

A Place to Age: Addressing Barriers to Aging- in-Place in Montgomery County

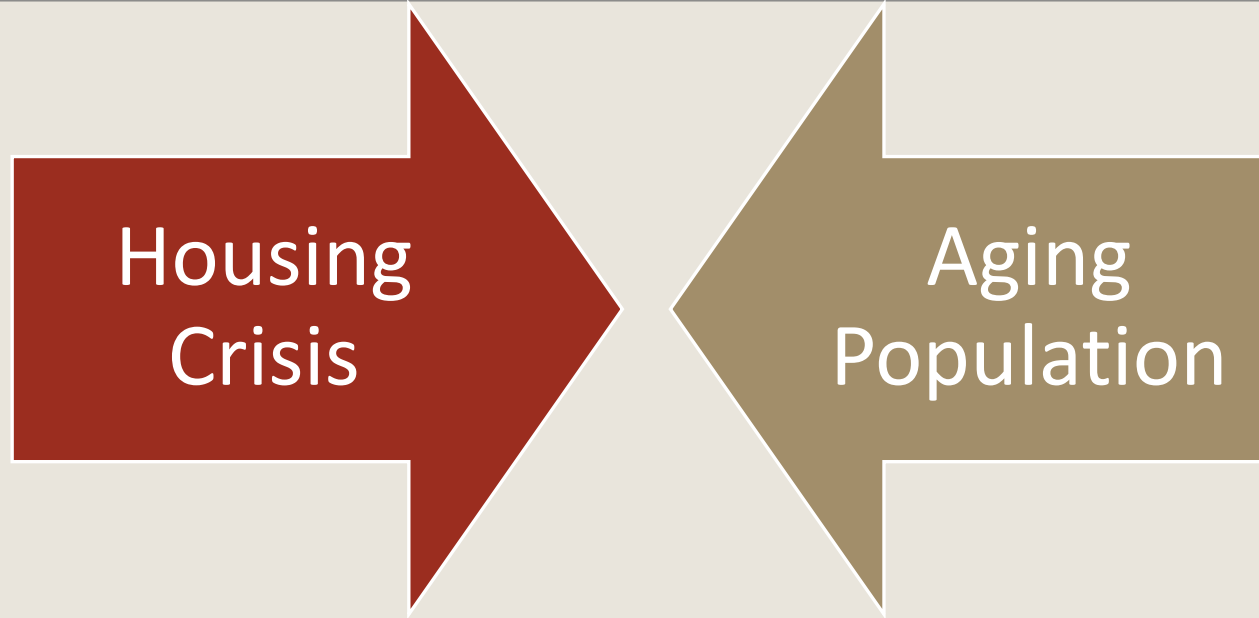
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Why Does This Matter?



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**Maryland's Secretary of Aging
Tours County Services for Older
Adults**



Demographic Shifts

244,000

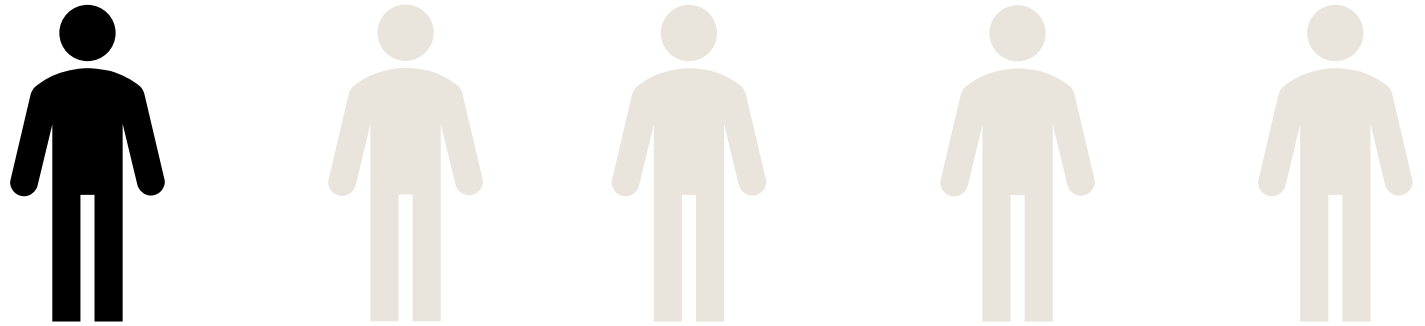
**The size of the 65+
population by 2040**

