

2026 Senior Report Measures Table

Social and Economic Factors			
Measure	Description	Source(s)	Data Year(s)
Community and Family Safety			
Firearm Deaths**^	Number of deaths among adults age 65 and older due to firearm injury of any intent (unintentional, suicide, homicide or undetermined) per 100,000 population	U.S. HHS, Multiple Cause of Death Files via CDC WONDER	2022-2024
Internet Crime*	Number of internet crime victim complaints per 10,000 adults age 60 and older	U.S. DOJ, FBI, Internet Crime Complaint Center Annual Reports	2024
Motor Vehicle Deaths	Number of deaths due to motor vehicle traffic crashes on a public roadway per 100,000 adults age 65 and older	U.S. DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System	2023
Economic Resources			
Community Support Expenditures^	Dollars per adult age 60 and older of Older Americans Act Title III funding spent on support services for older adults and caregivers, including congregate meals, home-delivered meals and senior centers	U.S. HHS, Administration for Community Living, State Program Reports	2024
Food Insecurity	Percentage of adults age 60 and older who lack access to enough food for an active and healthy life due to limited financial resources	Feeding America, Food Insecurity Among Seniors and Older Adults Report Series	2023
Poverty	Percentage of adults age 65 and older living below the poverty level	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
Poverty Racial Disparity*	Ratio of the poverty rate of the racial/ethnic group with the highest rate (varies by state) to the non-Hispanic white rate among adults age 65 and older	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
SNAP Reach	Number of adults age 60 and older who participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) per 100 adults age 60 and older living in poverty	USDA, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households Report Series	2023
Education			
College Graduate*	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who have a college degree	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
Social Support and Engagement			
High-Speed Internet	Percentage of households with one or more adults age 65 and older that have a broadband internet subscription and a computer, smartphone or tablet	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
Low-Care Nursing Home Residents	Percentage of nursing home residents who do not require physical assistance for bed mobility, transferring, using the toilet or eating	Brown University School of Public Health, LTCFocus	2023
Risk of Social Isolation^	Index of social isolation risk factors (living in poverty; living alone; being divorced, separated or widowed; having never married; having a disability; and having independent living difficulty) among adults age 65 and older; normalized values are 1 to 100, with a higher value indicating greater risk	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Dataset	2020-2024

* Unweighted measure, excluded from the Overall and category composite measures.

^ Multicomponent measure. Data for each subcomponent are published on their respective measure pages, which can be found through the [Explore Data](#) section.

Social Support and Engagement (cont.)

Unpaid Older Adult Care*	Percentage of the population age 15 and older that reported providing unpaid care or assistance to an adult age 65 or older who needed help because of a condition related to aging	U.S. DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Time Use Survey	2023-2024
Volunteerism	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported volunteering in the past 12 months	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Volunteering and Civic Life Supplement	2023†
Voter Participation (Average)*	Average of the percentages of U.S. citizens age 65 and older who voted in the last presidential and the last midterm elections	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Voting and Registration Supplement	2022/2024
Voter Participation (Midterm)*	Percentage of U.S. citizens age 65 and older who voted in the last midterm election	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Voting and Registration Supplement	2022†
Voter Participation (Presidential)*	Percentage of U.S. citizens age 65 and older who voted in the last presidential election	U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Voting and Registration Supplement	2024

Physical Environment

Measure	Description	Source(s)	Data Year(s)
Air and Water Quality			
Air Pollution	Average exposure of the general public to particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less, measured in micrograms per cubic meter	U.S. EPA	2022-2024
Drinking Water Violations	Average number of health-based drinking water violations per community water system in a state	U.S. EPA, Safe Drinking Water Information System via ECHO	2024
Smoke-Free Policies*	Percentage of the population covered by 100% smoke-free laws for restaurants, bars and nonhospitality workplaces	American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation	2026

Climate and Health

Emergency Management Plan*	State has an enhanced state hazard mitigation plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that uses a social vulnerability index accounting for older adults and people with disabilities	AARP Public Policy Institute, LTSS State Scorecard Report Series	2023†
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Housing and Transit

Housing Cost Burden	Percentage of households with one or more adults age 65 and older for which housing costs are 30% or more of household income	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
Severe Housing Problems*	Percentage of one- and two-person households inhabited by adults age 62 or older with at least one of the following problems: lack of complete kitchen facilities, lack of plumbing facilities, overcrowding or cost-burdened occupants	U.S. HUD, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy	2018-2022

Clinical Care

Measure	Description	Source(s)	Data Year(s)
Access to Care			
Avoided Care Due to Cost	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported a time in the past 12 months when they needed to visit a doctor but could not because of cost	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Geriatric Clinicians	Number of family medicine and internal medicine geriatricians and nurse practitioners per 100,000 adults age 65 and older	U.S. HHS, CMS, National Plan and Provider Enumeration System	September 2025
Home Health Care Workers	Number of personal care and home health aides per 1,000 adults age 65 and older	U.S. DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Program	2024

