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SOURCE: RTI's analysis of the Survey of Aged and Disabled Medicaid Beneficiaries conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., 2004. Results are unweighted.

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services: Survey of Aged and Disabled Medicaid Beneficiaries Chart Book is a product of a large CMS-funded project conducted by The Lewin Group and its subcontractors, RTI International, the University of Minnesota's Research and Training Center on Community Living, Mathematica Policy Resource and the Medstat Group (Wiener, Tilly, & Alecxih, 2002). The study's primary goals are to examine the financing and delivery of Medicaid home and community-based services.

The Survey of Aged and Disabled Medicaid Beneficiaries collected survey data on older people and younger persons with physical disabilities who used Medicaid home and community-based services. The survey obtained information on the demographic composition of beneficiaries, their health and functional status, the extent of informal support, as well as detailed data on the scope and types of paid personal care received. Other topics of interest included consumer satisfaction with paid care, consumer control over personal care services, and demographic characteristics of primary paid helpers.

Survey data were gathered by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., from 2,597 community-residing Medicaid beneficiaries receiving home and community-based services in six states—Alabama, Kentucky, Maryland, Wisconsin, Washington, and Michigan (Snell, Zhao, Lu, Potter, & Ciemnecki, 2005). The states were chosen to represent a range of "developed" and "developing" home and community-based services systems. The survey was fielded between May 2003 and June 2004, with the sample allocated proportionally among states based on the number of home and community-based services beneficiaries. Because of the major policy interest in differences between older and younger persons with disabilities, the survey sample was stratified by age (younger than 65 years of age vs. 65 years of age or older).

The sample of Medicaid home and community-based services beneficiaries represented the following distribution by state:

Alabama	N = 326
Kentucky	N = 680
Maryland	N=213
Washington	N=601
Wisconsin	N=173
Michigan	N=604

Survey respondents participated in the survey directly or via proxy (paid and unpaid caregivers) and included participants living in their own homes and residents of assisted living facilities and other group settings. The survey, which took about 36 minutes to complete, was conducted primarily through telephone interviews using a computer-assisted telephone

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¹ Wisconsin home care beneficiaries residing in counties participating in the Family Care demonstration were excluded from the sampling frame.

interviewing (CATI) system (N = 2,458) with some in-person interviews (N = 143).¹ The overall survey response rate was 72 percent, with 28 percent of respondents using a proxy.

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services: Survey of Aged and Disabled Medicaid Beneficiaries Chart Book presents descriptive data from the survey in a bar chart format for all variables by domain. Results are presented for the total sample (blue bars), and then separately for younger persons with disabilities (red bars) and for people aged 65 and over (green bars). The results are unweighted. We present proportions for categorical variables and means for continuous variables. For some variables, the categories were collapsed for easier presentation. Corresponding variable names are listed at the bottom of each chart. The graphs were produced using STATA/SE version 9 software.

Major findings from the survey include:

- In terms of demographic characteristics, survey respondents included a significant proportion of minority beneficiaries, were mostly female, and had low levels of education. The majority of respondents was not married and had very low income.
- To qualify for personal care assistance, either though Medicaid home and community-based services waivers or state plan services, a person needs to have substantial health problems and functional limitations. The survey found high levels of poor or fair health status, substantial functional impairment and significant amounts of pain. Pressure sores were also relatively common. Judging by a high proportion of proxy responses, a significant portion of participants experienced cognitive impairment. Given these significant health issues, the relatively low level of unmet need for ADL/IADL assistance reported in the survey was surprising.
- The great majority of the Medicaid home and community-based services beneficiaries in the 6 surveyed states reported a high degree of overall satisfaction with paid personal care and positively rated their relationship with paid helpers. A majority of respondents were satisfied with the amount of choice and control over scheduling and tasks preformed, but a significant minority reported that they wanted more hours of personal care.
- In arranging and receiving personal care, beneficiaries reported several challenges.
 Sometimes they reported having difficulty finding a replacement worker and experienced lack of paid help on weekends. They also reported that some of the paid personal care workers were showing up late, not showing up on scheduled days, or not working hard enough.

¹ Four observations were later determined to be duplicates and were removed from the sample.

2. **DEMOGRAPHICS**

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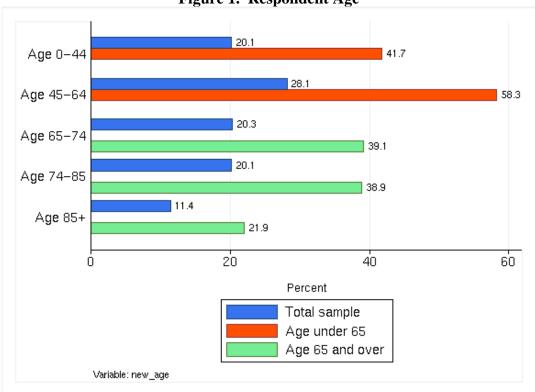
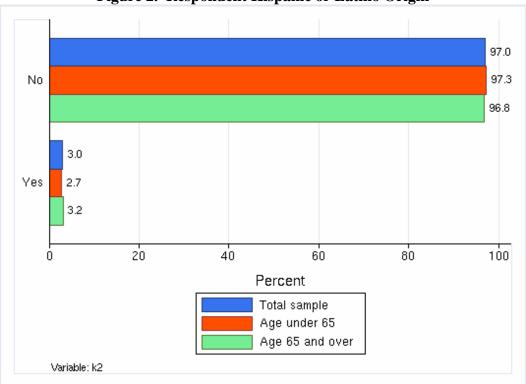
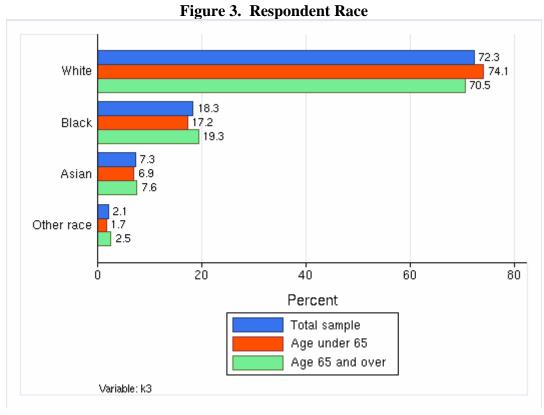


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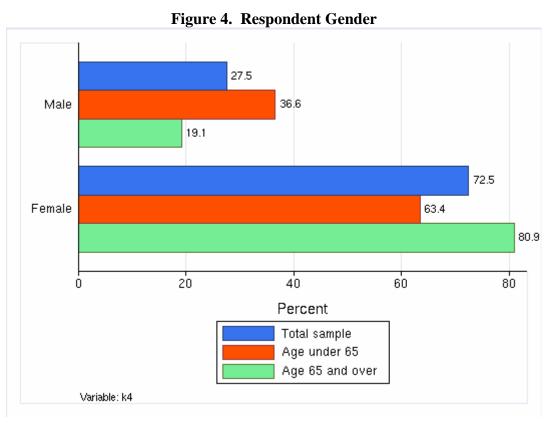


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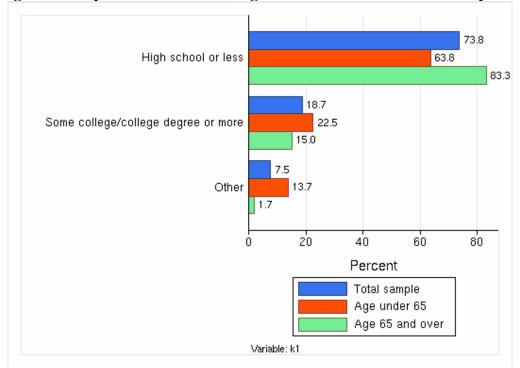
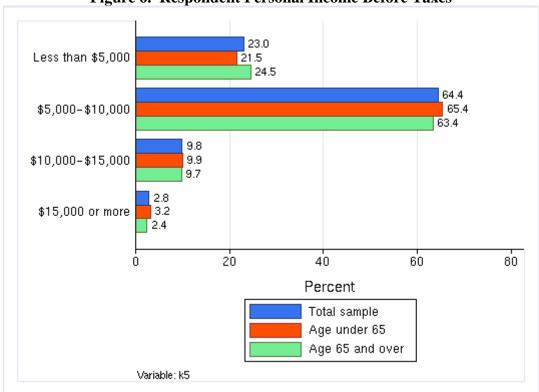


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3. MARITAL STATUS AND LIVING ARRNAGEMENTS

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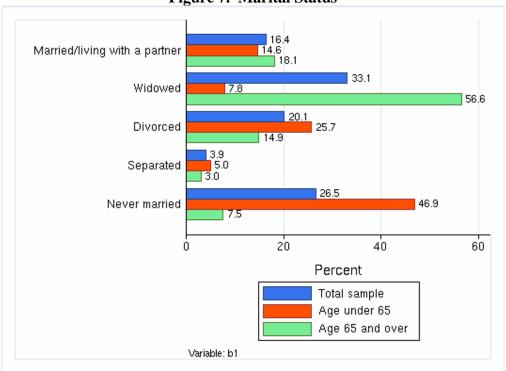
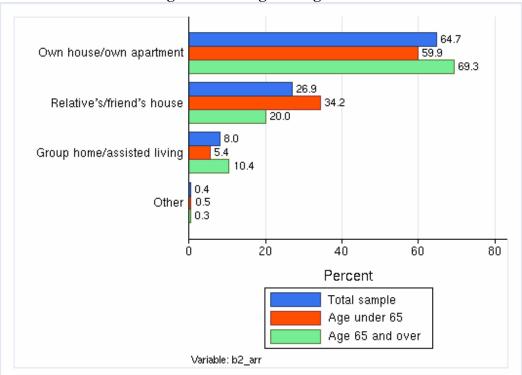
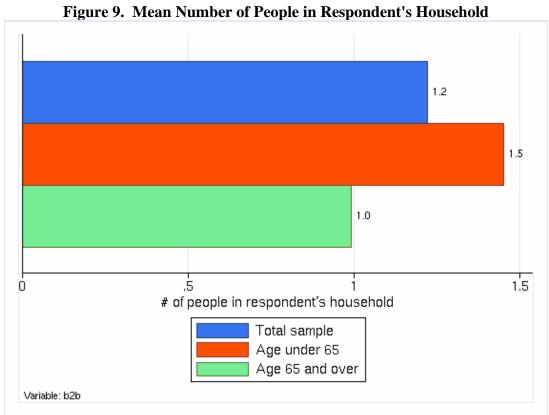
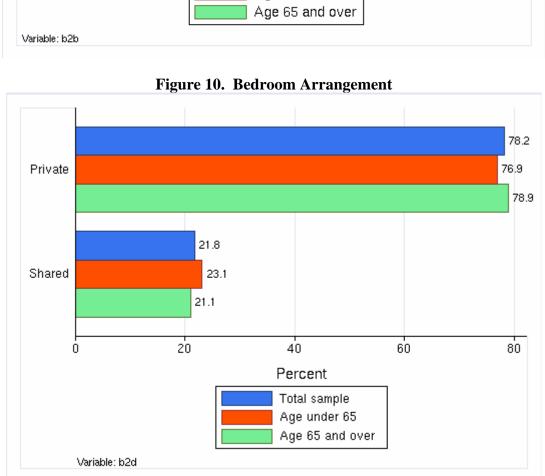
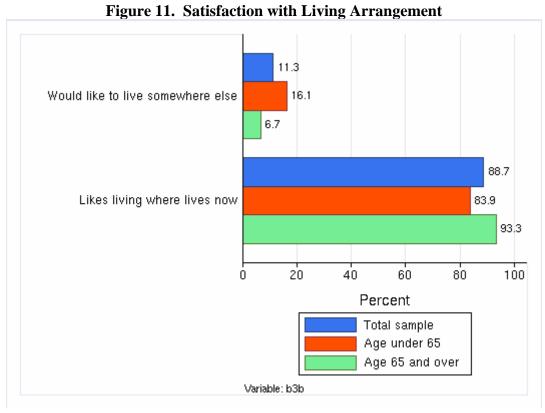


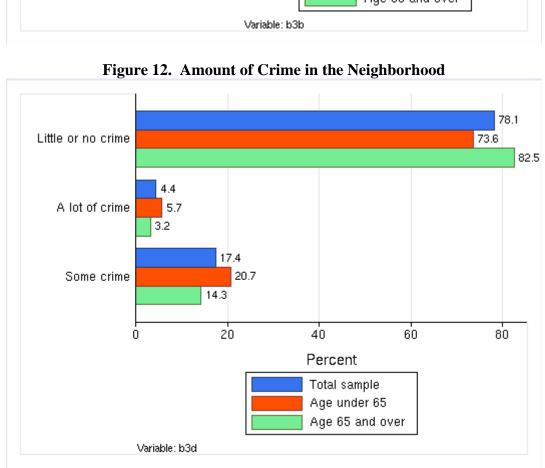
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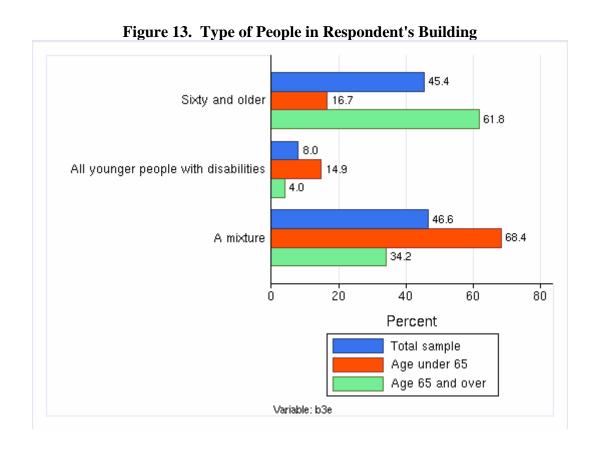












