



2026 Needs Assessment Survey Results

In May of 2025, the Ocean County Office of Senior Services conducted an online and a paper survey, as well as an in-person public hearing held on May 20, 2025 – polling over 1,000 constituents that agreed to participate as well as homebound seniors that did not have access to a computer. Senior Services’ goal was to discover the top three factors that contribute to the ability of an Ocean County senior to maintain an independent life, the top three problems that have the greatest impact on the ability of an Ocean County senior to live independently in the community, and the top five choices of necessary services to attain that goal.

Our Needs Assessment survey had three sections with each section containing one question and each question having multiple choices. Our request was for each participant to read each question and then choose those factors they felt most important to their quality of life.

Out of 1,019 polled respondents:

The Top Three Choices to Maintain an Independent Life:

Access to Healthcare	574
Affordable Services	493
Accessible Transportation	406

The Top Three Concerns that Impact the Ability to Maintain an Independent Life:

Chronic Health Issues	381
Preparing Meals	297
Driving (Unable to or Loss of Ability)	269

The Top Five Services Viewed as a Priority to Maintain an Independent Life:

Food Insecurity	639
Transportation	614
Information & Assistance	459
Home Repairs and Maintenance	433
Personal and In-Home Care Services	403