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## The Face of Aging in Milwaukee County

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Demographic Report



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## Letter from the Director



Dear Friends,

I began my career in the field of Aging on October 25, 1974. I worked for the Social Development Commission as the Social Services Coordinator for the 20 senior meal sites we operated. Our offices were on the sixth floor of the Plankinton building, now part of the Grand Avenue Mall in downtown Milwaukee.

Many older people lived downtown. Older men lived in the hotels that were primarily residences for single people and older women lived in inexpensive small but adequate apartments.

Every day we saw and talked to older people at the Tasty Town Counter on the first floor of Gimbels, at the soda fountain and grill at Woolworths and walking down the avenue on their way to shop at the Grand. Older people also worked downtown as sales clerks, waiters and waitresses and as hotel receptionists. There was enough business for three senior meal sites downtown between East Jackson Street and West 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

When we produced our first The Face of Aging report in 1993, I had moved away from SDC in downtown Milwaukee to direct the Milwaukee County Department on Aging —and as our report pointed out, older people had moved too. “Progress” and “Development” had translated into the demolition of almost all of the hotels and affordable apartments. Tasty Town was gone and so was the Grand.

The data and numbers meant that we had to pay attention and follow what was happening in the lives of people ages 60 and over or we would not be using our resources wisely. Now we have had two more censuses and are publishing our third The Face of Aging report. We will again examine where it is that we direct our resources. The decisions about where we are needed in Milwaukee County will be driven by data and analysis. However it is real people who inspire and support our work. You see the faces of just a few of them in this report.

The message I wish to impart to policy makers and leaders in Milwaukee County is that older people are assets to their communities, not liabilities. Older people give much more to their families and their communities than they will ever take. They give much more help than they will ever receive. If we listen and we try to understand the value of lived experience and accumulated wisdom we can all benefit.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed time, talent, and treasure to make this report happen.

I give thanks for all of the days and years I have been allowed to work with the Seniors of Milwaukee County.

Stephanie Sue Stein

## About this Report

The Center for Urban Population Health was enlisted by the Milwaukee County Department on Aging to update The Face of Aging report. This publication chronicles the changes of the aging community of Milwaukee County using secondary data.

All of the data used in this report come from publicly available data sources. A full listing of sources for each figure or table can be found on pages 92–94. Data for each indicator were presented by race/ethnicity and gender when available. In some cases, data were not available due to internal confidentiality policies which specify that data will not be released when the number is less than five individuals. In other cases, the data were available but the rates or percentages are not presented here. When a rate has small numbers in the numerator or denominator, rates and percentages are subject to large year-to-year fluctuations and, as such, would not have provided a meaningful representation of that population.



Where Milwaukee data was nonexistent, the report presents a national or state-level summary to assist in describing the face of aging. This icon of the outline of the United States indicates the data represented is from a national or state source and does not reflect local Milwaukee specific data.

In partnership with AARP Wisconsin and the Center for Urban Population Health, Jennifer Sauer, Brittne Nelson, Erin Pinkus and Sibora Gjecovi of AARP State Research and Ed Evans of AARP Research and Strategic Analysis contributed to the charts and maps in this publication where indicated. To learn more about AARP, please visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

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# Background

Milwaukee County is one of only seven communities in the nation named as **"most livable for people of all ages"** and recognized in 2005 by the United States Administration on Aging for **"best practices that can be used by local governments throughout the country in preparing for the aging of the baby boom population"**. What makes it so livable? In part because of the many organizations, partners and stakeholders who are working together to create an environment that values our aging adults and provides programming that improves the quality of life.

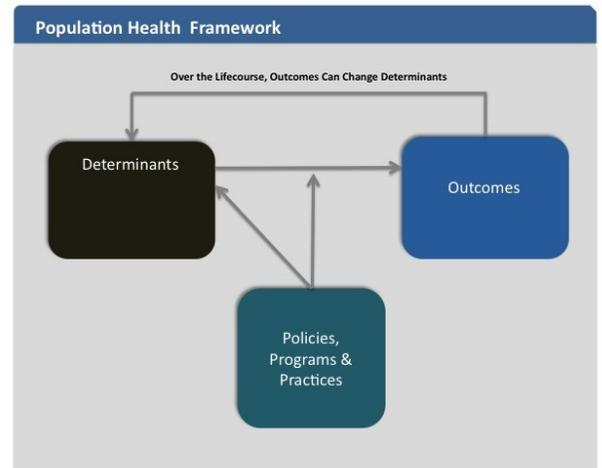
Leading the way is the Milwaukee County Department on Aging. The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of older adults of Milwaukee County by supporting their choices for living in, and giving to, our community.

Consistent with this mission, this report seeks to provide an update on the state of the aging community in Milwaukee County and inform its many partners so they can plan and make resource decisions for programming, policies and practices that affirm the dignity and value of older adults.

This report is sponsored by a collaboration from the Milwaukee County Department on Aging, AARP, the Helen Bader Foundation, and the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute and prepared by the Center for Urban Population Health.

This report takes a comprehensive look at the many determinants of health and wellbeing, describes the demographic makeup of the current aging community and describes the outcomes this community is currently experiencing. The report uses a framework that will help the user answer two important questions:

- 1. What is the state of our aging community?**
- 2. How well is our infrastructure prepared to meet the needs of our changing community?**



The first question will be answered in the following pages. The second will be informed by this report, but can only be answered by you, your organization and our community.

This report is organized around this framework and is broken up into five key areas that fall within either the determinants category or the outcomes area.

#### **Determinants:**

- Demographic overview
- Education overview
- Economic status
- Independence

#### **Outcomes**

- Health status

Organizing the data in this way allows the reader to have a better understanding of what the determinants or influences are and what are the outcomes of the Milwaukee aging community and encourages them to think about how programs, policies or practices can respond to seniors. Policies, programs or practices can seek to address one or many of the determinants. They can also interrupt negative or support the positive outcomes that the aging community is experiencing, thus improving the quality of life for Milwaukee county seniors.

## Introduction

The older population in the United States continues to grow. The 65 years and over population has increased from 35 million in 2000 to 40 million in 2010 and is projected to reach 55 million in 2020— a 36% increase in this decade.

Milwaukee County is no different. The following is a summary of *The Face of Aging in Milwaukee County*. This report takes a comprehensive look at the many determinants of health and wellbeing, describes the demographic makeup of the current aging community and describes the outcomes this community is currently experiencing. The report uses a framework that will help the user answer two important questions.

- 1. What is the state of our aging community?**
- 2. How well is our infrastructure and organizational capacity prepared to meet the needs of our changing community?**

Understanding the answers to these two questions can allow our community to be responsive to the needs of seniors and provide the best environment for our citizens to experience life's transitions.

The report utilizes secondary data, mainly the US Census, to describe the state of aging in Milwaukee County. This executive summary identifies a number of key trends or changes that have taken place over the past decade. This summary and the full report are meant to be a sourcebook for the reader to consider their response to the second question from their unique place in the community.

## The State of Our Aging Community

**Milwaukee County older adults remain 16% of the total population of Milwaukee County.** Older adults ages 60 years and over have remained steady at 16% of the total population of Milwaukee County since the 2000 Census.

**It is projected that the Milwaukee County older adult population will slightly increase over the next 30 years despite projections that the total population of Milwaukee County will decrease.** The US Census Bureau projects that the total Milwaukee County population will decrease from 929,208 people in 2010 to 863,208 people in 2035. In contrast the older adult population is expected to increase from 152,982 people in 2010 to 215,979 people in 2035.

**The largest percent change in Milwaukee County population was shared across the 55-59 and 60-64 age categories both of which experienced more than 40% increase from 2000 to 2010.** Milwaukee County's 55-59 population increased 49% from 2000 to 2010. This increase is generally considered to be driven by the fact that the "baby boomer" generation (those born between 1946 – 1964) will be crossing into older adult categories during this next decade.

**African American and Hispanic/Latino older adults continue to drive the slight overall increase in older adults over the past three decades as White older adults continue to decrease in Milwaukee County.** The Hispanic/Latino older adult community grew over 40% since 2000 and the African American older adult community grew at a slightly lower rate of 27%.

**Older adults in Milwaukee County are more educated and make more money than their counterparts did ten years ago.** Over the past decade, older adults in

Milwaukee County have had higher completion rates of high school (or equivalent) through graduate and professional degrees.

Financial wellbeing has also improved. Between 2000 and 2010, there were fewer households in every household income category under \$50,000 and an increase in every category above \$50,000.

**Everyone has not equally benefited from past economic growth.** Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino populations each have larger percentages of their communities with annual household incomes of \$20,000 or less. And although both groups have experienced a slight reduction in the number of people living in poverty in the past decade, they experience poverty at a rate nearly three times that of their White counterparts.

**Milwaukee County older adults live alone at a higher rate than the rest of the state of Wisconsin.** Both Milwaukee County older men and women live alone at a higher rate than their counterparts in Wisconsin, with women living alone at a higher rate than men. Since 1990, the percentage of married men and women in Milwaukee County has generally decreased and the percentage of older widowed, divorced/separated and single (never married) older adults has increased.

**More than 75% of Milwaukee County older adults report their general health status as feeling good or very good.** Eighty percent of local older adults report that they expect their quality of life to stay the same or get even better over the next 5 to 10 years—five percentage points higher than the national average.

**Milwaukee County older adults die at a slightly higher rate than their Wisconsin counterparts.** Heart disease is the leading cause of death for Milwaukee County older adults, followed by cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases and stroke.

## Are We Prepared?

As the face of Milwaukee's older adults changes it is important to ask this question. The answers may be different for each reader, depending on their role or stake in creating a positive environment for our older adults. Regardless of one's role, the new face of aging for Milwaukee County has implications which lead to further questions.

**The aging baby boom bubble.** Milwaukee County has begun to experience the first baby boomers crossing over into older adulthood, with many to follow. While this is a growing group in Milwaukee County, it is projected that the overall county population will decrease in the next 30 years.

How long will the baby boomers work? Will they be financially able to retire at age 65? If they need to work longer, what types of jobs will be available for them? If they retire early or at age 65, how will this affect the tax base from which many of the programs serving older adults receive funding?

**A growing diverse community.** The Hispanic/Latino older adult community grew over 40% since 2000 and the African American older adult community grew at a slighter lower rate of 27%.

Are the older adult serving organizations and programs prepared to serve a more diverse community? How prepared are staff to communicate in the language of the communities they serve, particularly for the growing Hispanic/Latino community? How prepared are programs to take advantage of the cultural richness, beliefs and values that the communities they serve bring with them? How prepared is the workforce? Does the workforce and boards of directors of older adult organizations reflect the communities in which they are and will be serving?

**Longer, larger, sicker.** With the advancement of health care and public health, people are living longer. Reports from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services indicate that since 1990, the obesity rate for adults has more than doubled—nearly 27% of adults are obese and about 65% are overweight or obese. Obesity in adults is associated with many chronic diseases and poor health outcomes. Obesity is a risk factor for type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, certain cancers, asthma, arthritis, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, and depression. Many of these health outcomes directly contribute to the top causes of death for Milwaukee County’s older adults and to a growing rate of Alzheimer’s Disease.

With a growing older adult population in terms of numbers and waistlines, uncovered health and long-term care expenses leave everyone fiscally vulnerable—

particularly older adults. What can be done? What programs are prepared to address the growing health needs of the older adult community? How accessible are healthy food options for older adults? How healthy are the food programs for older adults? What type of physical activities exist for older adults? Are current policies and programs responsive to the growing need for health care and long-term care? Again, is our workforce prepared for the growing population and trained to deal with the various health concerns and co-morbidities that exist and will increase?

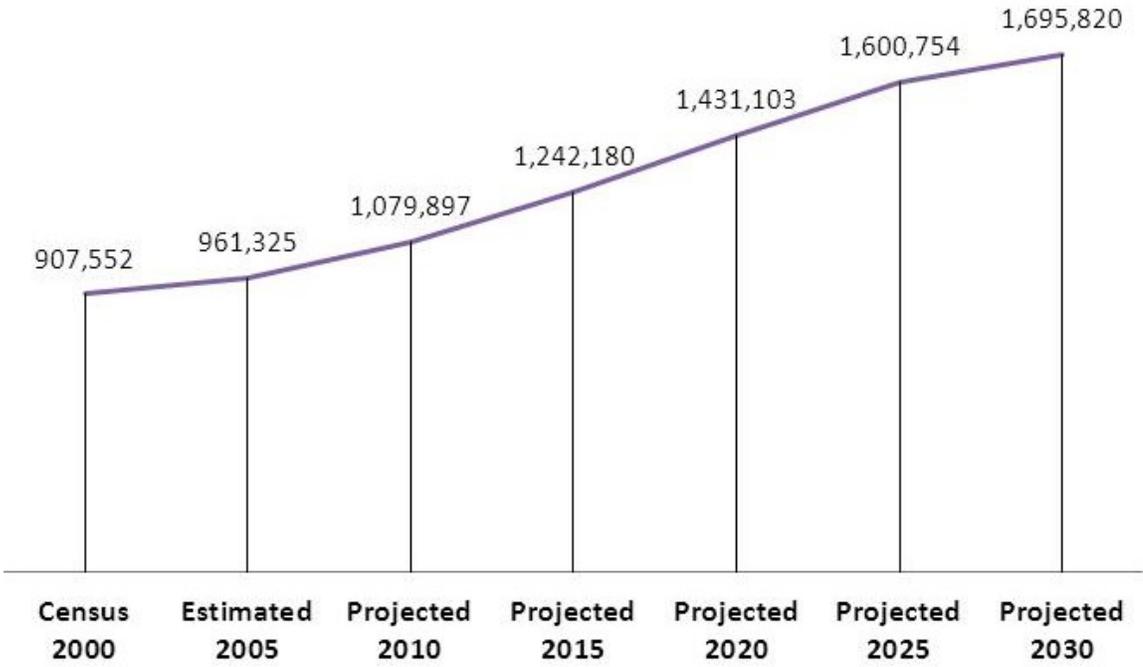
The simple question of “are we prepared?” is not so simple to answer. It is the hope of the Milwaukee County Department of Aging that this sourcebook of data will help your organization continue this important dialogue and prepare you to respond to the needs of older adults in our community.

## Demographic Overview

Figure 1

Wisconsin Population Projection (2000-2030) for Ages 60+

Wisconsin Dept. of Administration



### Growth

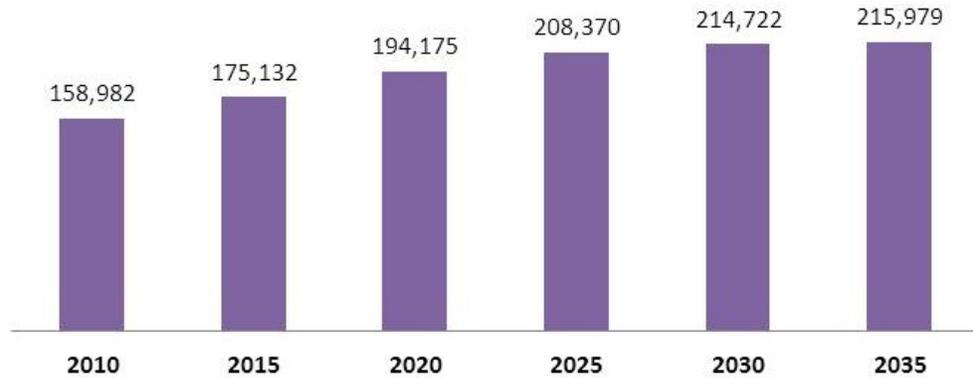
Overall trend shows that Wisconsinites 60 and over will nearly double in population within 30 years.

Milwaukee County residents 60 and over will steadily increase over the same period but at a slightly slower rate.

Figure 2

## Milwaukee County Population Projection (2010-2035) for Ages 60+

US Census



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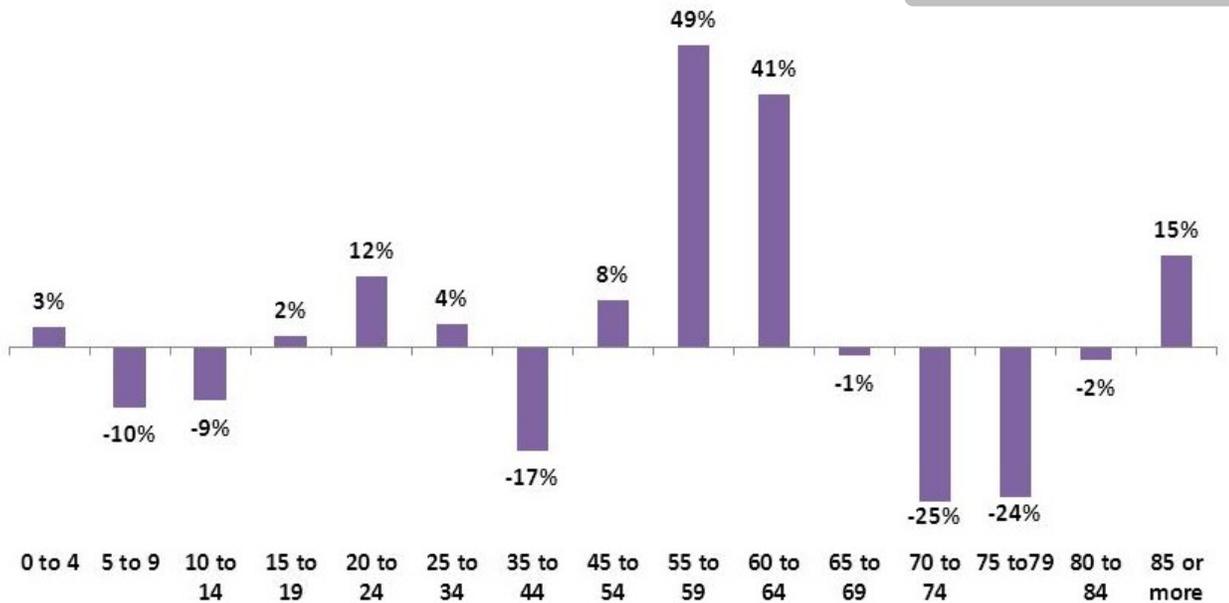
### Growth

Overall trends show that Milwaukee County residents ages 60+ are growing in number and will steadily increase, but not uniformly across the various age categories.

Figure 3

## Milwaukee County Population Change by Age Category 2000 to 2010

US Census

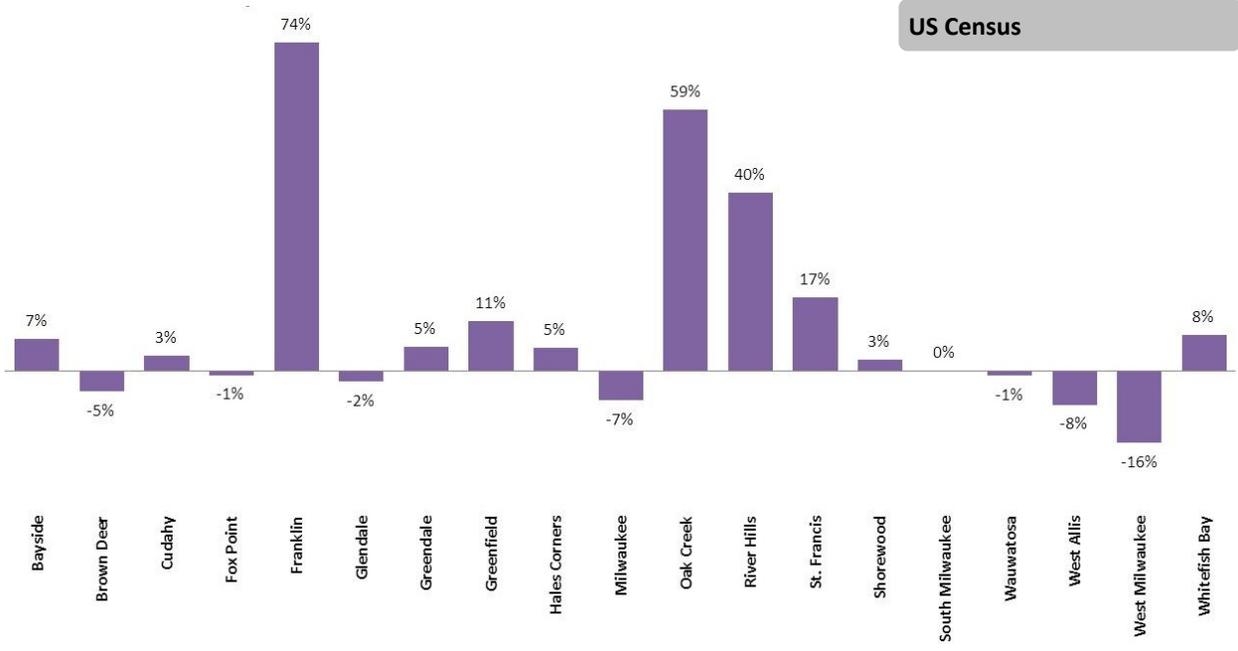


### Growth

The near aging and aging populations between 50 and 64 years old experienced the largest increase in growth among all age groups in Milwaukee County.

**Figure 4**

## Percent Change of Older Adult Population Ages 60+ Milwaukee County 2000-2010



US Census

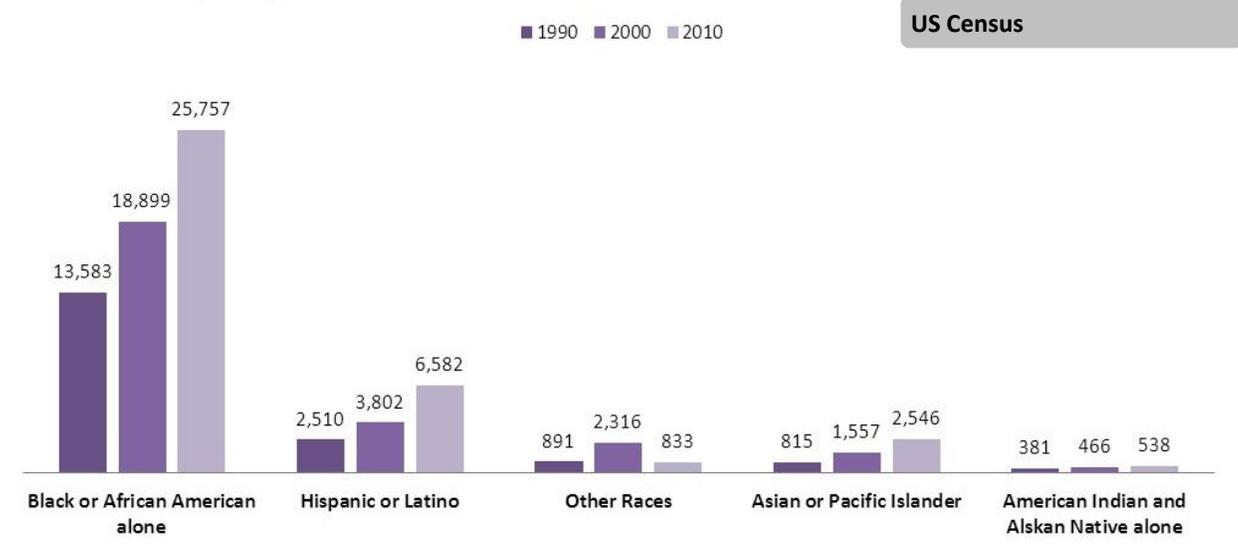
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### Growth

The City of Milwaukee remains the municipality with most seniors ages 60 and over, but a few of the surrounding municipalities have experienced a high percentage of change relative to their total population.

**Figure 5**

## Comparison of Milwaukee County Minority Population Age 60+ by Race/Ethnicity 1990, 2000, 2010



US Census

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### Growth

The African American community continues to be the largest racial/ethnic minority group and have the most significant growth among minority populations ages 60 and over.



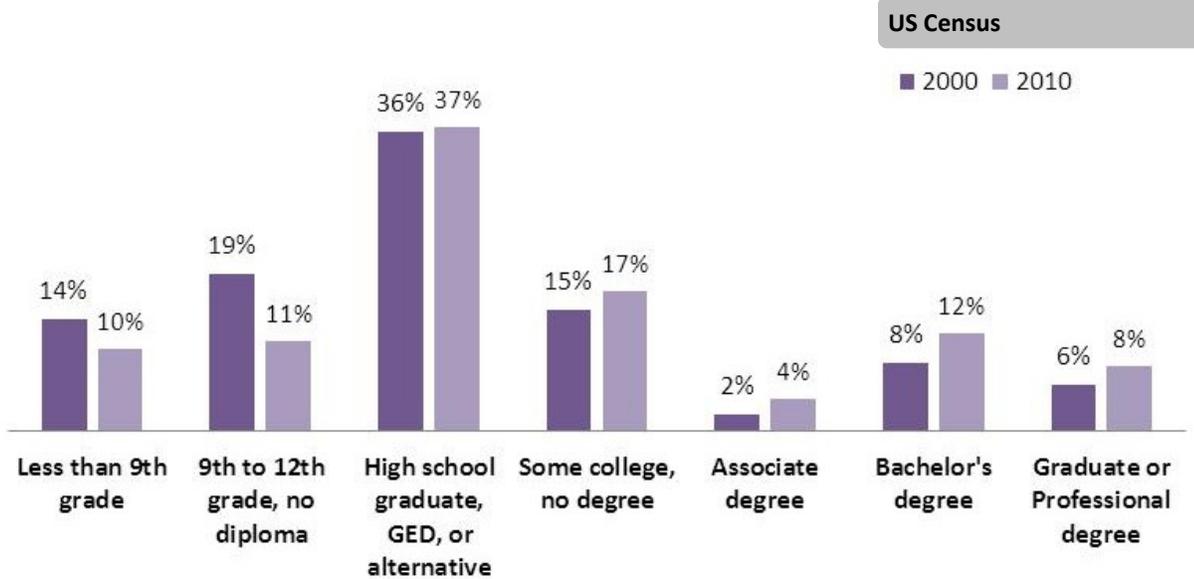
## Education Overview

Figure 6

Educational Attainment of Persons Age 65+ in Milwaukee County 2000, 2010

### Education

Over the past decade the education levels of older adults have been increasing across categories from high school or equivalent through graduate and professional degrees.



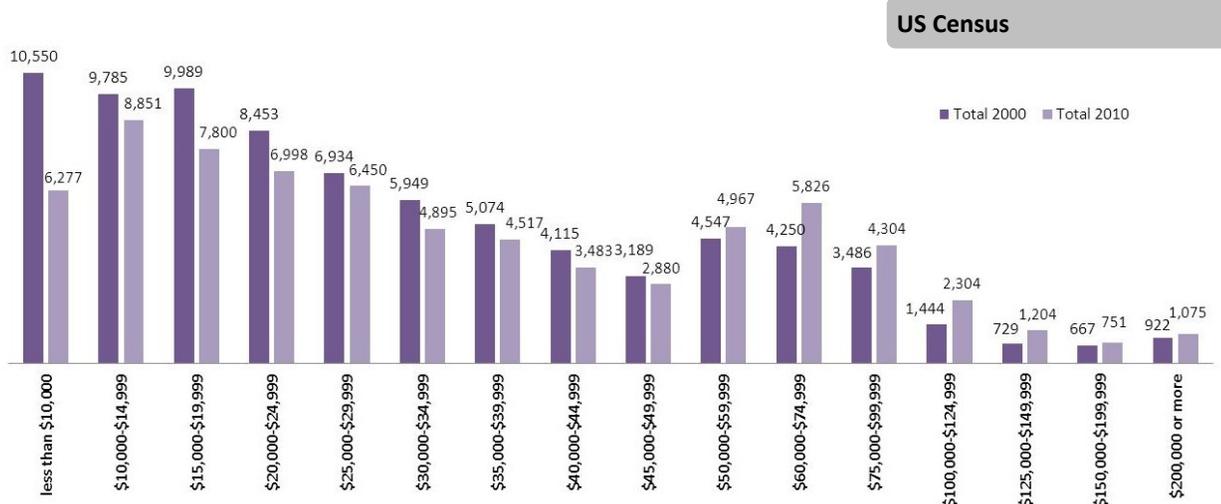
## Economic Status

Figure 7

Level of Household Income for Householders 65+ Milwaukee County 2000, 2010

### Income

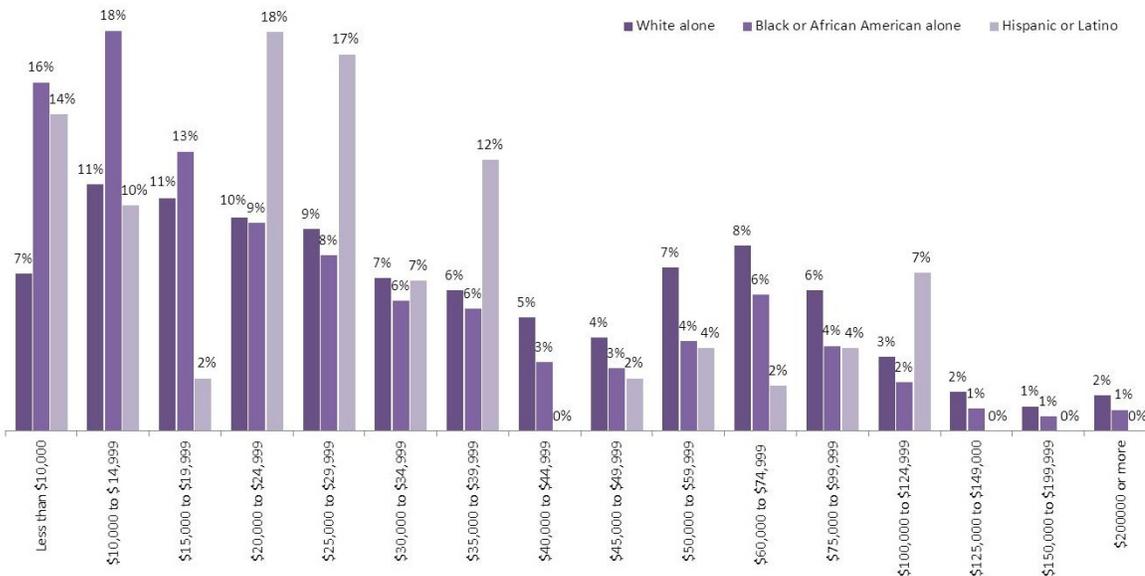
Between 2000 and 2010, there were fewer households in every household income category under \$50,000 and an increase in every category above \$50,000.



**Figure 8**

## Household Income in 2010 for Households of Persons 65+ by Largest Race / Ethnicity Milwaukee County

American Community Survey



### Income

This chart shows household income for persons 65 and over and the distribution of persons within their race or ethnicity.

