

# Teaneck as a **Livable C**ommunity



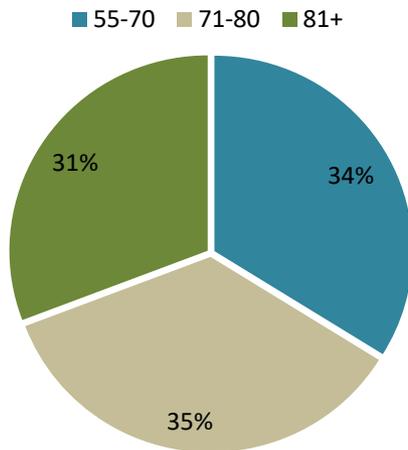
## Survey Results

Presented to the community on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

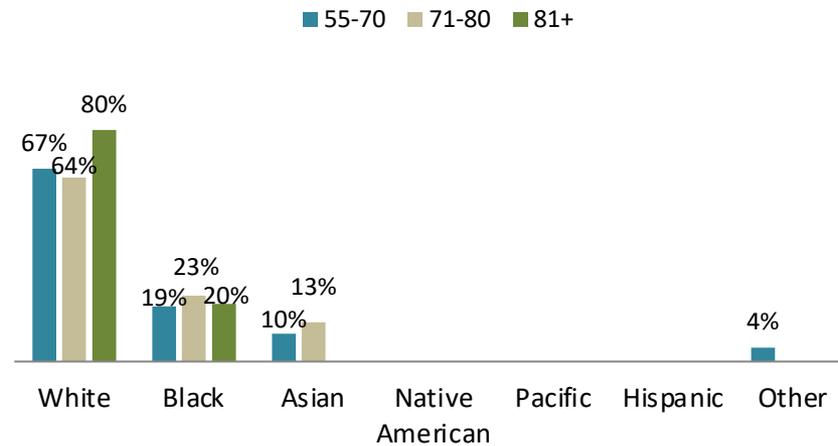
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## Demographic Information n=300

### Age group of participants



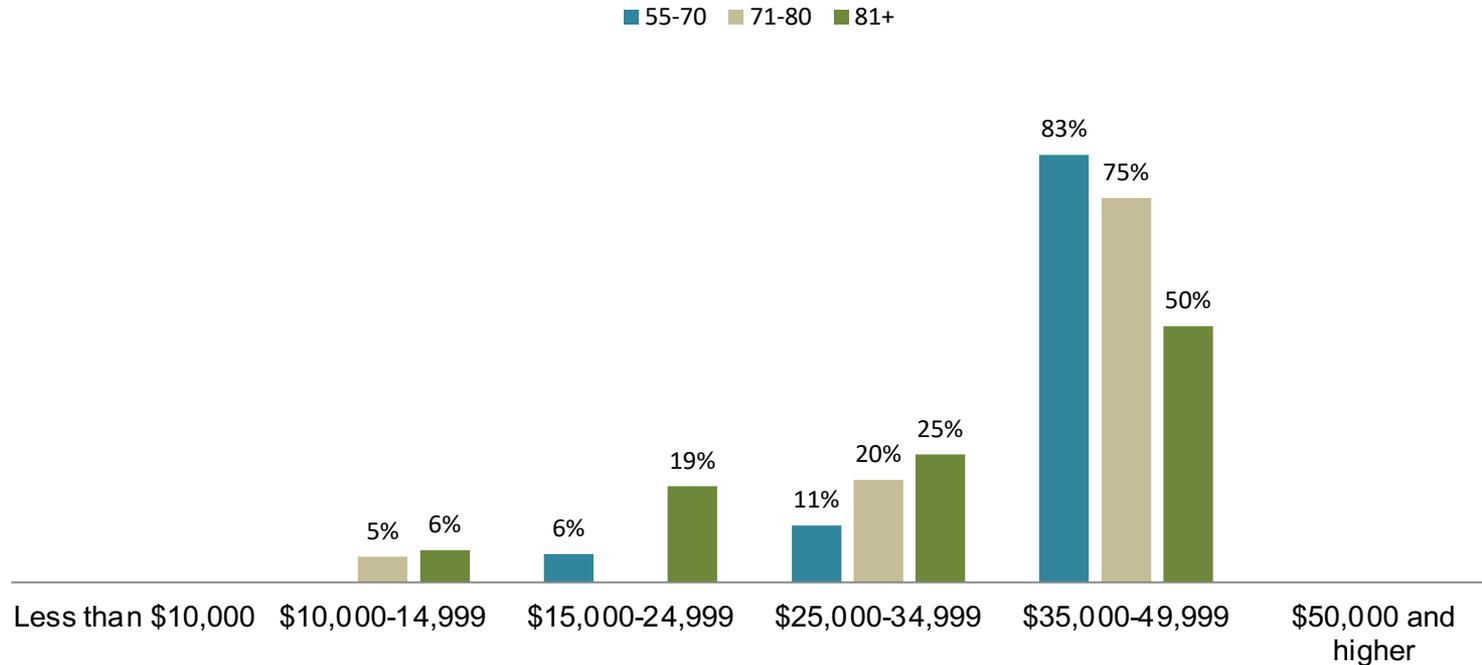
### Ethnicity of participants by age group



A total of 300 Teaneck residents participated in the *Teaneck as a Livable Community* survey. Of those who participated, 34% were ages 55-70, 35% were 71-80, and 31% were 81 and over.

