

Livability for All in Miami-Dade County, FL

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

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Real Possibilities

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

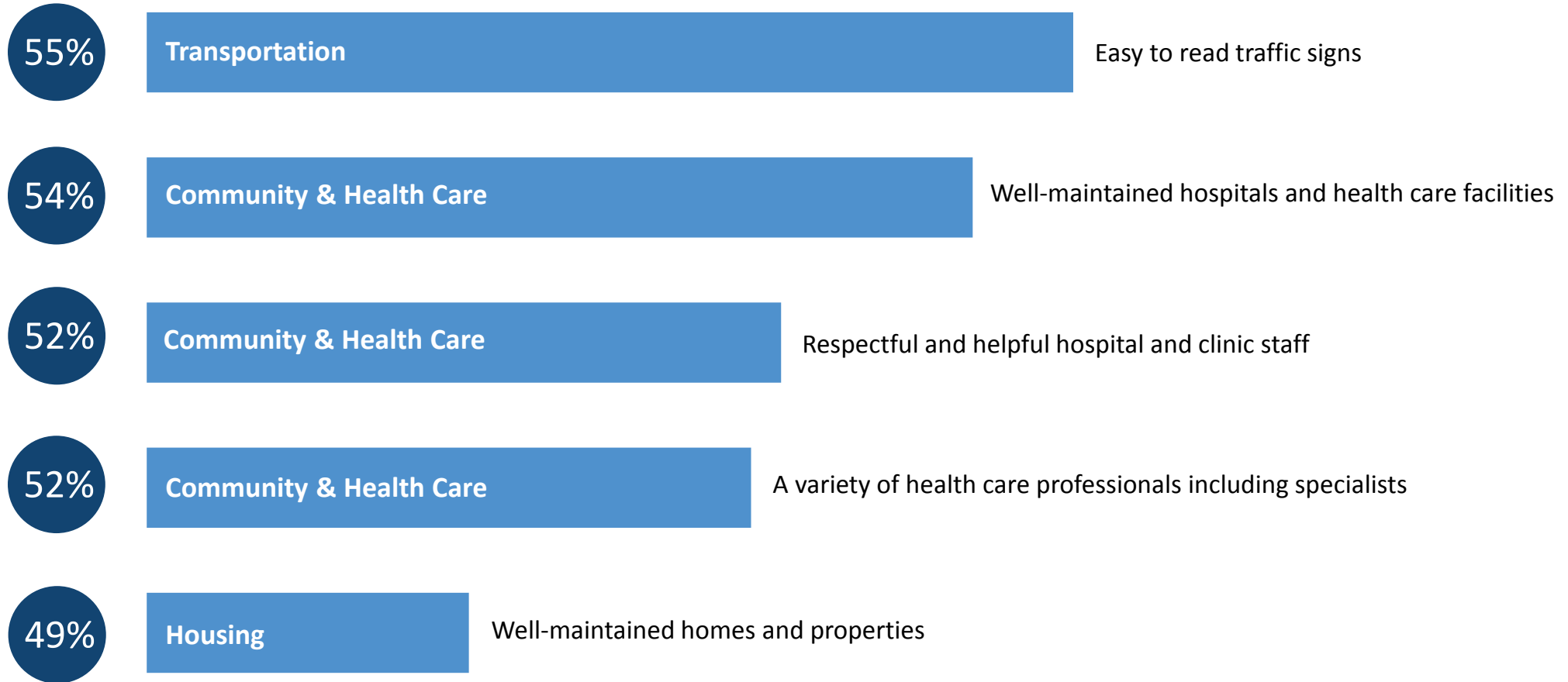


Communication
& Information

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Top Community Features

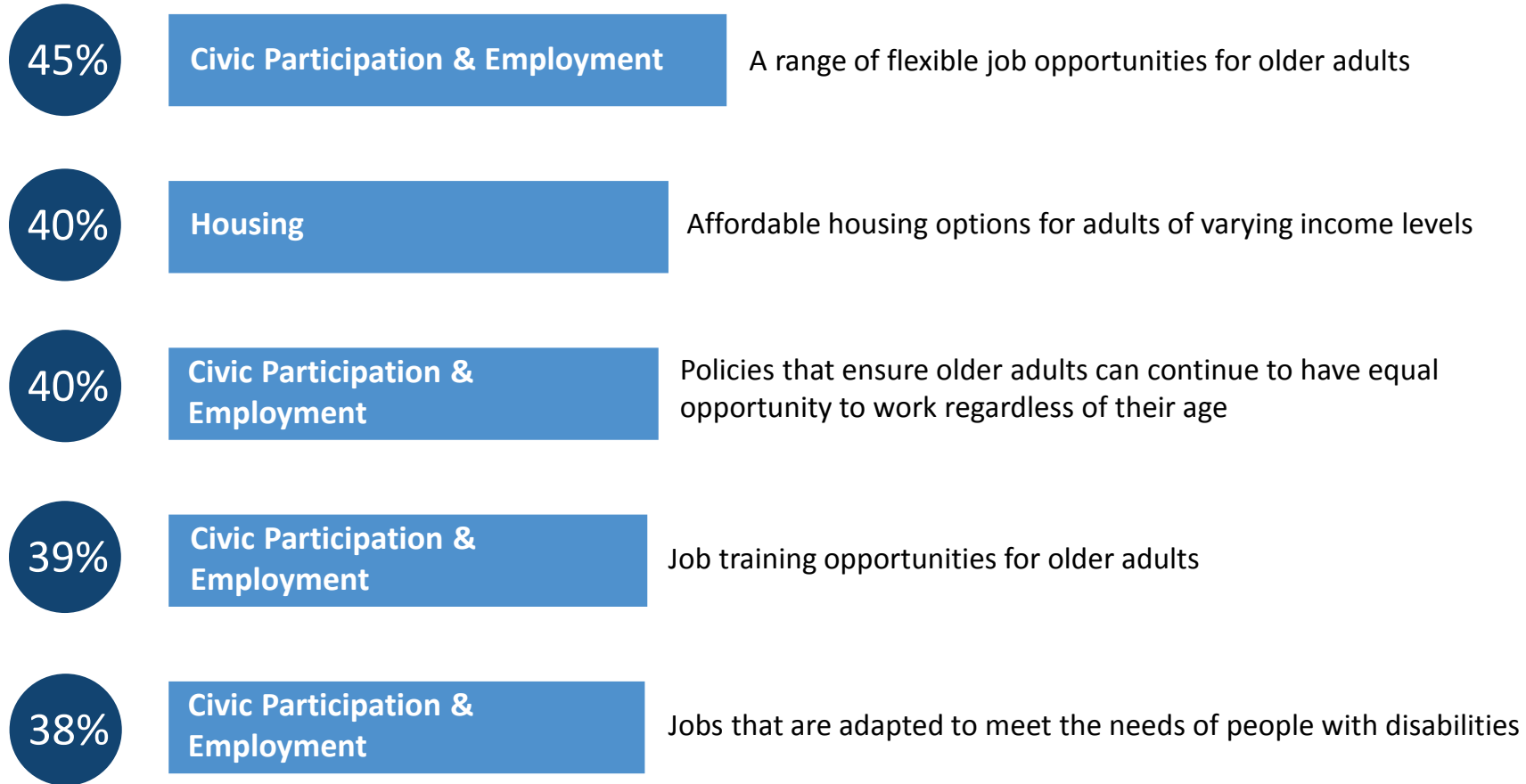
(% Excellent/Very Good)