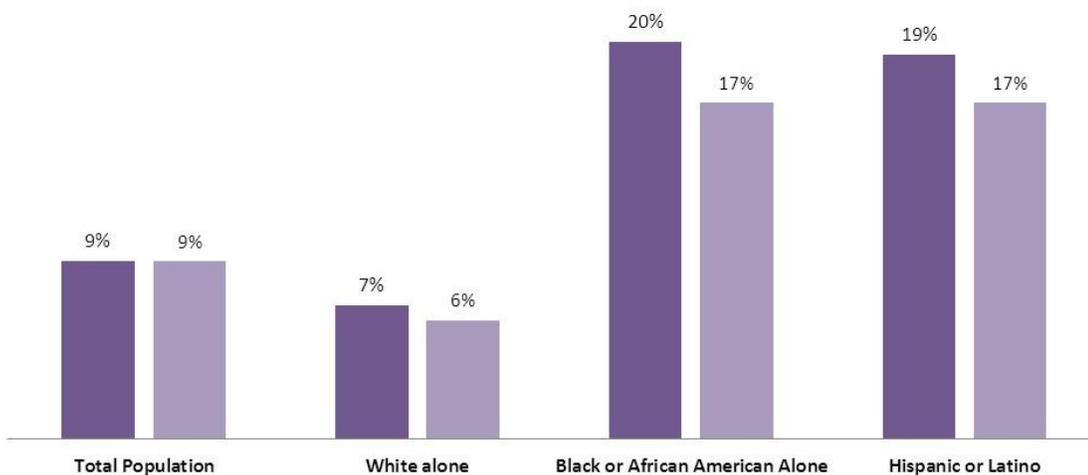
Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino groups each have larger percentages of their communities with annual household incomes of \$20,000 or less.

**Figure 9**

## Percentage of Population 65+ Living in Poverty Milwaukee County 2000, 2010

2000 2010

US Census



### Poverty

In Milwaukee County, the poverty rate for seniors 65 and over has remained steady at 9%.

Each of the largest racial/ethnic groups in Milwaukee County have experienced a slight reduction in the number of people living in poverty between 2000 and 2010.



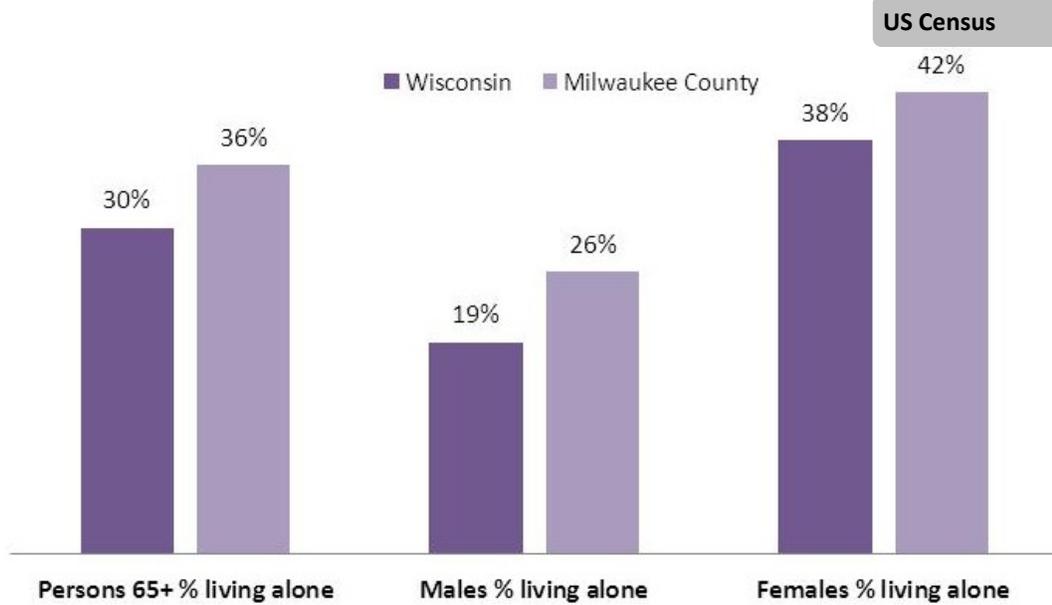
## Independence

### Living Alone

Milwaukee County has a higher percentage of persons 65 and older living alone than in Wisconsin as a whole. Women live alone at a higher rate than men.

Figure 10

Percent of Persons 65+ Living Alone by Gender State and Milwaukee, 2010

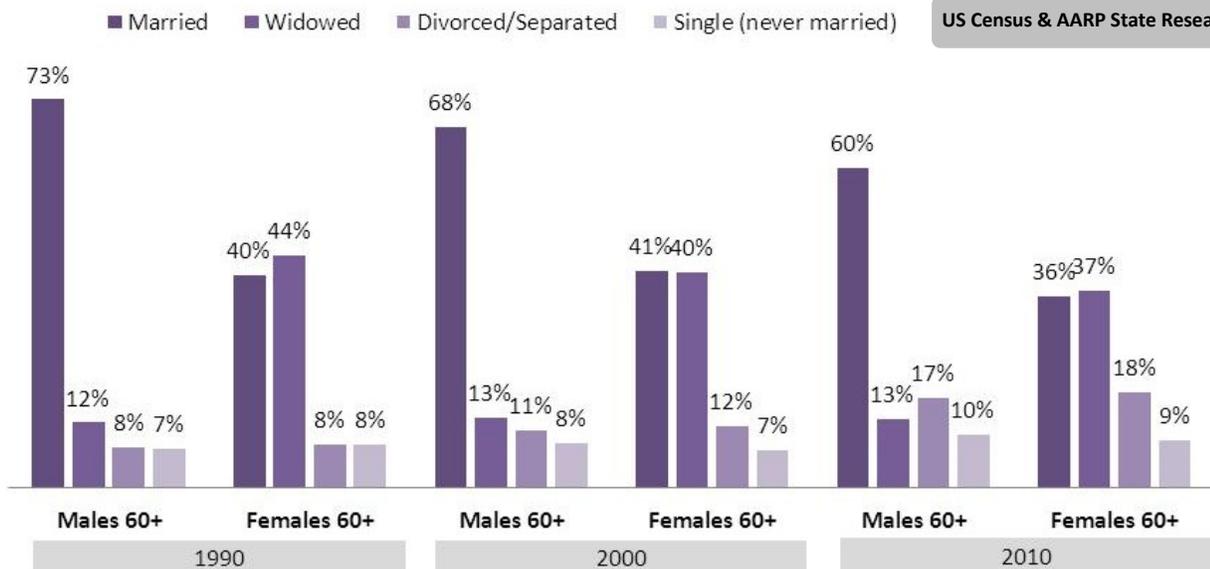


US Census

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Figure 11

Comparison of Older Adults Marital Status 1990, 2000 and 2010



US Census & AARP State Research

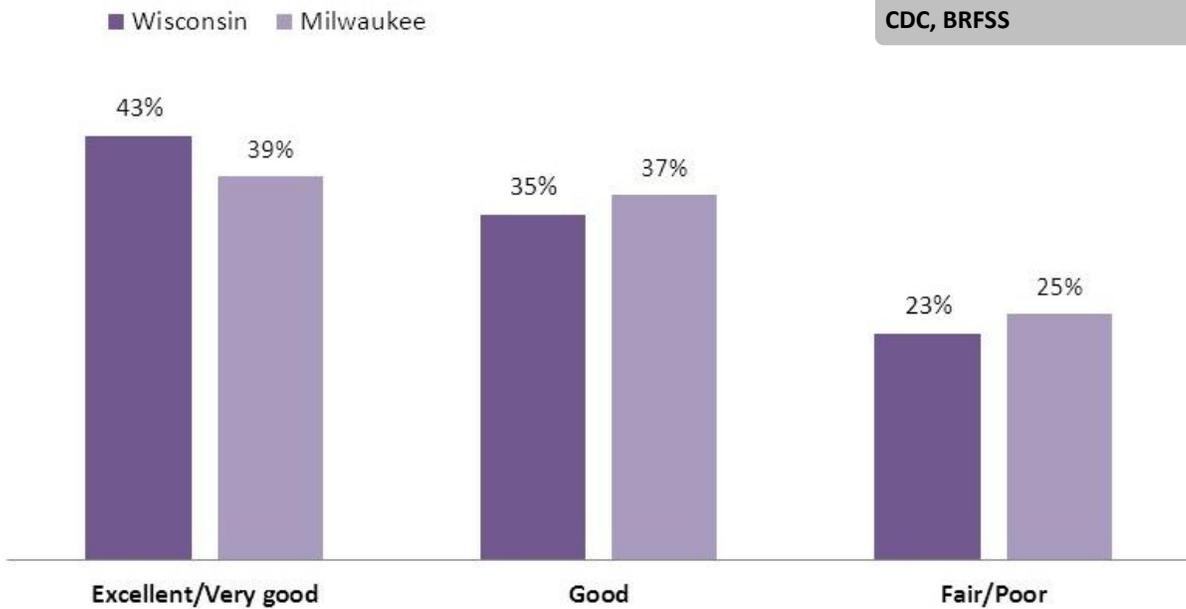
Since 1990, the percentage of older married men and women in Milwaukee County has decreased and the percentage of older widowed and divorced/separated women has increased.



## Health Status

Figure 12

### Self Reported General Health Status of Persons 65+ in Milwaukee County 2010

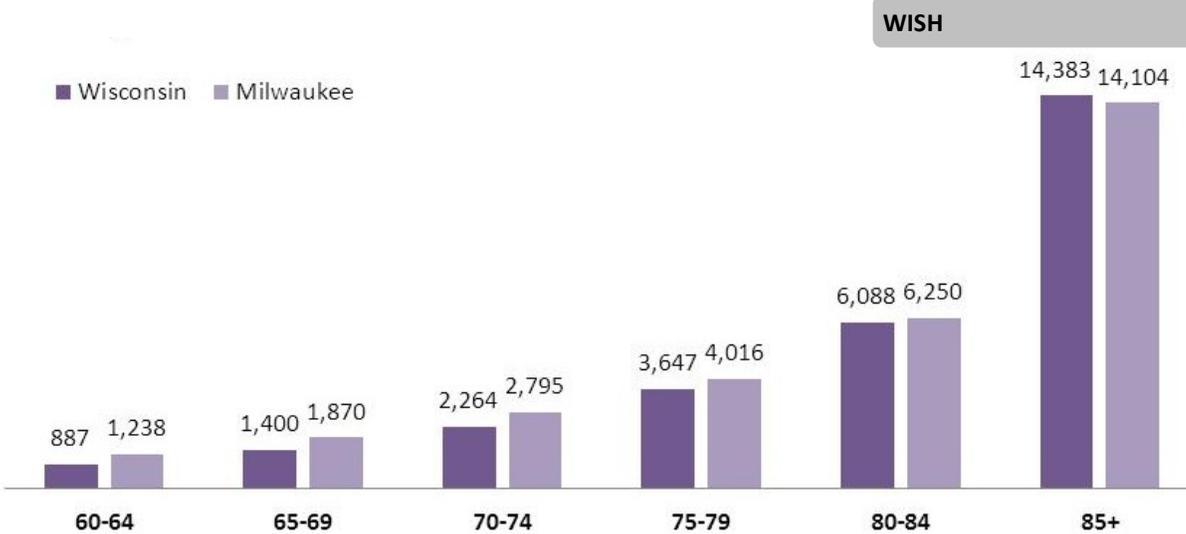


### General Health

More than 75% of Milwaukee County residents 65 and over report feeling good or very good. This is just slightly less than the state as a whole.

Figure 13

### 2010 Death Rate (Deaths per 100,000 population) for Age of Death



### Death Rate

Milwaukee County experiences a slightly higher death rate across all age categories except for Wisconsinites 85 years and older.



# Demographic Overview

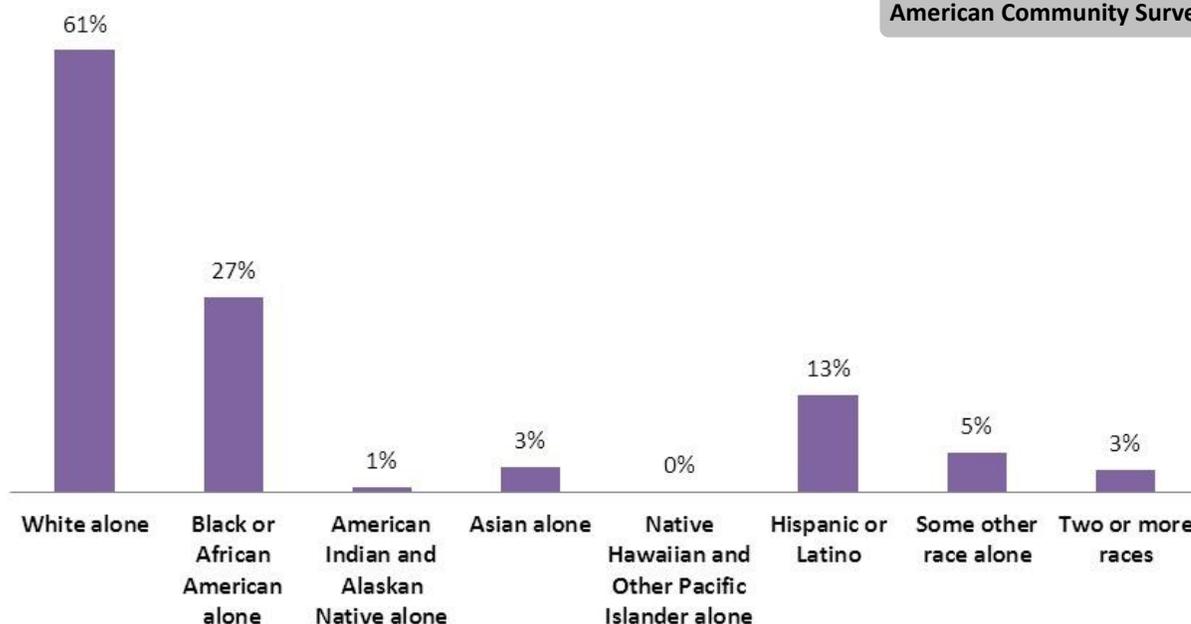
Milwaukee County Older Adult Advocates



Figure 14

### Percent of Milwaukee County Persons by Race/Ethnicity Year 2010

American Community Survey



Provided by AARP State Research 2012

This graph looks at the percent of Milwaukee County’s population with respect to race and ethnicity. The graph shows that the majority of Milwaukee’s population is made up of those classified as White (61%). Twenty-seven percent of Milwaukee County’s population is considered Black or African American and 13% are considered Hispanic or Latino.

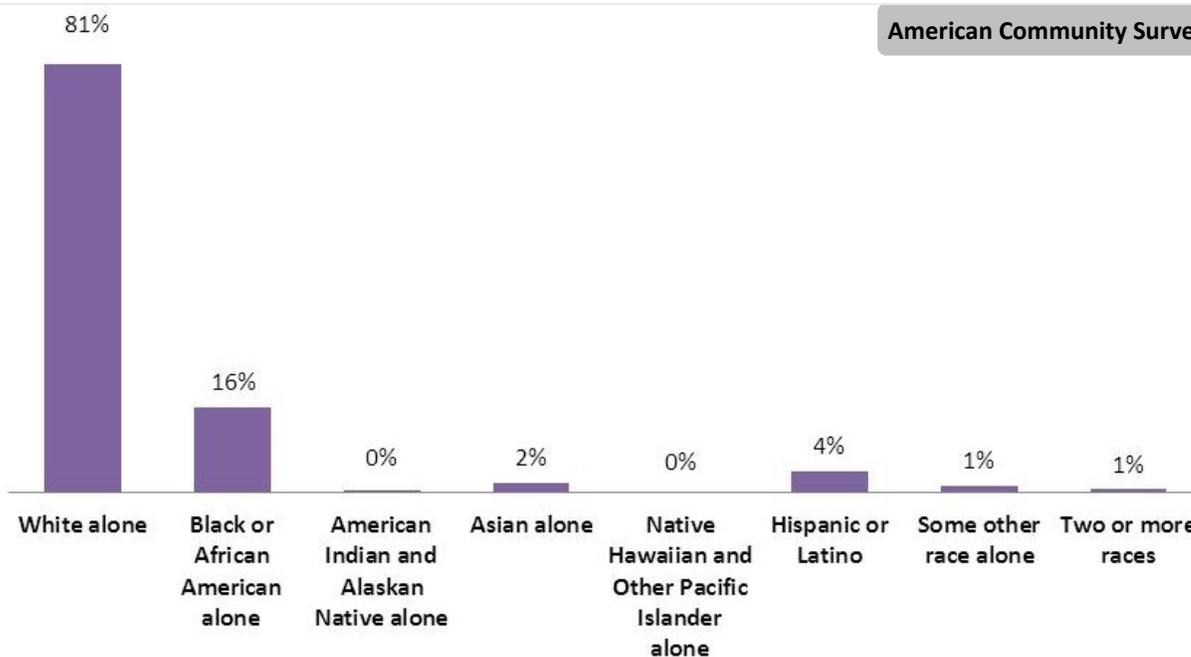
60%

of the total population in Milwaukee County is White.

Figure 15

### Percent of Milwaukee County Persons 60+ by Race/Ethnicity Year 2010

American Community Survey



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This graph looks at the percent of Milwaukee County’s elder population (ages 60 and over) with respect to race and ethnicity. The graph shows that the majority of Milwaukee’s population is made up of those classified as White (81%). Sixteen percent of Milwaukee County’s population is considered African American and 4% is considered Hispanic or Latino.

80%

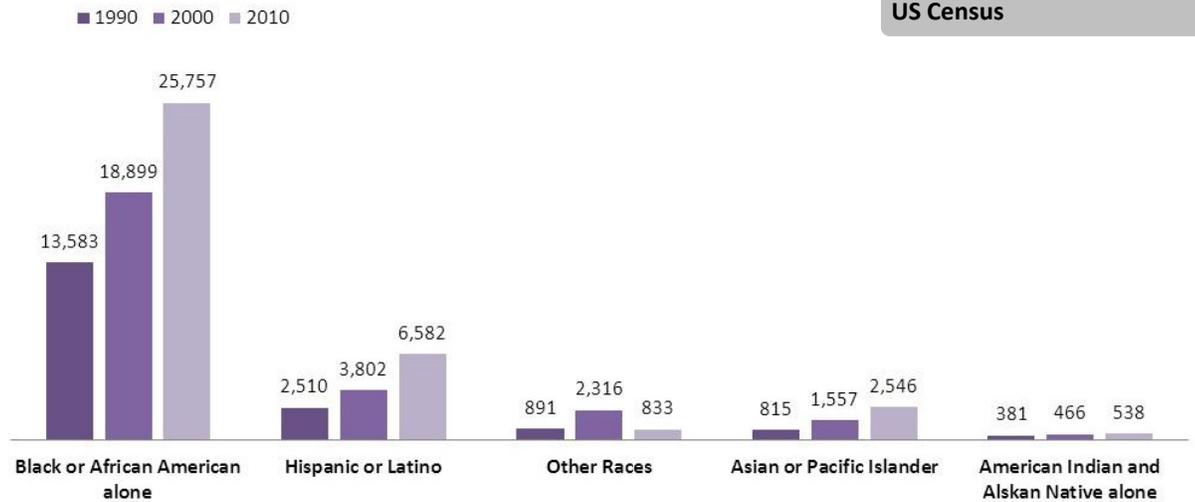
of persons 60 and over in Milwaukee County are White.



Figure 16

### Comparison of Milwaukee County Minority Population Age 60+ by Race/Ethnicity 1990, 2000, 2010

US Census



Provided by AARP State Research 2012

36%

Growth in the Black or African American population from 2000 to 2010.

This graph takes a look at the population makeup of different races and compares them for 1990, 2000, and 2010. There was an increase in population in every race category over the past three decades except “other races”.

The category “other race” consisted of 891 individuals in 1990. In 2000 there were 2,316 individuals. In 2010 the population decreased to 833 individuals. The 2000 spike in population reflects a change in the US Census categories for other races and doesn’t accurately depict an increase in people in this category in 2000 or a decrease in 2010.

Figure 17

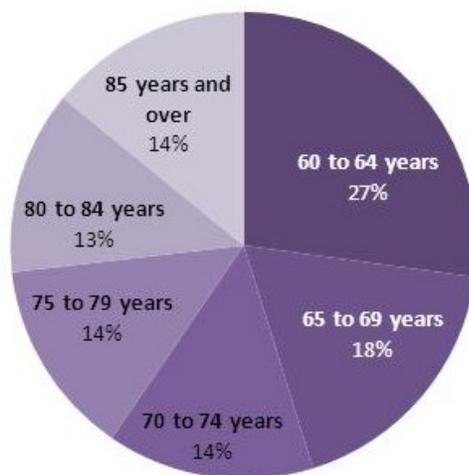
### Percentage of Age and Race for Persons Age 60+ Milwaukee County

US Census

60-64 years

Subgroup of seniors that make up the largest percentage of persons 60 and over in Milwaukee County.

White alone



Black or African American alone

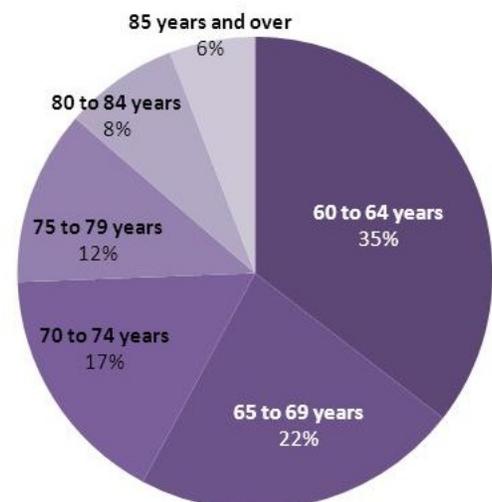


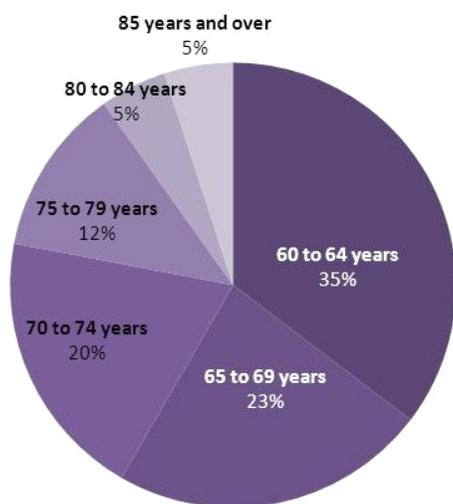


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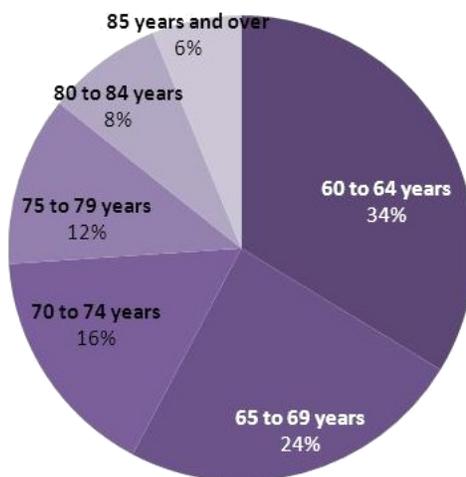
## Percentage of Age and Race for Persons Age 60 or Older Milwaukee County 2010

US Census

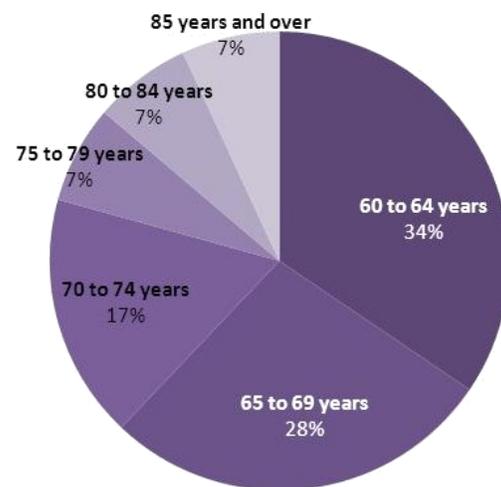
American Indian and Alaskan  
Native alone



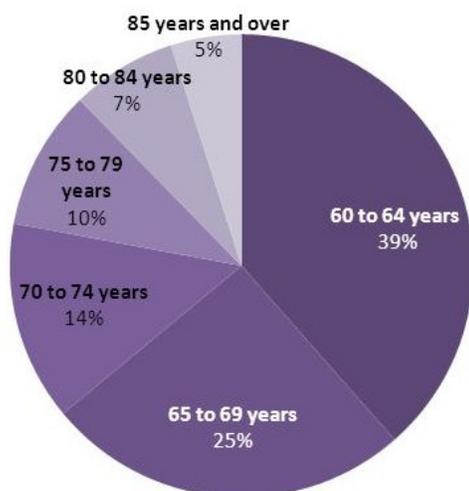
Asian alone



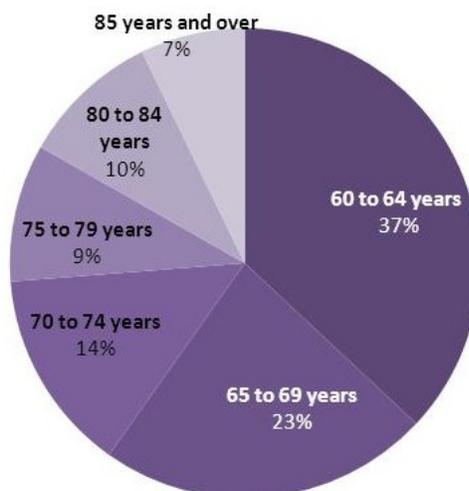
Native Hawaiian and Other  
Pacific Islander alone



Some Other Race alone



Two or More Races



Hispanic or Latino

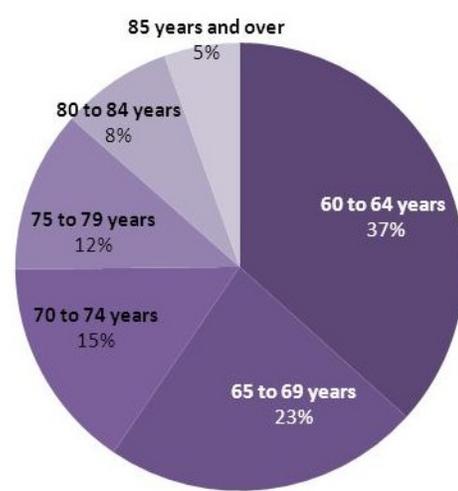




Table 1

**Sex by Age and Race for Persons Age 60+  
Milwaukee County**

US Census

Gender/Age Category	Total Population	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Some Other Race alone	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino
<b>Male:</b>	457,717	280,434	117,220	3,208	16,119	174	27,013	13,549	65,084
60 to 64 years	21,175	15,982	4,099	102	402	4	410	176	1,237
65 to 69 years	13,119	10,053	2,386	50	284	4	251	91	687
70 to 74 years	9,754	7,568	1,743	52	199	3	125	64	464
75 to 79 years	8,142	6,689	1,176	28	124	1	88	36	320
80 to 84 years	6,685	5,778	721	14	74	1	59	38	220
85 years and over	5,724	5,151	444	8	58	1	42	20	146
Persons 60+	64,599	51,221	10,569	254	1,141	14	975	425	3,074
Persons 65+	43,424	35,239	6,470	152	739	10	565	249	1,837
Persons 85+	5,724	5,151	444	8	58	1	42	20	146
<b>Female:</b>	490,018	294,222	136,544	3,600	16,303	189	24,416	14,744	60,955
60 to 64 years	23,248	16,977	5,102	110	453	6	386	214	1,177
65 to 69 years	16,081	11,830	3,409	88	325	4	275	150	816
70 to 74 years	12,930	9,848	2,556	66	212	2	163	83	544
75 to 79 years	12,152	9,828	1,925	45	175	1	114	64	450
80 to 84 years	11,283	9,676	1,304	15	131	1	93	63	308
85 years and over	13,263	11,957	1,068	22	99	1	60	56	213
Persons 60+	88,957	70,116	15,364	346	1,395	15	1,091	630	3,508
Persons 65+	65,709	53,139	10,262	236	942	9	705	416	2,331
Persons 85+	13,263	11,957	1,068	22	99	1	60	56	213
<b>Total Population:</b>	947,735	574,656	253,764	6,808	32,422	363	51,429	28,293	126,039
60 to 64 years	44,423	32,959	9,201	212	855	10	796	390	2,414
65 to 69 years	29,200	21,883	5,795	138	609	8	526	241	1,503
70 to 74 years	22,684	17,416	4,299	118	411	5	288	147	1,008
75 to 79 years	20,294	16,517	3,101	73	299	2	202	100	770
80 to 84 years	17,968	15,454	2,025	29	205	2	152	101	528
85 years and over	18,987	17,108	1,512	30	157	2	102	76	359
Persons 60+	153,556	121,337	25,933	600	2,536	29	2,066	1,055	6,582
Persons 65+	109,133	88,378	16,732	388	1,681	19	1,270	665	4,168
Persons 85+	18,987	17,108	1,512	30	157	2	102	76	359

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The table illustrates how sex, age, and race contribute to the older adult population of Milwaukee County. The total population of those ages 60 years or older are made up of 153,556 individuals. Of those 153,556 individuals, 121,337 are White and 25,933 are Black or African American. American Indians/Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians/other Pacific Islanders include 600 individuals and 29 individuals respectively. Of the total older adult population, 64,599 are males and 88,957 are females.



# Municipality

Table 2

## Comparisons Between 2000 and 2010 by Municipality in Milwaukee County: Older Adult Population in Three Age Categories

US Census

Municipality	2000 Census			2010 Census			Numerical Change 2000-2010			Percent Change 2000-2010		
	Persons 60+	Persons 70+	Persons 85+	Persons 60+	Persons 70+	Persons 85+	Persons 60+	Persons 70+	Persons 85+	Persons 60+	Persons 70+	Persons 85+
Bayside	1,172	451	90	1,257	665	168	85	214	78	7%	47%	87%
Brown Deer	2,891	1,069	333	2,759	1,410	255	-132	341	-78	-5%	32%	-23%
Cudahy	3,698	1,392	289	3,824	2,141	426	126	749	137	3%	54%	47%
Fox Point	1,739	727	176	1,724	927	213	-15	200	37	-1%	28%	21%
Franklin	4,032	1,151	204	7,005	3,325	590	2,973	2,174	386	74%	189%	189%
Glendale	3,933	1,904	633	3,839	2,208	613	-94	304	-20	-2%	16%	-3%
Greendale	3,787	1,311	305	3,991	2,355	468	204	1,044	163	5%	80%	53%
Greenfield	8,893	3,953	1,054	9,885	5,813	1,637	992	1,860	583	11%	47%	55%
Hales Corners	1,749	750	209	1,842	1,081	296	93	331	87	5%	44%	42%
Milwaukee City	82,961	32,108	8,381	77,539	37,833	8,044	-5,422	5,725	-337	-7%	18%	-4%
Oak Creek	3,491	1,005	215	5,539	2,628	477	2,048	1,623	262	59%	161%	122%
River Hills	348	89	18	487	200	35	139	111	17	40%	125%	94%
St. Francis	1,867	800	190	2,176	1,289	415	309	489	225	17%	61%	118%
Shorewood	2,463	1,030	286	2,526	1,179	263	63	149	-23	3%	14%	-8%
South Milwaukee	4,347	1,806	482	4,354	2,623	676	7	817	194	0%	45%	40%
Wauwatosa	10,238	5,085	1,753	10,133	6,196	2,137	-105	1,111	384	-1%	22%	22%
West Allis	12,700	5,984	1,645	11,740	6,780	2,001	-960	796	356	-8%	13%	22%
West Milwaukee	729	317	67	612	276	66	-117	-41	-1	-16%	-13%	-1%
Whitefish Bay	2,151	833	182	2,324	1,004	207	173	171	25	8%	21%	14%
Milwaukee Cnty	153,189	61,765	16,512	153,556	79,933	18,987	367	18,168	2,475	0%	29%	15%

The table shows the different age groups of older adults and their total distribution throughout different municipalities within Milwaukee County.

