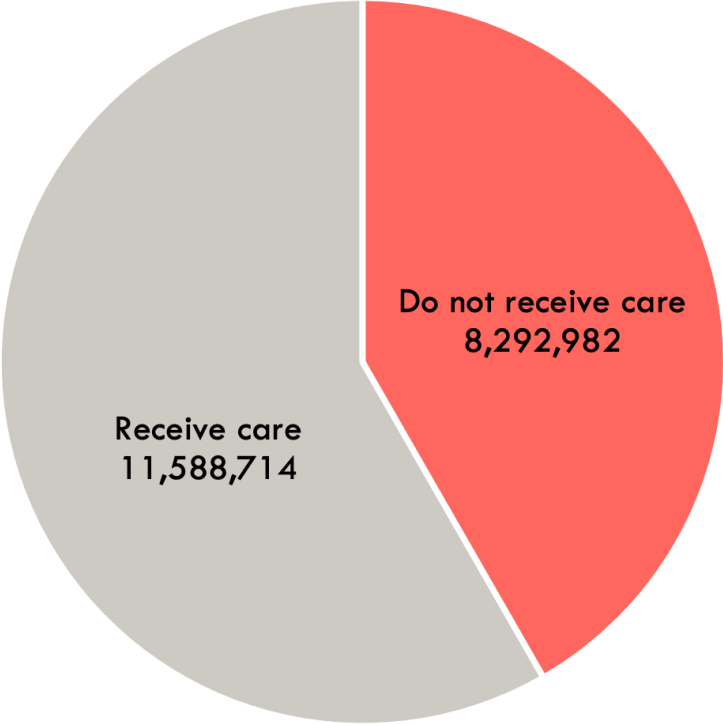


# 8 Million Americans Over Age 55 Need Care and Don't Get It

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# Out of 20 million adults 55+ who need help with activities like preparing meals or walking across a room, 8.3 million don't receive any help.

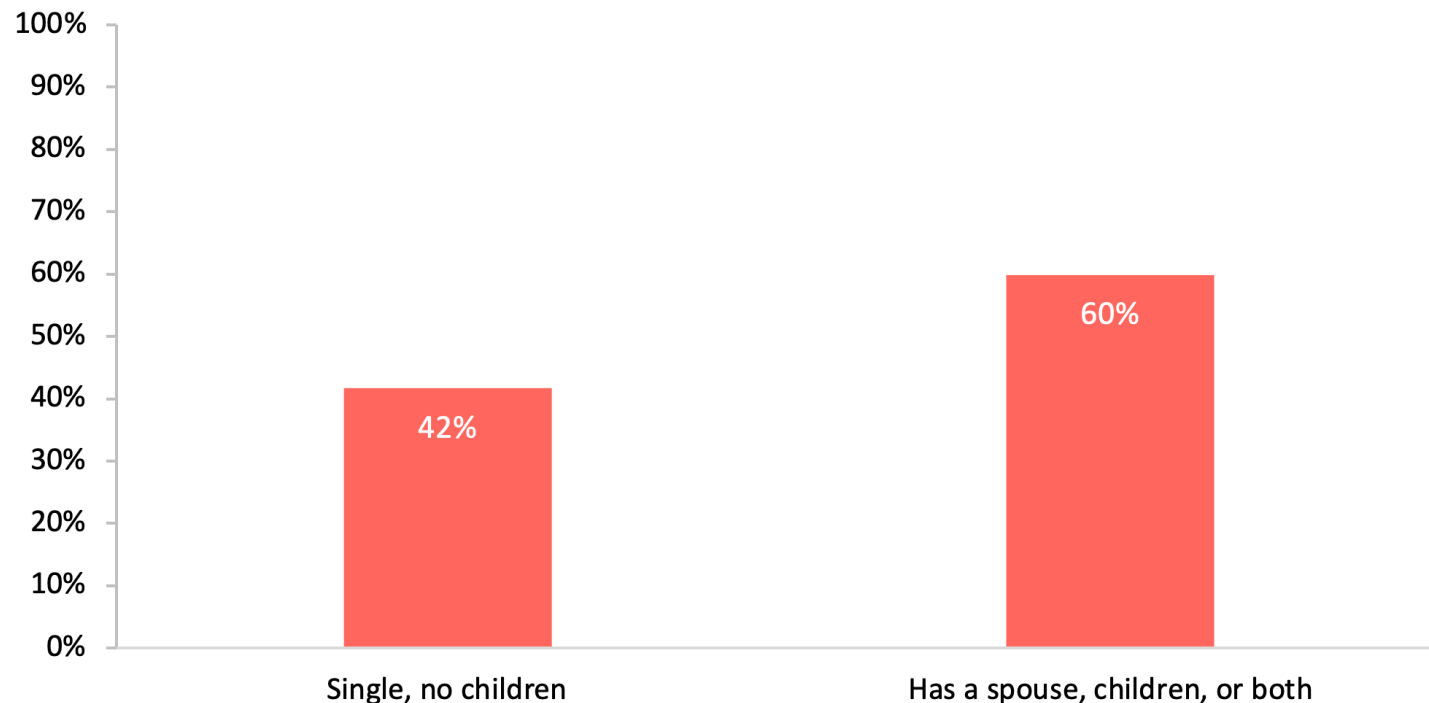
Number of adults 55+ who have difficulty with one or more activities of daily living (ADLs) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) who do and do not receive care, 2020



