

CONDUCTING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Researched other needs assessments
 - Caring Choices out of Chico, California
 - San Mateo County, California
 - Orange County, California
 - Saskatoon Health Region (Canada)
- Survey was developed by members of Stepping Up to Prevent Falls Delaware County



DATA COLLECTION

- Survey was developed in Survey Monkey
 - Web based collection tool
 - Reviewed by Coalition members
 - Disseminated by Coalition members



DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION

- Coalition members created links on websites to the survey
- Paper copies printed (500)
 - Distributed to coalition members
 - Postage paid envelopes

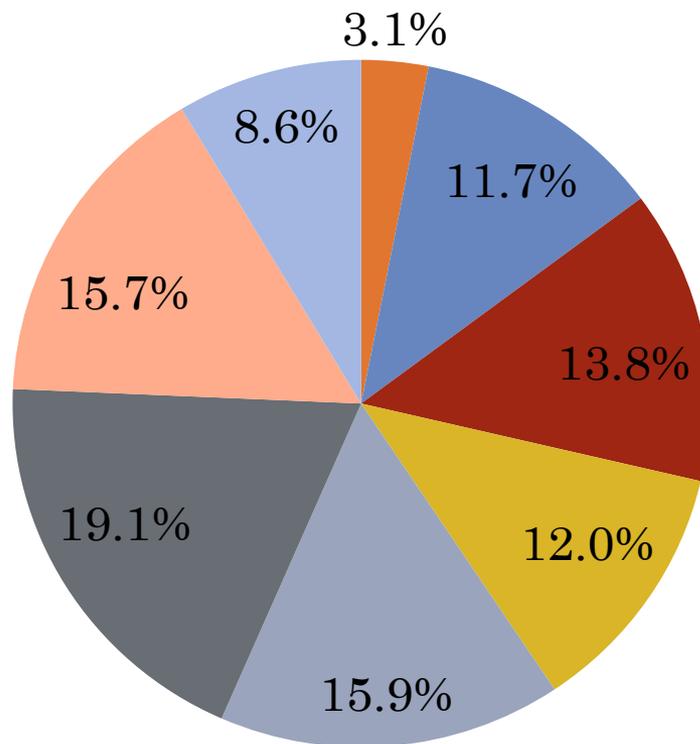


PARTNERS

- Council for Older Adults
 - MOB classes
- Senior Citizen's Inc.
 - Exercise facility
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Congregate meal site
- Westerville Senior Center
- DATA Bus
 - Riders received a token to ride bus for free
- Liberty Twp./Powell Branch YMCA
- Alzheimer's Association
- Grady Outpatient Therapy Dept.
 - Events
 - Therapy sessions
- Willow Brook Christian Communities
 - Postage paid envelopes



HOW OLD ARE YOU?