4. HEALTH AND FUNCTIONAL STATUS

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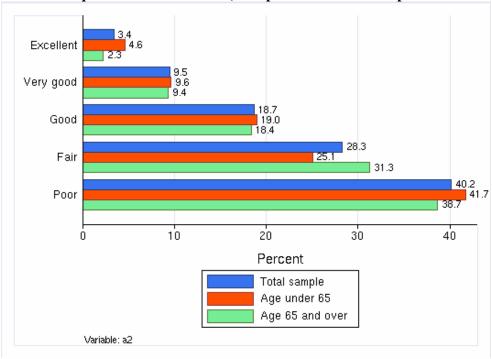


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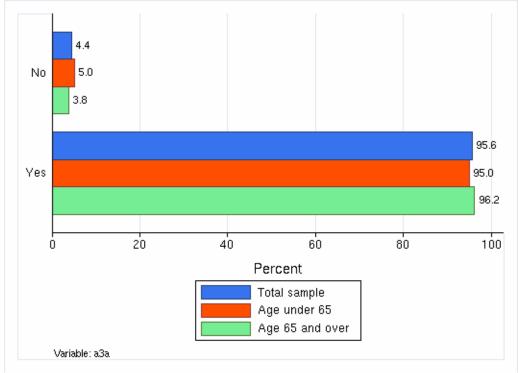


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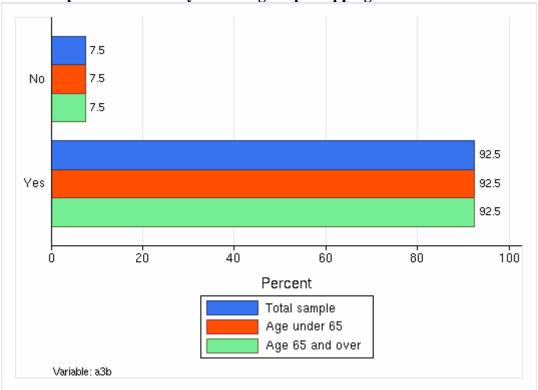
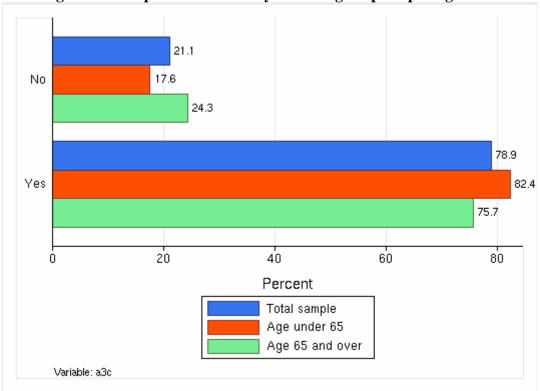
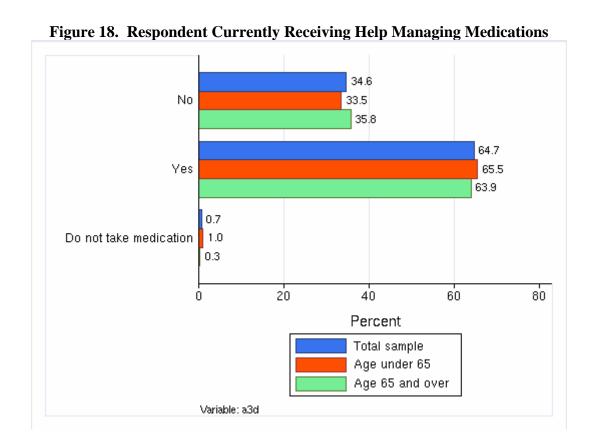


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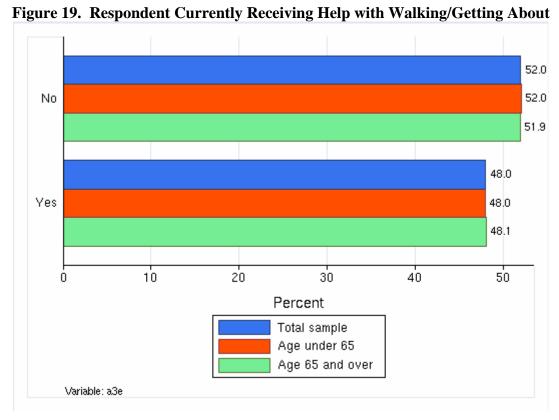
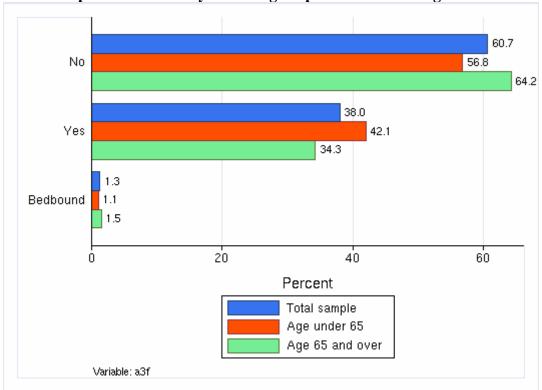
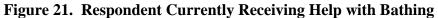
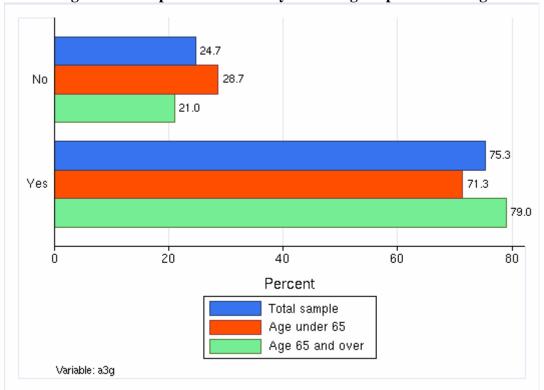
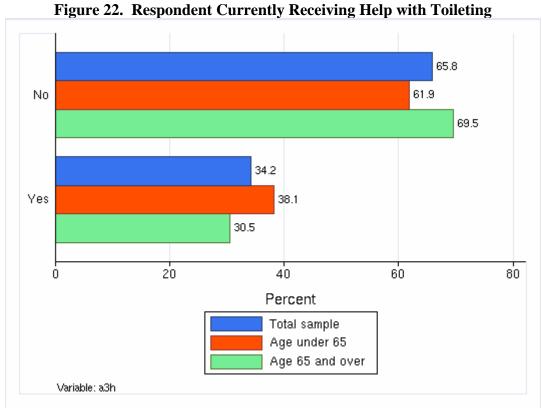


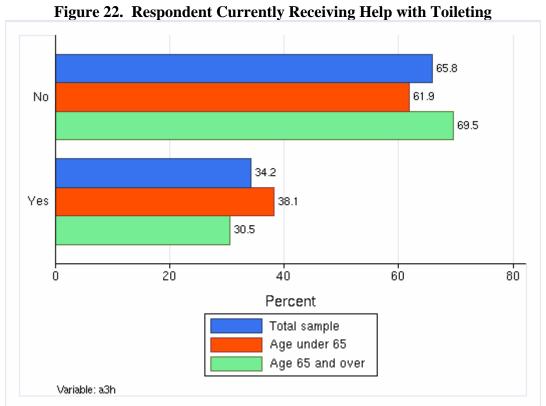
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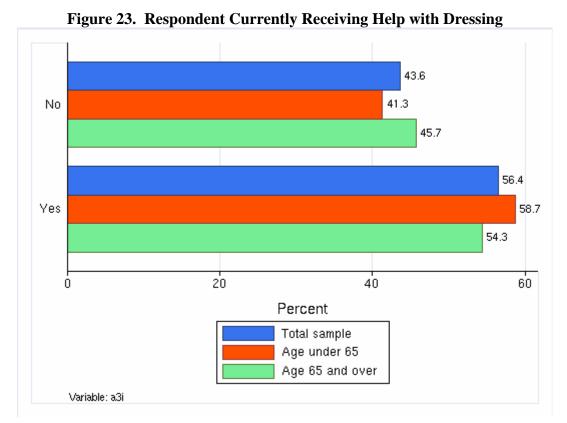


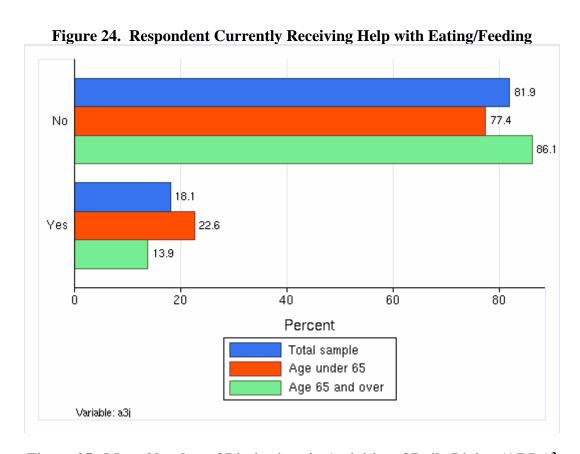




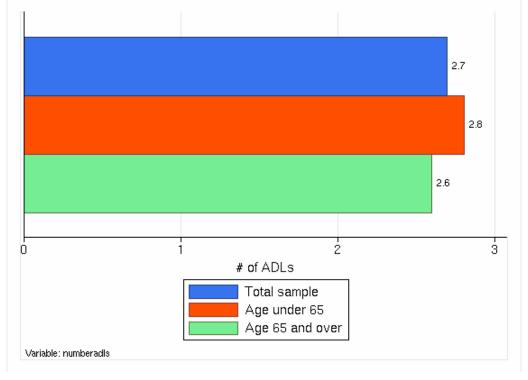












³ ADL scale ranges from 0 to 6.

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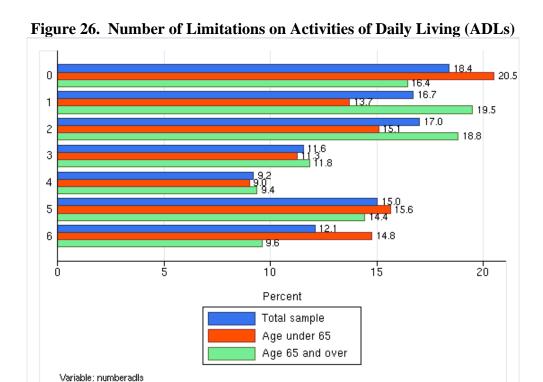
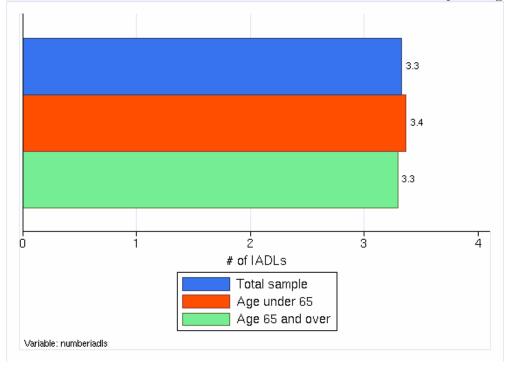


Figure 27. Mean Number of Limitations in Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)⁴



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⁴ IADL scale ranges from 0 to 4.

Figure 28. Number of Limitations on Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)

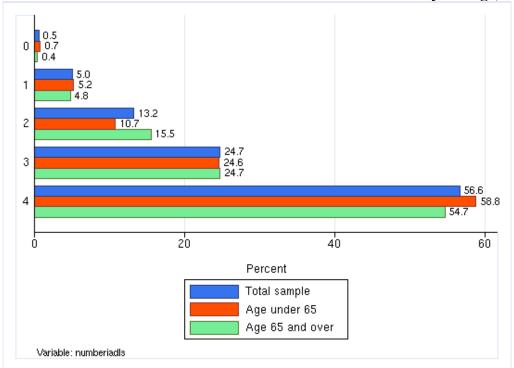
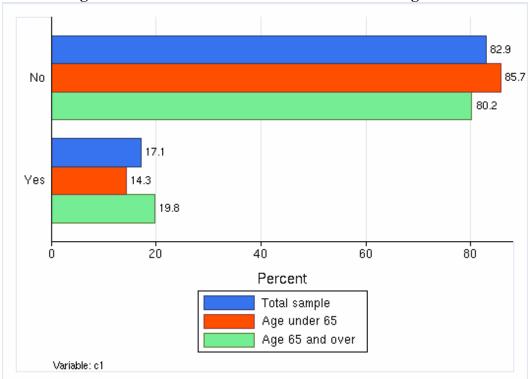
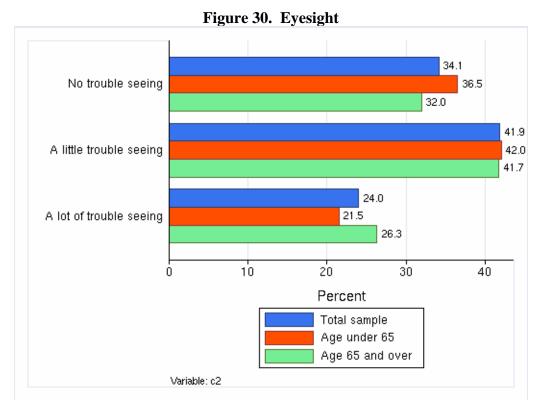
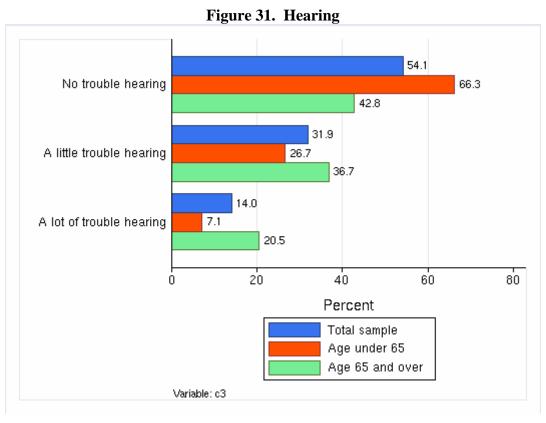
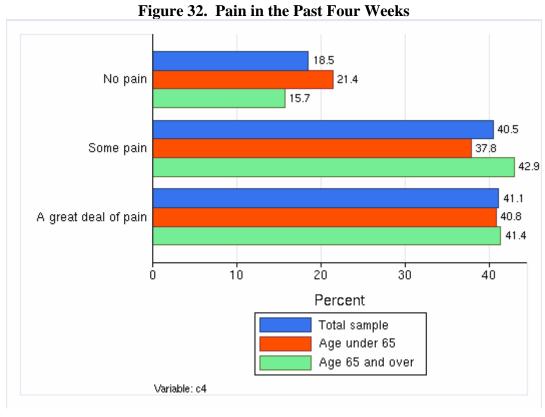


