

Demographic
information
about the older adult
population in



Ashtabula County

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About the County

Ashtabula is a Native American word meaning “river of many fish.” The county was established in 1807, and in the 1820 dicennial census (the first census count in Ashtabula) the population was 7,382. Ashtabula is the most northeastern county in the state of Ohio, bordering Pennsylvania on the east and Lake Erie on the north. At 702 square miles, it is the largest in area size among Ohio’s 88 counties. Ashtabula city is the largest place in the County, with 20% of the County’s population. Conneaut follows at 12%.

30% of Ashtabula County’s employed residents work in manufacturing, followed by 23% in services and 22% in trades.

Attractions in Ashtabula County include 12 wineries, two state parks, 15 covered bridges, various museums and many Lake Erie beaches.

Information presented in the “About the County” section is from the County Profile created in the Office of Strategic Research at the Ohio Department of Development.

About this Profile

This demographic profile presents an overview of the 60+ population in the county. The statistics presented are from the 2000 Census, as distributed on the Census Bureau’s web site factfinder.census.gov. Additional information is from the Office of Strategic Research at the Ohio Department of Development (www.odod.state.oh.us/osr).

Please note that the numbers for income, living arrangements, and disability start with the 65+ age cohort.

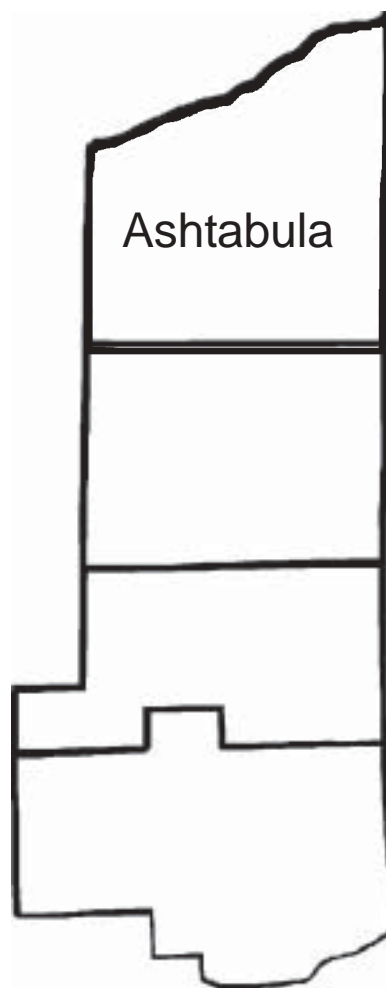
About the Area Agency on Aging

In 1965, federal legislation known as the Older Americans Act was put in place to ensure that some basic services were available across the country to meet the needs of older citizens. The Older Americans Act included the establishment of the federal Administration on Aging, state units on aging and Area Agencies on Aging to serve specific geographic planning and service areas (PSAs). An Area Agency on Aging has responsibility under the Older Americans Act to plan, coordinate and fund services in each community in its PSA.

Area Agency on Aging 11, Inc. was incorporated in 1976 as a private, non-profit corporation. The PSA is Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties in northeast Ohio. As the designated Area Agency on Aging for this PSA, we contract with the state of Ohio, under the oversight of the Department of Aging, to channel federal and state funds to community based organizations in each county which provide services directly to older adults. The Older Americans Act dollars which fund services are Titles III B (Social Services), C (Nutrition Services), D (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) and E (Family

Caregiver Support Program). The state provides funds for services in certain categories under the Social Services Block Grant.

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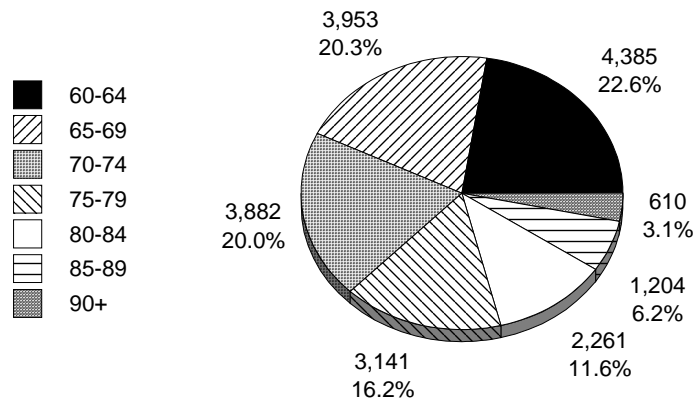


