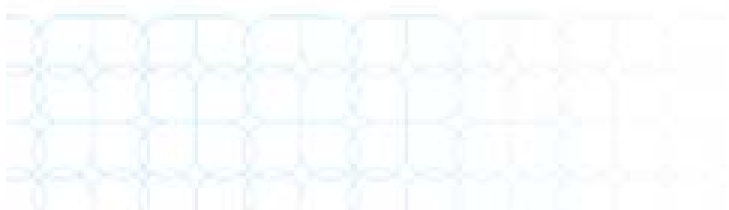


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## The Debt Ceiling & SSDI

*Financial repercussions for people with disabilities  
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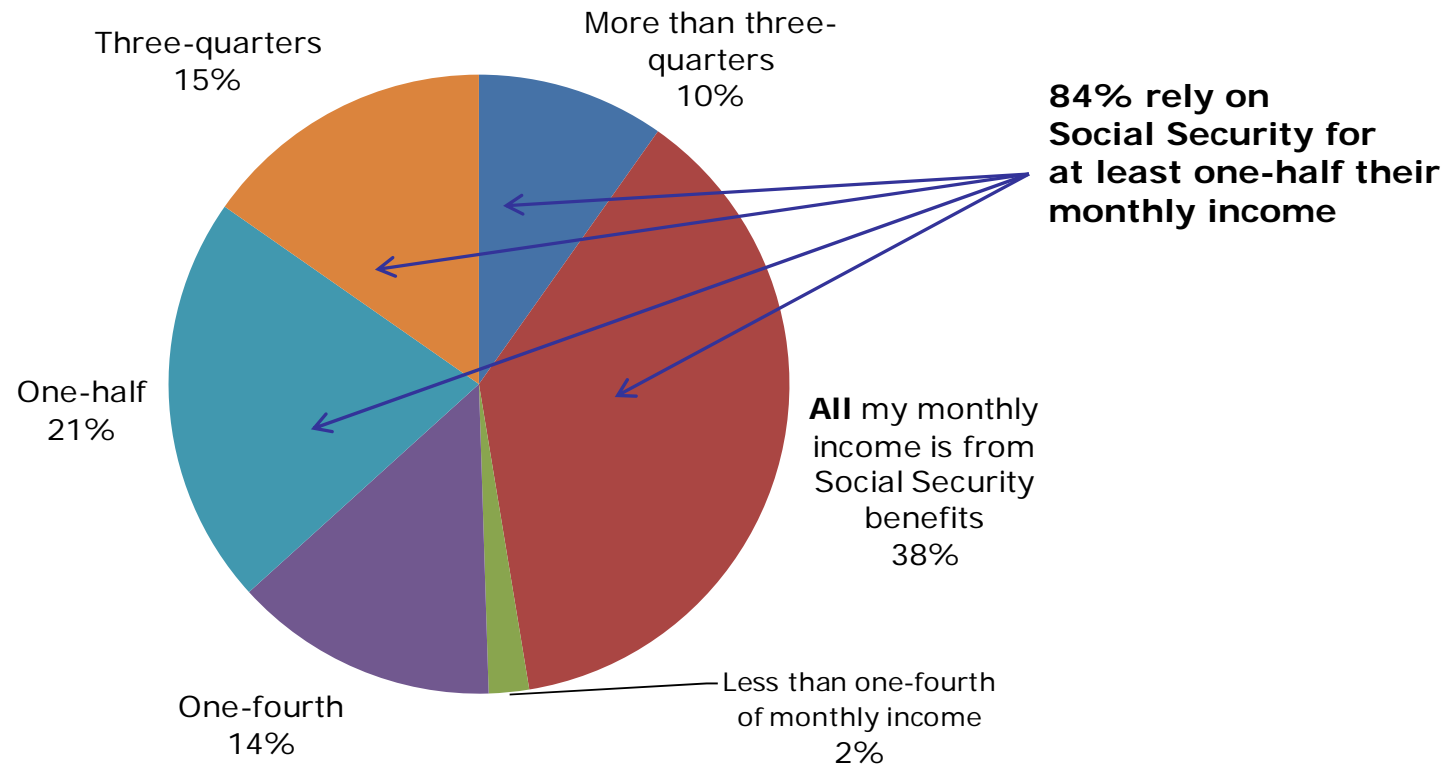
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More than eight in 10 people with disabilities rely on Social Security benefits for at least half of their monthly household income, with more than one-third (38%) relying entirely on Social Security for household income.

