

# Public Engagement: The Results of Questionnaires Completed at Health Accord NL Virtual Town Halls (Engagement Series #1)

## Objective

To determine the opinions of people in NL about health.

## Practice Points

1. At ten virtual town halls from regions across the province undertaken during Dec 2020, information was collected using short questionnaires at the start of the town hall, and surveys completed online after the town hall.

## Data

- 185 questionnaires were completed at the start of each town hall and 211 surveys submitted online after the town hall finished. In Labrador City, the survey was extended to others in the community via Facebook but this method did not bias results presented here.
- 77% of survey respondents were female, 83% aged 18–64 years, 25% were from St. John’s, 42% from Labrador City, and the remaining 33% from NL, excluding these two regions.

## Results

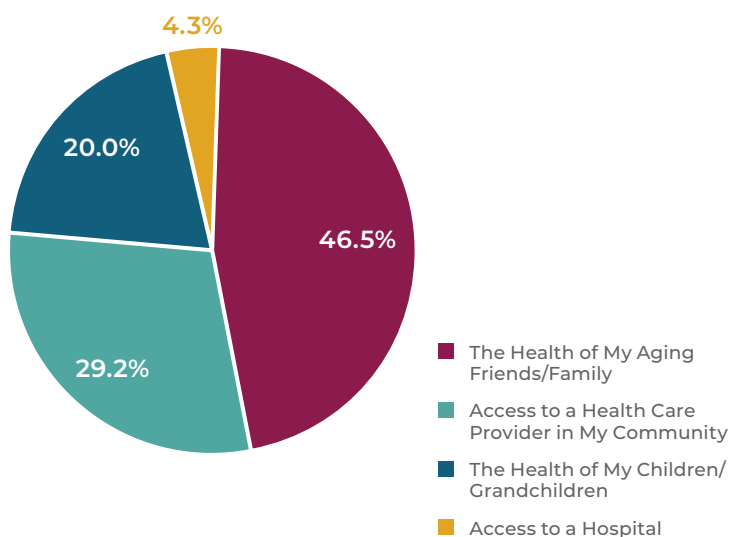


Figure 1. Question: Which of the Following is Your Top Concern Around Health?

- The top concern was the health of aging friends/family.

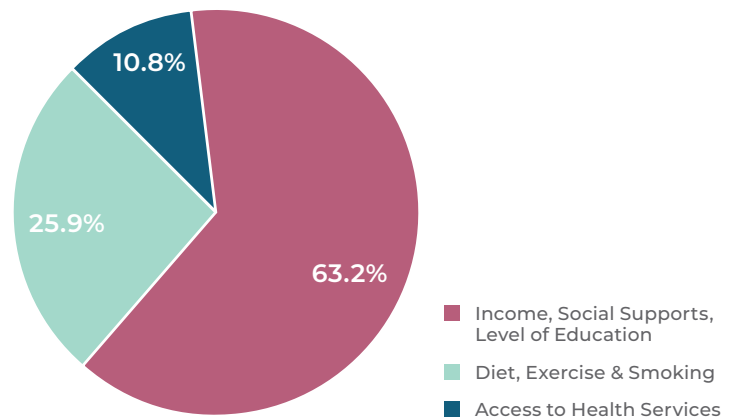


Figure 2. Question: What is the Biggest Factor That Affects Health?

- Nearly two in three (63%) respondents stated that social determinants of health were the biggest factor that affected health, followed by lifestyle factors, and access to health services.

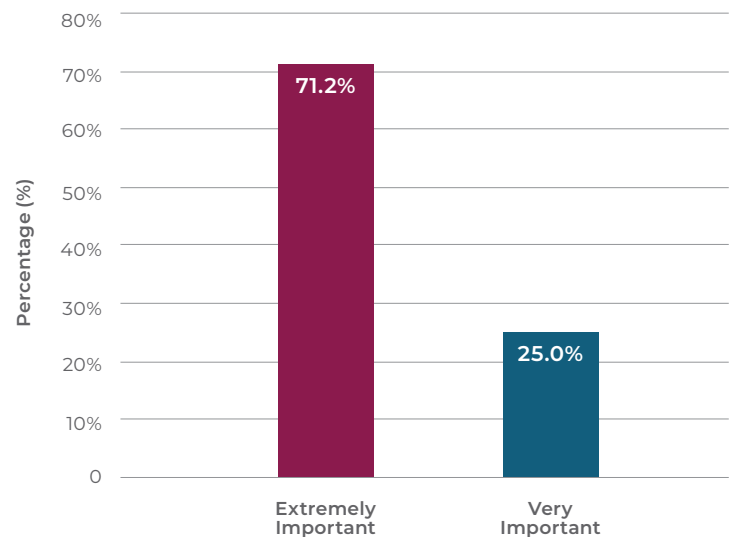
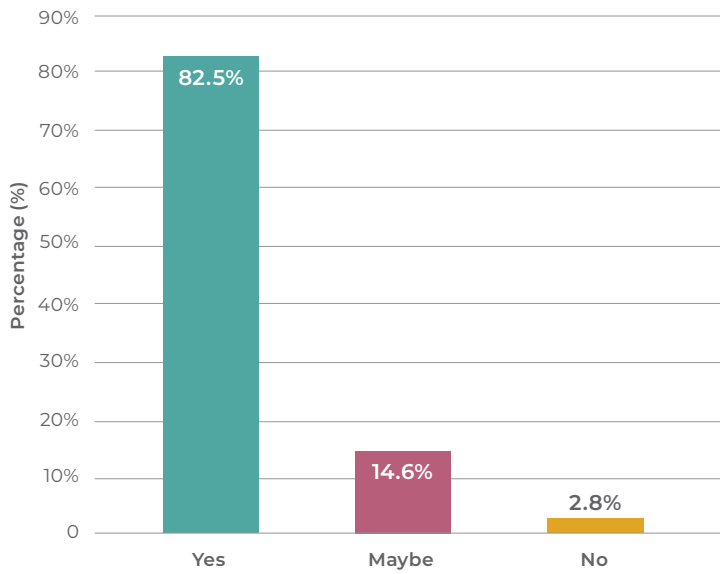


Figure 3. Survey: Is it Important to Provide Solutions to Social Factors That Affect Our Health Like Level of Education, Employment, Our Social Circumstances, Culture, Race?

- Over 95% of respondents felt that providing solutions to social factors that affect health were extremely or very important.



**Figure 4. Survey: Do You Believe That the Way We Receive Regular Care From Doctors, Nurses or Other Providers Needs to Change?**

- The vast majority believe that the way we receive care from health providers needs to change.

## Conclusions

1. The people who attended the virtual town halls reported that the health of aging friends/family was their top concern; the social determinants of health were the biggest factor that affected health; solutions to social factors were extremely important; and the way we receive regular care from health providers needs to change.