

Subject: Profile of Older Americans...Current Data...National Perspective...Reference

Dear COA Director,

The Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living, has released the **Profile of Older Americans: 2016**. The data findings draw primarily from the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Several findings are highlighted below. For the full Profile, visit

https://aoa.acl.gov/Aging_Statistics/Profile/index.aspx.

- Over the past 10 years, the population 65 and over increased from 36.6 million in 2005 to 47.8 million in 2015 (a 30% increase) and is projected to more than double to 98 million in 2060.
- The 85+ population is projected to triple from 6.3 million in 2015 to 14.6 million in 2040.
- Persons reaching age 65 have an average life expectancy of an additional 19.4 years (20.6 years for females and 18 years for males).
- About 29% (13.6 million) of noninstitutionalized older persons live alone (9.3 million women, 4.3 million men).
- The median income of older persons in 2015 was \$31,372 for males and \$18,250 for females.
- Over 4.2 million older adults (8.8%) were below the poverty level in 2015.
- Racial and ethnic minority populations have increased from 6.7 million in 2005 (18% of the older adult population) to 10.6 million in 2015 (22% of older adults) and are projected to increase to 21.1 million in 2030 (28% of older adults).

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