

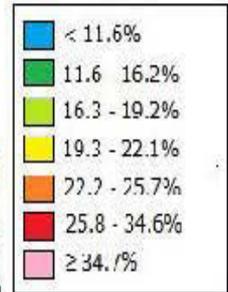
# Special Needs Transportation on the Olympic Peninsula

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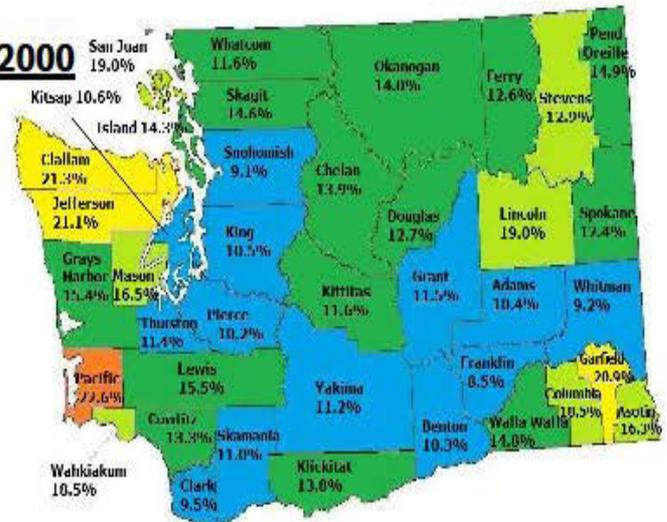
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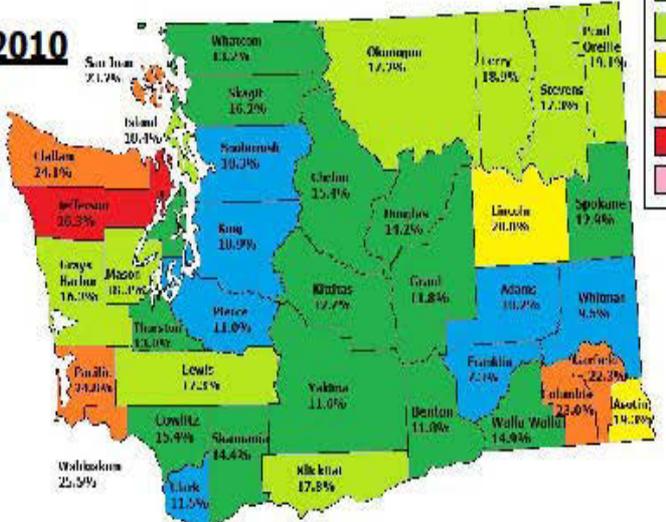
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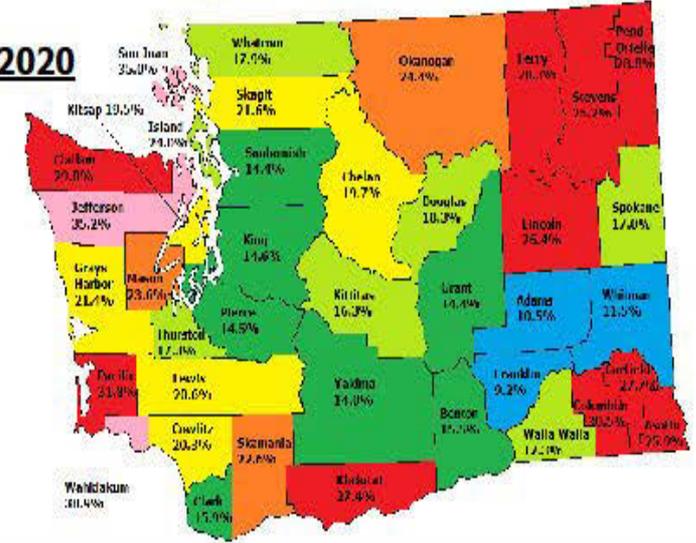