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Bottom Community Features

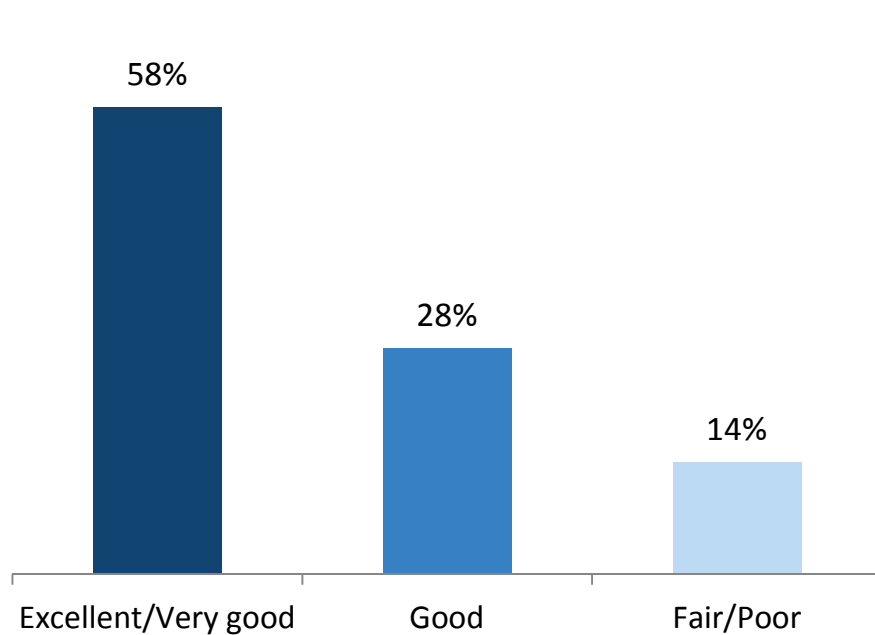
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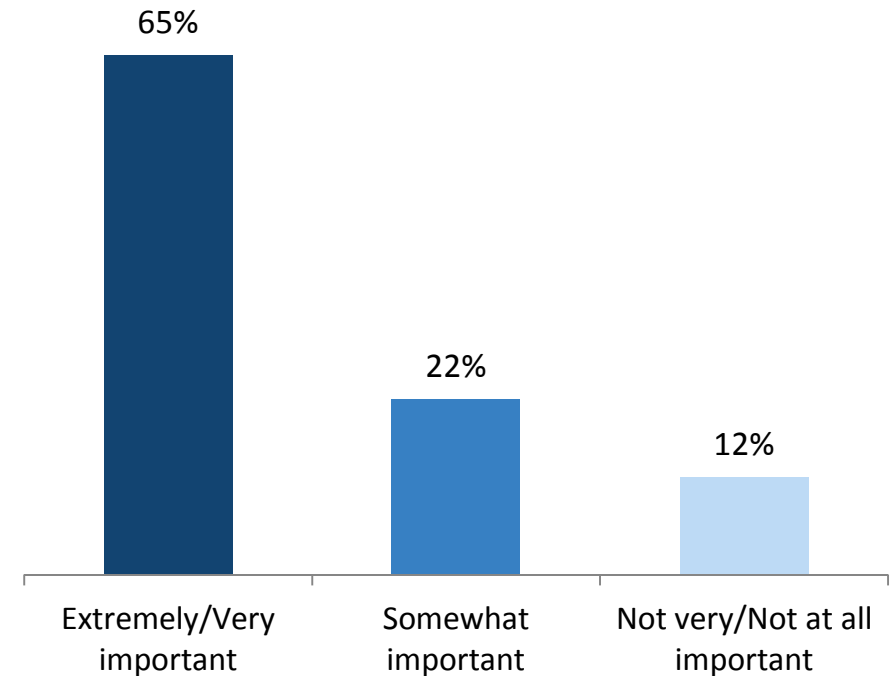
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The majority of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ believe their community is a good place to age and want to live there independently for as long as possible.

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



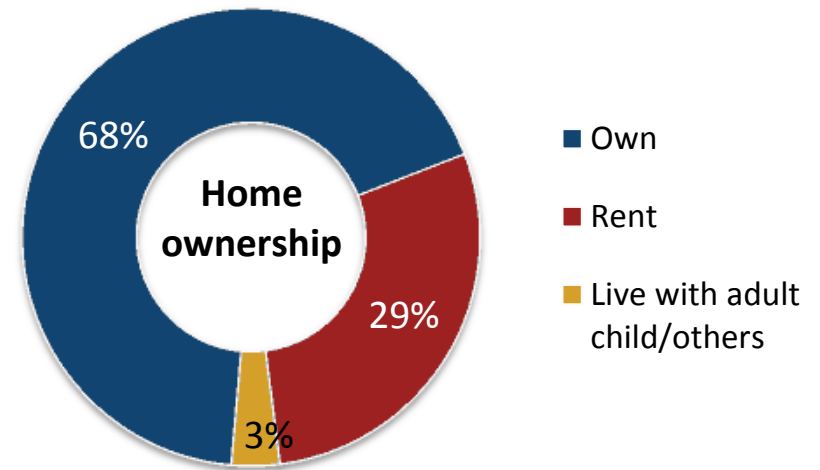
Importance of
Remaining in Current Community



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Most Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ own their homes, though nearly one-third are renters.

Type of Home	
A single family house	58%
An apartment	16%
A condominium/Coop	13%
A townhouse/Row house	8%
A two family house that has two separate living units	3%
Senior housing/Assisted living facility	2%
A mobile home	1%
Other	0%



