SilverSneakers Pulse Q323

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### **Key Takeaways**

- 1
- **Self-motivation** is as **important** as ever to drive **improvement** in **physical activity**. During the **summer** months, the **weather** has **minimal impact** in determining levels of **physical activity**.

- 2
- Feelings of **loneliness** are **lower** compared to the previous quarter. Specifically, 43% feel they **lack companionship**, 37% feel **left out** and 36% feel **isolated from others**, at least some of the time. All these measures are **5 points lower** than the previous quarter.

- 3
- Concern for a COVID-19 outbreak increased from the last quarter but has no impact on seniors' comfort level to socialize in public places. 77% believe that we will learn to live with COVID-19 without it disrupting daily life.



### **Objectives & Methodology**



Survey via SilverSneakers Newsletter



642 total responses received



Fieldwork period: August 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### **Objectives:**

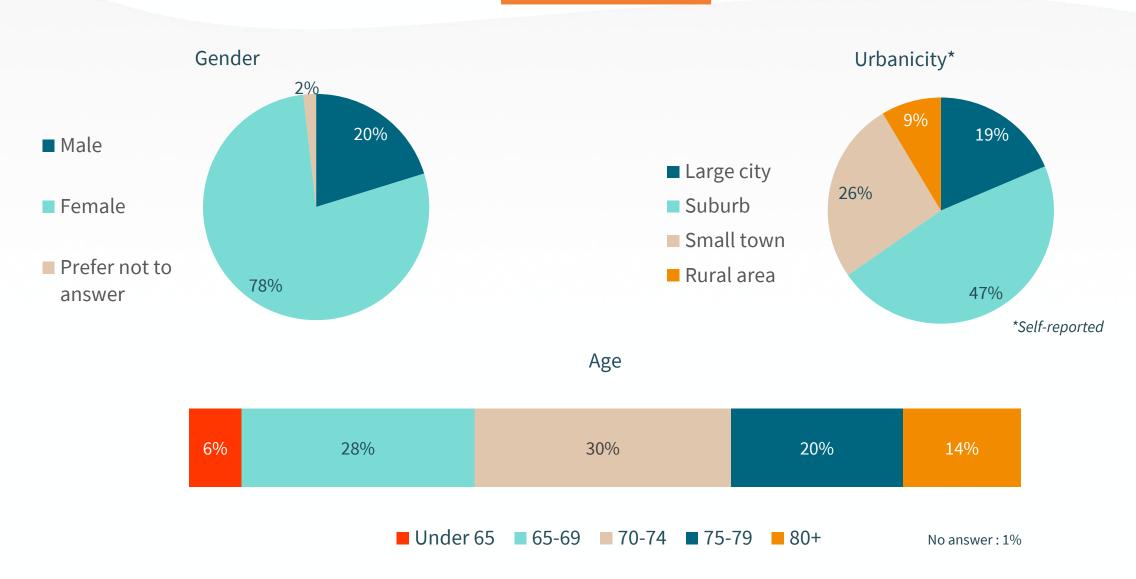
Understand SilverSneakers members' experiences regarding overall health, physical activity, nutrition and social engagement. Specifically:

- Current exercise habits
- Current and perceived future digital fitness consumption
- Current nutrition habits
- Food insecurity perceptions
- Impact of COVID-19 on daily life
- Social connection





