



Nebraska Brain Injury Needs Assessment – 2024

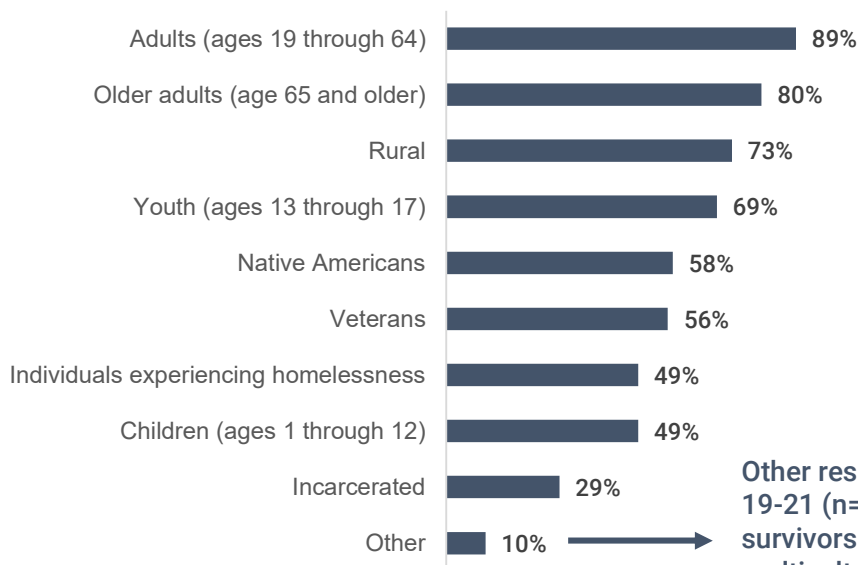
Service Provider Survey Results

As part of a statewide brain injury needs assessment, a survey was available from March 12 to May 3, 2024 for organizations in Nebraska that may provide services to individuals who have experienced a brain injury. The needs assessment was done through Nebraska VR (Vocational Rehabilitation) with the support of the Brain Injury Advisory Council and Partners for Insightful Evaluation. The survey was available online, with skip patterns based on the type of agency and role the respondent reported having. There were 112 people representing 58 different organizations who responded to at least one question on the survey. This report summarizes the results. Demographics regarding the respondent were not included on the survey.

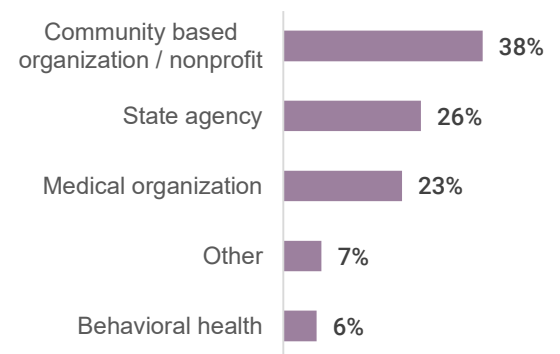
Note: Figures include "(n=##)". That indicates the number of people that answered the survey question.

Agency Information

Q. Which of the following population(s) does your organization serve? Select all that apply. (n=80)

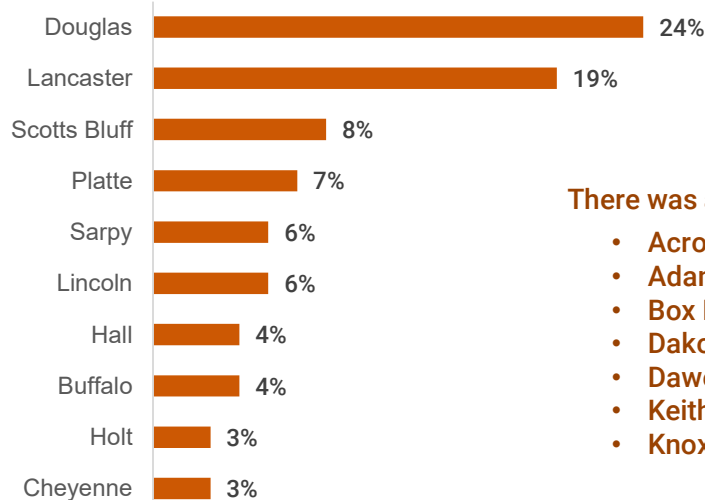


Q. How would you classify the organization where you work? (n=111)



Other responses include: adults ages 19-25 (n=2); adults 19-21 (n=1); domestic violence and sexual assault survivors (n=3); Limited English Proficient (n=1); multicultural (n=1); and urban (n=1)