Please tell us how much of your total monthly household income comes from Social Security benefits, approximately:

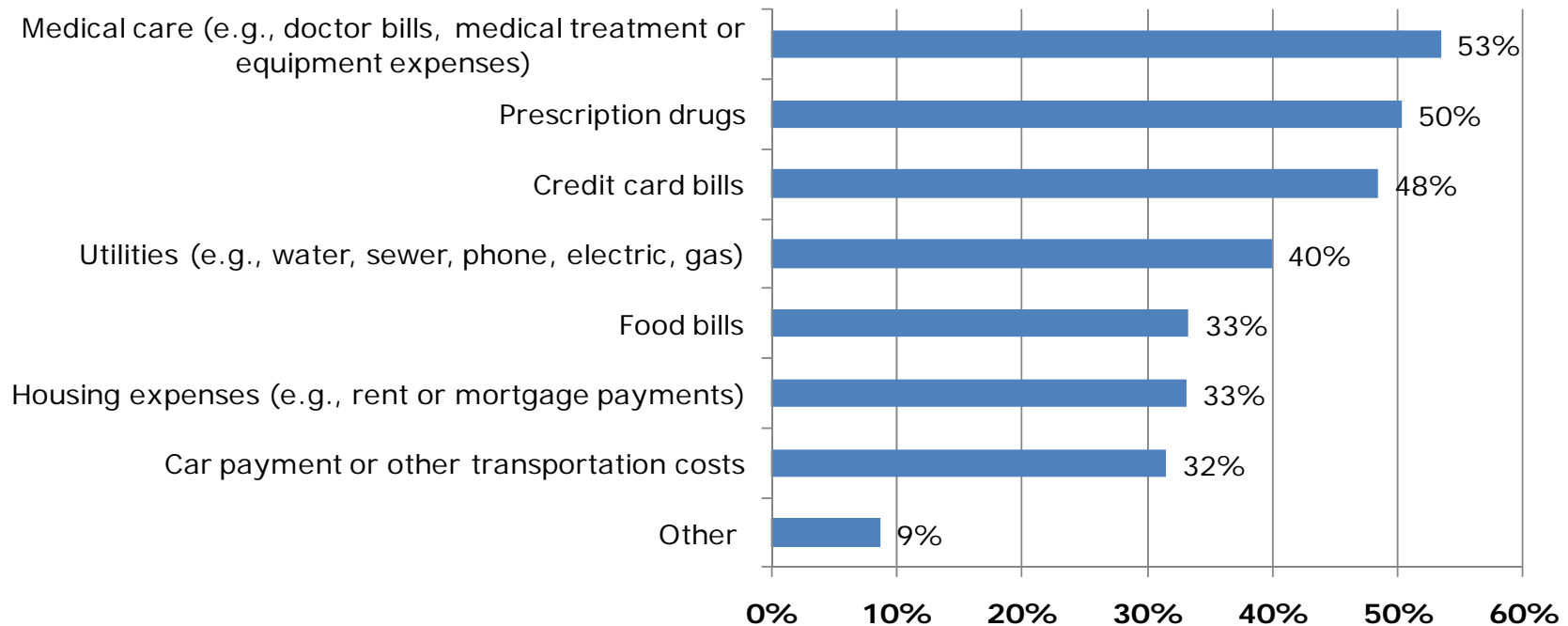


For people who are single, the amount is far higher: Two-thirds of people with disabilities who are single or divorced report they rely on Social Security for all their income, and 61 percent of single people with disabilities who have no dependents rely entirely on Social Security benefits (see page 7).

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When asked to choose—people with disabilities are least likely to pay expenses related to medical care if they do not receive Social Security benefits in August, potentially putting their health at greater risk.