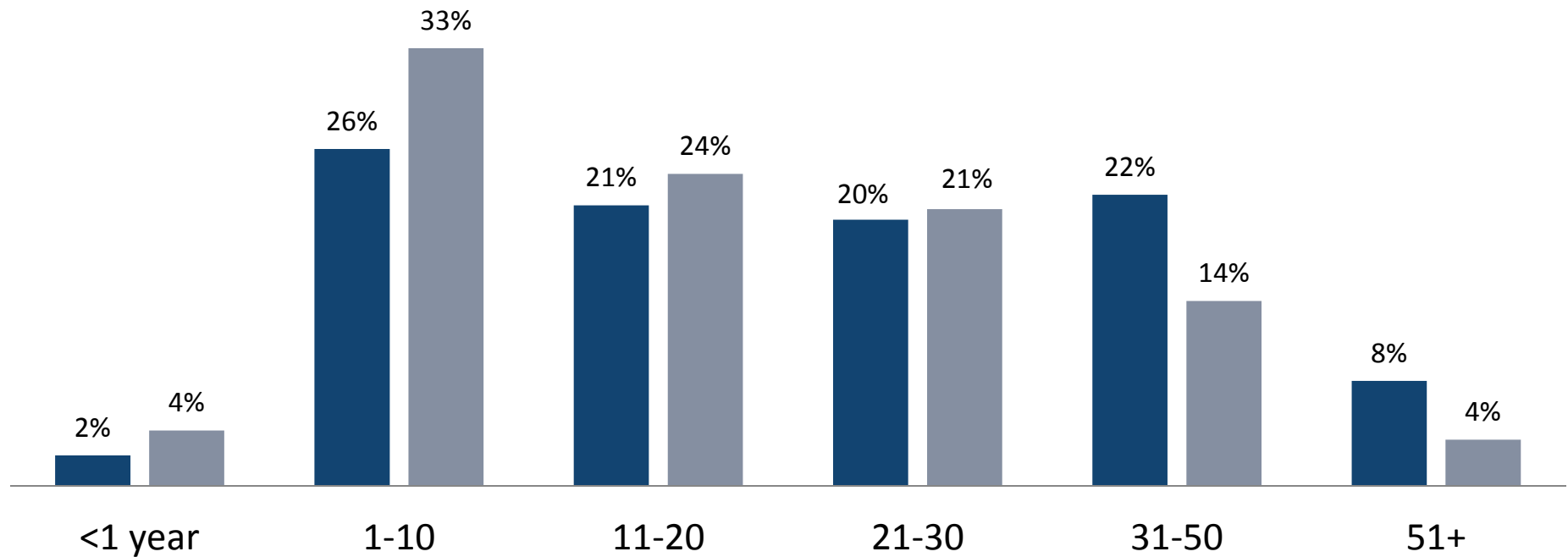
68% of respondents say remaining in their current home is extremely/very important.

24% of respondents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications, or changes

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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ have lived in their home for an average of 19 years and have lived in their community even longer, an average of 24 years.

■ Community Mean: 24 years Median: 21 years
 ■ Residence Mean: 19 years Median: 17 years



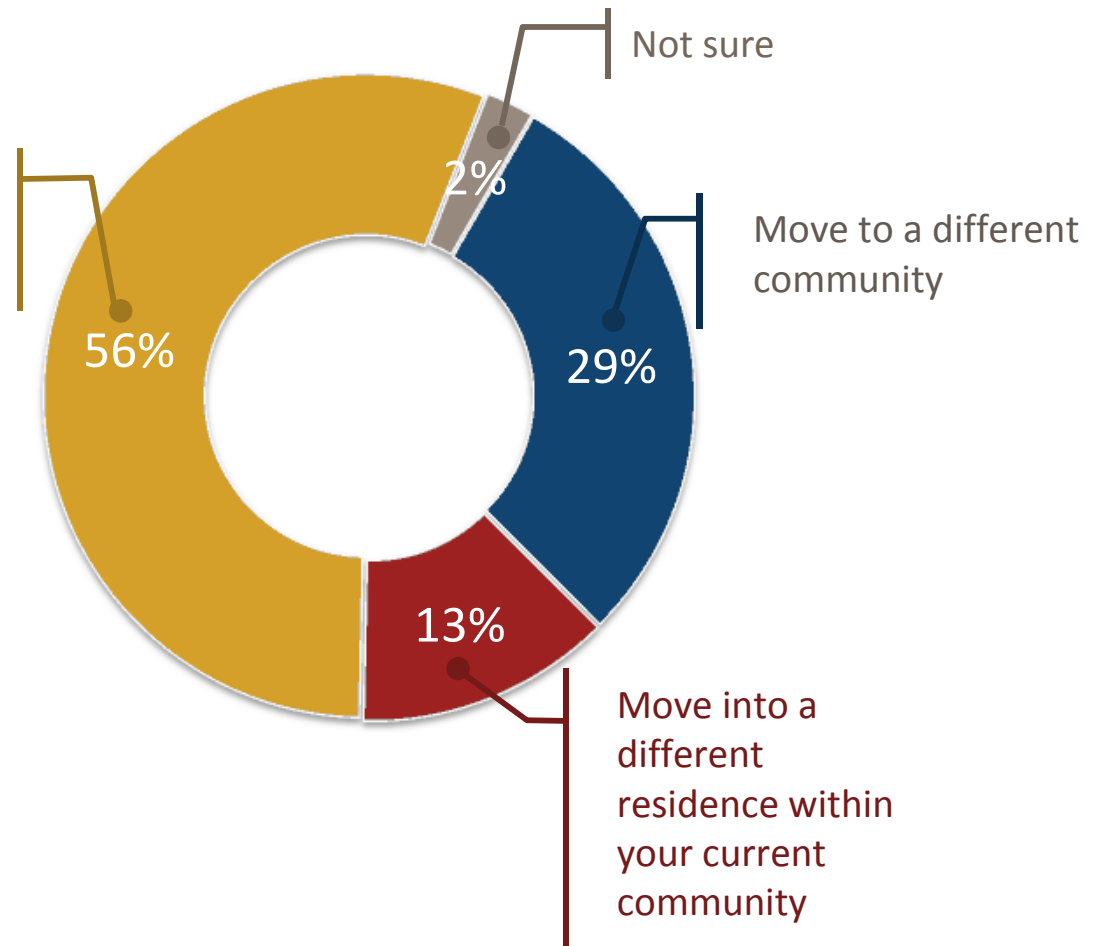
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The majority of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ expect to stay in their home or community as they get older.



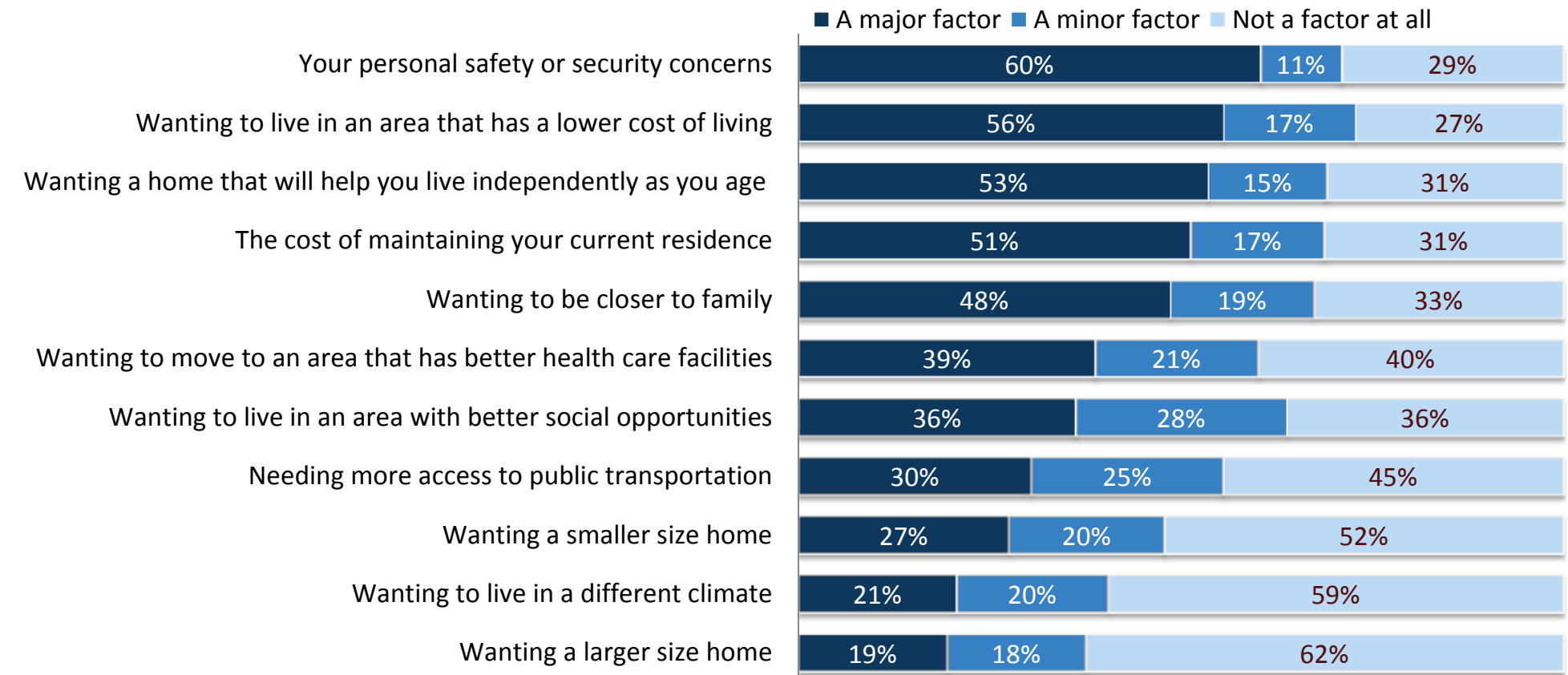
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Stay in your current residence and never move