Population by Age Cohort and Sex

| AGE | POPULATION | MALE | FEMALE |
|------------------------|------------|--------|--------|
| Total | 102,728 | 50,068 | 52,660 |
| Age 19 and under | 29,433 | 14,955 | 14,478 |
| 20-34 | 17,957 | 8,847 | 9,110 |
| 35-49 | 23,806 | 11,925 | 11,881 |
| 50-54 | 6,652 | 3,278 | 3,374 |
| 55-59 | 5,444 | 2,691 | 2,753 |
| 60-64 | 4,385 | 2,110 | 2,275 |
| 65-69 | 3,953 | 1,857 | 2,096 |
| 70-74 | 3,882 | 1,721 | 2,161 |
| 75-79 | 3,141 | 1,326 | 1,815 |
| 80-84 | 2,261 | 860 | 1,401 |
| 85-89 | 1,204 | 368 | 836 |
| 90+ | 610 | 130 | 480 |

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|-----------|---|--------|---------------------------|
| Total 55+ | = | 24,880 | 24% of total population |
| Total 60+ | = | 19,436 | 18.9% of total population |
| Total 65+ | = | 15,051 | 14.7% of total population |
| Total 75+ | = | 7,216 | 7% of total population |
| Total 85+ | = | 1,814 | 1.8% of total population |
| Total 90+ | = | 610 | .6% of total population |

60+ by Age Cohort
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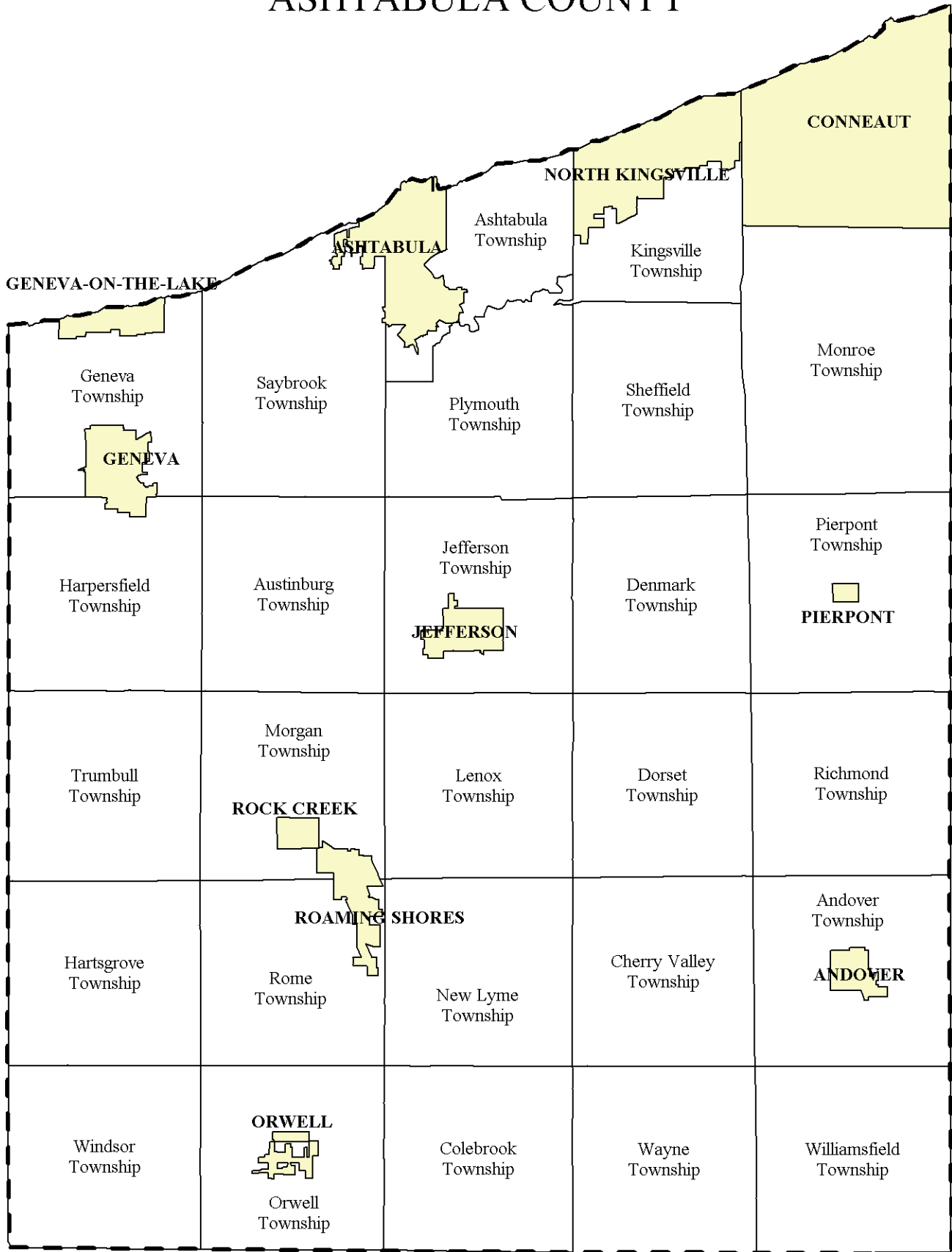


