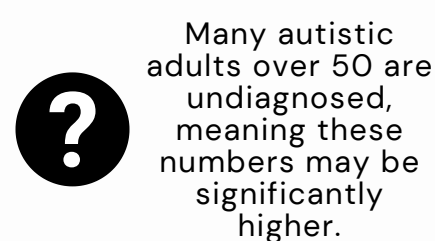
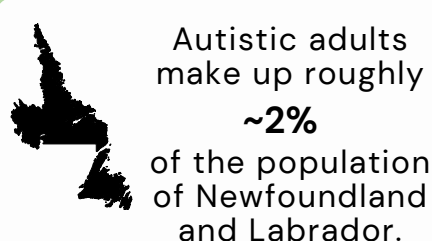
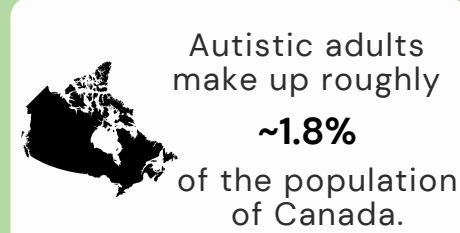


AGING AND AUTISM



PREVALENCE OF AUTISM

ESTIMATES SUGGEST THAT:



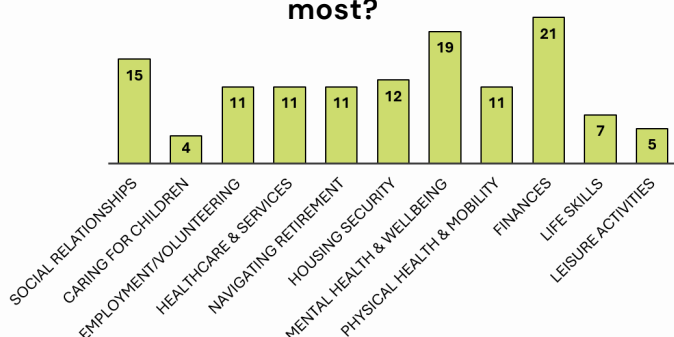
(Collins et al., 2025)(Stewart & Happé, 2025)

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE AUTISM COMMUNITY

To capture an overview of aging-related concerns, research priorities, and considerations for knowledge dissemination, we surveyed autistic adults and caregivers. The following is based on the responses of 56 autistic adults and 70 caregivers

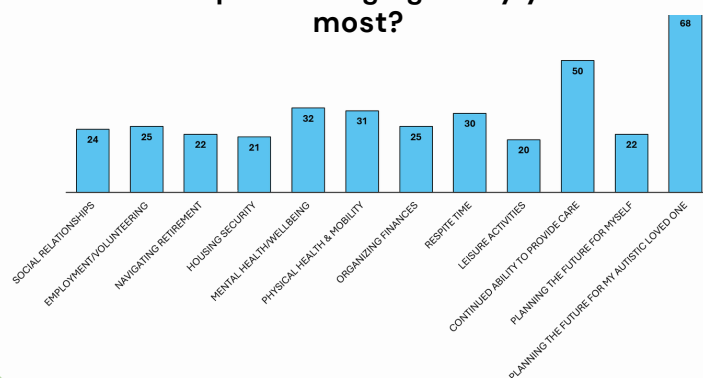
AUTISTIC ADULTS

Which aspects of aging worry you the most?

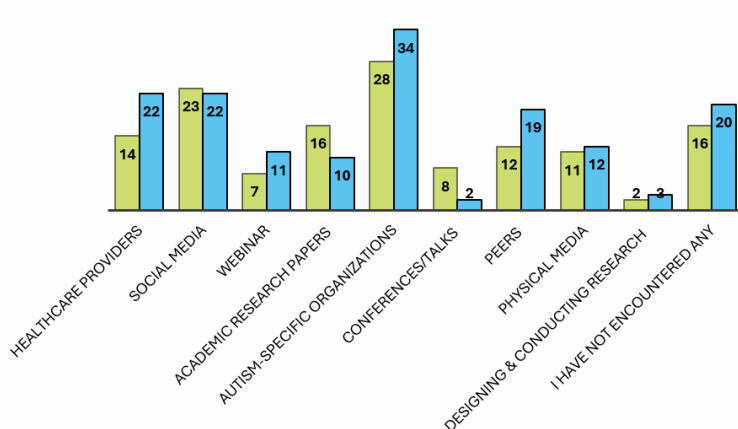


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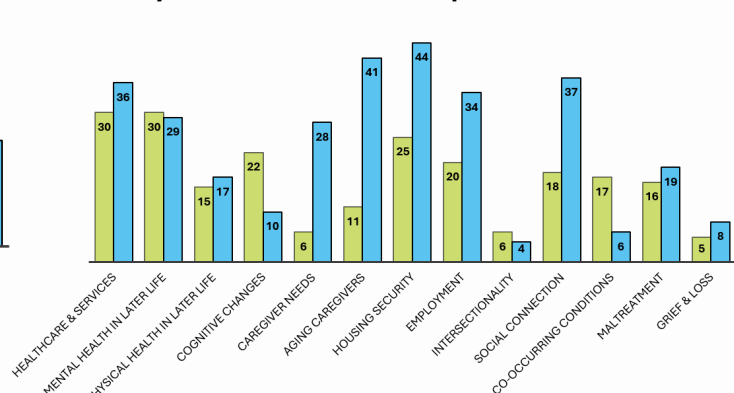
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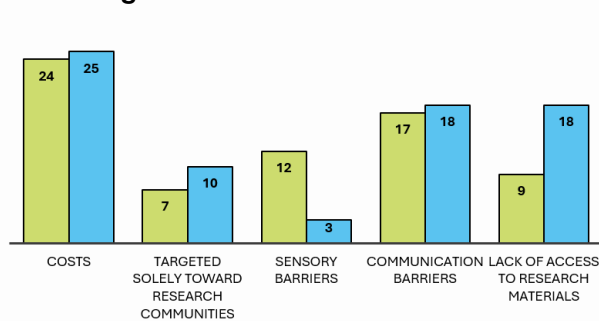
In the past, where have you learned about research and resources regarding autism and aging?



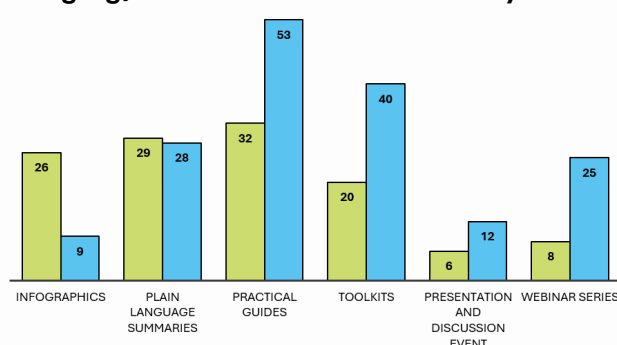
What areas of research on autism and aging do you think should be prioritized?



What kinds of barriers have you experienced in accessing research and other initiatives?



What kind of final product of this project (a research and environmental scan on autism and aging) would be most useful to you?



*NOTE: Respondents could select multiple answers and some respondents chose not to answer all questions. Data are displayed as raw counts (number of people choosing each response option)

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST



FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

- More studies focusing specifically on *older* autistic adults
- Large scale longitudinal studies that follow individuals through their lifespan
- Diagnostic tools developed for older adults
- Considering effective ways to communicate research findings
- Building inclusive and community-based research with autistic adults and the autism community