■ Less than 60 years old

■ 60-64 years old

■ 65-69 years old

■ 70-74 years old

■ 75-79 years old

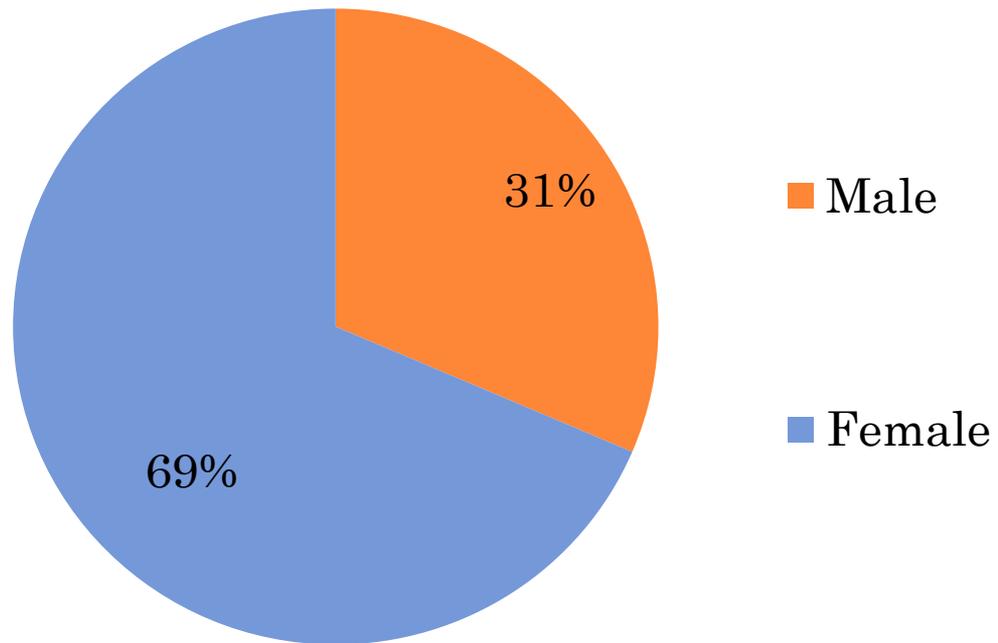
■ 80-84 years old

■ 85-89 years old