County 60+ and 75+ Population by Subdivision

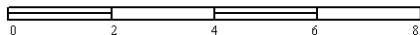
| Subdivision | 60+ | 75+ |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Andover township | 612 | 220 |
| Andover village | 327 | 138 |
| Ashtabula city | 3,940 | 1644 |
| Ashtabula township | 4,418 | 1,801 |
| Austinburg township | 356 | 111 |
| Cherry Valley township | 142 | 49 |
| Colebrook township | 117 | 27 |
| Conneaut city | 2,656 | 1,102 |
| Denmark township | 149 | 39 |
| Dorset township | 142 | 31 |
| Geneva township | 2,368 | 873 |
| Geneva village | 1,432 | 618 |
| Geneva on the Lake village | 251 | 73 |
| Harpersfield township | 363 | 103 |
| Hartsgrove township | 151 | 50 |
| Jefferson township | 1,015 | 460 |
| Jefferson village | 720 | 371 |
| Kingsville township | 517 | 231 |
| Lenox township | 223 | 61 |
| Monroe township | 348 | 92 |
| Morgan township | 290 | 79 |
| New Lyme township | 161 | 38 |
| North Kingsville township | 474 | 130 |
| Orwell township | 480 | 177 |
| Orwell village | 260 | 117 |
| Pierpont township | 203 | 87 |
| Plymouth township | 421 | 145 |
| Richmond township | 156 | 47 |
| Roaming Shores village | 208 | 46 |
| Rock Creek village | 68 | 25 |
| Rome township | 248 | 68 |
| Rome village | 20 | 4 |
| Saybrook township | 2,280 | 805 |
| Sheffield township | 240 | 71 |
| Trumbull township | 217 | 65 |
| Wayne township | 110 | 37 |
| Williamsfield township | 294 | 82 |
| Windsor township | 285 | 135 |
| County Total | 19,436* | 7,216* |

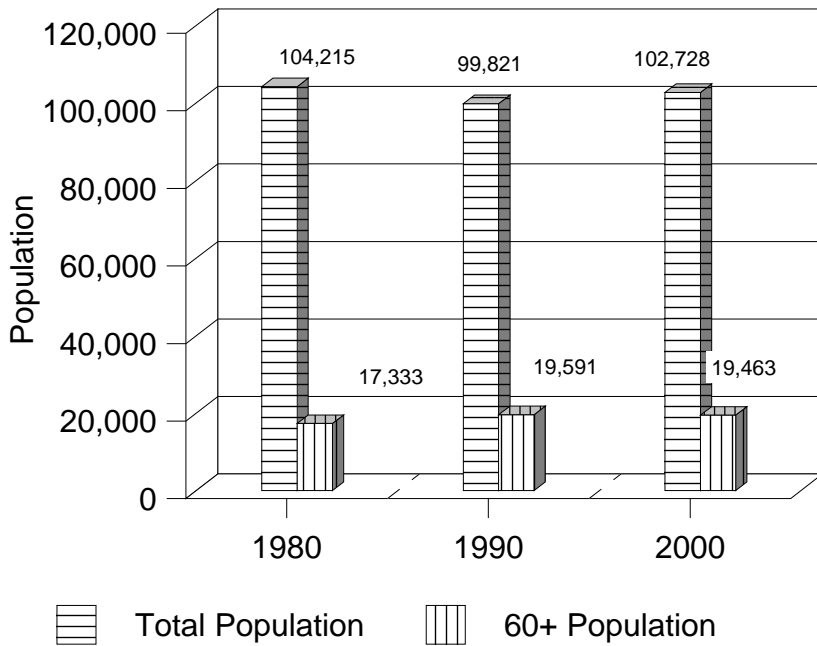
* County total does not match total of subdivisions due to overlap of villages and cities with townships.