The table also shows the change in the older adult population since the year 2000. The total percent of persons age 60 years or older, 70 years or older, and 85 years or older all have increased in population by 0.2%, 29.4%, and 15.0% respectively. Note that areas such as Franklin have seen an increase in the older adult population by as much as 189%, whereas other areas such as West Milwaukee have seen a decrease in the older adult population by as much as 16.0%.

The gray shading in the “Percent Change 2000-2010” column highlights municipalities that experienced higher percent changes than their counterparts.



**Table 3**

**Older Adult Population in 2010 by Age Category and Municipality:  
Milwaukee County**

US Census

Municipality	Total	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent
	Population	60 to 64	60 to 64	65 to 74	65 to 74	75 to 84	75 to 84	85+	85+	60+	60+
Bayside	4,300	359	29%	440	35%	290	23%	168	13%	1,257	29%
Brown Deer	11,999	767	28%	1,007	36%	730	26%	255	9%	2,759	23%
Cudahy	18,267	959	25%	1,407	37%	1,032	27%	426	11%	3,824	21%
Fox Point	6,701	488	28%	558	32%	465	27%	213	12%	1,724	26%
Franklin	35,451	2,270	32%	2,497	36%	1,648	24%	590	8%	7,005	20%
Glendale	12,872	931	24%	1,242	32%	1,053	27%	613	16%	3,839	30%
Greendale	14,046	873	22%	1,489	37%	1,161	29%	468	12%	3,991	28%
Greenfield	36,720	2,346	24%	3,187	32%	2,715	27%	1,637	17%	9,885	27%
Hales Corners (HC)	7,692	422	23%	593	32%	531	29%	296	16%	1,842	24%
Oak Creek	34,451	1,745	32%	2,055	37%	1,262	23%	477	9%	5,539	16%
River Hills	1,597	182	37%	175	36%	95	20%	35	7%	487	30%
St. Francis	9,365	536	25%	606	28%	619	28%	415	19%	2,176	23%
Shorewood	13,162	809	32%	868	34%	586	23%	263	10%	2,526	19%
South Milwaukee	21,156	1,048	24%	1,330	31%	1,300	30%	676	16%	4,354	21%
Wauwatosa	46,396	2,425	24%	2,789	28%	2,782	27%	2,137	21%	10,133	22%
West Allis	60,411	2,912	25%	3,641	31%	3,186	27%	2,001	17%	11,740	19%
West Milwaukee	4,206	208	34%	223	36%	115	19%	66	11%	612	15%
Whitefish Bay	14,110	832	36%	816	35%	469	20%	207	9%	2,324	16%
Milwaukee City	594,833	24,311	31%	26,961	35%	18,223	24%	8,044	10%	77,539	13%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>947,735</b>	<b>44,423</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>51,884</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>38,262</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>18,987</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>153,556</b>	<b>16%</b>

The table illustrates the percentage of seniors, by age group, that reside in each municipality within Milwaukee County.



Figure 19

### Percent of Older Adult Population Ages 60-64 by Municipality 2010

US Census

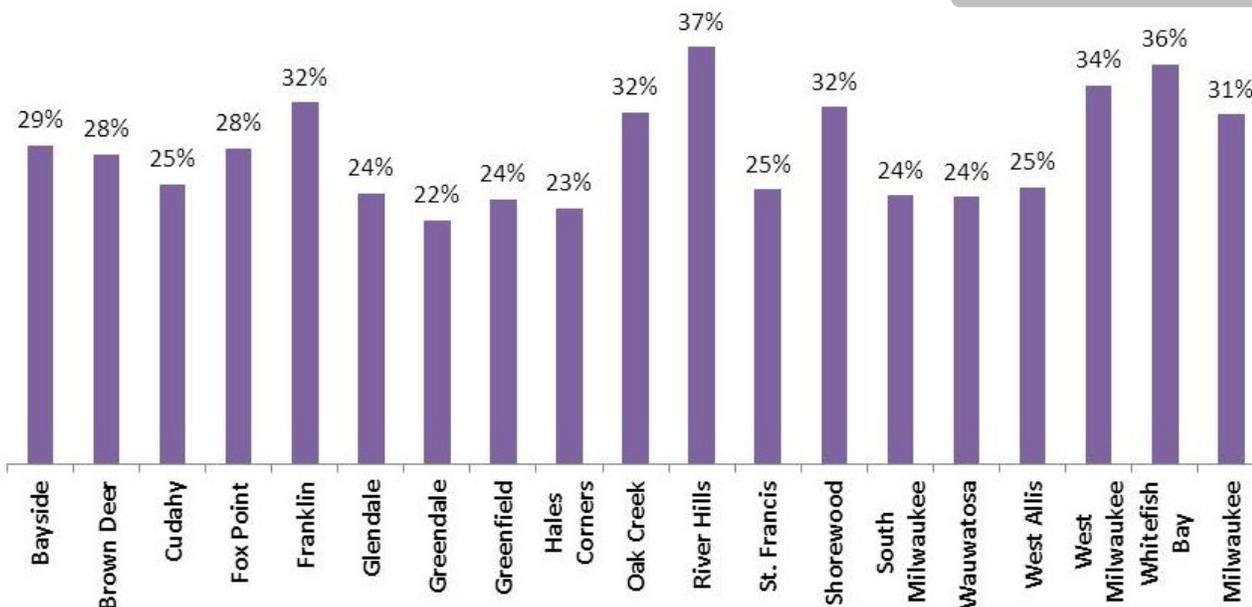


Figure 20

### Percent of Older Adult Population Ages 65-74 by Municipality 2010

US Census

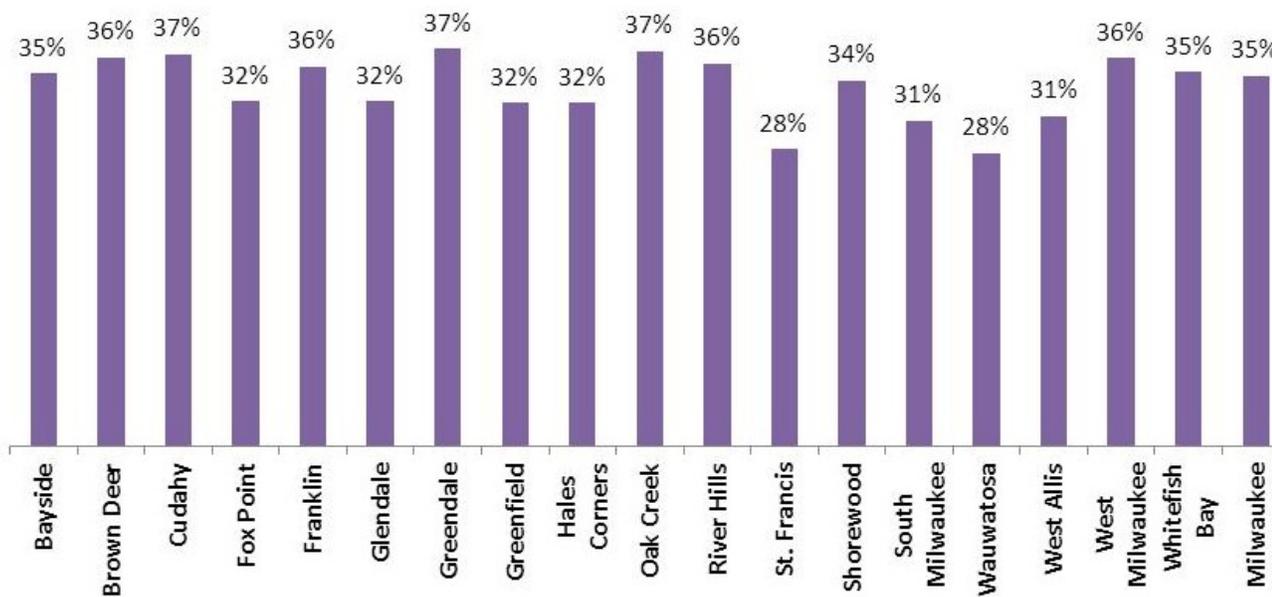




Figure 21

### Percent of Older Adult Population Ages 75-84 by Municipality 2010

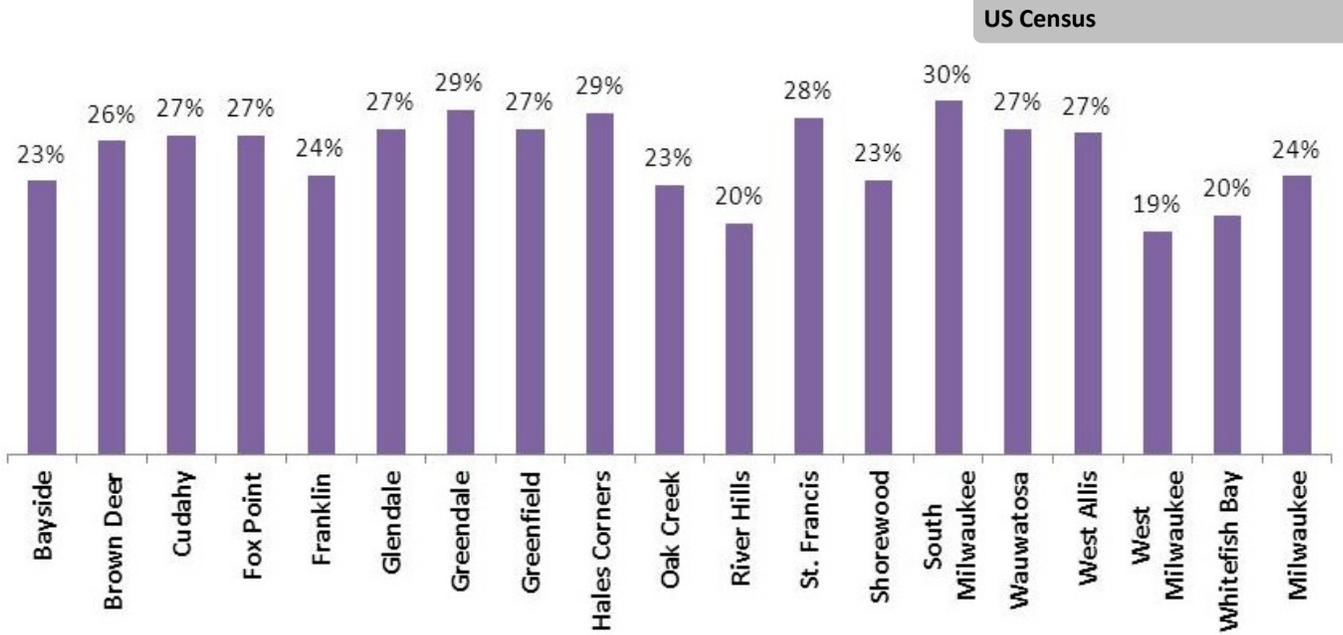
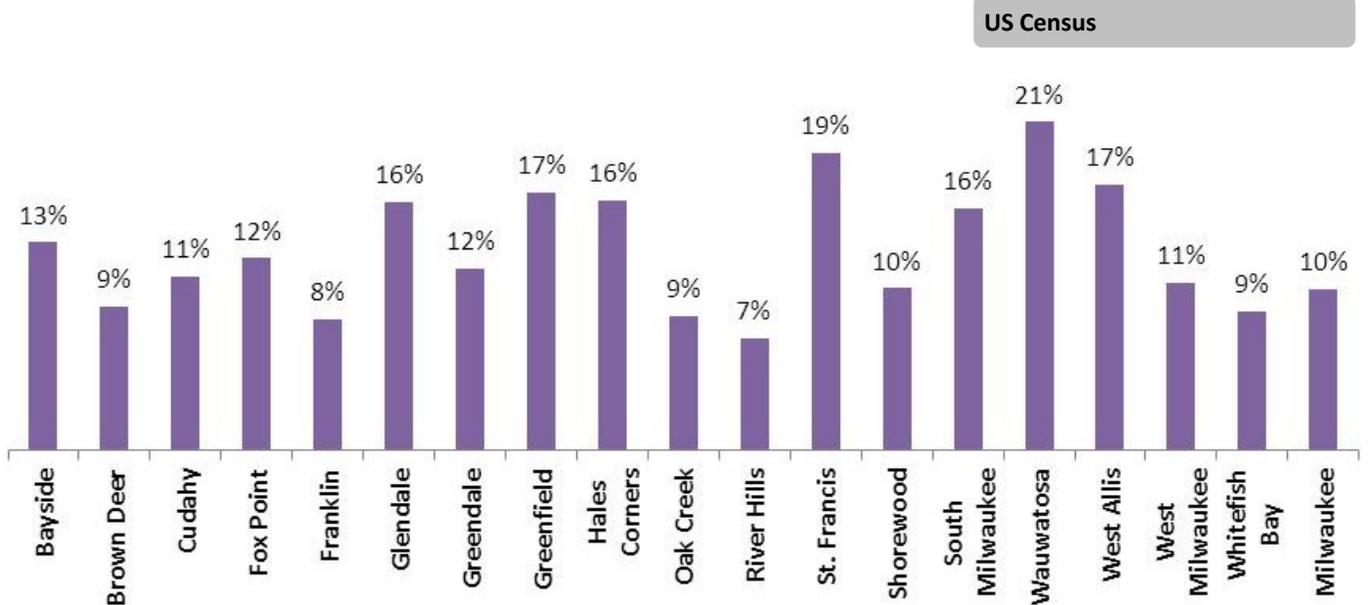


Figure 22

### Percent of Older Adult Population Ages 85+ by Municipality 2010





**Robert and Jean Haase**

Photo: Robert A. Bell



# Gender

**Table 4**

## Number and Percent of Persons by Age and Gender Milwaukee County

US Census

Age	Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	69,364	7%	35,292	8%	34,072	7%
5 to 9	64,289	7%	32,693	7%	31,596	6%
10 to 14	63,132	7%	32,288	7%	30,844	6%
15 to 19	69,912	7%	35,373	8%	34,539	7%
20 to 24	77,957	8%	38,234	8%	39,723	8%
25 to 34	146,338	15%	71,373	16%	74,965	15%
35 to 44	119,301	13%	58,831	13%	60,470	12%
45 to 54	127,190	13%	61,661	13%	65,529	13%
55 to 59	56,696	6%	27,373	6%	29,323	6%
60 to 64	44,423	5%	21,175	5%	23,248	5%
65 to 69	29,200	3%	13,119	3%	16,081	3%
70 to 74	22,684	2%	9,754	2%	12,930	3%
75 to 79	20,294	2%	8,142	2%	12,152	2%
80 to 84	17,968	2%	6,685	1%	11,283	2%
85 or more	18,987	2%	5,724	1%	13,263	3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>947,735</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>457,717</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>490,018</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	153,556	16%	64,599	14%	88,957	18%
Age 65+	109,133	12%	43,424	9%	65,709	13%
Age 85+	18,987	2%	5,724	1%	13,263	3%

16%  
Of Milwaukee County's total population is 60 years old or older

The table shows the number and percent of the ages of people living in Milwaukee County. The graph is split to compare the number and percent of males and females in different age groups and how they relate to the total population. As the table shows, persons age 60 years and over make up approximately 16% of the total population in Milwaukee County.

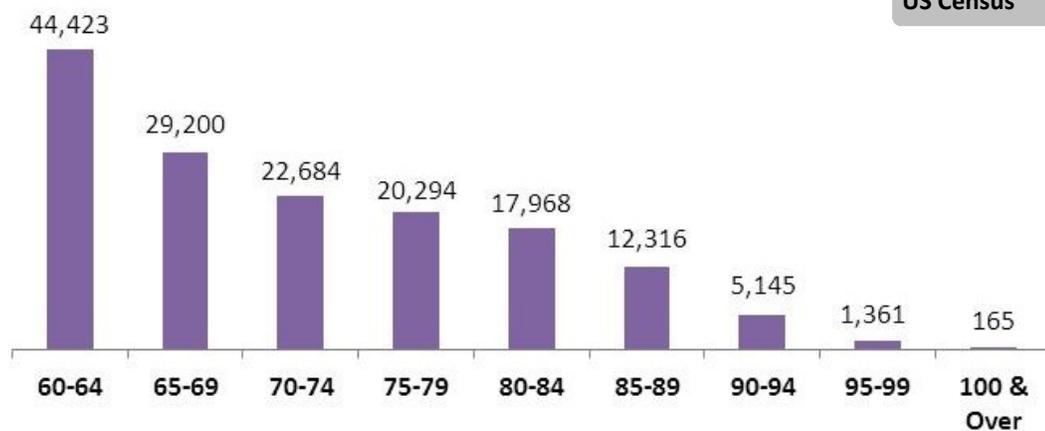
Females ages 60 years or older make up 18% of all females in Milwaukee County, whereas males ages 60 years or older make up 14% of all males in Milwaukee County.



Figure 23

### Milwaukee County's 60+ Population by Age Category 2010

US Census



#### 60-64 Years Old

Make up the largest portion of the 60+ community

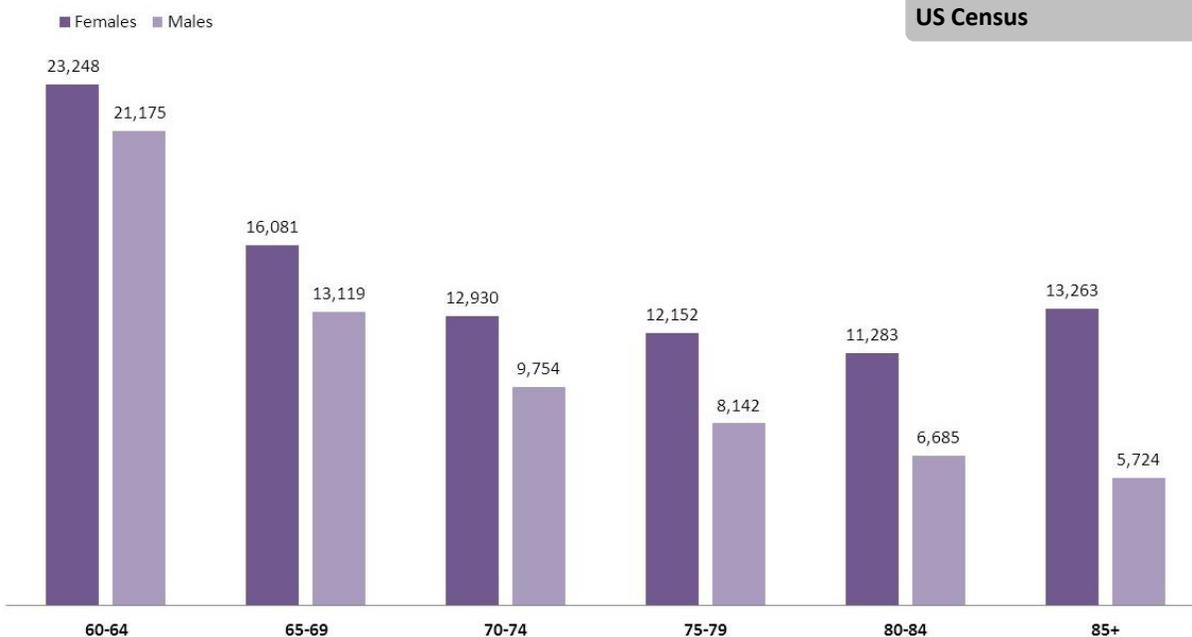
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This graph shows Milwaukee County's population makeup for those ages 60 years or older. There are 44,423 individuals between the ages of 60 to 64 years. As the age groups increase by increments of five years, there is a decline in the population makeup for each age category. The graph also shows that there are 165 individuals ages 100 years or more.

Figure 24

### Milwaukee County Older Population by Gender and Age 2010

US Census



#### Females

Make up the largest portion of the 60+ community

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The graph shows the number of Milwaukee County individuals ages 60 and older with respect to age and gender. There tend to be more females than males in all age categories. Between age groups there is a decline in the population makeup. However, there are more females ages 85 or older (13,263) than there are females between the ages 70 to 74.



Figure 25

Milwaukee County Population Pyramid: Total Population 2000

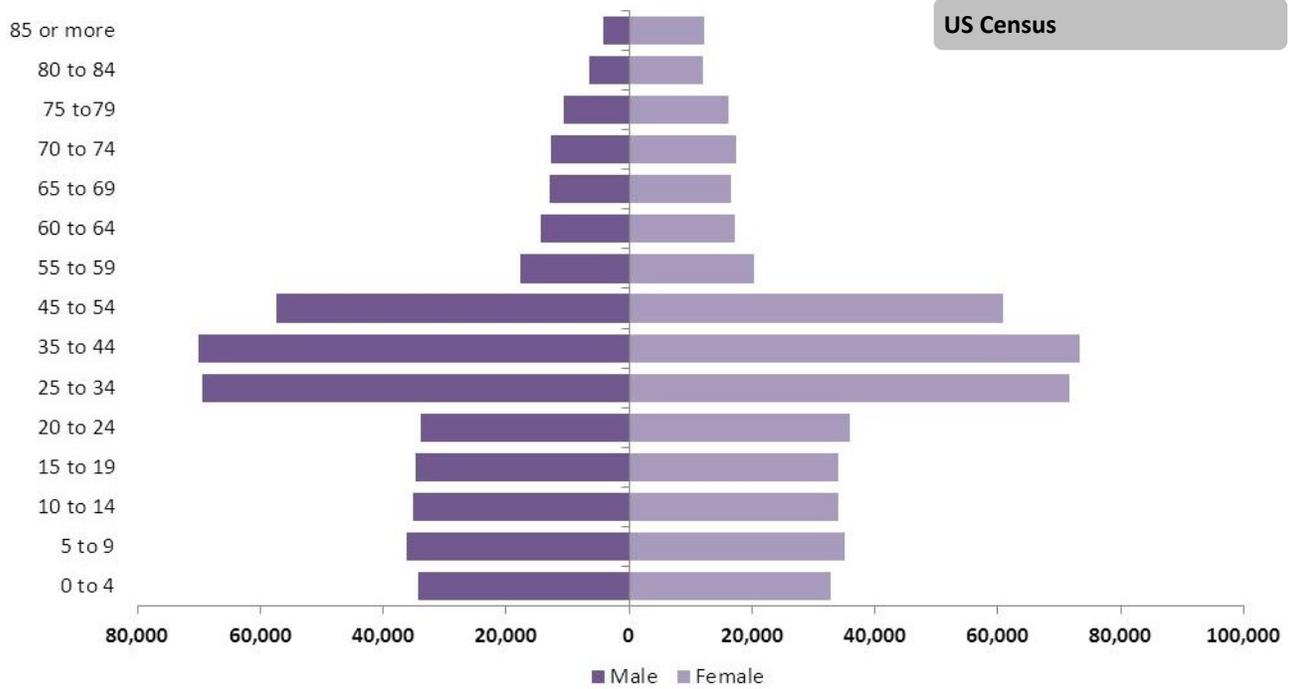
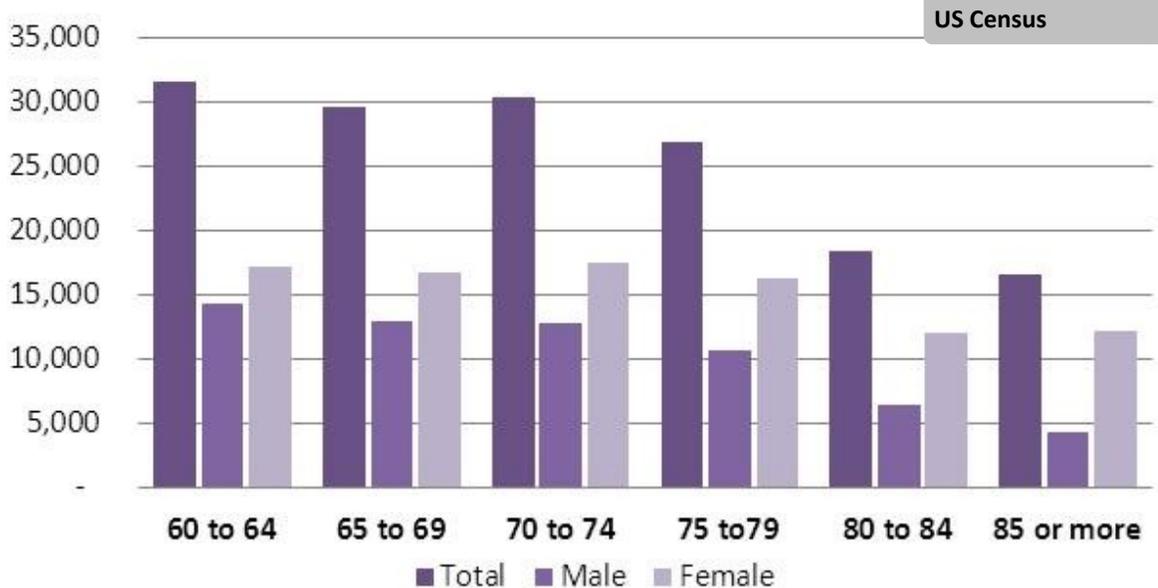


Figure 26

Milwaukee County Older Adult Persons by Gender and Age 2000

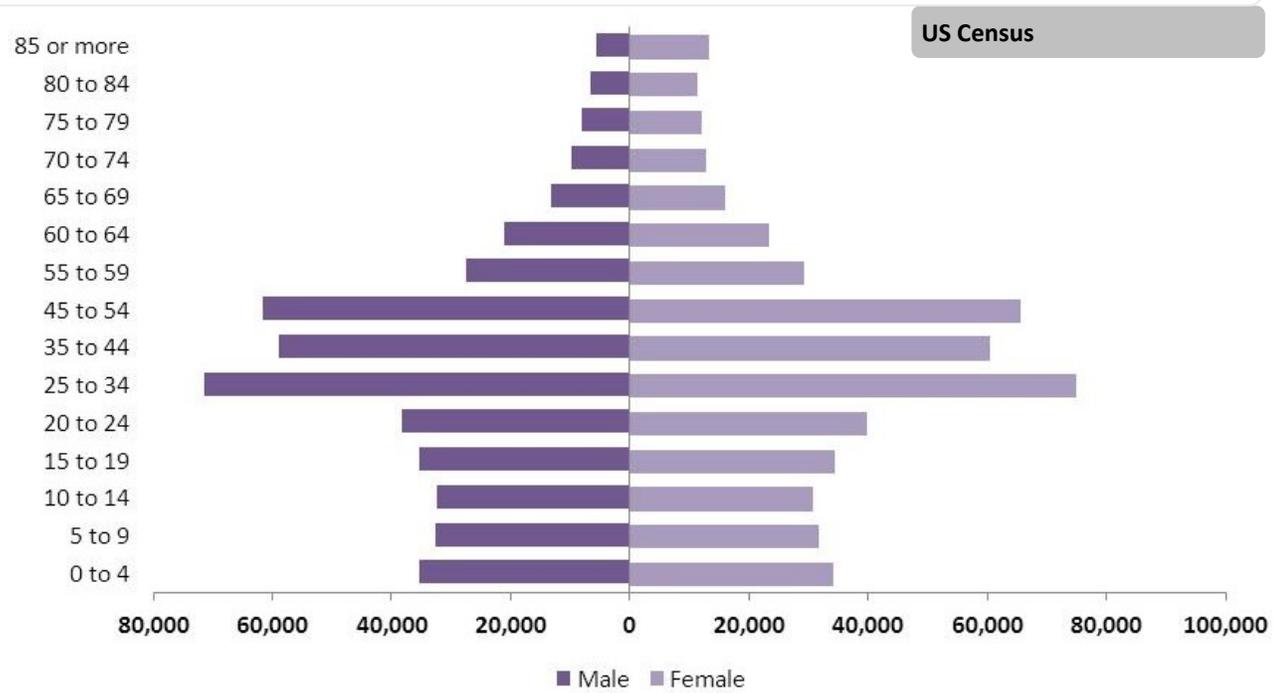


31,504  
Total number of 60-64 year olds living in Milwaukee County in 2000



**Figure 27**

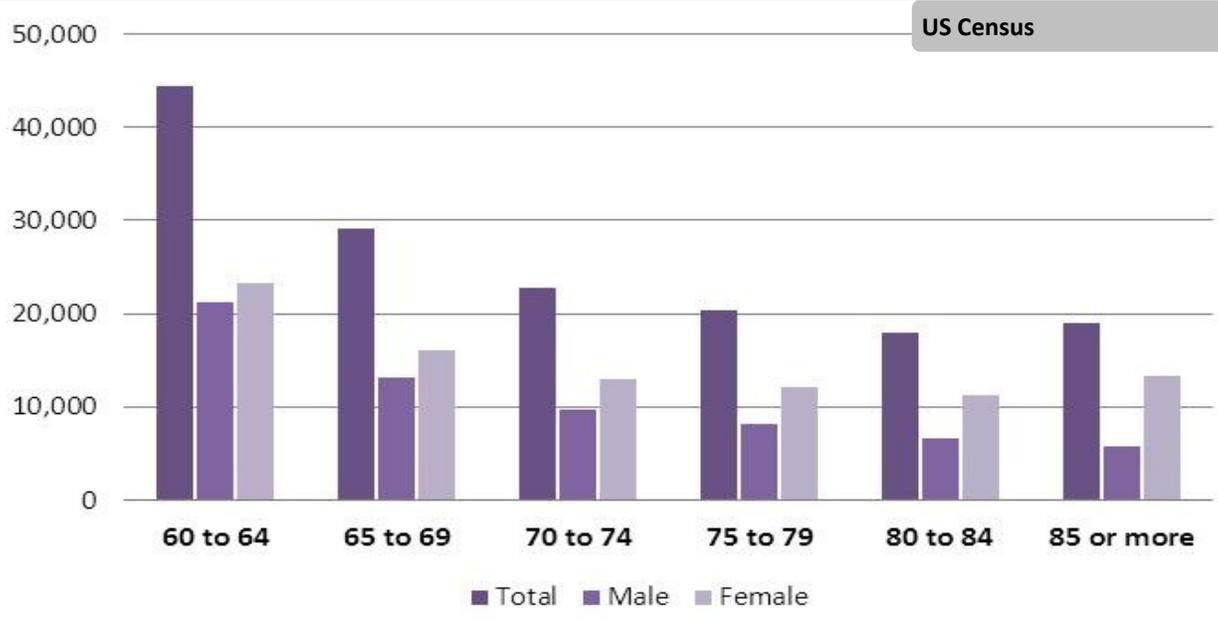
**Milwaukee County Population Pyramid: Total Population 2010**



This chart shows the population makeup of Milwaukee County between those ages 0 to 59 years and those ages 60 or older. Those ages 60 or older make up approximately 16% of the total population.

