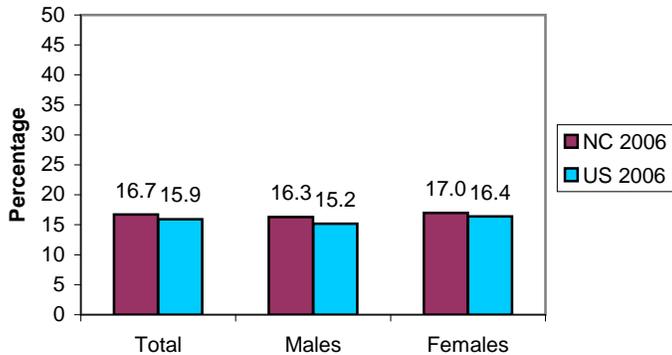


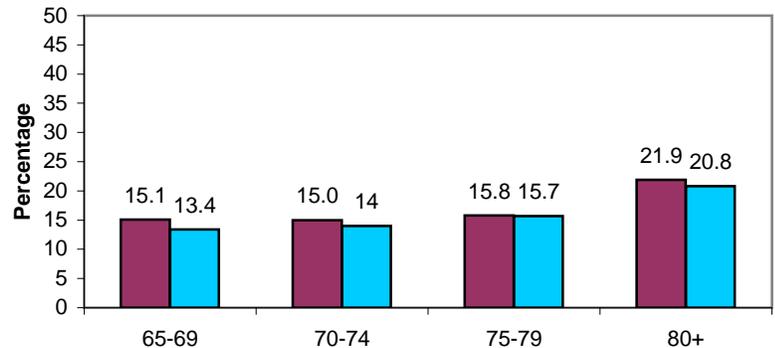
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## Falls in the past 3 months: N.C. & U.S. 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

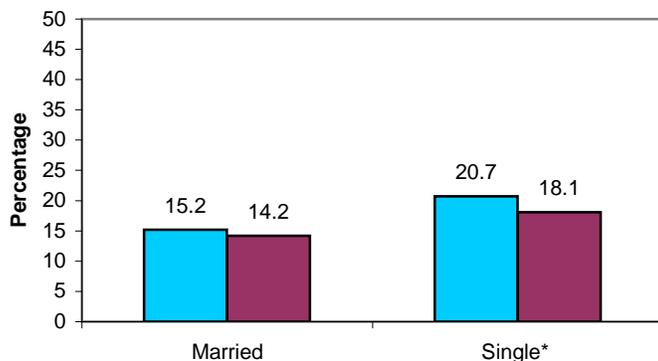
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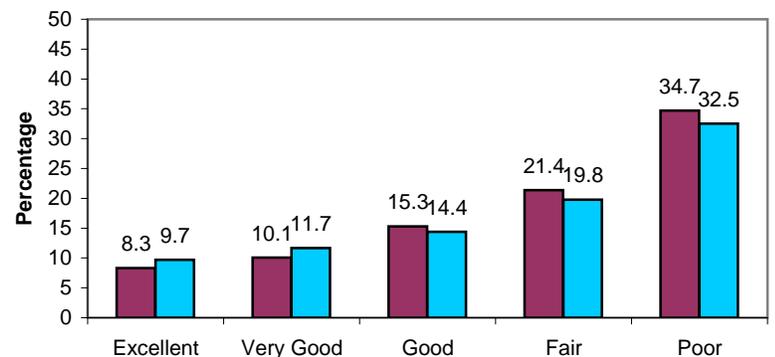
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Percentage of people age 65 or older who reported falling down in the past 3 months, by self-reported health status: N.C. & U.S. BRFSS 2006



Weighted to provide estimates representative of the adult non-institutionalized population; persons aged 65 years and older who reported having down one or more times in the past 3 months. Specific data on 95% confidence intervals is at the N.C. BRFSS website.

The N.C. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (N.C. BRFSS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of the injury-related problems and measuring progress toward overall statewide goals. N.C. BRFSS is a comprehensive telephone survey of adults ages of 18 and older. The sample size for the 2006 N.C. BRFSS was nearly 16,000. Every year a core set of injury-related questions are asked on topics such as falls, seatbelt usage, and drinking and driving. The sampling scheme has been designed to produce estimates for local levels (22 counties and 13 regions) and for special populations such as Native Americans and Spanish-speaking and English-speaking Hispanics. See the N.C. BRFSS website for more information, specific details on item responses and data limitations: [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/BRFSS/](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/BRFSS/).

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