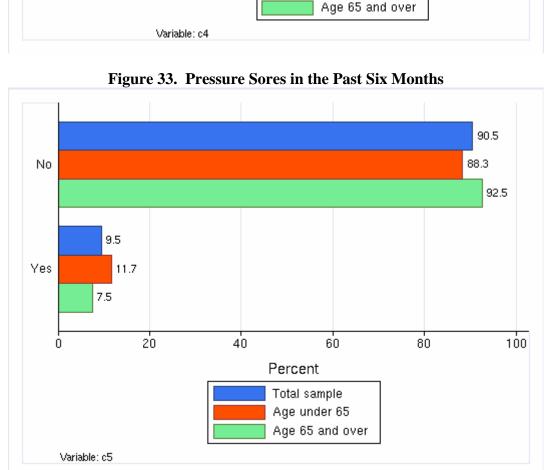
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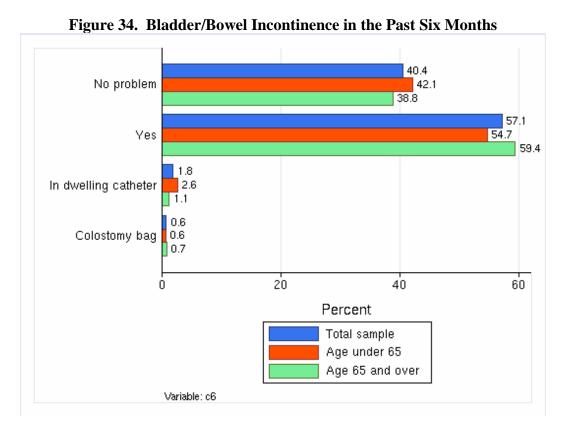


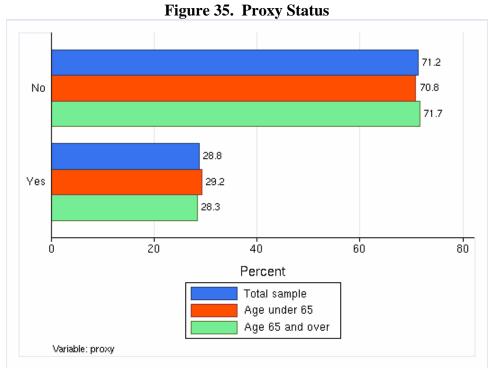


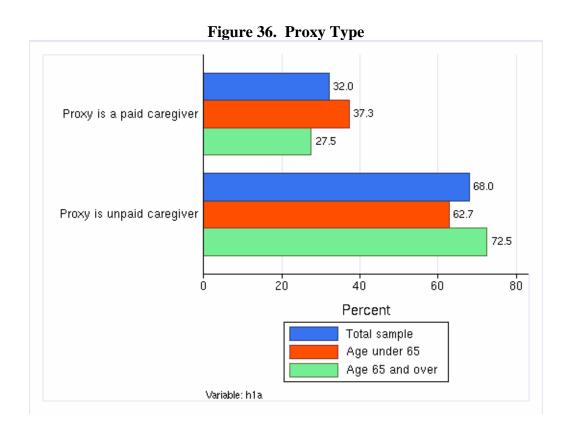












5. INFORMAL AND FORMAL SUPPORT

Figure 37. Receive Unpaid Help with Personal Care

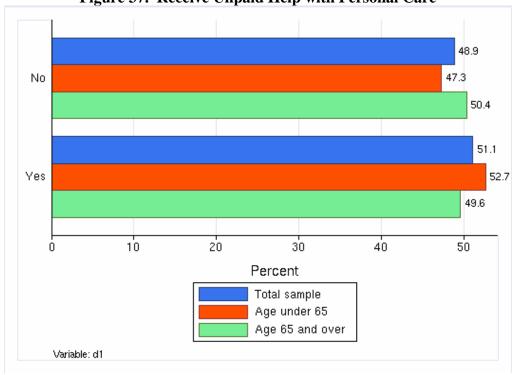
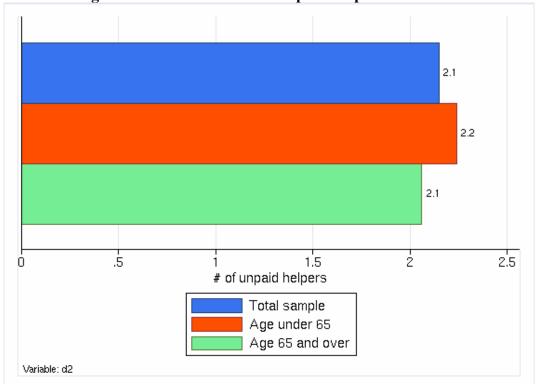
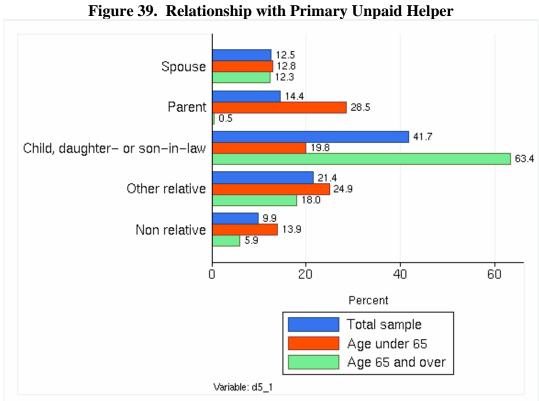
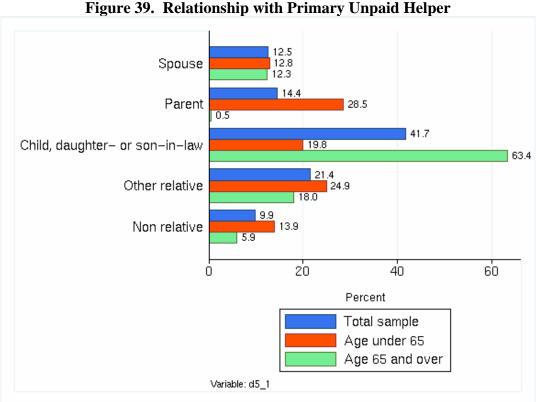
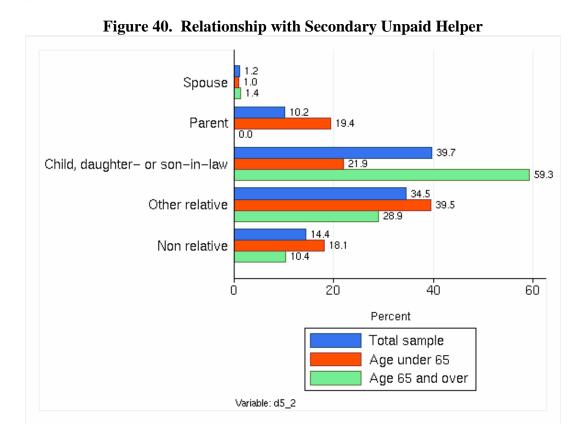


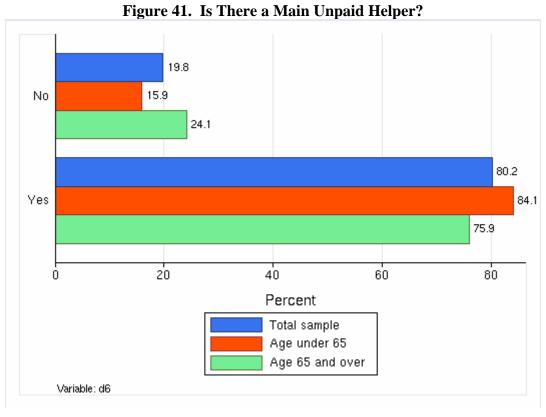
Figure 38. Mean Number of Unpaid Helpers Last Week

