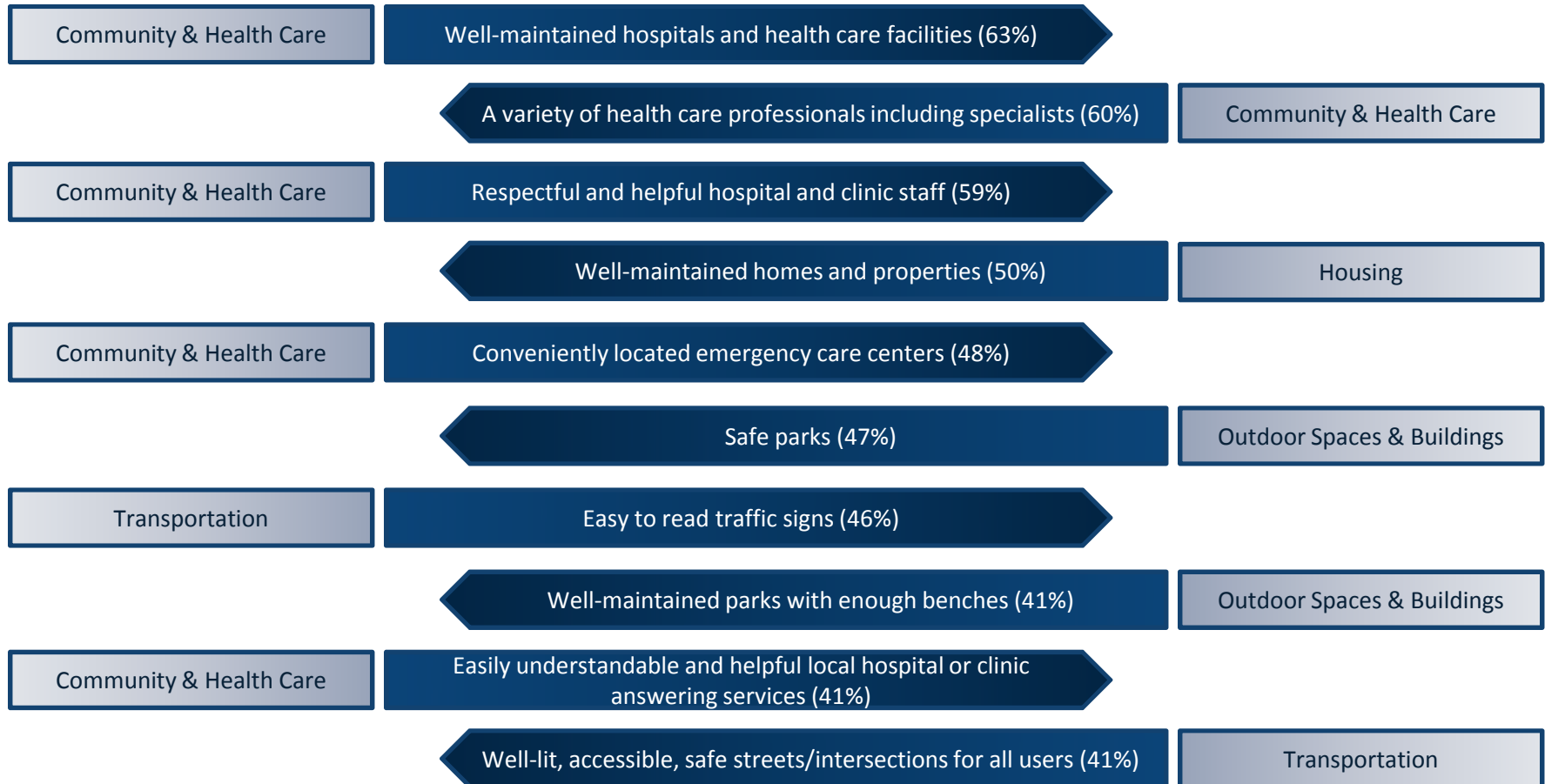


Communication
& Information

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Top 10 Community Features

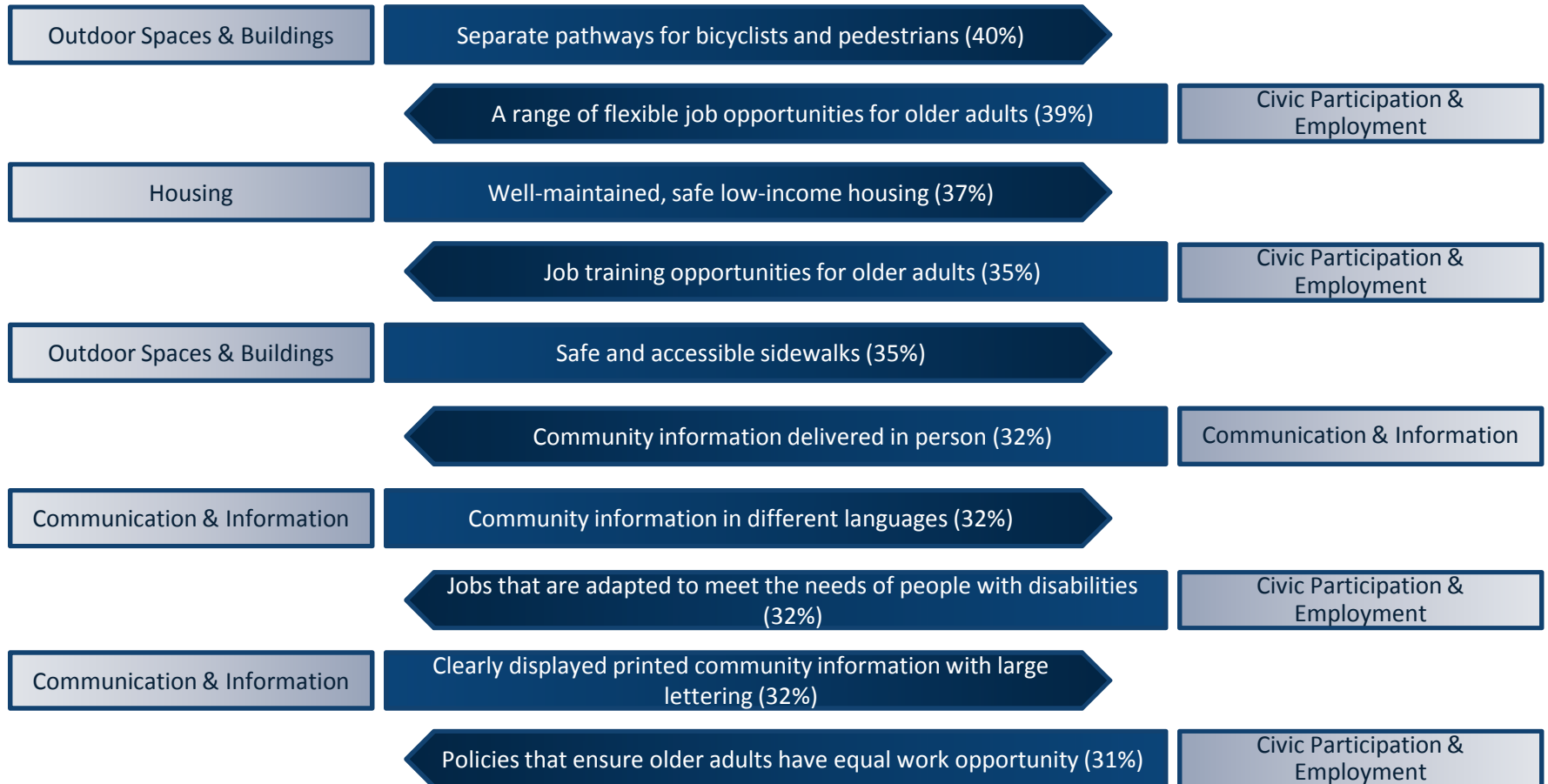
(% Excellent/Very Good)



