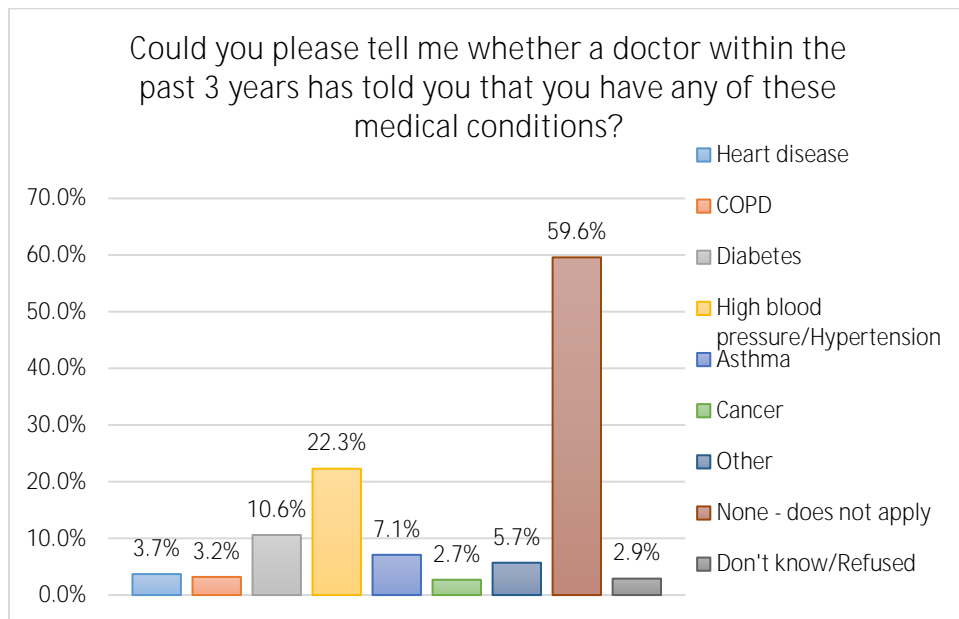


There were significant differences in residents' reported overall health across the cities of Hampton Roads. Chesapeake and Virginia Beach residents reported the highest ratings of overall health with 82.1 percent and 79.6 percent reporting their health good or excellent, respectively. Alternatively, Portsmouth (67.8%) and Newport News (67.4%) had the lowest percentages of residents who rated their overall health excellent or good.

*Sample sizes from some cities are small and thus increases the margin of error.

Chronic Conditions

Respondents were asked whether or not a doctor had told them they had certain medical conditions within the past three years. The most commonly reported medical condition was high blood pressure or hypertension (22.3%). After that, there was a substantial drop off in reported conditions with only 10.6 percent of respondents saying they had been told by a doctor in the past three years that they had diabetes and only 5.7 percent being told they had some other medical condition. The majority of respondents (59.6%) reported that a doctor had not told them they had any of the listed medical conditions within the past 3 years.



Perceptions of Public Schools

We wanted to inquire if parents were choosing public school, private school, or home schooling for their children. Most (67.4%) of our respondents did not have school-aged children. More than one-quarter of respondents indicated that they have children enrolled in public school (28.0%). Only 4.5 percent of the respondents indicated that they have children who are enrolled in private school. Home school was the least frequent type of school reported at a mere 1.2 percent.

We asked respondents who indicated they did not have school-aged children, “Even though you may not have children attending public schools, how would you rate the quality of your local public-school system?” Just under half (49.1%) of these respondents rated the public-school system as excellent (12.8%) or good (36.3%), while others rated the school system as fair (26.0%) or poor (12.8%).

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