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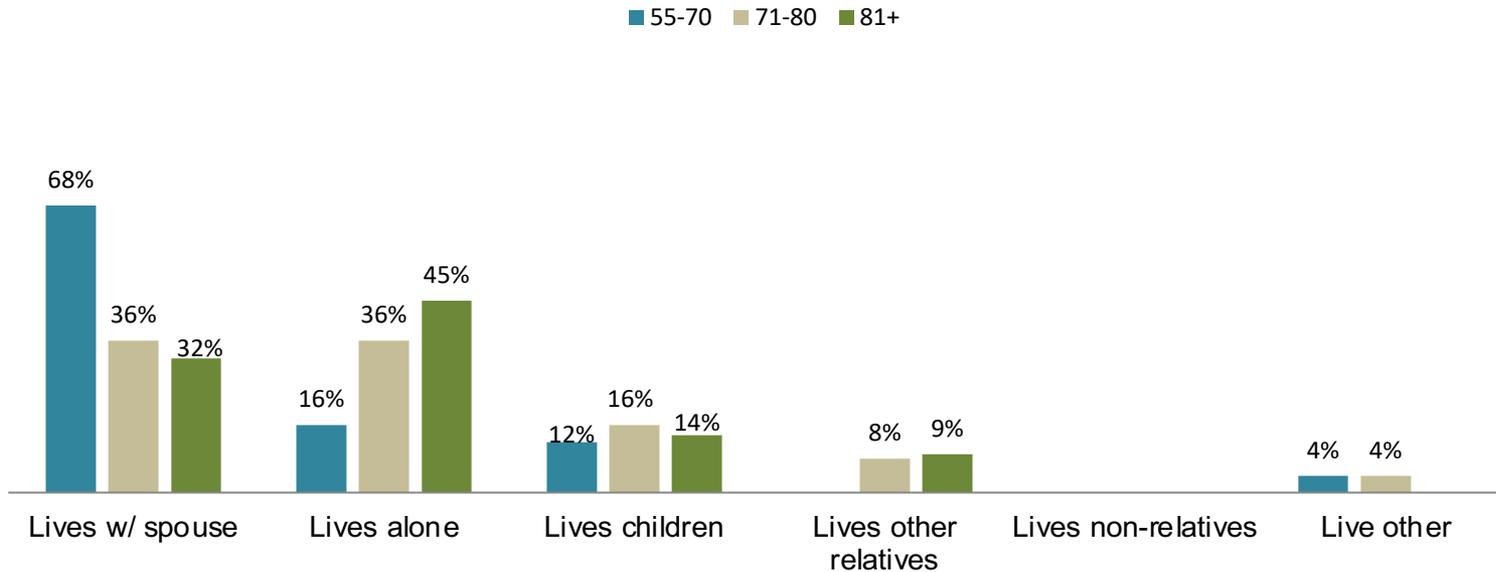
## Income of participants by age group



Over 80% of participants ages 55-70, and 75% of participants 71-80, had an income between \$35,000-49,000. On the other hand only 50% of participants 81 and over reported the same income, and the rest reported an income between \$25,000-34,999 (25%), \$15,000-24,999 (19%), and \$10,000-14,999 (6%). Similarly, 5% of those 71-80 reported an income of \$10,000-14,999. While only 6% of participants 55-70 reported being in the \$15,000-24,999 income bracket, and none of the participants in this age group reported having a lower income.

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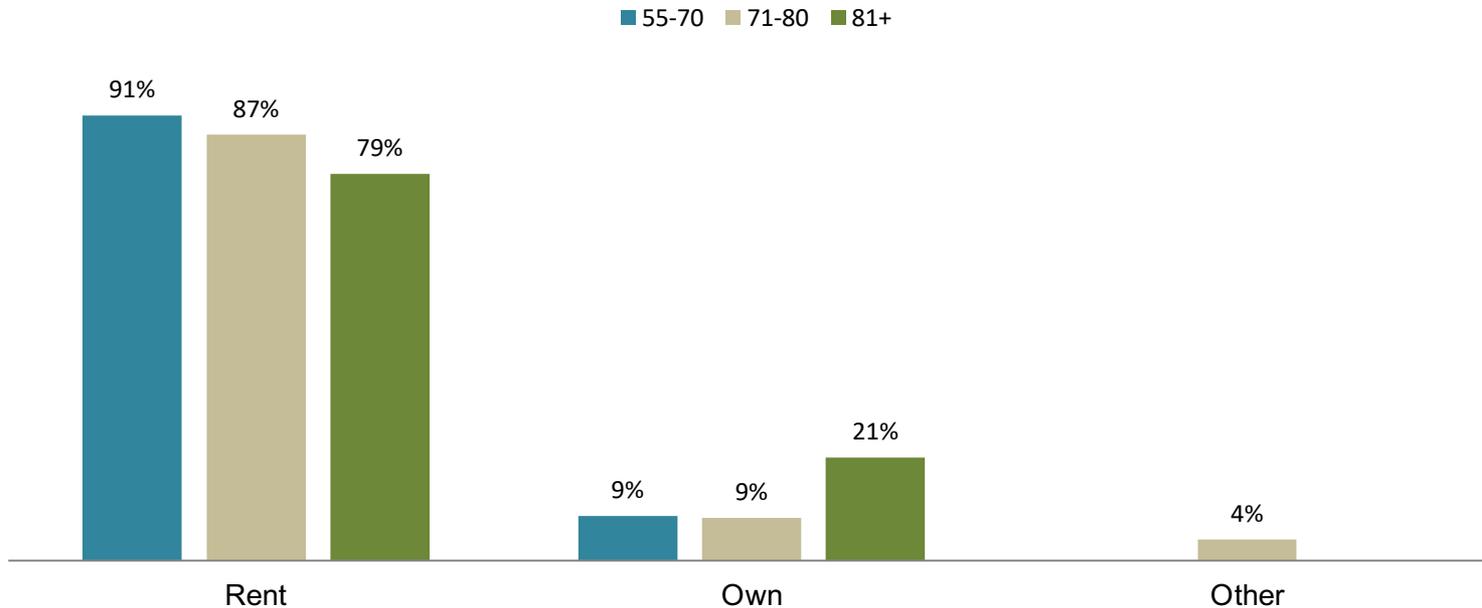
Participants living arrangement by age group



The majority (68%) of participants ages 55-70 reported living with their spouse, while the majority (45%) of those over the age of 80 reported living alone, and participants ages 71-80 reported with equal frequency (36%) living with spouse and living alone. Living with children was the third most common living situation reported amongst participants, with 12%-16% in all age groups selecting this option.