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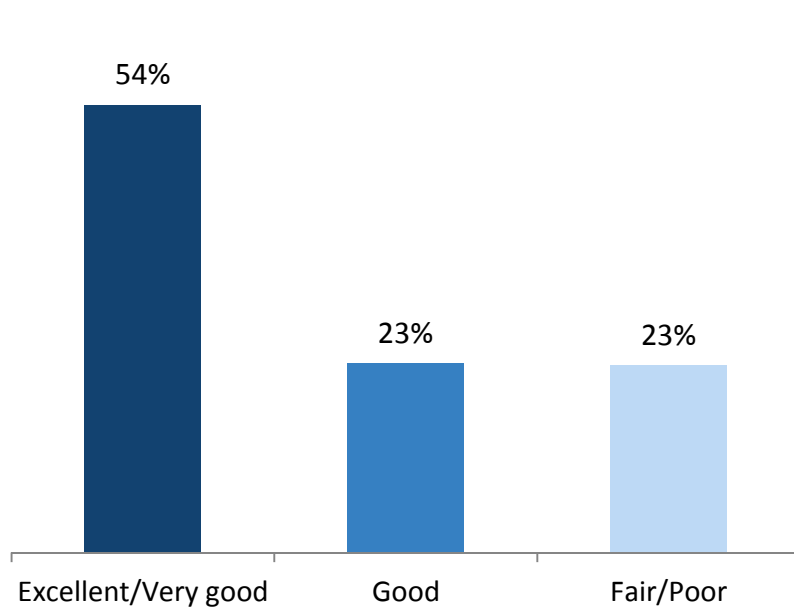
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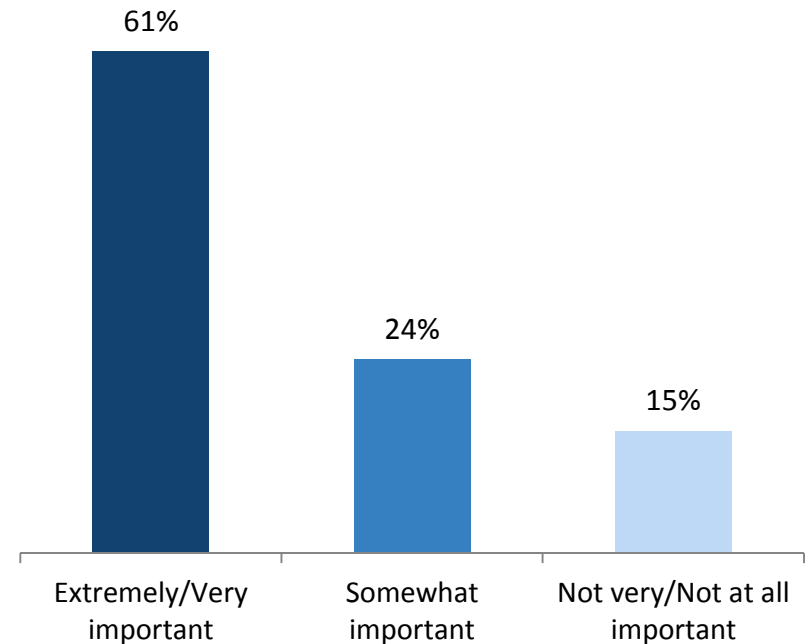
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The majority of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ believe their community is a good place to age and want to live there independently for as long as possible.

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



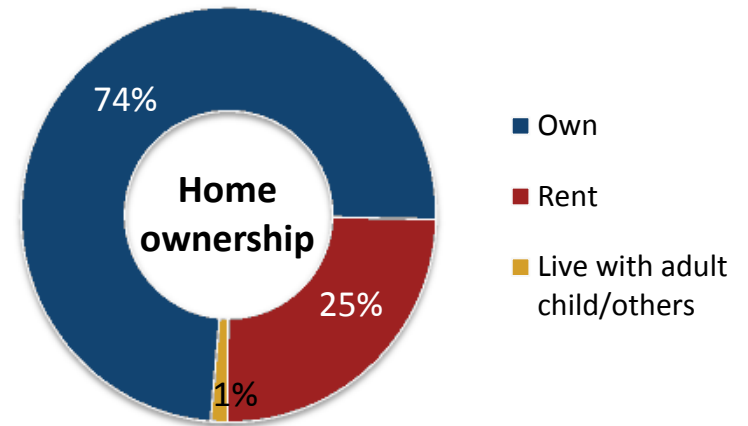
Importance of
Remaining in Current Community



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Residents Age 50+

Most Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ own single family homes.

Type of Home	
A single family house	72%
An apartment	12%
A two family house that has two separate living units	6%
A townhouse/Row house	3%
A condominium/Coop	3%
Senior housing/Assisted living facility	3%
A mobile home	<1%
Other	1%



65% of respondents say remaining in their current home is extremely/very important.

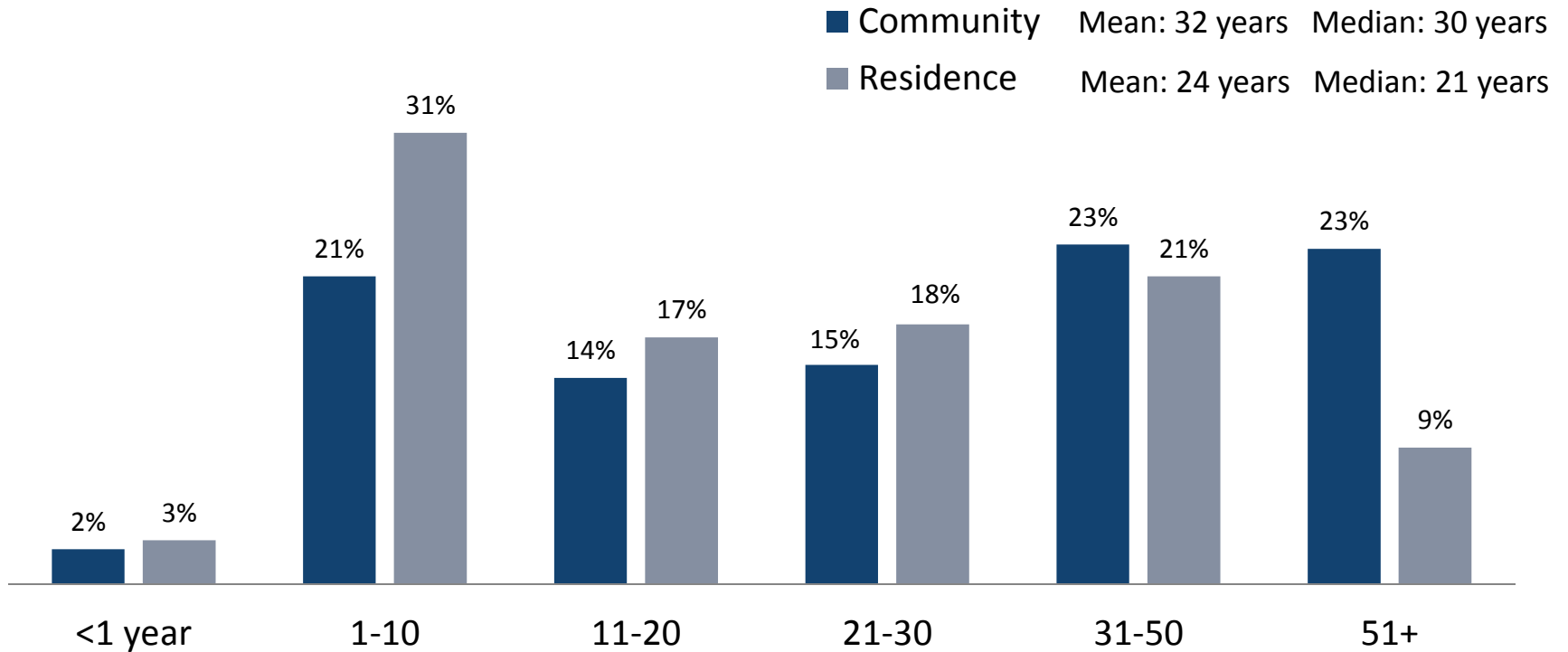


20% of respondents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications, or changes