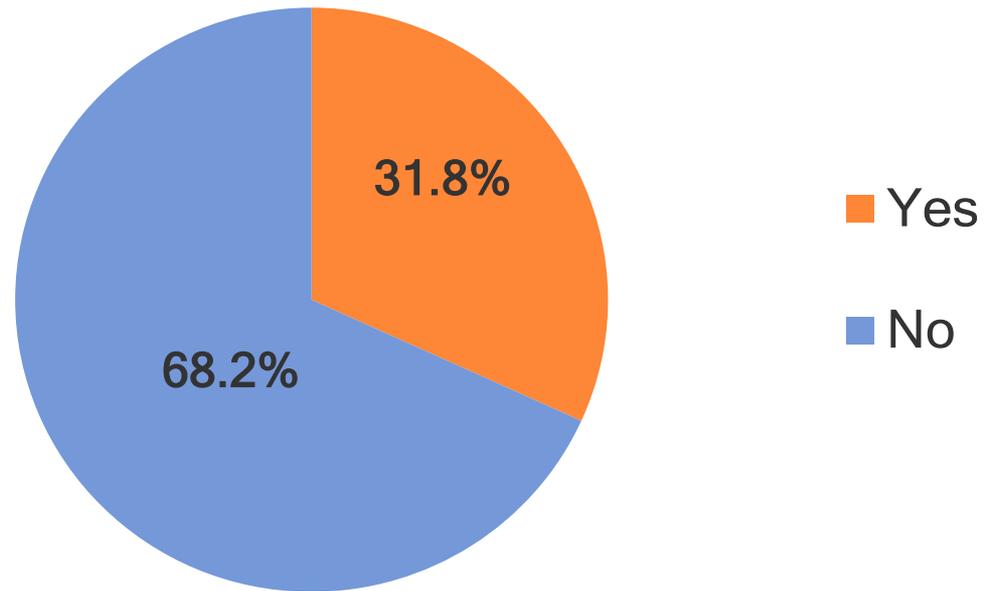
■ 90+ years old



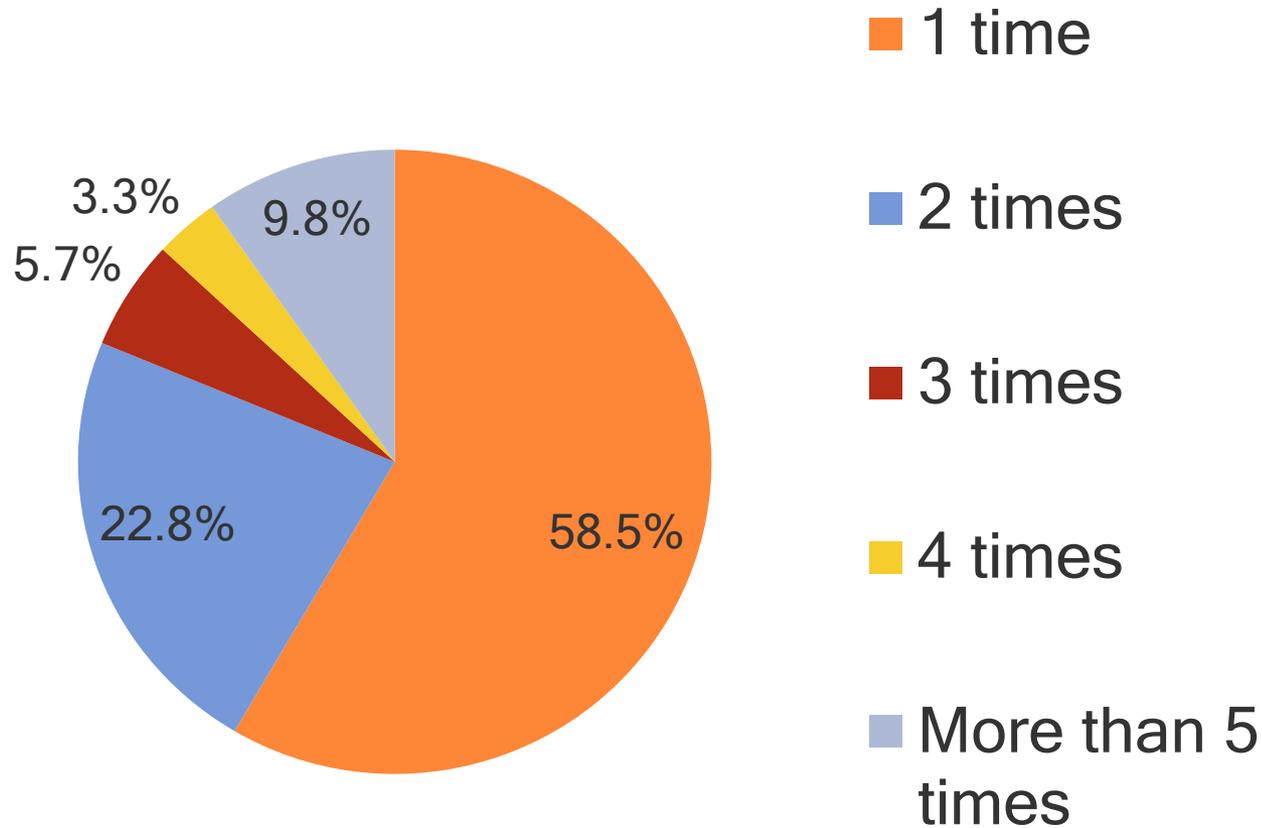
GENDER



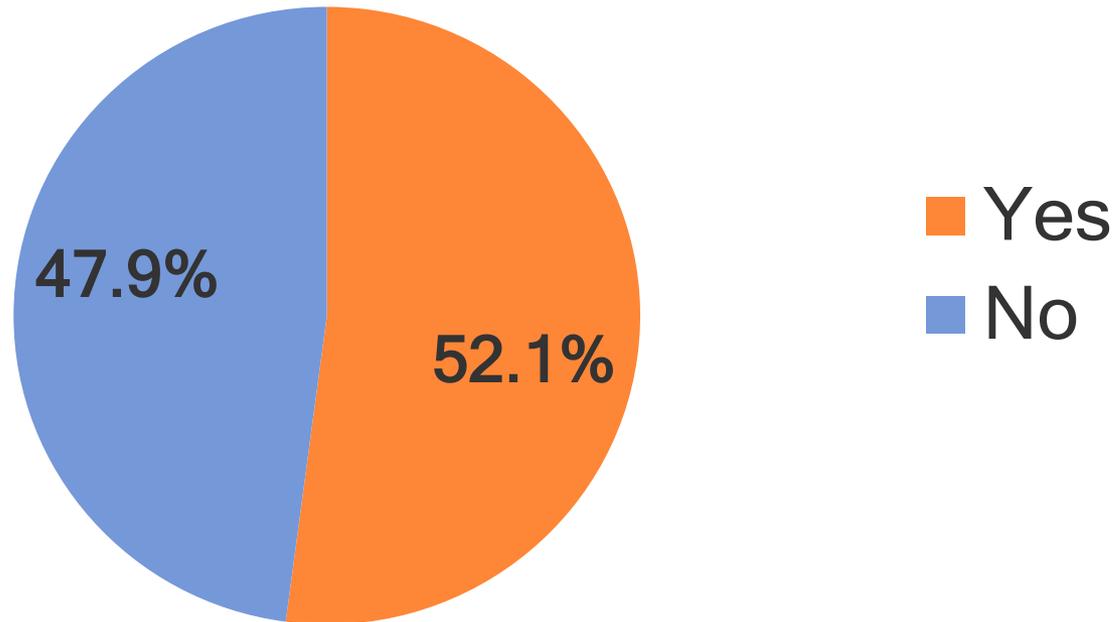
HAVE YOU FALLEN?



