

Key Area: Making environments accessible



Increasing trend



Decreasing trend



No change in trend, or changes are minimal/not significant

Indicators are signs of progress towards what the Better Later Life Strategy and Action Plan aim to achieve. Some figures in these indicators (marked with *) should be taken with caution because of small number of people sampled or counted. This means that changes may not be statistically significant, or the figures are estimates. However, the general trends and overall picture are still informative.

What we want to achieve: As we age, we can easily and safely get to where we want to go.

None of the indicators have a current measure due to changes in the General Social Survey. The indicators are:

- Indicator 57: The percentage of over 65-year-olds who feel that the condition of the footpaths and walkways in their community are not a barrier.
- Indicator 58: Percentage of older people who can easily/very easily use public transport from where they live
- Indicator 59: Percentage of over 65-year-olds who found to easy/very easy to get to their nearest park or green space
- Indicator 60: Percentage of over 65-year-olds who found to easy/very easy to get to their nearest supermarket/diary.

We identified one proxy measure from the New Zealand Household Transport Survey; percentage of people aged 65 years and over who report being able to easily get to all or most of the facilities they want or need to go to (such as shops, post shops, libraries and medical services).

Overall, around 92 percent of older people said they could get to all or most facilities they want or need to go to.

There are some differences by age and gender. Among those aged 65-74 years, almost 95 percent of women and 95 percent of men reported good access, with only around 3-4 percent saying they could reach only a few or none of the facilities they wanted. For those aged 75 years and over, the proportion with good access was slightly lower, with 90 percent women and 92 percent of men reporting they could get to all or most facilities. Between 5-6 percent of people in this age group reported being able to reach only a few or none of the facilities they wanted or needed.