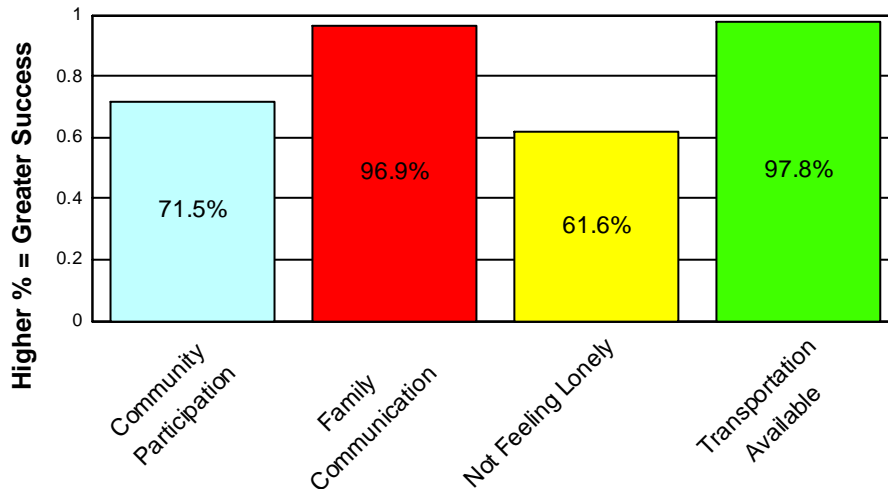


Domain #1 COMMUNITY INCLUSION/RELATIONSHIPS

Summary Performance of Indicators in Domain 1



Domain One, **Community Inclusion & Relationships**, is about participation in community living, belonging, and interpersonal relationships. Data for this Domain was derived from the Adult Consumer Outcomes Survey.

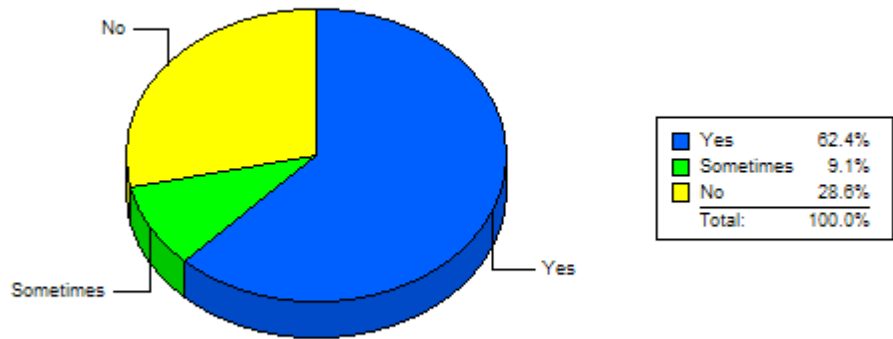
Living a good life includes establishing new friends, acquaintances, as well as maintaining current relationships with family and old friends. Being a worker, student, volunteer, neighbor is participating in community. Since FY 2003, there has been a slight decline in the percentage of people indicating that they have active and inclusive community participation. (FY 2003, 80.4 % and FY 2005, 71.5%). It is also noted that since FY 2000 when data first started to be collected that there has been 20 to 30 percent of people surveyed who indicate that they are not involved in activities offered in their local communities. It is very important that the system continue to strive to improve the outcomes of this indicator. On a positive note, in FY 2005, 96.9% of the people surveyed responded that the services they are provided support their relationships with family and friends

Although there was a slight decline in percentage points (FY 2005 61.6% and FY 2003 63.0%), the majority of people surveyed do not feel lonely. In FY 2005, 13% of the people do report feeling lonely. The community developmental system must continue its efforts to support people to have greater participation in personal interests and maintain contact with family and friends.

Since FY 2000, it has become apparent that most everyone surveyed has transportation available to access their community. In FY 2005 98.6% say they have the transportation they need to get to where they want to go. As there is limited public transportation in New Hampshire and many folks served by the system do not drive and perhaps can not afford a vehicle, the community developmental system relies on a network of home care providers, families and directed service professionals to provide transportation

Indicator #1: The proportion of people with developmental disabilities involved/participating in their communities increases.