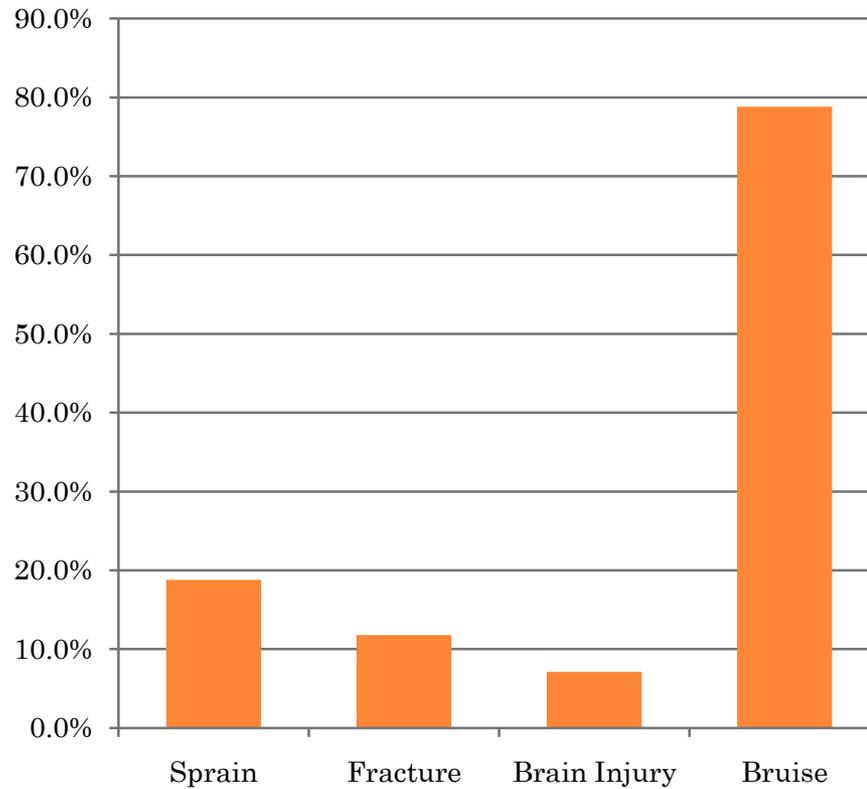
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU FALLEN?



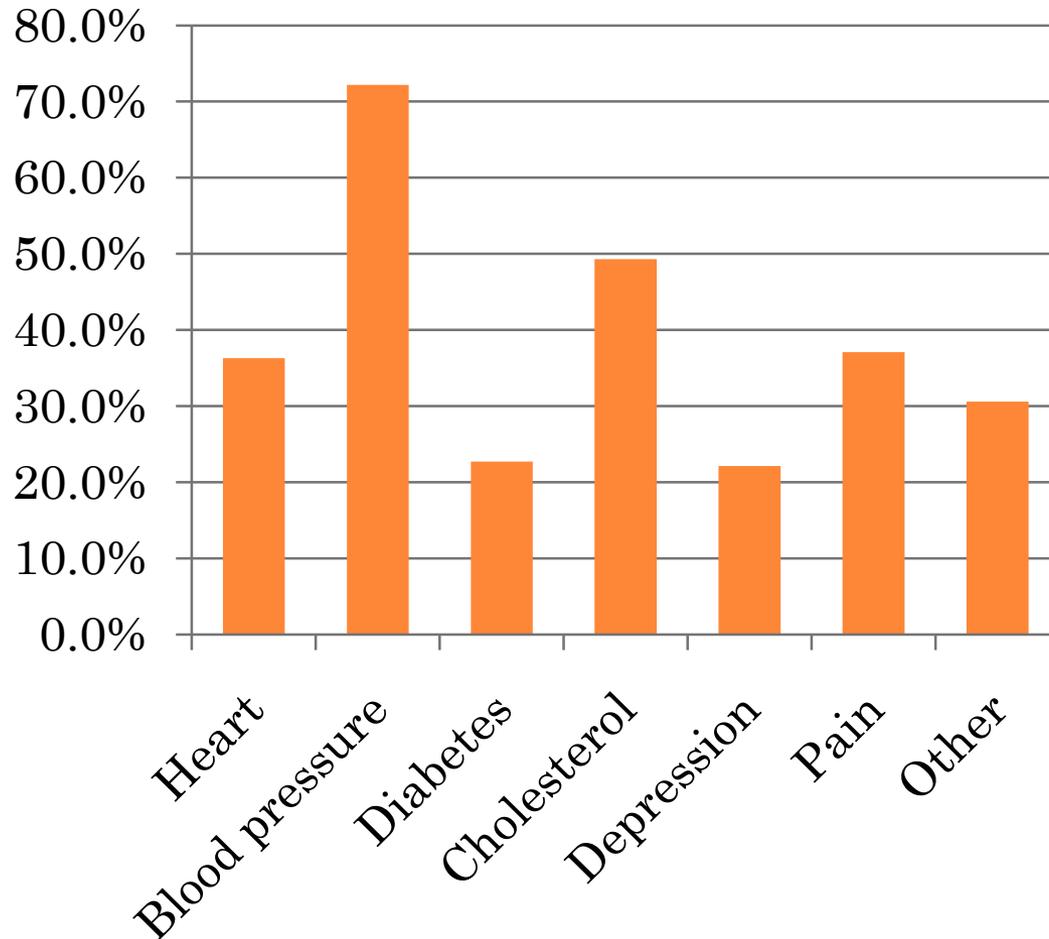
WERE YOU INJURED?



