

North Carolina is Aging!

Here are the facts.

- ▶ Our 65 and older population will double in the next 20 years from 1.2 to 2.1 million.
- ▶ While North Carolina is 10th nationally in size of total population, we are 9th in those 60 and older.
- ▶ By 2030, 71 of NC's 100 counties are projected to have more people over age 60 than under age 17.
- ▶ In 2030, one in four North Carolinians will be 60 and older.
- ▶ Our fastest growing population over the next 20 years will be those 65 and older. The number age 85 and older will grow fastest beginning in 2030, when the oldest of our 2.3 million baby boomers near their 85th birthday.

Source: 2009 NC State Data Center, 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS)

Status of North Carolinians 65 and older

Living alone	29%
Veterans	23%
Have a disability	39%
Have less than a high school diploma	30%
Median household income	\$29,805
Income is below the poverty level (\$10,289)	11%
Income is between 100-199% of the poverty level	25%
Employed	15%
Own their homes	83%

Source: US Census, 2005-2009 ACS

Other Points of Interest

- ▶ North Carolina currently has more than 170,000 older adults with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia most of whom are being cared for at home or by family and friends. By 2030, the total number is projected to rise to nearly 300,000.
- ▶ There are approximately 385,000 residents of NC age 65 and older who are visually impaired or blind according to the N.C. Register of the Blind.
- ▶ 89,622 grandparents are responsible for minor grandchildren throughout the state.
- ▶ For those age 75 and older, 14% live below the federal poverty level and 30% live at or between 100-199% of the federal poverty level.



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