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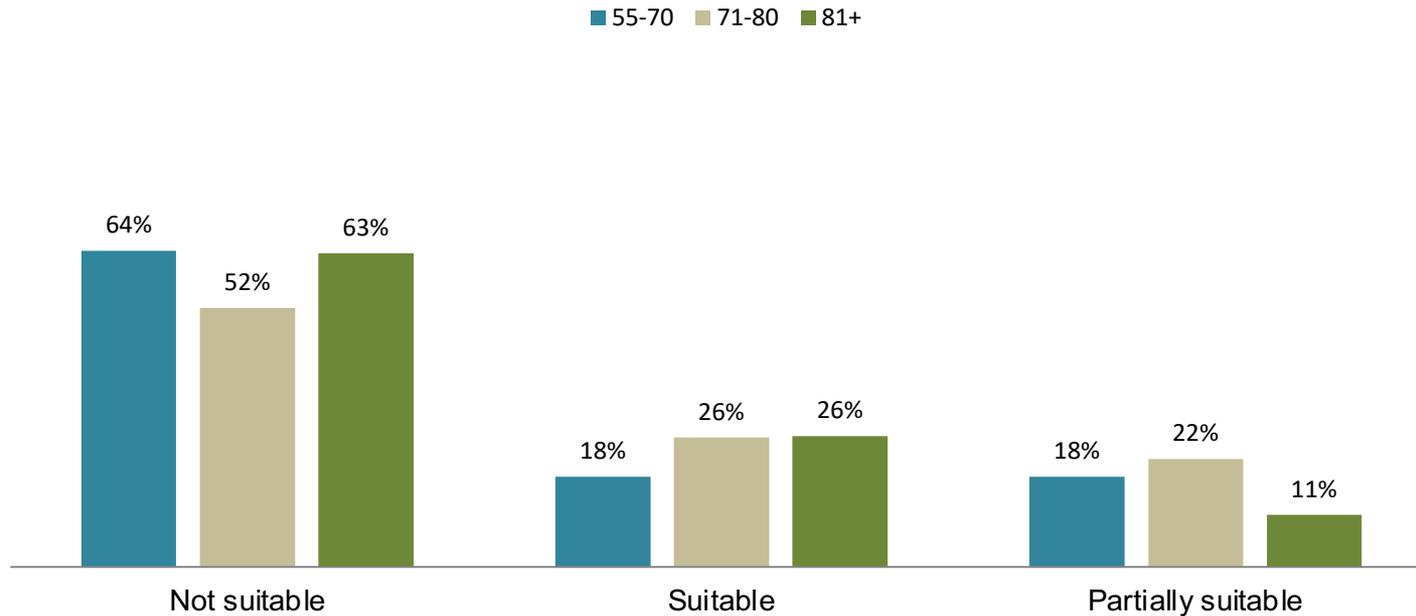
Percentage of participants renting vs. owning their home by age group



Throughout the three age groups, the majority of participants reported that they currently rent their home rather than own it. Results show that only 9% of all participants ages 55-70 own their current home, as well as participants ages 71-80. This percentage is only higher amongst participants over the age of 80, with 21% reporting currently owning their home.

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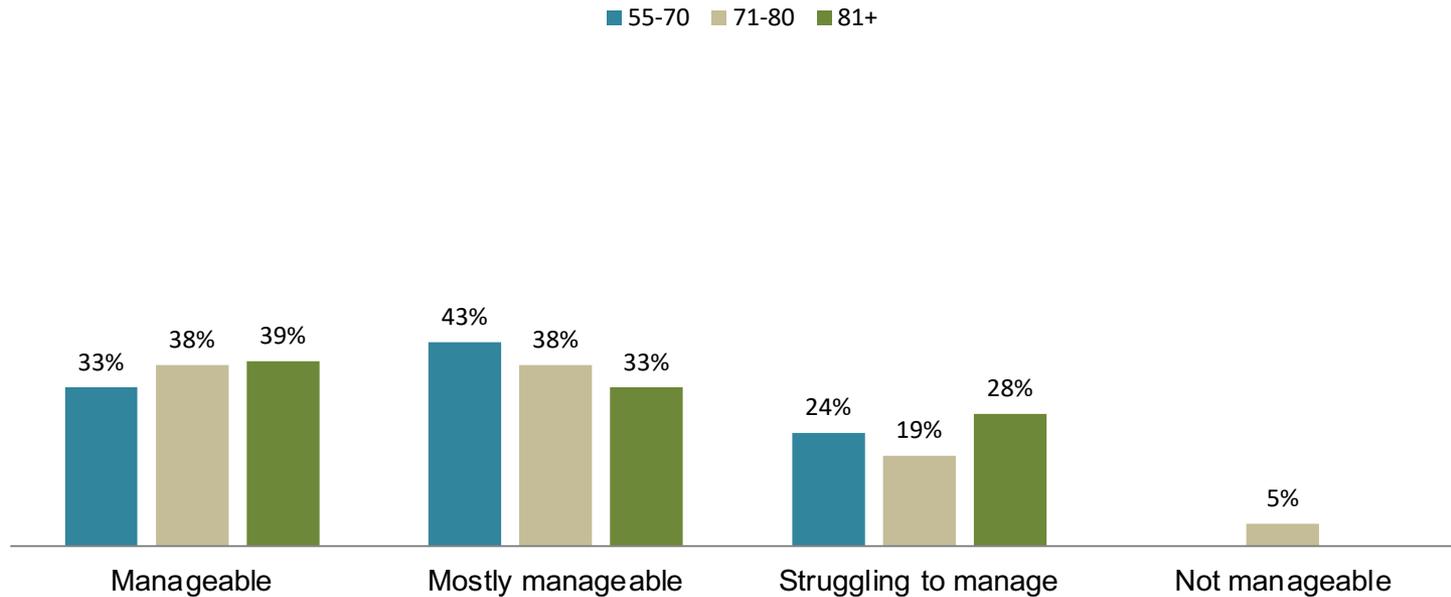
## Suitability of home by age group



Participants were asked if their current home would be suitable for them if they were to develop physical limitations (examples – bedroom is on main floor, wheelchair-accessible doorways, manageable stairs), to which the majority across all age groups replied that it would not be suitable. About 36% of those ages 55-70, 48% of those 71-80, and 37% of participants 80 and over reported currently living in a home that is suitable or partially suitable for people with physical limitations.