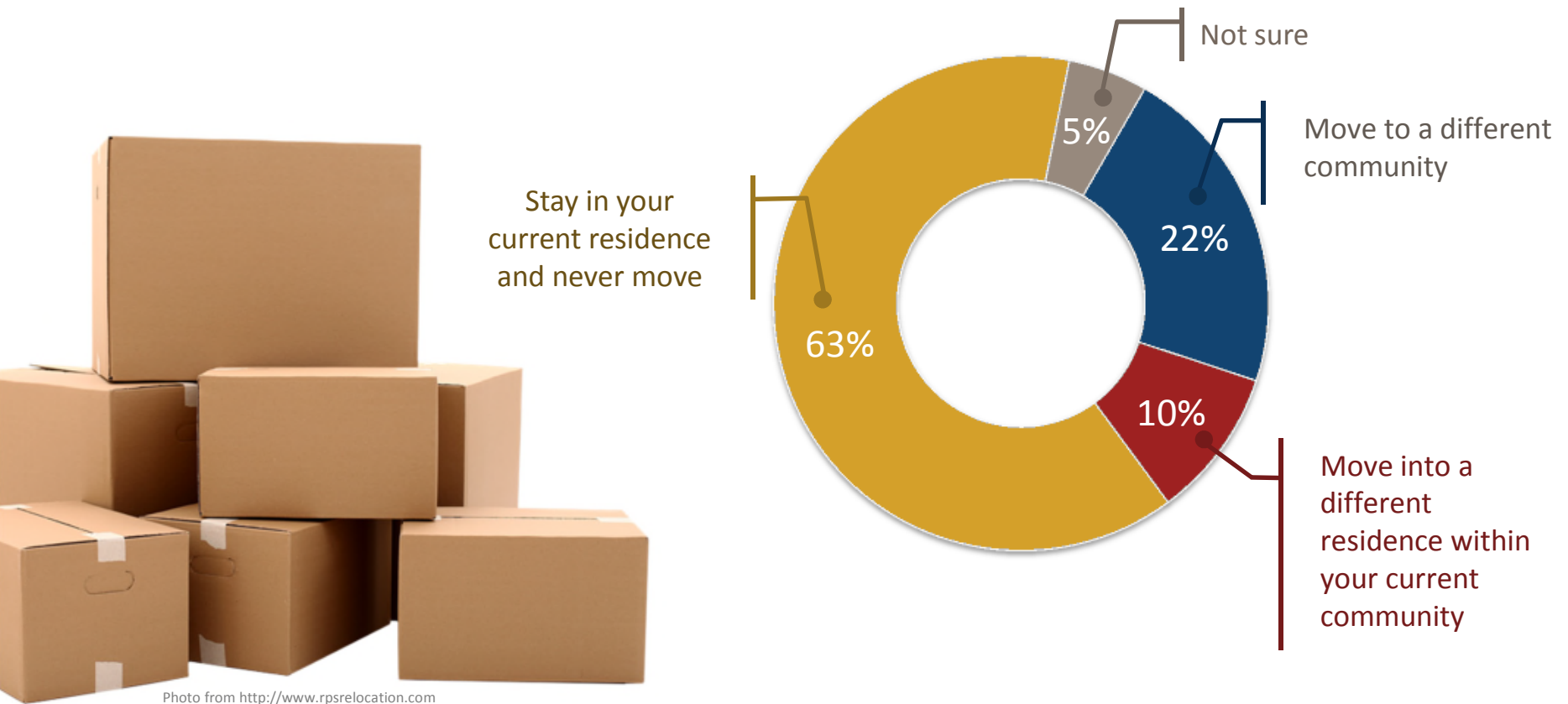
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Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ have lived in their home for an average of 24 years and have lived in their community even longer, an average of 32 years.



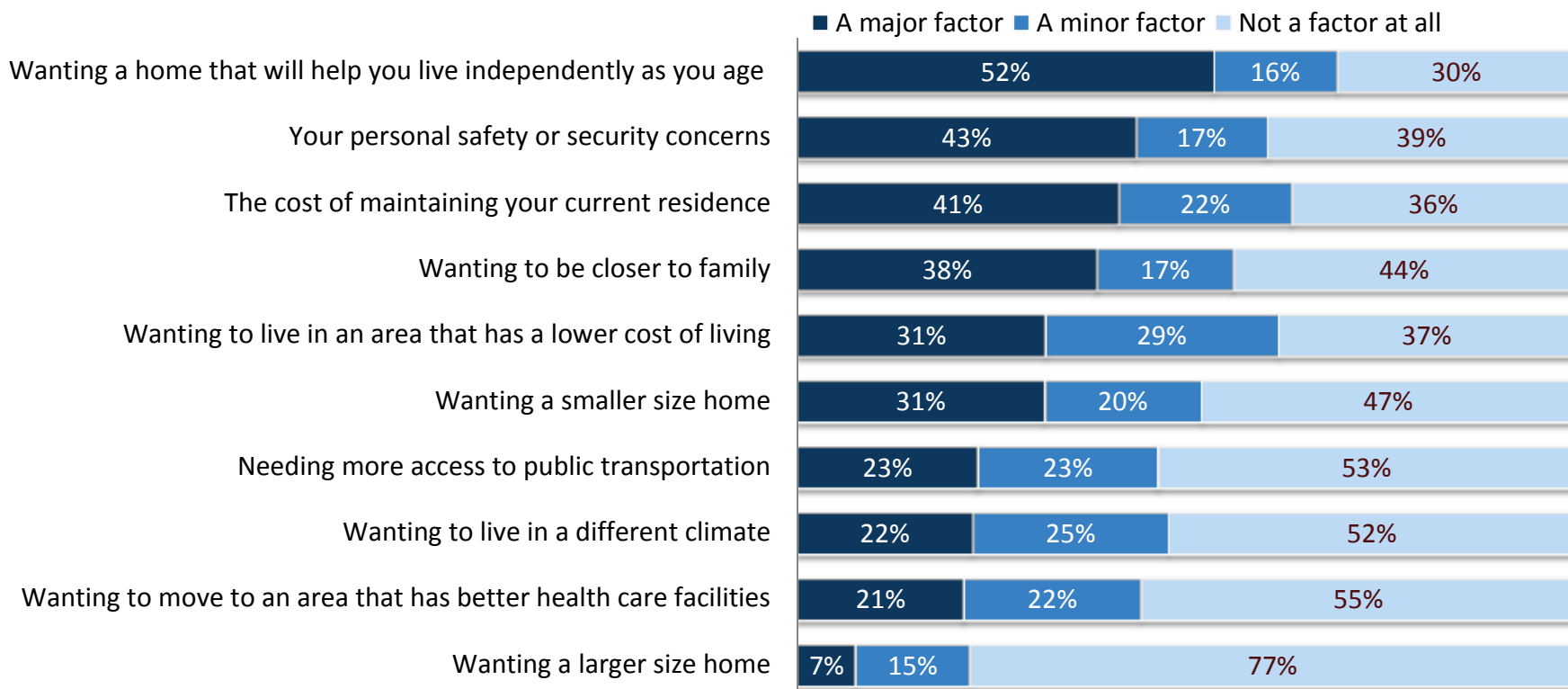
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The majority of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ expect to stay in their home or community as they get older.



