

Table 18
2001 Survey of Older Minnesotans
Statewide Population 55+
Difficulty Getting Medical Services Needed

	Total Number	Very Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Not At All Difficult
State Total	2,459	1.6%	9.2%	89.2%
Age				
55-59	448	2.0%	8.9%	89.1%
60-64	389	1.5%	11.6%	86.9%
65-74	907	1.1%	8.0%	90.8%
75-84	568	1.9%	9.3%	88.7%
85+	120	2.5%	9.2%	88.3%
Gender				
Male	925	2.2%	8.4%	89.4%
Female	1,533	1.2%	9.7%	89.1%
Marital Status*				
Married	1,700	1.3%	7.5%	91.2%
Not Married	748	2.3%	13.1%	84.6%
Living Arrangement*				
Lives Alone	622	1.9%	12.5%	85.5%
Lives with Others	1,833	1.5%	8.0%	90.5%
Education				
Less than High School	338	1.2%	10.7%	88.2%
High School Graduate	889	1.8%	9.4%	88.8%
Post-Secondary	1,218	1.5%	8.8%	89.7%
Per Capita Income*				
Less than \$12,000	355	2.8%	15.5%	81.7%
\$12,000 - \$17,999	397	3.8%	8.1%	88.2%
\$18,000 - \$29,999	481	0.4%	7.9%	91.7%
\$30,000+	516	0.4%	7.8%	91.9%
Region				
NE	392	2.0%	11.5%	86.5%
W	383	1.0%	11.0%	88.0%
SE	512	1.6%	7.2%	91.2%
Metro	1,171	1.6%	8.7%	89.7%

*Differences are statistically significant.

Survey Question:

How difficult is it for you to get the medical services that you need...would you say that it is very difficult, somewhat difficult, or not at all difficult to get the medical services you need?