Q. In what county is your office physically located? (n=72)

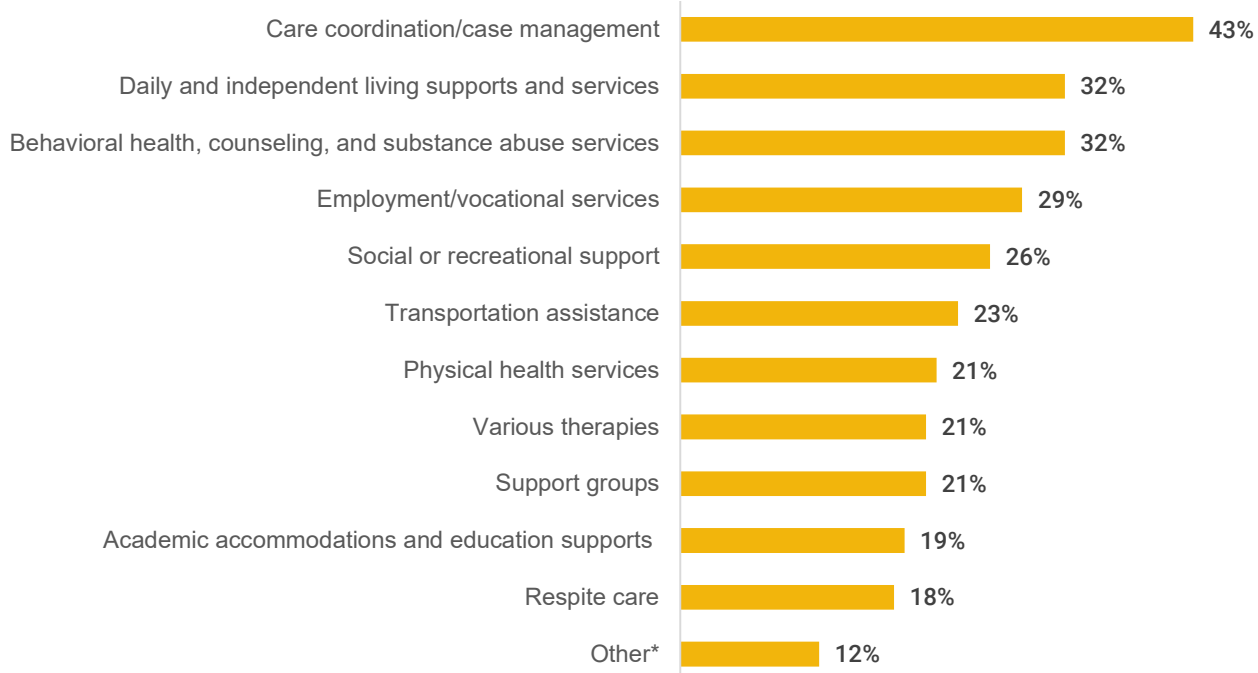


There was also one respondent from the following counties:

- Across the panhandle
- Adams
- Box Butte
- Dakota
- Dawes & Sheridan
- Keith
- Knox
- Madison
- Pierce
- Red Willow
- Richardson
- Sherman
- Thurston

