

Demographic
information
about the older adult
population in

Mahoning County

An outline map of Mahoning County, Ohio, positioned behind the text 'Mahoning County'.

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About the County

Mahoning is a Native American word meaning “at the salt licks.” Established in 1846, Mahoning County covers 415 square miles. In 1850, according to dicennial Census, the population was 23,735. Mahoning County borders Pennsylvania on the east; the County Seat is Youngstown. Youngstown is also the largest place in the County, with 32% of the population. Boardman township is the second largest place in the County, with 17% of the population, followed by Austintown township at 15%.

Nearly 32% of the County’s employed residents work in the service industry, followed by trades at 29% and government at 12%.

Attractions in the county include Kyle Woods State Nature Preserve, museums, Mill Creek Metro Parks and Youngstown State University.

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.

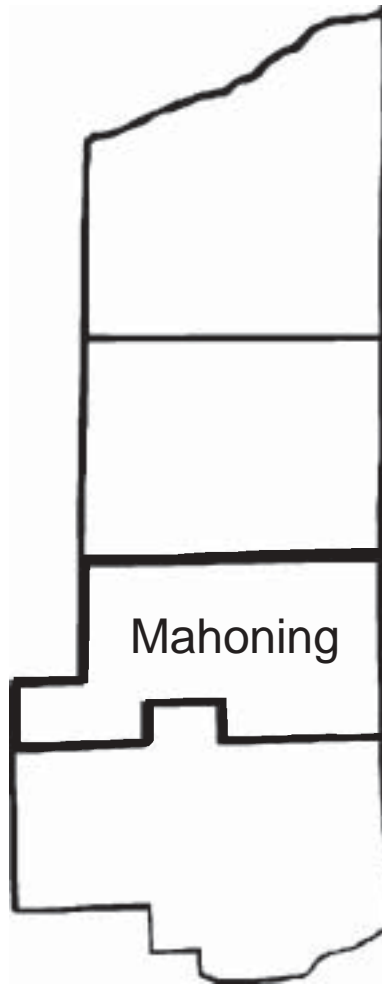
About the Area Agency on Aging

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), and E (Family Caregiver Support Program). The state provides funds for services in certain categories under

the Social Services Block Grant.



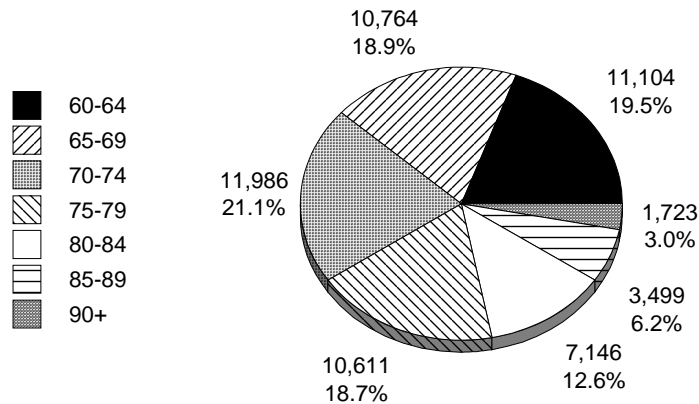
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Population by Age Cohort and Sex

AGE	POPULATION	MALE	FEMALE
Total	257,555	122,993	134,562
Age 19 and under	67,881	34,537	33,344
20-34	44,436	22,202	22,234
35-49	58,449	28,602	29,847
50-54	17,155	8,435	8,720
55-59	12,801	5,985	6,816
60-64	11,104	5,093	6,011
65-69	10,764	4,725	6,039
70-74	11,986	5,066	6,920
75-79	10,611	4,271	6,340
80-84	7,146	2,602	4,544
85-89	3,499	1,068	2,431
90+	1,723	407	1,316

Total 55+	=	69,634	27% of total population
Total 60+	=	56,833	22.1% of total population
Total 65+	=	45,729	17.8% of total population
Total 75+	=	22,979	8.9% of total population
Total 85+	=	5,222	2% of total population
Total 90+	=	1,723	.7% of total population