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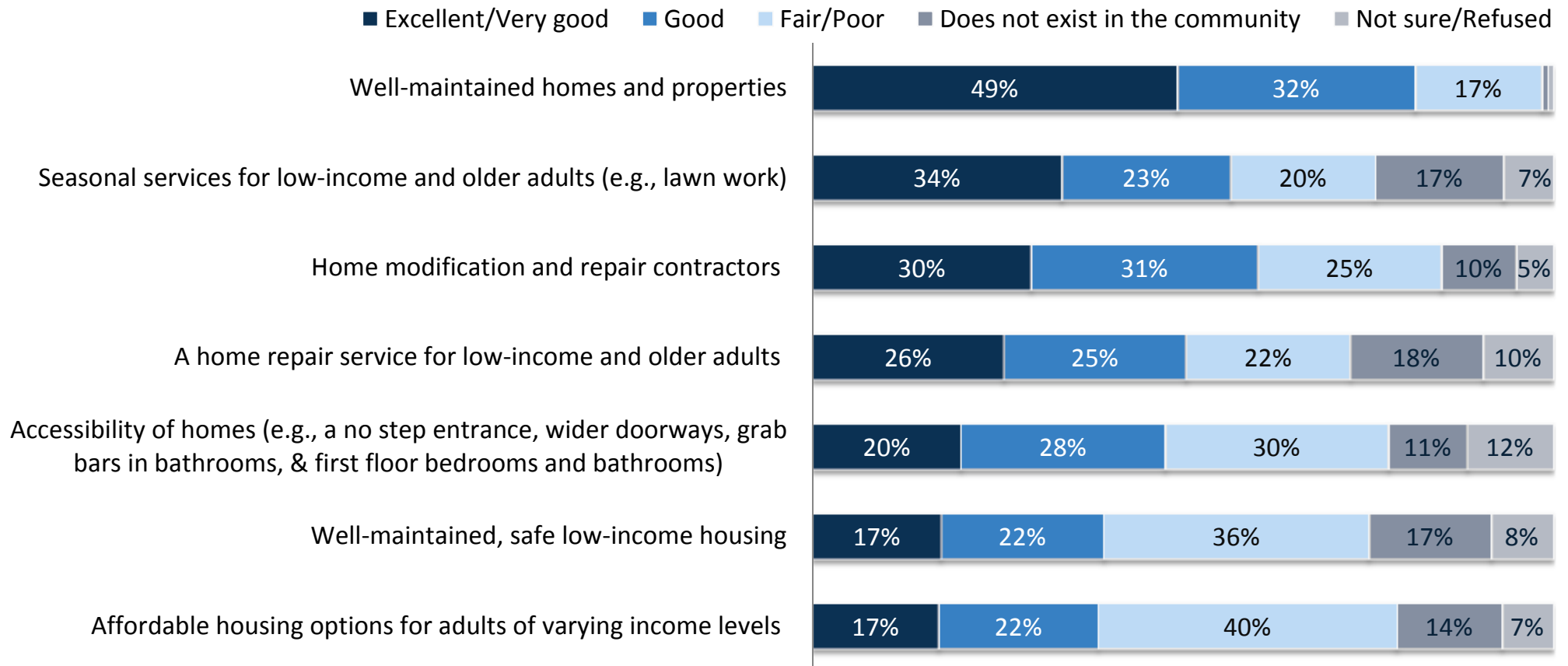
Safety, affordability, and age-friendly housing are influential factors for Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ considering moving when they get older.



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?

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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having well-maintained homes and properties.



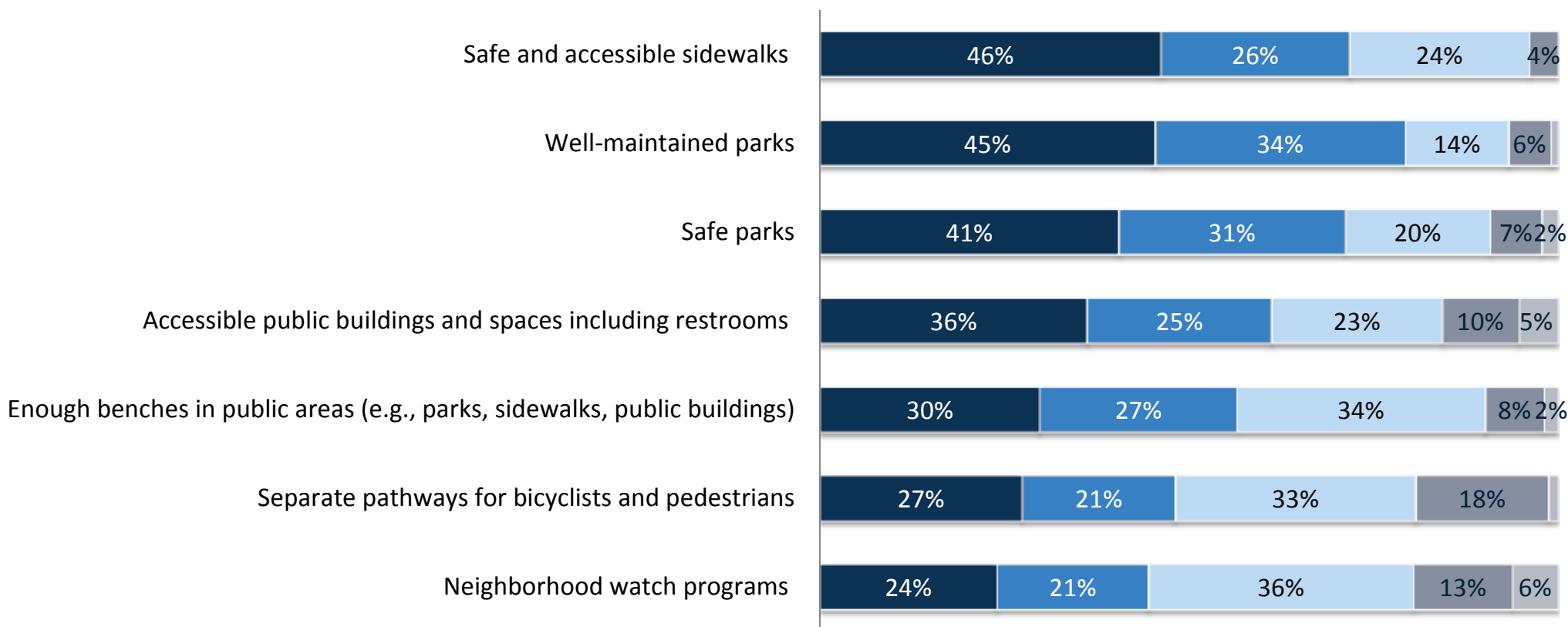
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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good at having safe and accessible sidewalks as well as well-maintained, safe parks.