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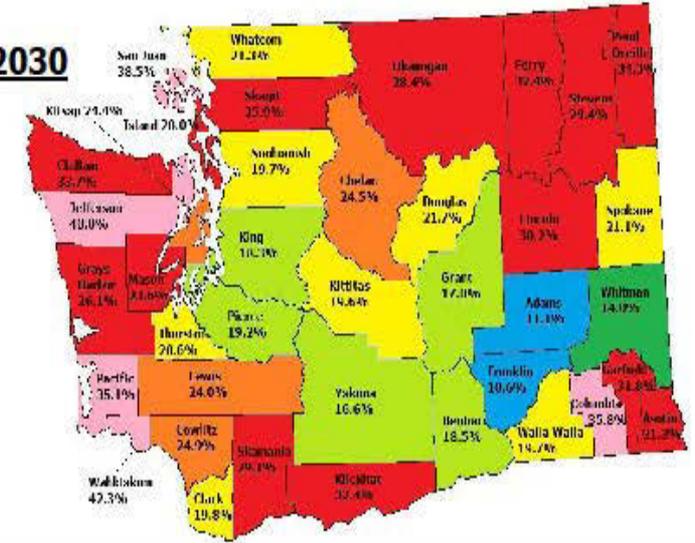
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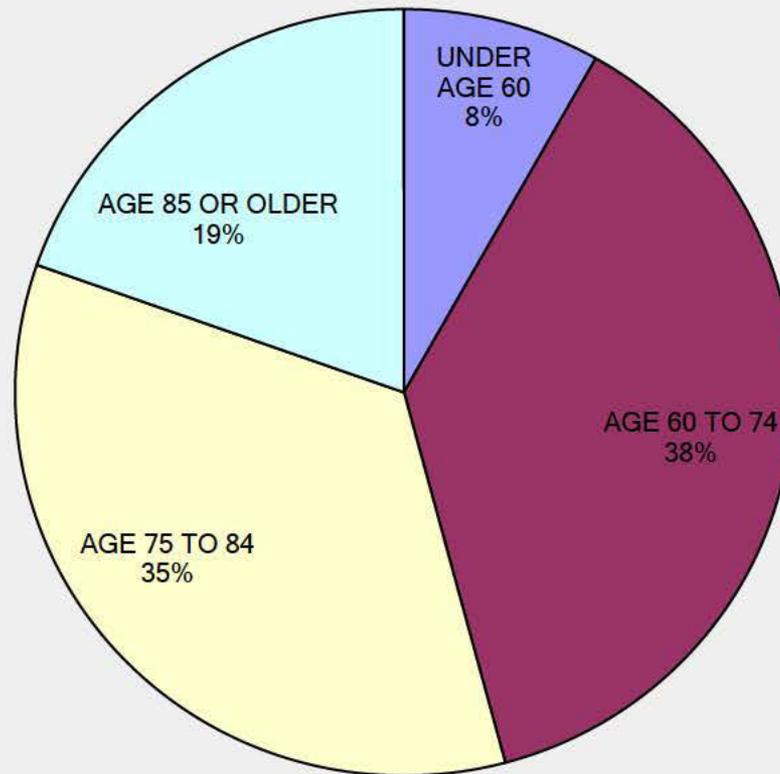
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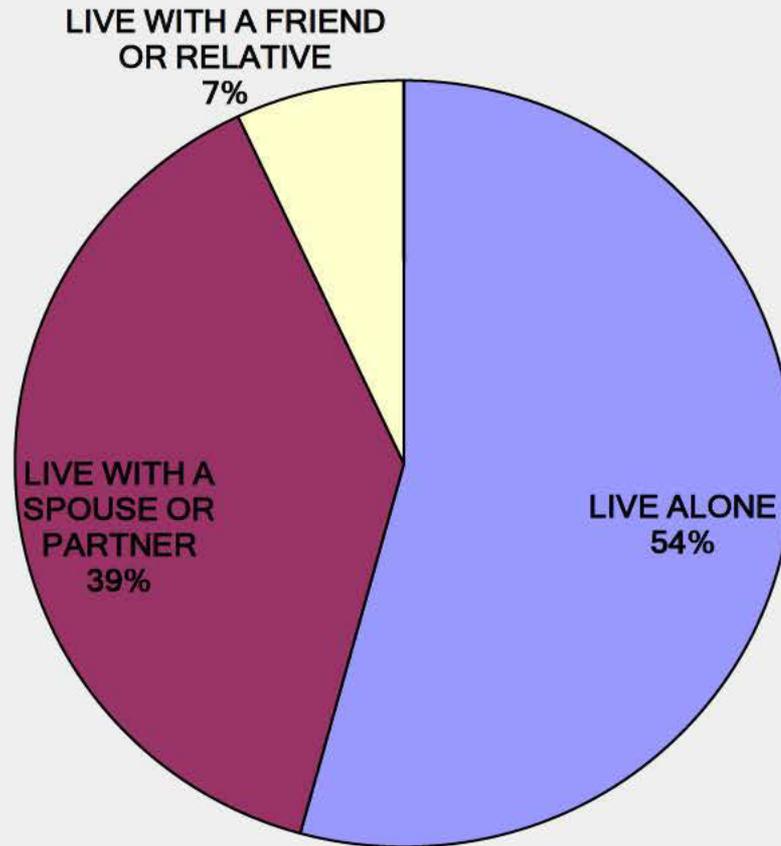
# O3A Consumer Survey—2011

