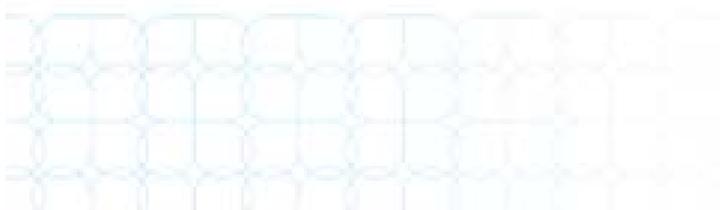


# Allsup Disability Finance Poll

A Snapshot of Financial Resources and  
Assistance Used by People with Disabilities

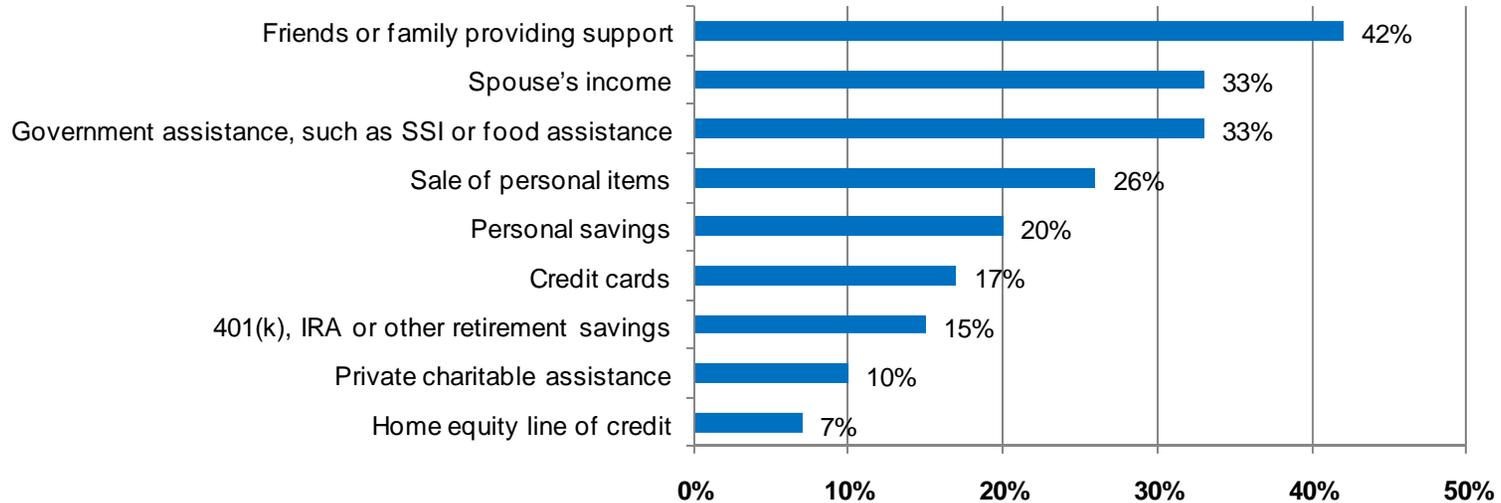
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# Financial Resources While Awaiting SSDI Benefits

- People most often rely on friends and family as well as their spouse's income for financial support while awaiting SSDI benefits.
- Many also rely on personal savings, often until it is depleted. They may then turn to credit cards, which can result in high-interest rate and long-term debt, and retirement savings, which can result in taxes and penalties.

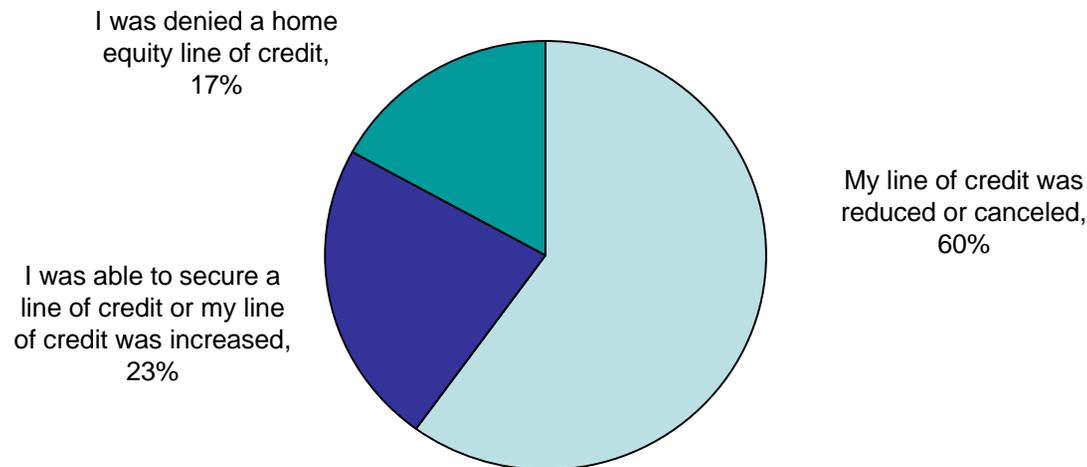
**What resources are you relying on to meet your financial needs while you await your SSDI award? Check all that apply.**



