

**Table 3.2: Relationship of Housing Characteristics to Needs and Abilities<sup>1,2</sup>**

Housing Characteristics and Needs %	Total (N=1002)	Age Level			Disability Level		
		65-74 (N=388)	75-84 (N=311)	85+ (N=303)	Moderate <sup>3</sup> (N=343)	ADL Difficulty	
						Receives No Help (N=478)	Receives Help (N=181)
Is it <u>necessary</u> to go up or down a step to get into this (house/apartment) from the outside?							
Yes	80.3	84.8	79.8	68.2	79.9	80.1	81.4
If yes: Unable to go up 10 steps <sup>4</sup>	10.6	6.6	12.8	18.6	1.5	8.8	34.3
Does this (house/apartment) have a bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen <u>all</u> on the <u>same</u> floor or level?							
No	55.9	60.8	55.3	43.5	60.6	52.0	57.0
If no: Because of a health or physical problem, do you <u>need</u> a bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen all on the same floor or level?	31.9	28.1	33.6	41.9	17.4	34.0	58.2
Does this (house/apartment) have a walk-in shower, that is, where you don't step over the side of the tub to get into the shower?							
No	84.7	84.1	85.9	83.2	85.4	84.6	83.7
If no: Because of a health or physical problem, do you <u>need</u> a walk-in shower?	22.2	22.8	20.4	25.4	14.5	20.0	45.0
Are there any rooms that you have stopped using because of your health or physical condition?							
Yes	12.1	11.9	11.5	14.6	3.4	10.5	34.7
If yes: Mean percent of rooms <sup>5</sup>	40.0	32.6	42.8	47.9	29.7	36.2	43.8

(Women's Health and Aging Study, baseline interview, 1992-1994)

<sup>1</sup> All variables have less than 1% missing data. Results are based on non-missing data.

<sup>2</sup> Percents and means are based on weighted data.

<sup>3</sup> No ADL difficulty; disabled in two or more domains (see Chapter 1).

<sup>4</sup> By yourself, that is without help from another person or special equipment, do you have any difficulty walking up 10 steps without resting? How much difficulty do you have?

<sup>5</sup> 100(r/R), where r=number of rooms no longer using (How many?) and R=number of rooms (How many rooms do you have in your (house/apartment)?)