

Basic Demographic Comparison of Montgomery County 2012 Data

Total number of Seniors- Montgomery County

- 65+ = 129,974 (12.9% of county population). Montgomery County has 18.4% of the entire State of Maryland 65+ population.
 - 87,213 White Non-Hispanic 67.1%
 - 14,947 African-America 11.5%
 - 16,507 Asian 12.7%
 - 9,228 Hispanic 7.1%

Statewide, Montgomery County has a disproportionate share of Asian and Hispanic elderly:

- 7.1% of Montgomery County seniors 65+ are Hispanic or Latino. This compares with 2.5% of total seniors in Maryland.
- 12.7% of Montgomery County seniors 65+ are Asian. This compares with 4.4% of total seniors in Maryland.

Vast majority of seniors are “aging in place” in current home:

- 94% of individuals age 65+ are residing in same home as in prior year.
- 86.2% of all residents (1 year and older) are residing in same home as in prior year. Seniors are therefore about 8% less likely to move on a yearly basis than the population overall.
- In the total senior Maryland population,

Living Alone:

- County
 - 24.9% of seniors live alone in Montgomery County.

Federal Poverty Level

- 6.5% of seniors 65+ are below 100% of the poverty level.
- 4.2% of seniors 65+ have incomes 100 to 149 percent of the poverty level.
- By gender:
 - 7.6% of females 65+ are living below the poverty level.
 - 4.2% of males 65+ are living below the poverty level.
- By Race/Ethnicity:
 - 8.1% of Black or African American seniors 65+ are living below the poverty level.
 - 11.5% of Asian seniors 65+ are living below the poverty level.
 - 14.3% of Hispanic seniors 65+ are living below the poverty level.
 - 4.2% of White, non-Hispanic seniors 65+ are living below the poverty level.

Marital Status

- Married: 57.5%
- Widowed: 25.4%

- Divorced: 11%
- Separated: 1.2%
- Never married: 4.9%

Limited English Proficiency

- County: 17.5% of seniors 65+ speak English less than “very well.”
- State: 5.6% of seniors 65+ speak English less than “very well.”

Housing

- 65+ County
 - 70.9% of homeowners are spending less than 30% of their household income for housing.
 - 29.1% of homeowners are spending 30% or more of their household income for housing.
- 65+ State
 - 70.4% of homeowners are spending less than 30% of their household income for housing.
 - 29.6% of homeowners are spending 30% or more of their household income for housing.

Homeowner Characteristics

- Median value of home for senior 65+ homeowners: \$463,000.
- Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage for seniors 65+: \$2,067.
- Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage for seniors 65+: \$751.

Rent

- Median gross rent for seniors 65+: \$1,565.

Poverty using threshold of less than \$25,000 household income

- Montgomery County: 15% of senior householders 65+ have income of less than \$25,000.
- Maryland: 25% of senior householders 65+ had income less than \$25,000.

Employment Status

- 25% of seniors 65+ in Montgomery County are in the labor force.
- Of seniors that are part of the labor force, 95% are employed.