■ Excellent/Very good ■ Good ■ Fair/Poor ■ Does not exist in community ■ Not sure/Refused



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Most Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ drive themselves to get around their community; they also use a wide variety of other transportation methods.



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82% drive themselves around
36% have others drive them



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57% walk

32% use public transportation
17% ride a bike



Photo from iStock.com/kali9

25% take a taxi
19% use a special transportation service
1% get around some other way



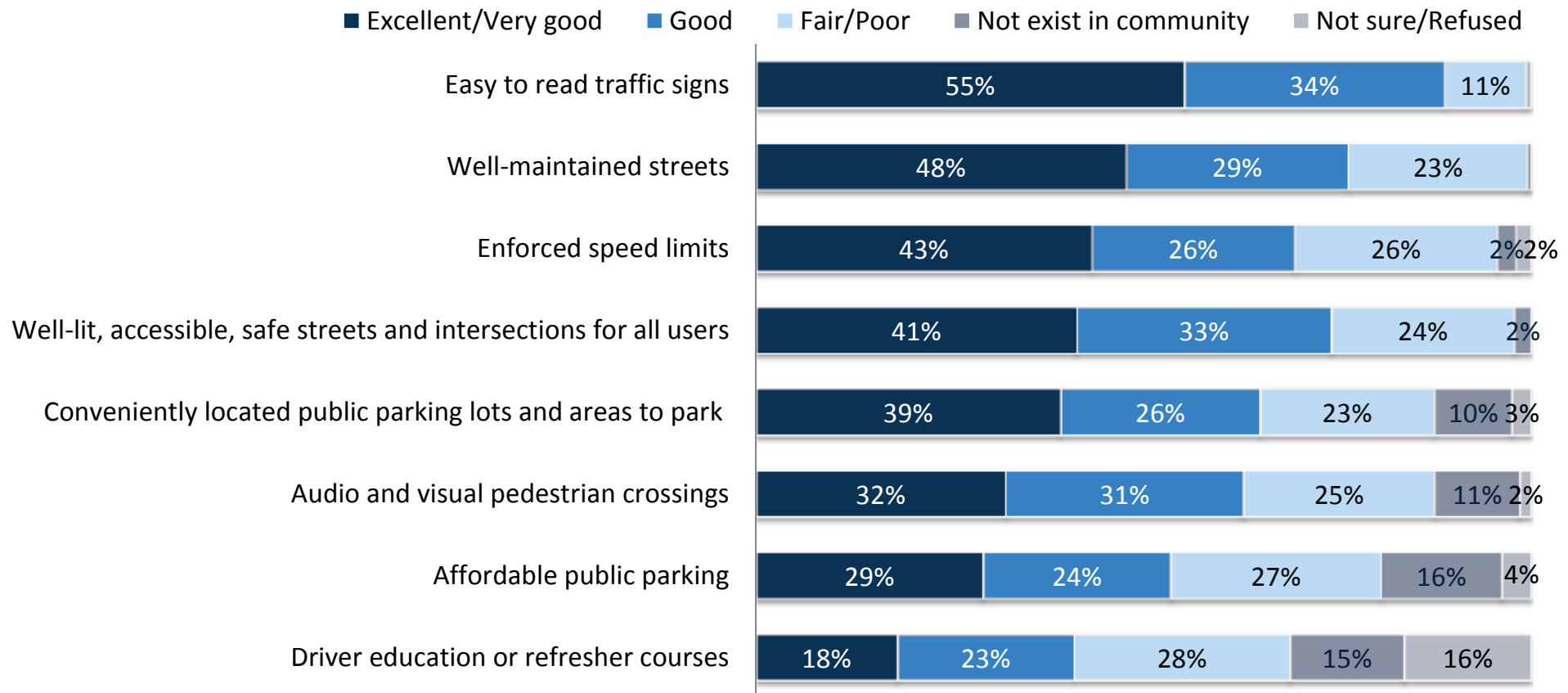
Photo from ScienceWorldReport.com

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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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to good on having easy to read traffic signs and well-maintained, safe streets with enforced speed limits.



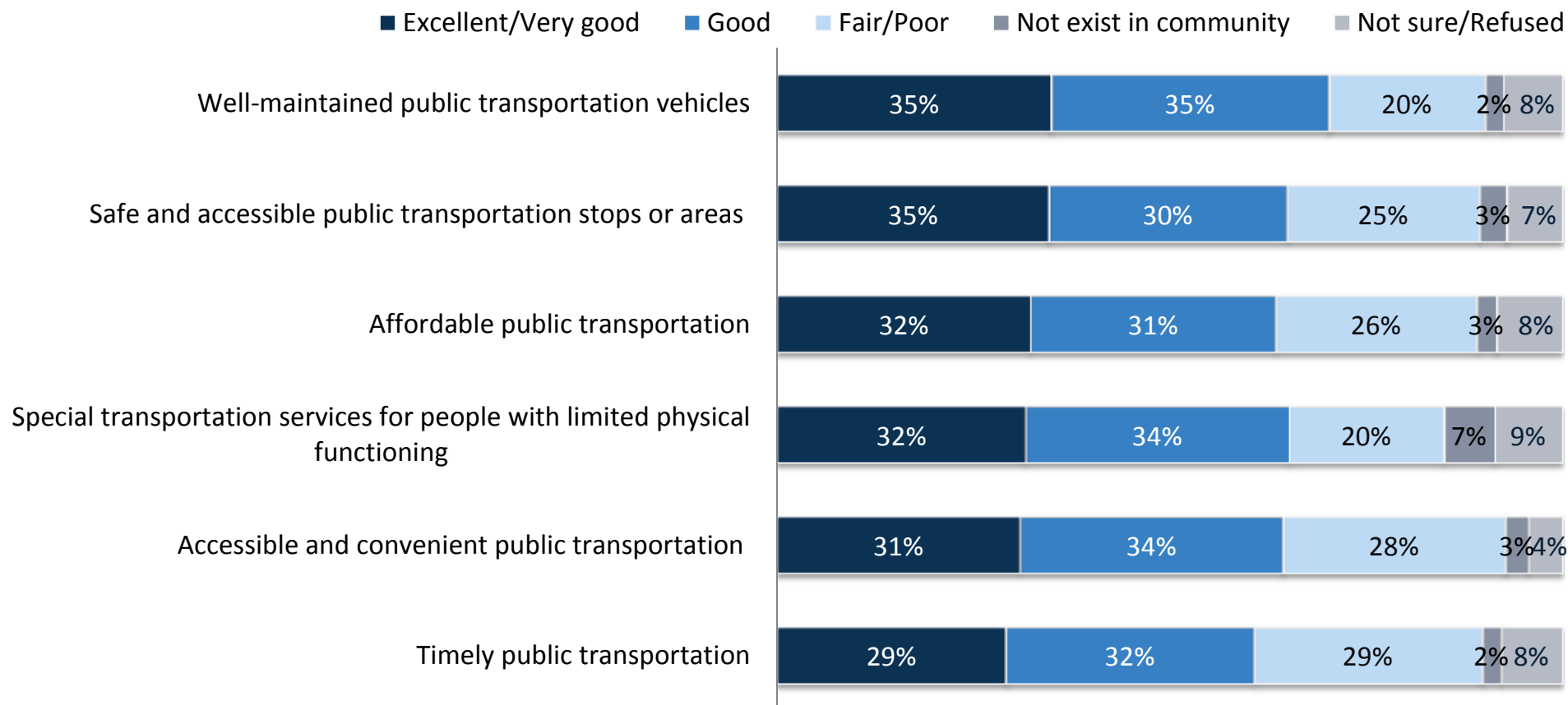
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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ feel their community offers excellent to good special transportation options and well-maintained, safe, convenient, and affordable public transportation.



