

PARTICIPANT SURVEY 2022-2023

DATA
OVERVIEW



533 people did surveys



39-years-old was the average age of the person who took the survey



56% were males who receive Maryland DDA services



44% were females who receive Maryland DDA services

What is a National Core Indicator Survey?

National Core Indicator surveys collect information from the people who receive services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) in Maryland. National Core Indicator surveys measure how well services are being delivered to people. The surveys are done once a year, and completed in person or virtually by a reviewer from Liberty Healthcare.

Diagnoses

80% Intellectual disability

28% Autism spectrum disorder

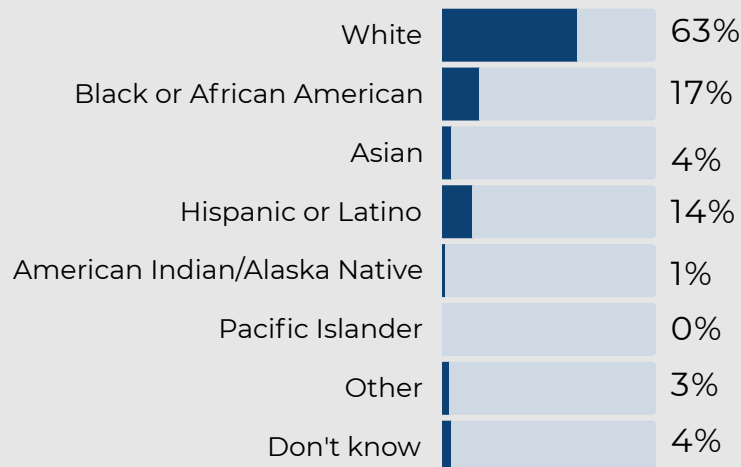
21% Seizure disorder

18% Cerebral Palsy

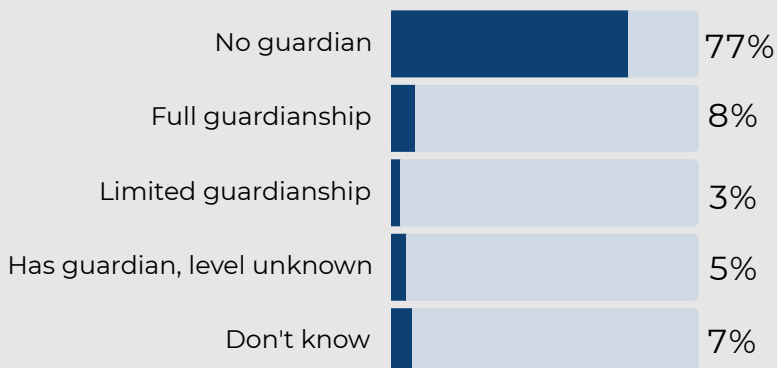
7% Down Syndrome

Note: Some people reported having more than 1 diagnosis

Culture/Race of the Person Getting Services Who Did a Survey



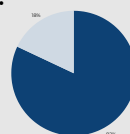
Type of Guardianship



Communication Style

Use spoken language:

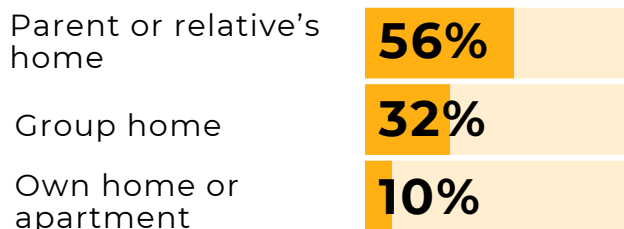
82%



Other forms of communication used included:

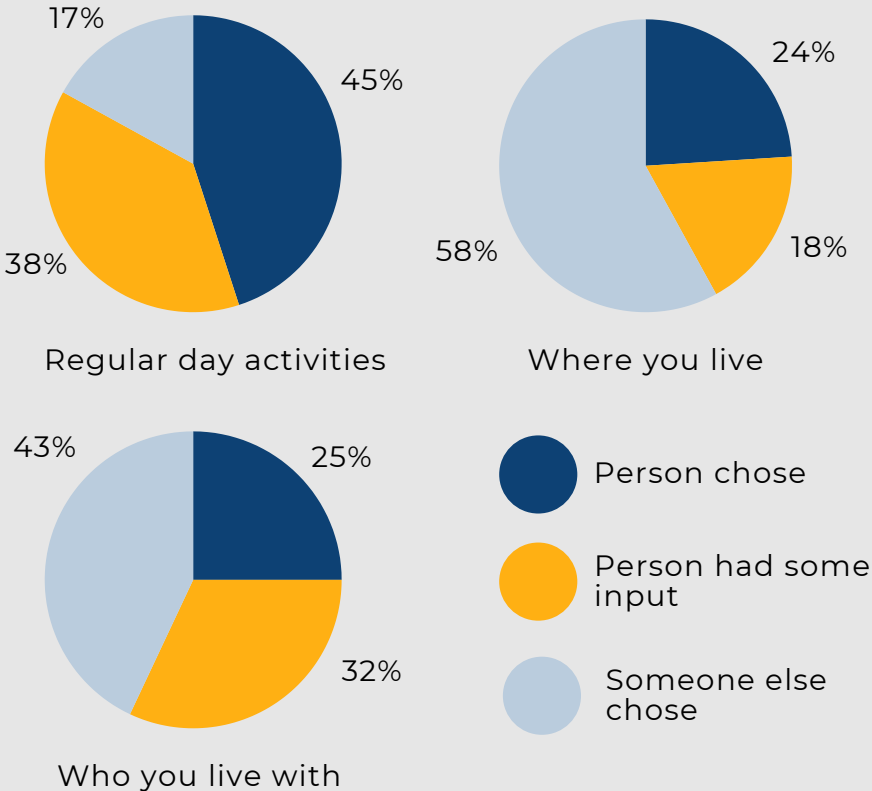
- gestures
- sign language
- communication devices