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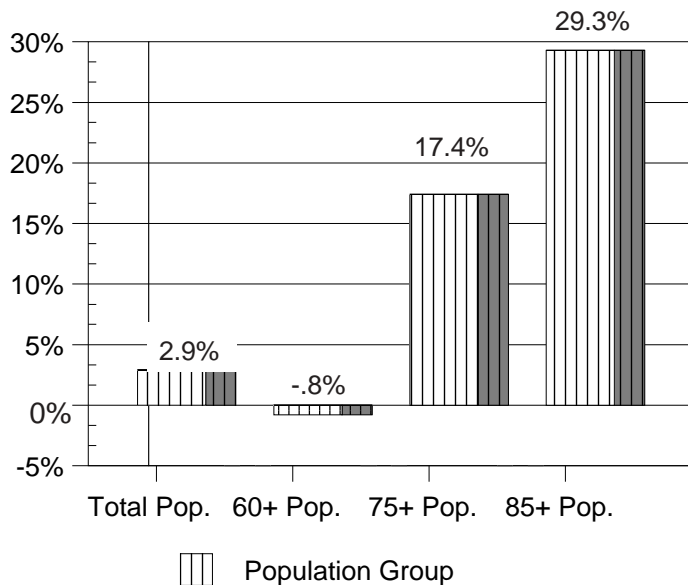
Scale of Miles





Population Changes 1980-2000

This chart shows the change in total population and 60+ population over the past two decades. The change from 1980 to 1990 shows a dramatic increase in the 60+ population as a percentage of the total population. That trend changed in the 10 year period between 1990 and 2000, with an increase in the total population, and a slight decrease in the 60+ population.



Changes Within the 60+ Population

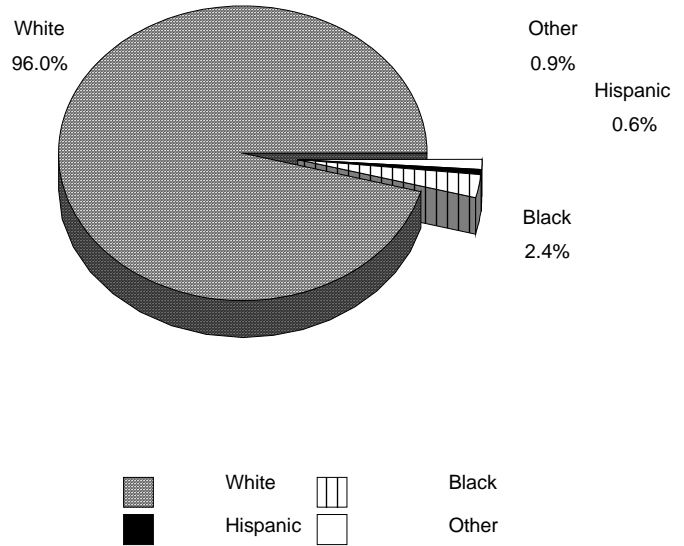
Although the population age 60 and over in Ashtabula County decreased between 1990 and 2000, the number of those age 75 and over and 85 and over showed dramatic increases.

Race of the 60+ population

This chart shows the percentage, by race, of the 60+ population. The definition of race used here is the one used by the Census Bureau. For display purposes in the pie, the subcategories of American Indian/ Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander have been combined and included in the “Other” category. Those races breakout to:

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|---------------------------|----|
| American Indian/Alaskan | 13 |
| Asian | 49 |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 5 |
| Other | 22 |
| Two Races | 91 |

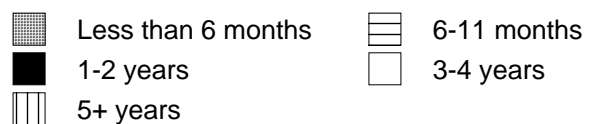
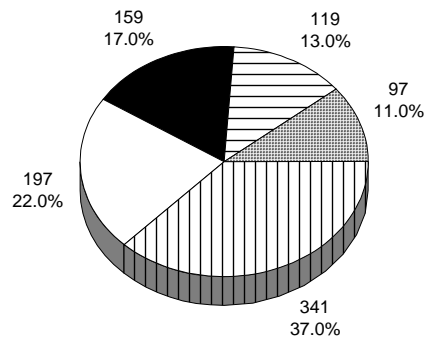
Persons identifying themselves as Hispanic may also be counted in other race categories.



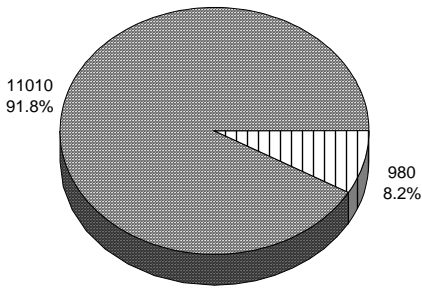
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Ohio has more than 193,000 children living in households headed by grandparents and other relatives. In Ashtabula County, there are 913 grandparent households with responsibility for their grandchildren. These grandparents households include any grandparent over age 30 with grandchildren under age 18.

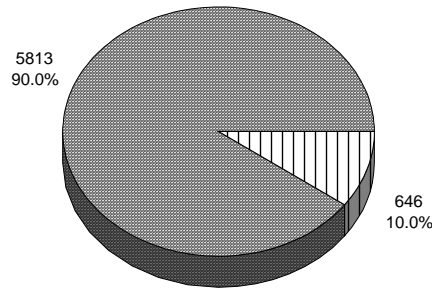
The chart to the right shows the length of time that those grandparents have had responsibility for their grandchildren.