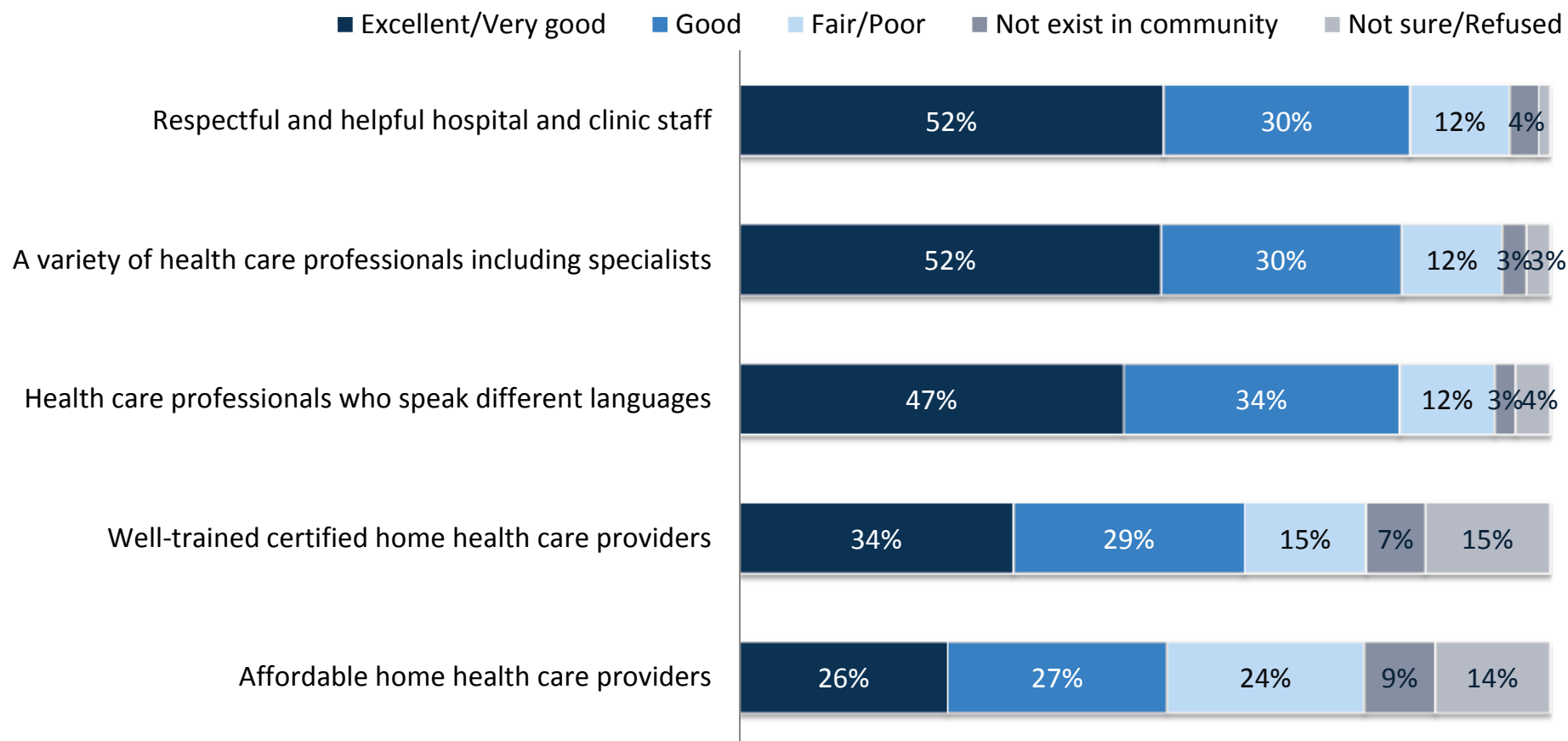
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About half of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to very good on having a variety of helpful and respectful health care professionals who speak different languages.



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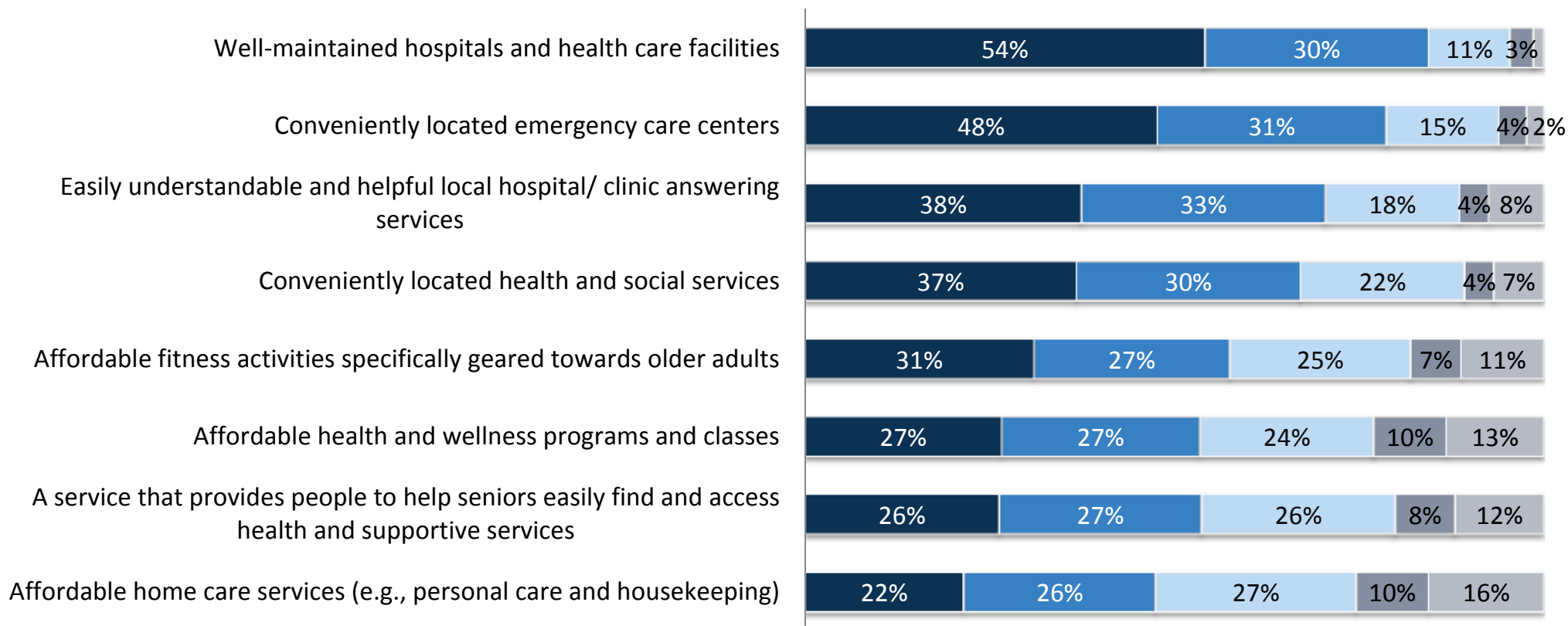
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About half of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community excellent to very good on having well-maintained health care facilities in convenient locations.