Residence Type



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Choice and Decision Making



Rights, Respect, and Satisfaction



68% say others ask before coming in their bedroom



58% say they can stay home if their roommates go out

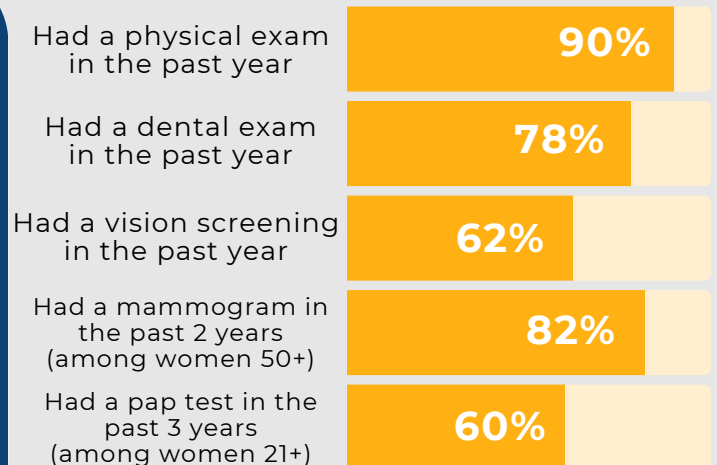


37% say there are rules about having friends or visitors in their home



81% say they like how they usually spend their time during the day

Access to Healthcare



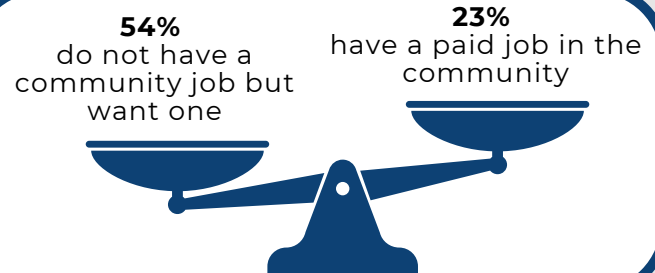
Employment

Employment is important to many people with disabilities, and can show how well the DDA is doing in supporting people to have full access to their community.

In Maryland, **23%** of people surveyed said they have a paid job in the community. On average, those with jobs spend, less than **43 hours** every two weeks at work and make an average of **\$13.84/hour**.

Among those who do not have a paid job in the community, **54%** said they want a job, but just **36%** of all those surveyed have an employment goal in their Person Centered Plan.

This data shows there is lots of room for improvement supporting people to find jobs and developing Person Centered Plans that reflect people's goals.



Participant

Inclusion and Community Access



75% are able to get places when they want to do something fun outside their home



63% get to do things they like to do in the community as often as they want



69% have friends (may be staff or family) and can see them when they want



48% want to be a part of more groups in their community

Social Connectedness and Mental Health

Maryland's goal is to ensure all people have meaningful and rewarding social connections.

77% have a goal in their Person-Centered Plan to increase their participation in community activities, but only **29%** take part in groups or organizations in their community

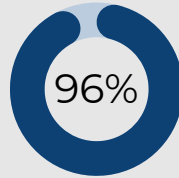
32% have a goal in their Person-Centered Plan related to relationships, and **60%** want help making or keeping in contact with friends

14% say they often feel lonely

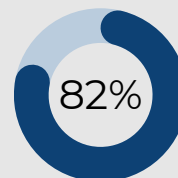
Social connectedness and mental health are closely related. High rates of mental health conditions are often present in those with intellectual/developmental disabilities (**51%** of people surveyed report taking at least one medication for a psychiatric disorder).

Service Coordination

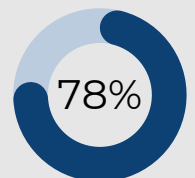
People who use Medicaid-funded services have the right to a Person-Centered Plan. The following highlights are opportunities for Maryland to improve how it creates Person-Centered Plans:



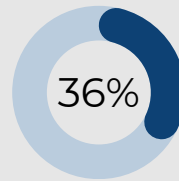
say their Person-Centered Plan includes things that are important to them



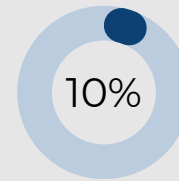
say their staff do things the way they like them done



say they helped make their service plan



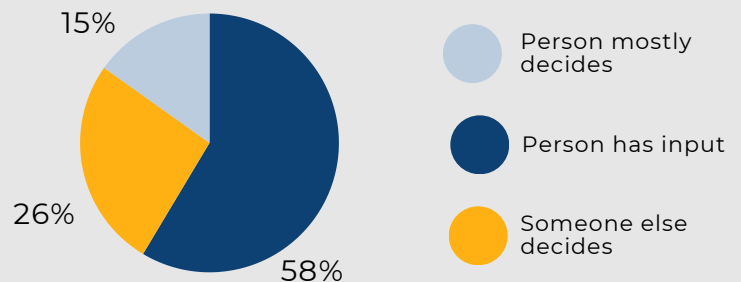
say their staff change too often



use a self-directed supports option

Self-Directed Services

"Who makes decisions about your services that are self-directed?"



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