

Table 4.13: Finding and Dialing a Telephone Number^{1,2}

Test Performance	Total (N=1002)	Age Group			Disability Level		
		65-74 (N=388)	75-84 (N=311)	85+ (N=303)	Moderate ³ (N=343)	ADL Difficulty	
						Receives No Help (N=478)	Receives Help (N=181)
Finding the telephone number (%) ⁴							
Found correct number (no prompting)	43.5	52.8	41.2	22.5	46.2	47.6	26.4
Found correct number (prompting)	23.2	19.8	26.1	25.5	23.0	24.2	20.9
Found correct number (with magnifier)	1.3	0.5	1.0	4.7	1.1	1.5	1.4
Found correct number (prompting and magnifier)	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.0
Found incorrect number	7.7	6.7	8.4	8.9	6.5	8.3	8.6
Unable to read print	19.1	15.7	17.9	32.5	19.0	13.8	34.3
Unable to find number	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.6	3.9	3.8	8.5
Dialing the telephone number (%) ^{4,5}							
Dialed correct number	90.2	94.9	88.6	80.2	90.6	92.9	81.4
Dialed incorrect number	5.5	2.7	6.6	11.2	5.8	5.2	6.0
Unable to understand	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.7
Unable to dial	1.6	1.0	2.4	0.8	0.8	0.3	6.9
Unable to read numbers on telephone	2.4	0.8	2.4	7.4	2.2	1.6	5.1
Time to complete entire task (seconds) ⁶	(N=851)	(N=357)	(N=262)	(N=232)	(N=300)	(N=420)	(N=131)
Mean	85.0	72.9	91.7	107.5	81.3	85.0	93.8
5th percentile	183.9	159.7	174.4	237.0	177.6	178.0	220.8
25th percentile	116.2	97.8	119.4	141.2	109.5	117.1	127.9
50th percentile	76.6	62.4	86.1	96.1	72.4	74.5	84.5
75th percentile	48.9	41.7	58.3	61.1	44.8	50.3	62.2
95th percentile	27.2	22.8	31.3	31.9	24.6	27.8	31.0

(Women's Health and Aging Study, physical assessment, 1992-1995)

¹ All variables have less than 5% missing data. Results are based on non-missing data.

² Descriptive statistics are based on weighted data.

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

⁴ Categories may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

⁵ Those unable to find the correct telephone number were given the correct number to dial.

⁶ Computed only for those who found and dialed the correct number.