

Facts About Aging

...in Maryland



The number of Older Marylanders is Increasing:

- Of the more than 5 million Maryland citizens in 2005, 16% – or almost 897,000 – were over the age of 60.
- By 2030, the percentage of Marylanders 60 and over is expected to increase to 25.2%. In this region, a more than:
 - 200% growth in seniors age 60 and over is expected in Frederick and Howard counties.
 - 100% growth is expected in Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Harford counties.
- Individuals over the age of 85 are the fastest growing segment of the senior population.
 - Today, the number of seniors over 85 equals nearly 67,000. By 2030, this population is expected to reach almost 165,000.
 - The Social Security Administration estimates that there are more than 700 Maryland citizens age 100 or older.

A Snapshot of Maryland's Senior Citizens:

- Almost 40% of Maryland's senior citizens, age 60 and over, live in Baltimore City, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel County. Other large numbers of seniors live in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.
- Low income older individuals are concentrated in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
 - Almost 64,000 Maryland senior citizens live in poverty (\$9,800, household of one).
 - Of all Maryland seniors living in poverty, almost 1 in 3 (31.5%) lives in Baltimore City.
 - Other jurisdictions have a number of seniors living in poverty:
 - ♦ Baltimore County is home to more than 13% of seniors who are poor in the state.
 - ♦ Anne Arundel County is home to more than 5% of seniors who are poor in the state.
 - The greatest numbers of the state's minority seniors live in Baltimore City.
 - ♦ In 2000, almost 1 in 3 minority seniors (32.3%) lived in Baltimore City.
 - ♦ Of the population of older minority Marylanders who were 85 and over, 35% lived in Baltimore City.
 - Older Marylanders with disabilities tend to live longer in their communities.
 - ♦ More than 19% of all seniors, age 65 and older, live with disabilities in a non-institutionalized setting.
 - ♦ Over 18% of seniors with disabilities live in Baltimore City – almost 18% live in Baltimore County. Other jurisdictions with higher percentages of seniors living with disabilities include Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