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Preventive Clinical Services			
Cancer Screenings	Percentage of females ages 65-74 who reported receiving a mammogram in the past two years and percentage of adults ages 65-75 who reported receiving colorectal cancer screening within the recommended time period	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Flu Vaccination	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported receiving a seasonal flu vaccine in the past 12 months	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Pneumonia Vaccination	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported ever receiving a pneumonia vaccine	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
RSV Vaccination*	Percentage of adults age 60 and older who reported ever receiving a respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine	U.S. HHS, CDC, NIS-Adult COVID Module	8/18/2024-1/4/2025†

Quality of Care			
Dedicated Health Care Provider	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported having a personal doctor or health care provider	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Direct Care Worker Wage Competitiveness*	Dollar amount shortfall between the average hourly wages for direct care jobs and other comparable entry-level jobs	AARP Public Policy Institute, LTSS State Scorecard Report Series	2021†
Hospice Care	Percentage of Medicare decedents who were in hospice at time of death	NHPCO Facts and Figures Report Series	2022†
Nursing Home Quality	Percentage of certified nursing home beds rated four or five stars over a three-month period	U.S. HHS, CMS, Care Compare	September 2025 -November 2025
Preventable Hospitalizations	Discharges following hospitalization for ambulatory care-sensitive conditions (PQI 90) per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74 enrolled in the fee-for-service program	U.S. HHS, CMS, Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool	2023†

Behaviors			
Measure	Description	Source(s)	Data Year(s)
Nutrition and Physical Activity			
Exercise^	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who met the federal physical activity guidelines (150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity and two days of muscle strengthening per week) in the past 30 days	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2023†
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported consuming two or more fruits and three or more vegetables daily	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2021†
Physical Inactivity	Percentage of adults age 65 and older in fair or better health who reported doing no physical activity or exercise other than their regular job in the past 30 days	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Sleep Health			
Insufficient Sleep	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported sleeping, on average, less than seven hours in a 24-hour period	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2022†
Smoking and Tobacco Use			
Cigarette Smoking	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported smoking at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and currently smoke daily or some days	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024

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Health Outcomes			
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Behavioral Health			
Depression*	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported being told by a health professional that they had a depressive disorder, including depression, major depression, minor depression or dysthymia	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Drug Deaths*	Number of deaths due to drug injury (unintentional, suicide, homicide or undetermined) per 100,000 adults age 65 and older	U.S. HHS, Multiple Cause of Death Files via CDC WONDER	2022-2024
Excessive Drinking	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported binge drinking (four or more drinks on one occasion in the past 30 days for females or five or more for males) or heavy drinking (eight or more drinks per week for females or 15 or more for males)	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Frequent Mental Distress	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported their mental health was not good 14 or more days in the past 30 days	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Suicide	Number of deaths due to intentional self-harm per 100,000 adults age 65 and older	U.S. HHS, Multiple Cause of Death Files via CDC WONDER	2022-2024
Mortality			
Early Death	Number of deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65-74	U.S. HHS, Multiple Cause of Death Files via CDC WONDER	2024
Early Death Racial Disparity*	Ratio of the early death rate of the racial/ethnic group with the highest rate (varies by state) to the non-Hispanic white rate among adults ages 65-74	U.S. HHS, Multiple Cause of Death Files via CDC WONDER	2024
Physical Health			
Falls	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported falling in the past 12 months	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2023 [†]
Frequent Physical Distress	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported their physical health was not good 14 or more days in the past 30 days	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
High Health Status*	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported their health was very good or excellent	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Multiple Chronic Conditions	Percentage of Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-74 with three or more chronic conditions enrolled in the fee-for-service program	U.S. HHS, CMS, Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool	2023 [†]
Obesity [^]	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who have a body mass index of 30.0 or higher based on reported height and weight	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Teeth Extractions	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who have had all teeth removed due to tooth decay or gum disease	U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	2024
Demographics			
Functional Disability* [^]	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who reported having a cognitive, visual, auditory, ambulatory, self-care and/or independent living difficulty disability	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024
Population - Age 65+*	Percentage of the population that is age 65 and older	U.S. Census Bureau, Single-Race Population Estimates via CDC WONDER	2024
Population - Age 65+ - Rural*	Percentage of adults age 65 and older who live in a rural area	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset	2024

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Data Source Descriptions

The [Administration for Community Living](#) is a division of the [United States Department of Health and Human Services](#). The administration funds various community programs, social services, and training and research initiatives that help older adults and people with disabilities live independently. The administration's State Program Reports, available through the [AGing, Independence, and Disability \(AGID\) Data Portal](#), provide data annually on Older Americans Act services.

The [American Community Survey](#) is an ongoing statistical survey coordinated by the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) that provides detailed information on national population demographics. The survey collects and produces information about social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics from the nation's civilian noninstitutionalized population each year. Data are derived from the bureau directly via its [1-year](#) and [5-year](#) datasets or from the [public use microdata sample \(PUMS\)](#) file.

The [American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about the adverse health effects of smoking and secondhand smoke exposure, as well as the benefits of smoke-free environments. The foundation produces lists and maps covering laws regarding clean air, e-cigarettes, marijuana and tobacco sales in pharmacies. State-level data are obtained via a special request to the organization.