WHAT TYPE OF INJURY DID YOU SUSTAIN?

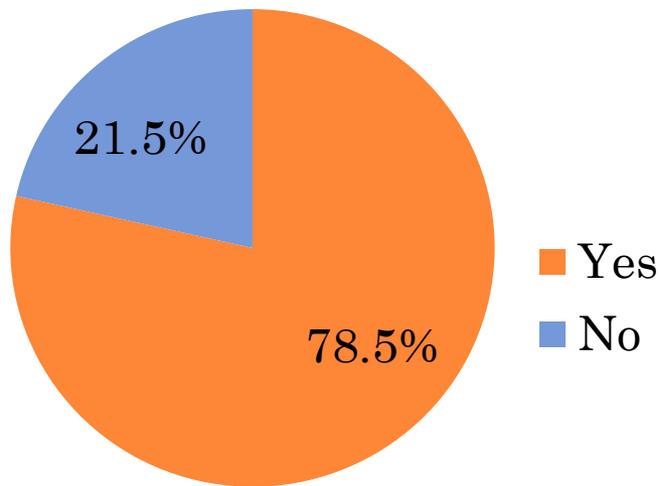


WHAT TYPE OF MEDICATIONS DO YOU TAKE?

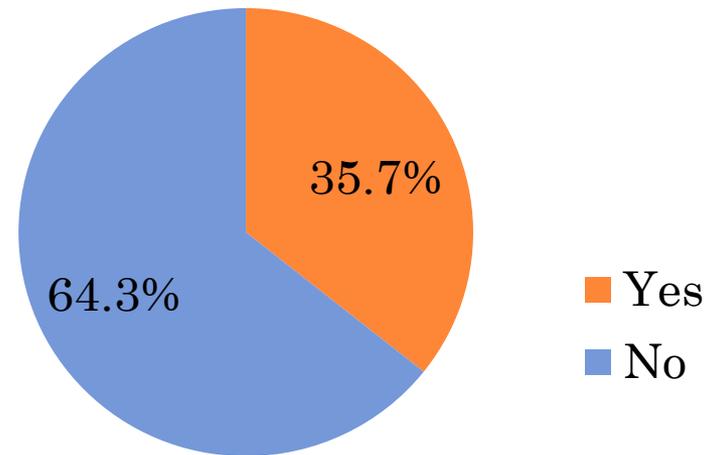


SCREENING INFORMATION

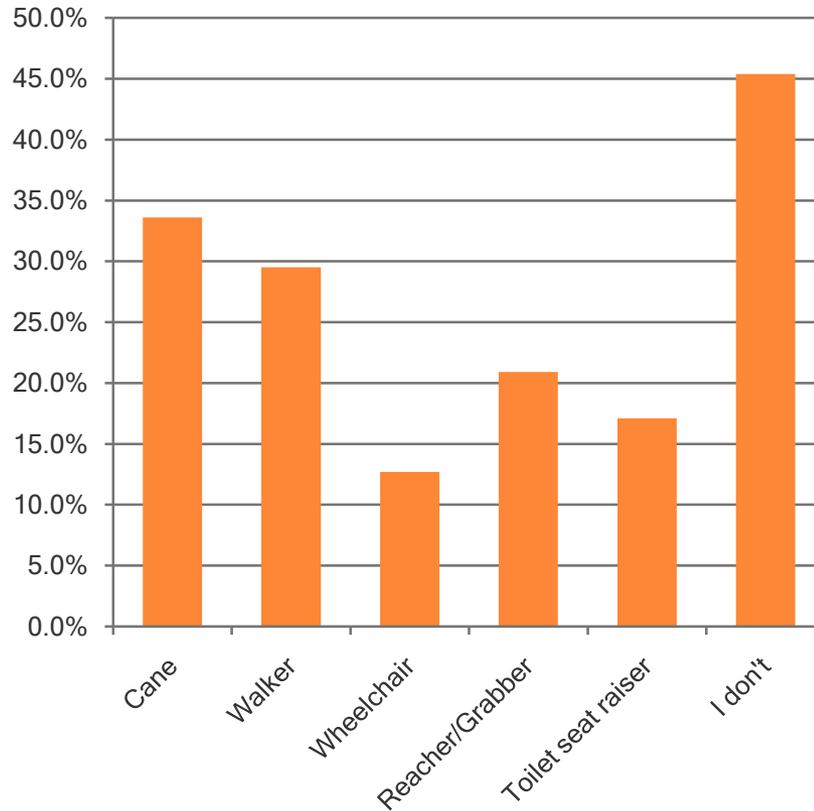
Have you had your vision checked?