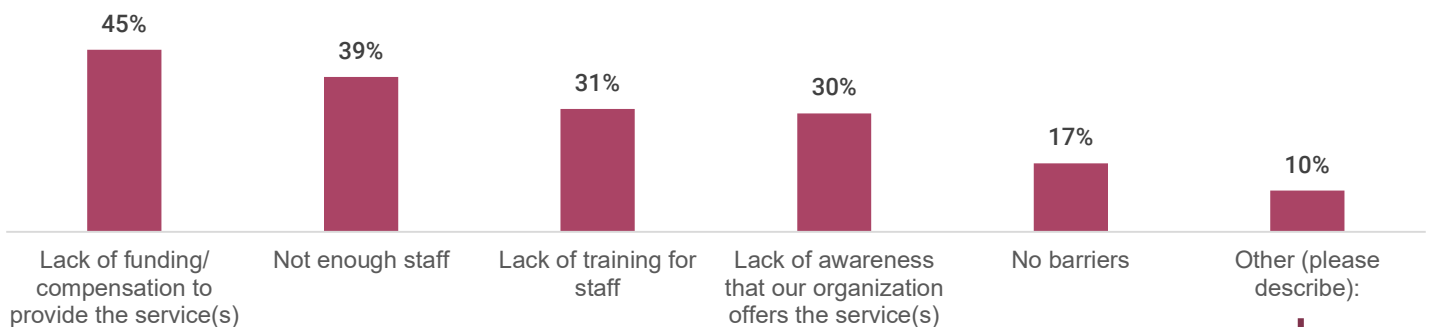
Service Offerings

Q. Which of the following services does your organization offer? Select all that apply. (n=112)



The “Other” responses included assistive technology (AT) equipment, community support services, equine therapy, and sessions focused on self-advocacy. Additional services include information and referral, legal assistance, mobility options, and referrals to the Brain Injury Alliance. There are also programs for sheltering domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, stroke support groups, and housing support integrated with case management for families experiencing homelessness.

Q. For the services that your organization offers, what are the top barriers to being able to provide them? Select all that apply. (n=88)

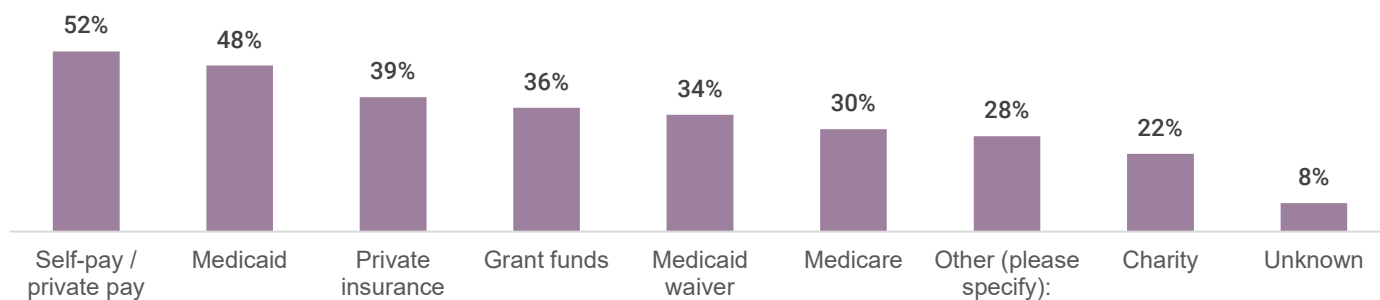


The “Other” responses included:

- Consistent discharge education which comes from lack of consistent education to staff or process by staff
- Employers can be a barrier at times and lack of resources can be a barrier
- Internet costs for telehealth, sometimes gas money to do face to face sessions
- Lack of having employment supports anywhere in the state of Nebraska
- Lack of resources to support a TBI client with additional assistance outside of the organization
- Location especially Western part of NE
- Not a lack of but more up to date and relevant training for staff
- Not enough service providers in Panhandle are for people with brain injury