### Respondent Profile – Quarter 3, 2023





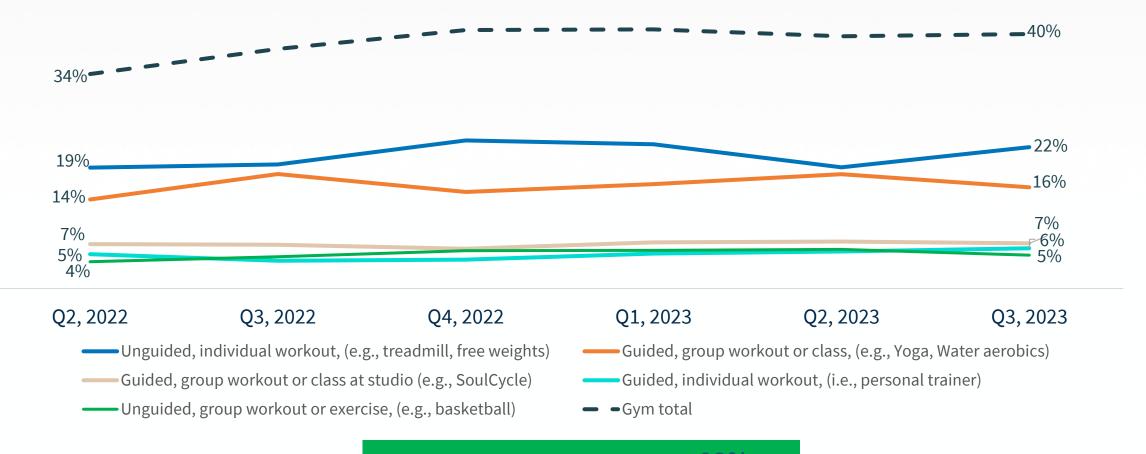


# Fitness & Physical Activity

Now, let's talk about physical activity

# Unguided individual workouts remain the most popular activities performed at the gym

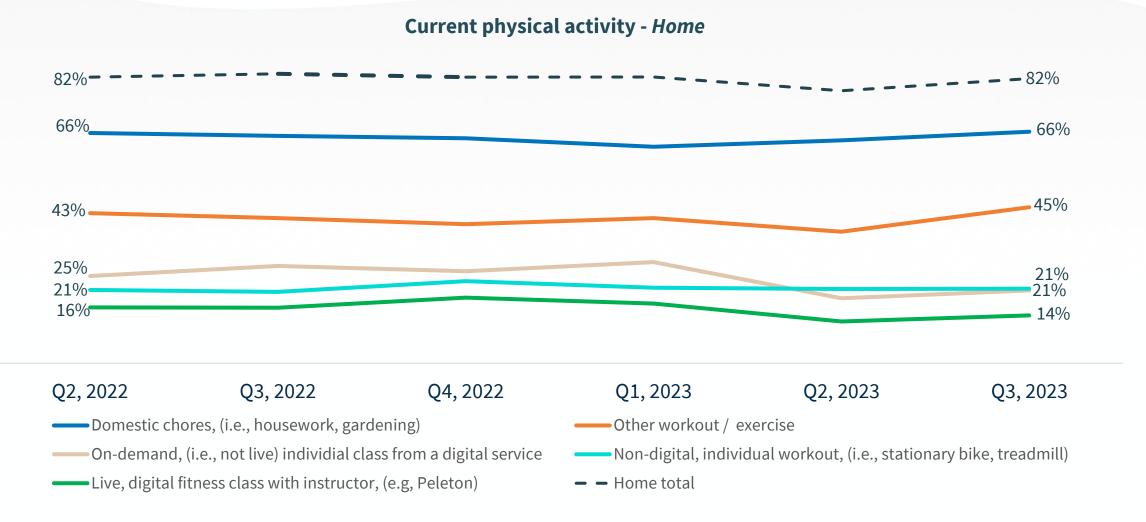








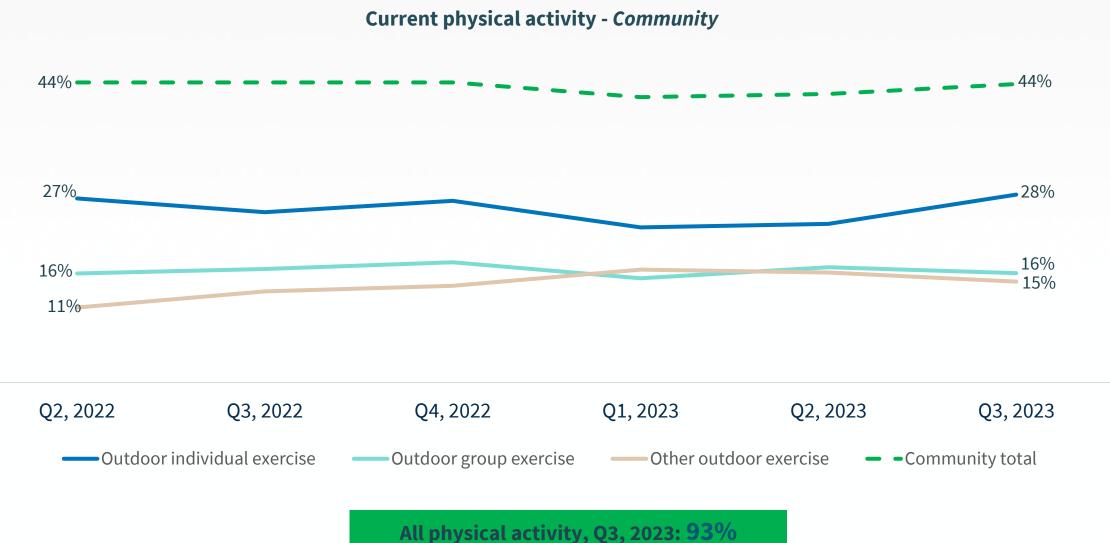
### Domestic chores, like housework and gardening, remain the dominant physical activity performed at home