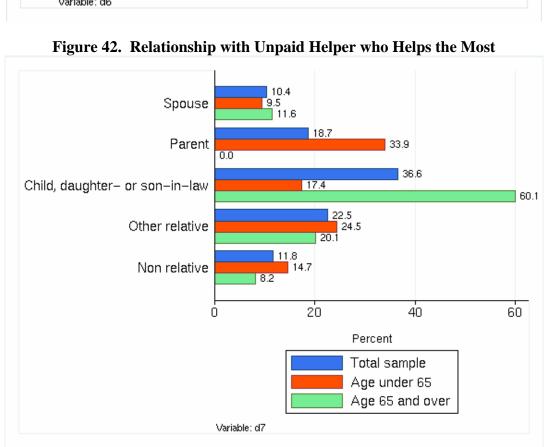


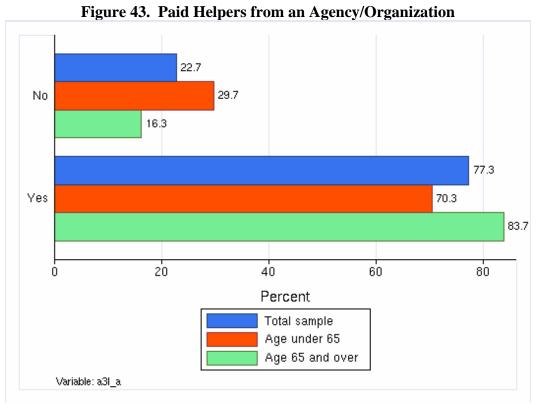


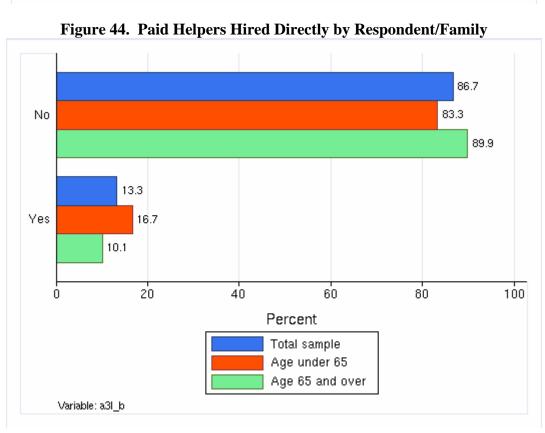


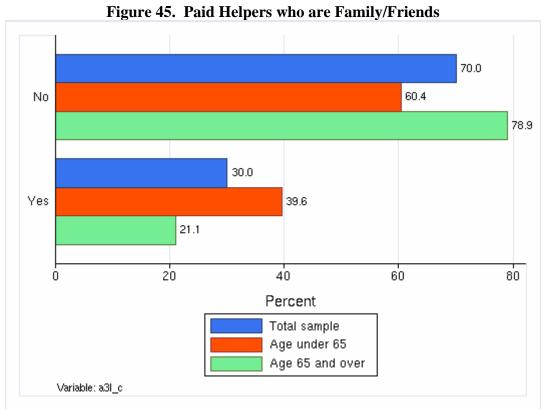


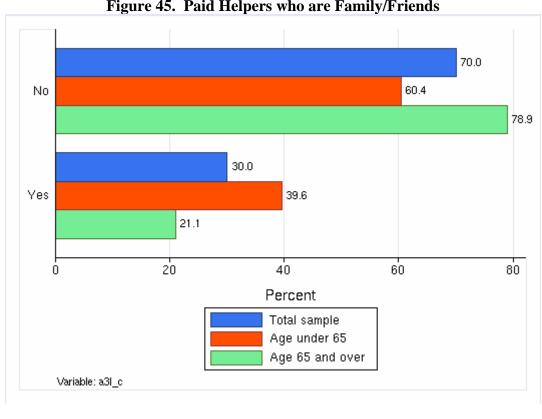


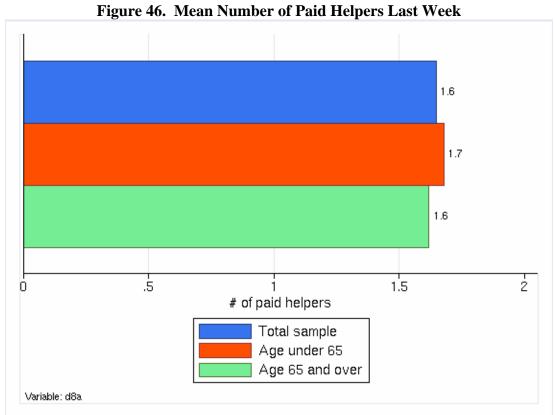


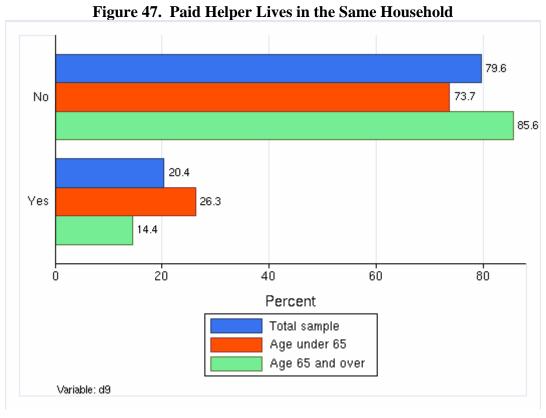


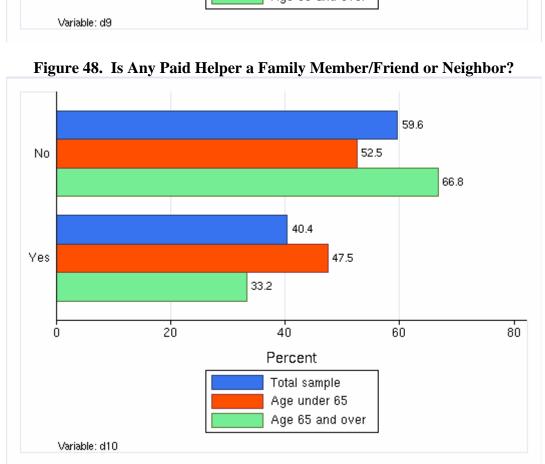


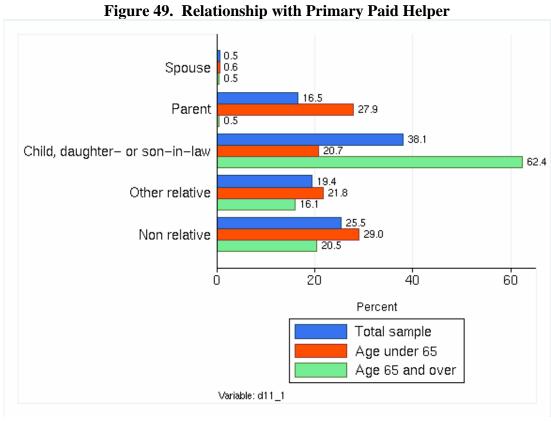


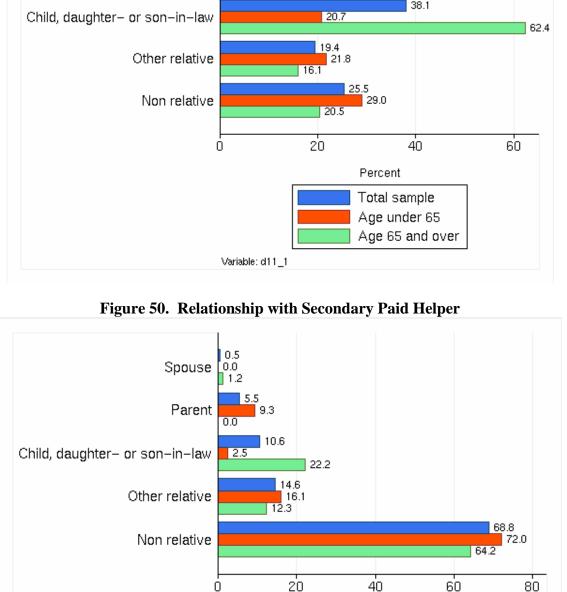












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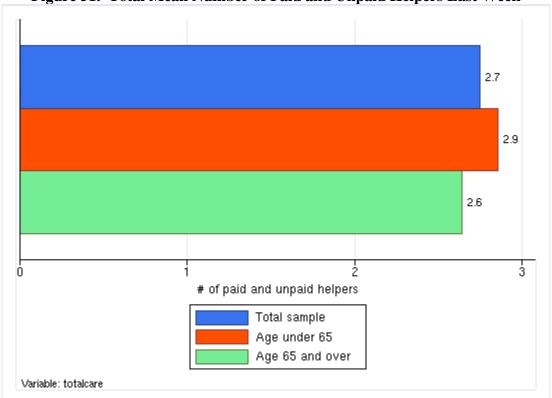
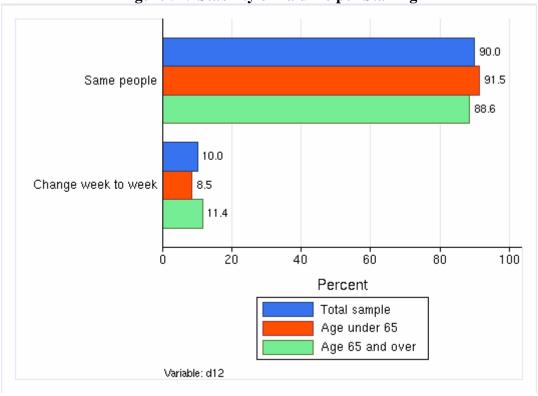
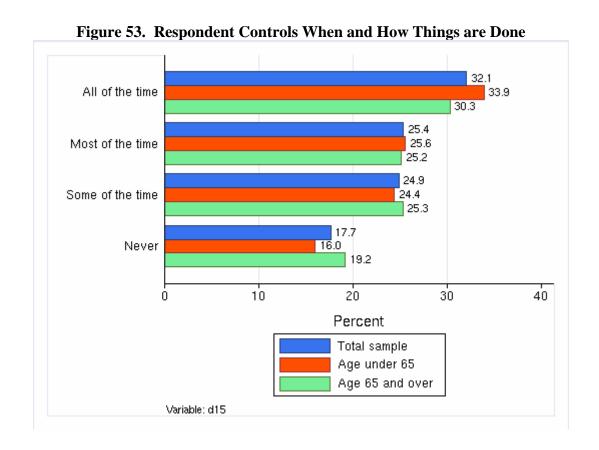
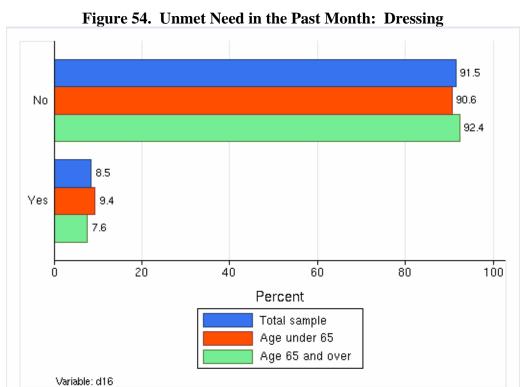


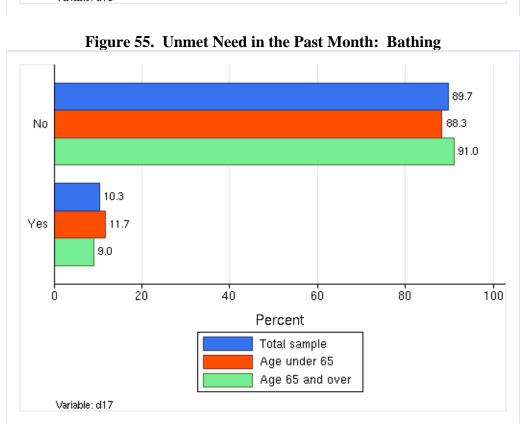
Figure 52. Stability of Paid Helper Staffing





6. UNMET NEED FOR ADL/IADL ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST MONTH





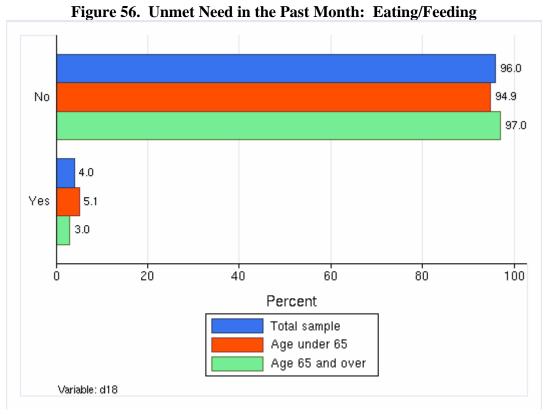
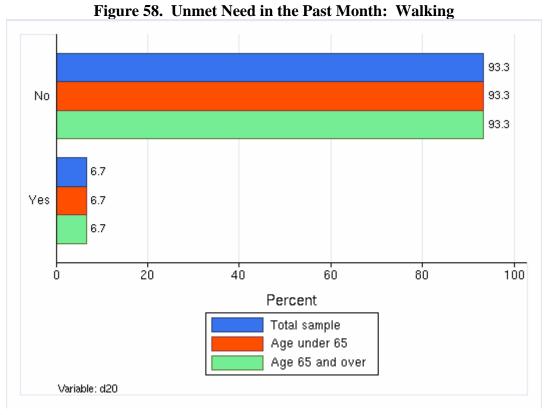
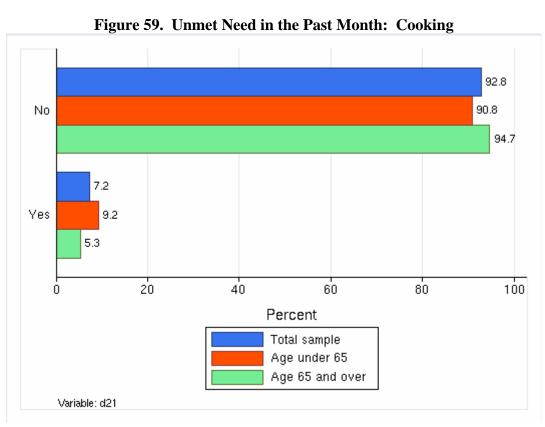
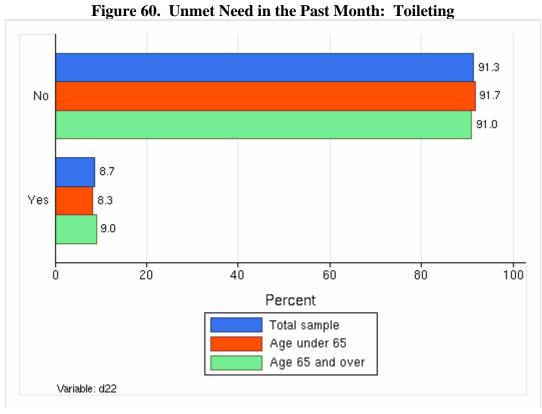
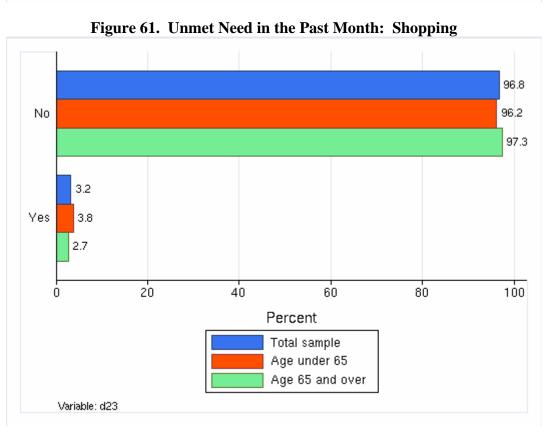


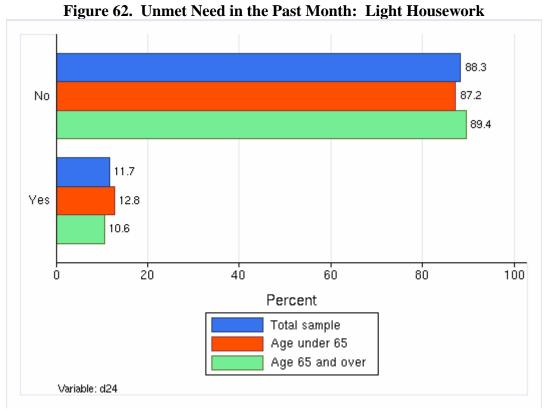
Figure 57. Unmet Need in the Past Month: Transferring Out of Bed/Chairs 95.0 94.8 No 95.2 5.0 Yes 5.2 4.8 20 40 80 100 60 Percent Total sample Age under 65 Age 65 and over Variable: d19

