

2026 State of the Community Survey Findings

Results from our annual State of the Community Survey help shape Parkinson's Foundation work, programs and resources to focus on what matters most to people affected by Parkinson's disease (PD). Results from Spanish-speakers are in parentheses.

Top Concerns for the PD Community

- Movement Symptoms**
 61% (63% Spanish)
 Most common concerns: tremor, gait and balance
- Non-movement Symptoms**
 52% (57%)
 Most common concerns: fatigue and cognition



Medication Knowledge
 37% (35%)

Parkinson.org
Most used Parkinson's Foundation resource

Survey Demographics

9,000+
Responses
8,858 English
264 Spanish

Respondents from **50 U.S. states** and other countries for both surveys

70%+ of respondents are people living with PD

Most diagnosed within **5-12 years**

Top Learning Interests

For English and Spanish respondents:

- Understanding movement symptoms
- Understanding non-movement symptoms
- Treatment Options
- Research Updates



Care Insights

15-30 minutes
Time spent with PD doctor

55%
Not sure what questions or symptoms to share with PD doctor (36%)

Research Participation

50%
Awareness in PD GENERation is growing (33% Spanish). Increase of 6-10% compared to 2025.

61%
Of those eligible, 61% have participated in PD GENERation (37% Spanish)

30%
30% have participated in studies other than PD GENERation (18% Spanish)

Top reasons for not participating in research:

- Care team has never discussed research
- Logistical barriers like time and travel
- Eligibility

Policy Priorities for PD Community

Approval Pathways

29% English (45% Spanish)

Research Funding

48% (43%)

Environmental Risks

36% (25%)

Access to Care

34% (35%)