Men and Women 60-74



Men and Women 75+



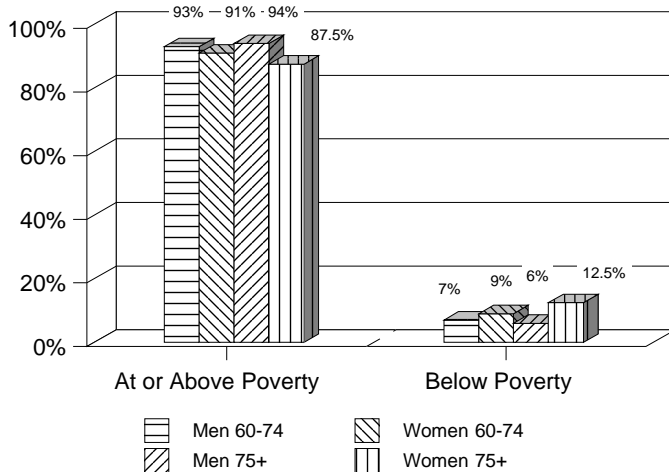
Income of the 60+ population

The charts on this page show how income changes for the population over age 60. Among the older adult population, poverty status is determined for all except those who are institutionalized. The poverty threshold for an individual age 60 and over in 1999 (the year measured by the 2000 census) was \$7,990 (\$665/month), and for a couple \$10,075.

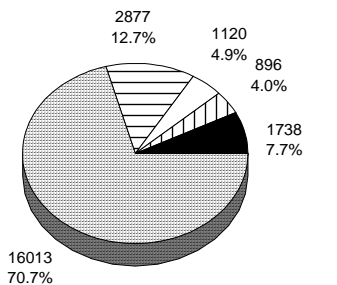
The pie charts to the left show the percentage of people age 60-74 and 75 and over above and below poverty level. These charts show that the percentage of people with income below the poverty level increases over age 75.

This chart compares income for men and women, at ages 60-74 and 75+. While both men and women experience a decrease in income as they age, more women have incomes below poverty and have more dramatic increases in poverty than men.

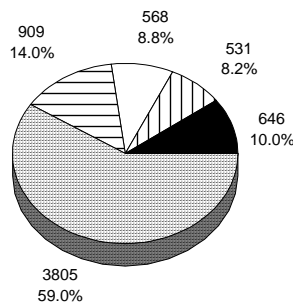
Legend for pie charts: Above Poverty (solid grey), Below Poverty (vertical lines)



% of Poverty Level, 65-74



% of Poverty Level, 75+

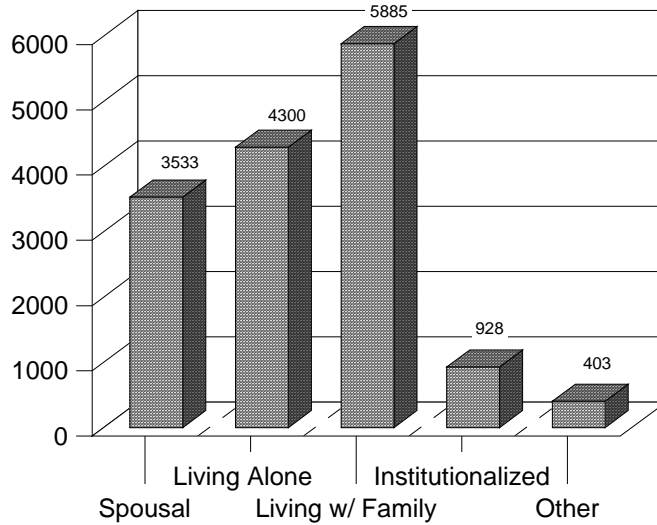


These charts show the income of the 60-74 and 75+ population as a percentage of poverty level. Of those ages 60-74, nearly 17% are below 150% of poverty. After age 75, that percentage increases to 27% of the population at or below 150% of poverty.

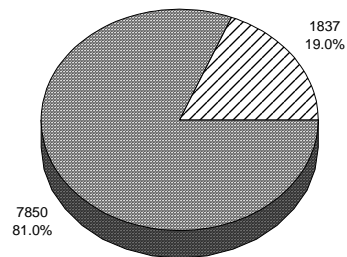
Legend for poverty level pie charts: Below Poverty (solid black), 125-149% (white), Above 200% (solid grey), Poverty - 124% (vertical lines), 150-199% (horizontal lines)

Living Arrangements of the 65+ Population

The chart to the left shows the living arrangements for those age 65 and over in the county. About 39% of the population is living with family, followed at 28% by those living alone. Those living with a spouse comprise 23% of the population, while those who are institutionalized are 6.2% of the population. At 2.7% of the 65+ population, the “other” category includes those in non-family situations or those in group quarters.