**Figure 28**

**Milwaukee County Older Adult Persons by Gender and Age 2010**



**44,423**  
Total number of 60-64 year olds living in Milwaukee County in 2010



# LGBT Overview

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) adults may face challenges specific to their sexuality (lesbian, gay, or bisexual) or gender identity (transgender) as they age due to the marginalization of these identities in the United States. Some of these concerns include:

- Discrimination, fear of discrimination, or lack of competence from health care and other service providers
- Social isolation- LGBT older adults are:
  - ◊ Twice as likely to live alone than heterosexual older adults
  - ◊ More than four times as likely to be childless than heterosexual older adults
- Elder abuse, including:
  - ◊ Homophobic abuse, domestic violence and the fear of authorities, self-neglect, and internalized homophobia
- Legal barriers, such as:
  - ◊ Barriers to marriage or other legally recognized partnerships
  - ◊ Barriers to accessing the couple's assets if they are in the other partner's name

## Issues of Aging for Transgender Identified Persons

Transgender older adults have a diverse array of experiences shaped by when in life they transitioned. Their ability to access health care and the competence of care providers around issues of gender and sex transition as well as family and community support contribute to their quality of life. Some concerns for this population include:

- Whether or not their marriage will be upheld. In states where same-sex marriages are illegal, a couple's marriage will only be recognized if they are a heterosexual couple after a partner's transition is complete
- Whether or not their legal documents "match" their identity
- Domestic violence and abuse in care facilities

## Resources for Advocacy

FORGE Transgender Aging Network:  
<http://www.forge-forward.org>

National Resource Center on LGBT Aging:  
<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/>

United States Department of Health and Human Services:  
<http://www.hhs.gov/secretary/about/lgbthealth.html>

Center for American Progress:  
[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/03/pdf/aca\\_lgbt.pdf](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/03/pdf/aca_lgbt.pdf)

Our Maturing Movement: State-by-State LGBT Aging Policy Recommendations:  
[http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/our-maturing\\_movement.pdf](http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/our-maturing_movement.pdf)

Tips for Caregivers of Transgender Clients:  
<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/pdfs/ReadyToServe.pdf>

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Ken and Allen

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## Diversity

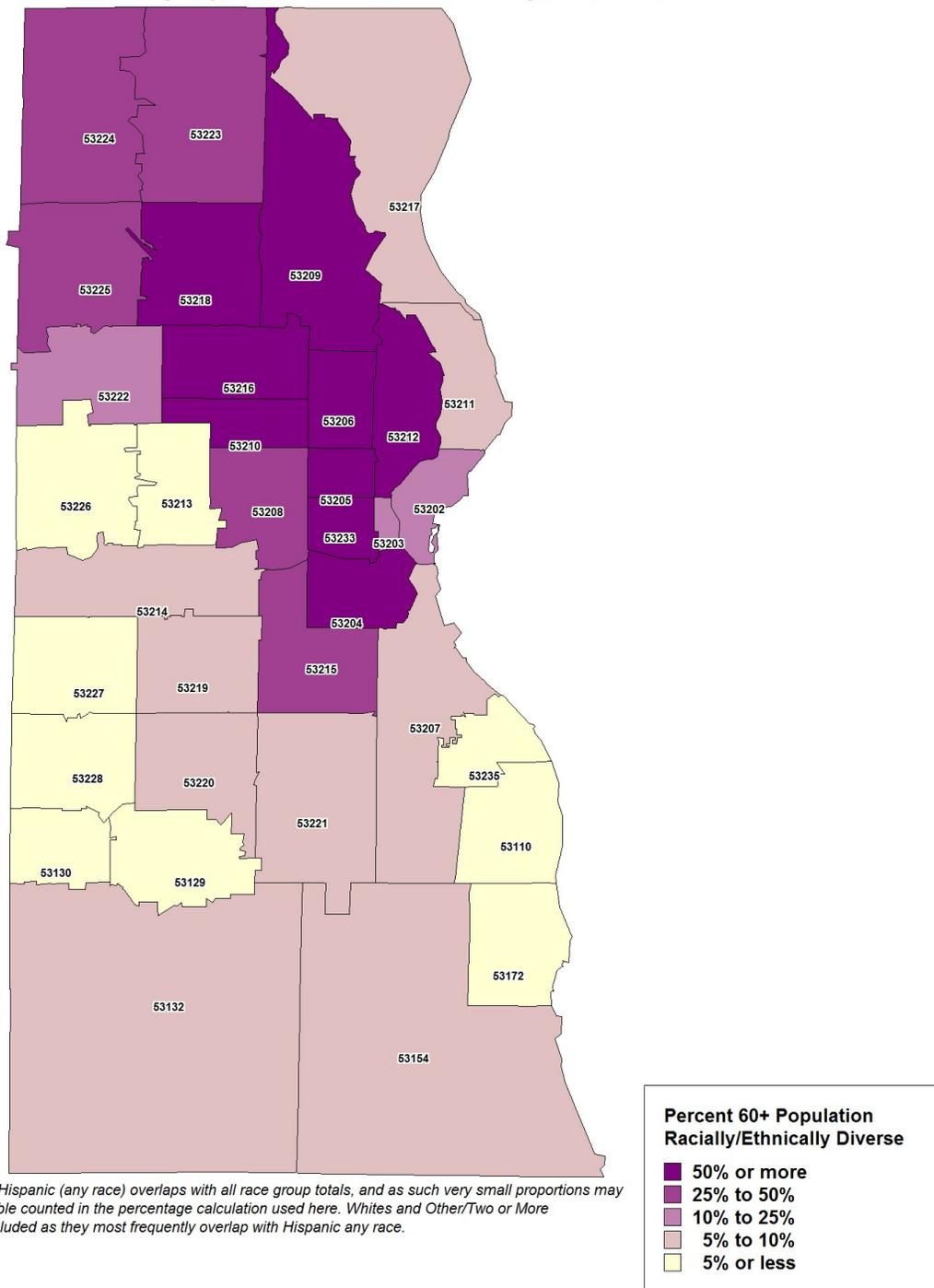


**Maria Burgos and David Skinner, Golden Idol 2012**

Photo: Direct Supply



**Total Population Age 60+ and \*Percent 60+ Population  
Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census**



Provided by AARP State Research 2012

This map looks at the total older adult population and its racial/ethnic diversity by zip code. The densest areas of diversity are between zip codes 53204 and 53218, with less dense areas in surrounding zip codes. The areas between zip codes 53227 and 53129, as well as between 53235 and 53172, have the least amount of diversity.



Table 5

**Number and Percent of American Indian and Alaska Native Alone by Age and Gender Milwaukee County**

US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	553	8%	554	8%	253	8%	301	8%
5 to 9	650	10%	566	8%	281	9%	285	8%
10 to 14	684	10%	548	8%	288	9%	260	7%
15 to 19	669	10%	588	9%	280	9%	308	9%
20 to 24	559	8%	531	8%	266	8%	265	7%
25 to 34	1,123	16%	1,089	16%	502	16%	587	16%
35 to 44	1,141	17%	1,002	15%	465	14%	537	15%
45 to 54	736	11%	980	14%	461	14%	519	14%
55 to 59	213	3%	350	5%	158	5%	192	5%
60 to 64	175	3%	212	3%	102	3%	110	3%
65 to 69	126	2%	138	2%	50	2%	88	2%
70 to 74	77	1%	118	2%	52	2%	66	2%
75 to 79	44	0.6%	73	1%	28	1%	45	1%
80 to 84	22	0.3%	29	0%	14	0%	15	0%
85 or more	22	0.3%	30	0%	8	0%	22	1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,794</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,808</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	466	7%	600	9%	254	8%	346	10%
Age 65+	291	4%	388	6%	152	5%	236	7%
Age 85+	22	0.3%	30	0%	8	0%	22	1%

**Native**

The American Indian and Alaska Native people ages 60 and over make up 9% of their community.

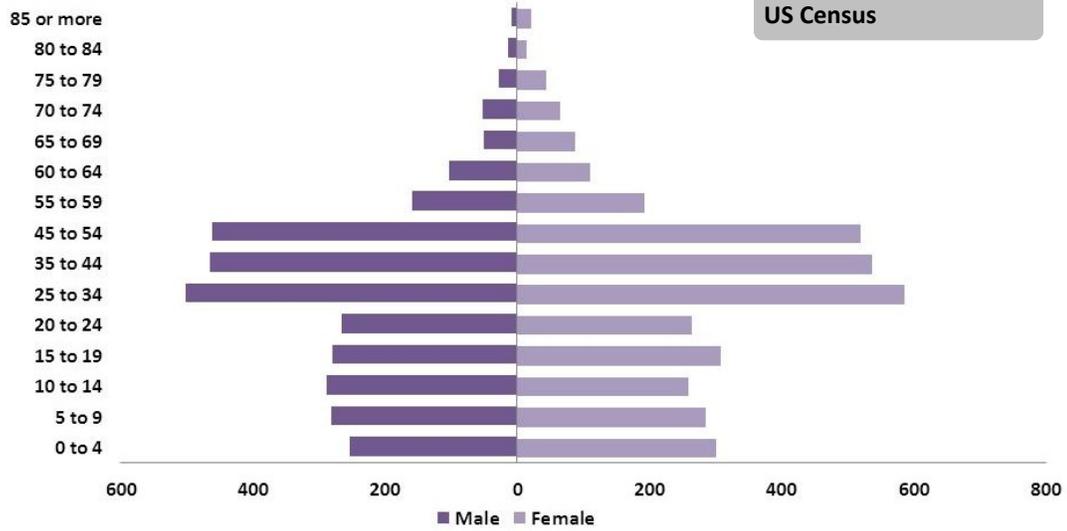
People ages 25-34 and 35-44 have the highest percentage of members.

The table illustrates the number of American Indian and Alaska Native persons and their population makeup in regard to age and gender. American Indians and Alaska Natives ages 60 years or older account for 9% of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population in Milwaukee County. Of the total American Indian and Alaska Native males, those ages 60 years or older make up 8% of the population. Those ages 85 years or older account for only 0.2% of the total male population.



Figure 29

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: American Indian and Alaska Native



Indian Council of the Elderly

Photo: Alvin G. Flowers





**Table 6**

**Number and Percent of Asian Alone by Age and Gender  
Milwaukee County**

US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
Under 5	2,426	10%	3,016	9%	1,529	9%	1,487	9%
5 to 9	2,503	10%	2,716	8%	1,368	8%	1,348	8%
10 to 14	2,454	10%	2,619	8%	1,336	8%	1,283	8%
15 to 19	2,352	10%	2,905	9%	1,442	9%	1,463	9%
20 to 24	2,293	9%	3,385	10%	1,680	10%	1,705	10%
25 to 34	4,909	20%	6,904	21%	3,418	21%	3,486	21%
35 to 44	3,009	12%	4,389	14%	2,241	14%	2,148	13%
45 to 54	2,028	8%	2,808	9%	1,433	9%	1,375	8%
55 to 59	620	2%	1,144	4%	531	3%	613	4%
60 to 64	475	2%	855	3%	402	2%	453	3%
65 to 69	367	1%	609	2%	284	2%	325	2%
70 to 74	316	1%	411	1%	199	1%	212	1%
75 to 79	205	0.8%	299	1%	124	1%	175	1%
80 to 84	114	0.5%	205	1%	74	0%	131	1%
85 or more	74	0.3%	157	0%	58	0%	99	1%
Totals	24,145	100.0%	32,422	100%	16,119	100%	16,303	100%
Age 60+	1,551	6%	2,536	8%	1,141	7%	1,395	9%
Age 65+	1,076	4%	1,681	5%	739	5%	942	6%
Age 85+	74	0.3%	157	0%	58	0%	99	1%

**Asian**

Asian people ages 60 and over only make up 8% of their community.

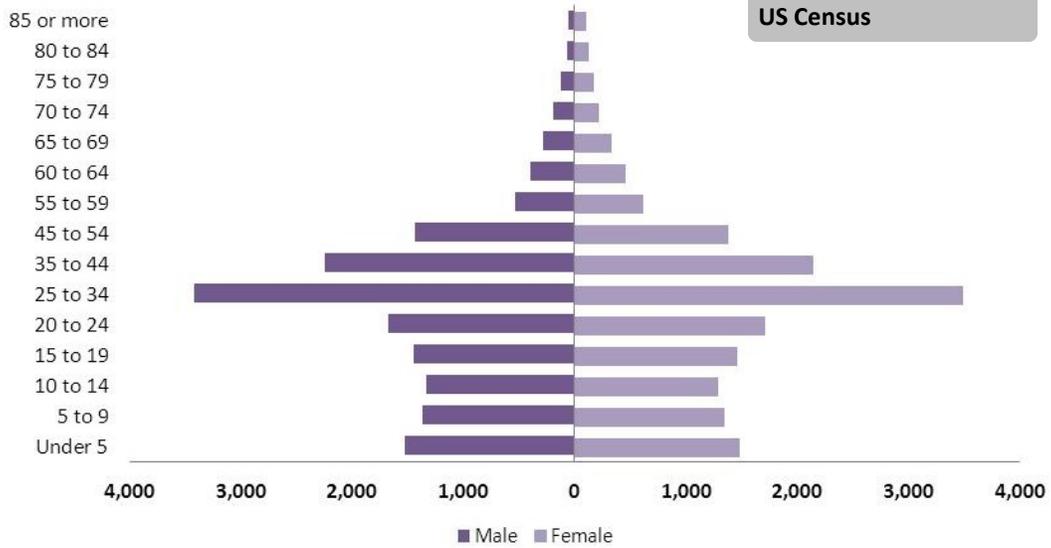
People ages 25-34 and 35-44 have the highest percentage of members.

The table shows the population of Asian people by different age categories and gender in Milwaukee County. The older adult Asian population (ages 60 years or older) accounts for 8% of the total Asian population in Milwaukee County. Male Asians ages 60 years or older make up approximately 7% of the total male Asian population whereas female Asians ages 60 years or older account for approximately 9% of the total female Asian population.



Figure 30

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Asian Alone

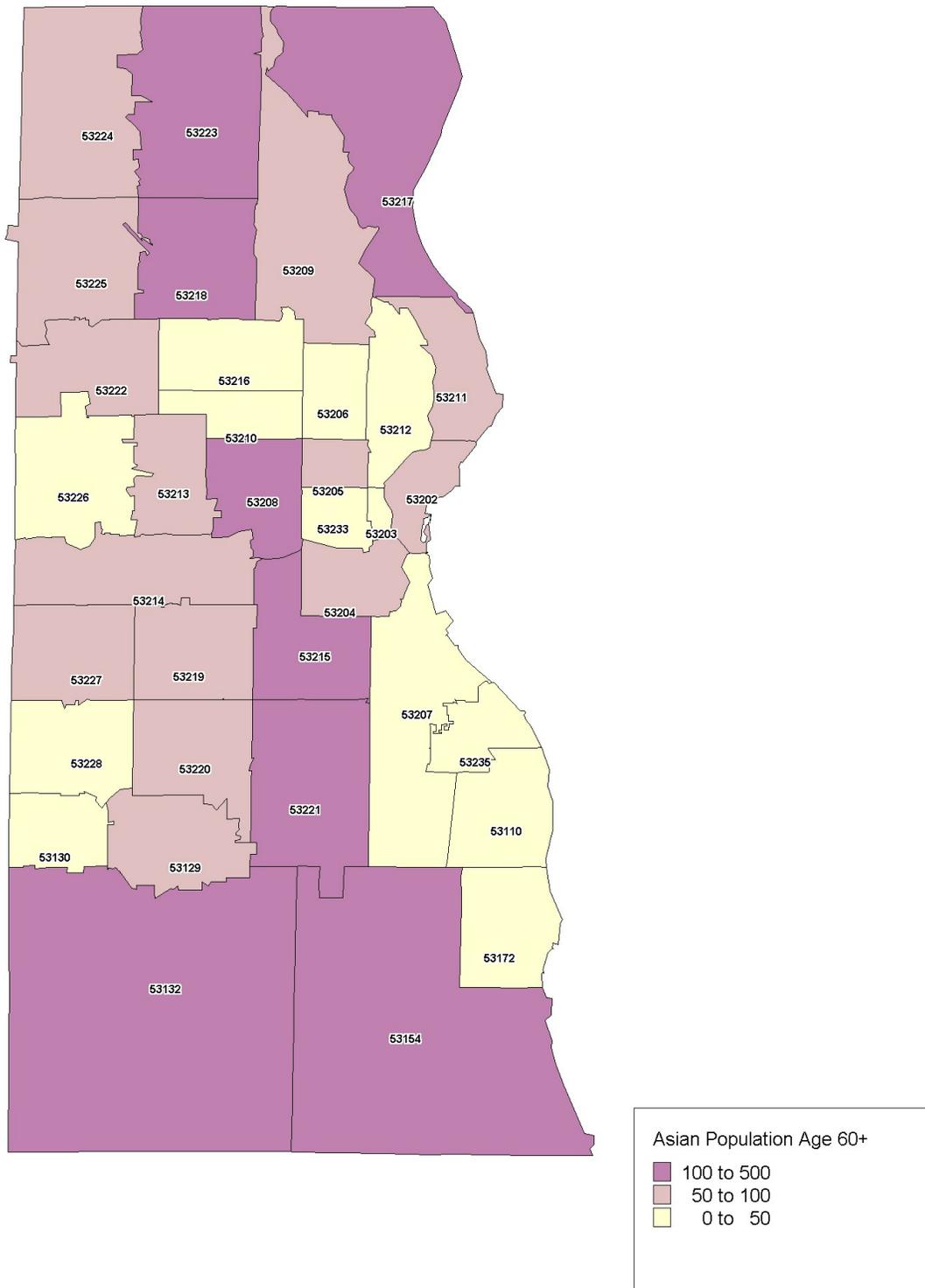


Milwaukee Christian Center

Photo: Diane Beckley



## Asian Population Age 60+ by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census



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The map shows the older adult Asian population, ages 60 year or older, and their population distribution by zip code within Milwaukee County. A majority of the older adult Asian population tend to live in the northern and southern parts of Milwaukee County.



**Table 7**

**Number and Percent of Black or African American Alone by Age and Gender Milwaukee County**

Age	US Census							
	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
<b>0 to 4</b>	23,345	10%	23,936	9%	11,968	10%	11,968	9%
<b>5 to 9</b>	27,582	12%	22,726	9%	11,614	10%	11,112	8%
<b>10 to 14</b>	25,811	11%	23,783	9%	12,092	10%	11,691	9%
<b>15 to 19</b>	21,250	9%	25,443	10%	12,757	11%	12,686	9%
<b>20 to 24</b>	16,676	7%	20,181	8%	9,311	8%	10,870	8%
<b>25 to 34</b>	33,607	14%	34,783	14%	14,816	13%	19,967	15%
<b>35 to 44</b>	32,912	14%	32,566	13%	14,318	12%	18,248	13%
<b>45 to 54</b>	23,998	10%	31,790	13%	14,199	12%	17,591	13%
<b>55 to 59</b>	7,077	3%	12,623	5%	5,576	5%	7,047	5%
<b>60 to 64</b>	5,788	2%	9,201	4%	4,099	3%	5,102	4%
<b>65 to 69</b>	4,725	2%	5,795	2%	2,386	2%	3,409	2%
<b>70 to 74</b>	3,696	2%	4,299	2%	1,743	1%	2,556	2%
<b>75 to 79</b>	2,375	1%	3,101	1%	1,176	1%	1,925	1%
<b>80 to 84</b>	1,231	0.5%	2,025	1%	721	1%	1,304	1%
<b>85 or more</b>	1,084	0.5%	1,512	1%	444	0%	1,068	1%
<b>Totals</b>	231,157	100.0%	253,764	100%	117,220	100%	136,544	100%
<b>Age 60+</b>	18,899	8%	25,933	10%	10,569	9%	15,364	11%
<b>Age 65+</b>	13,111	6%	16,732	7%	6,470	6%	10,262	8%
<b>Age 85+</b>	1,084	0.5%	1,512	1%	444	0%	1,068	1%

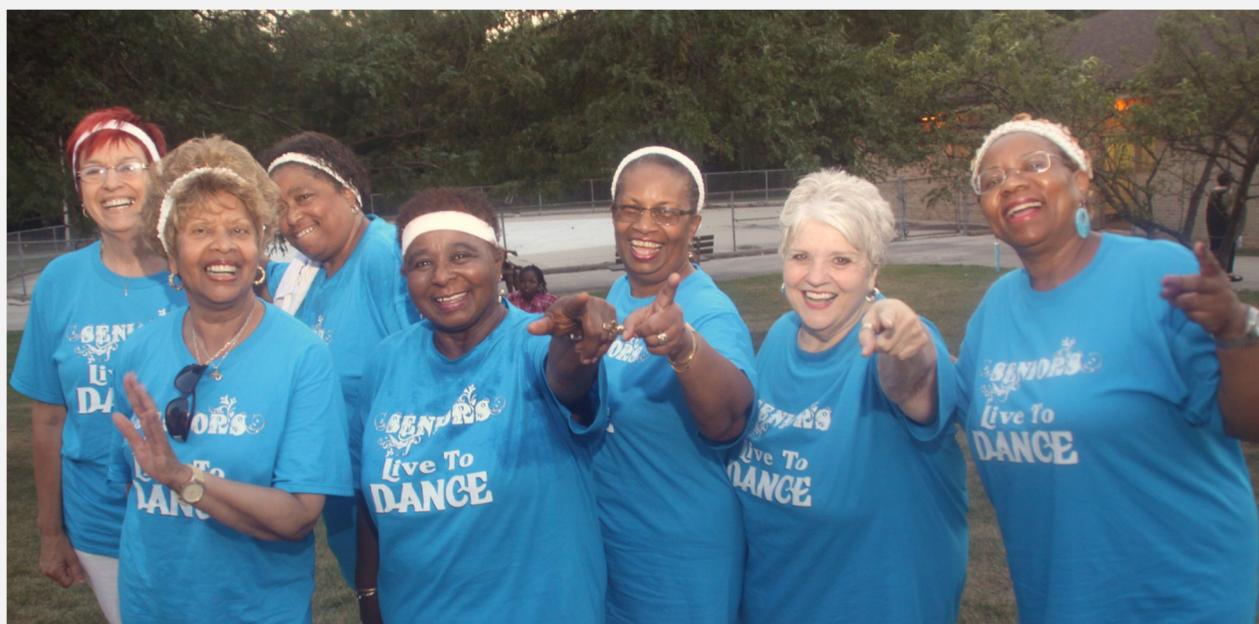
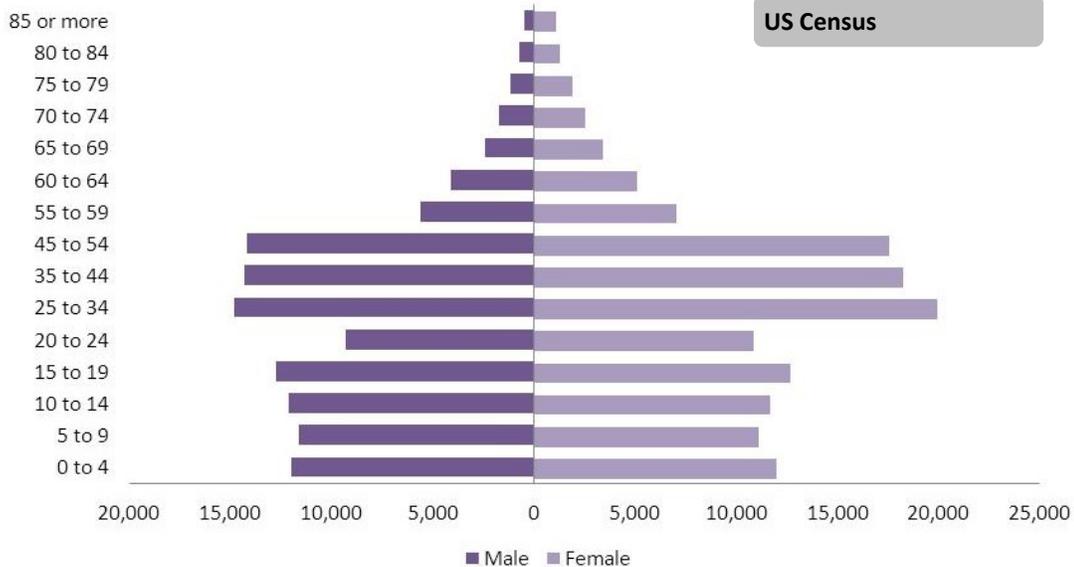
African American  
Black/African American people ages 60 and over make up 10% of their community. People ages 25-34, 35-44 and 45-54 have the highest percentage of members.

The table shows the number of Black or African Americans and their population makeup with respect to age and gender. Black or African American females ages 60 years or older and 85 years or older account for 11% and 0.8% of the total Black or African American female population of Milwaukee County respectively. Black or African Americans ages 60 years or older account for 10% of the total Black or African American population in Milwaukee County. Of the total Black or African American males, those ages 60 years or older make up 9% of the population.



Figure 31

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Black or African American Alone

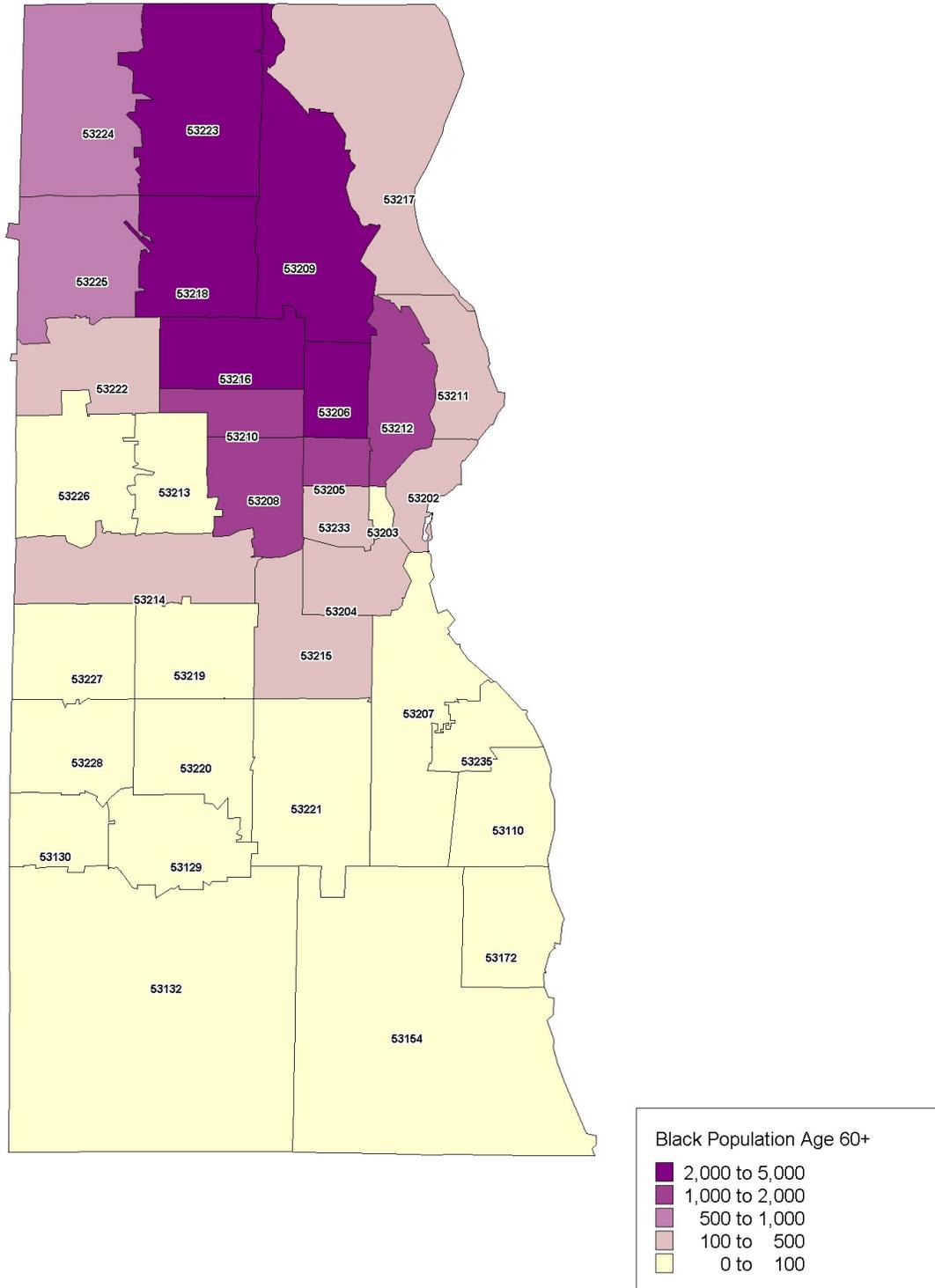


Jazzy Jewels, Washington Park Senior Center

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## Black Population Age 60+ by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census



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The map shows the older adult Black and African American population, ages 60 years or older, and their distribution by zip code within Milwaukee County. Black and African Americans tend to live in northern Milwaukee County. Very few African Americans live in the southern part of Milwaukee County (south of zip code 53215). The Black and African American population is also more dense in the central part of northern Milwaukee County.



Table 8

## Number and Percent of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone by Age and Gender Milwaukee County

US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	50	12%	24	7%	13	7%	11	6%
5 to 9	27	6%	27	7%	13	7%	14	7%
10 to 14	31	7%	32	9%	15	9%	17	9%
15 to 19	46	12%	22	6%	12	7%	10	5%
20 to 24	64	15%	53	15%	28	16%	25	13%
25 to 34	91	22%	62	17%	34	20%	28	15%
35 to 44	41	10%	63	17%	25	14%	38	20%
45 to 54	30	7%	38	10%	16	9%	22	12%
55 to 59	16	4%	13	4%	4	2%	9	5%
60 to 64	6	1%	10	3%	4	2%	6	3%
65 to 69	7	2%	8	2%	4	2%	4	2%
70 to 74	6	1%	5	1%	3	2%	2	1%
75 to 79	3	0.7%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%
80 to 84	2	0.5%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%
85 or more	2	0.5%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	26	6%	29	8%	14	8%	15	8%
Age 65+	20	5%	19	5%	10	6%	9	5%
Age 85+	2	0.5%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%

### Hawaiian

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander people ages 60 and over make up 8% of their community.

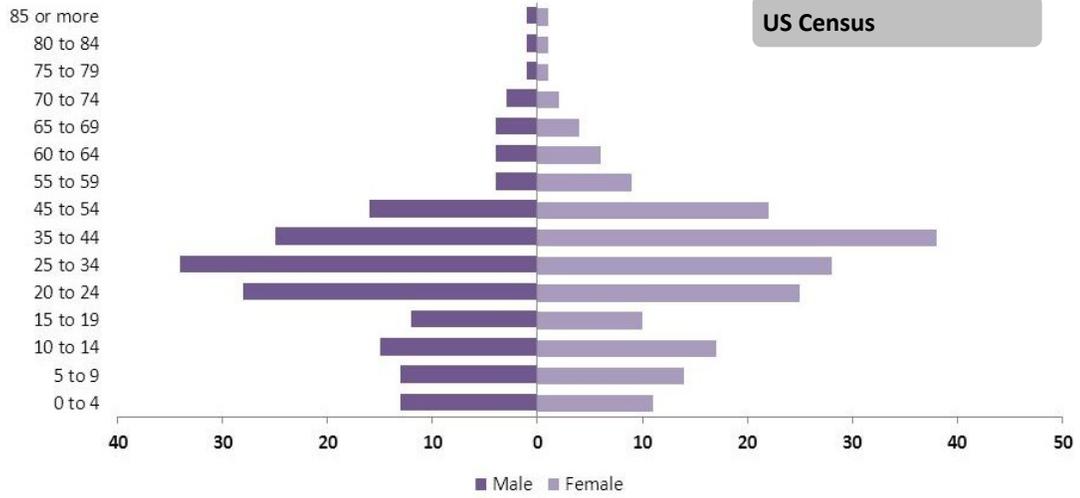
People ages 25-34 and 35-44 have the highest percentage of members.