# More members participated in outdoor individual exercise compared to earlier in 2023

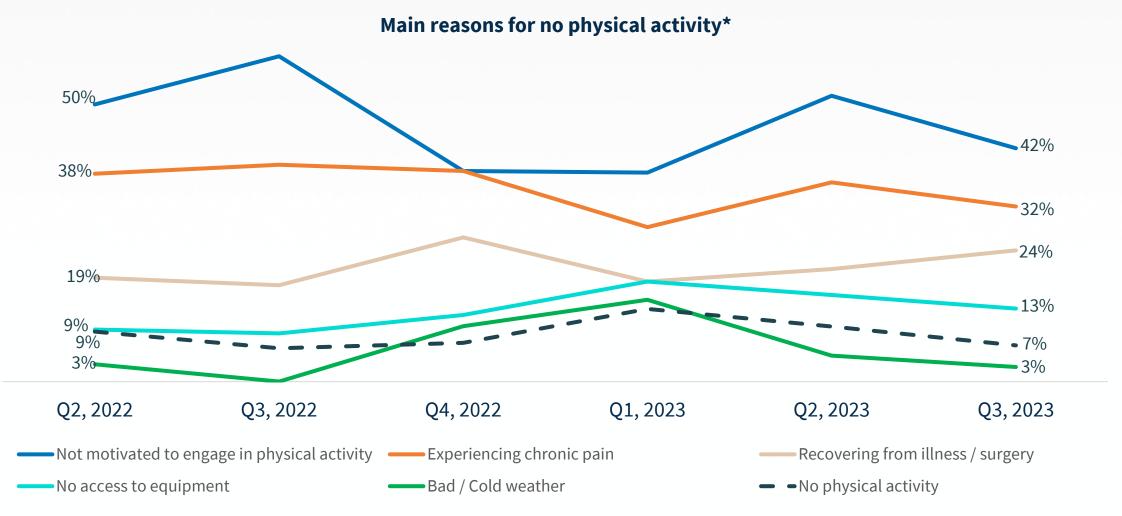






### Fewer respondents cite lack of motivation and chronic pain as reasons for physical inactivity compared to three moths ago

One in four members are recovering from illness or surgery

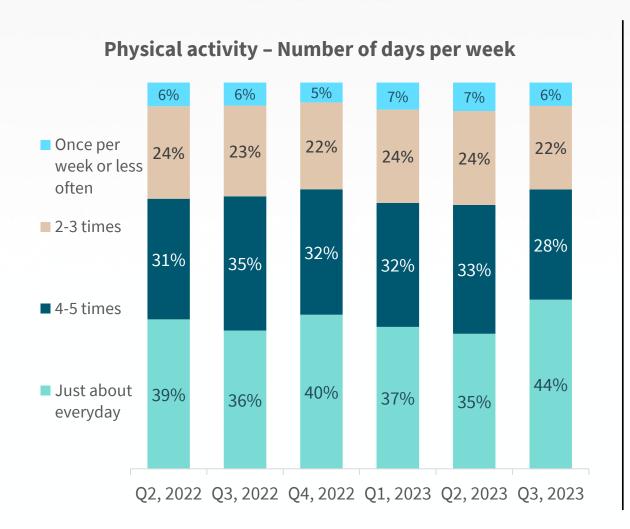


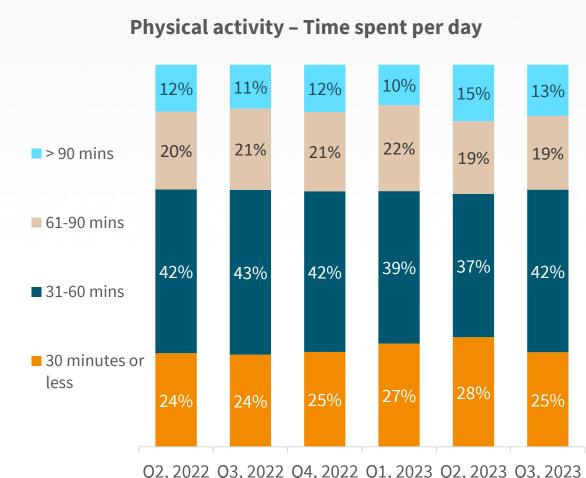






# About seven in ten respondents are physically active at least 4 times per week, typically spending up to 60 minutes per day