Service Provision

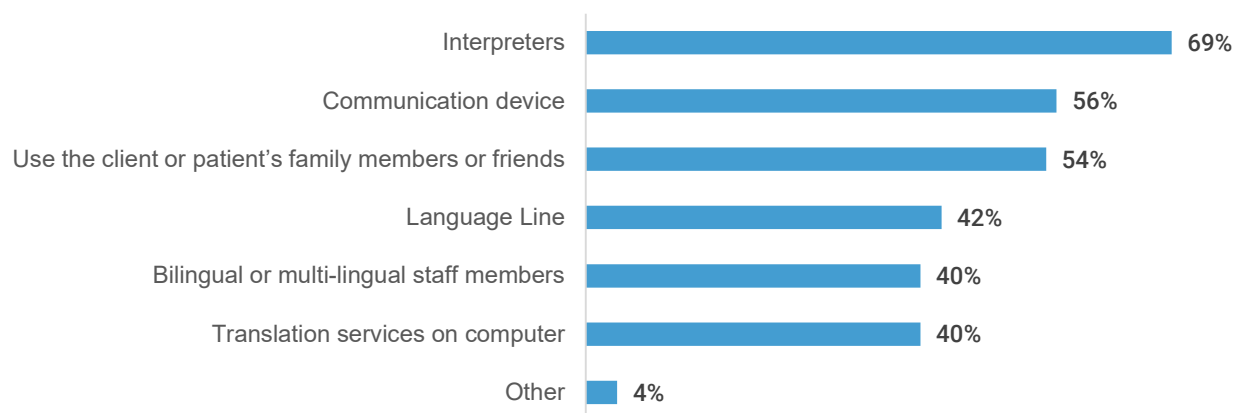
Q. What type of payment sources does your organization accept? Select all that apply. (n=98)



"Other" responses (n=27) included:

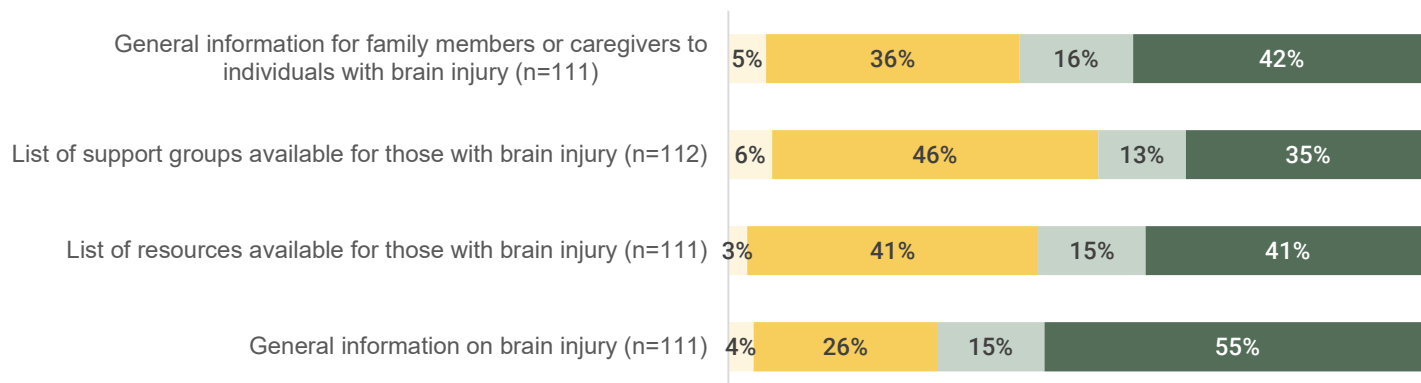
- State or federal grants (33%)
- No charge for services (19%)
- Workers Compensation (19%)
- County/region funds (11%)
- None (7%)
- Fee for service dollars, non-profit, agency partner funding, Brain Injury Assistance Act, contracts, donations, long-term care insurance (4% each)

Q. How does your staff communicate with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, blind, or whose primary language is not English? Select all that apply. (n=81)



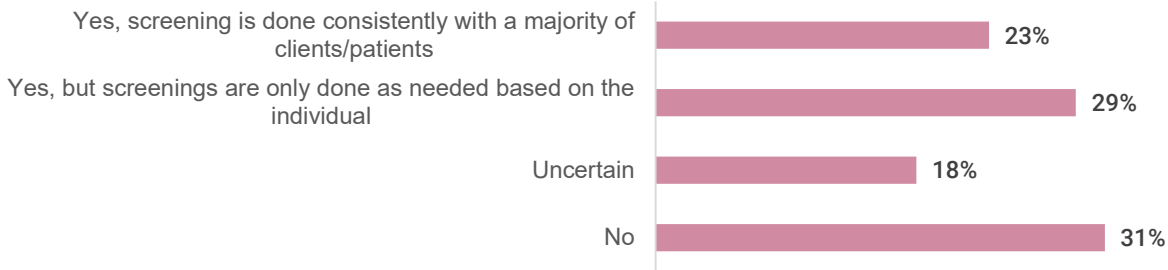
Q. Which of the following materials does your agency have for clients/patients related to brain injury?

