

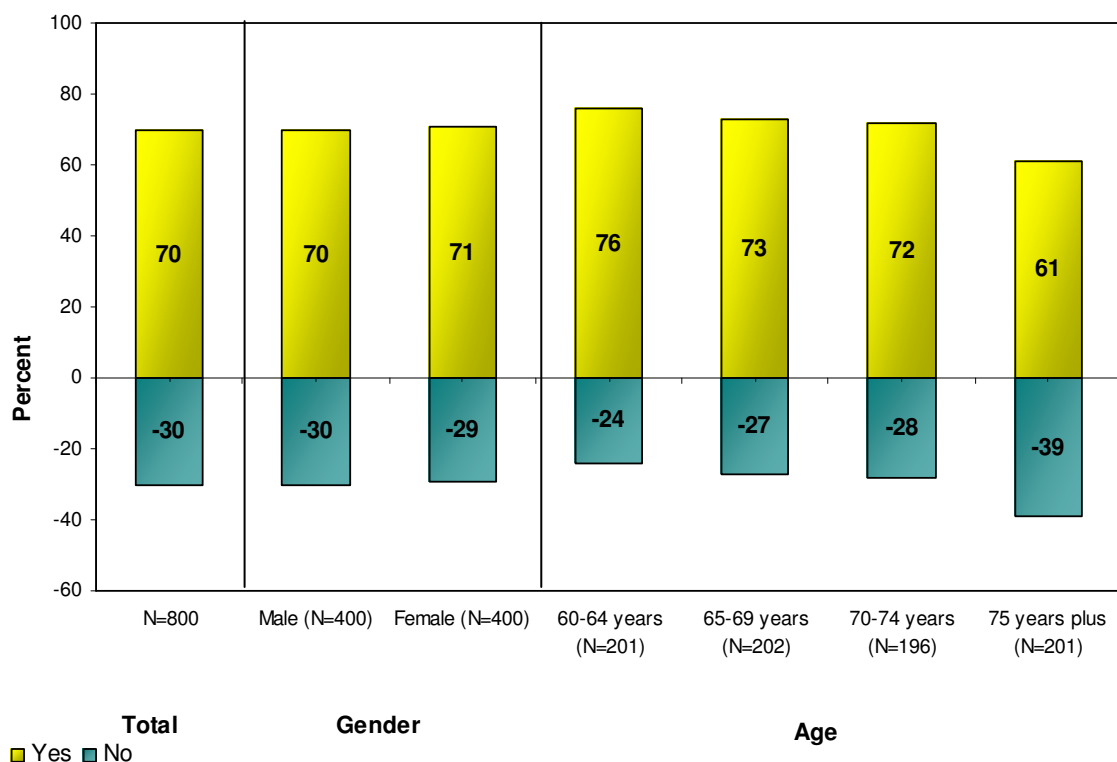
## 8.0 CULTURE ACTIVITIES AND VENUES

In the following section seniors' attendance at indoor and outdoor cultural venues in the 3 months prior to the interview will be summarised. Within the questions respondents were provided with examples of indoor and outdoor culture and leisure venues to ensure they understood the types of venues each specific question covered (Refer to Questions DQ1a and DQ1c in Appendix A for details).

### 8.1 ATTENDANCE AT CULTURE/LEISURE VENUES IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS

As outlined in Figure 8.1, 70% of respondents had been to an *indoor* culture or leisure venue during the three months prior to the interview. These respondents were significantly more likely to be aged 60 to 74 years, compared to those aged 75 years and over.

**Figure 8.1** Been to indoor culture or leisure venues – last 3 months?  
(Question DQ1A)  
(BASE: All Respondents)



The following other sub-groups were significantly more likely to have attended an *indoor* culture or leisure venue in the last 3 months:

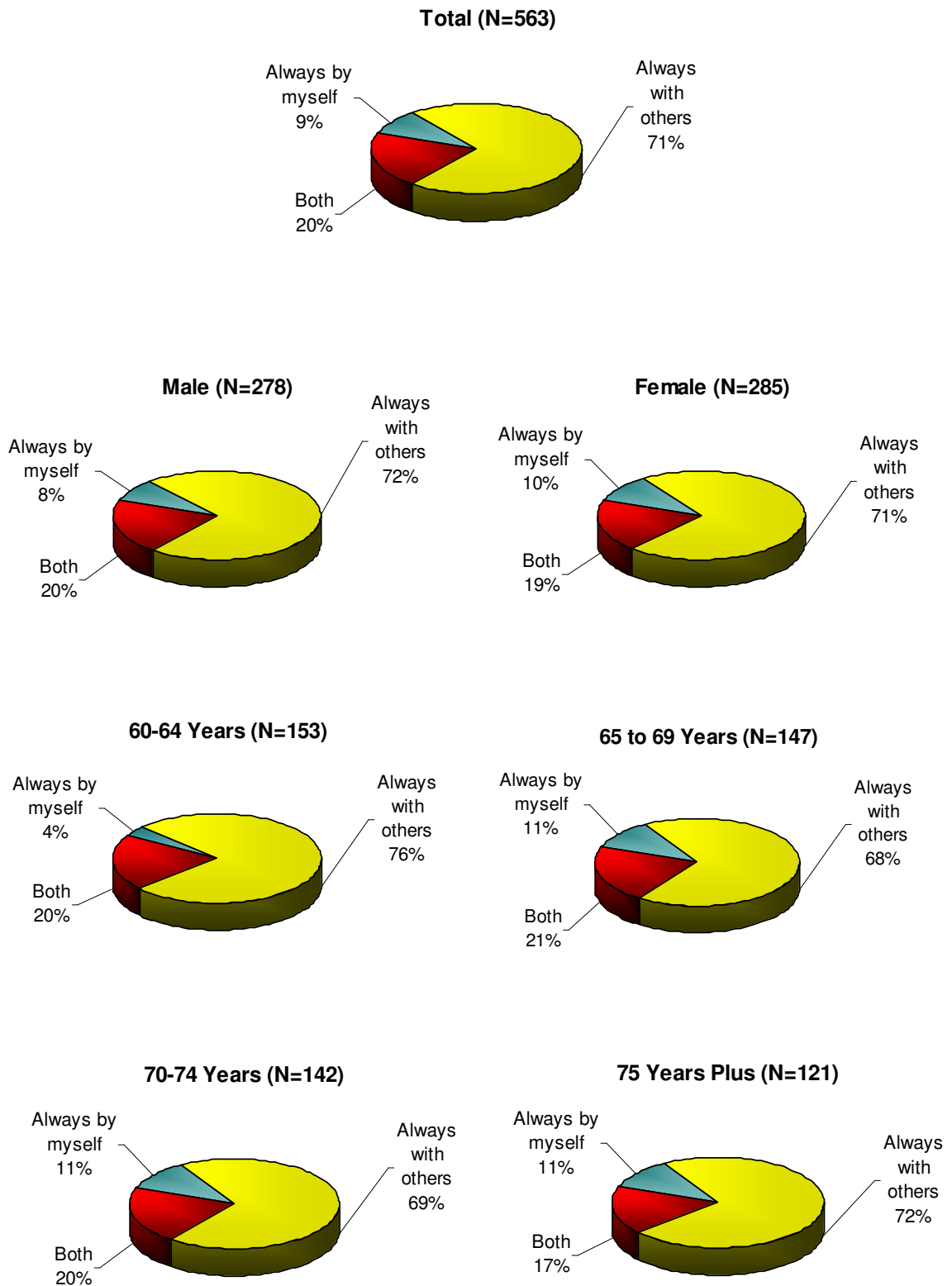
- those who were earning \$800 *net* or more a fortnight
- respondents who were married or in a defacto relationship
- those born in Australia or other English speaking countries
- respondents who were “fairly” or “very” happy in their current life stage
- those with “excellent” or “good” health and
- respondents who did voluntary work or both paid and unpaid work.

As shown in Figure 8.2, 71% of respondents had always attended indoor leisure venues with other people during the 3 months prior to the interview. In addition one-fifth (20%) had been with “both” others and by themselves and only 9% had “always” been by themselves to *indoor* leisure events. Respondents aged 70 to 74 years were significantly more likely to have been to *indoor* leisure venues in the last 3 months “always” by themselves (compared to those aged 60 to 64 years).

Other significant sub-group differences worth noting include:

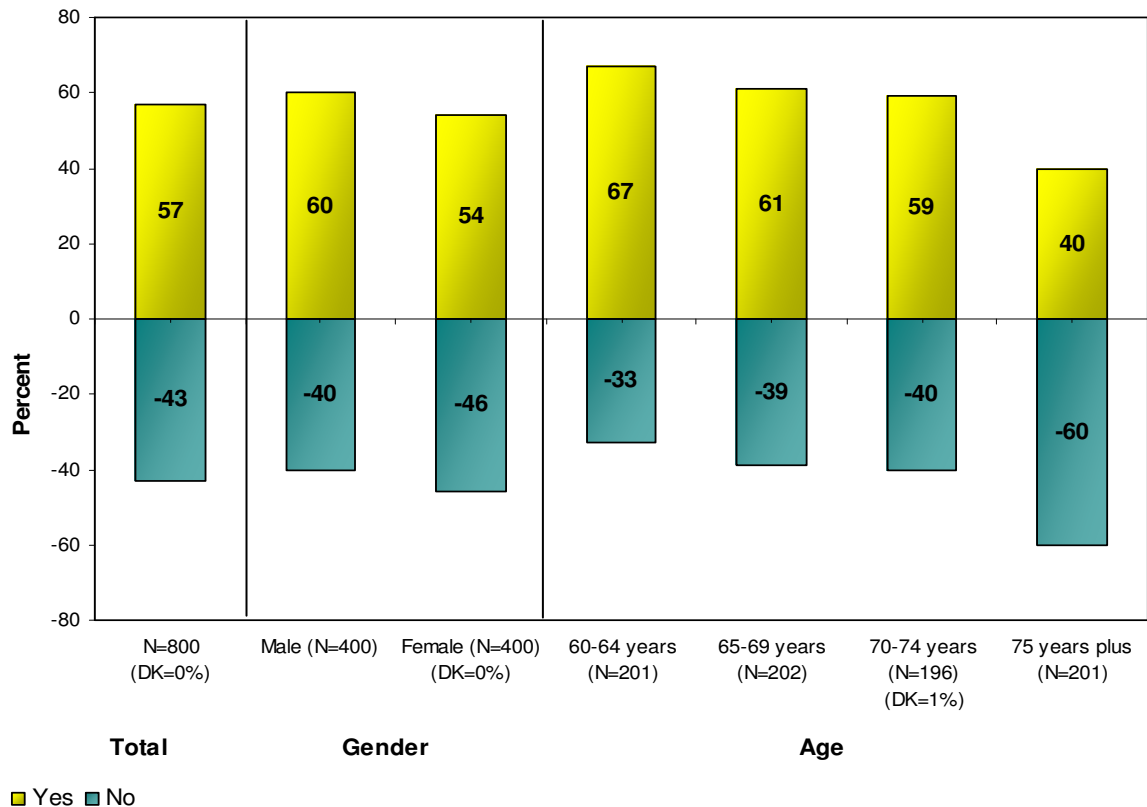
- Respondents with a *net* fortnightly income of less than \$800 were significantly more likely to attend *indoor* leisure venues by themselves.
- A significantly larger proportion of divorced/separated respondents attended *indoor* leisure venues by themselves, compared to married/defacto respondents.
- Compared to those who lived alone, respondents who lived with one other person were significantly more likely to go to *indoor* venues “with others”.
- A significantly larger proportion of respondents who were “very happy” in their current life stage reported that they had been to *indoor* culture and leisure venues “with others” during the 3 months prior to the interview.

**Figure 8.2 Attend indoor culture or leisure venues by yourself, with others or both?**  
 (Question DQ1B)  
 (BASE: Been to indoor culture or leisure venues in the last 3 months)



As summarised in Figure 8.3, 57% of respondents had been to an *outdoor* culture or leisure venue in the 3 months prior to the interview. These respondents were significantly more likely to be aged 60 to 74 years.

**Figure 8.3** Been to outdoor culture or leisure venues – last 3 months?  
(Question DQ1C)  
(BASE: All Respondents)



\*Note: DK = Don't know / can't remember.

The following other sub-groups were significantly more likely to have attended an *outdoor* culture or leisure venue in the last 3 months:

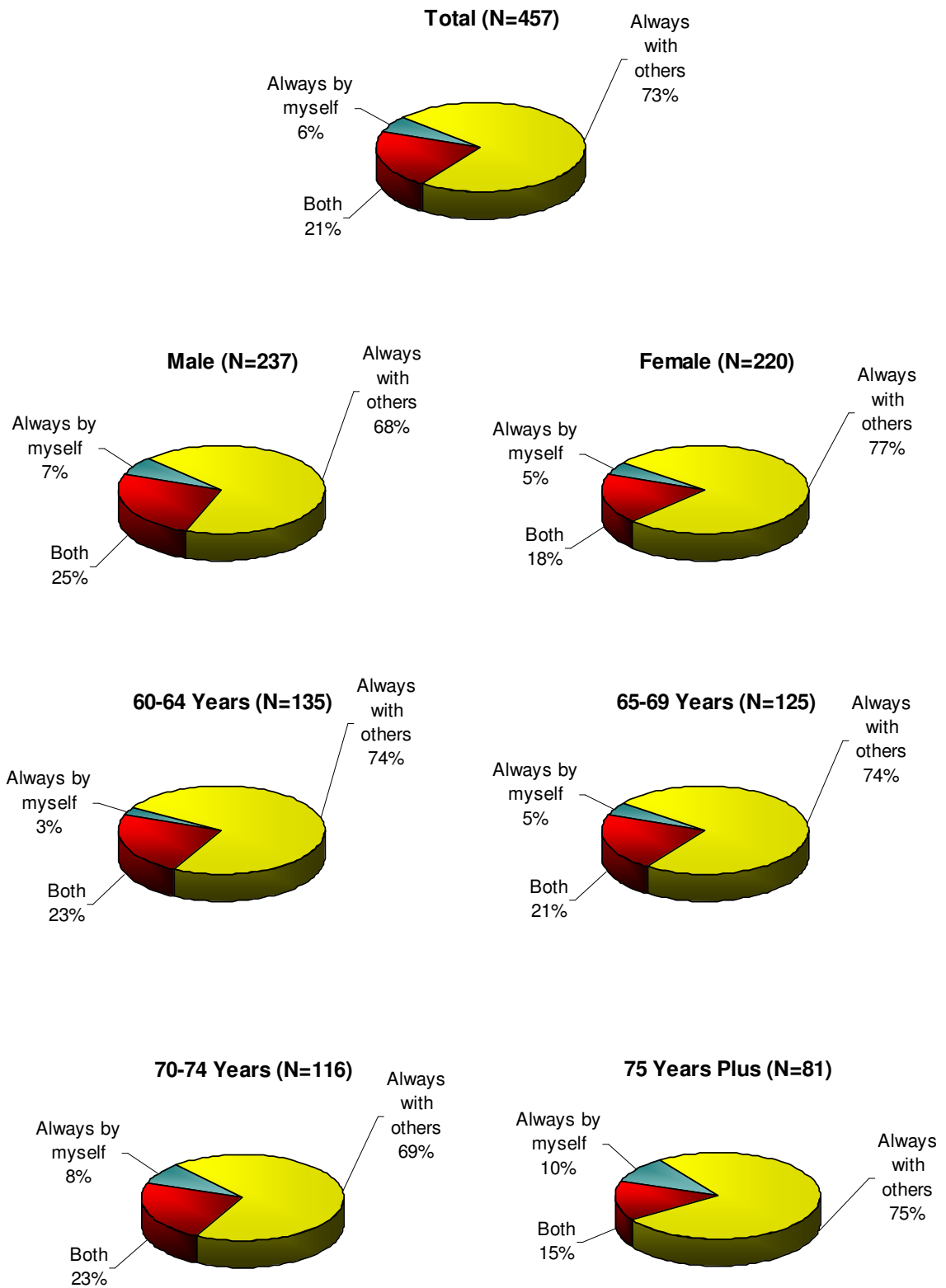
- metropolitan respondents
- those earning \$800 *net* or more a fortnight
- respondents who were married or in a defacto relationship
- those who did *not* live alone
- respondents who were “very” happy in their current life stage
- those with “excellent” or “good” health and/or mobility and
- respondents who did voluntary work or both paid and unpaid work.

As outlined in Figure 8.4, 73% of respondents who had been to an *outdoor* culture or leisure venue in the 3 months prior to the interview had done so “with others”. Further, 21% had been to these venues “both” by themselves and with others and the remaining 6% had only been by themselves. Women were significantly more likely to have attended *outdoor* venues “with others”.

Other significant sub-group differences worth noting include:

- Widowed, divorced or separated respondents were significantly more likely to have been to *outdoor* leisure venues always by themselves, when compared to married respondents and those in defacto relationships (who were significantly more likely to go “with others”).
- A significantly larger proportion of respondents who live alone reported they had attended *outdoor* leisure venues by themselves in the 3 months prior to the interview.
- Respondents who did neither paid nor unpaid work were significantly more likely to have attended *outdoor* venues “with others”.

**Figure 8.4 Attend outdoor culture or leisure venues by yourself, with others or both?**  
 (Question DQ1D)  
 (BASE: Been to outdoor culture or leisure venues in the last 3 months)



## 8.2 BARRIERS TO ATTENDING CULTURE/LEISURE VENUES

The most frequently mentioned reason why one-fifth (20%) of respondents had *not* been to any cultural or leisure venues in the 3 months prior to the interview was because they were “not interested in going to these places” (32%). As shown in Table 8.1, the next most common barriers to attending such venues were “health restrictions/disabilities” (24%) and “not enough time/other commitments” (22%).

Men were significantly more likely to identify their lack of interest in these venues as a barrier to attendance, while a significantly larger proportion of women specified “health restrictions/disabilities” prevented them from attending. It appears that the older the respondent the more likely they were to identify “health restrictions/disabilities” as a barrier to attendance. However, the only significant age difference was in relation to “costs involved” which was more frequently mentioned by respondents aged 60 to 69 years, compared to older respondents.

**Table 8.1 Why haven't Attended any Cultural or Leisure Venues in last 3 Months?**  
(Question DQ2)  
(*BASE: Haven't Attended any Culture or Leisure Venues in last 3 Months*)

	TOTAL	Gender		AGE GROUPS			
	N=162 %	Male N=83 %	Female N=79 %	60-64yrs N=32 %	65-69yrs N=41 %	70-74yrs N=33 %	75+yrs N=56 %
Not interested in going to these places	32	44	21	46	30	32	24
Health restrictions/disabilities	24	17	31	11	23	27	31
Not enough time/other commitments	22	21	23	30	19	13	24
Costs involved	8	8	8	12	16	8	1
Family member not well	5	3	7	3	7	4	6
Distance/distance too far	5	7	4	-	8	8	5
Lack of transport	4	2	5	-	-	9	5
In summer would not go out in the heat	2	1	4	-	2	7	1
Little to go to locally	2	1	3	4	2	-	3
Get too tired	2	1	3	-	-	4	4
Safety issues	1	1	2	-	-	3	2
No-one to go with	1	-	3	-	-	-	4
Other	4	-	8	-	-	7	8
Don't know / haven't thought about it	2	4	1	6	5	-	-

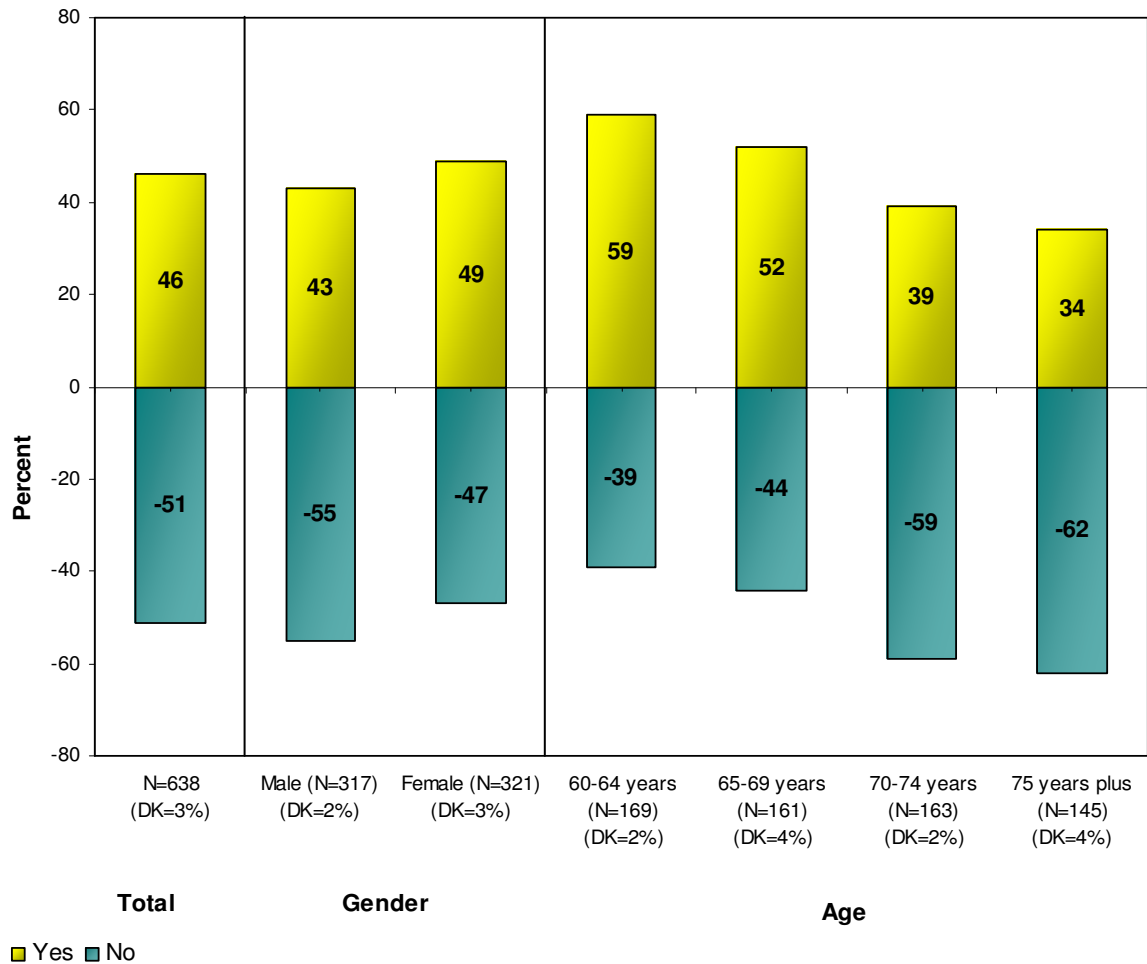
\* Totals may not equal 100% due to multiple responses.

Other significant sub-group differences worth noting include:

- Respondents with a fortnightly *net* income of \$400 to \$800 were significantly more likely to indicate they were “not interested” in going to cultural or leisure venues, compared to those who were earning less than \$400 *net* per fortnight.
- A significantly larger proportion of respondents with “fair” mobility, compared to those with “excellent” mobility, indicated that “health restrictions/disabilities” prevented them from attending leisure venues.

As presented in Figure 8.5, 46% of respondents who had been to cultural and leisure venues in the 3 months prior to the interview indicated that they would like to go to these venues *more* often. These respondents were significantly more likely to be women and aged 60 to 69 years.

**Figure 8.5 Like to go to cultural and leisure venues more often?**  
 (Question DQ3A)  
 (BASE: Those who had been to cultural and leisure venues in the last 3 months)



\*Note: DK = Not sure / Don't know / haven't thought about it.

The other sub-groups who were significantly more likely to have interest in attending cultural and leisure venues more often included:

- country respondents
- those living in a household with two or more other people
- those who were “fairly neutral” or “fairly happy” in their current life stage (compared to those who were “very happy”) and
- respondents in paid work or in both paid and unpaid work.

Table 8.2 summarises the reasons that prevent the 46% (N=293) of respondents who have been to leisure venues *and* would like to go more often from actually doing so. By far the most common barrier is a lack of time (44%). However, the next most frequently mentioned reason was the “costs involved” at 20%, with “health issues” following at 15% and “no venues locally/not much on locally” at 10%.

Men were significantly more likely to report “not enough time” as a reason why they do not go to cultural and leisure venues more often. A significantly larger proportion of women mentioned a “lack of transport” and “no-one to go with” as barriers to their attendance of such venues. “Health issues” were significantly more likely to be a barrier among older (70 years and over) seniors, while those aged 60 to 69 years were more likely to report a lack of time was the reason they did not go to leisure venues more often. Further, older seniors were significantly more likely to indicate a “lack of transport” prevented them from attending more often, when compared to younger seniors (aged 60 to 64 years).

Table 8.2 Reasons Don't go to Cultural & Leisure Venues More Often? (Question DQ3B) (BASE: Yes, would like to go to Cultural & Leisure Events More Often)	TOTAL	Gender		AGE GROUPS			
	N=293 %	Male N=127 %	Female N=166 %	60-64yrs N=96 %	65-69yrs N=83 %	70-74yrs N=63 %	75+yrs N=51 %
Not enough time	44	54	37	57	50	33	26
Costs involved	20	15	23	24	16	21	13
Health issues	15	15	15	8	11	21	28
No venues locally/not much on locally	10	12	9	10	7	15	10
Lack of transport	8	3	11	3	7	8	18
No-one to go with	6	1	10	4	7	5	9
Distance/Travel difficulties	6	6	5	4	8	8	2
Family member not well	4	4	4	-	7	5	7
Family commitments	3	2	5	4	3	3	3
Lack of motivation	3	3	2	3	2	-	6
Need to know how to get info	2	1	3	4	2	2	-
Like to stay home	1	2	1	2	-	2	-
Nothing on that I like	1	1	2	-	1	3	2
Weather	1	-	2	-	-	1	3
Don't drive/go out at night	1	1	1	1	-	1	2
Other	3	3	2	4	-	2	3
Don't know/haven't thought about it	2	2	1	1	5	-	-

\* Totals may not equal 100% due to multiple responses.

Other significant sub-group differences worth noting include:

- Country respondents were significantly more likely to mention that having “no venues locally/not much on locally” was a barrier to them attending cultural and leisure venues more often. Further, a significantly larger proportion of country respondents mentioned “distance/travel difficulties”.
- A significantly larger proportion of respondents living in the metropolitan area specified “not enough time” as a barrier to them attending cultural and leisure venues more often.
- Respondents with a *net* fortnightly income of less than \$800 were significantly more likely to specify the “costs involved” as a barrier to attending leisure venues more often. Among those with a *net* fortnightly income of more than \$800 there was a significantly larger proportion who mentioned “not enough time”, when compared to those earning less than \$800 per fortnight.
- A significantly larger proportion of respondents who were married or in a defacto relationship mentioned they did “not [have] enough time” to attend these venues more frequently.
- Respondents who were widowed were significantly more likely to specify “no-one to go with” as a barrier, when compared to married/defacto respondents.
- Not surprisingly, those with “fair” health and mobility were significantly more likely to mention “health issues” as a reason why they do not go to cultural and leisure venues more often (compared to those with “good” or “excellent” health and mobility).