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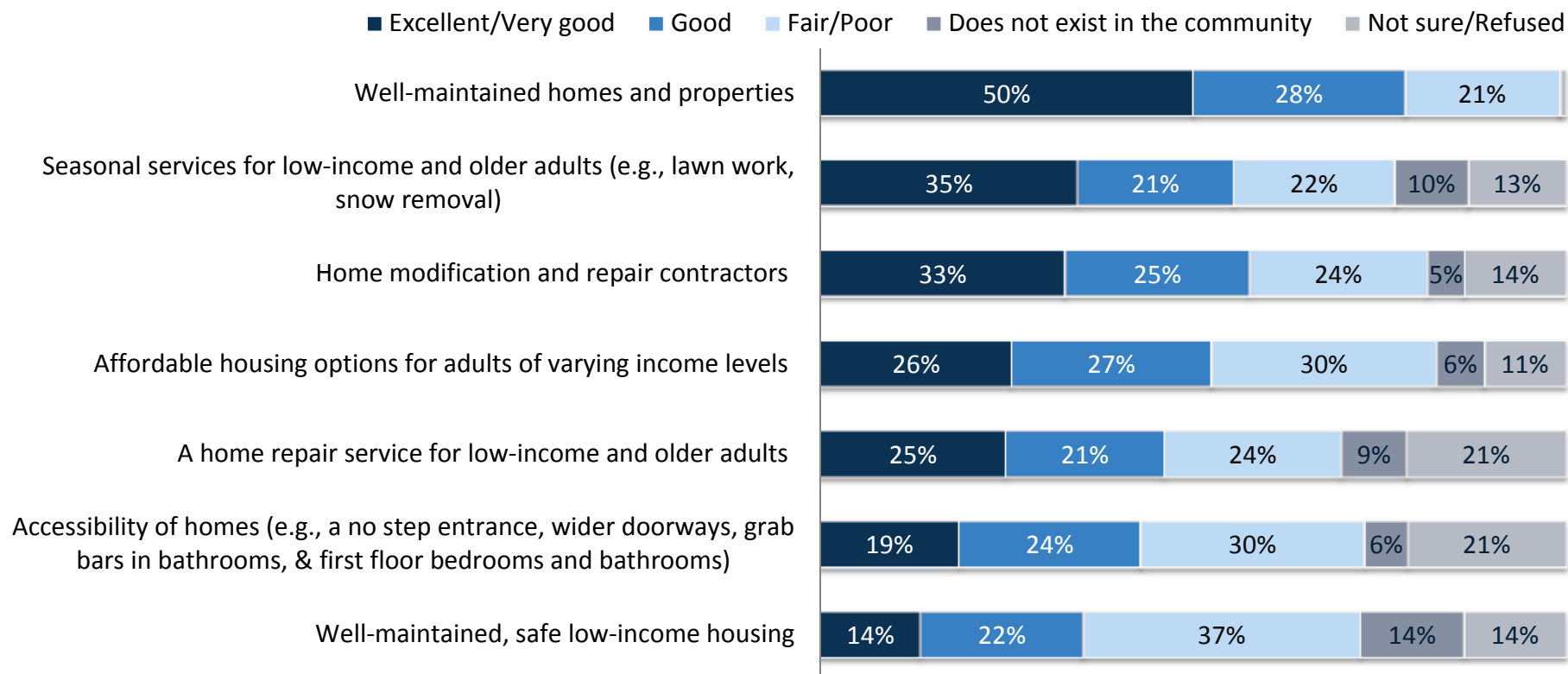
Age-friendly housing, affordability, safety, and wanting to be closer to family are influential factors for Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ considering moving when they get older.



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 Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Residents Age 50+

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

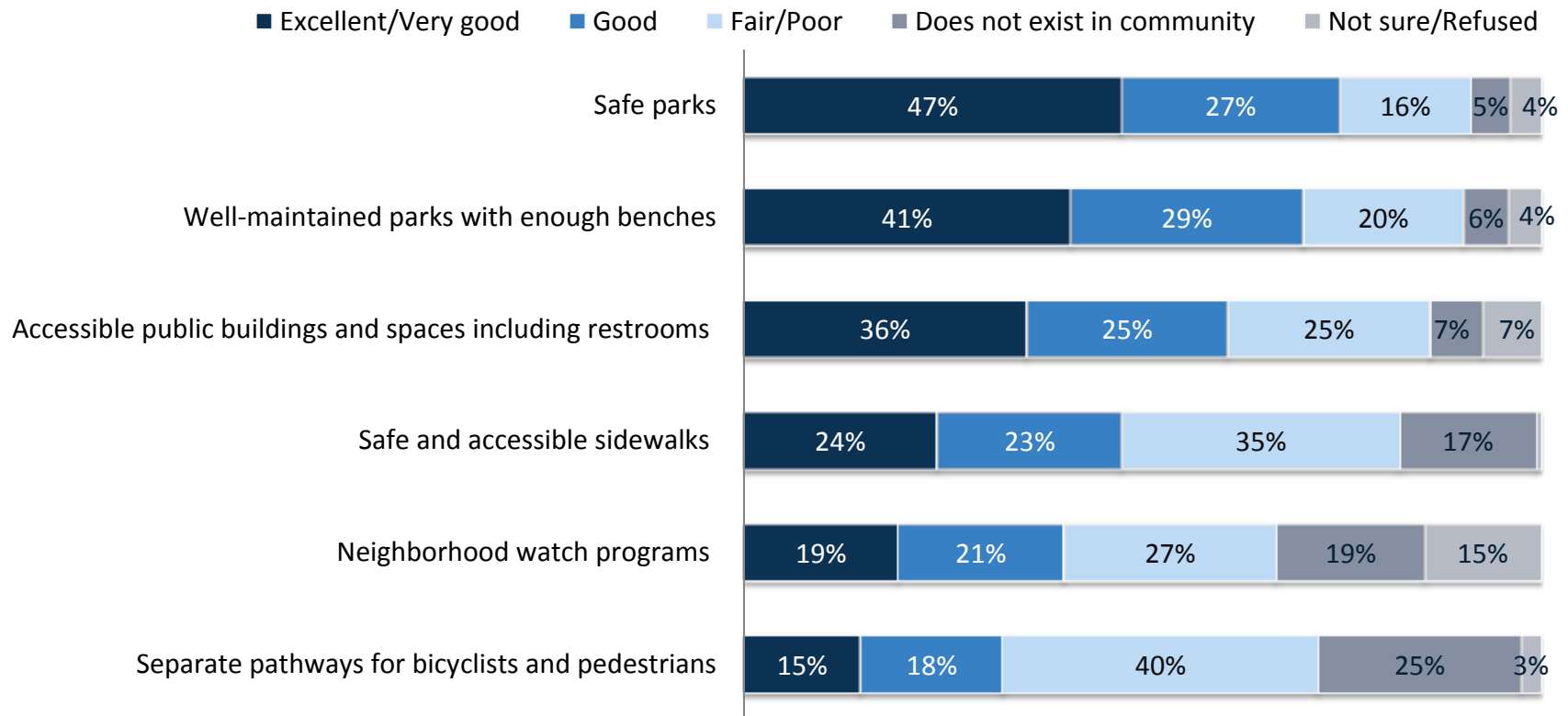


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Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Residents Age 50+



Pittsburgh/Allegheny 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 Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ drive themselves to get around their community.