Source: Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) analysis of Health and Retirement Study data (RAND 2022; University of Michigan 2022).

# Adults with a spouse or children who need help are over 40 percent more likely to receive care.

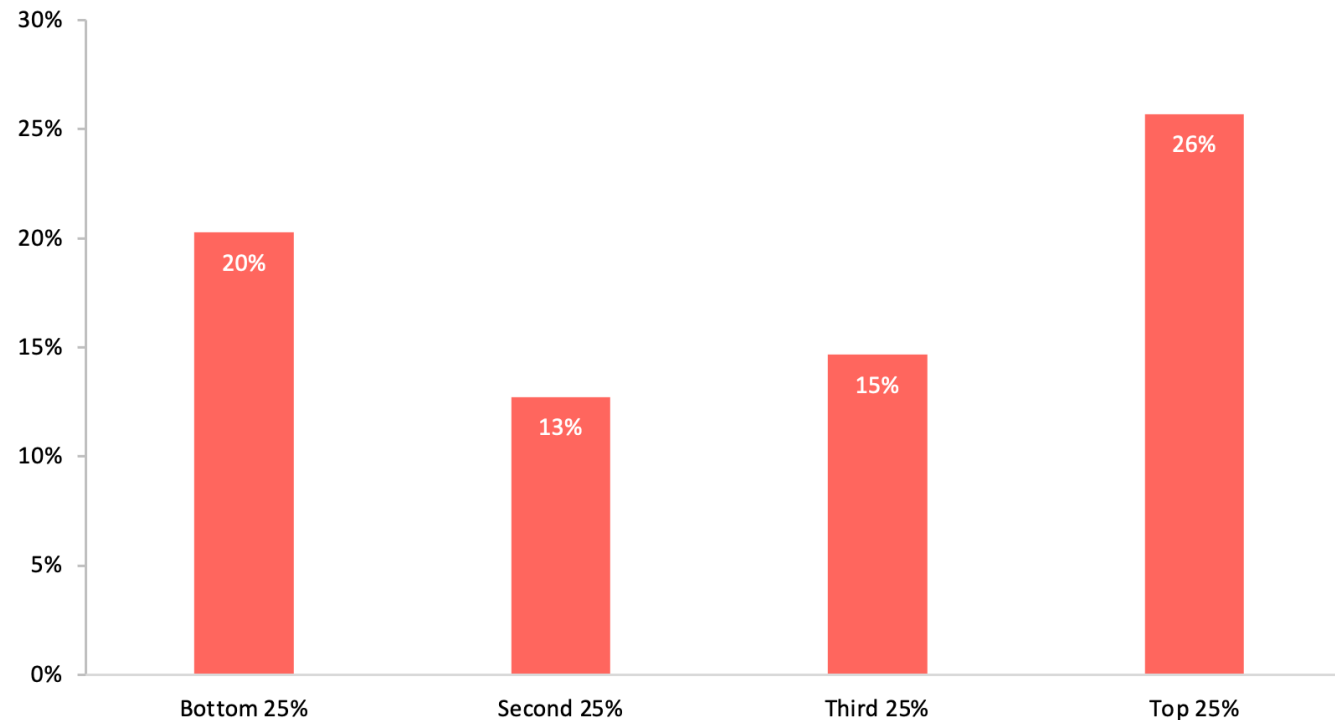
Percent of adults 55+ with one or more activities of daily living (ADLs) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) difficulties who receive eldercare with or without a spouse or children, 2020



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# The middle class is about half as likely to get professional care than the richest older adults and almost a third less likely than the poorest.

Percentage of adults age 55+ who receive professional care among those who have difficulty with one or more activities of daily living (ADLs) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), by wealth quartiles, 2020



Source: Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) analysis of Health and Retirement Study data (RAND 2022; University of Michigan 2022).

Notes: Wealth quartile cutoffs are (1) \$68,000; (2) \$283,999; (3) \$814,000; (4) over \$814,000.

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