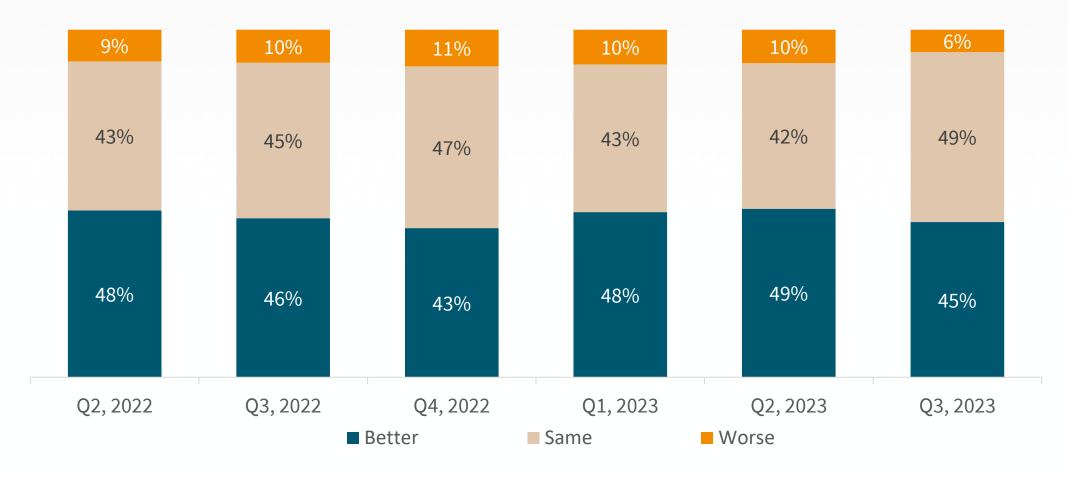






# Throughout 2023, nearly half continue to rate their physical activity better than the three months prior

#### Level of physical activity versus 3 months ago



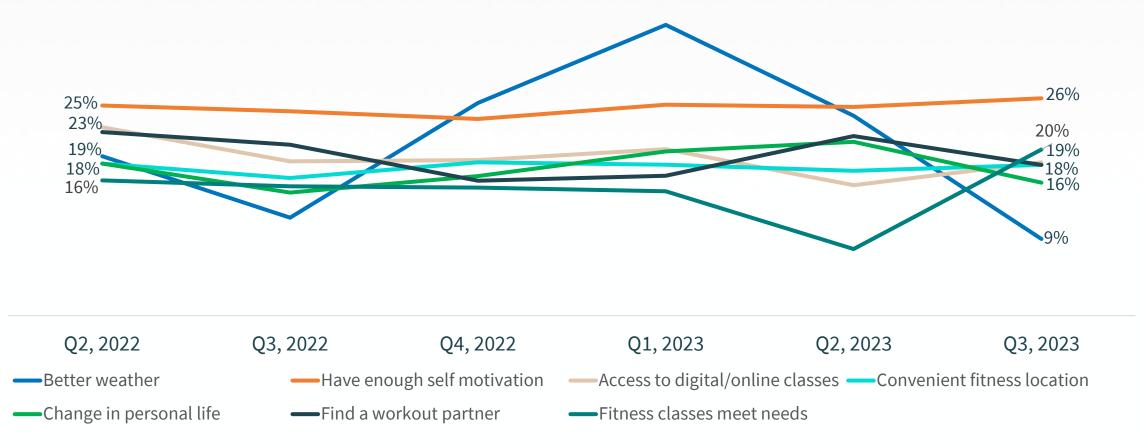




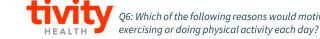
# Self-motivation together with several other factors will help increase members' physical activity

During summer months, the weather is less important in determining levels of physical activity

#### Main factors that will help increase physical activity time\*

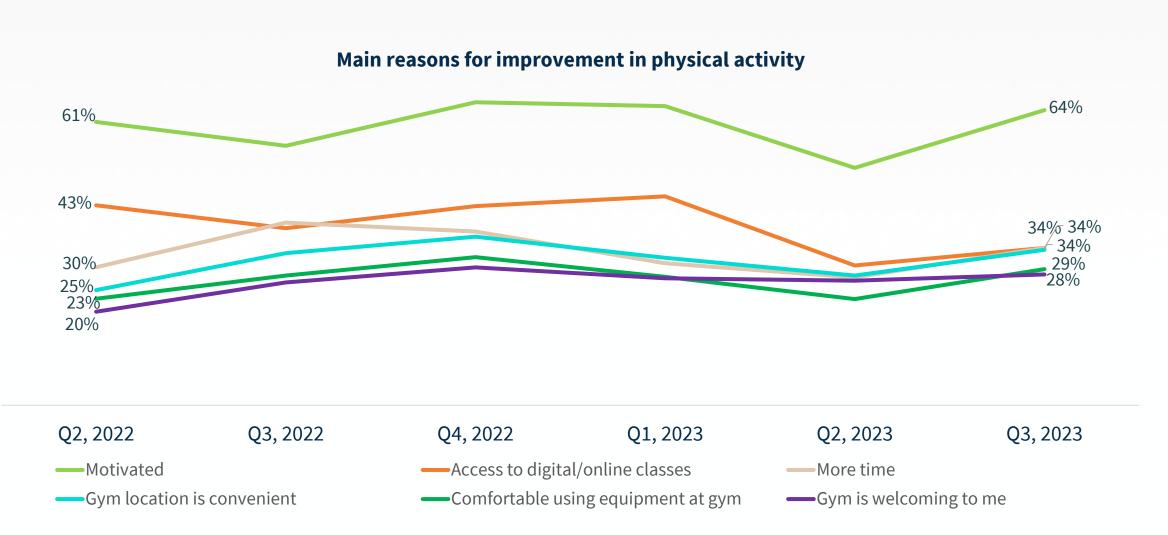


<sup>\*</sup> Among those whose physical activity is the **same or worse** versus 3 months ago





