Demographics of the Elderly Population in Virginia

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Virginia’s Elderly Population (65+)

- In Virginia, there are 7.7 million residents.
- Almost 900 thousand of those residents are age 65 and older. They represent 12 percent of the state population.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Virginia Population Projections

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Virginia’s Elderly Population (65+) by County

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Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Gender Distribution for Elderly Population (65+)

- **Population under 65**
  - Male: 50.1%
  - Female: 49.9%

- **Population ages 65-74**
  - Male: 46.1%
  - Female: 53.9%

- **Population ages 75-84**
  - Male: 39.6%
  - Female: 60.4%

- **Population age 85+**
  - Male: 29.7%
  - Female: 70.3%

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Increase in Minority Population

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Living arrangements of Elderly Population (65+)

66% live in family households and 2% live with nonrelatives

20% are females who live alone and 7% are males living alone

5% live in group quarters, such as nursing homes

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Marital Status of Elderly Population (65+)

- Married: 53%
- Widowed: 33%
- Divorced: 8%
- Never married: 4%
- Separated: 2%

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Educational Attainment

- Did not graduate from High School: 33% (25 and older), 30% (65 and older)
- High School graduate or equivalent: 27% (25 and older), 29% (65 and older)
- Some college or associate’s degree: 25% (25 and older), 19% (65 and older)
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 15% (25 and older), 22% (65 and older)

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Labor Force Participation and Employment Status of Civilian Population

16 and older

- In labor force: 67%
- Not in labor force: 33%

65 and older

- In labor force: 16%
- Not in labor force: 84%

Of Those In Labor Force

16 and older

- Employed: 95%
- Unemployed: 5%

65 and older

- Employed: 98%
- Unemployed: 2%

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Median Household Income

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Poverty

65 and older

Total Population

Below 100 percent of the poverty level

100 to 149 percent of the poverty level

At or above 150 percent of the poverty level

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Health Status of Elderly Population (65+)

- Ages 65 to 74:
  - Excellent: 13%
  - Good: 31%
  - Very Good: 16%
  - Fair: 16%
  - Poor: 13%

- Aged 75+
  - Excellent: 14%
  - Good: 31%
  - Very Good: 16%
  - Fair: 16%
  - Poor: 13%

Insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid Coverage


- **Insured**
  - Medicare and Medicaid Coverage: 84% Ages 65 to 74, 90% Aged 75+
  - Medicare Coverage, No Medicaid: 7% Ages 65 to 74, 6% Aged 75+
  - No Medicare, No Medicaid Coverage: 8% Ages 65 to 74, 3% Aged 75+

- **Uninsured**
  - 1.5% Ages 65 to 74, 1.8% Aged 75+
Prospective Research

– Analysis of Virginia’s elderly population at local levels
  • In December 2008, the Census Bureau will release new American Community Survey data for all areas with populations of 20,000 or more.

– Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis
  • Provides spatial interpretation of data using maps at various geographic levels.
  • Gives users a new visual representation of their data.

– In-depth research on specific topics related to the needs of Virginia’s aging population:
  • Health
  • Public assistance
  • Insurance coverage
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