☐ Don't have and wouldn't use
 ☐ Don't have but need
 ☐ Have, but is outdated
 ☐ Have current materials

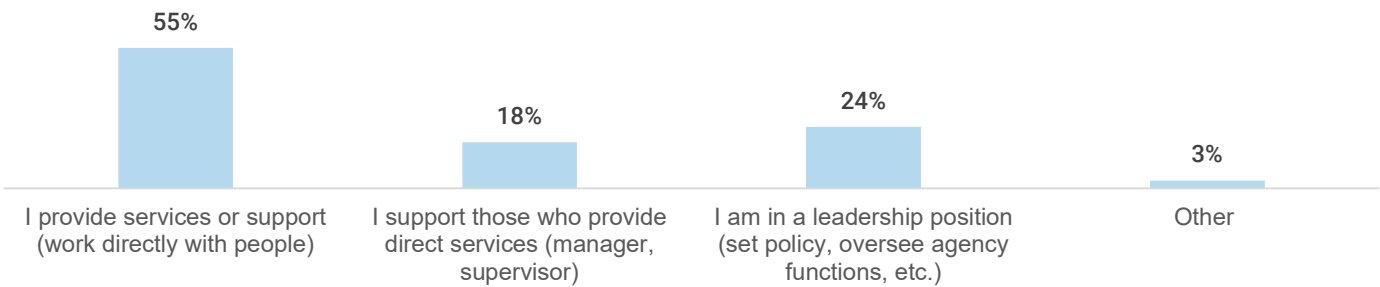


Serving Those with Brain Injury

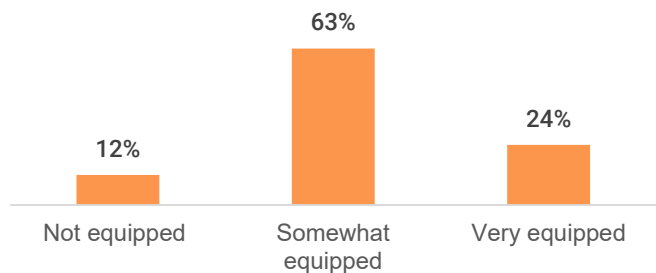
Q. Does your organization screen individuals for a history of potential brain injury incidents using a brain injury screening instrument? (n=101)



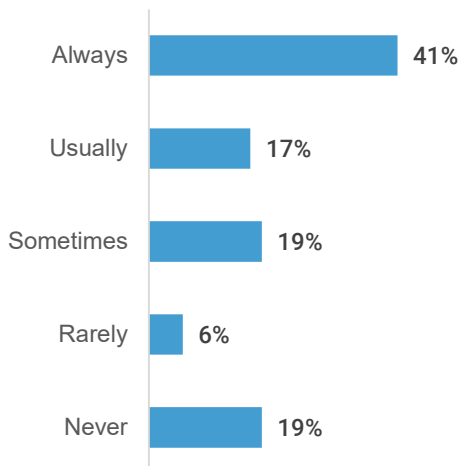
Q. What best describes your role within your organization? (n=100)



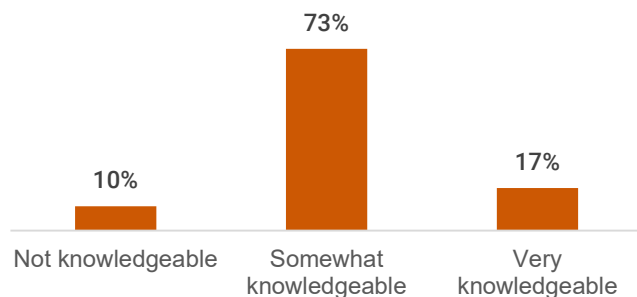
Q. Overall, how equipped do you feel staff within your organization are to assist individuals living with a brain injury? (n=41)