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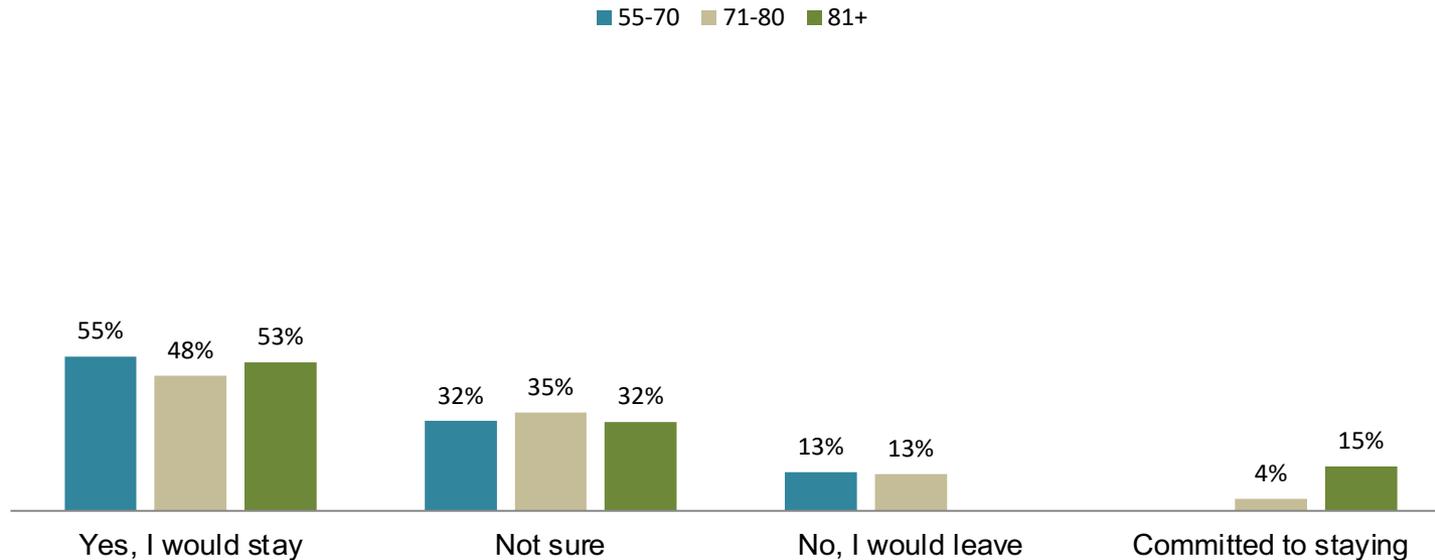
## Manageability of home maintenance by age group



Participants were also asked if they were able to handle the maintenance needs of their home, either by performing the tasks themselves or by arranging for others to help. Results show that most participants fall between completely being able to manage all home maintenance and being able to manage most of the home maintenance. In fact, only 5% (71-80 age group) reported not being able to manage any home maintenance. Those over 80 were more likely (28%) to be struggling to manage home maintenance than their younger counterparts (24%, 55-70) and (19%, 71-80).

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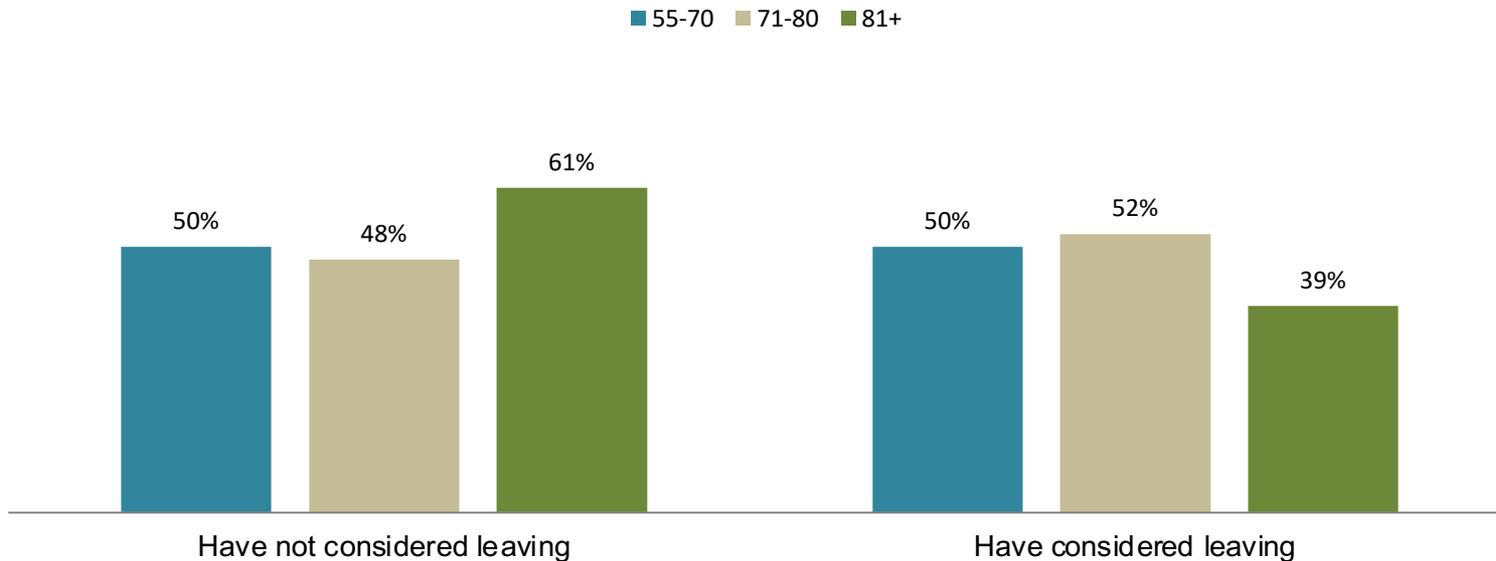
Participants wanting to stay or leave Teaneck by age group



About 50% of all participants in each of the three age groups reported intending to stay in Teaneck as they age. A small percentage (4%) of those 71-80 and 16% of those 81 and over, reported that they have already downsized and are committed to remain in Teaneck. While 14% of participants 55-70 and 13% of those ages 71-80 reported intending to leave Teaneck as they age. However, about one third of all participants in each age group reported not being sure about their future intentions to stay or leave Teaneck as they age