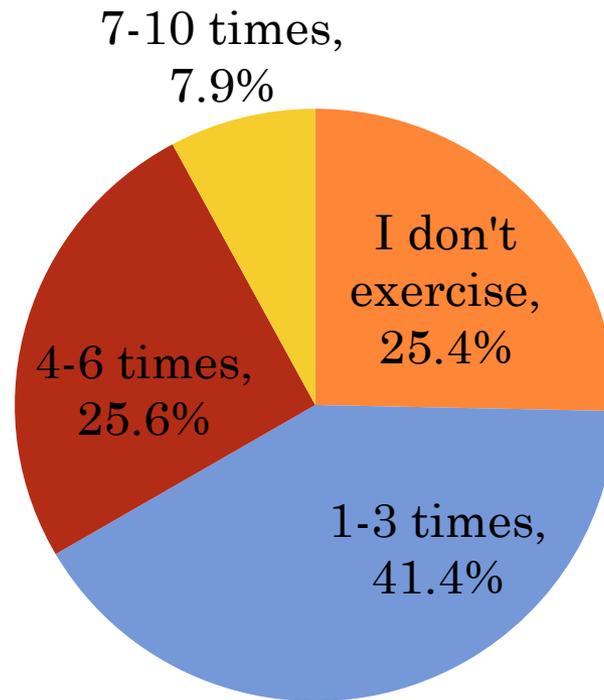
Have you had your hearing checked?



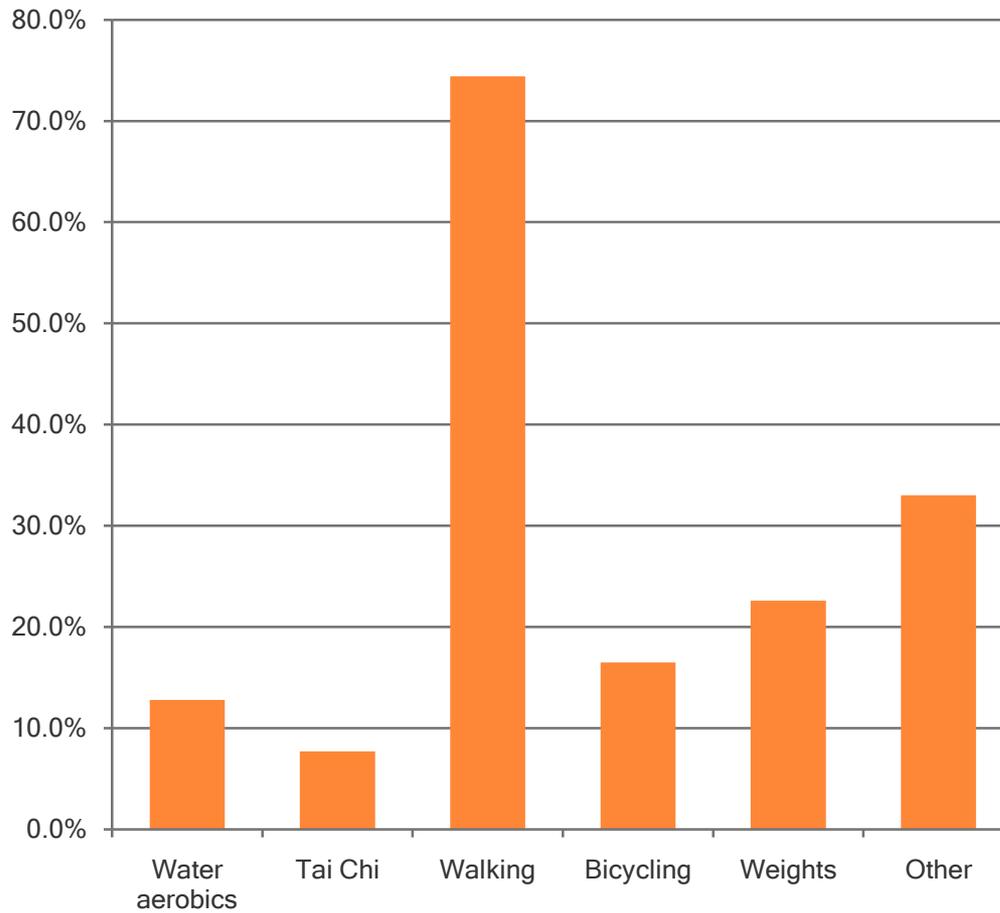
WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTIVE DEVICE DO YOU USE?