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78% drive themselves around
38% have others drive them



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52% walk

34% use public transportation

13% ride a bike



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9% take a taxi
14% use a special transportation service
2% get around some other way



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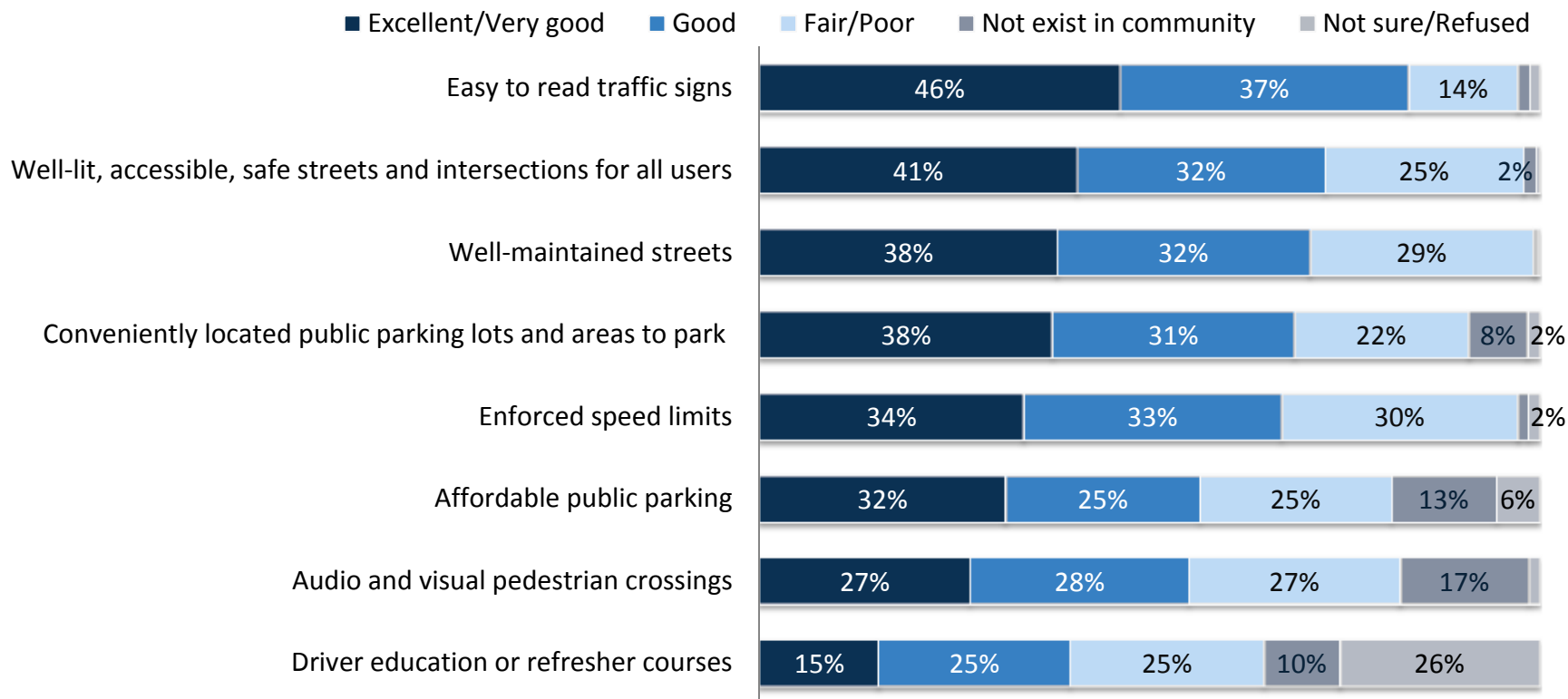
Question: How do you usually get around your community for things like shopping, visiting the doctor, running errands, or other things?

Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of City of Chula Vista Residents Age 45+





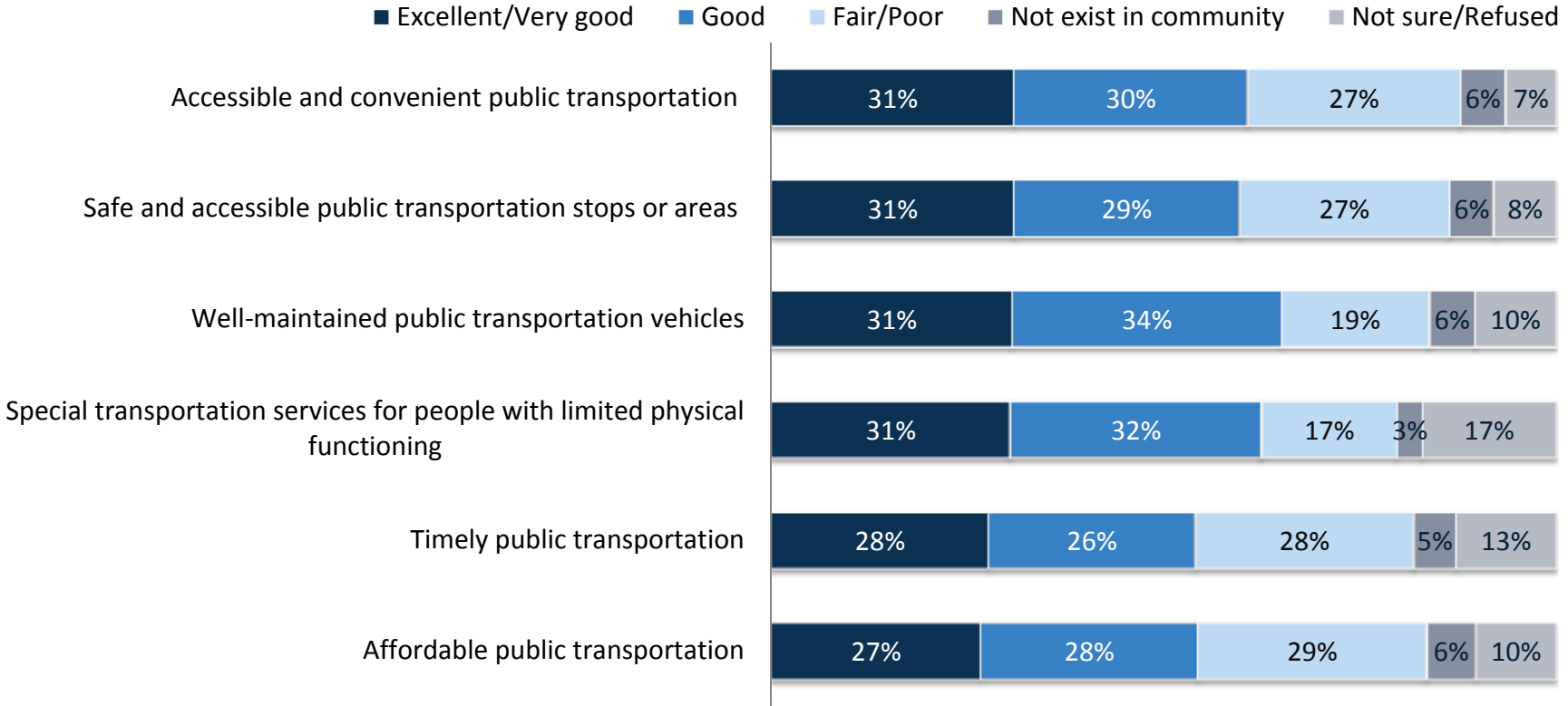
Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good on having well-maintained, safe streets and ample places to park.



