

# 2023 Needs Assessment Survey Results

In March of 2022, Office of Senior Services conducted both an online and a paper survey – polling over 800 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 803 polled respondents:**

### **The Top Three Choices to Maintain an Independent Life:**

Access to Healthcare	482
Financial Security	348
Affordable Services	320

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

Chronic Health Issues	354
Inability to Afford In-Home Care Services	227
Driving (Unable to or Loss of Ability)	177

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

Information and Assistance	396
Transportation	388
Home Delivered Meals	354
Home Repairs and Maintenance	332
Personal and In-Home Care Services	321