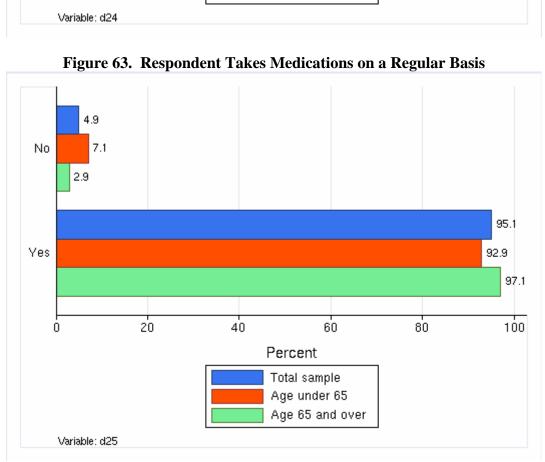


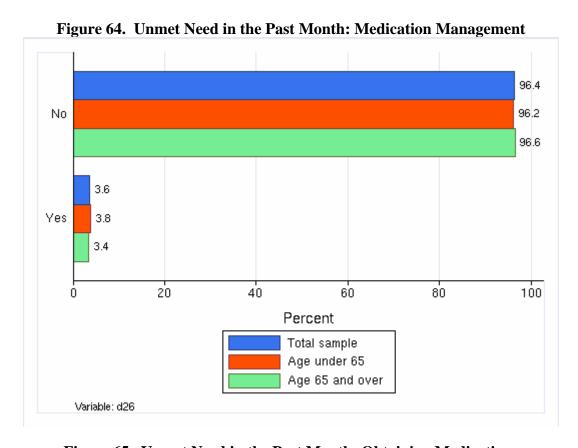


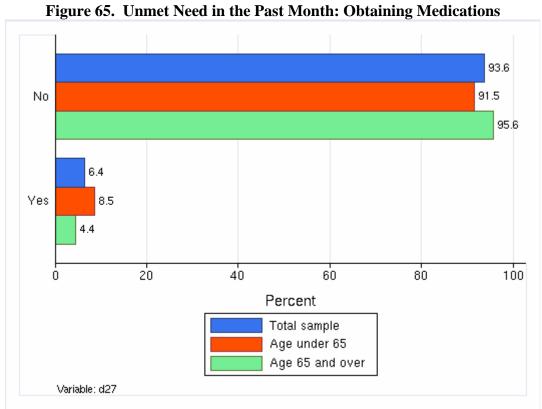












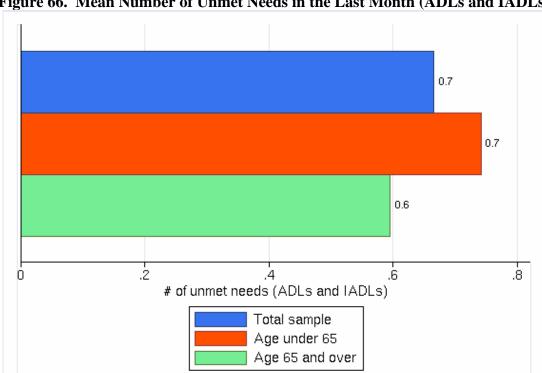
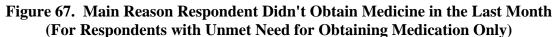
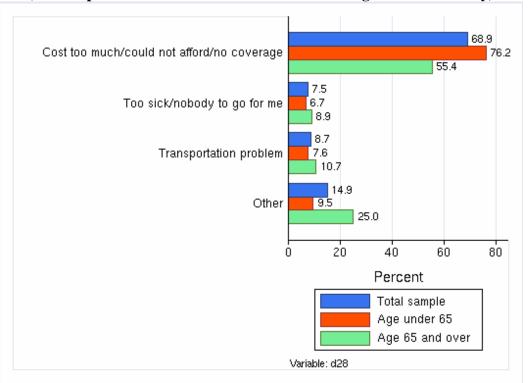
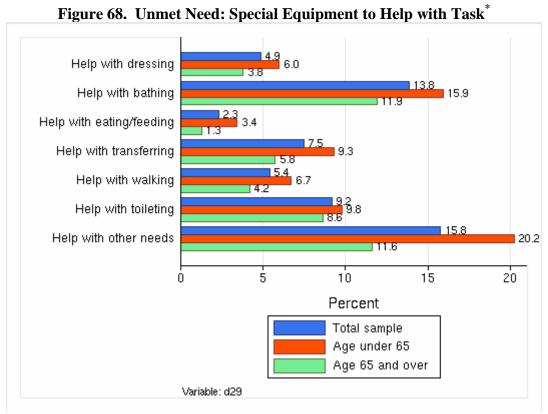


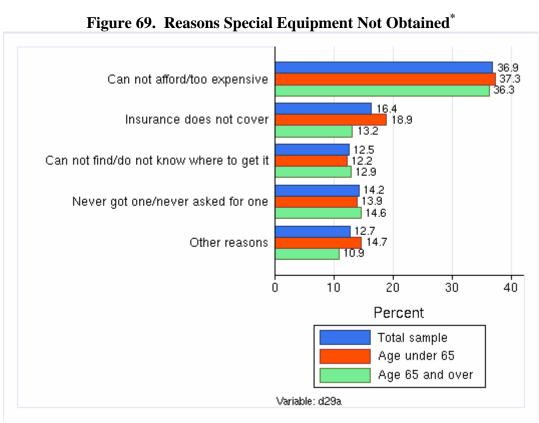
Figure 66. Mean Number of Unmet Needs in the Last Month (ADLs and IADLs)



Variable: unmetneedindex3







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Figure 70. Receiving Home Delivered Meals (For Home-Dwelling Respondents Only)

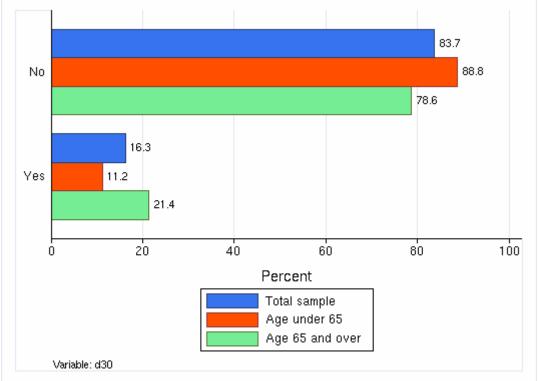


Figure 71. Receiving Meals in Residence's Dining/Lunch Room (For Group-Home Respondents Only)

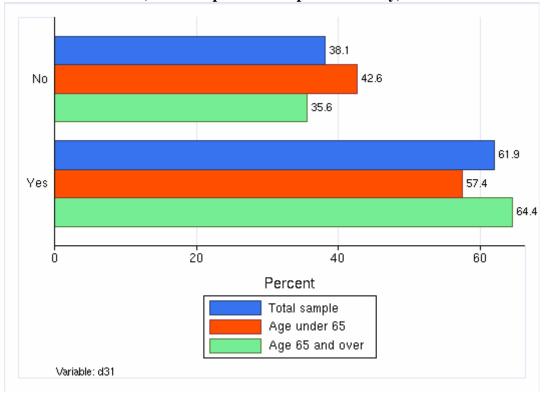


Figure 72. Receiving Meals at an Adult Day Care Facility/Other Program (For Home-Dwelling Respondents Only)

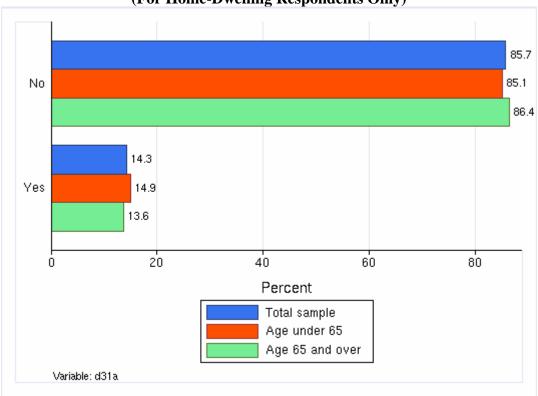
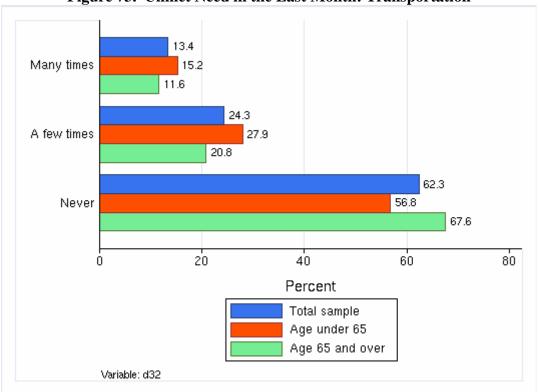
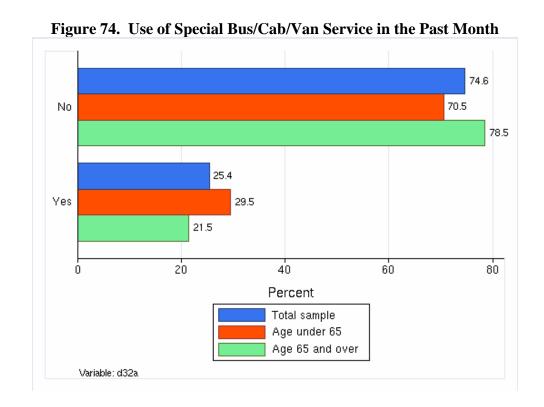


Figure 73. Unmet Need in the Last Month: Transportation





7. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE⁵

Figure 75. Length of Time Paid Help Received at Home

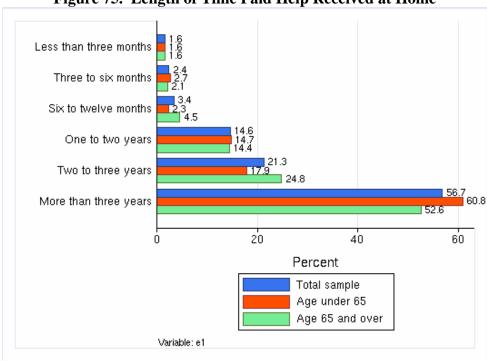
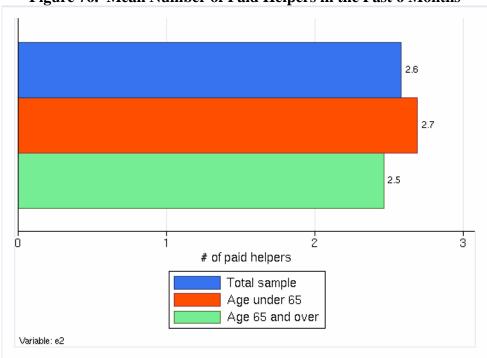


Figure 76. Mean Number of Paid Helpers in the Past 6 Months



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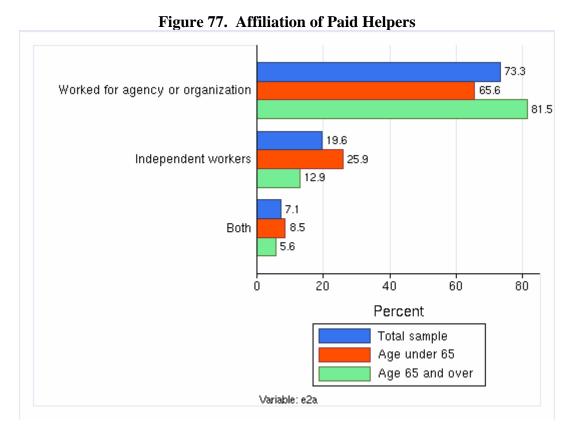
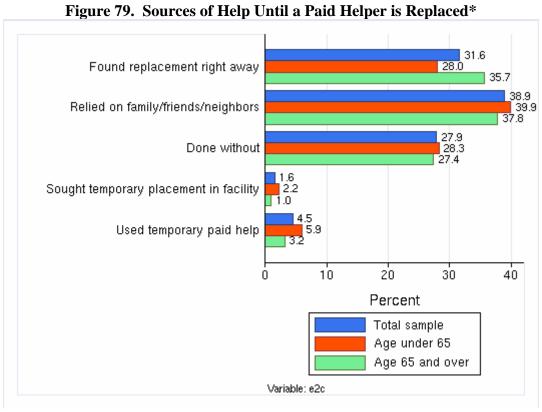
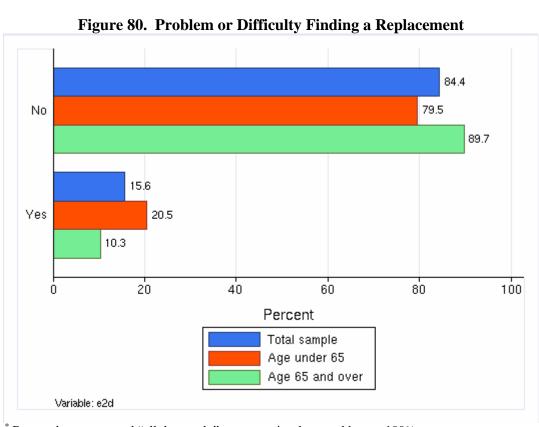


Figure 78. Individual Responsible for Replacement of Paid Helpers* Sample member 39.0 15.0 Sample member's family/friend/proxy 39.7 Agency 19.3 22.6 Caseworker/state/county Other 20 40 60 Ó Percent Total sample Age under 65 Age 65 and over Variable: e2b

Respondents answered "all that apply" so categories do not add up to 100%





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Figure 81. Types of Problems/Difficulties Finding Replacement Paid Workers (For Those Who had a Problem or Difficulty)