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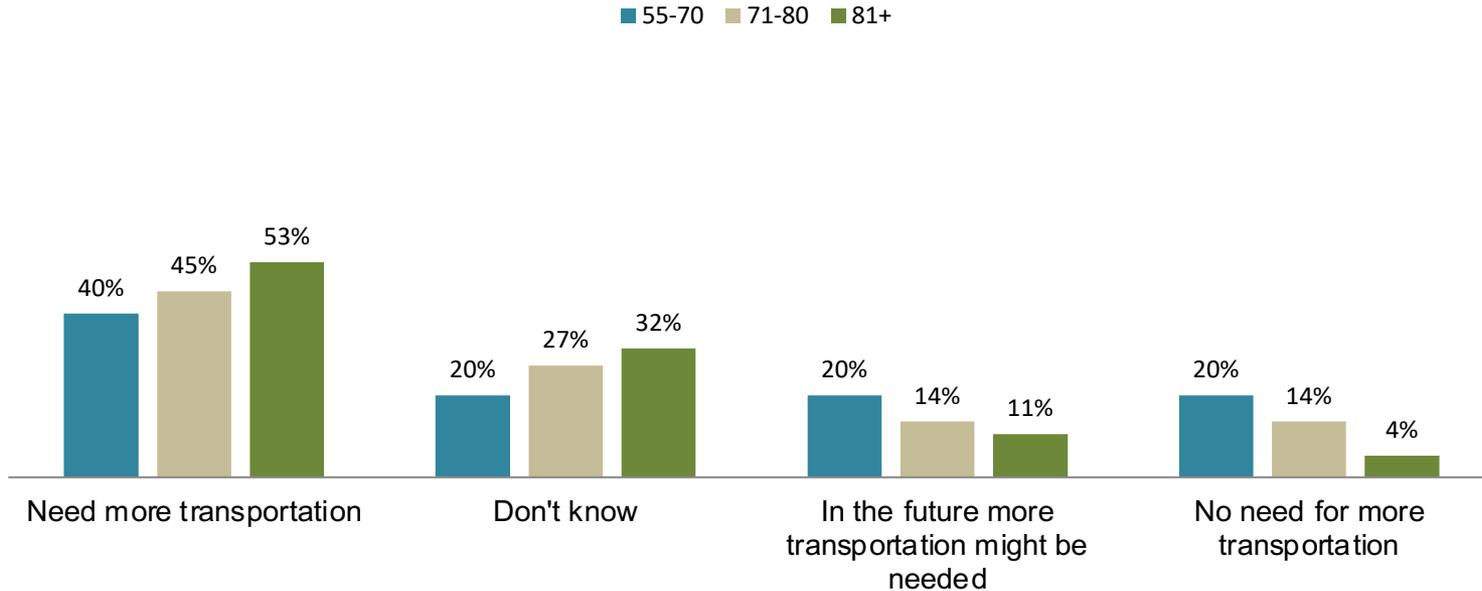
Participants who have considered leaving Teaneck by age group



The graph above shows that in both age groups 55-70 and 71-80, participants have considered not leaving Teaneck about as much as they have considered leaving it. The greatest difference noted is amongst those who are 81 and over, with 61% reporting they have not considered leaving Teaneck, and 39% reporting that they have considered it.

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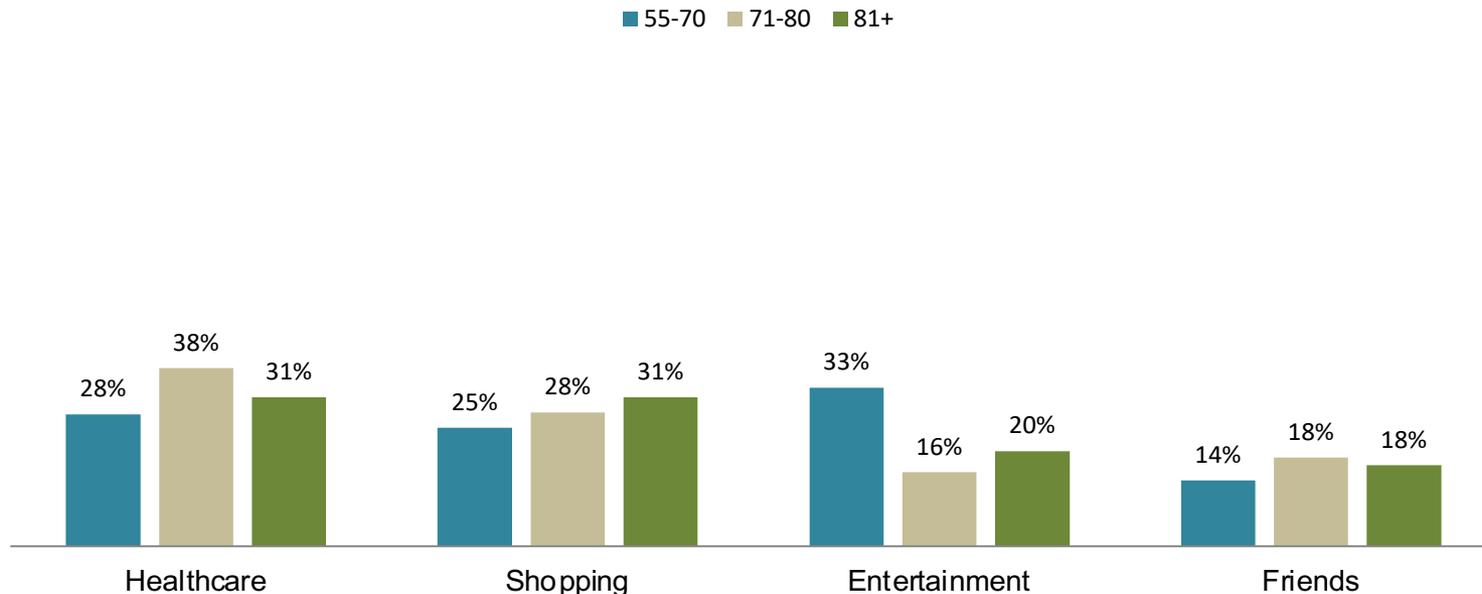
## Participants views on the need of transportation



Results show that amongst all age groups there is a need for more transportation. The need seems to increase by age group, with only 40% of those 55-70, 45% of those 71-80 and 53% of participants 81 and over, reporting a need for more transportation. Similarly, we see a declining pattern amongst participants who reported having enough transportation currently and possibly seeing a need for the future. For example, participants 55-70 were about 35% more likely than participants over 80 to say that there was no need for more transportation currently, and there might be a need in the future but not now (40%). Likewise, 28% of participants 71-80 reported the same satisfaction with the current available transportation

