

# Falls

## **Those age 45 and older who have fallen in the past 12 months:**

- Twenty-seven percent of Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older indicated in 2012 that they had fallen in the past 12 months.
- Pennsylvania men age 45 and older had a significantly lower percentage (24 percent, CI: 23-26) compared to Pennsylvania women age 45 and older (29 percent, CI: 27-30).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (25 percent, CI: 24-27) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with less than a high school education (32 percent, CI: 28-36).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 had a significantly lower percentage (30 percent, CI: 27-33) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (39 percent, CI: 35-43).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 had a significantly lower percentage (27 percent, CI: 25-30) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (39 percent, CI: 35-43).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 had a significantly lower percentage (23 percent, CI: 20-26) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (39 percent, CI: 35-43) and adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 (30 percent, CI: 27-33).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$75,000 or more had a significantly lower percentage (23 percent, CI: 20-25) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (39 percent, CI: 35-43) and adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 (30 percent, CI: 27-33).

## **Those age 45 and older who have been injured by a fall in the past 12 months:**

- Ten percent of Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older reported in 2012 they had been injured by a fall in the past 12 months.
- Pennsylvania men age 45 and older had a significantly lower percentage (8 percent, CI: 7-9) compared to Pennsylvania women age 45 and older (12 percent, CI: 11-13).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with a college degree had a significantly lower percentage (8 percent, CI: 7-10) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with less than a high school education (13 percent, CI: 11-17).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 had a significantly lower percentage (13 percent, CI: 11-15) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 had a significantly lower percentage (10 percent, CI: 9-12) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 had a significantly lower percentage (7 percent, CI: 6-9) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23) and adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 (13 percent, CI: 11-15).
- Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$75,000 or more had a significantly lower percentage (6 percent, CI: 5-8) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45 and older with household incomes of less than \$15,000 (20 percent, CI: 17-23), adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 (13 percent, CI: 11-15) and adults age 45 and older with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 (10 percent, CI: 9-12).

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**Table 16: Falls, Pennsylvania Adults, Age 45 and Older, 2012  
(with 95% confidence intervals)**

	Have Fallen in the Past 12 Months*		Have Been Injured By a Fall in the Past 12 Months*	
	%	CI	%	CI
All Adults	27	26-28	10	9-11
<b>Gender:</b>				
Male	24	23-26	8	7-9
Female	29	27-30	12	11-13
<b>Age:</b>				
45-64	27	26-29	10	9-11
65+	26	24-27	10	9-11
<b>Education:</b>				
<High School	32	28-36	13	11-17
High School	25	24-27	10	9-11
Some College	27	25-29	11	10-13
College Degree	26	24-28	8	7-10
<b>Household Income:</b>				
<\$15,000	39	35-43	20	17-23
\$15,000 to \$24,999	30	27-33	13	11-15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	25-30	10	9-12
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23	20-26	7	6-9
\$75,000+	23	20-25	7	5-8
<b>Race:</b>				
White, non-Hispanic	27	26-28	10	9-10
Black, non-Hispanic	22	19-26	10	8-13
Hispanic	28	20-38	15	9-24

\* Excludes missing, don't know, and refused  
Note: When comparing demographic estimates, confidence intervals that do not overlap indicate a significant difference.

**Figure 16: Have Fallen in the Past 12 Months, Age 45 and Older, Pa. Health Districts vs. Pennsylvania, 2012**