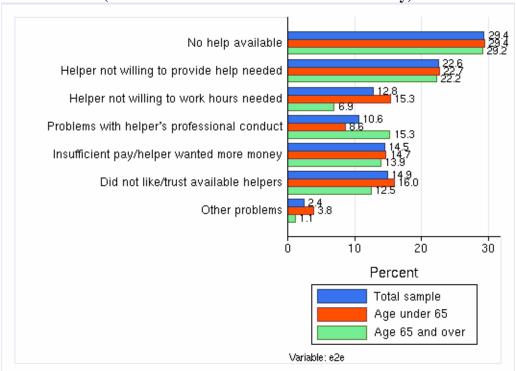
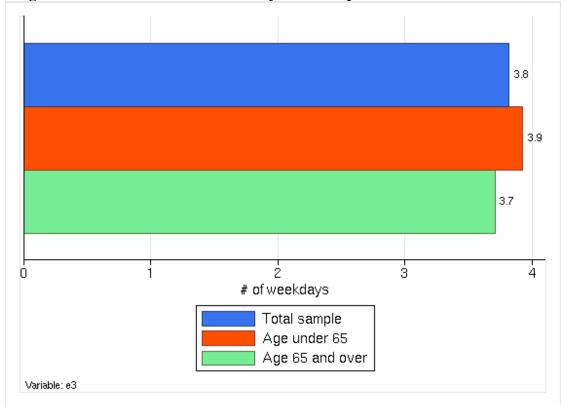
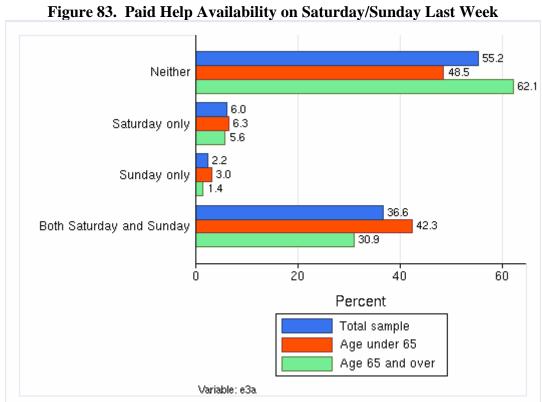
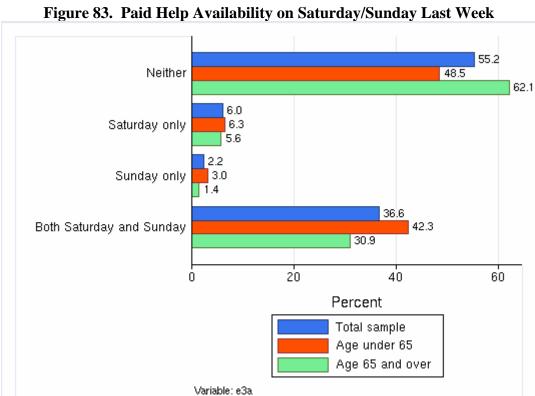
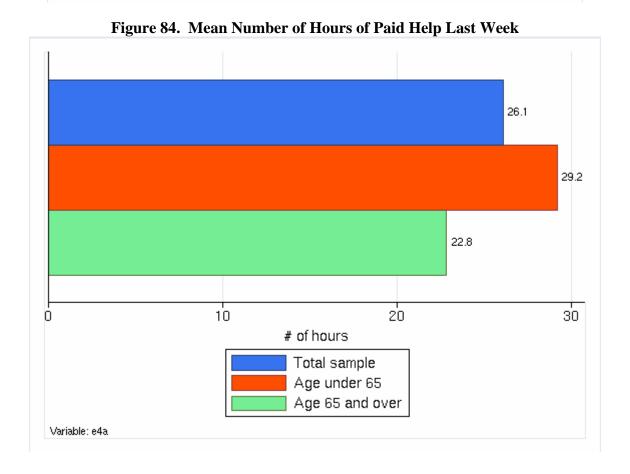


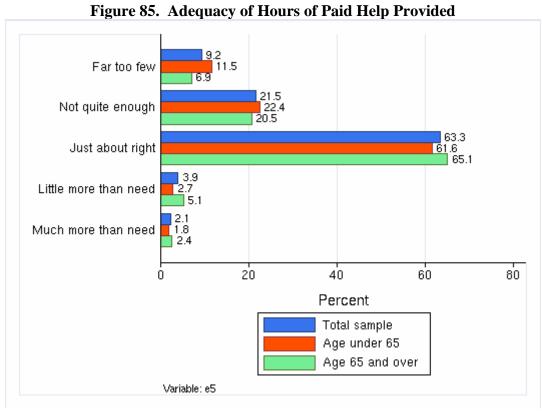
Figure 82. Mean Number of Weekdays Paid Helper Provided Care Last Week

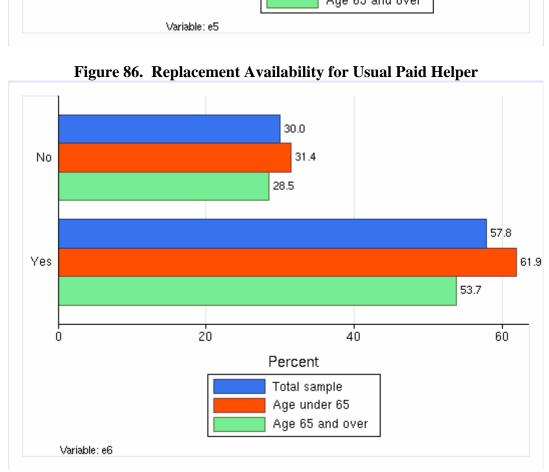


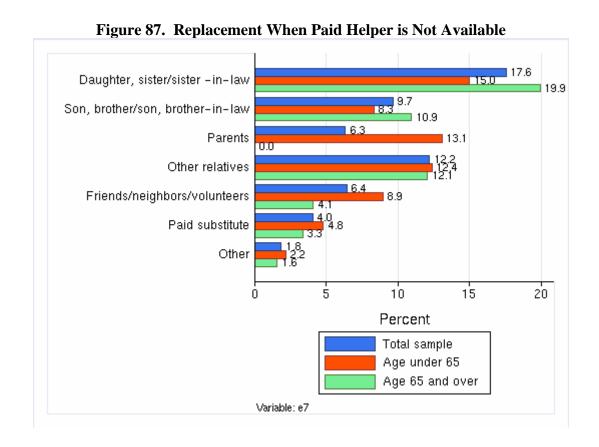












8. SATISFACTION WITH CARE⁶

Figure 88. Overall Satisfaction with Paid Care /Help

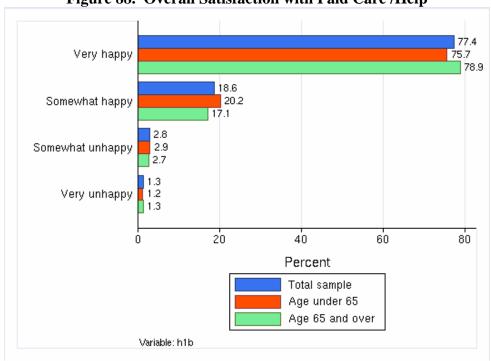
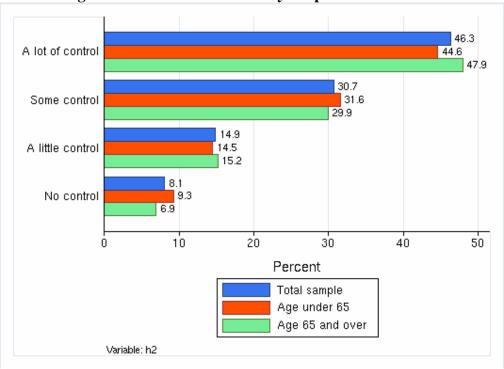
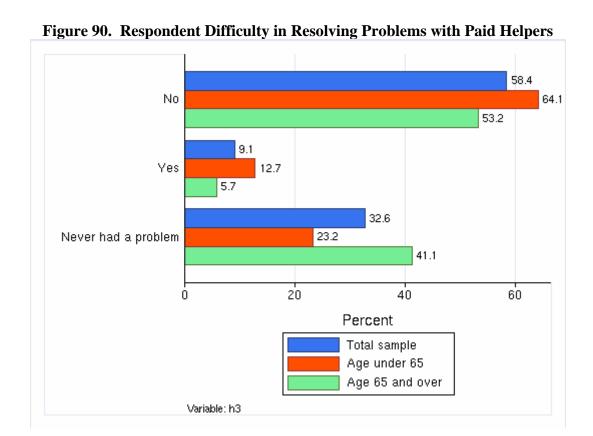


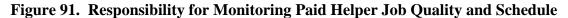
Figure 89. Perceived Control by Respondent Over Life

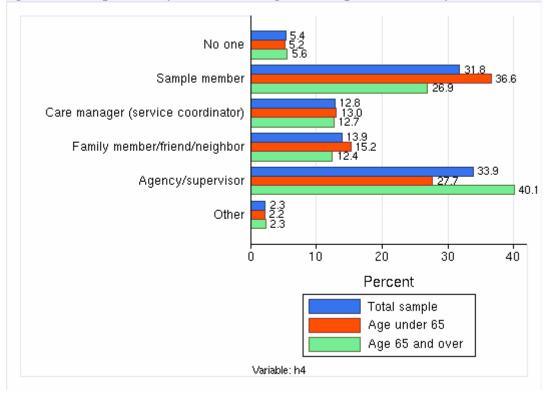


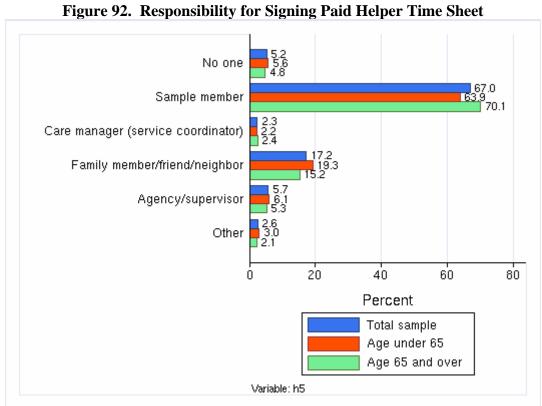
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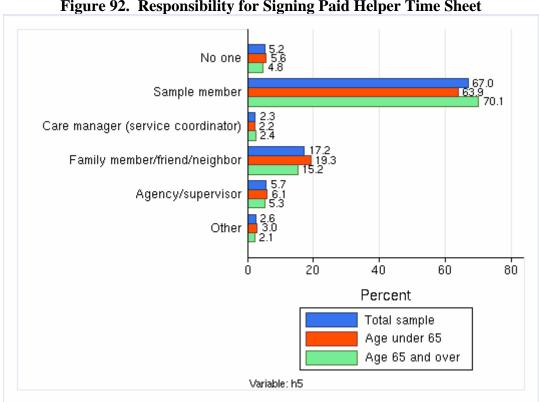
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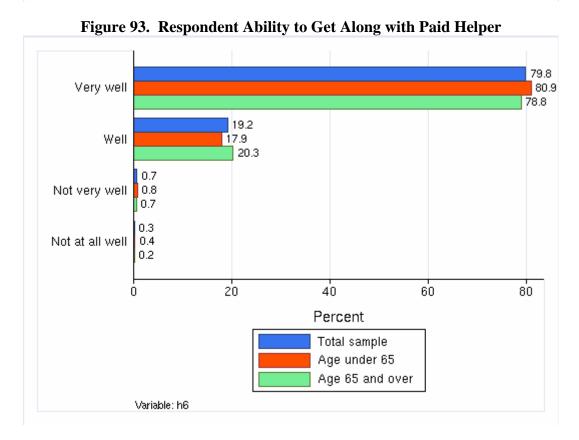












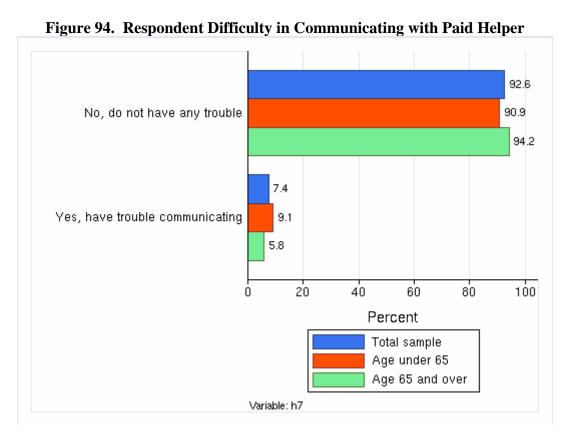
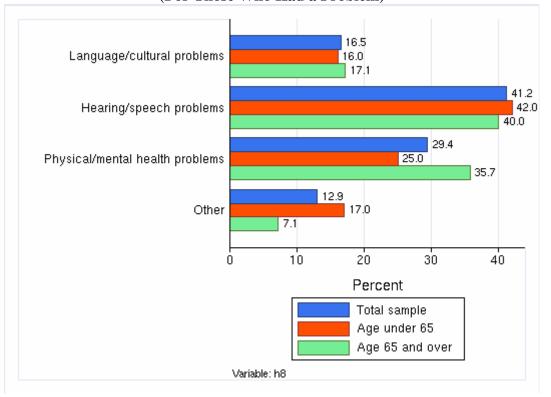


Figure 95. Reasons for Communication Difficulties Between Respondent and Paid Helper (For Those Who Had a Problem)



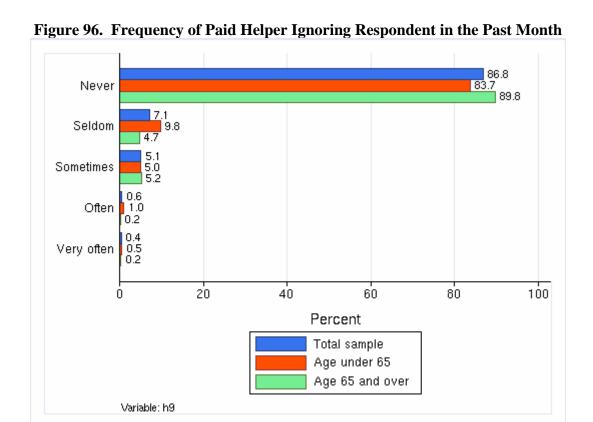
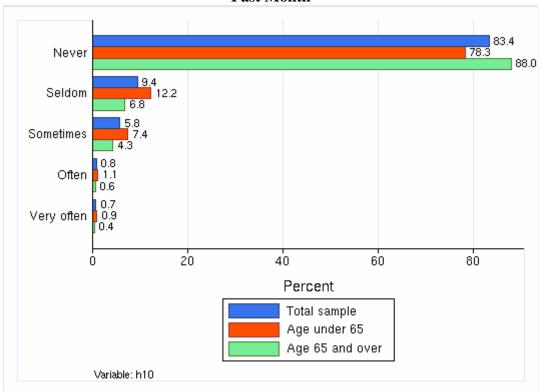
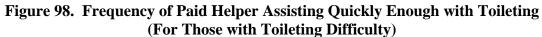