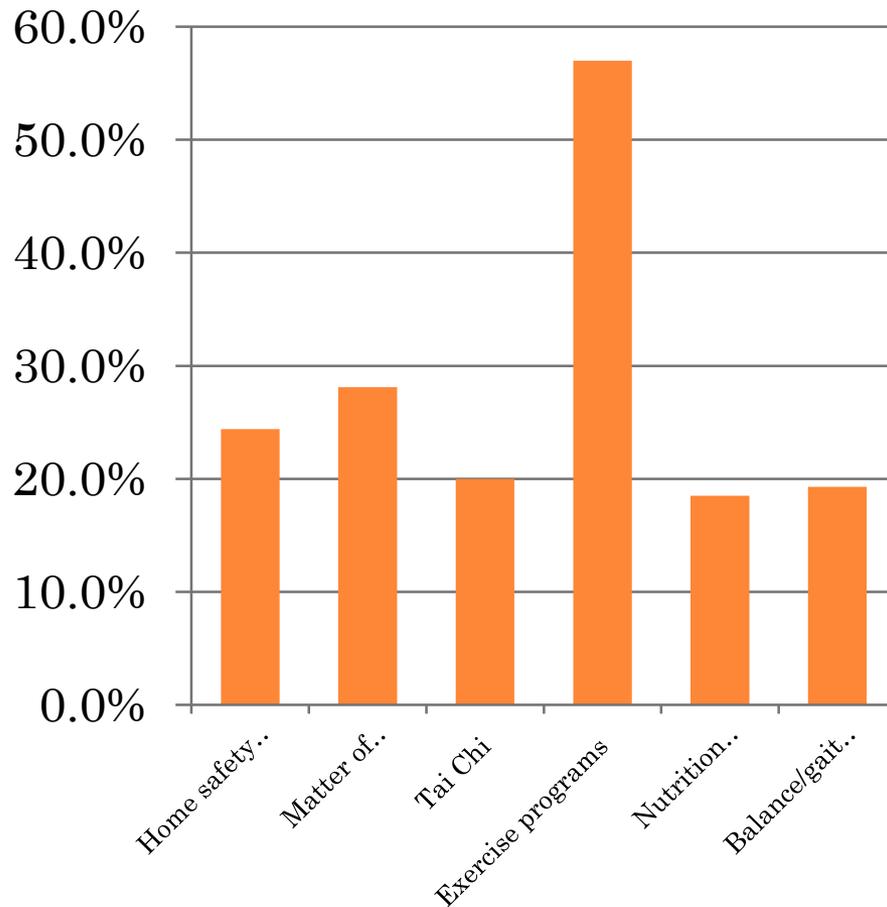
HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU EXERCISE IN A WEEK?



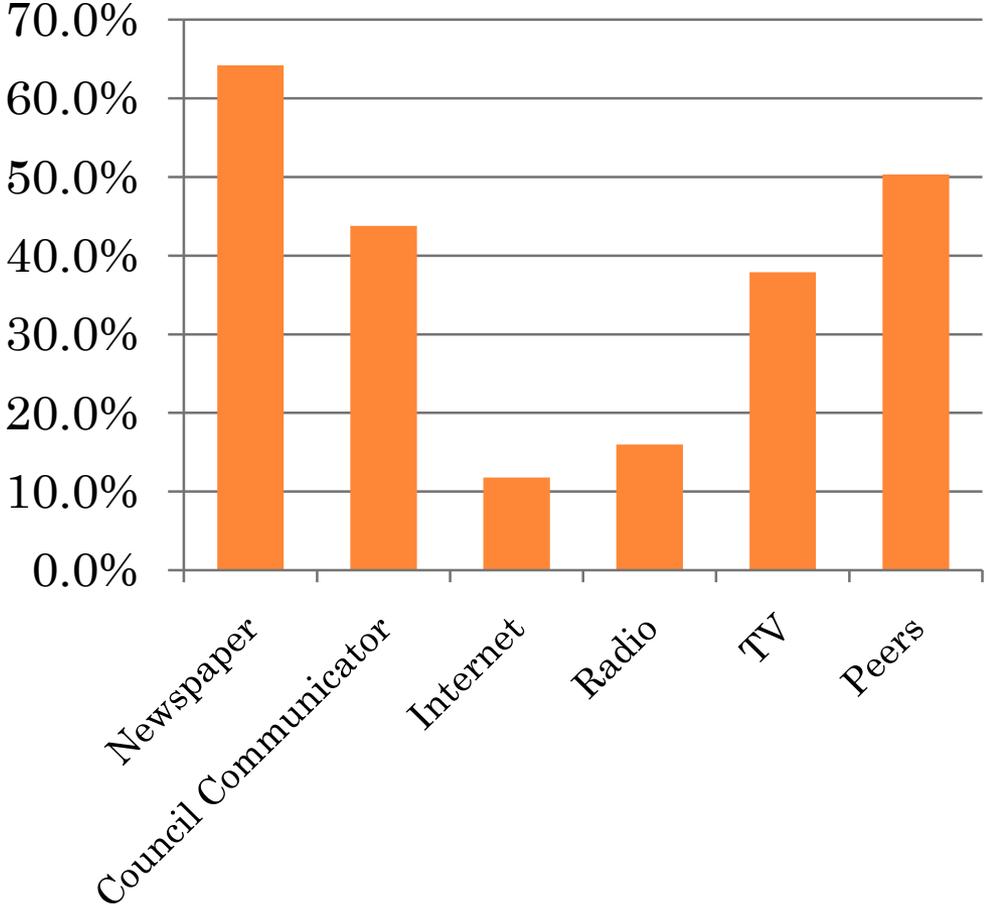
WHAT TYPE OF EXERCISES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN?



