

Syringe Access Program

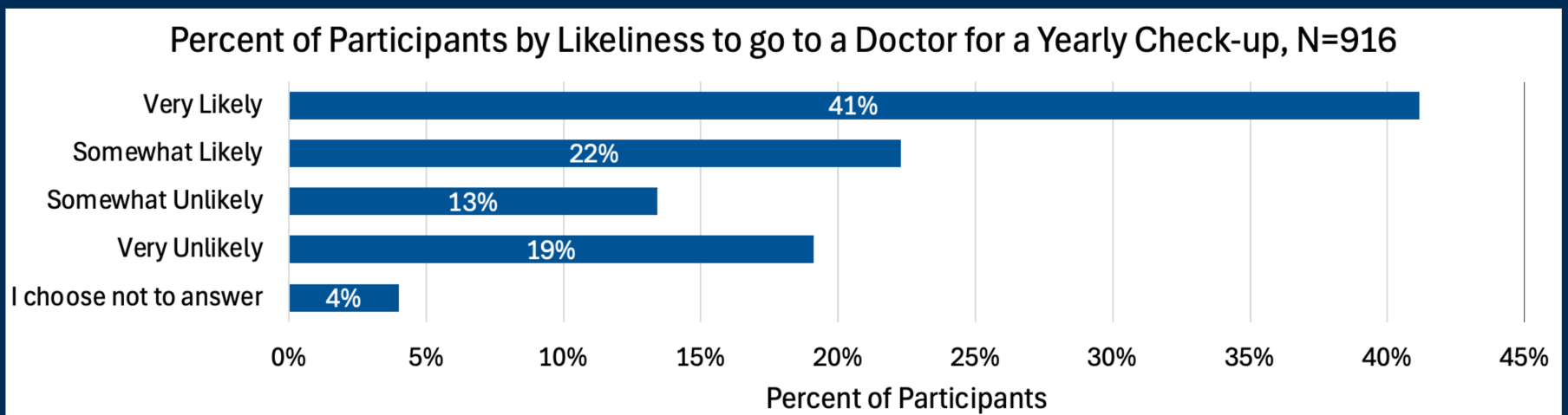
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The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment surveyed 923 participants at Denver syringe access programs about their access to health care.

What are syringe access programs?

Syringe access programs are places in the community that offer free supplies, like sterile (unused) syringes, to prevent infection and reduce harms of drug use; they safely dispose of used syringes; and they link participants to substance use treatment, HIV and viral hepatitis treatment, overdose prevention education, and social support services.

Syringe access program participants were asked how likely or unlikely they are to go to a doctor for a yearly check-up.



Participants who said it was somewhat or very unlikely that they go to a doctor for a yearly check-up (N=298) were asked what reasons made it unlikely.

Top reasons for responding “unlikely”:

47% said, “I have no transportation (car or bus).”

45% said, “I don’t know who to call or talk to.”

44% said, “I don’t know where to go.”

42% said, “I don’t have help or support.”

42% said, “I am too stressed.”