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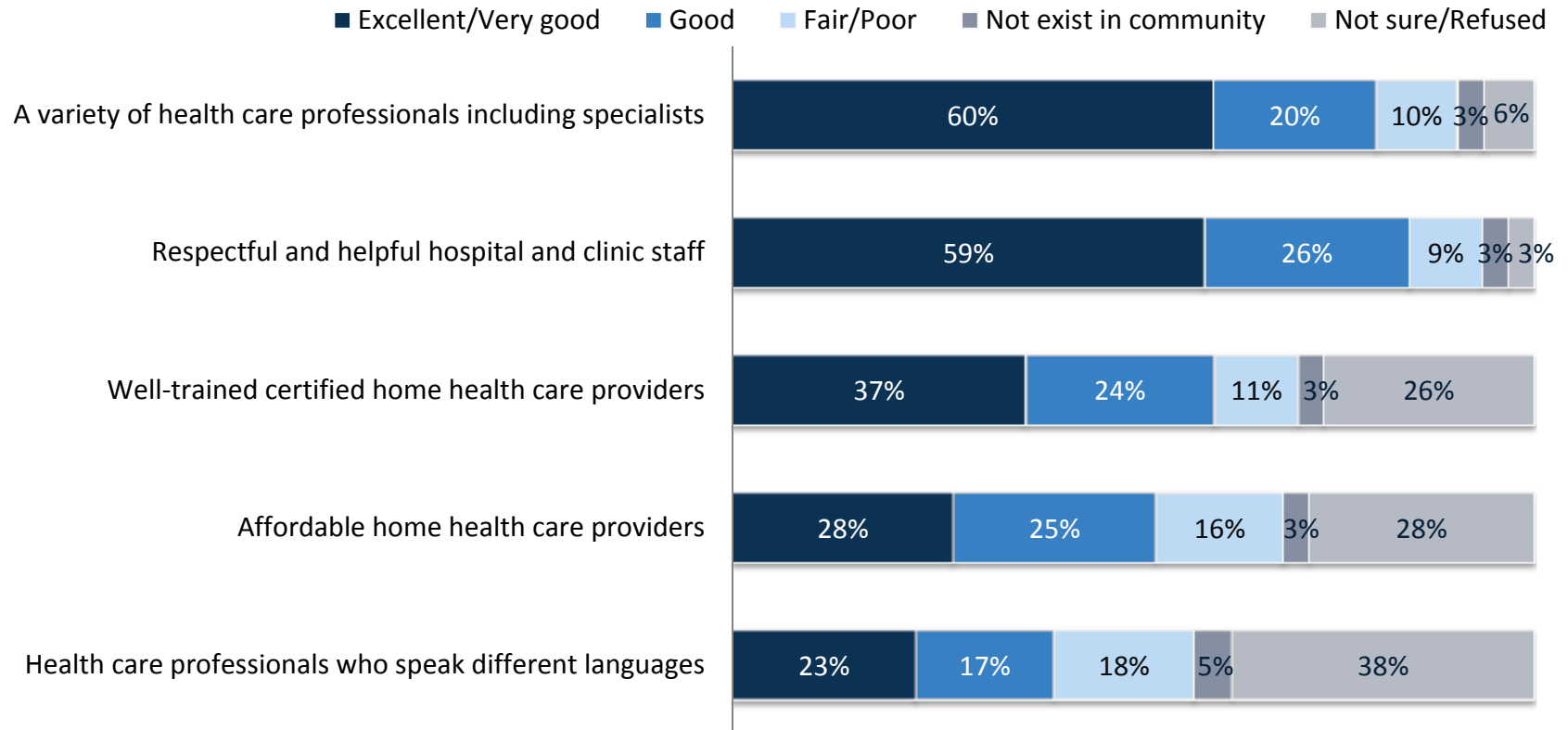
Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ feel their community offers excellent to good special transportation options and well-maintained, safe, and accessible public transportation.



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 Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Residents Age 50+



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



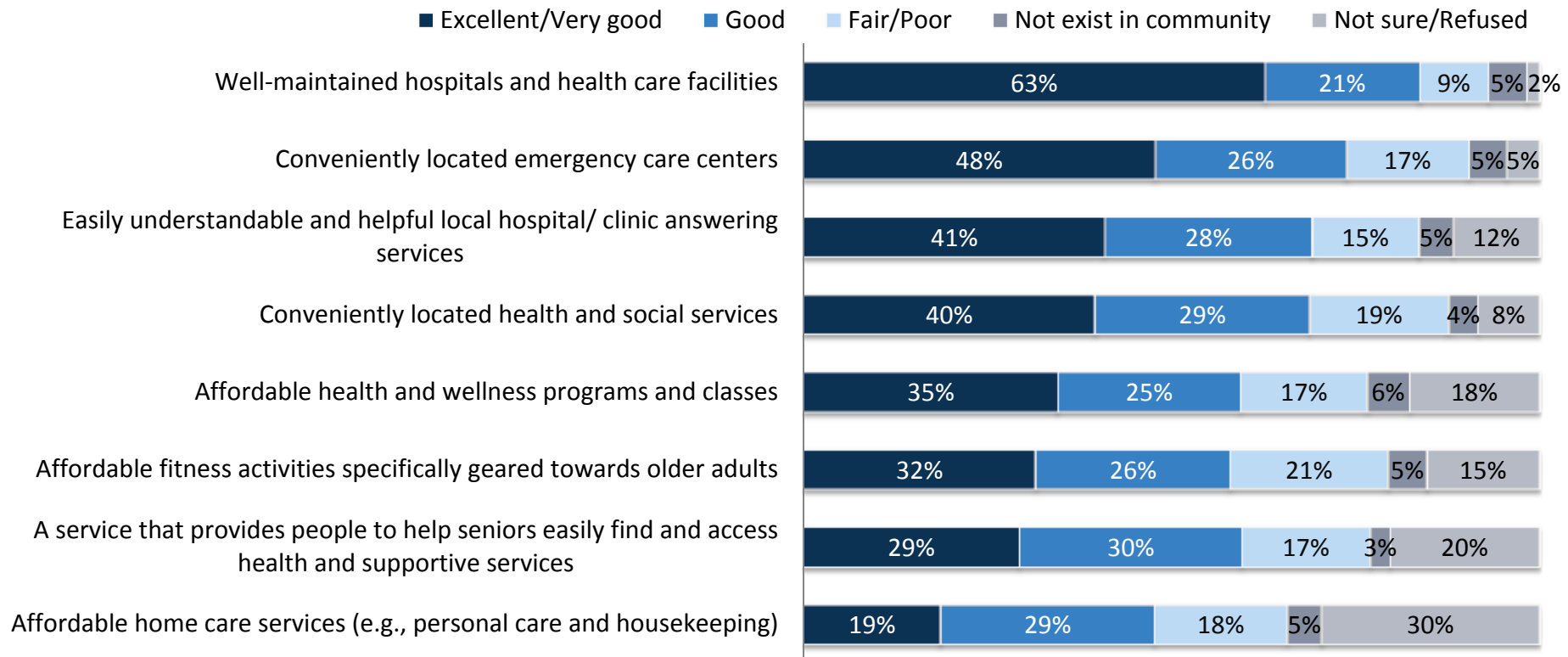
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Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to very good on having well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities.