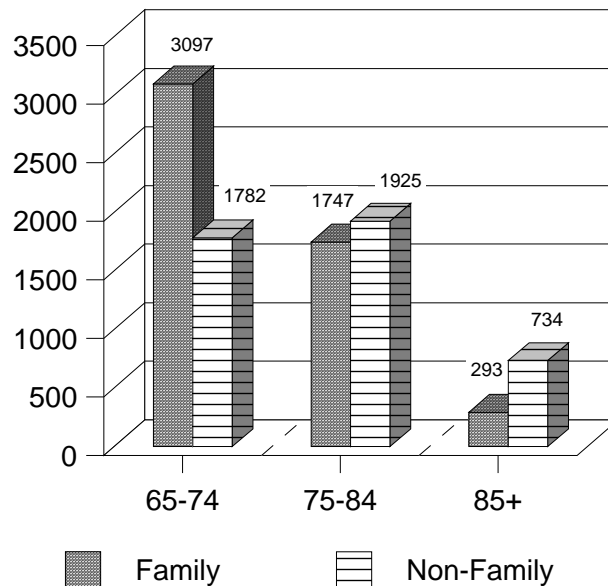


Of the population age 65 and over in Ashtabula County, 81% own their home, while 19% rent their residence. Of those owning their home, 50% are married couples, followed at 28% by women living alone. For renters, 55% are women living alone, followed at 17% by men living alone and 17% married couples.



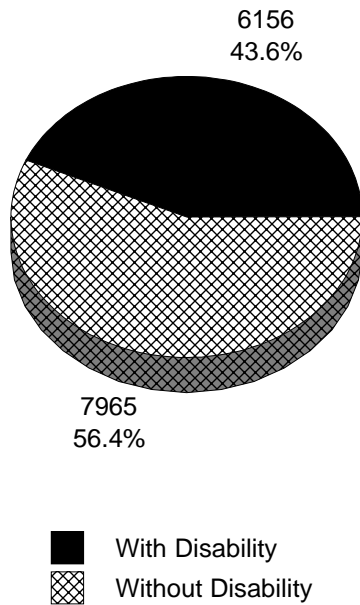
▨ Renter ■ Owner

The chart to the left shows how living arrangements change as an individual ages. Those age 65-74 are more commonly in family living arrangements, but after age 85, non-family arrangements are more common. Non-family arrangements include those living alone, or living with people to whom they are not related.

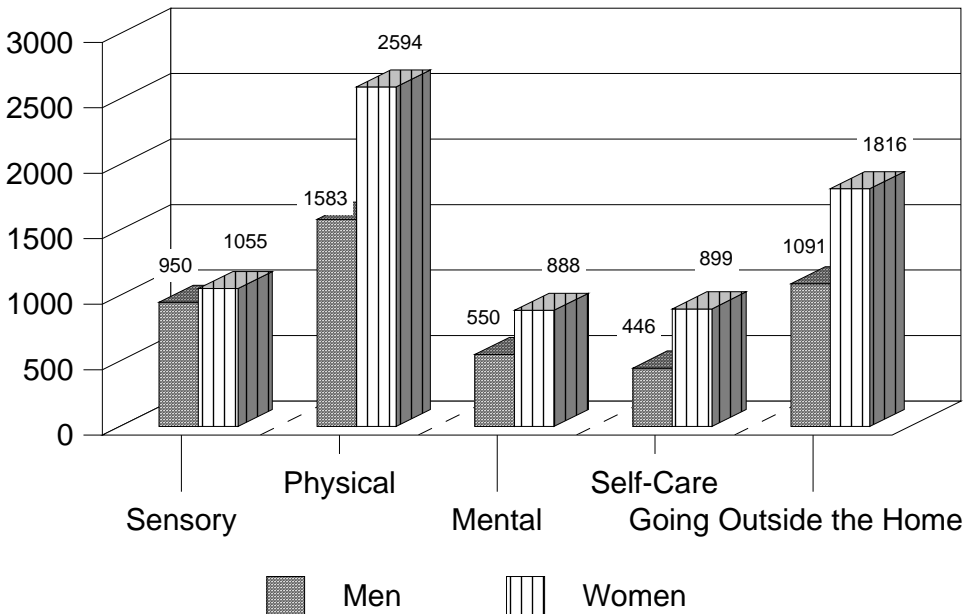


■ Family ▨ Non-Family

Disability and the 65+ Population



Of the 65+ population in Ashtabula County, 43.6% are living with some form of disability. According to the Census Bureau a disability is “A long-lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition. This condition can make it difficult for a person to do activities such as walking, climbing stairs, dressing, bathing, learning, or remembering. This condition can also impede a person from being able to go outside the home alone or to work at a job or business.”