The table demonstrates the number of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders and their population makeup in relation to age and gender. Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders ages 60 years or older account for 8% of the total Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population in Milwaukee County. Of the total Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander males, those ages 60 years or older make up 8% of the population, and those ages 85 years or older account for only 0.6% of the total male population.



Figure 32

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone

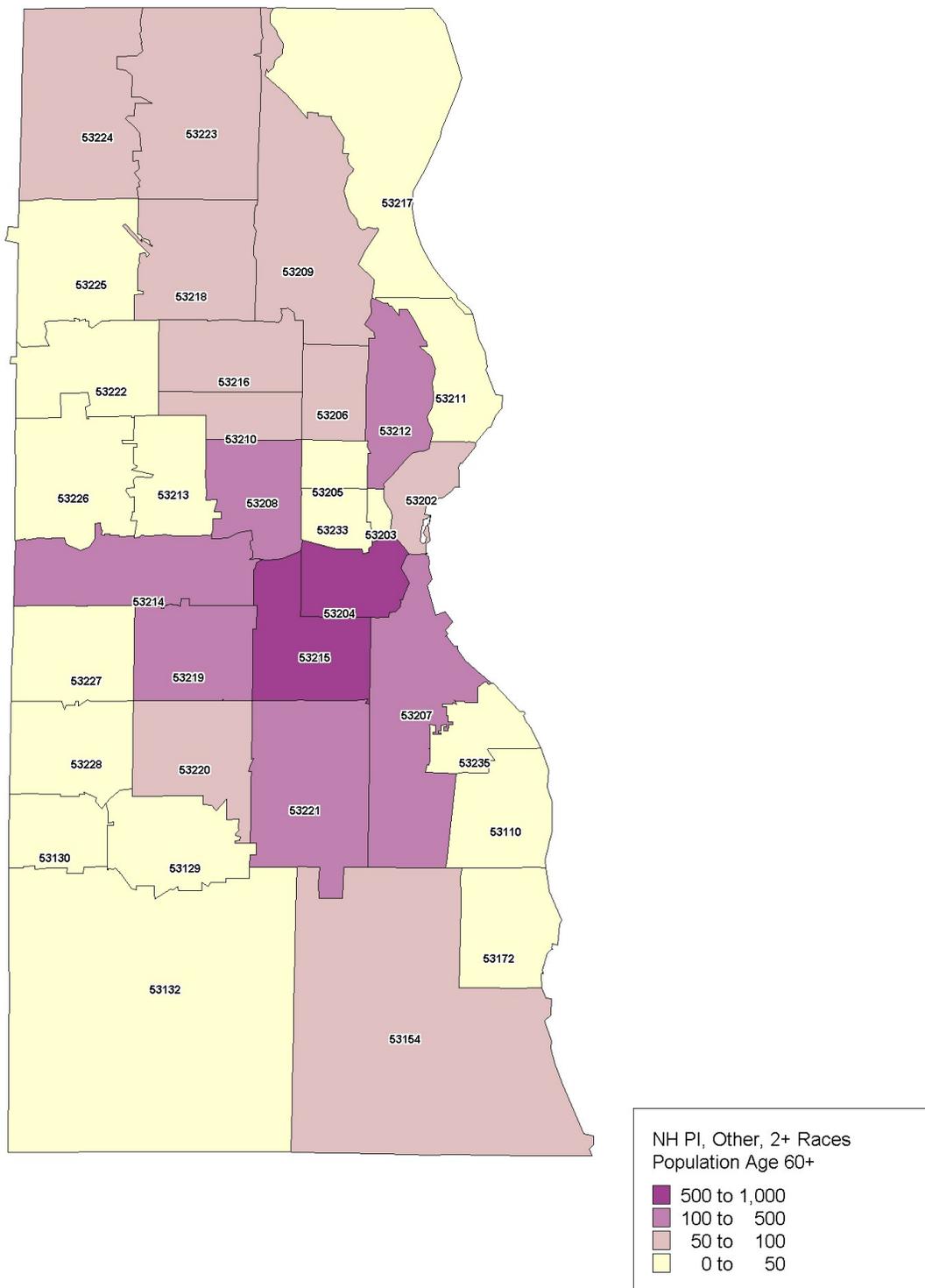


Crisanto Cruz

Photo: Carmen Pangilinan



## Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander, Other Race, Two or more Races Population Age 60+ by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census



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The map looks at the older adult population of Hawaiian Natives, Pacific Islanders, and those classified as “some other race alone” or “two or more races”. This population is most prominent in zip codes 53204 and 53215 and northwestern and southeastern Milwaukee County. They are much less prominent in southwestern and northeastern Milwaukee.



Table 9

## Number and Percent of Some Other Race Alone by Age and Gender Milwaukee County

US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	4,824	12%	5,883	11%	3,039	11%	2,844	12%
5 to 9	4,423	11%	5,512	11%	2,834	10%	2,678	11%
10 to 14	3,705	9%	4,877	9%	2,458	9%	2,419	10%
15 to 19	4,130	10%	4,582	9%	2,350	9%	2,232	9%
20 to 24	4,917	12%	4,777	9%	2,530	9%	2,247	9%
25 to 34	8,036	20%	10,387	20%	5,684	21%	4,703	19%
35 to 44	5,182	13%	7,658	15%	4,129	15%	3,529	14%
45 to 54	2,726	7%	4,440	9%	2,366	9%	2,074	8%
55 to 59	669	2%	1,247	2%	648	2%	599	2%
60 to 64	458	1%	796	2%	410	2%	386	2%
65 to 69	317	0.8%	526	1%	251	1%	275	1%
70 to 74	255	0.6%	288	1%	125	0%	163	1%
75 to 79	144	0.4%	202	0%	88	0%	114	0%
80 to 84	81	0.2%	152	0%	59	0%	93	0%
85 or more	64	0.2%	102	0%	42	0%	60	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39,931</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>51,429</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27,013</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24,416</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	1,319	3%	2,066	4%	975	4%	1,091	4%
Age 65+	861	2%	1,270	2%	565	2%	705	3%
Age 85+	64	0.2%	102	0%	42	0%	60	0%

### Some Other

“Some Other Race” people ages 60 and older make up 4% of their community.

People ages 25-34 and 35-44 have the highest percentage of members.

The table shows the number of “some other race alone” and their population makeup regarding age and gender.

Those classified as “some other race alone”, ages 60 years or older, account for 4% of the total “some other race alone” population in Milwaukee County. Of the total “some other race alone” American males, those ages 60 years or older make up 4% of the population, but those ages 85 years or older account for only 0.2% of the total male population.

“Some other race alone” American females ages 60 years or older and 85 years or older respectively account for 4% and 3% of the total “some other race alone” American female population of Milwaukee County.

Figure 33

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Some Other Race Alone

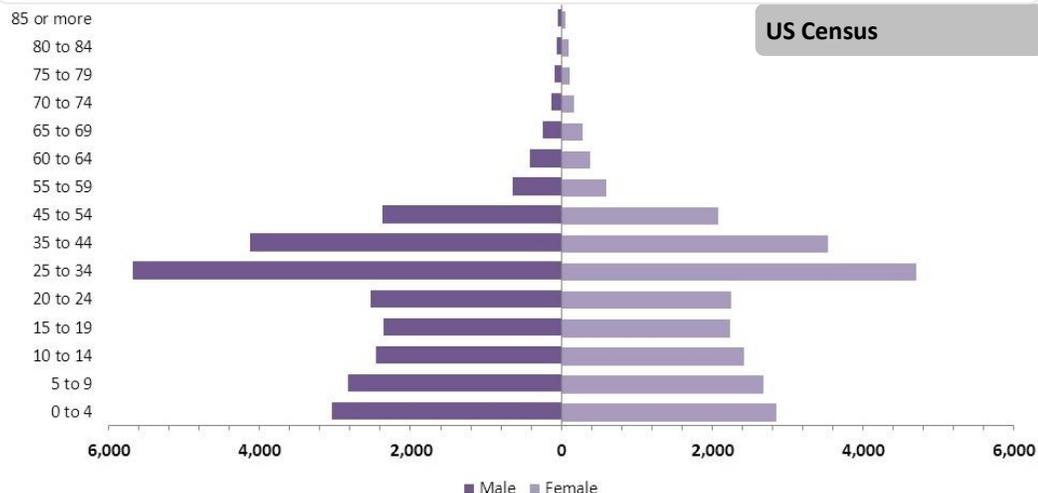


Table 10

## Number and Percent of Two or More Races by Age and Gender Milwaukee County



US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	3,697	18%	5,497	19%	2,730	20%	2,767	19%
5 to 9	3,112	15%	4,330	15%	2,111	16%	2,219	15%
10 to 14	2,433	12%	3,521	12%	1,815	13%	1,706	12%
15 to 19	2,137	10%	2,854	10%	1,380	10%	1,474	10%
20 to 24	1,850	9%	2,376	8%	1,048	8%	1,328	9%
25 to 34	2,888	14%	3,967	14%	1,826	13%	2,141	15%
35 to 44	2,008	10%	2,492	9%	1,169	9%	1,323	9%
45 to 54	1,309	6%	1,639	6%	780	6%	859	6%
55 to 59	311	1%	562	2%	265	2%	297	2%
60 to 64	264	1%	390	1%	176	1%	214	1%
65 to 69	260	1%	241	1%	91	1%	150	1%
70 to 74	187	0.9%	147	1%	64	0%	83	1%
75 to 79	126	0.6%	100	0%	36	0%	64	0%
80 to 84	89	0.4%	101	0%	38	0%	63	0%
85 or more	71	0.3%	76	0%	20	0%	56	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,742</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>28,293</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,549</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,744</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	997	5%	1,055	4%	425	3%	630	4%
Age 65+	733	3%	665	2%	249	2%	416	3%
Age 85+	71	0.3%	76	0%	20	0%	56	0%

### Two or More

“Two or More Race” persons ages 60 and over make up 4% of their community.

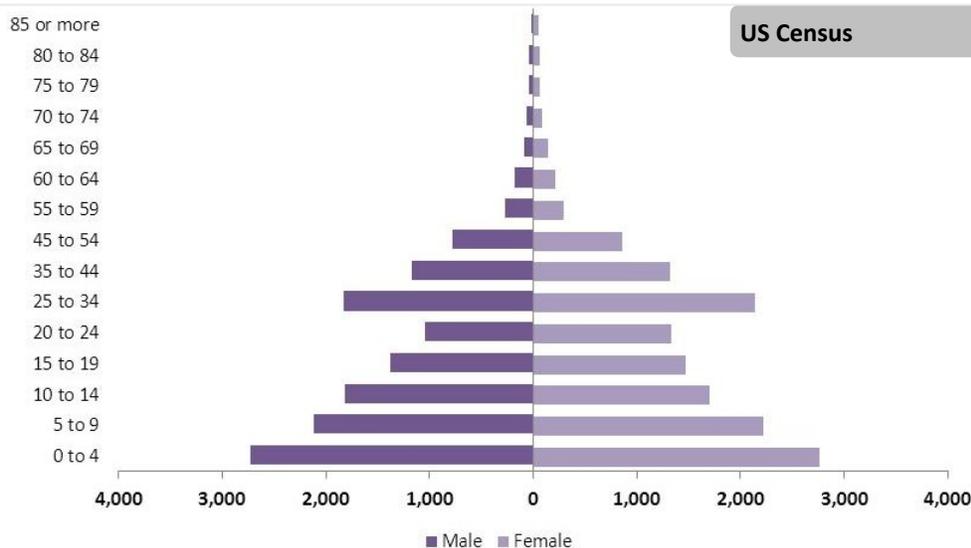
Persons ages 0-4 and 5-9 have the highest percentage of members.

The table shows the number of Milwaukee County residents who are classified as “two or more races” and their population makeup regarding age and gender.

Those classified as “two or more races,” ages 60 years or older, account for 4% of the total “two or more races” population in Milwaukee County. Of the total “two or more races” American males, those ages 60 years or older make up 4% of the population, but those ages 85 years or older account for only 0.1% of the total male population. “Two or more races” American females ages 60 years or older and 85 years or older respectively account for 4% and 0.4% of the total “two or more races” American female population of Milwaukee County.

Figure 34

## Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Two or More Races





**Table 11**

**Number and Percent of White Alone by Age and Gender  
Milwaukee County**

US Census

**White**

White people ages 60 and over make up 21% of their community.

People ages 25-34 and 45-54 have the highest percentage of members.

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	32,264	5%	30,454	5%	15,760	6%	14,694	5%
5 to 9	32,956	5%	28,412	5%	14,472	5%	13,940	5%
10 to 14	34,075	5%	27,752	5%	14,284	5%	13,468	5%
15 to 19	38,090	6%	33,518	6%	17,152	6%	16,366	6%
20 to 24	43,514	7%	46,654	8%	23,371	8%	23,283	8%
25 to 34	90,476	15%	89,146	16%	45,093	16%	44,053	15%
35 to 44	99,124	16%	71,131	12%	36,484	13%	34,647	12%
45 to 54	87,430	14%	85,495	15%	42,406	15%	43,089	15%
55 to 59	29,131	5%	40,757	7%	20,191	7%	20,566	7%
60 to 64	24,338	4%	32,959	6%	15,982	6%	16,977	6%
65 to 69	23,839	4%	21,883	4%	10,053	4%	11,830	4%
70 to 74	25,742	4%	17,416	3%	7,568	3%	9,848	3%
75 to 79	23,980	4%	16,517	3%	6,689	2%	9,828	3%
80 to 84	16,837	3%	15,454	3%	5,778	2%	9,676	3%
85 or more	15,195	5%	17,108	3%	5,151	2%	11,957	4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>616,973</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>574,656</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>280,434</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>294,222</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	129,931	21%	121,337	21%	51,221	18%	70,116	24%
Age 65+	105,593	17%	88,378	15%	35,239	13%	53,139	18%
Age 85+	15,195	3%	17,108	3%	5,151	2%	11,957	4%

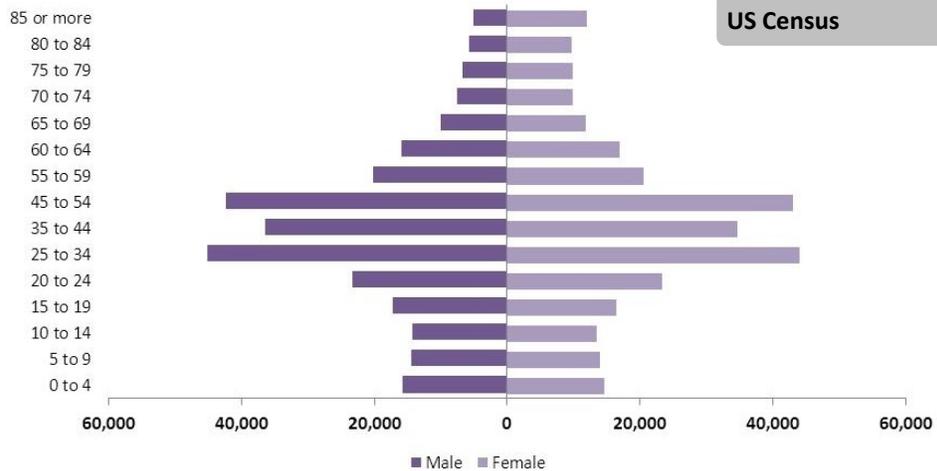
The table illustrates the number of Whites and their population makeup in regard to age and gender.

White Americans ages 60 years or older account for 21% of the total White population in Milwaukee County. Of the total White males, those ages 60 years or older make up 18% of the population and those ages 85 years or older account for only 2% of the total male population. White females ages 60 years or older and 85 years or older respectively account for 24% and 4% of the total White female population in Milwaukee County.

**Figure 35**

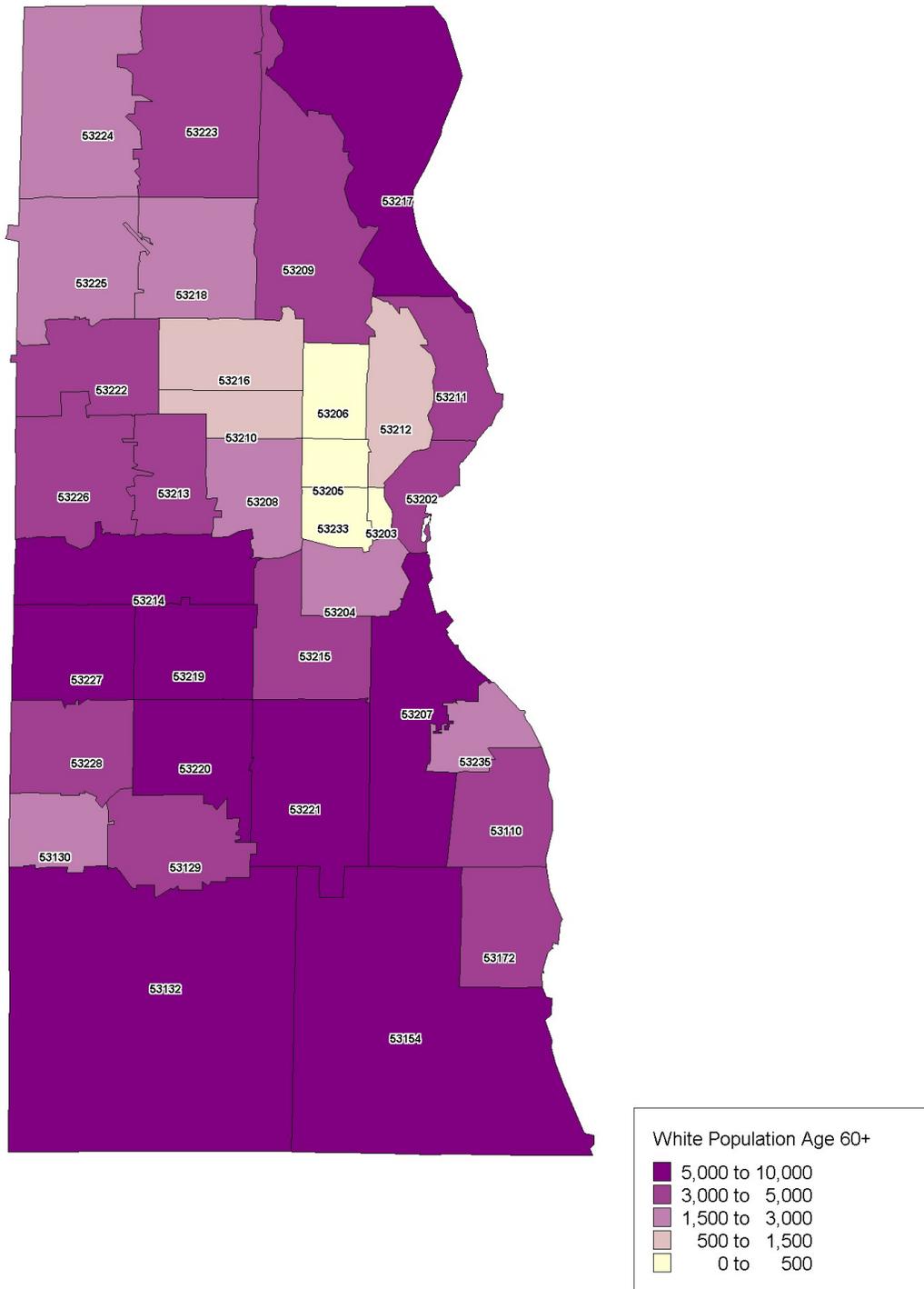
**Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid:  
White Alone**

US Census





## White Population Age 60+ by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census



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This map shows the older adult White population, ages 60 years or older, and their distribution by zip code within Milwaukee County. Older adult Whites live more heavily between zip codes 53214 and 53154, as well as in 53217. They are less likely to live between zip codes 53206 and 53203.



**Table 12**

**Number and Percent of Hispanic or Latino by Age and Gender  
Milwaukee County**

US Census

Age	2000 Total		2010 Total		Male		Female	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
0 to 4	10,338	12%	15,791	13%	8,103	12%	7,688	13%
5 to 9	9,386	11%	14,087	11%	7,200	11%	6,887	11%
10 to 14	7,862	9%	12,242	10%	6,256	10%	5,986	10%
15 to 19	8,353	10%	11,157	9%	5,703	9%	5,454	9%
20 to 24	9,084	11%	11,030	9%	5,762	9%	5,268	9%
25 to 34	15,482	19%	23,321	19%	12,241	19%	11,080	18%
35 to 44	10,535	13%	17,270	14%	9,159	14%	8,111	13%
45 to 54	5,989	7%	11,027	9%	5,771	9%	5,256	9%
55 to 59	1,575	2%	3,532	3%	1,815	3%	1,717	3%
60 to 64	1,213	1%	2,414	2%	1,237	2%	1,177	2%
65 to 69	968	1%	1,503	1%	687	1%	816	1%
70 to 74	752	0.9%	1,008	1%	464	1%	544	1%
75 to 79	466	0.6%	770	1%	320	0%	450	1%
80 to 84	233	0.3%	528	0%	220	0%	308	1%
85 or more	170	0.2%	359	0%	146	0%	213	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82,406</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>126,039</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>65,084</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>60,955</b>	<b>100%</b>
Age 60+	3,802	5%	6,582	5%	3,074	5%	3,508	6%
Age 65+	2,589	3%	4,168	3%	1,837	3%	2,331	4%
Age 85+	170	0.2%	359	0%	146	0%	213	0%

**Latino**

Latino people ages 60 and over make up 5% of their community.

People ages 25-34 and 35-44 have the highest percentage of members.

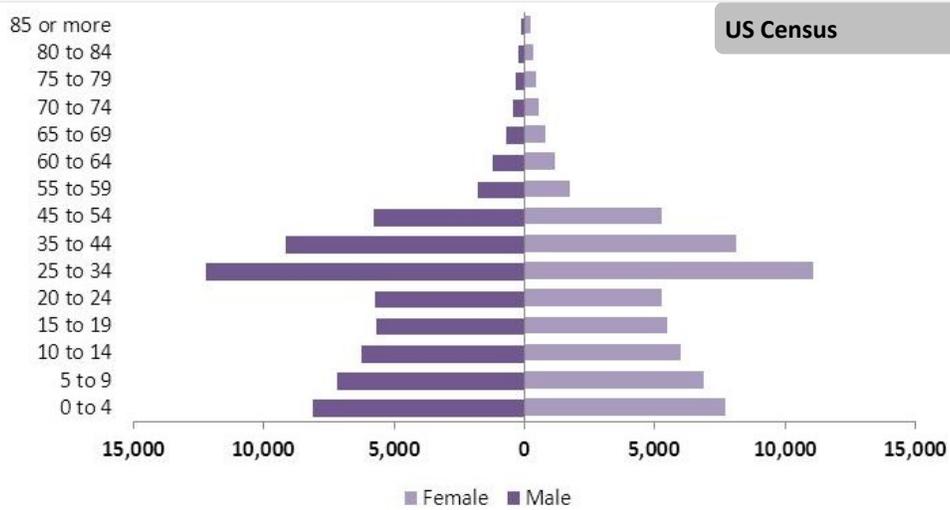
The table illustrates the number of Hispanic or Latino Americans and their population makeup in regard to age and gender.

Latino Americans ages 60 years or older account for 5% of the total Latino American population in Milwaukee County. Of the total Latino males, those ages 60 years or older make up 5% of the population and those ages 85 years or older account for less than one percent of the total male population. Latino American females ages 60 years or older and 85 years or older account for 6% and less than 1% of the total Latino American female population in Milwaukee County respectively.



Figure 36

### Milwaukee County 2010 Population Pyramid: Hispanic or Latino



**Frank Gonzales, Jr., O.A.S.I.S. Center**

Photo: Robert A. Bell

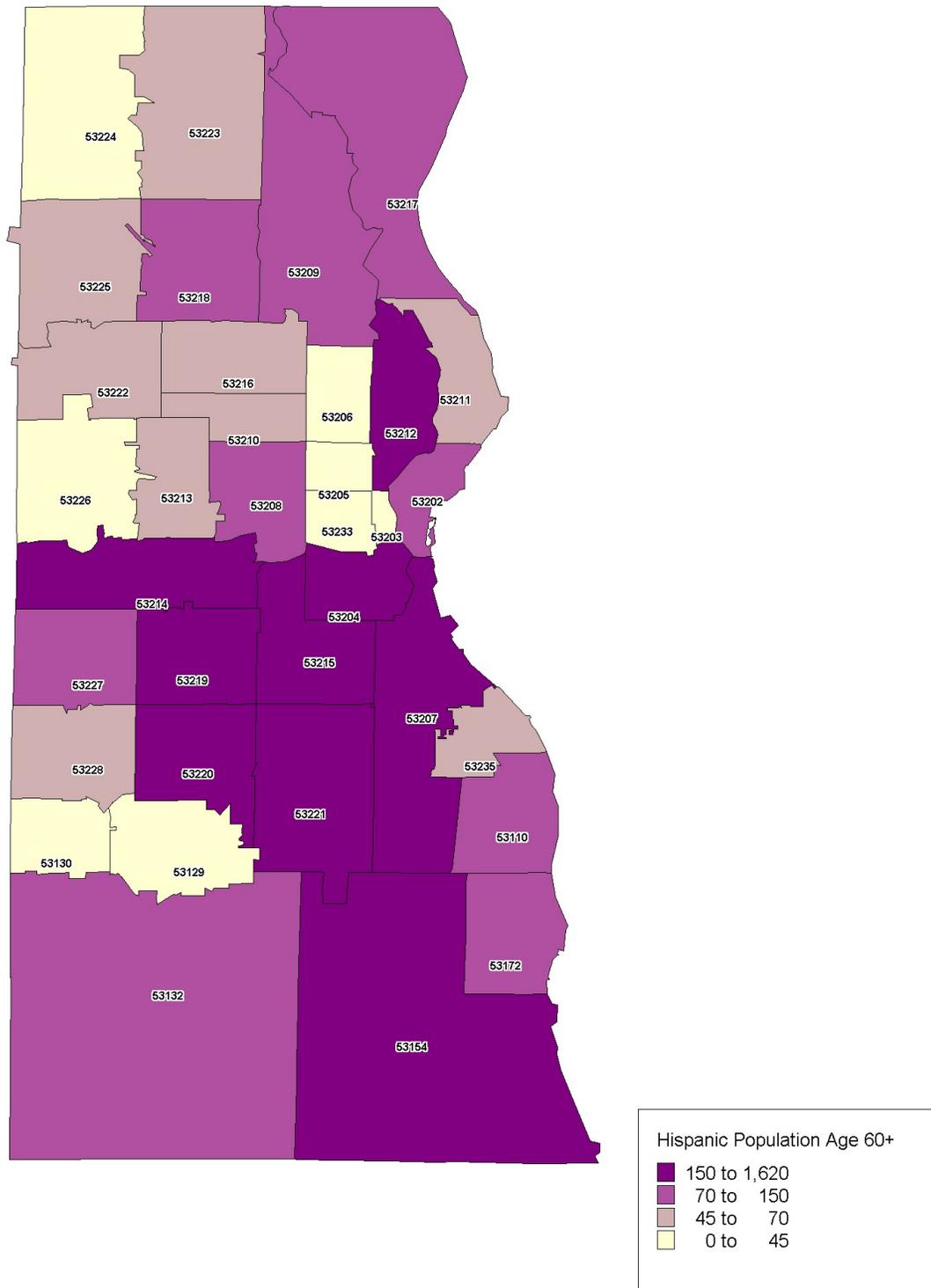


**Ralph Barron, United Community Center**

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## Hispanic (Any Race) Population Age 60+ by Zip Code: Milwaukee County, 2010 Census



Provided by AARP State Research 2012

The map shows the older adult Hispanic population, ages 60 years or older, and their population distribution by zip code within Milwaukee County. Older adult Hispanics tend to live in southern Milwaukee County much more frequently and are much less likely to reside in northern Milwaukee County. The population is most dense in zip codes 53204 and 53215.



# Trends

**Table 13**

**Number and Percent of Aging Community by Age Category**

Year	Total Population	US Census									
		Persons 60 to 64	Percent 60 to 64	Persons 65 to 74	Percent 65 to 74	Persons 75 to 84	Percent 75 to 84	Persons 85+	Percent 85+	Persons 60+	Percent 60+
1950	871,047	39,671	37%	47,599	44%	16,984	16%	2,860	3%	107,114	100%
1960	1,036,041	46,095	33%	65,287	46%	24,692	18%	4,511	3%	140,585	100%
1970	1,054,063	48,057	30%	69,366	44%	34,107	21%	7,865	5%	159,395	100%
1980	964,988	45,276	27%	71,272	43%	39,197	23%	11,078	7%	166,823	100%
1990	959,275	41,828	24%	71,955	42%	43,959	25%	14,673	9%	172,415	100%
2000	940,164	31,504	21%	59,920	39%	45,253	30%	16,512	11%	153,189	100%
2010	947,735	44,423	29%	51,884	34%	38,262	25%	18,987	12%	153,556	100%

## Trends

Since 1970, Milwaukee County's total population consistently declined. This trend was interrupted in 2010, when Milwaukee County experienced an increase in population.

Within the aging community, persons ages 60-64 experienced the largest percentage of growth within the last decade.