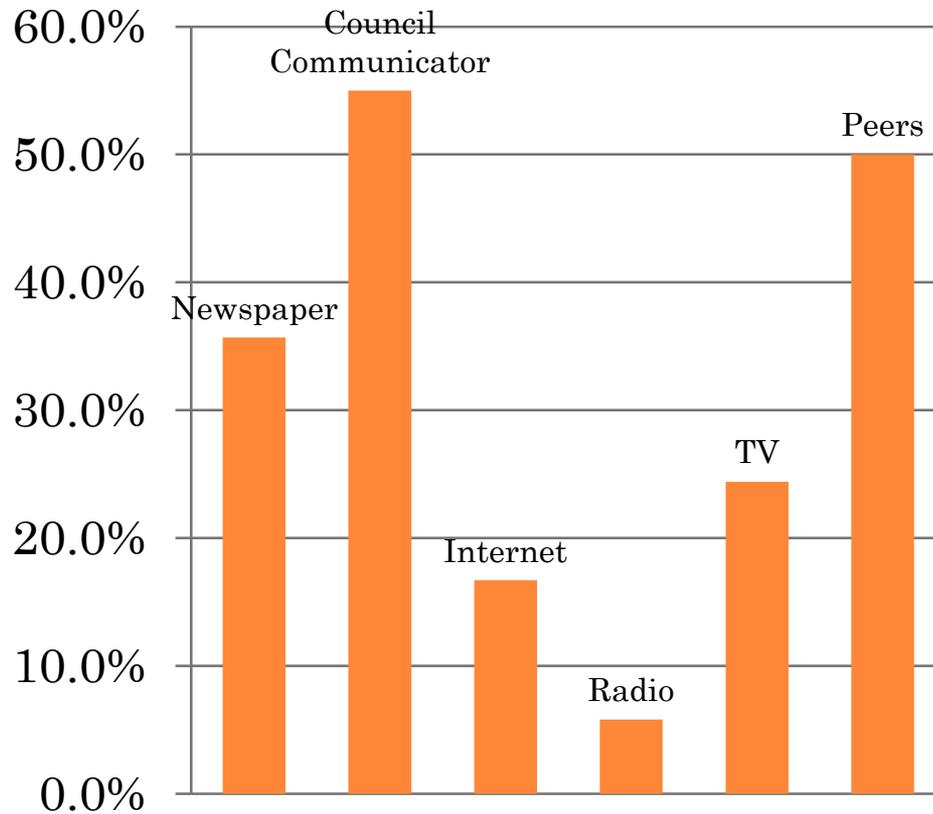
WHAT FALL PREVENTION PROGRAMS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?



HOW DO YOU BECOME AWARE OF PROGRAMS IN DELAWARE COUNTY?



WHERE WOULD YOU GET INFORMATION ON HOW TO PREVENT FALLS?



RESULTS

- Many older adults felt that the sidewalks in Delaware County needed to be repaired and maintained
- Safety at home with public service officers protecting them through various programs
- Feel Delaware County provides a variety of services for older adults



FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Based on answers given or skipped I would reconsider re-wording some of the questions
- Define specific living arrangements better
- Define injury
- Expand medication question
- Add question asking if assistive device fitted properly



FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Find more avenues to disseminate the surveys
- Most responses were in paper format vs. the on-line format
- Find ways to give incentives for completing the survey



Any questions?

