

SURVEY: Long-Term Care in Pennsylvania

Methodology and Background

The Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA), in partnership with the American Health Care Association, commissioned an online survey of Pennsylvania registered voters to better understand the attitudes, opinions and perceptions of the electorate about long-term care — nursing homes, assisted living communities and personal care homes. Research firm GS Strategy Group conducted the survey via a web-based platform from May 6-12, 2021. The following report provides survey questions and results. Some totals may not equal 100 percent as a result of rounding.

Respondent Profile



800

Pennsylvania registered voters



AGE

18-34 = 21.4%
35-44 = 17%
45-54 = 17.5%
55-64 = 21%
65+ = 23%
Refused = 0.1%



RACE

White = 82.6%
Non-White = 17.4%



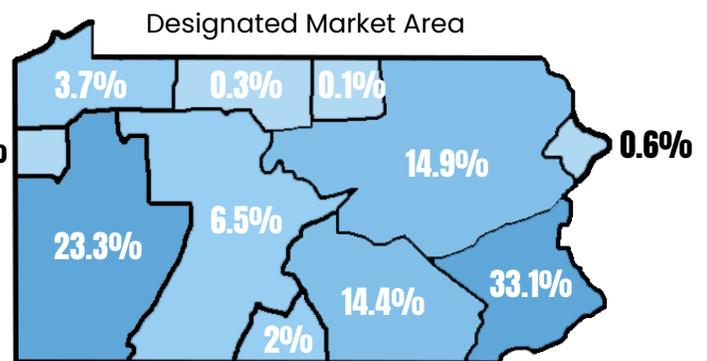
GENDER

Male = 47.6%
Female = 52.3%
Non-Binary = 0.1%



DMA

Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton
Johnstown/Altoona
Erie
Washington, DC
Youngstown, OH
New York, NY
Buffalo, NY
Elmira, NY



KNOW A LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT

Yes = 36.2%
No = 59.6%
Not Sure = 4.2%



POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION

Republican = 35.7%
Democrat = 38.9%
Independent or No Party = 18.1%
Libertarian = 0.4%
Other = 2.4%
Not Sure = 4.4%

Essential Care for Seniors

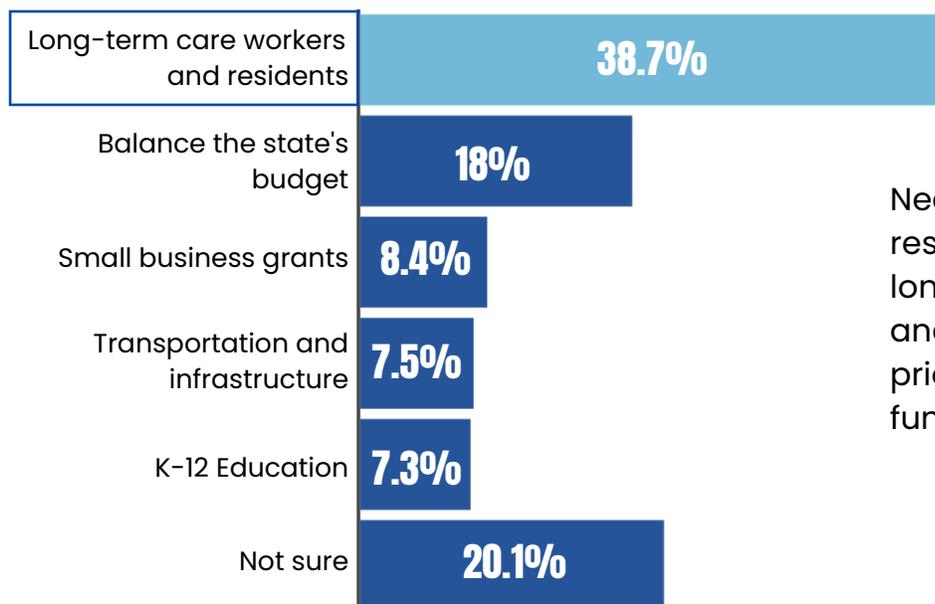
Pennsylvania is one of the oldest states, in terms of population, in the entire country, and its fastest growing demographic is age 85 and older. Over the next 15 years, nearly 1 million Pennsylvanians will age into the demographic most in need of long-term care. Knowing this, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Nursing homes and long-term care communities are essential to caring for and protecting Pennsylvania's aging population.



88% of respondents agree that long-term care communities are essential to caring for Pennsylvania seniors.