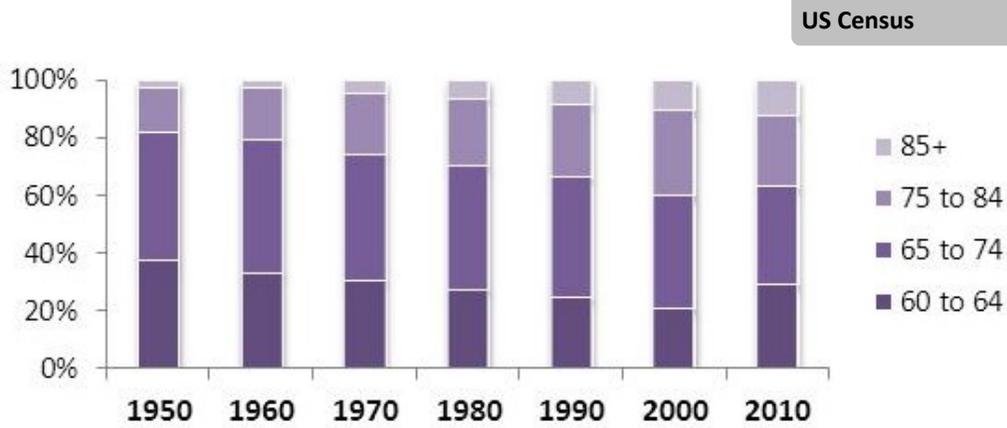
### B. Percent of Total Population: Persons 60 or Older by Age Category

Year	Total Population	Persons 60 to 64	Percent 60 to 64	Persons 65 to 74	Percent 65 to 74	Persons 75 to 84	Percent 75 to 84	Persons 85+	Percent 85+	Persons 60+	Percent 60+
1950	871,047	39,671	5%	47,599	5%	16,984	2%	2,860	0%	107,114	12%
1960	1,036,041	46,095	4%	65,287	6%	24,692	2%	4,511	0%	140,585	14%
1970	1,054,063	48,057	5%	69,366	7%	34,107	3%	7,865	1%	159,395	15%
1980	964,988	45,276	5%	71,272	7%	39,197	4%	11,078	1%	166,823	17%
1990	959,275	41,828	4%	71,955	8%	43,959	5%	14,673	2%	172,415	18%
2000	940,164	31,504	3%	59,920	6%	45,253	5%	16,512	2%	153,189	16%
2010	947,735	44,423	5%	51,884	5%	38,262	4%	18,987	2%	153,556	16%



Figure 37

### Percent of Persons Age 60+ by Age Category (1950-2010)



MCDA Public Hearing at Wilson Park Senior Center

Photo: Robert A. Bell



Figure 38

### Percent of Persons Age 60 to 64 in Milwaukee County by Age Category (1950-2010)

US Census

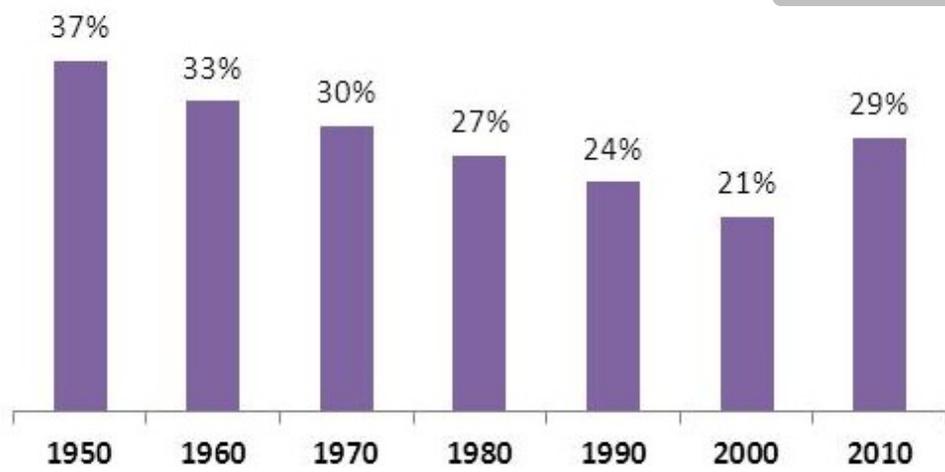


Figure 39

### Percent of Persons Age 65 to 74 in Milwaukee County by Age Category (1950-2010)

US Census

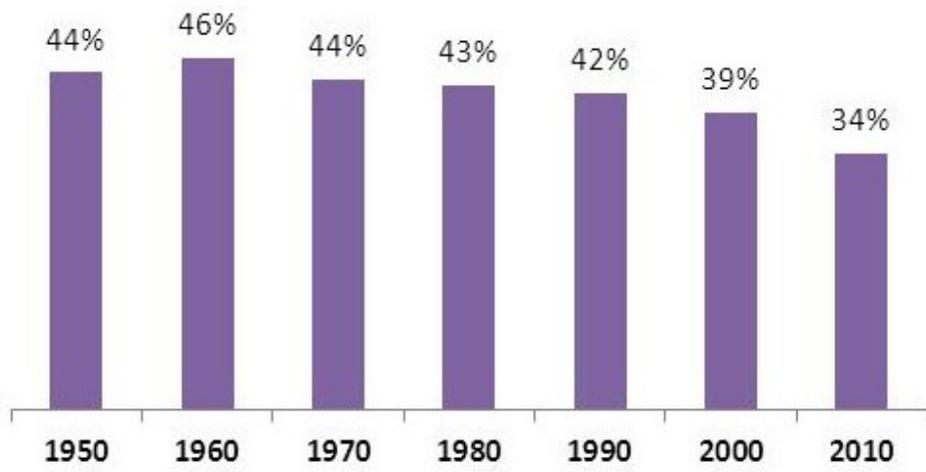




Figure 40

**Percent of Persons Age 75 to 84 in Milwaukee County by Age Category (1950-2010)**

US Census

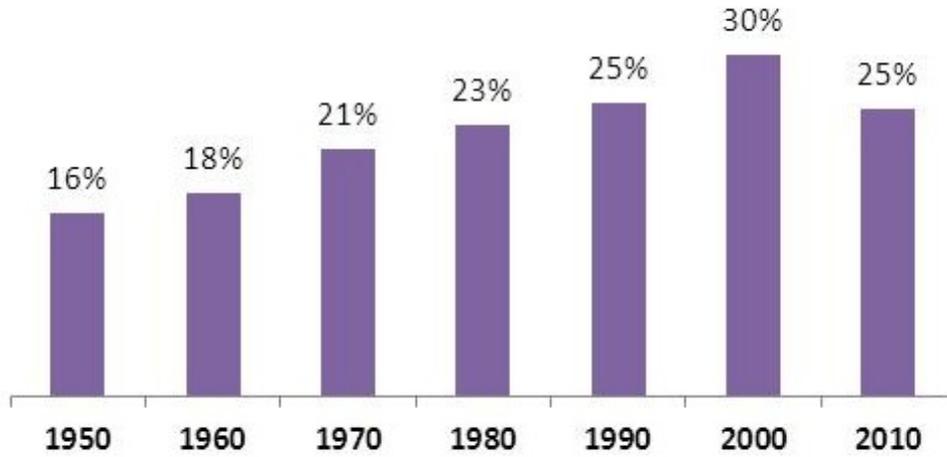


Figure 41

**Percent of Persons Age 85 or Older in Milwaukee County by Age Category (1950-2010)**

US Census

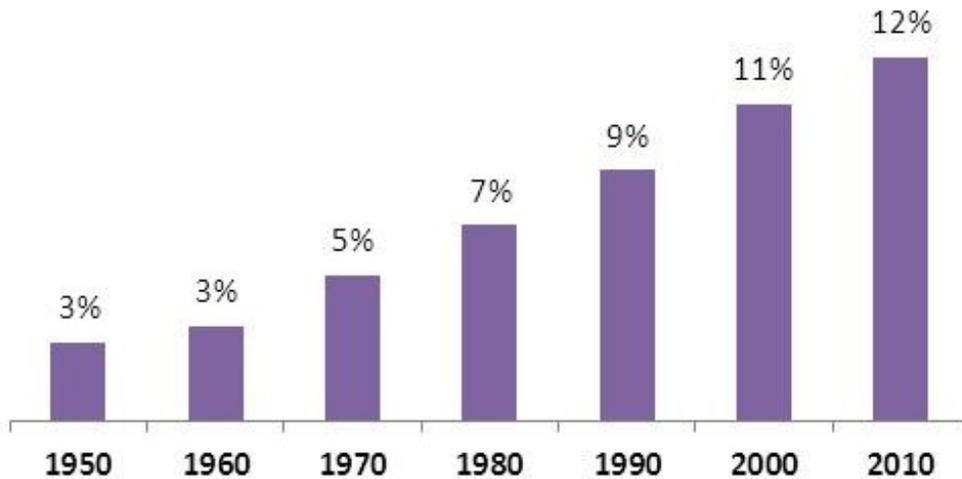




Table 14

**Milwaukee County Numerical and Percent Change Among Persons by Age and Gender: 2000-2010**

US Census

Age	Total Population 2010	Total Population 2000	# Change	% Change	Male Population 2010	Male Population 2000	% Change	# Change	Female Population 2010	Female Population 2000	% Change	# Change
0 to 4	69,364	67,141	2,223	3%	35,292	34,433	2%	859	34,072	32,708	4%	1,364
5 to 9	64,289	71,253	-6,964	-10%	32,693	36,211	-10%	-3,518	31,596	35,042	-10%	-3,446
10 to 14	63,132	69,193	-6,061	-9%	32,288	35,135	-8%	-2,847	30,844	34,058	-9%	-3,214
15 to 19	69,912	68,674	1,238	2%	35,373	34,699	2%	674	34,539	33,975	2%	564
20 to 24	77,957	69,873	8,084	12%	38,234	33,911	13%	4,323	39,723	35,962	10%	3,761
25 to 34	146,338	141,130	5,208	4%	71,373	69,492	3%	1,881	74,965	71,638	5%	3,327
35 to 44	119,301	143,417	-24,116	-17%	58,831	70,044	-16%	-11,213	60,470	73,373	-18%	-12,903
45 to 54	127,190	118,257	8,933	8%	61,661	57,447	7%	4,214	65,529	60,810	8%	4,719
55 to 59	56,696	38,037	18,659	49%	27,373	17,737	54%	9,636	29,323	20,300	44%	9,023
60 to 64	44,423	31,504	12,919	41%	21,175	14,373	47%	6,802	23,248	17,131	36%	6,117
65 to 79	29,200	29,641	-441	-1%	13,119	12,977	1%	142	16,081	16,664	-3%	-583
70 to 74	22,684	30,279	-7,595	-25%	9,754	12,811	-24%	-3,057	12,930	17,468	-26%	-4,538
75 to 79	20,294	26,877	-6,583	-24%	8,142	10,641	-23%	-2,499	12,152	16,236	-25%	-4,084
80 to 84	17,968	18,376	-408	-2%	6,685	6,401	4%	284	11,283	11,975	-6%	-692
85 or more	18,987	16,512	2,475	15%	5,724	4,262	34%	1,462	13,263	12,250	8%	1,013
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>947,735</b>	<b>940,164</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>457,717</b>	<b>450,574</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7,143</b>	<b>490,018</b>	<b>489,590</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>428</b>

49%

The percentage increase in persons ages 55-59 from 2000 to 2010.

Men within this age range experienced the largest percentage increase within the past decade.

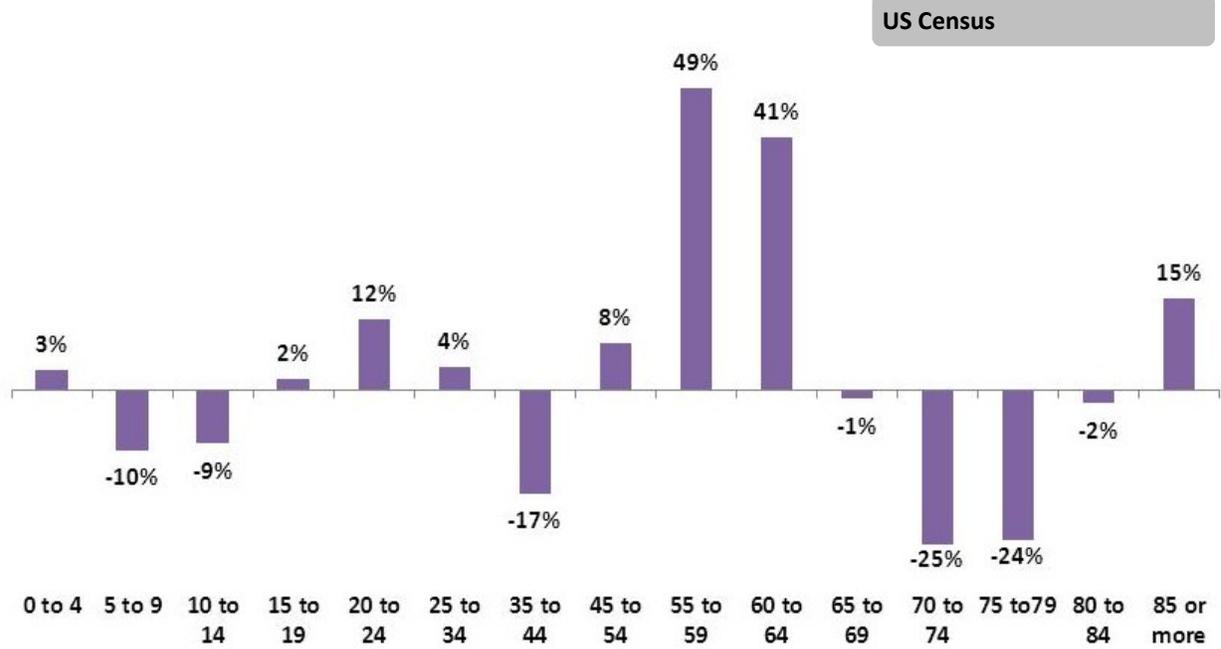
Regardless of this increase, women still outnumber men in this same age range.

The table shows the numerical and percent change by age for the total population, male population, and female population in Milwaukee County. As the table shows, the older adult population between the ages of 60 to 64 has seen a 41.0% increase in population since 2000. However, the older adult population in every age category between 65 and 84 experienced a decrease in their percentage of the overall population.



Figure 42

### Milwaukee County Population Change by Age Category 2000 to 2010



This chart shows Milwaukee County's population change by age category between 2000 and 2010.



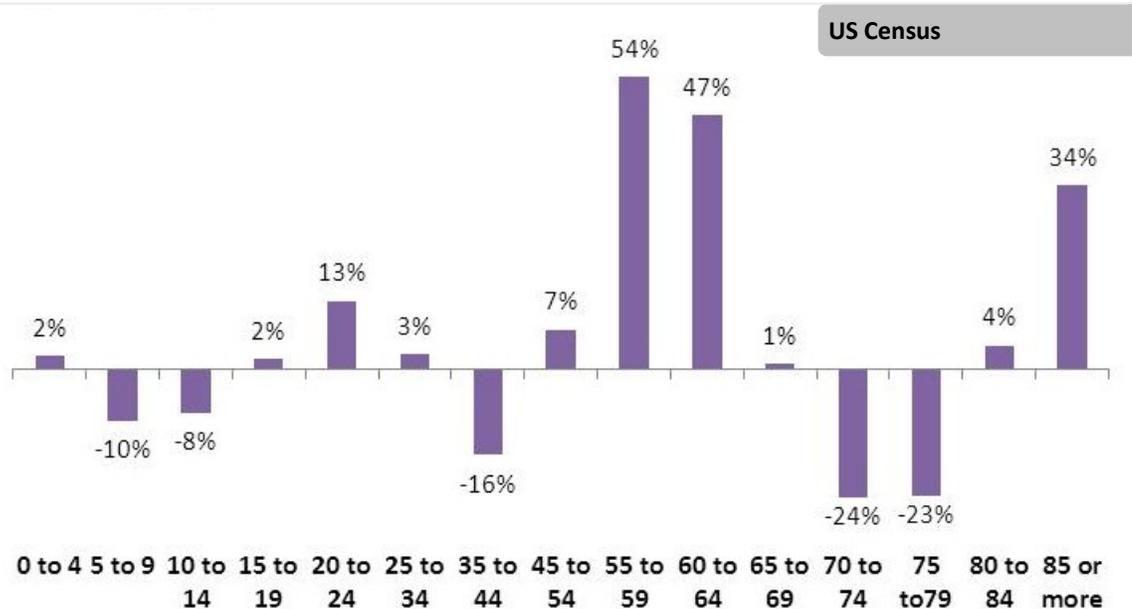
Wildred and Willie Willis, Washington Park Senior Center

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Figure 43

### Percent Change in Male Population by Age Category: 2000-2010

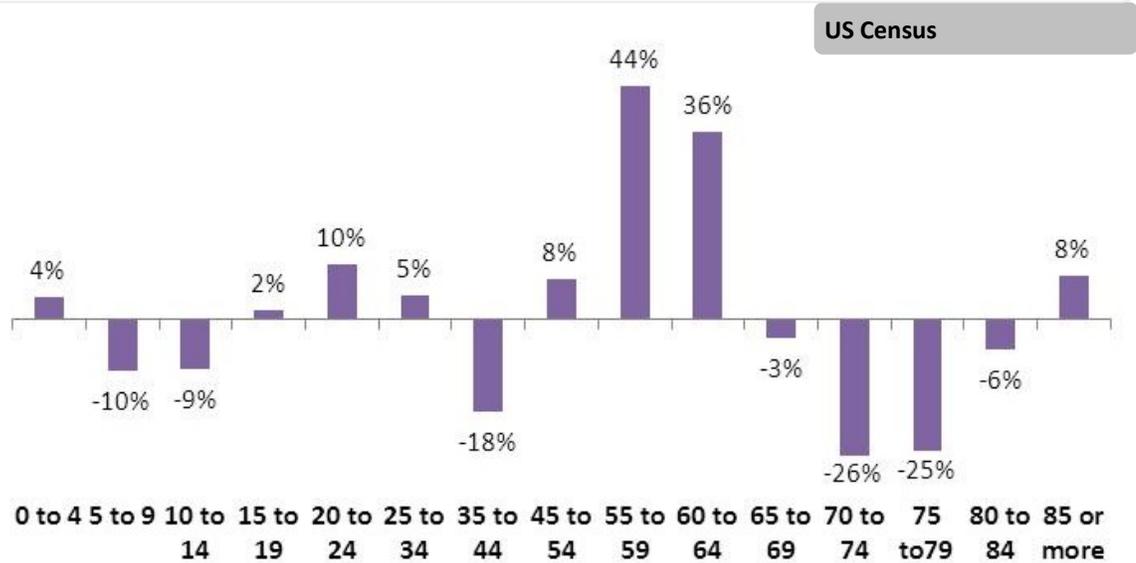


54%

Total percent increase in the male population ages 55-59 over the past decade.

Figure 44

### Percent Change in Female Population by Age Category: 2000-2010



44%

Total percent increase in the female population ages 55-59 over the past decade.



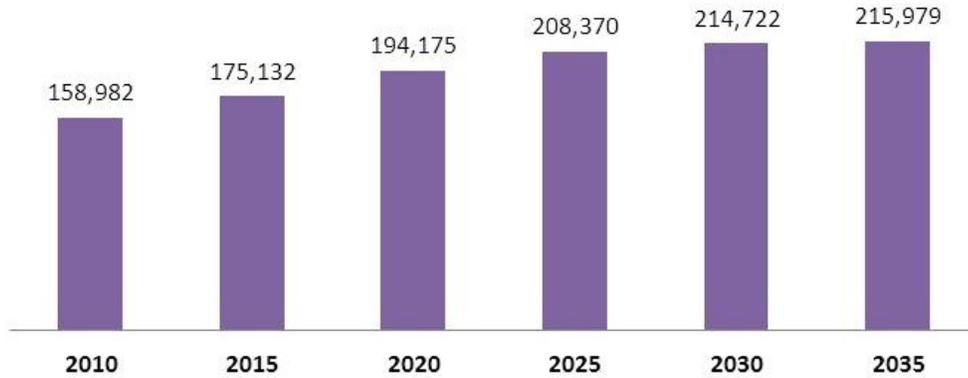
Figure 45

### Milwaukee County Population Projection (2010-2035) for Ages 60+

US Census

#### Projection

The US Census Bureau projects that the Milwaukee County population ages 60 and over will experience a slight increase in population over the next 25 years.



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This graph shows the projected increase in the number of Milwaukee County seniors ages 60 and over from 2010 to 2035.

In the state of Wisconsin, the older adult population—age 65 and over—is expected to increase rapidly in every five-year interval, from 777,000 people in 2010 to 1,544,000 people in 2040, nearly doubling in 30 years.

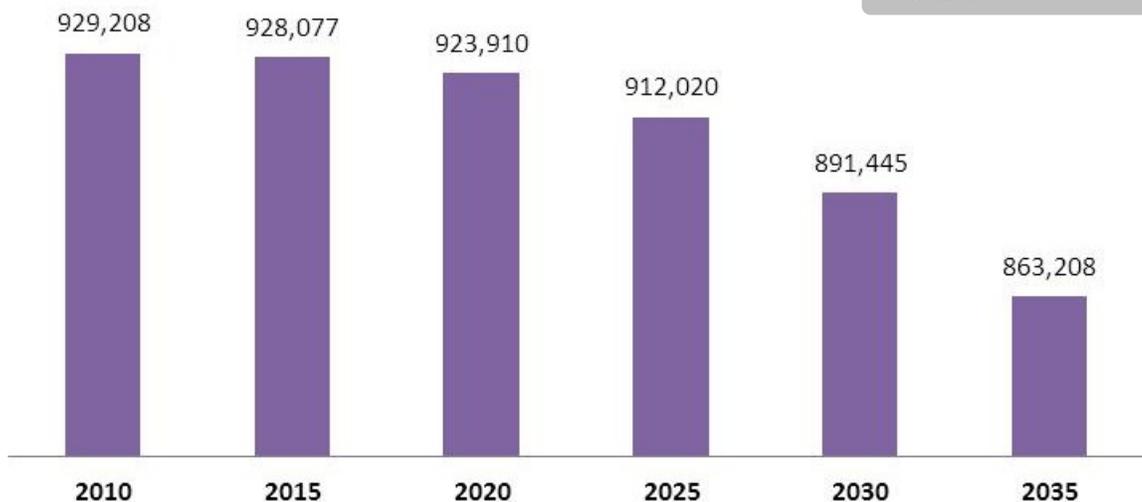
Figure 46

### Milwaukee County Total Population Projection (2010-2035)

US Census

#### Projection

The US Census Bureau projects that the total Milwaukee County population will decrease over the next 25 years.





## Education Status

American Red Cross Booth at Emergency Preparedness Education Event  
Washington Park Senior Center



# Education Overview

Education plays a significant role in providing an individual with the knowledge, skills and proficiencies needed to participate successfully in their community and the economy. Education is a key determinant of an individual's health, civic participation, political interest and overall satisfaction in life.

Research has demonstrated that the higher the educational attainment of an individual, the longer they tend to live, the more actively they participate in politics and in the community where they live, and the less likely they are to commit crimes and rely on social assistance.

Overall, residents of Milwaukee County who are 65 and older tend to have a high school diploma or equivalent less frequently than all state residents and about as often as U.S. residents.

Figure 47

## Percent of Persons 65+, High School Graduate or Equivalent 2010: Wisconsin and Milwaukee County Levels

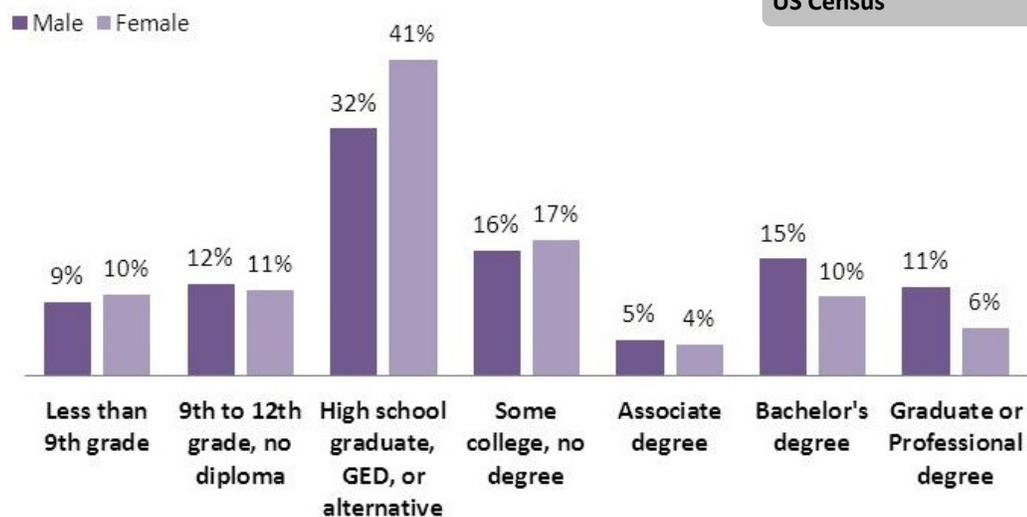


US Census

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Figure 48

## Educational Attainment by Gender: Persons Age 65+ Milwaukee County



US Census

### Education

In Milwaukee County, persons 65 and over (both men and women) complete high school or its equivalent at a lower rate compared to their Wisconsin counterparts.

### Gender

Milwaukee County females over 65 years old attain a high school diploma or equivalent and some college at a higher rate than men.

Men complete college and advanced degrees at a higher rate than women.



**Table 15**

### Educational Attainment by Gender

US Census

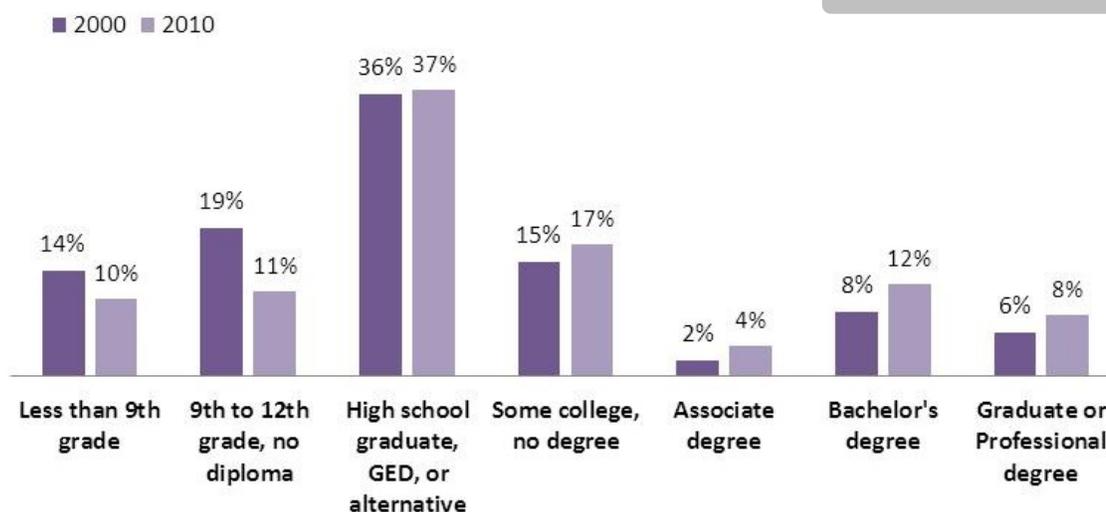
	Milwaukee County 2000	Wisconsin 2010	Milwaukee County 2010
<b>Males: 65 years and over:</b>	47,120	324,488	43,297
65+ Males: High school graduate (includes equiv)	14,698	124,736	14,272
% 65+ Males: High school only	31.2%	38.4%	33.0%
<b>Females: 65 years and over:</b>	74,293	430,380	66,235
65+ Females: High school graduate (includes equiv)	29,465	202,138	28,888
% 65+ Females: High school only	39.7%	47.0%	43.6%
<b>Persons: 65 years and over:</b>	121,413	754,868	109,532
65+ Persons: High school graduate (includes equiv)	44,163	326,874	43,160
% 65+ Persons: High school only	36.4%	43.3%	39.4%

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**Figure 49**

### Educational Attainment of Persons Age 65+ in Milwaukee County 2000 –2010

US Census



#### Trends

Fewer Milwaukee County persons 65 years and over completed middle and high school in 2010 as compared to 2000.

In 2010, Milwaukee County persons 65 and over had a higher rate in every other category of attainment as compared to 2000.



## Economic Status

Senior Stockbox Distribution  
Kelly Senior Center

Photo: Robert A. Bell



# Income

One's economic status is a key determinant to quality of life across the lifecycle. Income and economic wealth can improve access to critical life needs such as housing, food and health care as well as provide improved access to quality education. Later in life, one's economic status can provide a buffer or expose one to unexpected financial challenges such as long-term care or specialty housing.

Household income is the average amount of income a household earns or gains each year. This indicator provides a measure for comparison. There is a clear drop in household income from near retirement (45-64 years old) to retirement-aged households (65 years and older). The overall average household income is more than double for near-retirement households than retirement aged households. The decrease in household income is even more dramatic among race and ethnicity.

Poverty status is another measure used to understand a community's economic status and well being. The poverty rate, defined by the federal government, is the percentage of people who live in poverty. The Census Bureau uses a set of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is less than the family's threshold, then that family and every individual in it is considered in poverty.

Milwaukee County residents ages 65 and older and who indicate they are either Black/African American or of "two or more races" experience poverty at a greater rate than their White counterparts. Due to deep segregation in Milwaukee, the percentage of individuals 65 years and older who live in poverty tend to reside in central Milwaukee zip codes.

**Table 16**

**Age of Householder 45-64 by Household Income in 2010 by Race/Ethnicity**

Household Income	American Community Survey							Total
	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	Asian alone	Some Other Race alone	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino	
Householder 45 to 64 years	135,137	32,145	808	2,383	3,167	1,146	8,701	<b>167,282</b>
Less than \$10,000	10,220	5,385	58	201	219	164	566	<b>16,813</b>
\$10,000 to \$ 14,999	6,746	3,102	122	87	131	113	502	<b>10,803</b>
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6,758	2,613	130	107	233	34	716	<b>10,591</b>
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6,509	2,477	75	100	182	145	496	<b>9,984</b>
\$25,000 to \$29,999	5,904	1,959	0	112	162	45	392	<b>8,574</b>
\$30,000 to \$34,999	6,966	1,889	15	53	179	56	562	<b>9,720</b>
\$35,000 to \$39,999	6,432	1,763	59	187	292	40	672	<b>9,445</b>
\$40,000 to \$44,999	7,242	1,990	34	136	176	23	515	<b>10,116</b>
\$45,000 to \$49,999	6,384	1,648	14	22	269	60	509	<b>8,906</b>
\$50,000 to \$59,999	12,204	2,571	128	170	433	50	990	<b>16,546</b>
\$60,000 to \$74,999	14,247	2,118	41	197	326	69	936	<b>17,934</b>
\$75,000 to \$99,999	18,099	2,385	99	329	307	182	926	<b>22,327</b>
\$100,000 to \$124,999	11,230	1,017	10	248	73	101	357	<b>13,036</b>
\$125,000 to \$149,000	6,590	553	23	115	36	21	183	<b>7,521</b>
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,220	399	0	115	36	40	207	<b>6,017</b>
\$200,000 or more	4,386	276	0	204	113	3	172	<b>5,154</b>

## Income

The table shows the household income status of the population between the ages of 45 to 64 with regard to race and ethnicity.

Overall average household income is more than double for near-retirement households than retirement-aged households.