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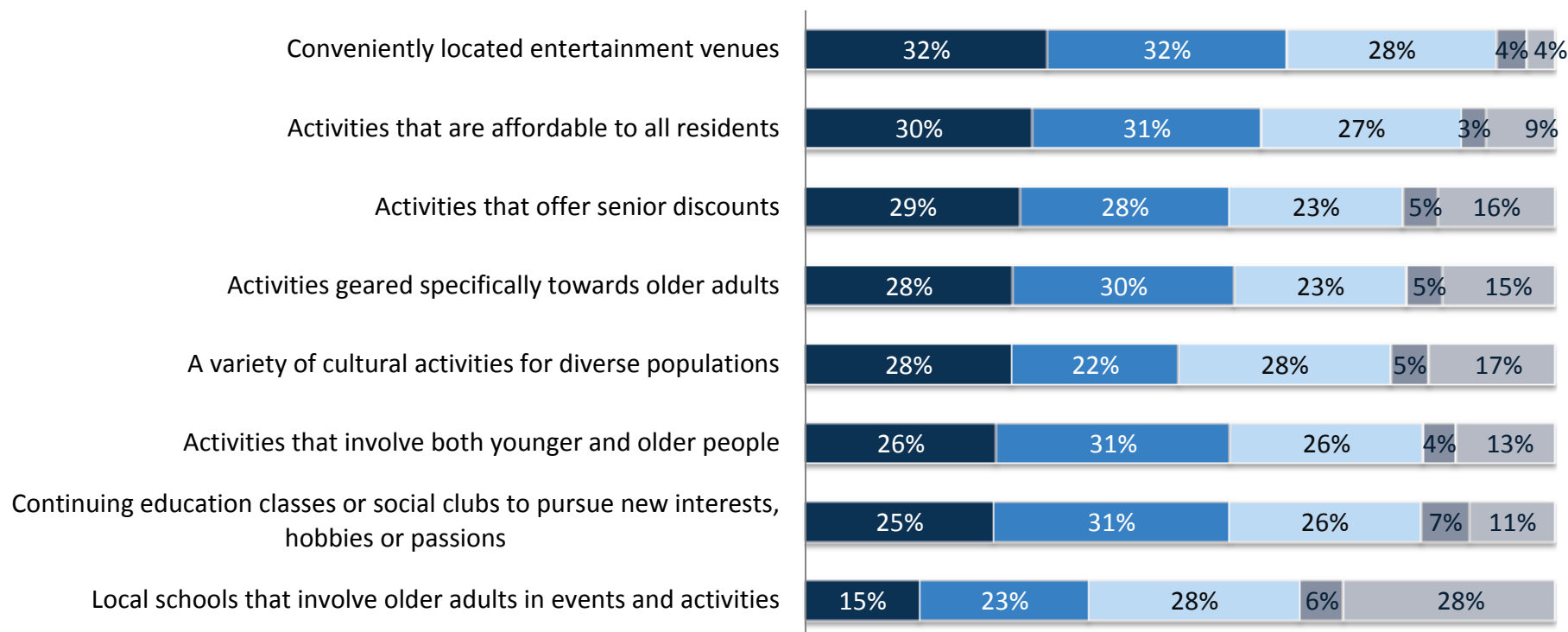
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Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ say their community has an excellent to good variety of affordable social activities at convenient locations.

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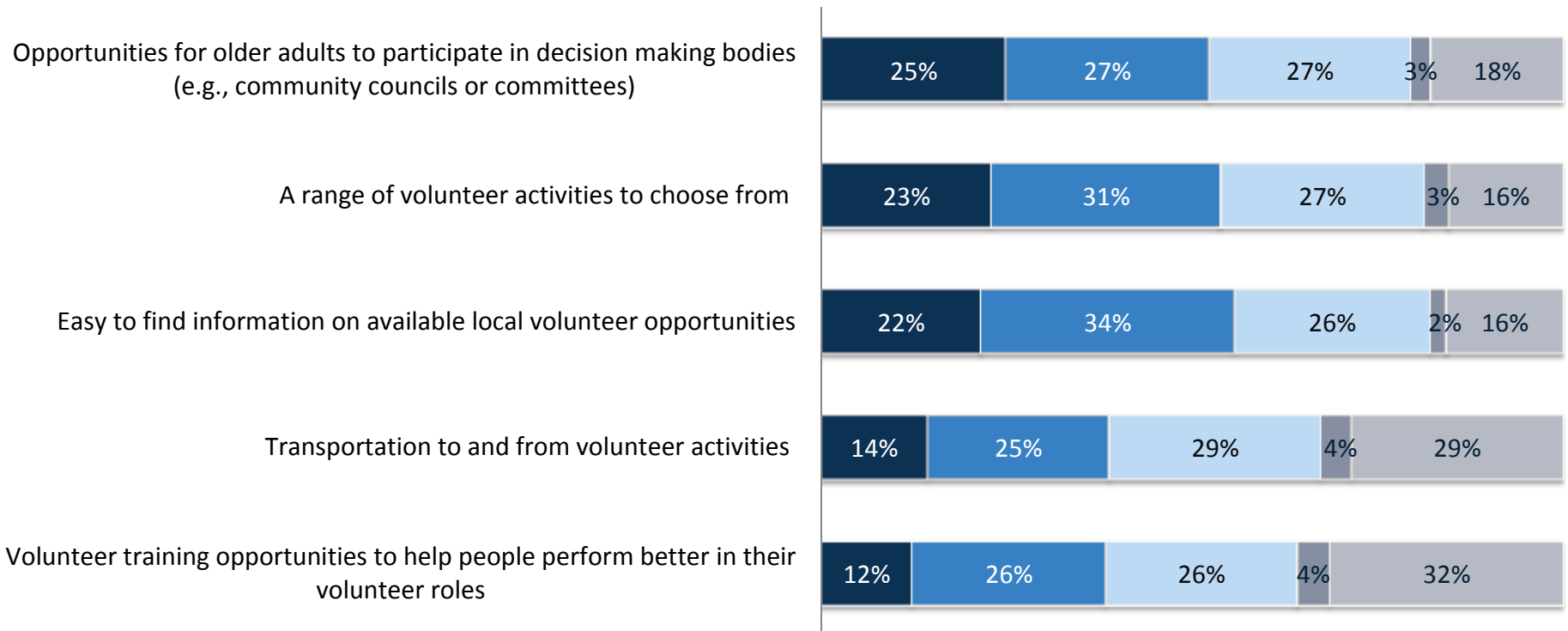
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The majority of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having access to a variety of volunteer activities although less than the majority rate having volunteer transportation and training positively.