Figure 97. Frequency of Paid Helper Being Impatient/Rushing Respondent in the Past Month





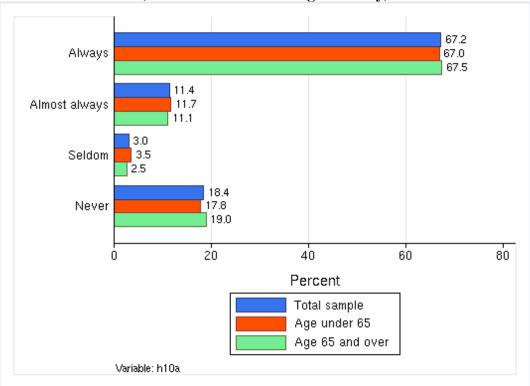


Figure 99. Ever Complained to Care Manager/Service Coordinator of Paid Helper Ignoring/Being Impatient with Respondent

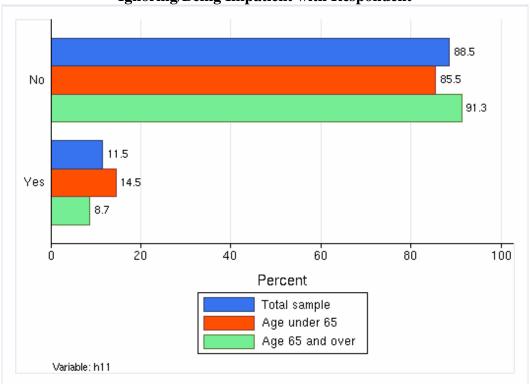


Figure 100. Did Care Manager /Service Coordinator Resolve the Problem (For Those Who Complained)

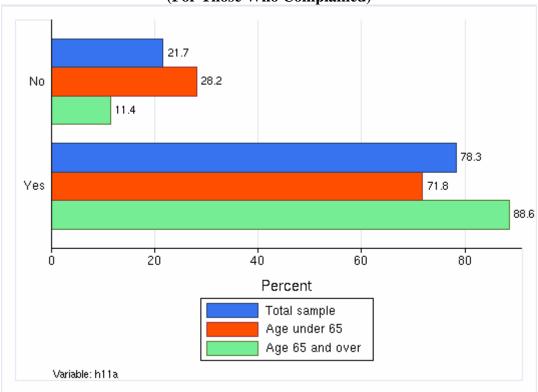


Figure 101. Frequency of Paid Helper Treating Respondent Badly in the Past Month

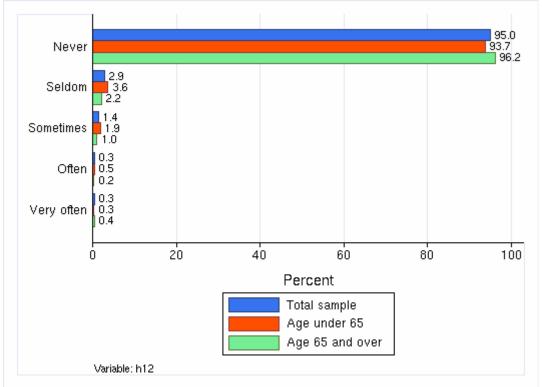


Figure 102. Respondent Perception of Paid Helper as Competent and Well-Trained

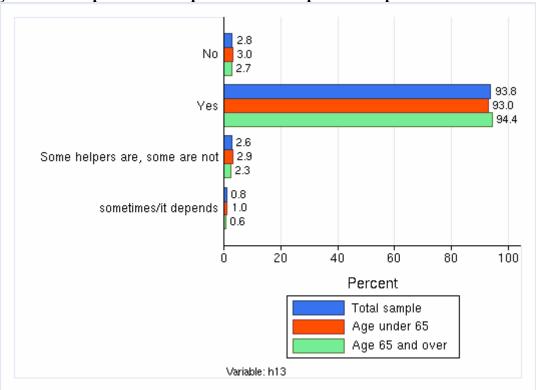


Figure 103. Respondent Perception of Paid Helper as Respectful of Person and Preferences

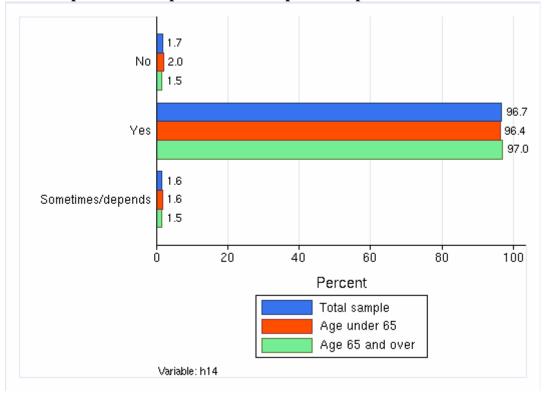


Figure 104. Frequency of Selected Problems with Paid Helpers (For Non-Group Home Residents Only)

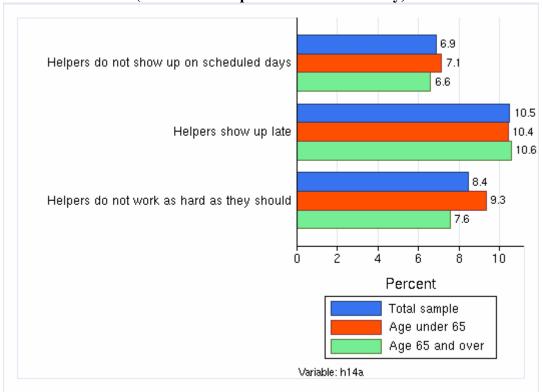
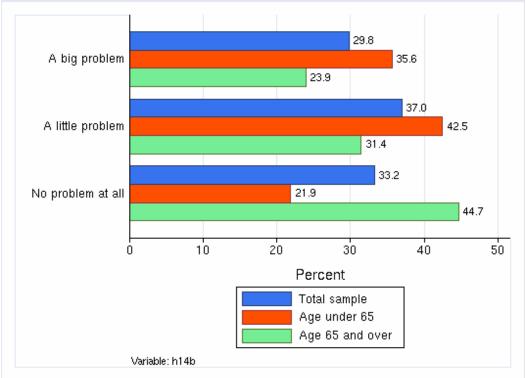


Figure 105. Seriousness of Selected Problems with Paid Helper (For Non-Group Home Residents Who Experienced Selected Problems Only)



9. **CONSUMER DIRECTION**⁷

Figure 106. Respondent Given a List of Agencies/Individuals to Choose from When Selecting Paid Helper

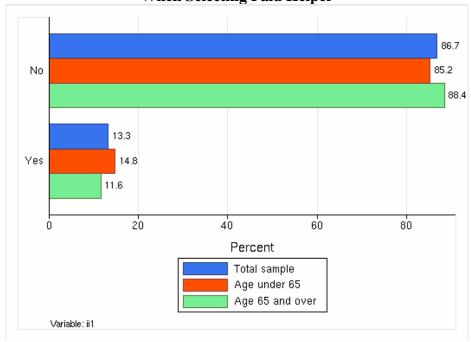
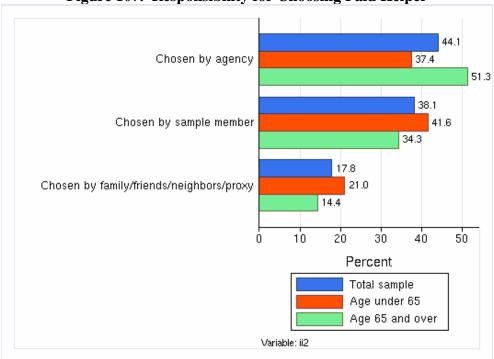


Figure 107. Responsibility for Choosing Paid Helper



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Figure 108. Familiarity of Respondent/Family Member with Paid Helper Before Hiring

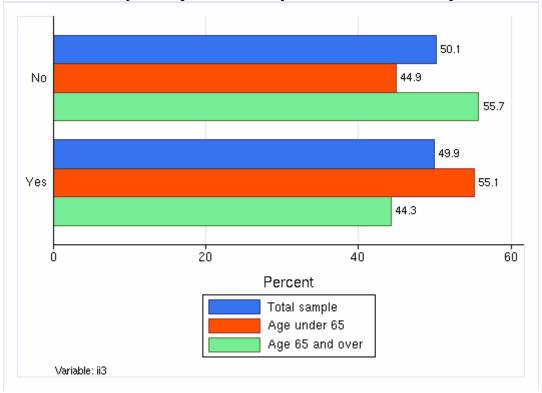


Figure 109. Reason for Familiarity of Respondent/Family Member with Paid Helper Before Hiring

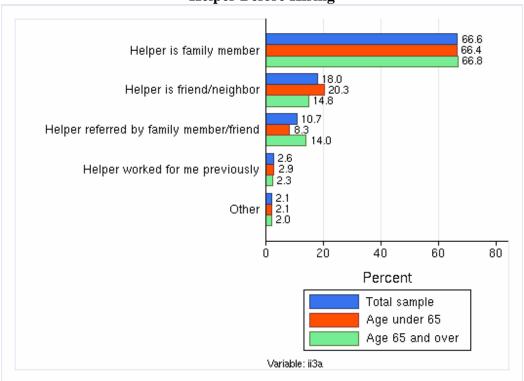


Figure 110. Opportunity for Respondent/Family Member to Interview Paid Helper Before Hiring

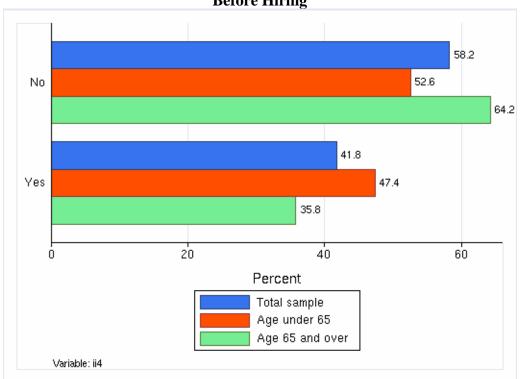


Figure 111. Level of Respondent Choice of Tasks Paid Helpers Should Perform

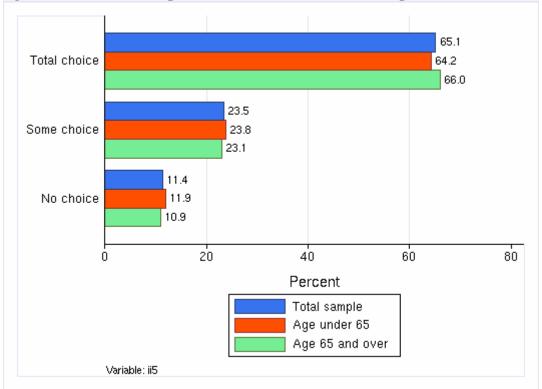


Figure 112. Respondent Satisfaction with Level of Choice Over Tasks Paid Helpers Should Perform

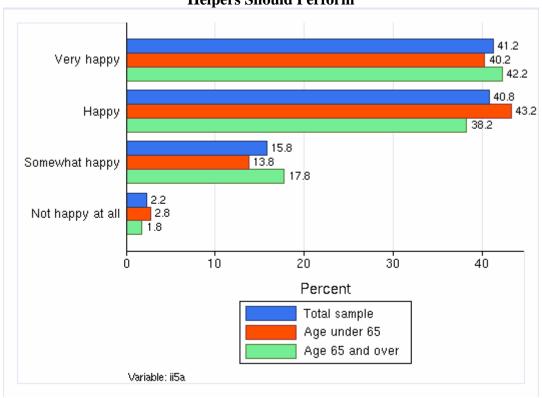
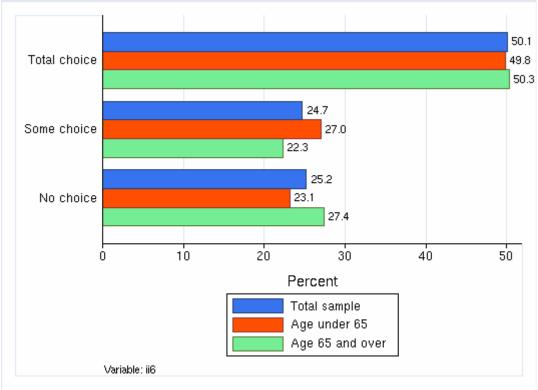
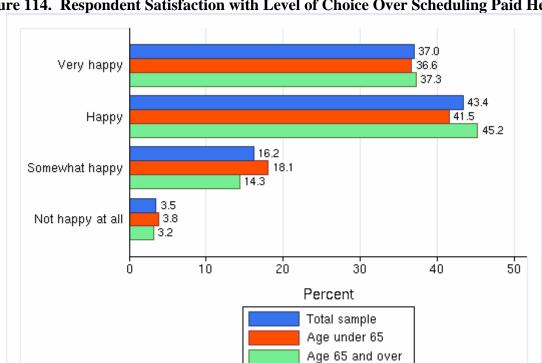


Figure 113. Level of Respondent Choice of Time/Days Paid Helper Comes





Variable: ii6a.

