Characteristics and Projections of the 65+ Population in Hamilton County, Ohio

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About this Report
This chart book illustrates the characteristics of the county’s 65-plus population in 2015, and changes that have occurred since 2000. It also includes population characteristics, such as education, income level, and marital status, that are shown to be associated with the need for long-term services and supports. There are charts that compare the older population of the county to the state as a whole, and within county change over time.

The data presented in this chart book are intended to assist planners, decisions makers, and service providers to understand the growth in numbers and proportion of older adults, particularly those who will likely need assistance.

An interactive data map is available for you to define your own topic, county, and population of interest to see current figures and change over time. Please visit www.ohio-population.org.

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# Profile of the 65+ Population

The table below compares the characteristics of the 65+ population in the U.S. overall, the state of Ohio, and of Hamilton county. When reading this table, keep in mind the numbers and percentages represent the 65+ population only in each geographic area.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>U.S.</th>
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<th>Ohio</th>
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<th>County</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total 65+ Population</td>
<td>34,991,753</td>
<td>47,732,389</td>
<td>1,507,757</td>
<td>1,844,642</td>
<td>113,898</td>
<td>117,092</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median Income</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>20,152</td>
<td>15,400</td>
<td>20,320</td>
<td>16,700</td>
<td>21,362</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percent of Population Age 65+</td>
<td>12.4</td>
<td>14.9</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>23.7</td>
<td>13.5</td>
<td>22.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percent at or Below Poverty</td>
<td>9.7</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>8.0</td>
<td>8.7</td>
<td>9.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percent White</td>
<td>86.9</td>
<td>83.5</td>
<td>90.6</td>
<td>88.3</td>
<td>82.7</td>
<td>77.4</td>
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<td>Percent Married</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>55.2</td>
<td>57.2</td>
<td>54.5</td>
<td>53.7</td>
<td>49.1</td>
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<td>Percent Having Grandchildren Living At Home</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>5.4</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Percent with High School Diploma or Higher</td>
<td>68.0</td>
<td>79.7</td>
<td>68.5</td>
<td>79.3</td>
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<td>Percent of 65+ Medicaid Recipients</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>10.0</td>
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Projected 65+ Population as a Percentage of Total Population

The chart below compares the projected proportion of the county’s population made up by adults age 65+ through 2050, and compares it with the projected proportion of 65+ individuals in the state of Ohio overall.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. 5-Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.
These charts show the 65+ population as a proportion of total population, broken down by age group. The first chart looks at change within the county between 2000 and 2015. The second chart compares the county with the state of Ohio.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. 5-Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.
Age Group as a Percentage of Total Population in Hamilton County Compared with Ohio, 2015

Educational Attainment

These charts show the proportion of the 65+ population at each level of educational attainment. The first chart compares the county with the state of Ohio, while the second chart compares men and women within the county.

Racial Composition

This table shows the race and ethnicities of adults age 65+ in the county and state.

### Race Distribution of the 65+ Population in Hamilton County and Ohio

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Race</th>
<th>County</th>
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<th>Ohio</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Black Non-Hispanic</td>
<td>16.0</td>
<td>19.6</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>8.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Races Non-Hispanic</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>2.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>White Non-Hispanic</td>
<td>82.7</td>
<td>77.4</td>
<td>90.6</td>
<td>88.3</td>
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Marital Status

These charts show the marital status of 65+ population. The first chart compares the county with the state of Ohio for 2015. The second chart breaks down marital status by sex, and the third chart plots the proportion of older adults who were never married, married, and widowed/divorced/separated at each age group (65-74, 75-84, and 85+) in 2015.

Marital Status Distribution of 65+ Population in 2015

Poverty Status

These charts show the proportion of older adults living below or near poverty. The measure used is the income-to-poverty ratio. When the income is at or below 100% of poverty, the individual is living in poverty. Persons with an income of 200% poverty have an income that is double the poverty threshold. In 2018, the poverty threshold for a person age 65 or older living alone was $12,043. If they have income below this amount, then that individual has an income less than 100% of poverty. For an income up to $24,086, the individual’s income is less than 200% of poverty.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. 2000 Census of Population and Housing. 5-Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.
Income-to-Poverty Ratio of 65+ Population, 2015

- 200% of Poverty and Above
  - Hamilton: 70.9%
  - Ohio: 71.2%
- Between 100%-199% of Poverty
  - Hamilton: 19.8%
  - Ohio: 20.7%
- Less than 100% of Poverty
  - Hamilton: 9.2%
  - Ohio: 8%