This chart shows the breakdown, by disability category, for men and women over age 65. Note: an individual may report more than one category of disability, so totals by category do not add up to the total number of disabled persons.

Of persons over age 65 reporting a disability in Ashtabula County, 68% of both men and women report a physical disability, followed by 47% reporting a disability which limits their ability to leave their home.

Services Funded by Category

In 2002 in Ashtabula County, social service funds from the Area Agency on Aging were allocated in six basic categories. This chart shows those allocations, which includes Older Americans Act Title III Social Service and State Block Grant Funds.

The Family Caregiver Support Program funds, a new allocation in 2001, added nearly \$78,000 to the service dollars available in the county for 2002.

Access Services: Transportation, Information and Referral and Mass Outreach.

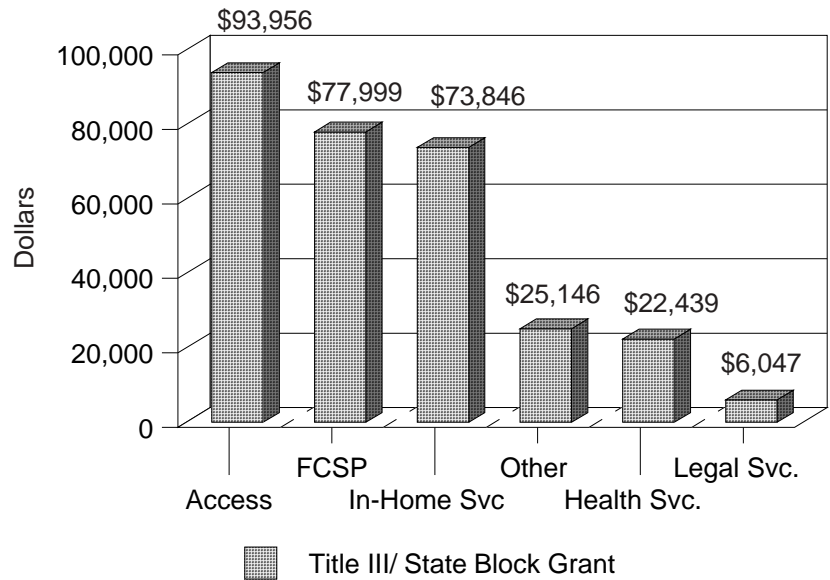
FCSP: Family Caregiver Support Program (Title III-E)

In-Home Services: Personal Care, Homemaker, Home Repair, Telephoning.

Other: Supportive Services and Recreation/ Socialization

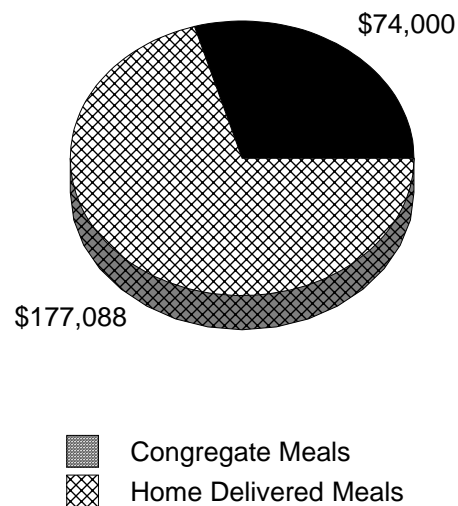
Health Services: Medical Assessment, Medical Treatment, Health Education.