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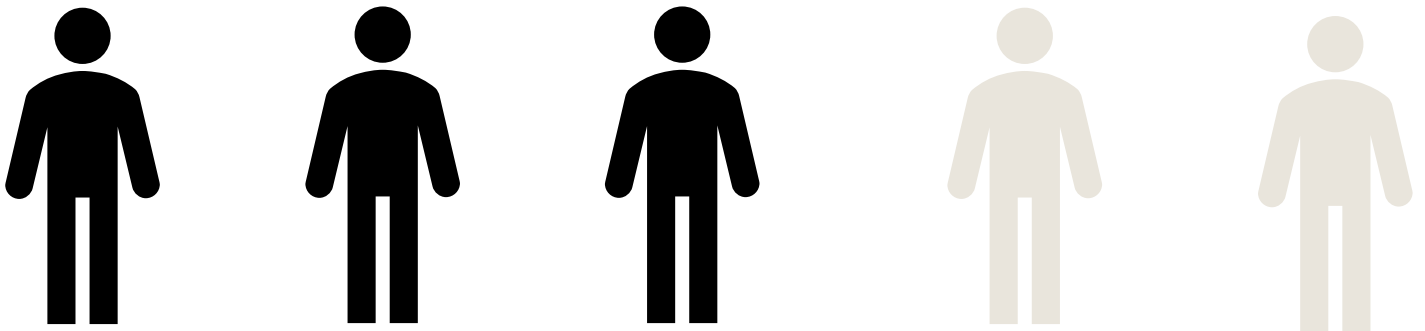
**Percentage points the
BIPOC 65+ population has
grown since 2011**

An older Rentership

1 in 5 occupied units with a HoH 65+ is a
renter-occupied household



Nearly 6 in 10 of these households are
rent-burdened



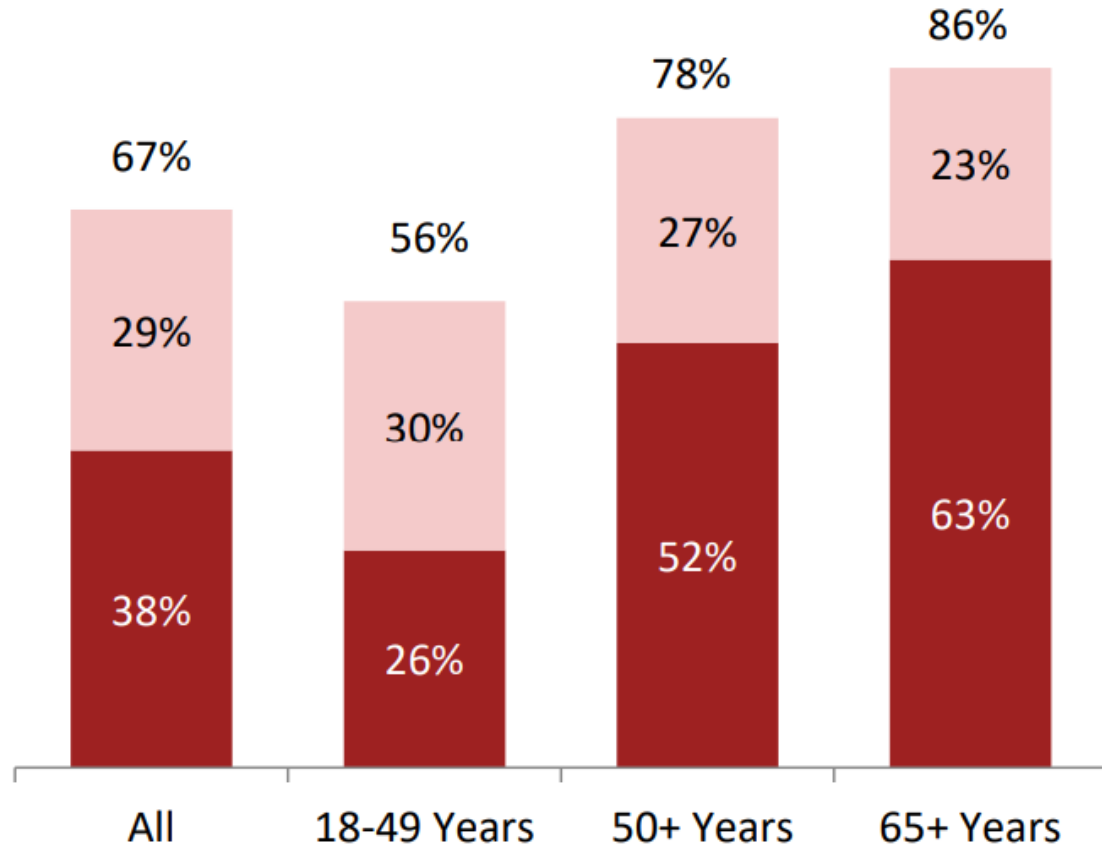
What is Aging-in-Place?