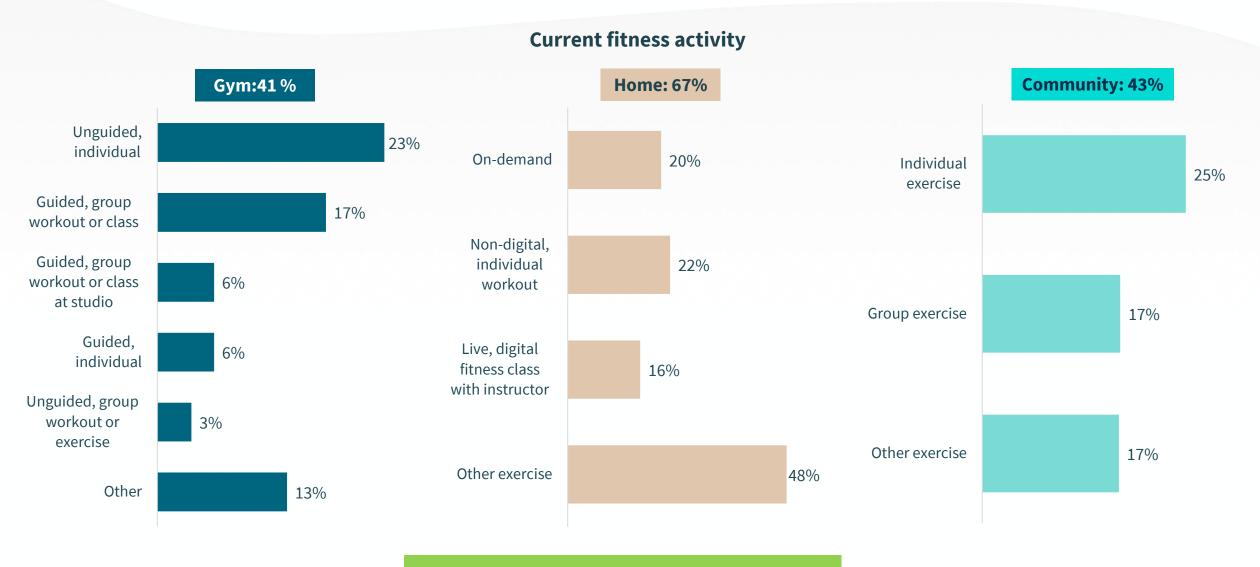
# Nearly two out of three respondents mention self-motivation as a key driver for improvement in their physical activity







# Two out of three members fitness regimen occurs in the home, with a similar mix of gym and community activities







### The proportion of respondents who belong to a gym or community center has remained constant throughout 2023







■ Current member of gym / fitness center

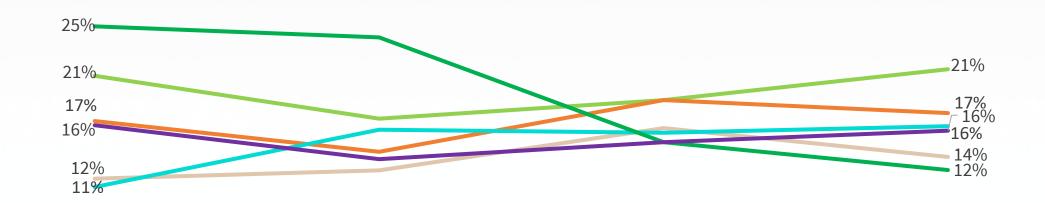


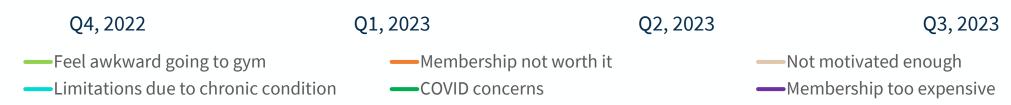


### One in five feel awkward going to a gym or community center

Lack of value and cost as well as limitations due to a chronic condition also prohibit respondents from joining a gym or community center that offers SilverSneakers

#### Main reasons for <u>not belonging</u> to a gym / community center that offers SilverSneakers



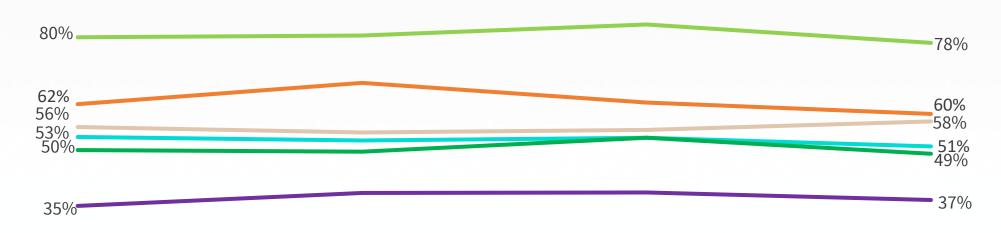


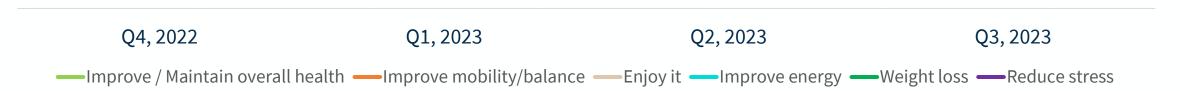




# Maintaining or improving health and improving balance continue as the primary reasons for joining a gym that offers SilverSneakers

#### Main reasons for joining a gym / community center that offers SilverSneakers



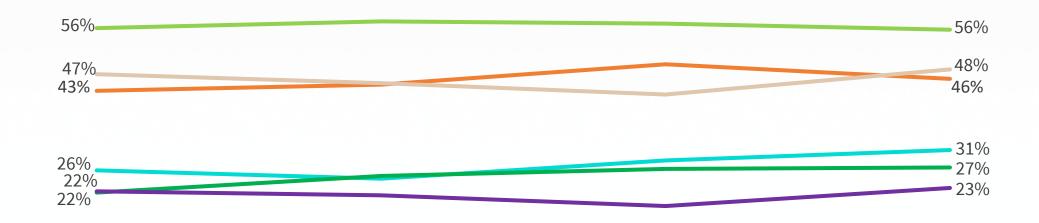






# Most gym goers continue using the cardio equipment, while almost half use weight equipment and attend a group fitness class