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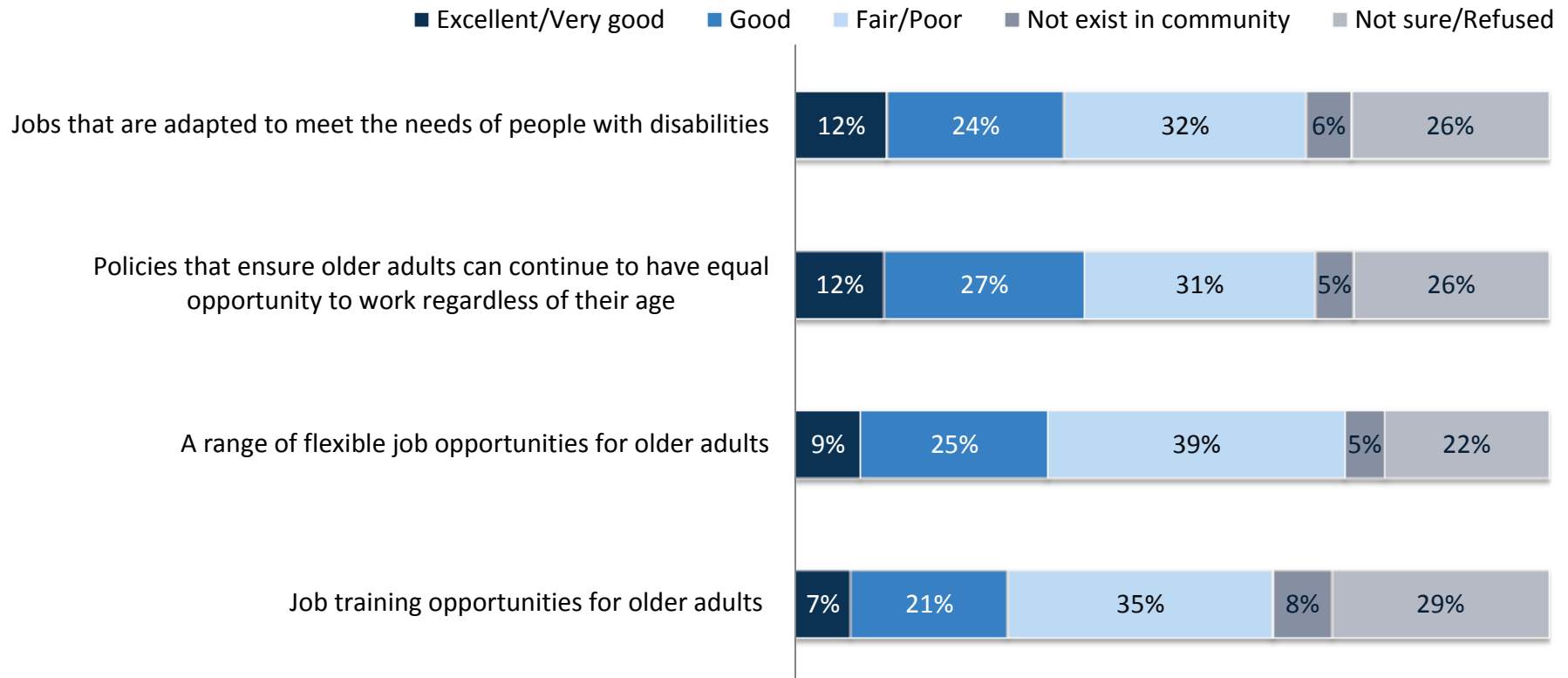


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Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ are somewhat divided in their opinions on how well their community is doing in terms of having employment opportunities for older residents.



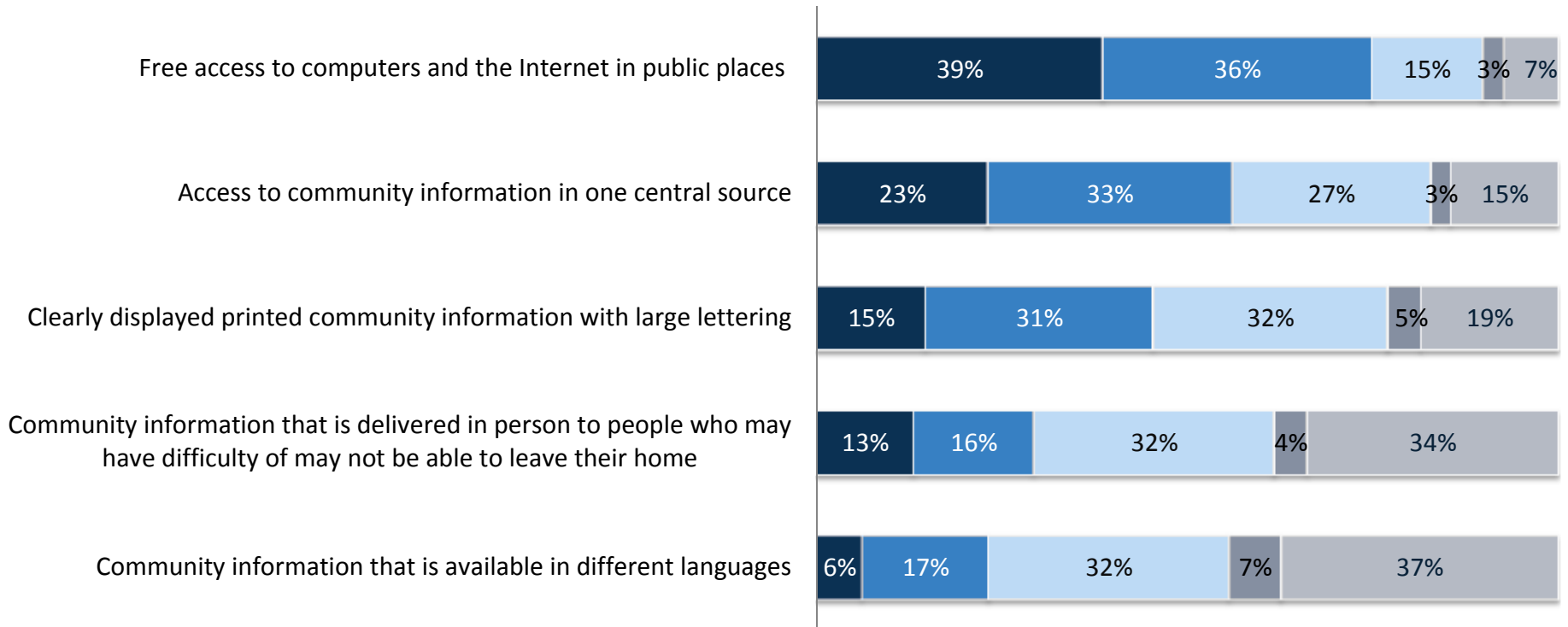
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The majority of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having easy access to community information; however, having information in different languages and information that is delivered in person to residents with limited mobility receive more negative ratings.

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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	44%
Female	56%

Age	
50-54	16%
55-64	41%
65-74	20%
75-84	14%
85 or older	8%

Race/Ethnicity	
White or Caucasian	83%
Black	13%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Asian	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic	1%
Other	1%

Marital Status	
Single, never married	17%
Married	46%
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	2%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	20%

Health Status	
Excellent/Very good	43%
Good	36%
Fair/Poor	21%

Disability Status	
Yes, myself	26%
Yes, my spouse or partner	3%
Yes, both myself and my spouse or partner	5%
No	65%

AARP Membership	
Yes	33%
No	67%

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Respondent Profile: Socioeconomic & Voting

Education

0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	4%
High school graduate or equivalent	30%
Post high school education, but with no degree	13%
2 year degree (Associate's Degree)	16%
4 year degree (Bachelor's Degree)	19%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	3%
Graduate or professional degree	15%

Employment Status

Self-employed full-time	6%
Self-employed part-time	3%
Employed full-time	20%
Employed part-time	7%
Retired and not working at all	47%
Unemployed and looking for work	3%
Not in the labor force for other reasons	12%

Income

< \$10,000	8%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	15%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	11%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	17%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	7%
\$150,000 +	3%

Voting Behavior

Always	57%
Most of the time	24%
About half of the time	6%
Seldom	6%
Never	6%

Political Party

Democrat	58%
Republican	22%
Independent	13%
Something else	1%

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Survey Methodology:

- A telephone survey was commissioned by AARP to assess public opinion among Pittsburgh/Allegheny County residents age 50+ about age-friendly and livable community topics in Pittsburgh/Allegheny County.
- Telephone interviewing was conducted by Alan Newman Research from June 21st to July 1st 2016.
- A total of 500 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 Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, please contact Jen Martchek, Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging, at jmartchek@swppa.org.
- For more information about the survey, please contact Joanne Binette, AARP Research, at jbinette@aarp.org.