“The ability to live in one’s own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level”



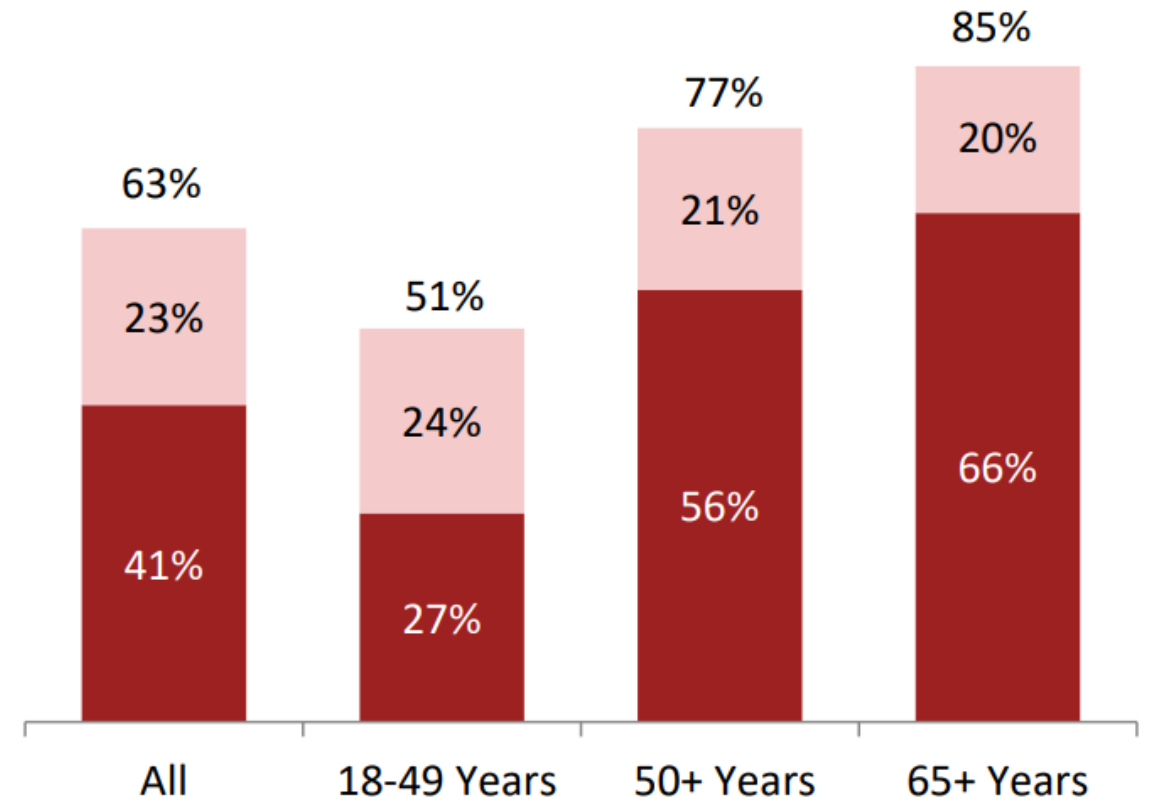
“What I’d really like to do is remain in my community for as long as possible”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree



“What I’d really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree





Is my housing AFFORDABLE?

Is my housing SAFE?

Can I access the RESOURCES I
need here?

What Barriers Exist?

Challenges for Senior Renters



Need for renter-focused assistance programs for home modifications



Need for simplification of administrative tasks associated with assistance programs and additional assistance when possible



Need for education and more opportunities to give feedback

Recommendations

1

Assess

The feasibility of creating a senior-focused home modification assistance program for low-income senior renters

2

Simplify

Administrative tasks for County programs and increase efforts to assist seniors with navigating these programs

3

Educate

Seniors about County programs and create more opportunities for seniors to give feedback

Thank You!