#### Activities participated at gym / community center that offers SilverSneakers



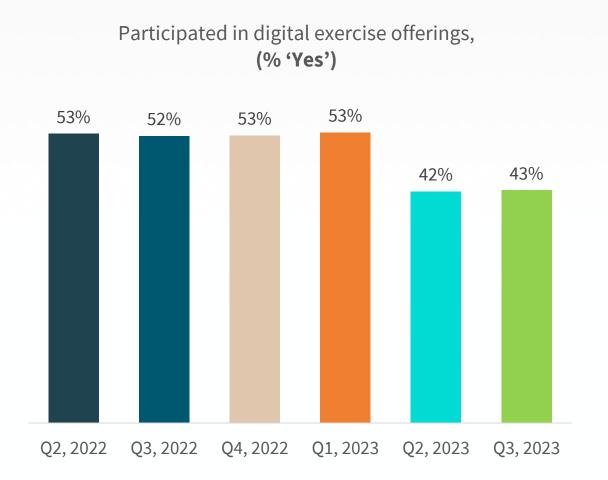


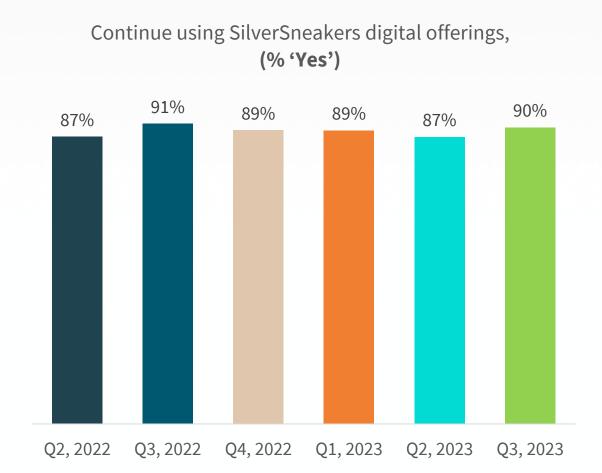




### The proportion of members active in SilverSneakers digital offerings is similar to three months ago

Nine in ten digital users who are active plan to continue utilizing these offerings in the future