Individuals involved in community activities

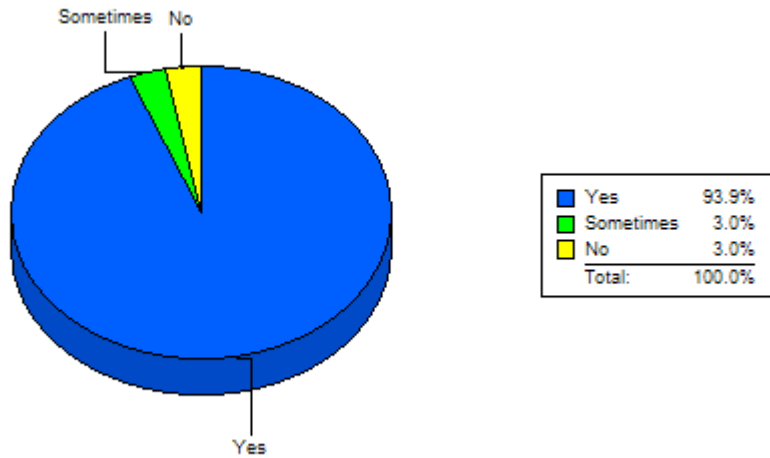


Total All Answers
1,926

Comments: Since FY 2000, there has been 20 to 30 percent of people surveyed who indicate that they are not involved in activities offered in their local communities. It is necessary, at this juncture, for a more in-depth analysis of the types of community activities people are participating in, establish if people are expressing a desire to participate in activities and determine whether or not the services being provided support the chosen activity(s).

Indicator #3: The proportion of people who report that they get the support they need to keep in touch with family and friends increases.

Individuals who get support to stay in touch

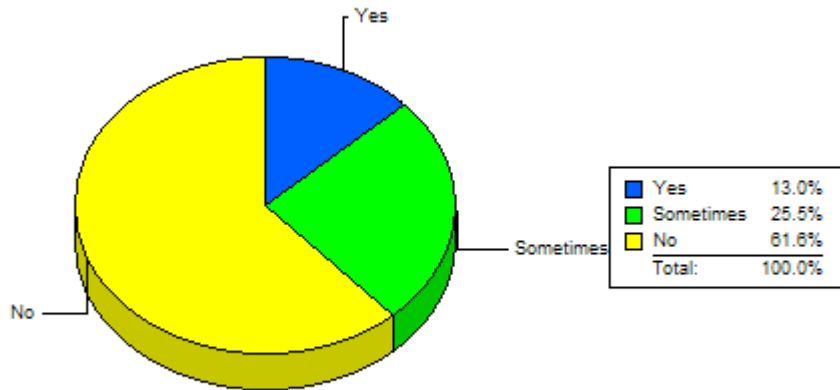


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198

Comments: This indicator has had a consistently high rate of success. In FY 2005, 96.9% of the people surveyed responded that the services they are provided support their relationships with family and friends.

Indicator #4: The proportion of participants who report not feeling lonely increases

Individuals reporting if they feel lonely



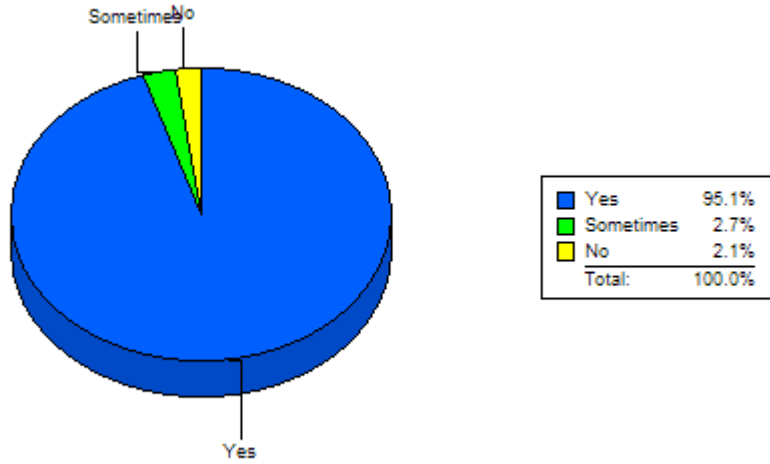
Please Note:
For this indicator, a "No" is the success answer

Total All Answers
216

Comments: Although there was a slight decline in percentage points (FY 2005 61.6% and FY 2003 63.0%), the majority of people surveyed do not feel lonely. In FY 2005, 13% of the people do report feeling lonely. It may be advantages to the community developmental service system to complete an analysis of responses from people who indicate that they are not involved in community activities, do not have the support to keep in touch with family and friends and who also feel lonely. (FY 2005 In order: 28.6%, 3.0% and 13.0%).

Indicator #5: The proportion of individuals who report that transportation is available for community participation increases.

Individuals answer transportation is available



Comments: In six years, it has become apparent that most everyone surveyed has transportation available to access their community. It maybe important to complete an analysis of what form of transportation people are accessing; home care provider, public transportation, family/friends, walking/biking, own vehicle, in order to have a more thorough knowledge of how this access could be effected through budget cutbacks.