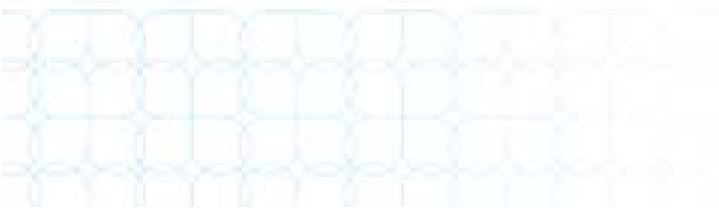
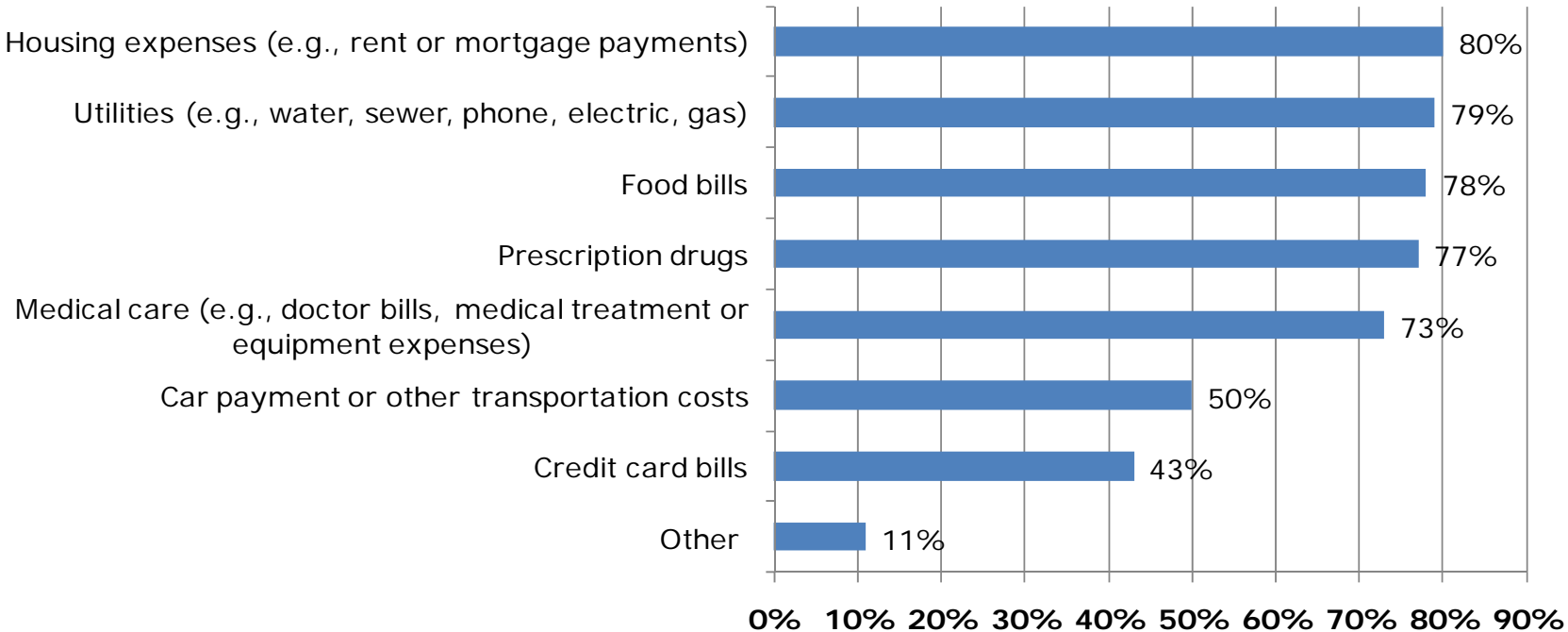
**Which of the following expenses are you least likely to pay if you do not receive your Social Security disability benefit check in August?**



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People with disabilities are most concerned about paying for basic necessities such as shelter, utilities and food if they don't receive their benefit checks.

**What expenses are you most concerned about paying if you don't receive your Social Security disability check in August?**



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## Demographics of Poll Respondents

Total Respondents: 378

### Gender

- Male: 47%
- Female: 53%

### Age\*

- Less than 30 years old: 1%
- 30-39 years: 6%
- 40-49 years: 10%
- 50-59 years: 50%
- 60 & over: 33%

### Living situation

- Live alone (single/divorced): 31%
- Single/divorced with dependents: 6%
- Married: 50%
- Married with dependents: 13%

\* The average age of individuals on SSDI is 53 years old, according to the Social Security Administration. At age 65, people with disabilities transition from SSDI to Social Security retirement benefits.

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## Background information

### Methodology

The *Allsup Flash Opinion Poll: The Debt Ceiling & SSDI* was based on responses from 378 individuals to an online survey. The survey was sent to individuals who had been awarded their SSDI benefits during the past three years, with Allsup as their third-party representative. The survey was conducted online between July 15 and July 18, 2011.

### About Allsup:

Allsup is a nationwide provider of Social Security disability, Medicare and Medicare Secondary Payer compliance services for individuals, employers and insurance carriers. Founded in 1984, Allsup employs nearly 800 professionals who deliver specialized services supporting people with disabilities and seniors so they may lead lives that are as financially secure and as healthy as possible. The company is based in Belleville, Ill., near St. Louis. For more information, visit [www.Allsup.com](http://www.Allsup.com).

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# Addendum

## Additional Findings From Allsup Flash Opinion Poll: The Debt Ceiling & SSDI

Please tell us how much of your total monthly household income comes from Social Security benefits, approximately:

	Live alone (single/divorced)	Single/divorced with dependents	Married	Married with dependents	Overall
Less than one-fourth of monthly income (<25 percent)	0%	0%	4%	2%	2%
One-fourth (25 percent)	5%	4%	19%	19%	14%
One-half (50 percent)	8%	17%	28%	32%	21%
Three-quarters (75 percent)	16%	4%	18%	11%	15%
More than three-quarters (>75 percent)	10%	8%	8%	19%	10%
All my monthly income is from Social Security benefits (100 percent)	61%	67%	23%	17%	38%