## Responses by age

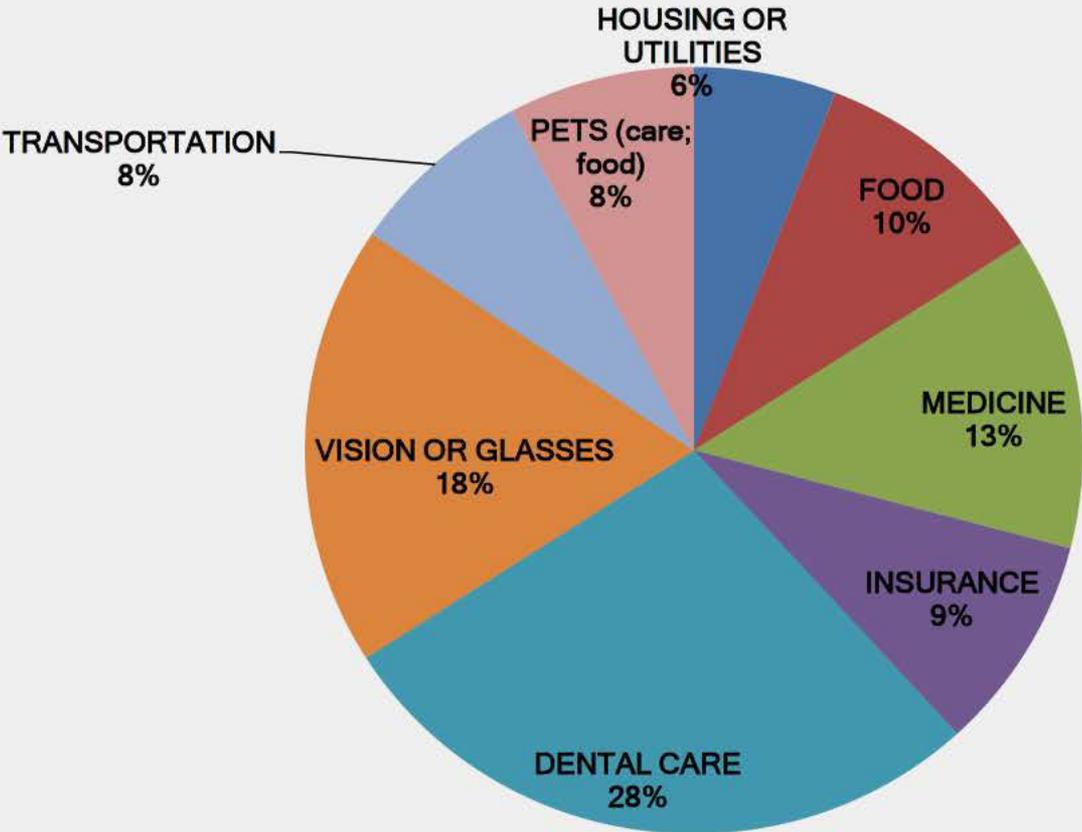
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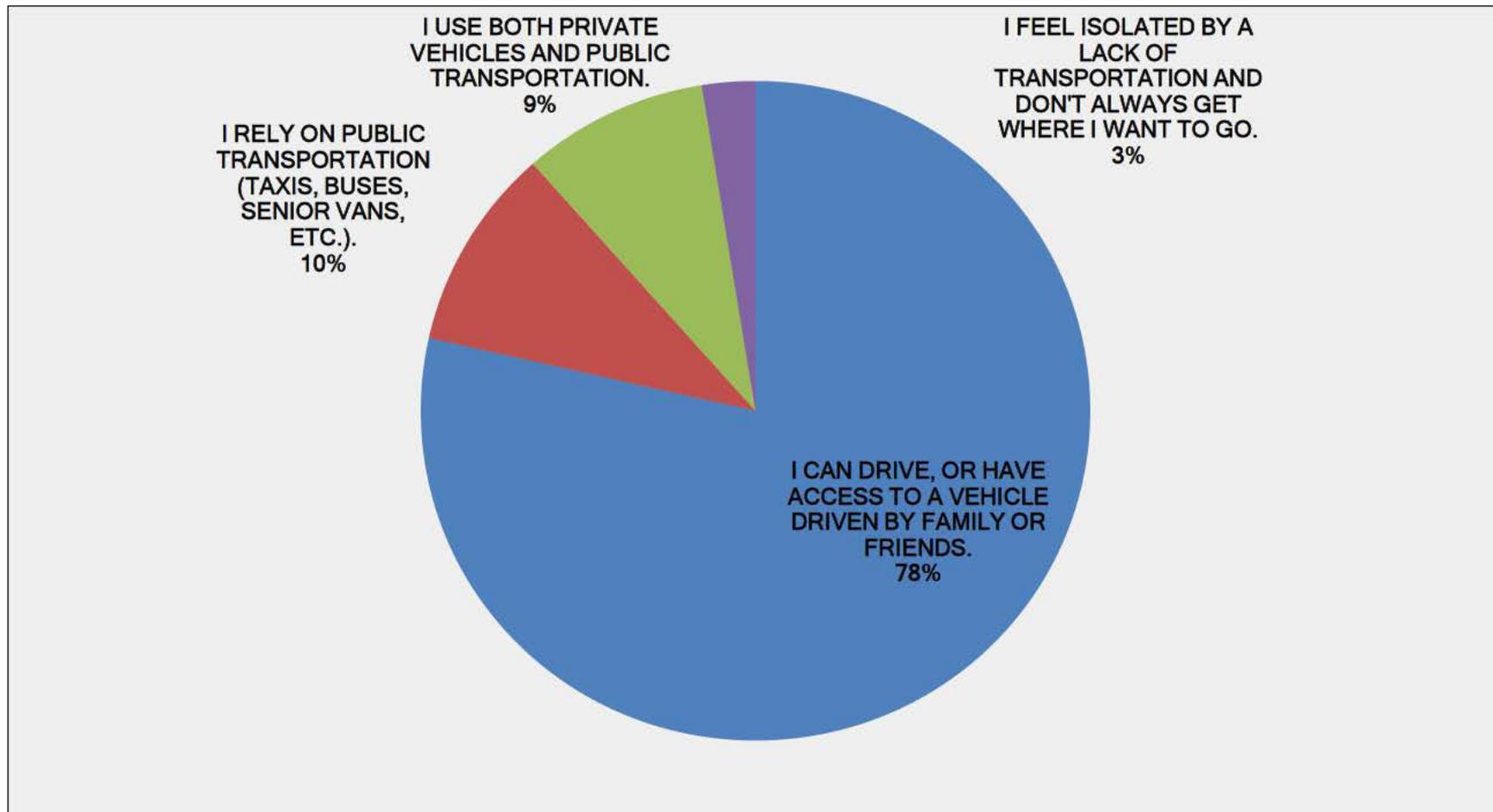
# Who do you live with?



# Do you ever skip paying for or buying any of the following?



# How do you get where you need to go?



# **Barriers faced by older adults / adults with disabilities**

- Older adults outlive their ability to drive—men by six years and women by 11 years
- Concerns about safety, schedules & connections (public transit)
- Many unable to tolerate multiple transfers and long waits to access public transit

# Issues faced by older adults on Olympic peninsula

- Many w/chronic or complex illnesses must travel outside region for specialized care
- Reliance on EMS transport to emergency facilities for non-emergency care
- Lack of transportation contributes to social isolation, inability to access basic needs

# Solutions + Unmet Needs

- Volunteer transportation services help meet critical need—need is increasing, funding isn't
  - ECHHO serving Jefferson County
  - Volunteer Chore serving Clallam County
- O3A pilot links frequent users of EMS services to local social, health services
- Transportation service coordination=unmet need

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