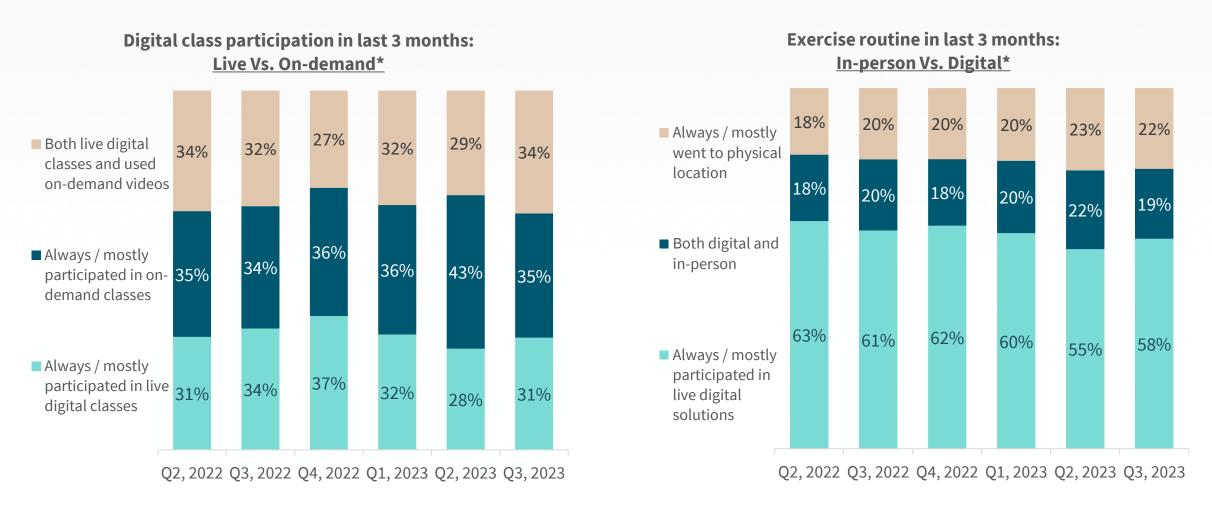






### About four in ten of these digital users are also attending inperson classes

A similar number of digital users are participating in live an on-demand classes

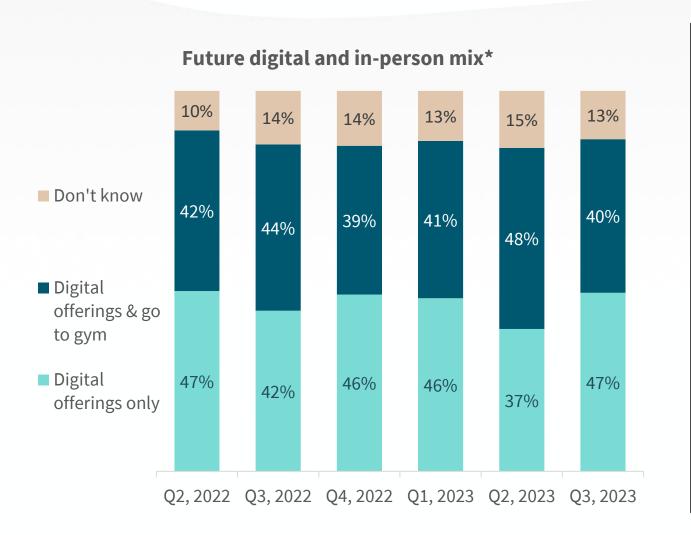


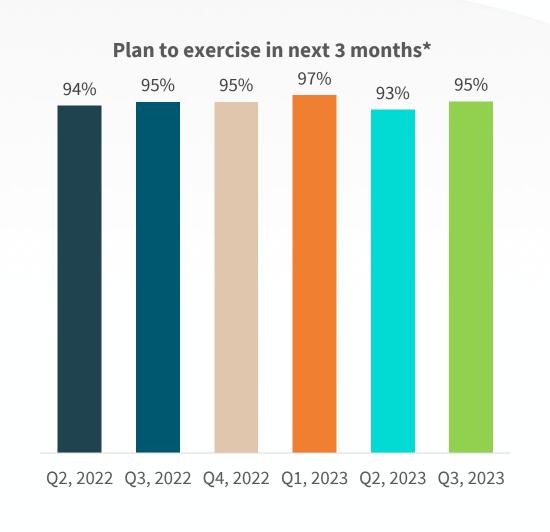
<sup>\*</sup> Among those who have **participated in a digital exercise offering** in last 3 months





# Compared to last quarter, a higher number of digital fitness users intend to utilize digital offerings only





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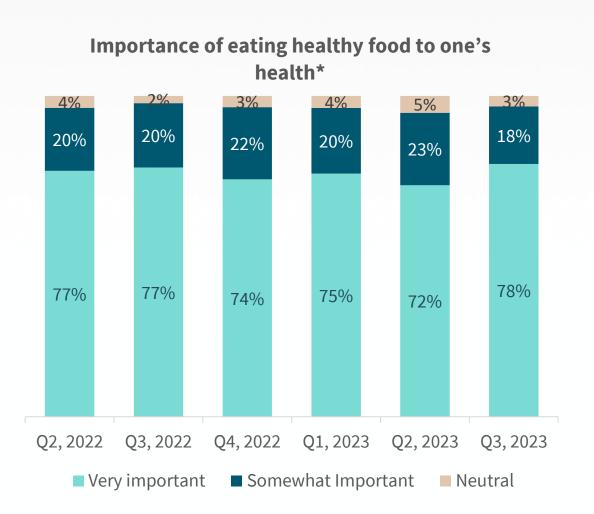




### Nutrition

Now, let's talk about food and nutrition

# Members' eating habits have remained relatively constant since the middle of last year



# Eating habits compared to 3 months ago\* 36% 36% 37% 34% 38% 39%

60%



56%





55%

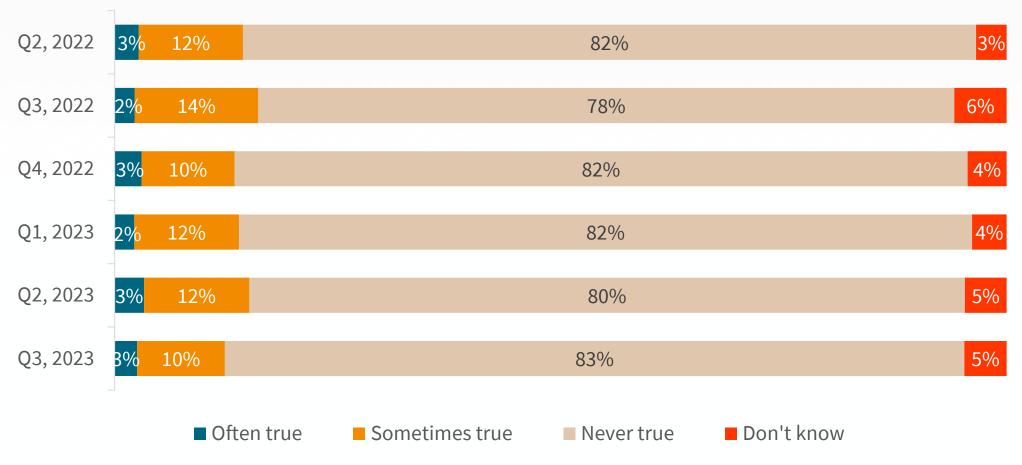
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# Similarly, the number of members who are concerned about their own food security has remained consistent since quarter 4 of 2022

#### Worried food would run out before I had money to buy more





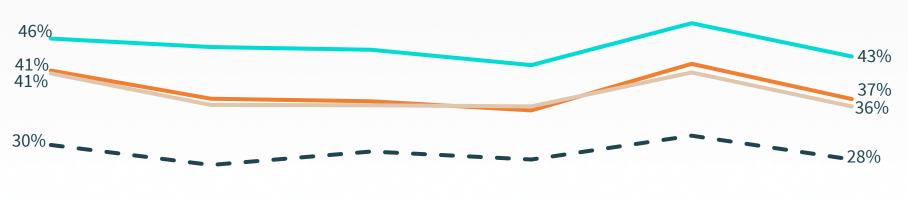


### **Social Connection**

Now, let's talk about social connection

# After an increase last quarter, fewer respondents report feeling left out, isolated from others, and lacking companionship at least some of the time