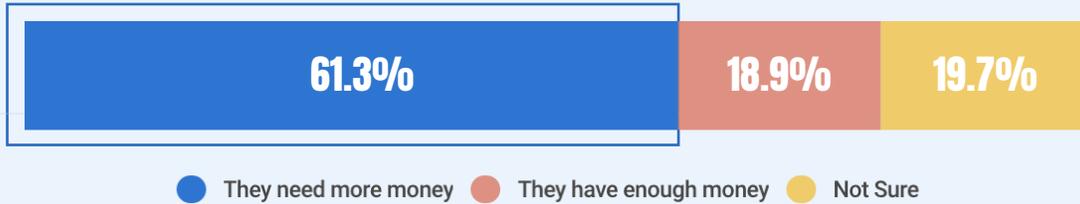
Funding Support for Long-Term Care

Pennsylvania state leaders have received \$7.3 billion from the federal government through the latest stimulus package, the American Rescue Plan. Last year, long-term care providers, including nursing homes, personal care homes and assisted living communities, invested millions of dollars each with on personal protective equipment, testing supplies, infection control supplies and "heroes pay" for hardworking frontline staff. These costs have skyrocketed throughout the pandemic and will likely continue for the remainder of 2021. Knowing this, how should the state prioritize this stimulus funding?



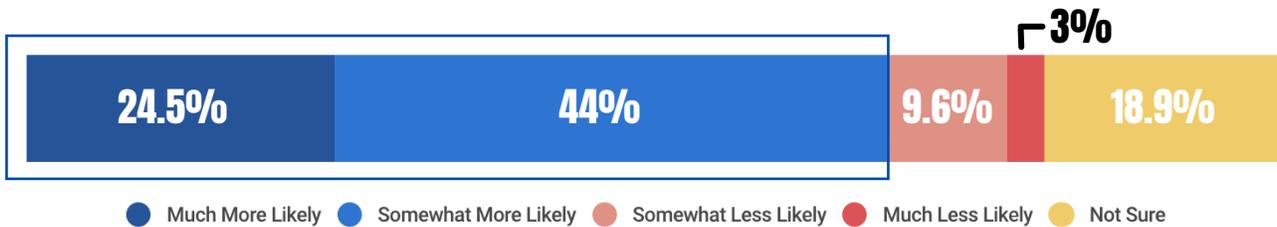
Nearly **40%** of all respondents selected long-term care workers and residents to be prioritized with stimulus funds.

Generally speaking, would you say that state and local governments have provided nursing homes and assisted living communities with enough resources to respond to the threat that coronavirus presents to the seniors they serve, or do they need more money to continue paying for personal protective equipment, testing and more staff so they can continue fighting back against the pandemic?



61% of respondents say long-term care providers need more government funding to continue protecting residents from COVID-19.

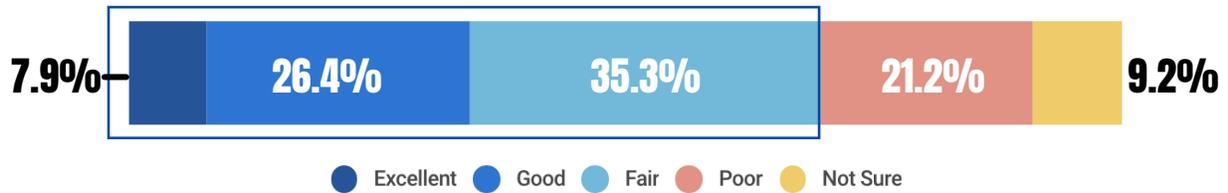
Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate running for the Pennsylvania state Senate or House of Representatives who supports prioritizing COVID-19 stimulus funding for health care providers, workers and residents in long-term care?



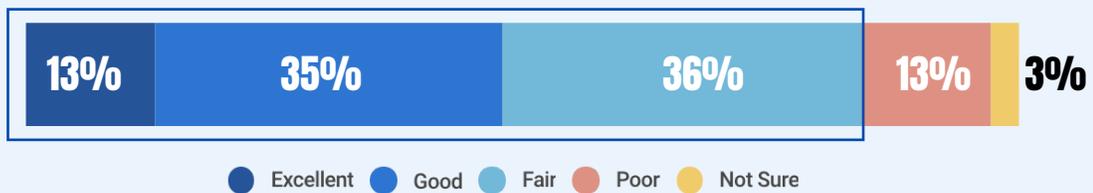
69% of respondents say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports prioritizing COVID-19 stimulus funds for long-term care.

COVID-19 Care

How would you rate the level of care being provided to residents of nursing homes and assisted living communities during the coronavirus?



70% of respondents rated care as excellent, good or fair during the COVID-19 pandemic.



84% of respondents **who know someone residing in long-term care** rated care as excellent, good or fair during the COVID-19 pandemic.