Q. How often do you ask patients or clients if they have a history of brain injury? (n=54)

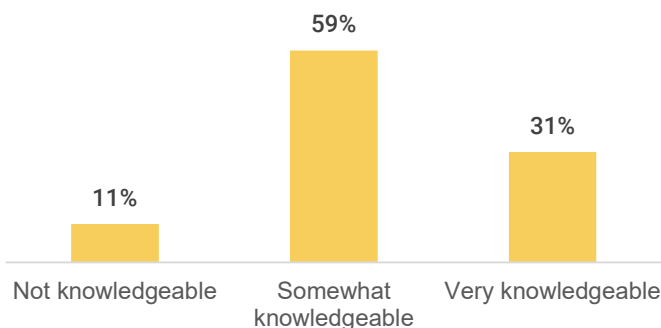


Q. Overall, how would you rate the knowledge of staff at your organization on brain injury and needs for individuals living with a brain injury? (n=41)

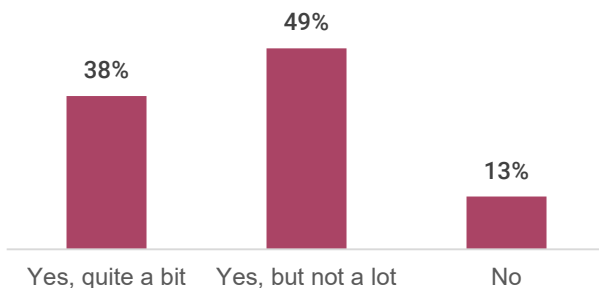


Brain Injury Understanding

Q. How would you rate your own knowledge of brain injury and needs for individuals living with a brain injury? (n=85)

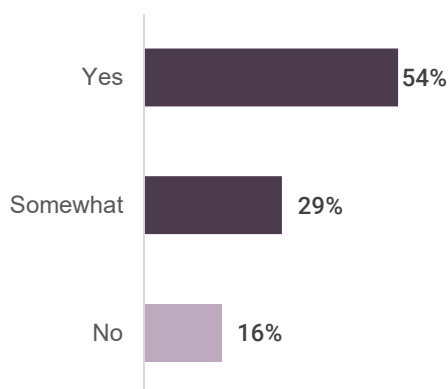


Q. Have you participated in any training or educational opportunities on brain injury? (n=85)

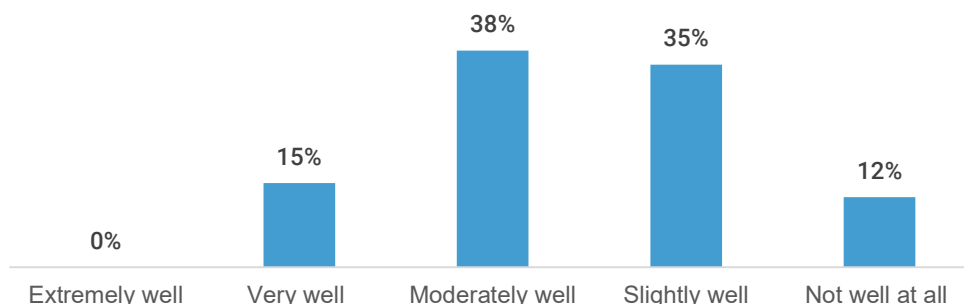


Q. What type of training would you/your organization consider attending related to brain injury? Select all that apply. (n=65)