\*Based on UCLA Loneliness scale. For each question respondents could select hardly ever, some of the time, or often. Score of 3-5 is classified as "Not Lonely" Score of 6-9 is classified as "Lonely"

**21%** classified as lonely from the **August** Senior Healthy Living Survey



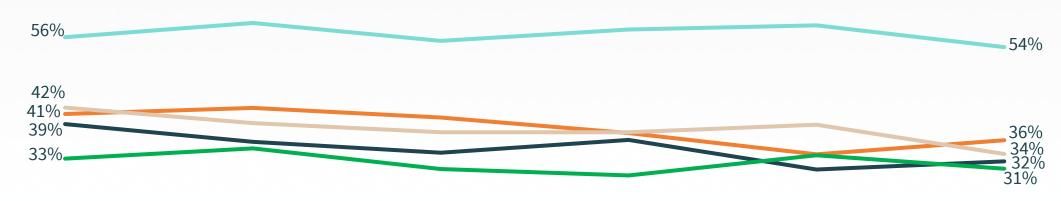


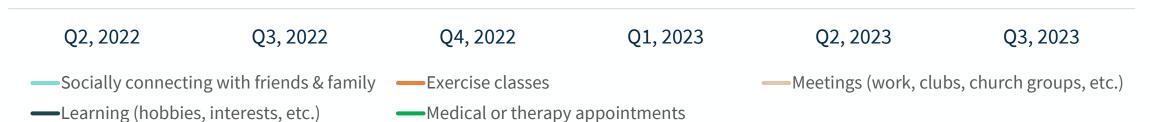


# Fewer respondents are digitally engaged with friends and family compared to last quarter

Also, fewer are using digital platforms for both work and social meetings

#### Use of video calls or live streaming in the following activities (% 'Yes')







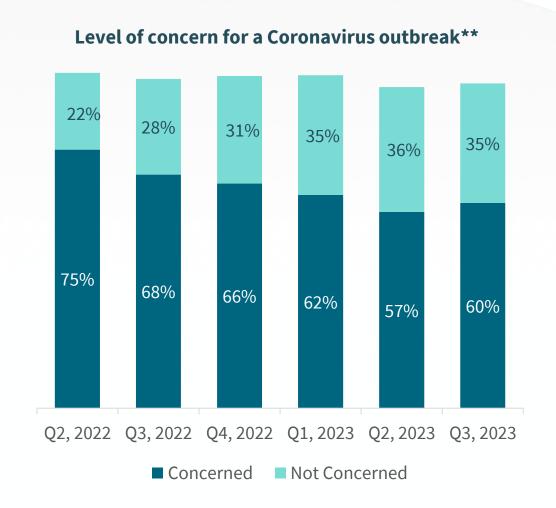


# COVID-19 Perceptions & Attitudes

Now, let's talk about COVID-19

# Concern for a Coronavirus outbreak increases from last quarter, but does not affect comfort levels socializing in public places





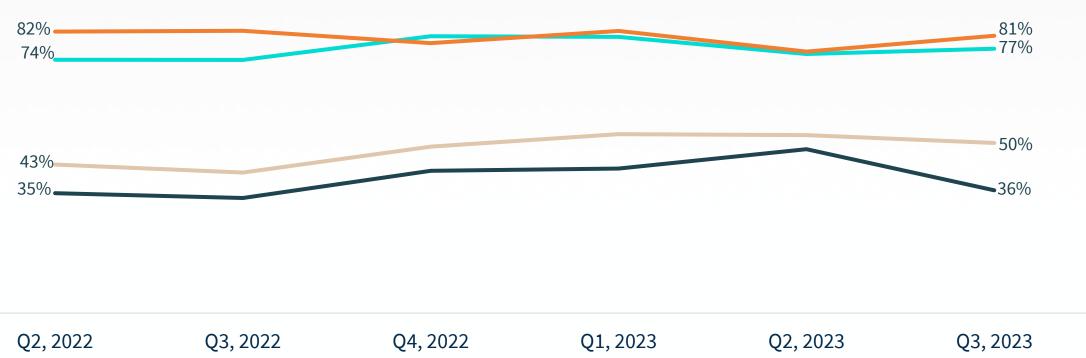
<sup>\*</sup> Based on a 4-point rating scale





# Four out of five respondents continue to believe that dealing with surges of COVID-19 will be the new normal and daily life will not be disrupted

#### Level of certainty with regards to the following (% 'Total certain')\*



- ——We will learn how to live with COVID-19 and its variants without having to disrupt daily life
- —Dealing with surges of COVID-19 cases is going to be the new normal, and we are going to have to continue to respond accordingly
- —Life will eventually return to normal, similar to the way it was before the pandemic
- —The COVID-19 pandemic will end