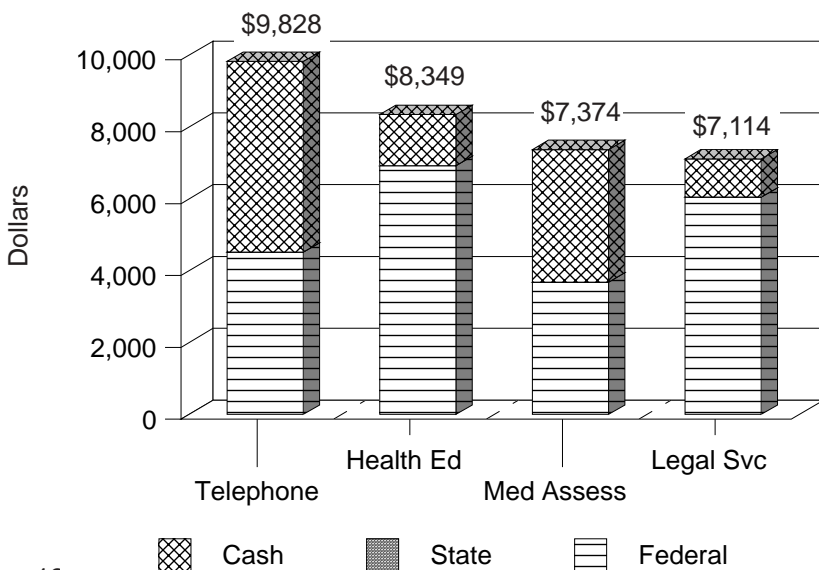
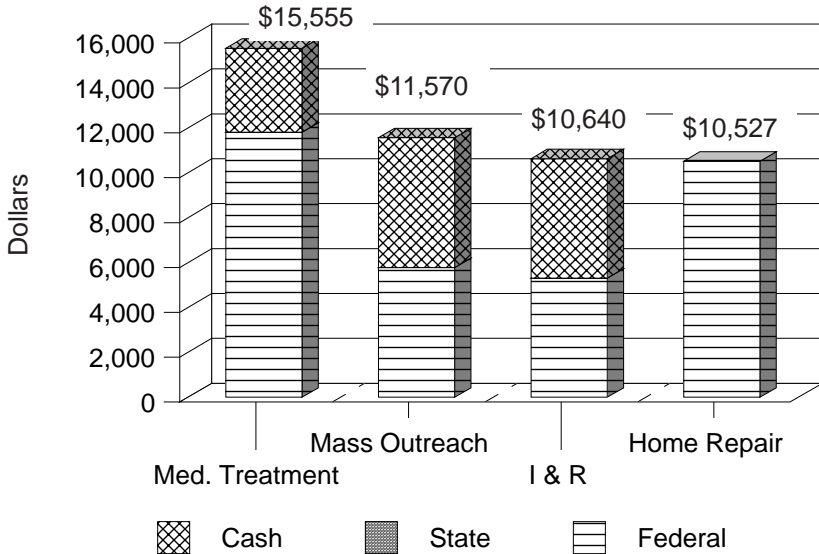
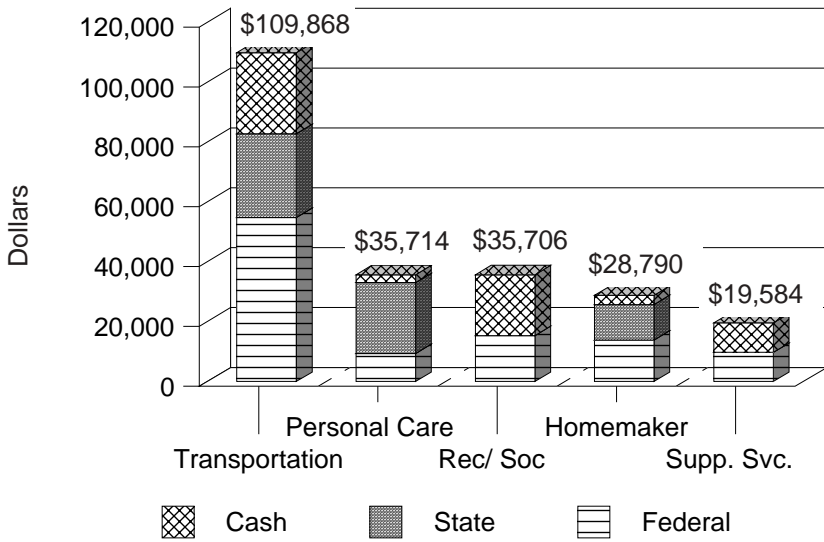
Legal Services



Nutrition Services

Of the \$251,088 available for nutrition services in the county, nearly 30% is allocated to congregate meals, with the remaining 70% spent on home delivered meals. The dollar total for home delivered meals includes state block grant dollars; congregate meals receive only federal funding.





Funding by Service- 2002

The charts at left show the amount of money allocated in 2002 for each of the social services funded by the Area Agency on Aging. These charts include state and federal money, along with an estimate of cash support, based on previous year contributions to each service. Cash may include United Way funds and in-kind support from the funded provider.

When cash is added to the mix, the service dollars available increases by 40%, from \$221,434 to \$310,619. Within these allocations, federal money represents 51% of the money available for services in the county, followed by cash at 29% and state funding at 20%.

These figures do NOT include funds from the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy, which added over \$1,000,000 in services available to Ashtabula County's older adults between November 2000 and January 2003.

Transportation remains the largest expenditure by far in the county.

NOTE: The scales on these three charts are VERY different, please refer to the figures at the top of each service category for actual dollar amounts represented.