Q. Would you be interested in additional training or education on brain injury? (n=85)



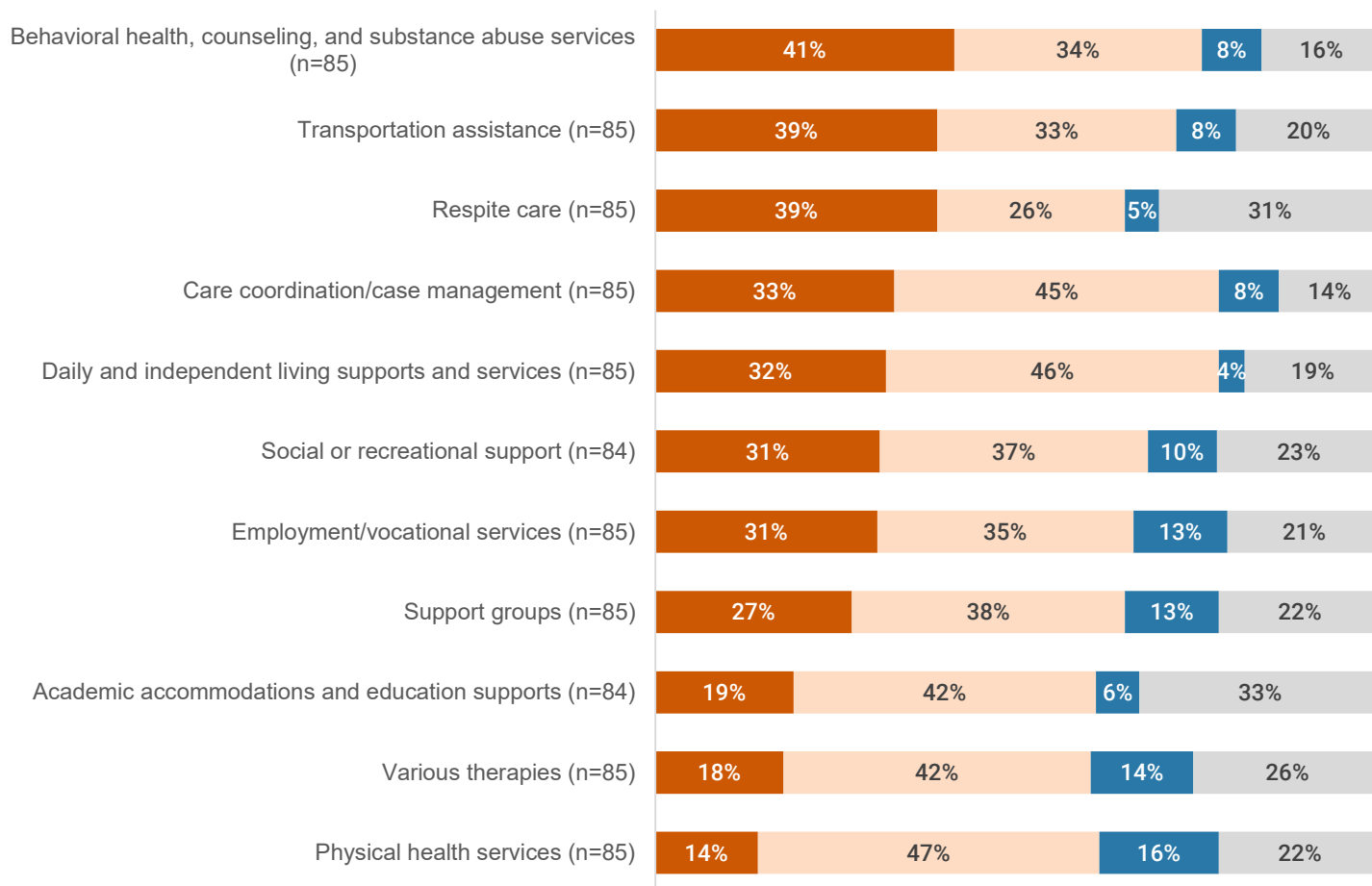
Q. How well coordinated are brain injury services and supports in your region?



Service Gaps & Coordination

Q. Within your region of the state, how would you describe the gaps in the services listed below for people with brain injury?

■ Significant gap ■ Moderate gap ■ No gap ■ Unknown



Q. What could help improve services for those with a brain injury? Select all that apply. (n=85)