# Home Equity and SSDI Benefits

- A majority of respondents experienced problems with their line of credit.
- People take a risk when they use home equity lines of credit for basic financial needs, particularly if the value of their home has declined, since they may overextend themselves.

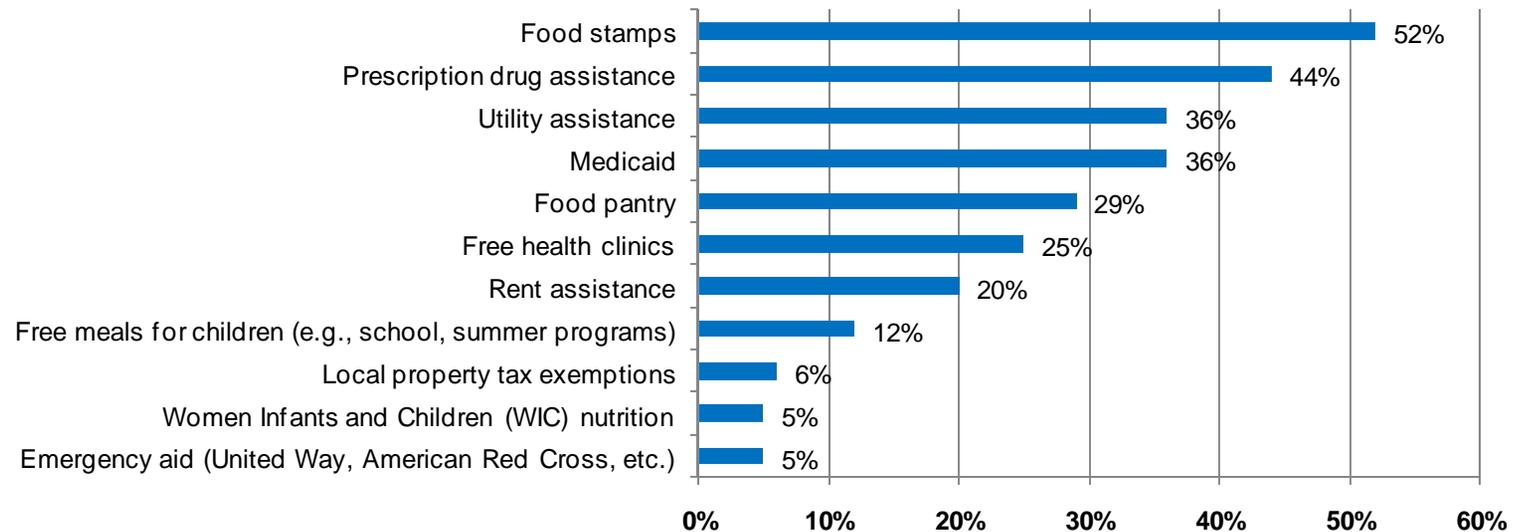
**Which one of the following best describes your access to a line of credit, such as a home equity loan, over the past year?**



# Seeking Program Assistance

- People consider or seek assistance from a variety of programs at the local, state and federal level. However, they typically experience limited success, as indicated below.
- Food stamps were most commonly sought (52 percent), followed by prescription drug assistance (44 percent).

**Have you considered or attempted to get assistance through the following programs in your local community or state? Check all that apply.**



# Methodology and Background Information

## Methodology

The *Allsup Disability Finance* poll was conducted online on the Allsup website. Responses came from 138 individuals. The survey was completed in May 2010.

## About Allsup

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