The [American Time Use Survey](#) provides annual activity insights into how Americans spend their daily time. The survey is conducted by the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), which collects and analyzes data on employment, wages and other workplace statistics for the [U.S. Department of Labor](#). Data are obtained from the bureau's website.

The [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#) is the nation's largest phone-based population survey. The survey, coordinated by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) in collaboration with state, territory and federal agencies, provides information about health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions and use of preventive services. Data are accessed via the [CDC's BRFSS web page](#).

The [Care Compare](#) tool, run by the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#), helps users find and compare providers and services by furnishing detailed information about every Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing home in the country, including health inspections, staffing and various other quality measures. Data are accessed via the [data archive](#) for "nursing homes including rehab services."

[CDC WONDER](#) is a query system for analyzing public-use data from the CDC's [National Center for Health Statistics](#) on births and deaths, as well as other topics. Data are obtained from the [Multiple Cause of Death, Linked Birth/Infant Death, Natality](#) and [Single-Race Population Estimates](#) files.

[Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households](#) reports have been published annually by the [Food and Nutrition Service](#) of the [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) since 1976. These reports provide information about the demographic and economic circumstances of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants and households each fiscal year.

[Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy \(CHAS\)](#) data are produced by the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research](#), which manages specific housing data from the American Community Survey. These data demonstrate the extent of housing problems and needs, particularly for low-income households. Data are accessed via the Consolidated Planning/CHAS Data web portal.

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) performs various federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection. National [Safe Drinking Water Act](#) data are reported by states, compiled from the [Safe Drinking Water Information System](#) database for public water systems and downloaded from the [Enforcement and Compliance History Online \(ECHO\)](#) website. State-level air pollution data are obtained via a special request to the agency.

The [Fatality Analysis Reporting System \(FARS\)](#) uses state data collected by the [U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) to produce a census of public motorway accidents resulting in fatalities within 30 days of a crash. Data are obtained from the [FARS Encyclopedia](#).

[Feeding America](#) publishes [annual reports on food insecurity among seniors and older adults](#). These reports document the prevalence of food insecurity among older adults in the U.S. and identify the geographic sociodemographic variation in food insecurity based on data from the December supplement to the Census Bureau's [Current Population Survey](#). Two years of data are combined to produce state-level estimates.

The [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#), a division of the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#), publishes [annual reports analyzing complaint data on internet scams and elder fraud](#).

The [Long-Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) State Scorecard](#) is published every three years by the [AARP Public Policy Institute](#). The report details long-term services and supports for older adults, people with physical disabilities and family caregivers, aggregating data from a variety of primary sources.

[LTCFocus](#) is a product of the Shaping Long-Term Care in America Project, conducted at the [Brown University Center for Gerontology and Healthcare Research](#) and supported in part by the [National Institute on Aging](#). The LTCFocus project website provides data on long-term care, including facility characteristics, resident characteristics and long-term care policies by state, county and facility.

The [Mapping Medicare Disparities \(MMD\) Tool](#) is a comprehensive source of information from the CMS [Office of Minority Health](#), offering data on eliminating health disparities and improving the health of minority populations. This tool features health outcome measures of disease prevalence, costs, hospitalizations for 60 chronic conditions, emergency department use, readmissions rates, mortality, preventable hospitalizations and preventive services. Data are obtained from the [MMD by Population](#) website.

The [National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network \(NEPHTN\)](#) brings together health data and environmental data from national, state and city sources and provides supporting information to make the data easier to understand. Data from state and local health departments are compiled by the tracking network and accessed via their [Data Explorer](#).

The [National Immunization Surveys \(NIS\)](#) are a set of ongoing phone surveys conducted by the CDC's [National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases](#), which focuses on the prevention of disease, disability and death through immunization and control of respiratory and related diseases among young children and adults. Data on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccinations among older adults are collected by the [NIS-Adult COVID Module](#) and accessed via the [Weekly Cumulative RSV Vaccination Coverage](#) website.

The [National Plan and Provider Enumeration System \(NPPES\)](#) is a registry developed by CMS to improve the efficiency of electronic health information transmission. NPPES assigns a unique [National Provider Identifier \(NPI\)](#) number to covered health care providers and health plans to conduct all administrative and financial transactions under HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Data are accessed via the [NPI files](#) website.

The [NHPCO Facts and Figures](#) report is published annually by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), now known as the [National Alliance for Care at Home](#), the nation's largest membership organization for hospice and palliative care workers and providers. The report leverages hospice claims data from CMS to produce statistics on hospice patient characteristics, location and level of care, as well as other topics. Data are accessed via the National Alliance website.

The [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics](#) program produces employment statistics and wage estimates for nearly 800 occupations at national, state and metropolitan levels. Data are collected by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and obtained through the [Occupational Employment and Wages Query System](#).

[Volunteering and Civic Life Supplement](#) data are collected by the Current Population Survey, an ongoing statistical survey sponsored jointly by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data are released biennially in odd years and obtained from the Census Bureau's website.

[Voting and Registration Supplement](#) data from the Current Population Survey are released by the Census Bureau every two years following national elections.