

# FUNCTIONAL STATUS AND DISABILITY

25%

Older adults in Allegheny County were classified as “disabled”

## MORE LIKELY TO MEET OVERALL DISABILITY CRITERIA

42%

Incomes of \$25K or less

34%

Blacks

31%

Live alone

31%

Not working

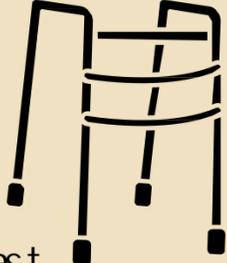
29%

Females

28%

Some college or less

## ASSISTIVE DEVICES



19%

of older adults use at least one assistive device

49%

of the disabled use an assistive device

21%

of older adults meet the definition of “pre-clinical” disability

## MOST LIKELY TO USE AN ASSISTIVE DEVICE

38%

Incomes of \$25K or less

33%

75 or older

26%

Live alone

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35%

of older adults experienced a fall or unintentionally slipped, tripped, stumbled or lost their balance in the past 12 months

43%

of those who fell experienced an injury as a result of the fall, representing 15% of the overall population

## MOST LIKELY TO HAVE FEAR OF FALLING

39%

of older adults report fear of falling



60%

of the disabled report fear of falling

45%

Females

47%

Those with incomes of \$25K or less

44%

Those with a high school diploma or less

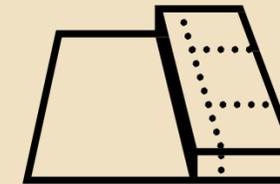
## SITUATIONS THAT CAUSE FEAR OF FALLING



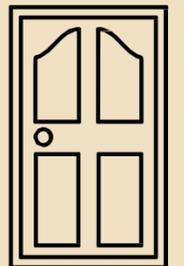
Going up and down steps (54%)



Taking a bath or shower (27%)



Walking on a sidewalk outdoors (61%)



Walking in the house (21%)

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## CONCERNS WITH BECOMING A BURDEN TO THE FAMILY

When asked how concerned they are about the possibility of becoming a burden to family / friends because of poor health / disability:

