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Title: Characteristics of Informal Caregivers who Provide Transportation Assistance to Older Adults

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Method: Data for this study came from a telephone survey administered to a representative sample of informal caregivers (age 45-80) who provide transportation assistance to older adults (age 70 and older) in Michigan. The survey contained 41 questions covering the following topics: demographics, driving status and frequency, work and/or volunteering activity, health, types of transportation assistance provided, characteristics of the care recipient, caregiver help information seeking, and caregiver burden. More information can be found in the following report: Eby, D.W., Molnar, L.J., Kostyniuk, L.P., St. Louis, R.M., & Zanier, N. (2011). *Recommendations for Meeting the Needs of Michigan's Aging Population*. Report No. RC-1562. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Transportation. This report can be found on Deep Blue: <https://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/handle/2027.42/90961>

Description: Data can contained in an Excel spreadsheet formatted such that each row is a separate participant and each column is a separate question. This file is called: EbyEtAl-TransportCaregiver. A data dictionary that gives the text for each question and the response categories mappings are contained in another Excel Spreadsheet. This file is called: EbyEtAl-TransportCaregiverDictionary. The text of the survey, the development of weights, and response rate calculations can be found in the Deep Blue report discussed previously.