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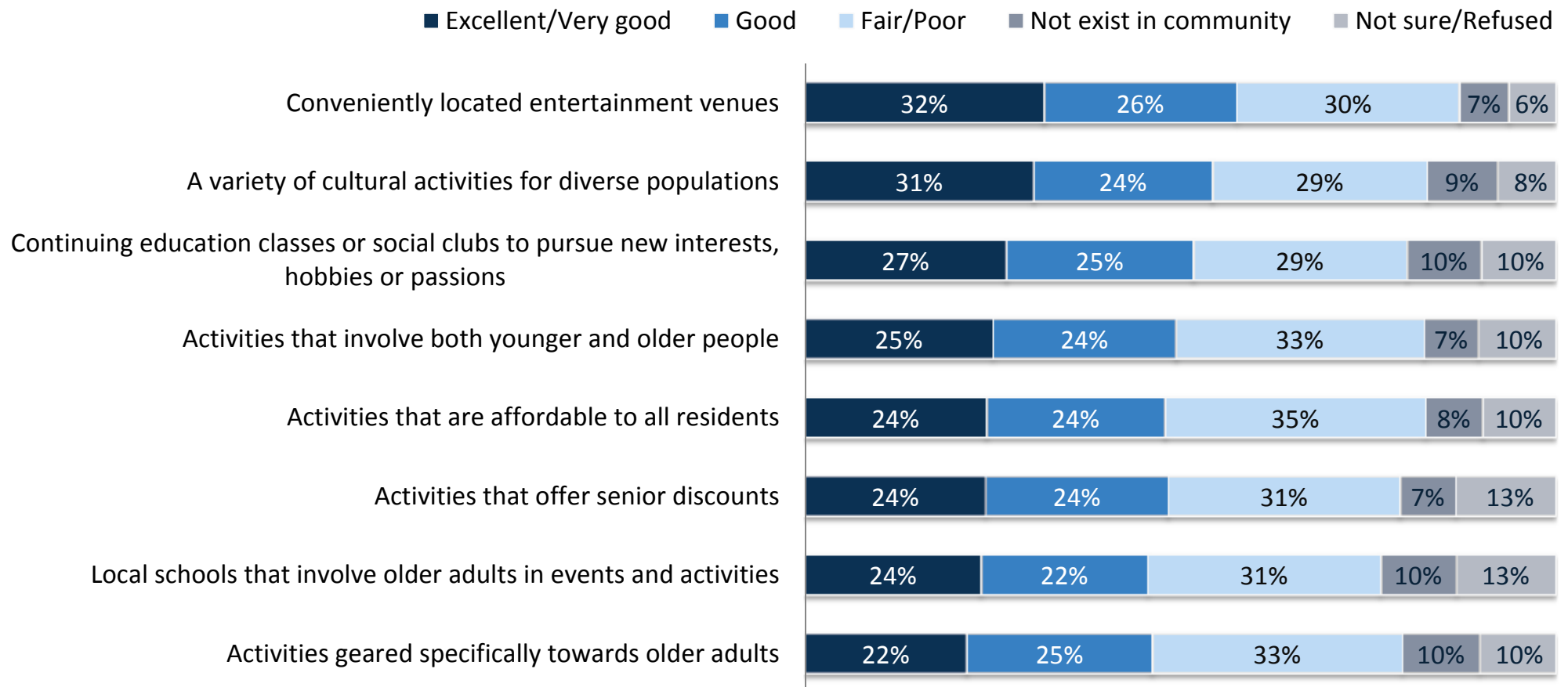
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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ say their community has a variety of affordable social activities at convenient locations.



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Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ give mixed ratings for their community in terms of volunteer activities.