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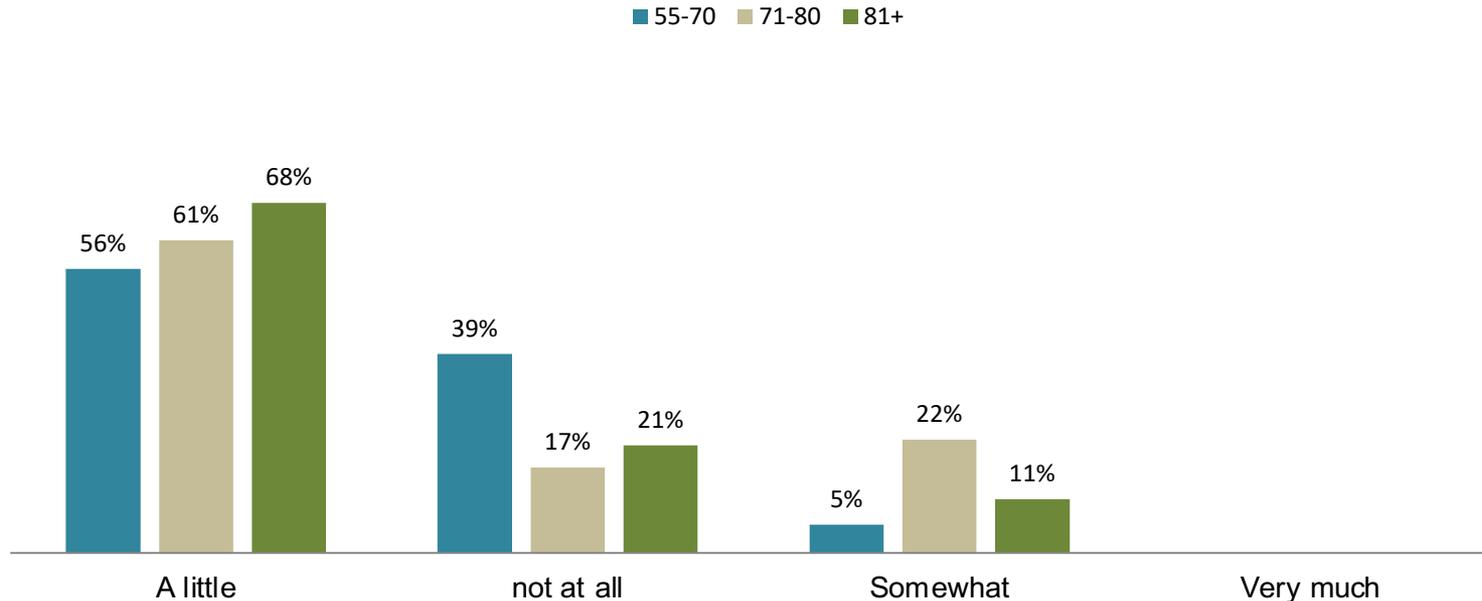
## Transportation needs according to participants



Participants were asked about how they would use the added transportation if it became available, responses varied by age group. For example, amongst participants 55-70 “Entertainment” was the top choice (33%) for how they would use more transportation, while “Healthcare” (28%) was second, and “Shopping” (25%) was third. On the other hand participants 71-80 and 81 and over reported “Healthcare” as one of their top choices 38% and 31% respectively, and “Shopping” was equally important for participants 81 and over (31%), and the second most common answer amongst participants 71-80 (28%). While there was only a 3% difference between the need of transportation for “Entertainment” and “Friends” amongst these two age groups.

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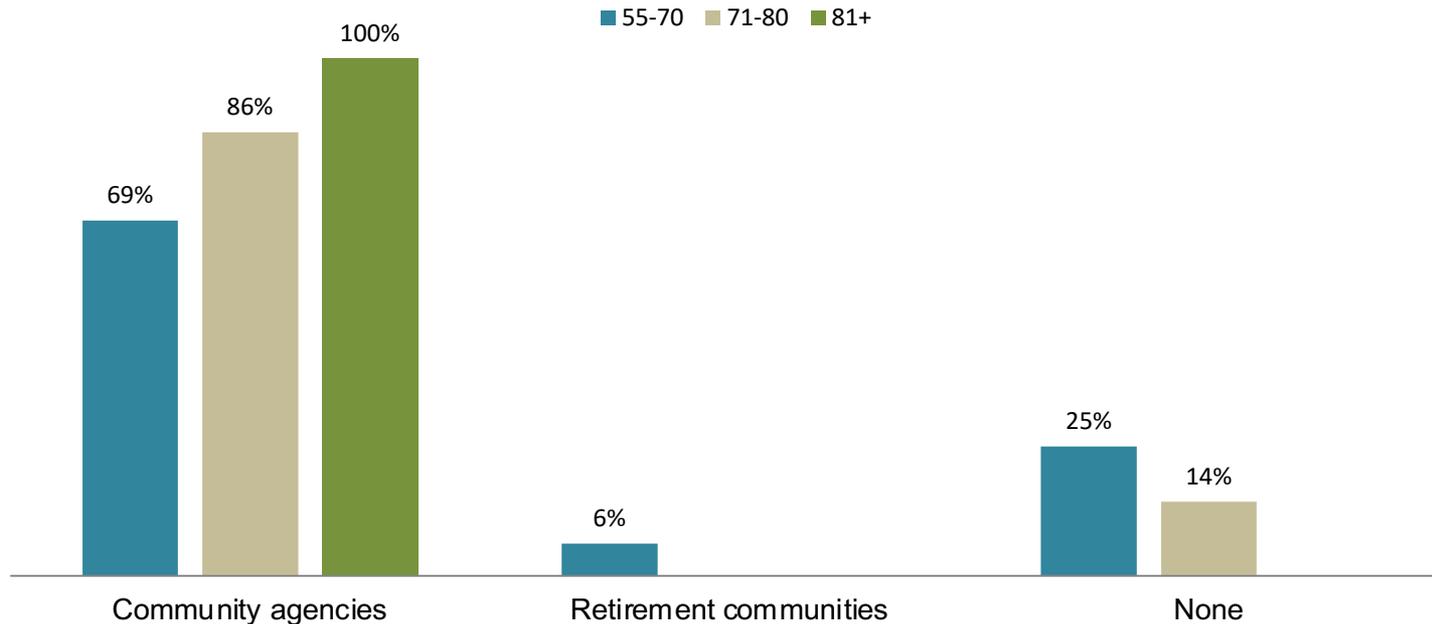
Extent to which older residents feel valued in Teaneck by age group



When participants were asked about the extent to which they thought older residents were valued in Teaneck, the majority across all age groups reported that older residents were “a little” valued in Teaneck and none reported “very much” valued. While amongst 55-70 and 81 and over participants reported that older residents were “not at all” valued in Teaneck, 39% and 21% respectively. While, 22% of those who were 71-80 reported that older residents were “somewhat” valued, and 17% reported that older residents were “not at all” valued.