Table 17

Age of Householder 65+ by Household Income in 2010 by Race/Ethnicity

Household Income	American Community Sur-							Total
	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	Asian alone	Some Other Race alone	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino	
Householder 65 years or older	60,159	11,110	229	417	373	294	1,860	72,582
Less than \$10,000	4,268	1,749	36	95	87	42	401	6,277
\$10,000 to \$ 14,999	6,692	2,008	32	39	50	30	269	8,851
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6,323	1,402	22	13	33	7	146	7,800
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5,787	1,046	36	13	63	53	165	6,998
\$25,000 to \$29,999	5,477	880	17	26	0	50	146	6,450
\$30,000 to \$34,999	4,158	652	24	0	41	20	98	4,895
\$35,000 to \$39,999	3,823	613	0	26	19	36	80	4,517
\$40,000 to \$44,999	3,087	345	0	10	41	0	88	3,483
\$45,000 to \$49,999	2,529	317	0	20	7	7	94	2,880
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,445	453	5	43	10	11	105	4,967
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,045	683	19	64	9	6	144	5,826
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,824	427	32	10	0	11	58	4,304
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,007	245	0	18	13	21	37	2,304
\$125,000 to \$149,000	1,059	114	6	25	0	0	10	1,204
\$150,000 to \$199,999	671	73	0	7	0	0	0	751
\$200000 or more	964	103	0	8	0	0	19	1,075

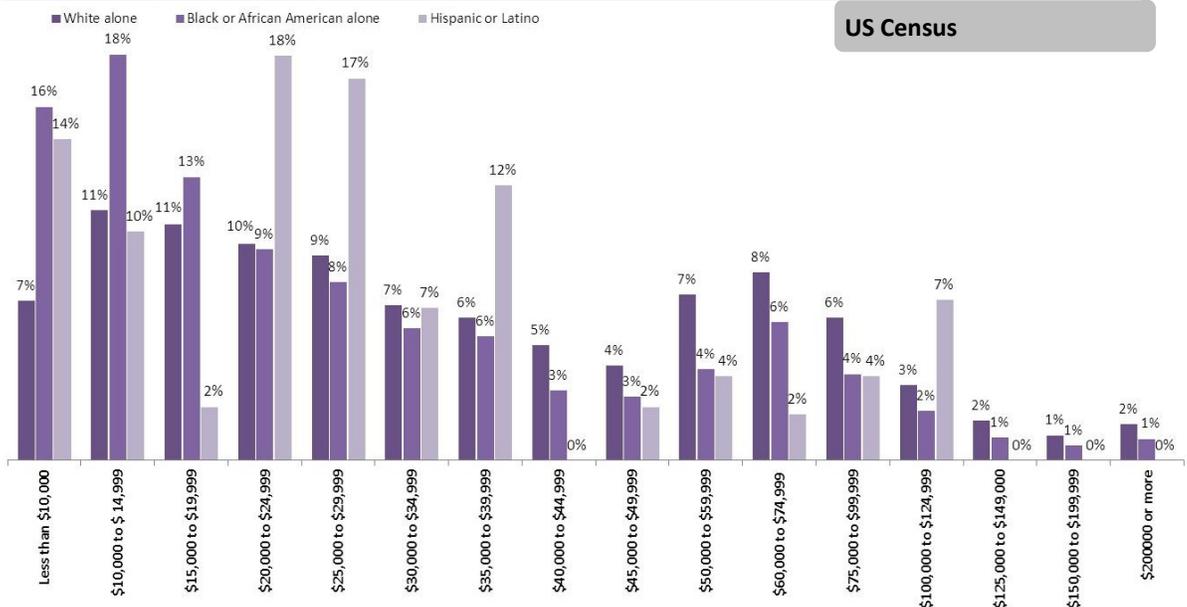
Income

This chart shows householder income for persons 65 and over and the distribution or percentage of persons by race or ethnicity.

Black or African Americans and Hispanic or Latinos each have larger percentages of their communities with household incomes of \$15,000 or less.

Figure 50

Household Income in 2010 for Households of Persons 65+ by Largest Race/Ethnicity Milwaukee County



US Census



Table 18

## Elder Economic Security Standard Index for City of Milwaukee, 2008 Expenses for Selected Household Types

Elder Economic Security Init.

Expenses/Monthly and Yearly Totals	Elder Person (age 65+)		Elder Couple (one or both age 65+)	
	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter, One Bedroom	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter, One Bedroom
Housing (including utilities, taxes and insurance)	\$509	\$636	\$509	\$636
Food	\$226	\$226	\$416	\$416
Transportation	\$168	\$168	\$269	\$269
Health Care (Good Health)	\$402	\$402	\$805	\$805
Miscellaneous	\$261	\$261	\$400	\$400
<b>Index—Total Expenses Per Month</b>	<b>\$1,567</b>	<b>\$1,694</b>	<b>\$2,399</b>	<b>\$2,526</b>
<b>Index— Total Expenses Per Year</b>	<b>\$18,803</b>	<b>\$20,329</b>	<b>\$28,786</b>	<b>\$30,312</b>

Comparative Income Benchmarks	Elder Person (age 65+)		Elder Couple (one or both age 65+)	
	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter, One Bedroom	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter, One Bedroom
Federal Poverty Guideline (2008 DHHS)	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$14,000	\$14,000
Average Social Security Benefit in the City of Milwaukee, 2008	\$13,424	\$13,424	\$21,908	\$21,908
Index as a Percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines	55%	51%	49%	46%
Average Social Security Benefit as a Percent of Index	71%	66%	76%	72%

### Expenses

This table describes basic household expenses for an individual or couple 65 and over.

Based on these assumptions, it appears that City of Milwaukee seniors 65 and over who have incomes at the federal poverty level or live solely on Social Security cannot afford their monthly or yearly expenses.

City of Milwaukee seniors with incomes at the federal poverty level, or even those living on an average Social Security benefit in 2008, could not afford living expenses without public or private supports for housing and health care. While Social Security was never intended to be the sole source of income for elders, in reality it is the only income source for over 20% of Wisconsin seniors.



The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) measures how American consumers allocate their household budgets among major expenditure items. The bulk of people's spending is on housing, transportation and food. Not surprisingly, spending on health care increases with age.

**Table 19**

**Average Annual Proportion of Consumer Budgets Spent on Select Major Expenses**

Provided by AARP State Research 2012

	Total U.S. Consumers (\$48,108)*	Total U.S. Consumers Age 55-64 (\$50,900)*	Total U.S. Consumers Age 65+ (\$36,802)*	Total Midwest Consumers (\$45,278)*
Housing	34%	34%	35%	33%
Transportation	16%	16%	14%	16%
Food	13%	12%	12%	13%
Personal Insurance/Pension	11%	13%	5%	12%
Utilities	8%	8%	9%	8%
Healthcare	7%	8%	13%	7%
Entertainment	5%	6%	5%	6%
Apparel, Services	4%	3%	3%	3%
Cash Contributions	3%	4%	6%	4%
Savings	3%	---	---	---
Education	2%	2%	<1%	3%

\*Average Annual Expenditure Amount



**Wilson Park Senior Center Gift Shop**

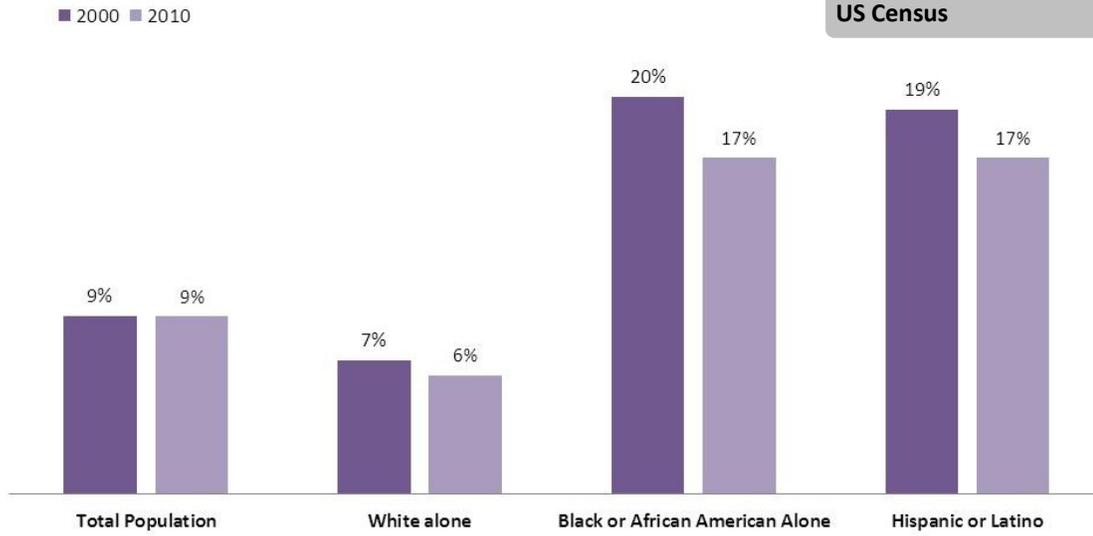
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Figure 51

### Percentage of Population 65+ Living in Poverty Milwaukee County 2000, 2010

US Census



The graph shows the percentage of seniors, ages 65 years or older, living in poverty in 2000 and 2010 in Milwaukee County. Nine percent of the total senior population lives in poverty. White seniors had the lowest poverty rate (6%) in 2010. Seventeen percent of senior Black or African Americans and Hispanic or Latinos live in poverty.

### Poverty

In Milwaukee County the poverty rate for seniors 65 and over has remained steady at 9% since 2000.

Each of the top largest racial/ethnic groups in Milwaukee County have experienced a slight reduction in the number of people living in poverty between 2000 and 2010.

Table 20

### Poverty Status by Age and Race/Ethnicity Milwaukee County 2010

American Community Survey

Race/Ethnicity	Persons Age 65+	Percent Age 65+	Persons Age 75+	Percent Age 75+
White alone:	5,377	6%	3,310	5%
Black or African American alone:	2,867	17%	1,219	18%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian alone:	317	20%	94	15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race alone	166	14%	N/A	N/A
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	712	17%	270	17%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,439</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>9%</b>

The table shows the poverty status of individuals in different age categories pertaining to race and ethnicity. The number is total individuals in poverty within the age and race category. The percentage reflects poverty within the age and race category of the total population of that age and race category.



# Financial Security

The United States is experiencing historic growth in the number of people 65 years old and older. The National Council on Aging, United Health Care and USA Today conducted the United States Aging Survey to better understand what this growth means for programs, services and resources.

The City of Milwaukee was one of the survey sites for the national survey.

Older Americans in the City of Milwaukee have mixed feelings about their finances, and for some, the long-term prospects are unclear.

- Although the majority of older Milwaukeeans sampled (67 percent) report that it is very or somewhat easy to pay their monthly living expenses now, 23 percent are not confident that their income will be sufficient to pay their bills over the next five to 10 years.
- When it comes to retirement savings, 18 percent of local seniors are either not confident in, or do not have, a financial plan for their retirement years.
- Still, if an accident or unexpected medical issue were to occur, 83 percent of seniors in Milwaukee believe they would be able to pay the associated expenses. That's significantly higher than the national average of 71 percent, and the highest of all markets sampled.
- Compared to national figures, Milwaukeeans voiced high levels of confidence in their ability to afford their Medicare premiums, deductibles and copays in future years (69 percent locally, versus 61 percent nationally).
  - ◇ Still, close to one-third (29 percent) of respondents reported that they are not confident that they know about all of the government benefits that are available to help meet their needs.
- Almost one in five seniors (20 percent) in Milwaukee are employed either full or part time.
  - ◇ Fifty-nine percent of these individuals reported that they are working for economic reasons, compared with 69 percent nationally. Productivity (75 percent) and the desire to stay involved with other people (66 percent) are the leading reasons they are in the workforce.
  - ◇ About a third of respondents (32 percent) believe that their community offers enough job opportunities for older residents.

Excerpt taken from the United States of Aging Survey, Milwaukee Findings.

To access national population and full Milwaukee survey findings, visit

[www.ncoa.org/UnitedStatesofAging](http://www.ncoa.org/UnitedStatesofAging) or the newsroom at [www.UnitedHealthGroup.com](http://www.UnitedHealthGroup.com).



# Independence

Lynn Harvancik at Golden Idol

Photo: Robert A. Bell



# Independence

Independence can be defined as the aspects of one’s life that allows people to negotiate daily living without assistance. For the purpose of this report, the indicators that help describe independence include housing status, living status, marital status, licensed drivers and caregiving.

Table 21

**Number and Percent of Persons Age 60+ and Age 75+ Living Alone by Race and Hispanic Origin, Milwaukee County 2010**

US Census

Race/Ethnicity	Persons 60+	1-person Households 60+	Percent Living Alone 60+	Persons 75+	1-person Households 75+	Percent Living Alone 75+
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,556</b>	<b>50,824</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>57,249</b>	<b>23,636</b>	<b>41%</b>
White alone	121,337	41,370	34%	49,079	20,945	43%
Black or African American alone	25,933	8,245	32%	6,638	2,310	35%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	600	167	28%	132	40	30%
Asian alone	2,536	331	13%	661	148	22%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	29	9	31%	6	2	33%
Some other race alone	2,066	359	17%	456	89	20%
Two or more races	1,055	343	33%	277	102	37%
Hispanic or Latino	6,582	1,324	20%	1,657	410	25%

## Living Alone

White persons ages 60 and over tend to live alone at a higher rate than any other race.

The table shows different races in two different age categories which represent the older adult population of Milwaukee County. The table’s goal is to show how those ages 60 years or older and 75 years or older live, whether by themselves or with others (either renting or owning a household), and to what extent race plays a role in their living style.

As the table shows, the older adults who are classified as White tend to live alone at a higher rate than any other race (for those ages 60 years or older and 75 years and older respectively). Black or African Americans are next with 33% and 41% for those ages 60 years or older and 75 years and older respectively. Asians tend to have a lower quantity of members who live alone in 1-person households at age 60 or older (13%).



**2012 Golden Idol Finals**

Photo: Robert A. Bell



Figure 52

### Percent of Persons Age 60+ Living Alone by Total Population and Race/Ethnicity

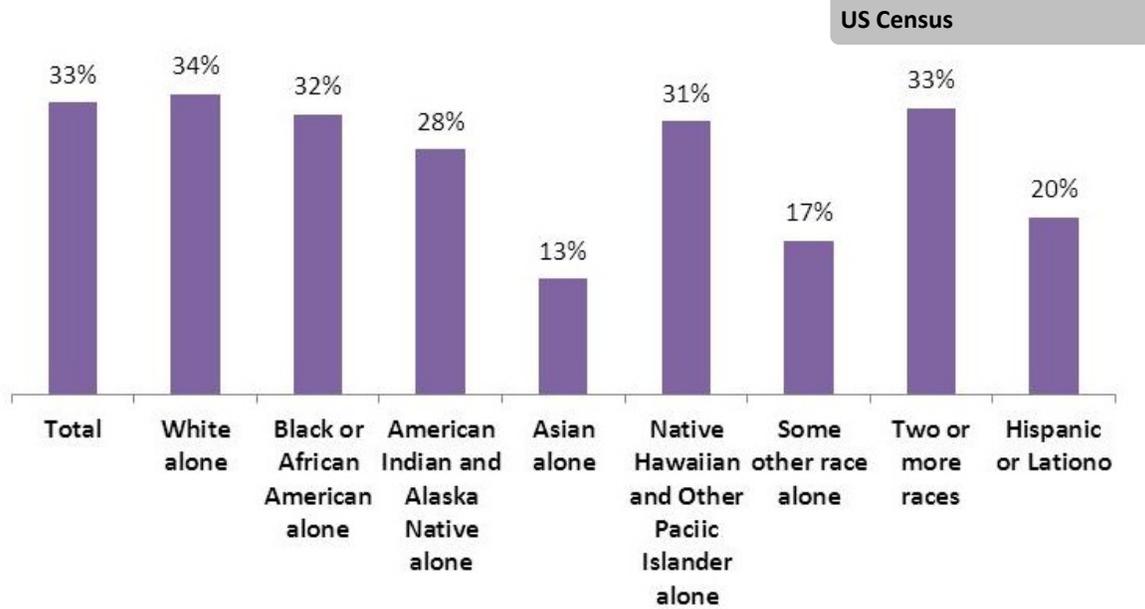


Figure 53

### Percent of Persons Age 75+ Living Alone by Total Population and Race/Ethnicity

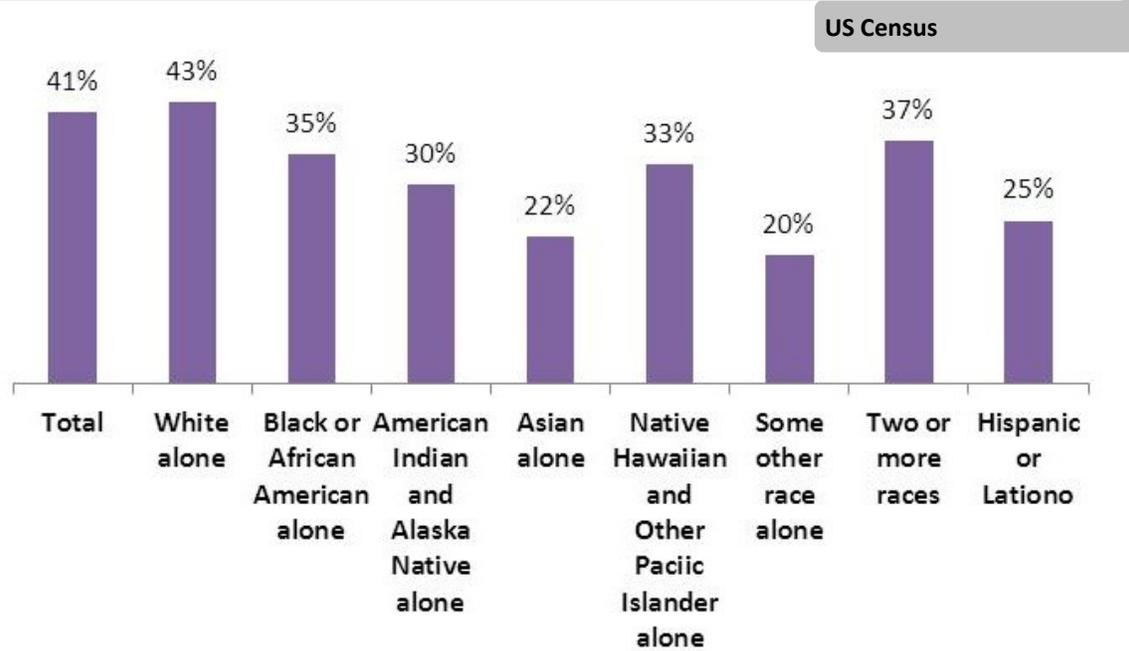




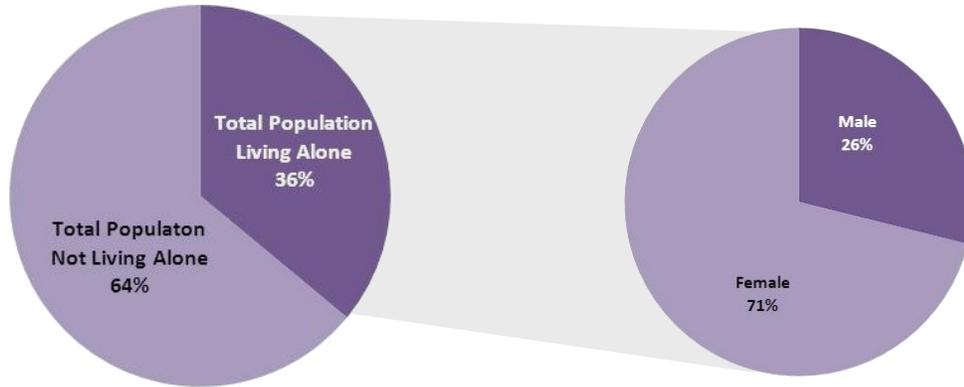
Figure 54

### Living Alone: Milwaukee County 2010

US Census

#### Total Population Living Alone in Milwaukee County

Total Percent Living Alone in Milwaukee County



#### Living Alone

Of the total population of Milwaukee County residents living alone, women live alone at the highest rate (71%).

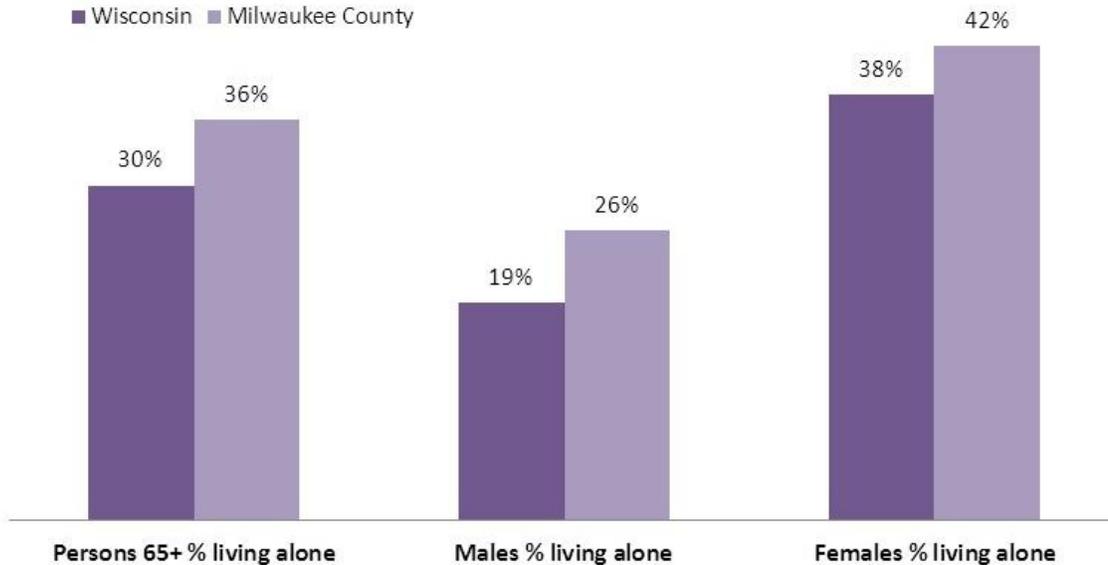
This graph shows the total population of Milwaukee County residents who live alone. Thirty-six percent of the total population lives alone, of which 26% are male. Seventy-one percent of the total percentage of individuals who live alone are female - a much higher rate than males.

Figure 55

### Percent of Persons 65+ Living Alone by Gender

US Census

■ Wisconsin ■ Milwaukee County



#### Living Alone

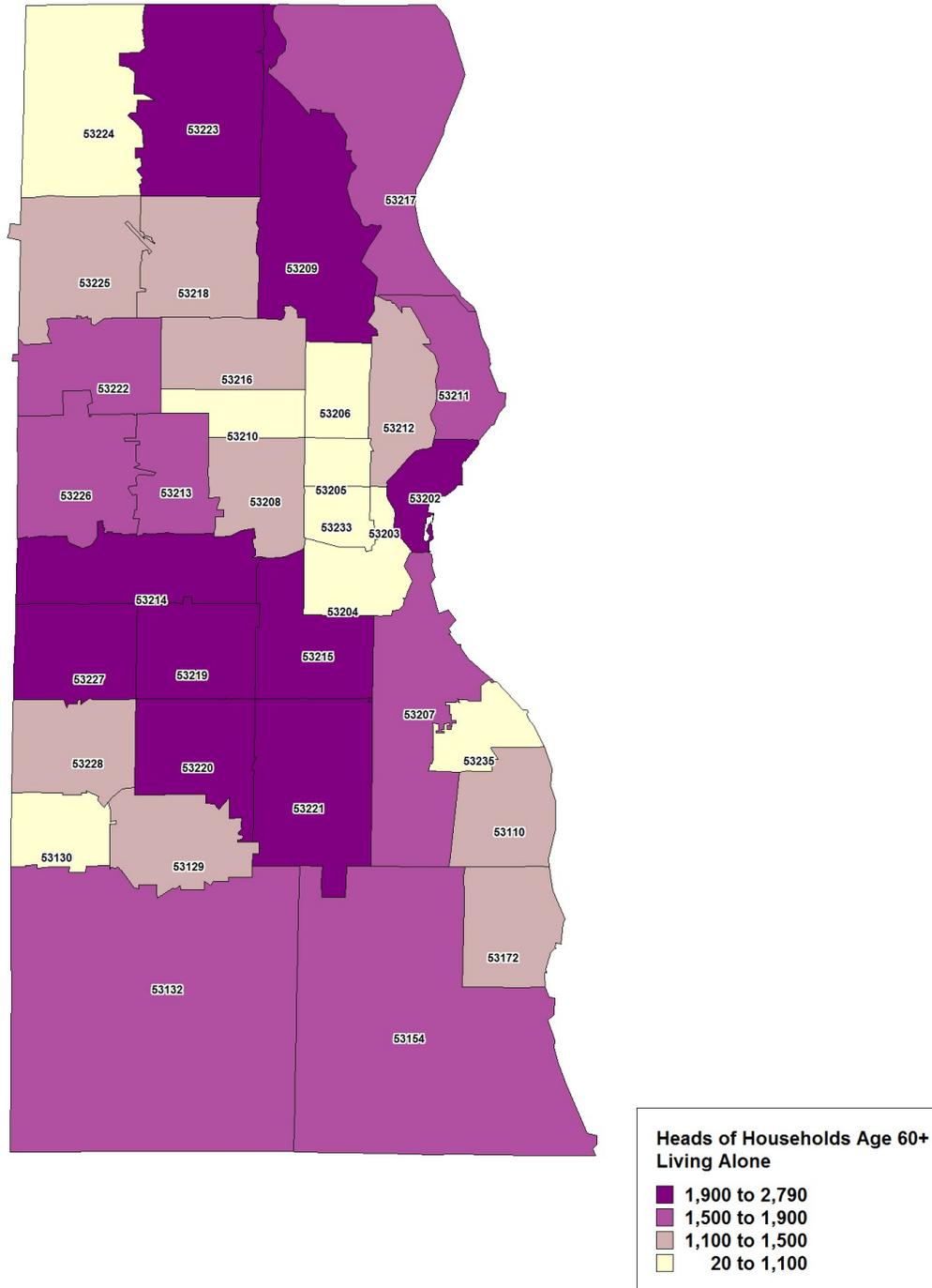
Of Milwaukee County persons 65+, females tend to live alone more than their male counterparts and at a higher rate than the state average.

Provided by AARP State Research 2012

The graph shows the percent of people, ages 65 or older, living alone with regard to gender in Wisconsin and Milwaukee County. In Wisconsin, approximately 30% of its total older adult population lives alone, whereas in Milwaukee County 36% of its older adult population lives alone. Females tend to live alone more than males. Thirty-eight percent of females ages 65 years and older live alone in Wisconsin and 42% live alone in Milwaukee County. For males ages 65 years and older, 19% live alone in Wisconsin and 30% live alone in Milwaukee County.



## Heads of Households Age 60+ Living Alone Milwaukee County



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The map shows the older adult population ages 60 years and older living alone in Milwaukee County.

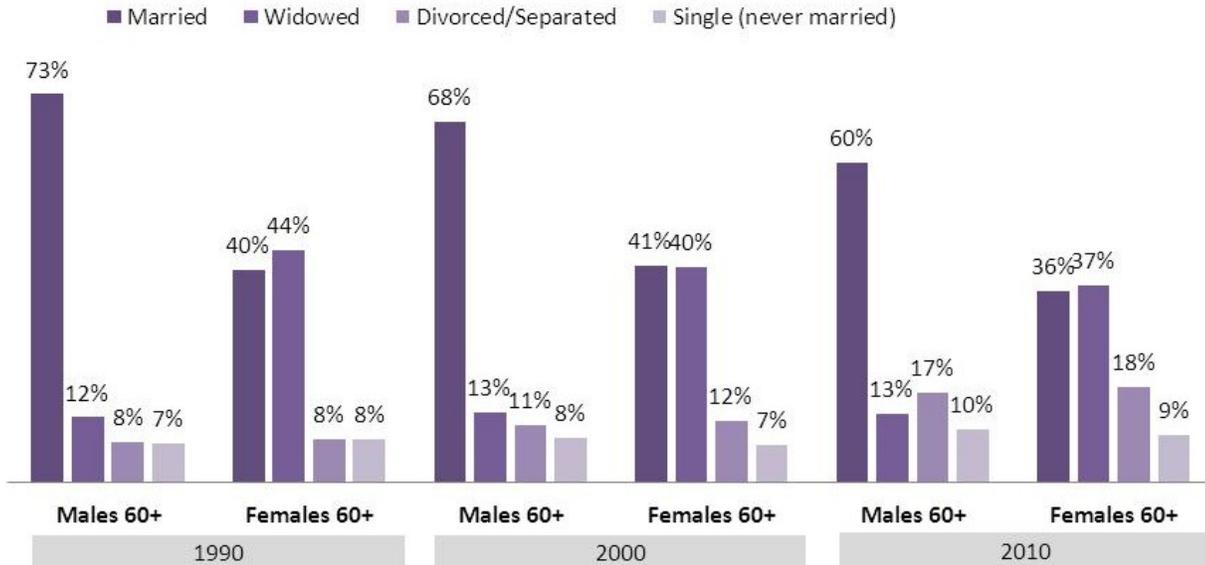
The map suggests that most of the older adult population who live alone tend to live between the western part of Milwaukee County and central Milwaukee County (between zip codes 53214 and 53221) as well as northern Milwaukee (zip codes 53223 and 53209).



Figure 56

### Comparison of Older Adults Marital Status 1990, 2000, 2010 Milwaukee County

American Community Survey



This graph compares the marital status of Milwaukee County males and females ages 60 and over between 1990 and 2010. Over this period, the percentage of men ages 60 and over who got married decreased from 73% in 1990 to 60% in 2010. The total widowed, divorced, or single male population has remained relatively constant over the last twenty years.

Females had relatively constant rates of being married, widowed, divorced, or single between 1990 and 2010.



Table 22

**Marital Status by Sex and Age Among Older Persons  
Milwaukee County 2010**

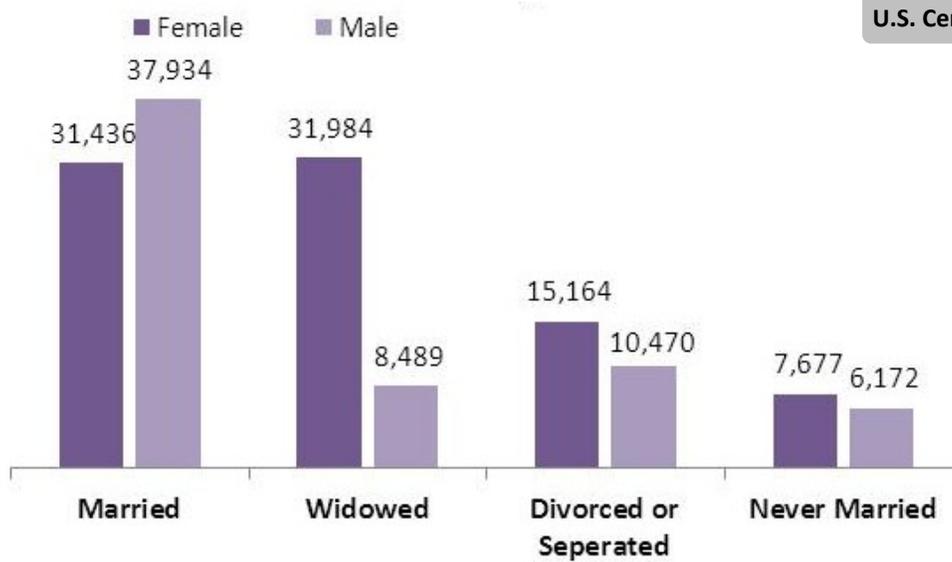
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	Numbers					Percentages				
	Married	Widowed	Divorced or Separated	Single (Never Married)	Total	Married	Widowed	Divorced or Separated	Single (Never Married)	Total
<b>Male</b>										
60 to 64 years	11,851	830	4,452	3,303	20,436	58%	4%	22%	16%	100%
65 to 74 years	14,871	1,293	4,686	1,885	22,735	65%	6%	21%	8%	100%
75 to 84 years	8,990	3,594	1,156	811	14,551	62%	25%	8%	6%	100%
85 years and over	2,222	2,772	176	173	5,343	42%	52%	3%	3%	100%
60 years and over	37,934	8,489	10,470	6,172	63,065	60%	13%	17%	10%	100%
<b>Female</b>										
60 to 64 years	9,742	2,777	5,770	3,152	21,441	45%	13%	27%	15%	100%
65 to 74 years	12,273	7,687	6,419	2,333	28,712	43%	27%	22%	8%	100%
75 to 84 years	8,562	13,340	2,462	1,507	25,871	33%	52%	10%	6%	100%
85 years and over	859	8,180	513	685	10,237	8%	80%	5%	7%	100%
60 years and over	31,436	31,984	15,164	7,677	86,261	36%	37%	18%	9%	100%



Figure 57

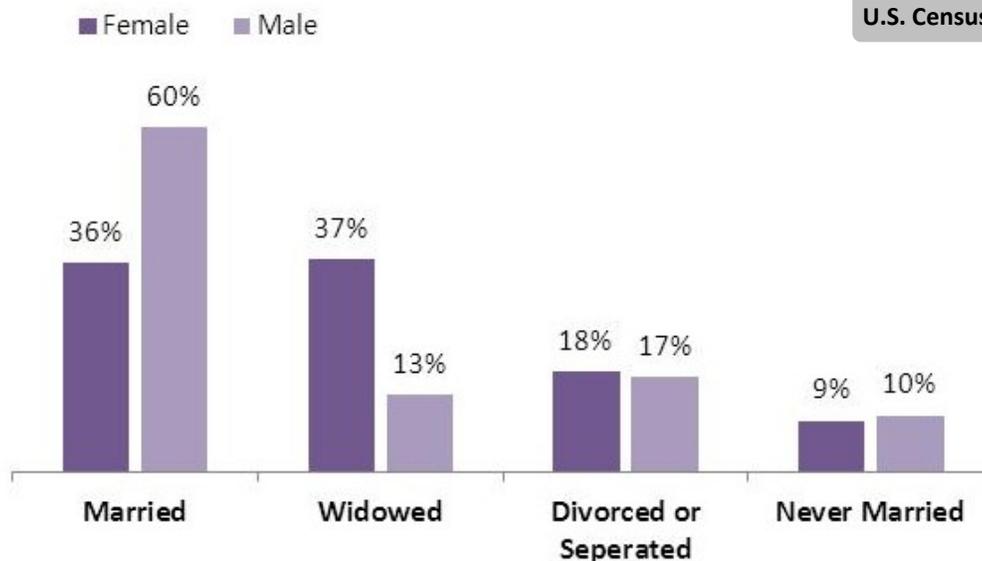
### Marital Status of Persons Age 60+: Number Milwaukee County



U.S. Census

Figure 58

### Marital Status of Persons Age 60+: Percent Milwaukee County



U.S. Census

60%

Of males 60 and older in Milwaukee County are married compared to only 36% of females.