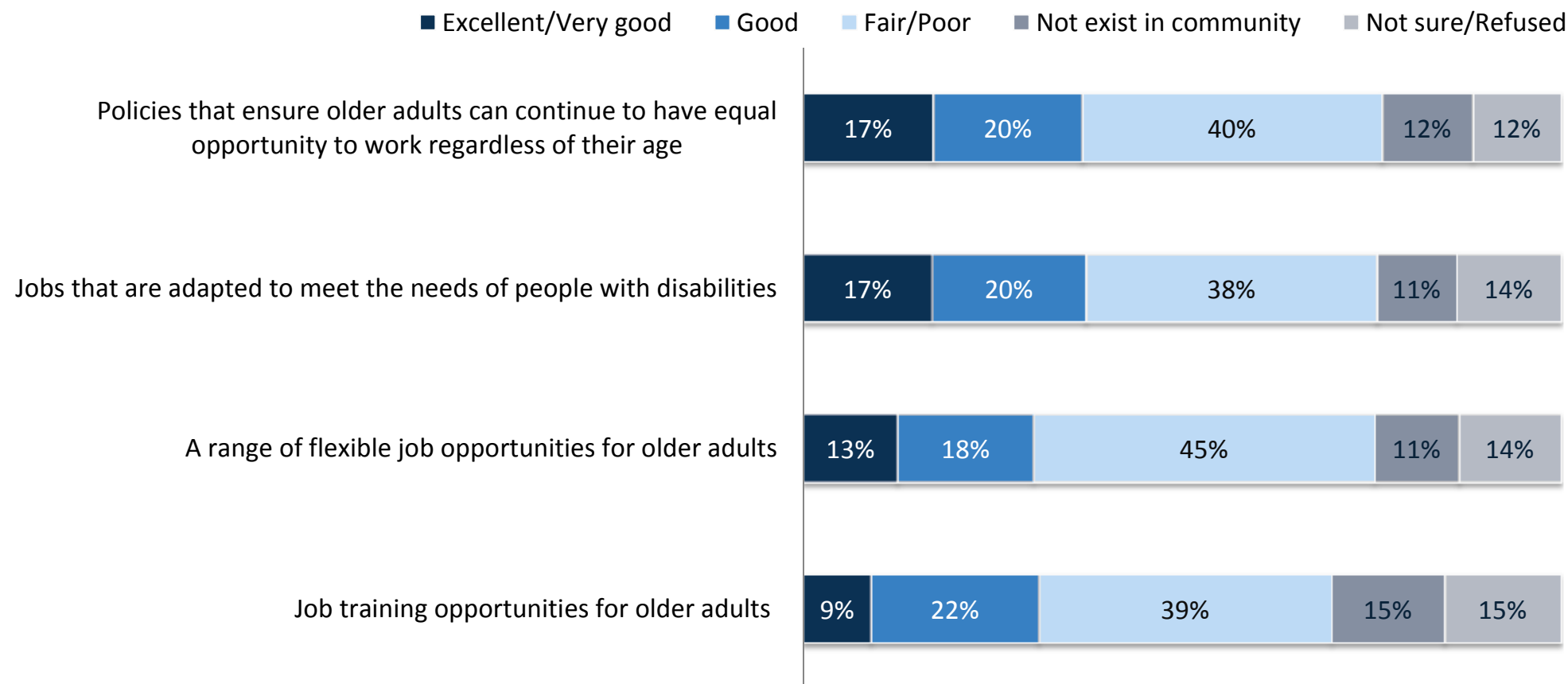


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A plurality of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community fair or poor in terms of employment opportunities.



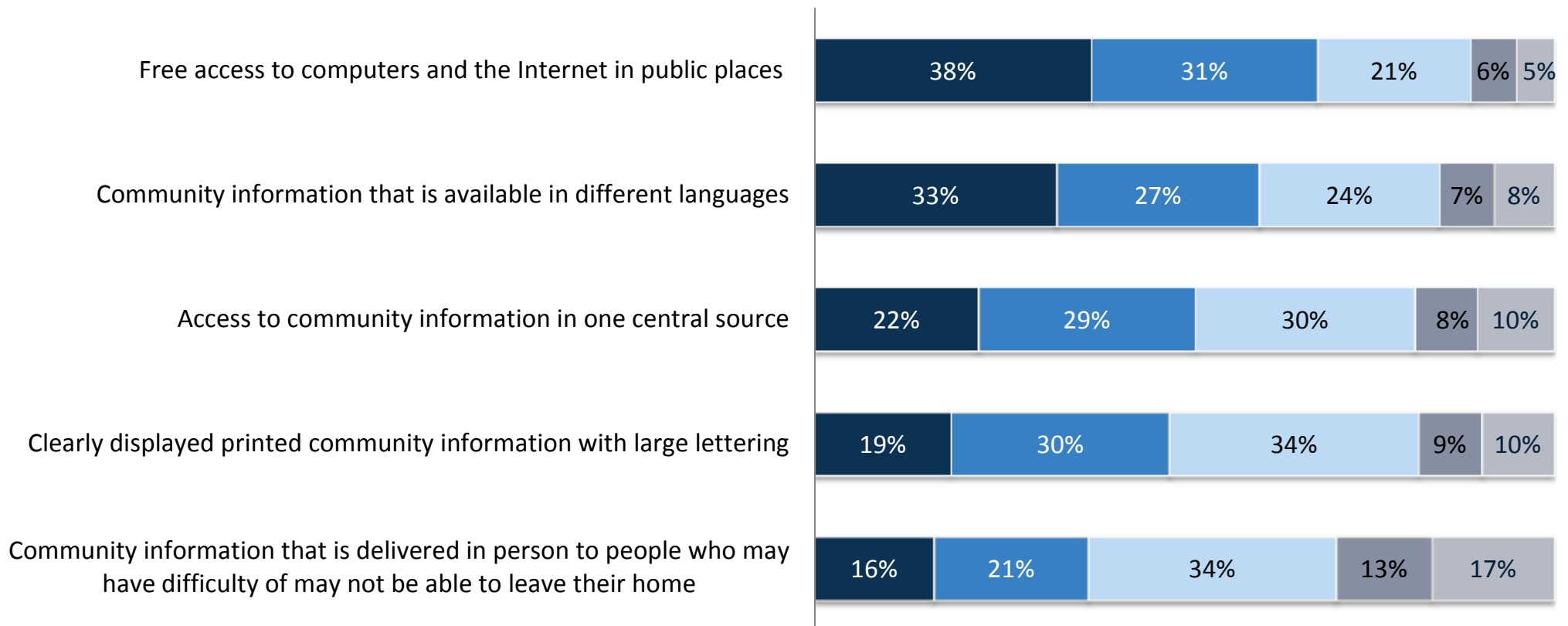
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The majority of Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ rate their community positively on having free access to computers and the Internet in public places and community information that is available in different languages; however, having information for residents with limited mobility receives more negative ratings.

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Respondent Profile: Demographics

Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%

AARP Membership	
Yes	22%
No	76%

Age	
50-54	22%
55-64	35%
65-74	23%
75-84	14%
85 or older	6%

Race/Ethnicity*	
White or Caucasian	17%
Black	15%
Asian	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic	66%
Other	<1%

Marital Status	
Single, never married	15%
Married	45%
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	4%
Separated	3%
Divorced	18%
Widowed	14%

Caregiver Status	
Current	23%
Future*	39%

Health Status	
Excellent/Very good	42%
Good	36%
Fair/Poor	22%

Disability Status	
Yes, myself	19%
Yes, my spouse or partner	3%
Yes, both myself and my spouse or partner	2%
No	73%

*Based on total number of survey respondents.

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Respondent Profile: Socioeconomic & Voting

Education

0 to 12th grade, but with no diploma	7%
High school graduate or equivalent	17%
Post high school education, but with no degree	14%
2 year degree (Associate's Degree)	16%
4 year degree (Bachelor's Degree)	24%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	5%
Graduate or professional degree	16%

Employment Status

Self-employed full-time	10%
Self-employed part-time	3%
Employed full-time	22%
Employed part-time	8%
Retired and not working at all	41%
Unemployed and looking for work	6%
Not in the labor force for other reasons	10%

Income

< \$10,000	12%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	14%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	11%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	15%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	10%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	7%
\$150,000 +	4%

Voting Behavior

Always	56%
Most of the time	19%
About half of the time	6%
Seldom	7%
Never	10%

Political Party

Democrat	42%
Republican	29%
Independent	21%
Something else	<1%

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Survey Methodology:

- A telephone survey was commissioned by AARP to assess public opinion among Miami-Dade County residents age 50+ about age-friendly and livable community topics in Miami-Dade County.
- Telephone interviewing was conducted by Alan Newman Research from July 7th to July 21st 2017.
- A total of 525 interviews were conducted. The margin of error for this sample is $\pm 4.3\%$.
- 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/AgeFriendlyCommunities
- For more information about age-friendly work in Miami-Dade County, please contact Laura Cantwell, AARP Florida, at lcantwell@aarp.org.
- For more information about the survey, please contact Joanne Binette, AARP Research, at jbinette@aarp.org.