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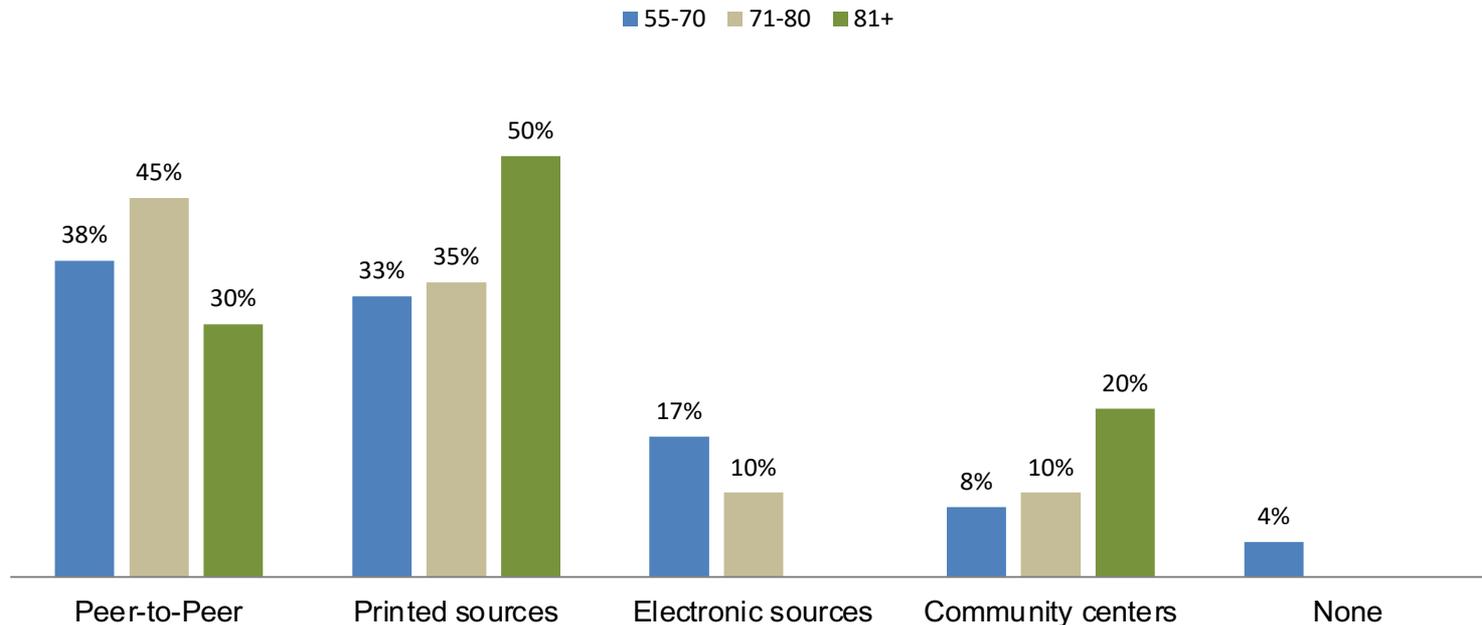
Known resources by age group



Participants were asked to list the resources that are currently available for older adults in Teaneck that they know about. Most of the participants in all age groups listed a resource linked to community agencies. While 25% of those who were 55-70 and 14% of participants 71-80 years old reported that they currently did not know of any available resource for older adults in Teaneck.

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## Residents learn about resources through...

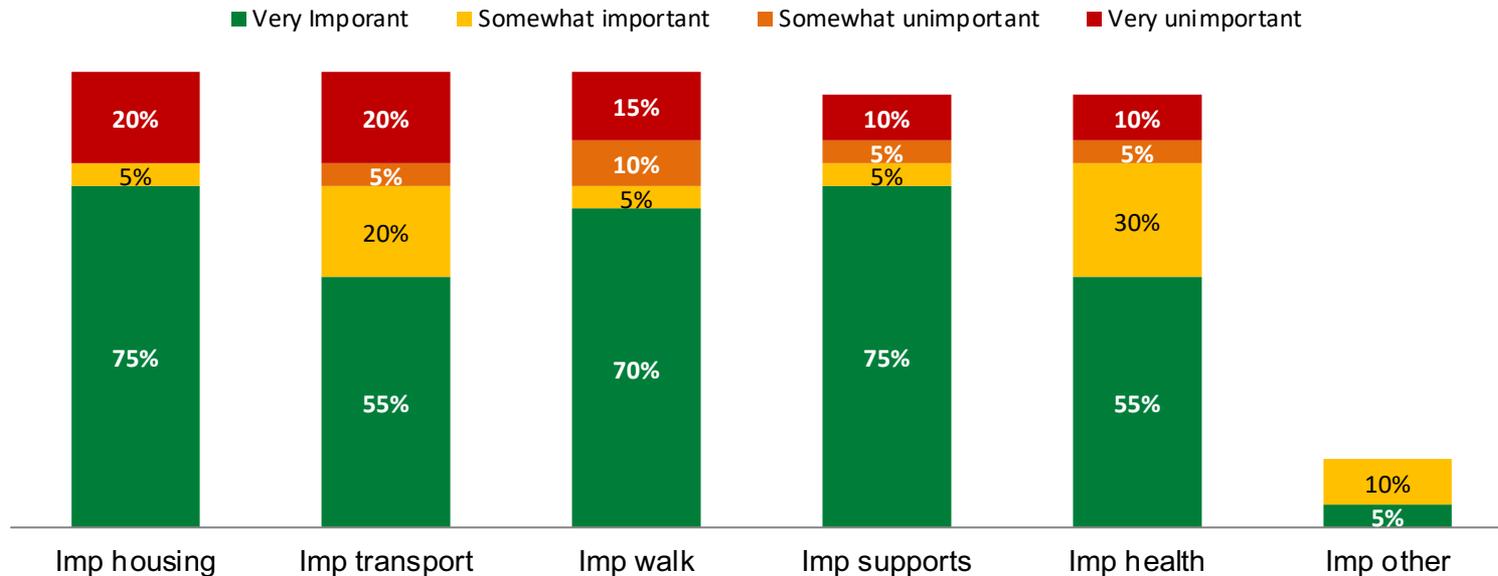


As a follow-up, participants were asked to list the ways in which they learn about available resources for older adults in Teaneck, results were narrowed down and coded as Peer-to-Peer, Printed sources, Electronic sources, Community centers, and None. Results showed that 38% of participants 55-70 and 45% of participants 71-80 listed “Peer-to-Peer” as the most common way they are informed about resources in Teaneck, followed by “Printed sources” 33% and 35% respectively. While for participants 81 and over “Printed sources” was the most common form of receiving information about available resources, followed by “Peer-to Peer”.