This chart shows the relationship status of the older adult population between different age categories and gender in Milwaukee County. Sixty percent of males ages 60 years and older are married, 13% are widowed, 17% are divorced or separated, and 10% were never married and are single. On the other hand, 36% of females ages 60 years and older are married, 37% are widowed, 17% are divorced or separated, and 9% were never married and are single.



Figure 59

### Women 60+ by Age Category and Marital Status Milwaukee County

U.S. Census

80%

Of females ages 85 and over in Milwaukee County are widowed.

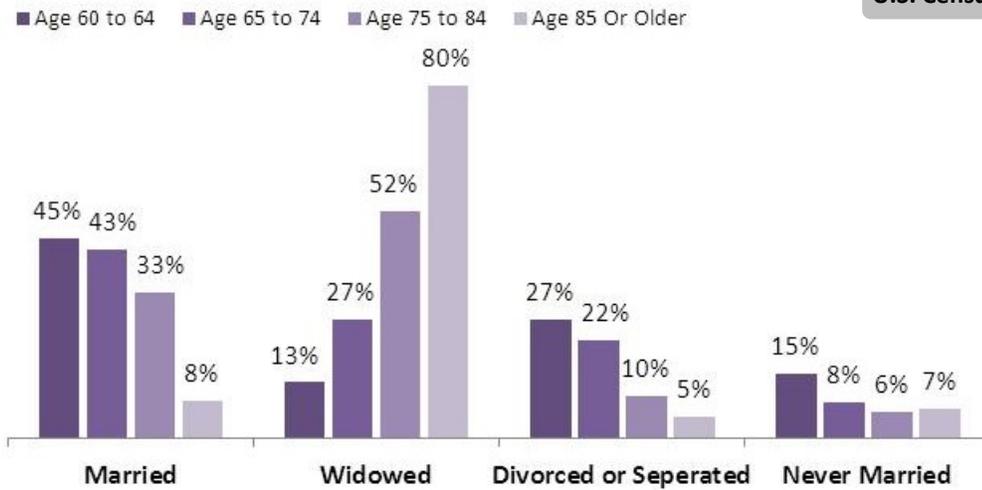
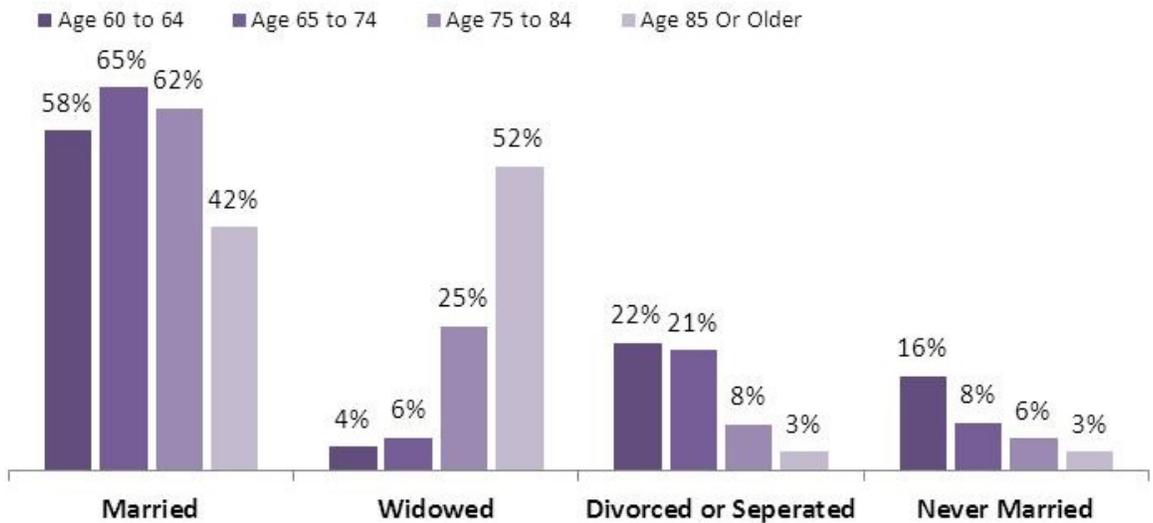


Figure 60

### Men 60+ by Age Category and Marital Status Milwaukee County

U.S. Census





## Driver's License

Over 88 million drivers in the United States are age 50 or older. In Wisconsin, over 4 million drivers are ages 50 and older, and there are slightly more women drivers than men in the state – 903,967 vs. 878,938. The number of licensed drivers decreases with age in Wisconsin.

AARP survey data show that most Americans (87%) age 50 and older drive a car to get to where they want to go.

Most Wisconsinites ages 50 and over (72%) drive their car at least five days a week, and one-third (32%) drive 100 miles or more in a typical week.

Figure 61

### Licensed Drivers in Wisconsin by Age (Total= 4,133,377)

Provided by AARP State Research 2012

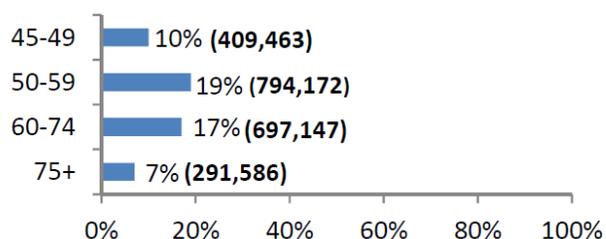


Figure 62

### Miles Driven in Typical Week (weighted n=894 U.S. Drivers Age 50+)

Provided by AARP State Research 2012

Less than 25 miles	17%
At least 25 but less than 50 miles	24%
At least 50 but less than 75 miles	14%
At least 75 but less than 100 miles	11%
100 miles or more	32%





## Aging in Place

The United States is experiencing historic growth in the number of people 65 years old and older. The National Council on Aging, United Health Care and USA Today conducted the United States Aging Survey to better understand what this growth means for programs, services and resources.

The City of Milwaukee was one of the survey sites for the national survey.

Older Americans in Milwaukee are striving to age in place despite physical and economic difficulties in some cases.

- Eighty-three percent of local seniors intend to continue living in their current home over the next five to 10 years – lower than the national average of 90 percent.
- Leading reasons for wanting to stay include liking where they currently live (88 percent) and having family and friends nearby (66 percent).
- Finances also play a large role in this decision: 30 percent of Milwaukee seniors planning to age in place say their home would not sell in the current market, and 18 percent believe they cannot afford the cost of moving their belongings.
- The vast majority of local individuals (84 percent) report high levels of confidence that they will be able to stay in their homes without having to make any significant home modifications.
- Twelve percent of respondents in Milwaukee believe the housing options available to them are unaffordable.

Excerpt taken from the United States of Aging Survey, Milwaukee Findings.

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## Caregiving

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City of Milwaukee seniors are not only receiving long-term care – they are providing it, too:

- Forty-three percent of Milwaukee seniors report having someone they consider to be a caregiver in their lives—lower than the national average of 50 percent.
- Approximately one in four local seniors (24 percent) serves as a caregiver for someone else.
- Eighty-three percent of older Milwaukeeans with caregivers say they are being cared for by a family member. Nearly half of those caregivers (48 percent) live at home with a senior.
- More than a third of seniors (36 percent) living independently believe it is likely that they will need one of their children or grandchildren to care for them in the future.
- Forty-three percent of respondents who serve as a caregiver for someone else report that they would benefit from additional support services, such as respite care.
  - ◇ While 65 percent of these caregivers are aware that there is a service in their community that they could call to request assistance with everyday needs, only 14 percent say they have used that service.

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## Health Status

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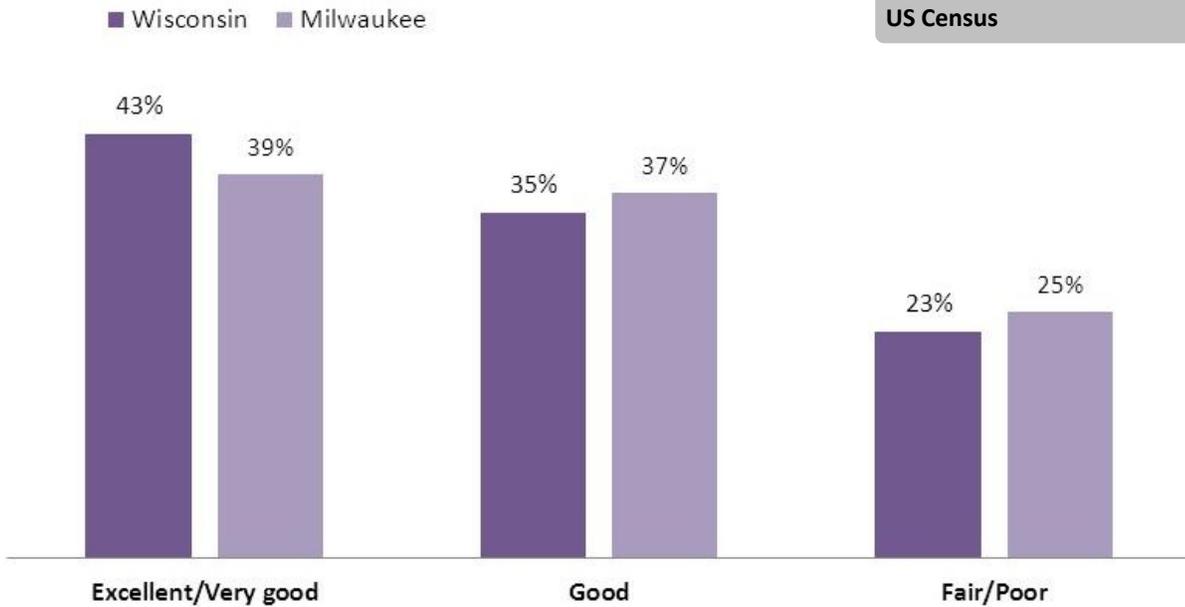
Washington Park Senior Center

Photo: Scott Doering



Figure 63

### Self Reported General Health Status of Persons 65+ in Milwaukee County 2010



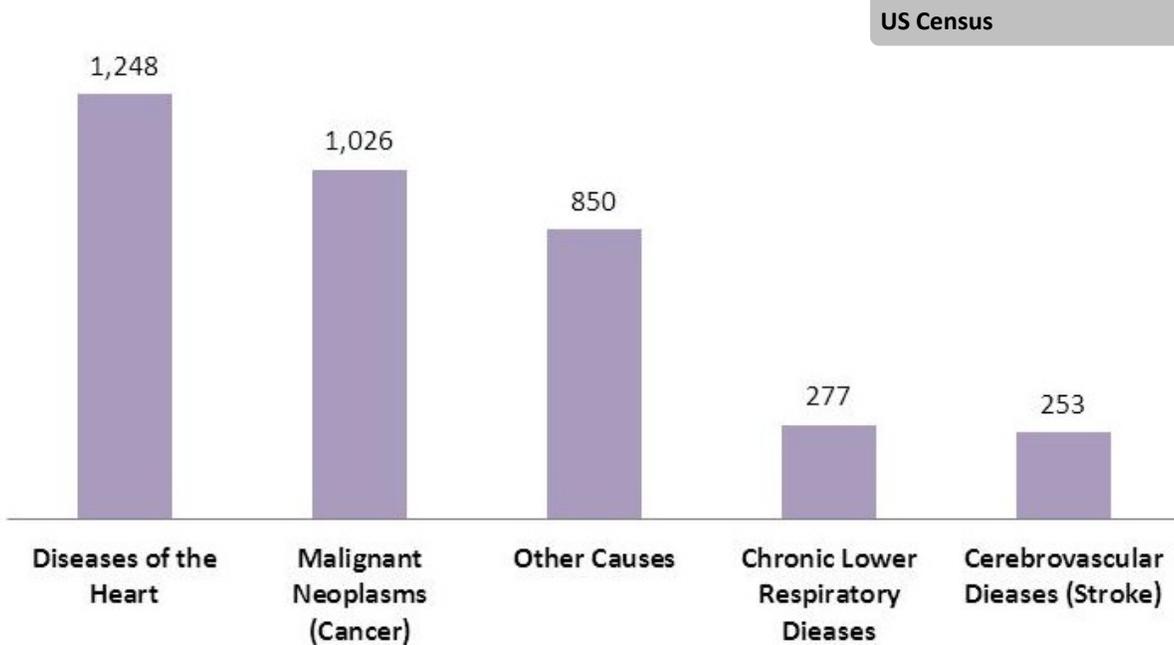
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#### General Health

More than 75% of Milwaukee County residents 65 and over report feeling good or very good, just slightly less than the state as a whole.

Figure 64

### Causes of Death of People Ages 65+ by Death Rate (Deaths per 100,000) Milwaukee County



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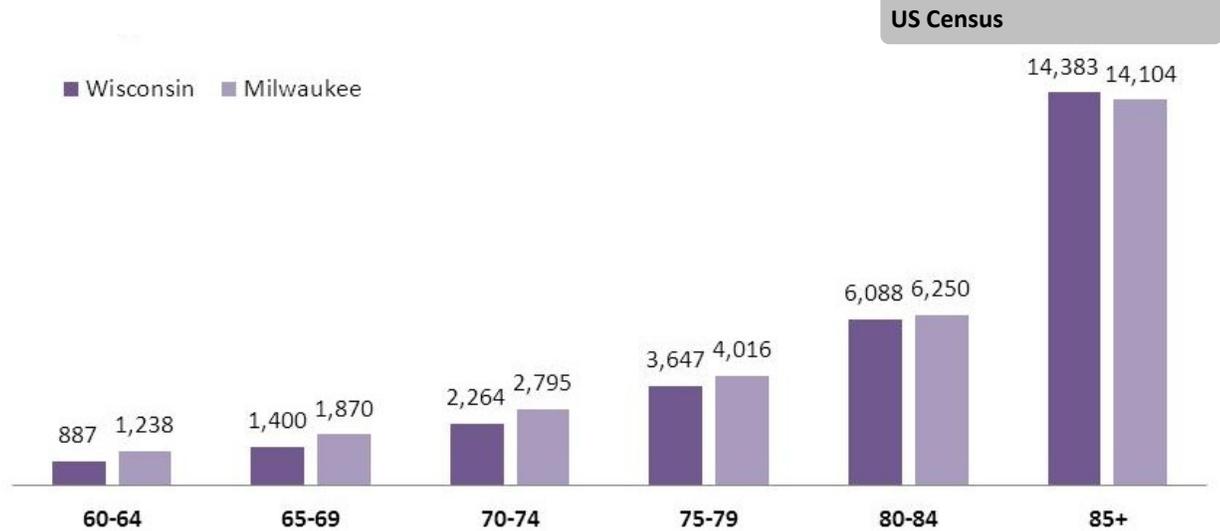
#### Death

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for Milwaukee County residents over the age of 65.



Figure 65

## 2010 Death Rate (Deaths per 100,000 population) for Age of Death



### Death Rate

Milwaukee County experiences a slightly higher death rate across all age categories except for the 85 years and over group.



## Insurance Coverage

In 2011, both the proportion and number of people without health coverage significantly decreased. Those without coverage decreased from 50 million in 2010 to 48.6 million in 2011. Conversely, the percentage and number of people with health coverage increased. In 2010, 83.7 percent of Americans had health coverage and in 2011 the proportion rose to 84.3 – or 256.6 million in 2010 to 260.2 million in 2011

Most insured Wisconsinites are covered by an employer-based health insurance plan. Still, many adults not yet eligible for Medicare face higher insurance premiums and have difficulty accessing affordable health care coverage. In 2010, an estimated 97,000 50-64 year olds in Wisconsin were uninsured.

In Milwaukee County, an estimated 20,000 50-64 year olds had no health coverage.

### Insurance

In Milwaukee County, an estimated 9% of 50-64 year olds (20,000 people) had no health insurance coverage in 2010.

Table 23

## Types of Health Coverage Among Wisconsinites 50 Years and Over

	State			Milwaukee		
	50-64	65+	Total	50-64	65+	Total
Employer/Union	73%	34%	57%	66%	35%	54%
Purchased directly	11%	47%	26%	8%	38%	20%
Medicare	6%	99%	43%	9%	98%	44%
Medicaid/public	9%	14%	11%	15%	20%	17%
TRICARE/Military	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%
VA health care	4%	9%	5%	3%	5%	4%
Indian Health Service	3%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
No Coverage	9%	<1%	5%	12%	<1%	8%

Provided by AARP State Research 2012



# Long-term Care

Many people in our community need assistance with activities of daily living and caring for their health due to physical or developmental disability or because of the increasing challenges that come with aging. This assistance is referred to as long-term care and includes many different services including personal care, housekeeping or nursing services.

Long-term care can be any health or support service that is required because of a chronic illness or disability that prevents someone from carrying out day-to-day activities.

Most long-term care is actually provided by family members and many people pay privately for the care they receive. However there are many Wisconsin residents who need assistance and who cannot afford to pay for their care on their own.

In 2010, more than 44,000 of Wisconsin’s frail elders and adults with physical, developmental or intellectual disabilities received long-term care services from one of the state’s long-term care

programs.

These programs include Family Care and IRIS. IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-direct) is a program in which consumers self-direct their care plan and the services they receive within an individual budget allocation. The Family Care programs (Family Care, Family Care-Partnership, and Family Care-PACE) are all managed care programs in which consumers are enrolled and which work with the managed care organizations to implement consumers’ care plans and services.

In 2000, there were about 2,500 seniors in Milwaukee County on a waiting list, desperately in need of long-term care. The State of Wisconsin launched the Family Care Program as a pilot program in five Wisconsin counties, including Milwaukee. By 2002, the wait list for seniors was eliminated in Milwaukee County.

Over the past ten years, Milwaukee County has successfully served more than 15,000 Family Care members.

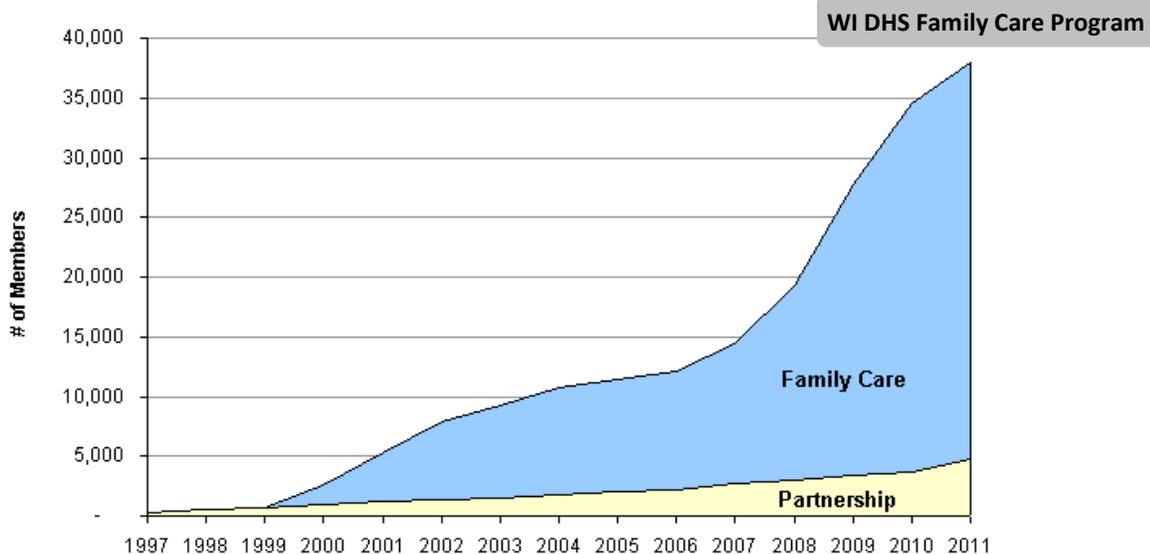
15,000

Milwaukee County residents who have received Family Care benefits over the last decade.

This history and summary was created from Milwaukee County Department of Family Care’s website and the 2010 *Annual Report-Long-term Care in Motion: Wisconsin’s Long-term Care Programs*, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Long Term Care.

Figure 66

## Wisconsin Family Care and Partnership Program Number of Members Enrolled as of Sept. 30th of Each Year





## Long-term Care

Figure 67

### Enrollment of Frail Older Adult Population in Long-term Care programs Number and Percentage of Participants in Family Care Program, 2010

WI DHS Family Care Program

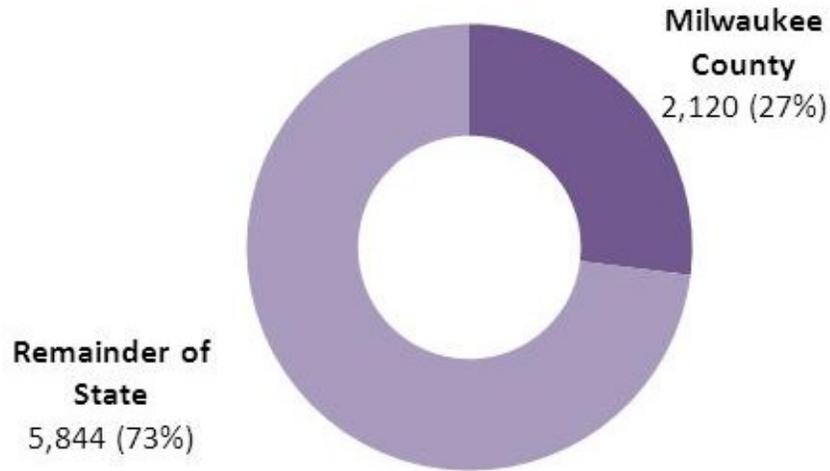
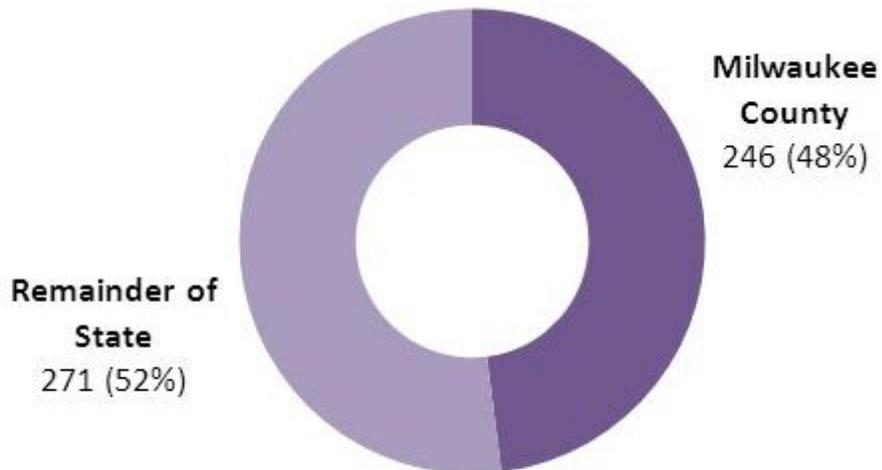


Figure 68

### Enrollment of Frail Older Adult Population in Long-term Care programs Number and Percentage of Participants in IRIS Program, 2010

WI DHS Family Care Program





## Long-term Care

Wisconsin has an estimated 121,962 residents ages 85 and over. By 2030 this group is projected to grow by 59 percent. This ranks Wisconsin 32nd in the projected growth rate of the 85 years and over population. Older persons are at a greater risk for developing chronic illnesses that can require long-term care.

In 2010, Wisconsin’s nursing homes had an occupancy rate of 84 percent. The cost of this care is expensive. The median monthly costs for a private pay home health aide, a semi-private room, and a private room in a nursing home are higher in the Milwaukee area than the median costs for the state overall.

Table 24

### Average Monthly Cost for Select Types of Long-term Care

Provided by AARP State Research 2012 & WI DHS

	Average Costs / Month	
	State	Milwaukee
Private Pay Home Health Aide	\$, 4,004.00	\$4,385.00
Semi-private Room, Nursing home	\$6,965.00	\$8,195.00
Private Room, Nursing home	\$7,756.00	\$8,940.00
Family Care Program*	\$2,472.93	\$2,342.92
IRIS Program*	\$2,401.31	\$2,944.60

Between 7 and 9 million Americans currently have some sort of long-term insurance protection in place, e.g. a traditional policy, coverage through an employer, a life policy with long-term care coverage, or an annuity with long-term care coverage. Sixty percent of individual long-term care insurance purchasers in the U.S. are between the ages of 50 and 64. Nearly 140,000 Wisconsinites have some type of long-term care coverage.

In contrast to the private types of long-term care, average monthly costs for state-sponsored long-term care programs are substantially less expensive.

\*Over 90% of individuals enrolled in Family Care and IRIS programs reside in a home setting versus a residential or institutional setting such as a nursing home.



## Health and Wellness

80%

of local seniors expect their quality of life to stay the same or get better over the next five to 10 years – five percentage points higher than the national average.

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Older Americans in Milwaukee are optimistic about their future and say they are healthier than ever.

- Eighty percent of local seniors expect their quality of life to stay the same or get better over the next five to 10 years – five percentage points higher than the national average.
- More than two-thirds of Milwaukee’s seniors (67 percent) report that the past year of their life was normal or better than normal, slightly higher than the 65 percent at the national level.
- Similar to the national numbers, a large majority of older Milwaukeeans give themselves high marks when it comes to maintaining their physical and mental health: 93 percent report that they manage their stress levels well, and 87 percent say that they are confident that they will be able to do

what is needed to maintain their health over the next five to 10 years.

- If they were in need of medical care, 96 percent of respondents say that they would be able to see a primary care physician in their community, while 59 percent believe they would be able to see a geriatric care physician.
  - ◇ More than nine in 10 local seniors (95 percent) report that they communicate well with their doctors regarding their health questions and concerns.
  - ◇ Eighty-four percent of older Americans in Milwaukee remain confident in their ability to manage health conditions on their own, reducing their need to see a doctor – greater than the national average (80 percent).

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# Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease is an age-related brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's ability to remember, think, learn, and carry out even the simplest of tasks. Alzheimer's is a type of dementia, a broad term for diseases and conditions that damage brain cells and, over time, impair brain function. Alzheimer's is associated with the breakdown of connections between brain cells, or neurons, and their eventual death. Typically diagnosed in people age 60 and older, in rare cases the disease can occur in people in their 30s and 40s.

## Baby Boomers and the Risk for Alzheimer's

Today, an estimated 2.4 million to 5.1 million people in the United States may have Alzheimer's disease. While estimates of the number of people with the disorder vary, few would dispute the urgent need to find ways to prevent, delay, and treat this age-related disease—especially in light of America's aging population. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the 65-and-older population will double to about 72 million during the next 20 years. In fact, in January 2011, America reached a significant milestone when the oldest "baby boomers" turned 65. This trend toward an aging population is accompanied by a sobering reality: studies have shown that the number of people with Alzheimer's doubles for every five-year interval past age 65. And

the ranks of the very elderly- those 85 years and older and at the highest risk for Alzheimer's- are expected to triple by 2050.

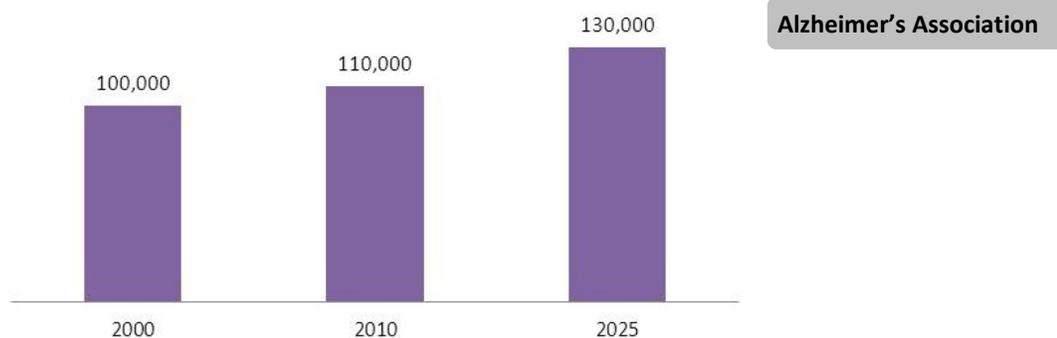
To fully appreciate the impact of Alzheimer's disease in America, one must understand its enormous personal and societal costs. Family, friends, and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's experience emotional, physical, and financial stress as they watch a loved one become increasingly forgetful, frustrated, confused, and lost as the disease progresses. Families struggle to care for loved ones at home but often face difficult decisions about daily, short-term, and long-term care. Frequently, people with Alzheimer's disease rely on assisted living facilities, then nursing homes, for care and support.

Unless more effective interventions are developed, the number of people living with the disease could escalate significantly, along with the need to support them and their caregivers. That is why researchers and clinicians are devoting their time and talent to developing the interventions needed to help people with Alzheimer's, those at risk for the disease and the many caregivers on the frontlines of support.

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Figure 69

## Projected Number of Wisconsin Residents With Alzheimer's Disease



## 2012 Estimates

The Alzheimer's Association estimates 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease.

30%

Projected percent increase in Wisconsin residents living with Alzheimer's Disease over the next 15 years.

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