Figure 114. Respondent Satisfaction with Level of Choice Over Scheduling Paid Helper

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10. CASE MANAGEMENT

Figure 115. Is One Individual in Charge of Respondent's Overall Care?

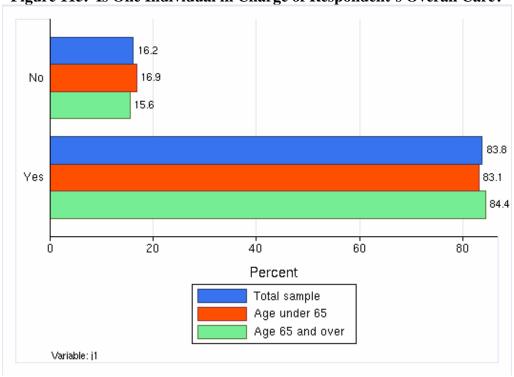
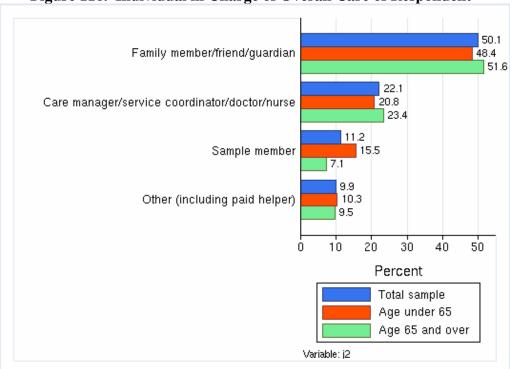


Figure 116. Individual in Charge of Overall Care of Respondent*



^{*} Respondents answered "all that apply" so categories do not add up to 100%

Figure 117. Frequency of Communication Between Respondent and Person Who Helps Coordinate Personal/Social Services

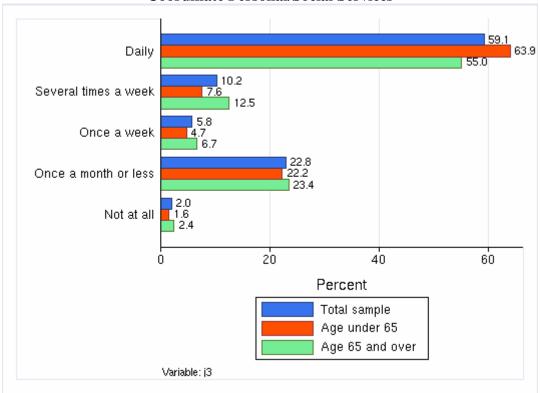
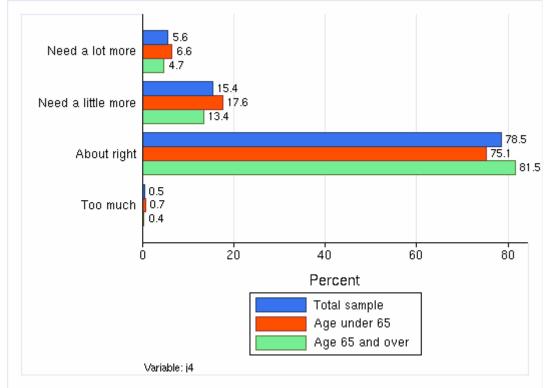


Figure 118. Respondent Level of Satisfaction with Amount of Care Coordination Received



11. PAID HELPER DEMOGRAPHICS

Figure 119. Main Paid Helper of Hispanic or Latino Origin

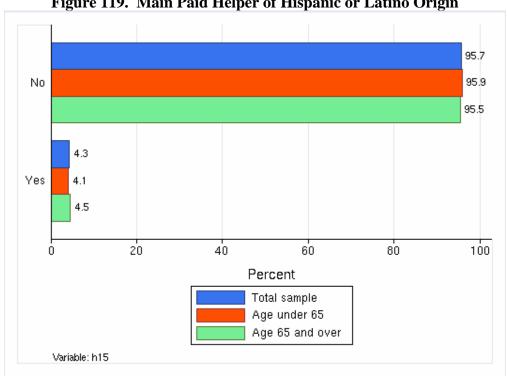
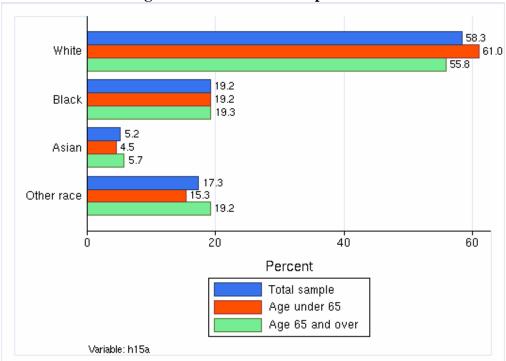
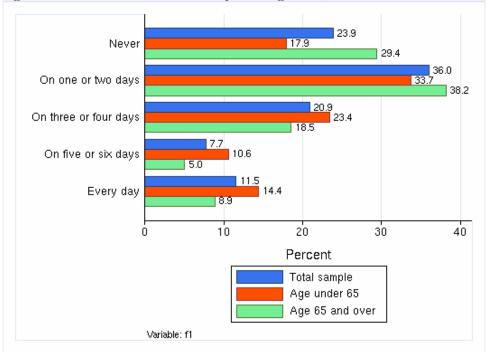


Figure 120. Main Paid Helper Race



12. SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Figure 121. Mean Number of Days Going Out (Alone or with Someone)



13. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT⁸

Figure 122. School/Training Programs/Class Participation in the Past Six Months

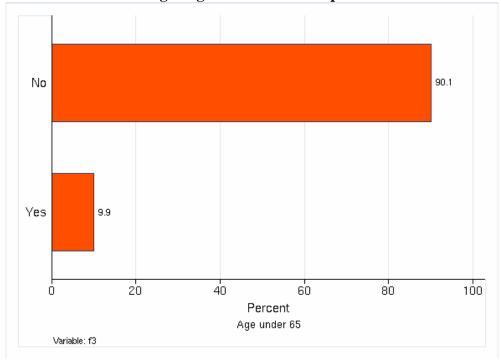
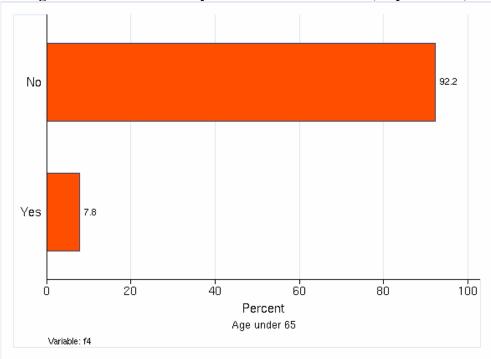
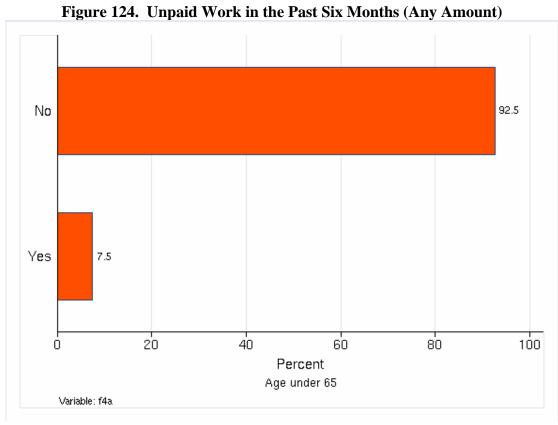


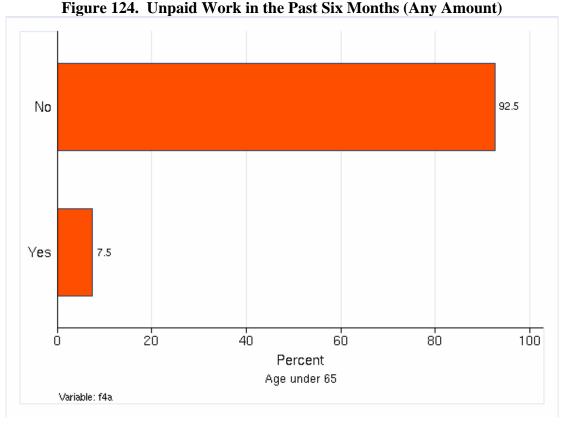
Figure 123. Work For Pay in the Past Six Months (Any Amount)

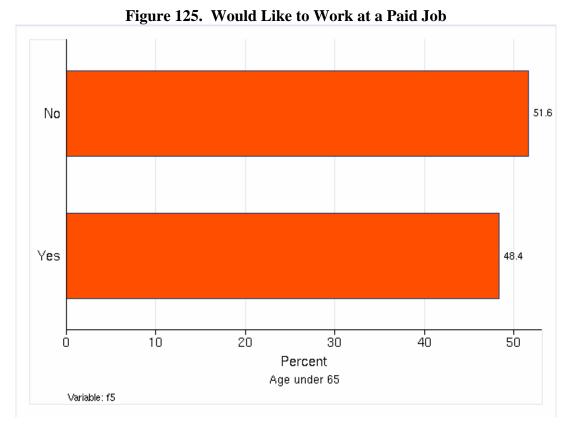


⁸ This section was only asked of sample members under 65 years of age

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14. SATISFACTION WITH LIFE DURING THE PAST MONTH⁹

Figure 126. Respondent Felt Full of Energy

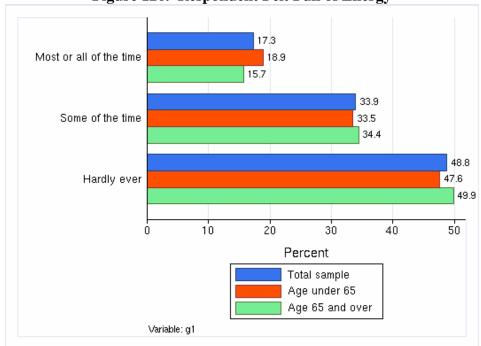
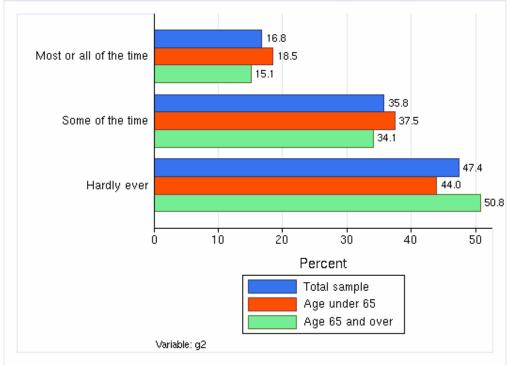
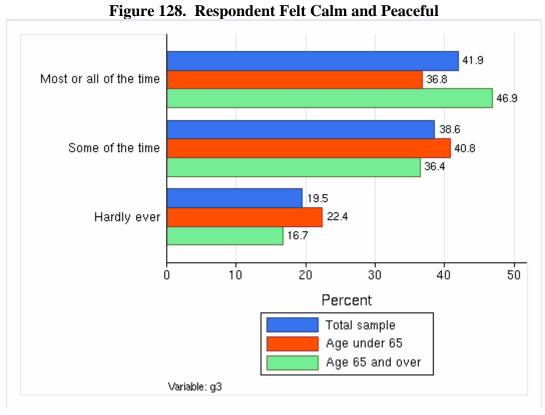


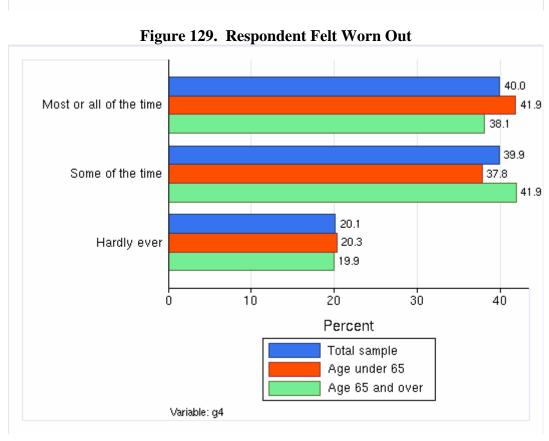
Figure 127. Respondent Felt so 'Down in the Dumps Nothing Could Cheer You Up'

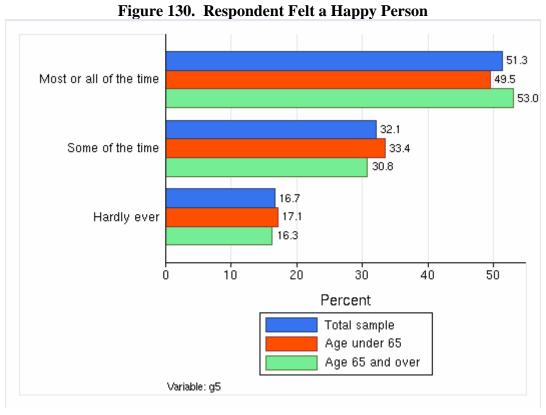


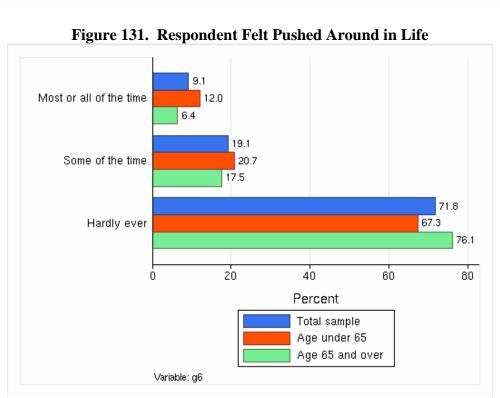
⁹ This section was asked only of sample members who are self-respondents.

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