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## Important Characteristics for a Good Quality of Life Over the Next 10 Years

Participants Ages 55-70  
n=20

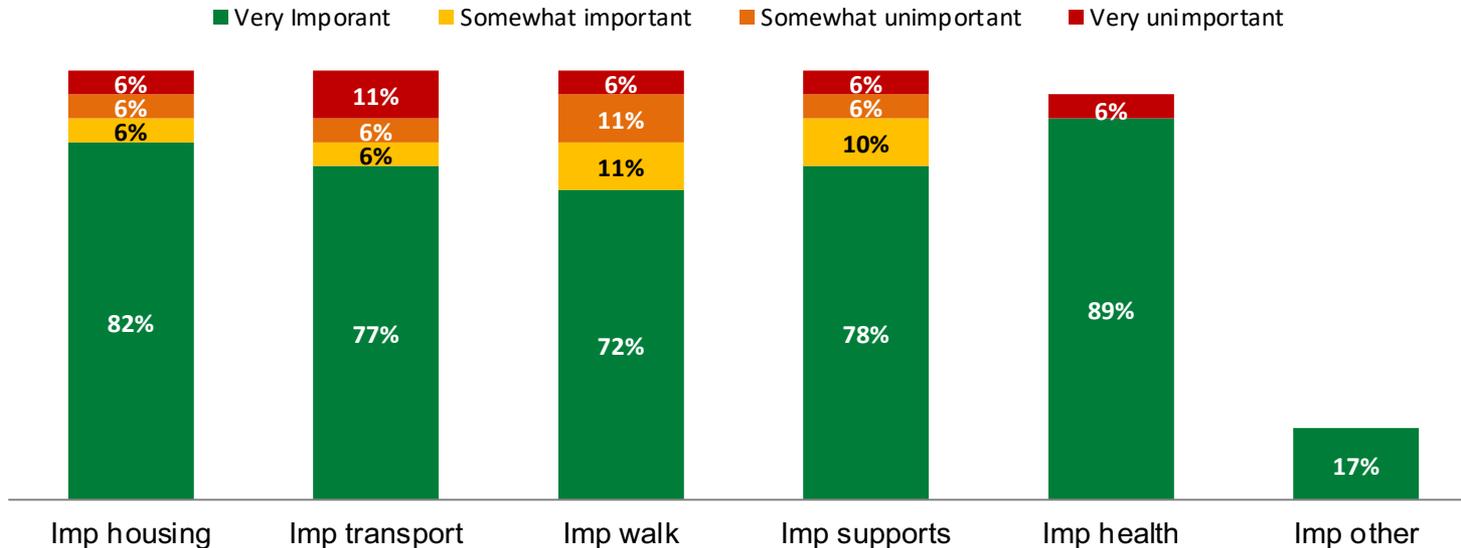


Amongst participants 55-70, the items that had the highest combined percentage of “very important” and “somewhat important” were housing (80%), community supports and services (80%), and health and medical services (80%). While the items with the highest combined percentage of “very unimportant” and “somewhat unimportant” were importance of transportation options (25%) and importance of walk-able neighborhoods (25%).

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### Participants Ages 71-80 n=18

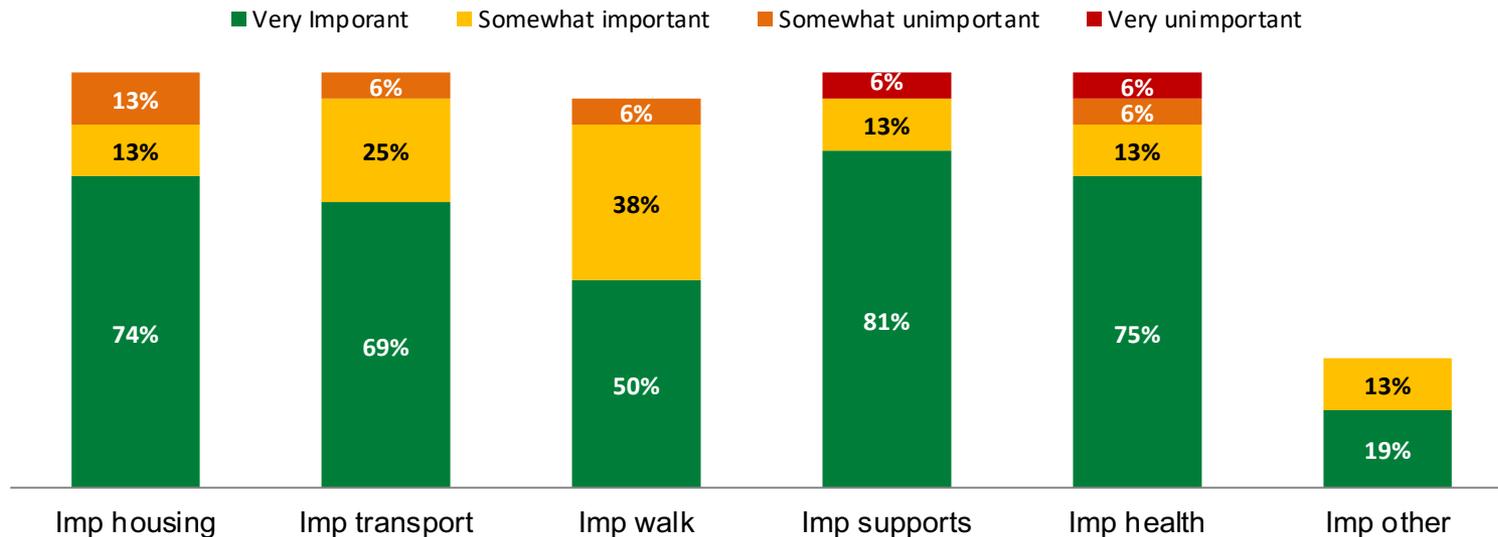


Similarly, participants ages 71-80 also ranked housing (89%), community supports and services (89%), and health and medical services (89%), as the top items “very important” and “somewhat important”. While the other two items, transportation choices (17%) and walk-able neighborhoods (17%) had the highest combined percentages of “very unimportant” and “somewhat unimportant”.

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### Participants Ages 81+ n=16



Unlike the previous two age groups, those who were 81 and over ranked transportation choices (94%) and community supports and services (94%) as the two items of most importance. However, it is important to note that the other three items (housing, walkable neighborhoods, and health and medical services) had a combined percentage of “very important” and “somewhat important” of 88%, and rarely was the rank of “very unimportant” used for any of the items. Yet given this information, housing (13%) and health and medical services (12%) had the highest combined percentage of least important items.

