

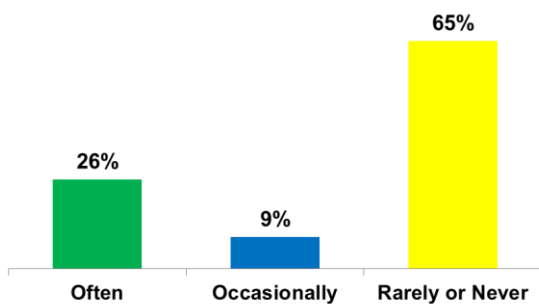


LIVING STANDARDS

The **Living Standards** domain captures living standards as they relate to economic security. Economic security can influence levels of community and democratic participation which are linked to positive health and wellbeing outcomes. In the Be Well survey, we explore respondents' ability to maintain food and economic security.

FOOD SECURITY

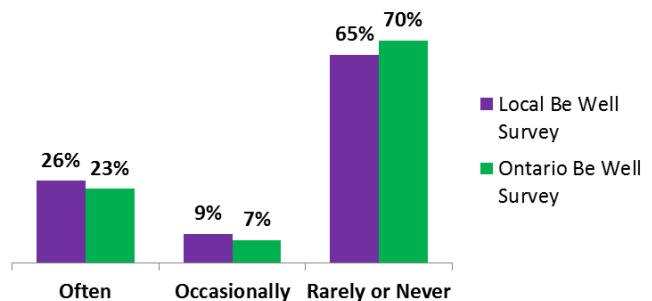
Food Insecurity (past year)



26% of respondents responded that, within the past year, they often ate less because there was not enough food. (Often = at least once/week or at least once/month)

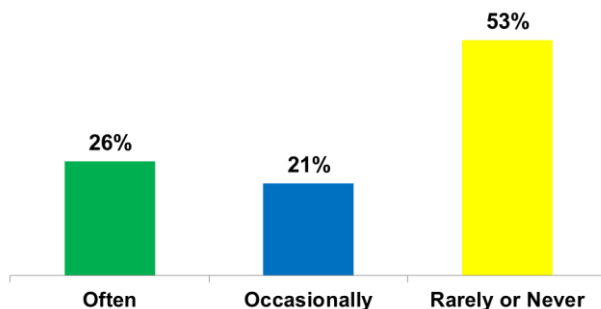
Food Insecurity (comparison)

Compared to Ontario Be Well survey respondents, local residents were slightly more likely to indicate that they ate less because there was not enough food.



FINANCIAL SECURITY

Financial Insecurity (past year)



Nearly half of respondents reported that they often or occasionally had "difficulty making ends meet" within the past year. (Often = at least once/week or at least once/month)

Financial Insecurity (comparison)

Compared to Ontario communities participating in the Be Well survey, local residents were more likely to indicate that they often or occasionally had difficulty making ends meet during the past year.