60+ by Age Cohort
60+= 56,833

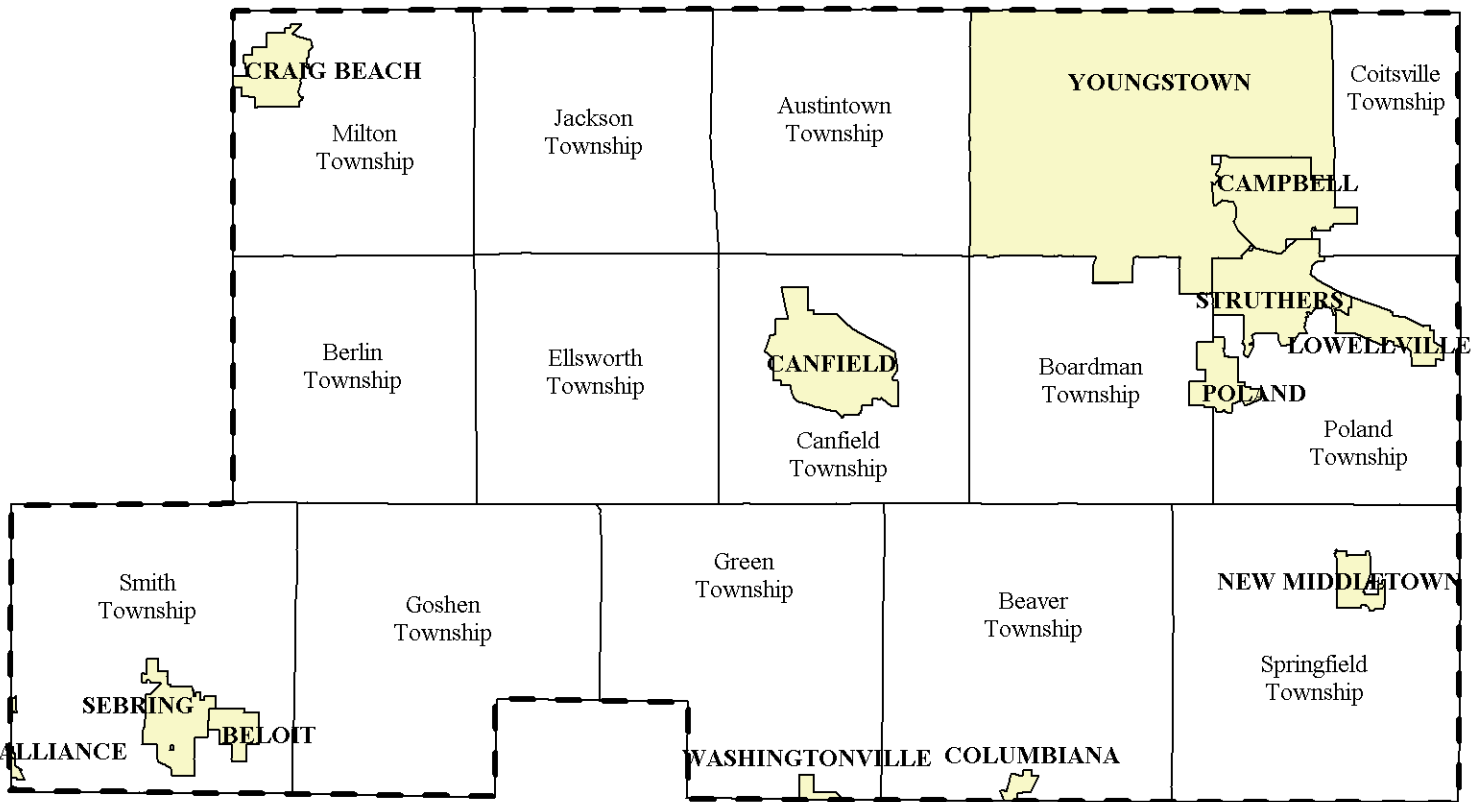


County 60+ and 75+ Population by Subdivision

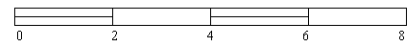
Subdivision	60+	75+
Austintown township.....	7,917	3,011
Beaver township	1,659	773
Beloit village	256	108
Berlin township	336	93
Boardman township.....	10,475	4,649
Campbell city.....	2,438	941
Canfield city	1,622	596
Canfield township	2,928	1,024
Coitsville township.....	403	148
Craig Beach village	172	41
Ellsworth township.....	395	114
Goshen township	583	181
Green township.....	567	172
Jackson township.....	374	118
Lowellville village.....	350	150
Milton township	669	167
New Middletown village	367	110
Poland township	3,206	1,210
Poland village	677	320
Sebring village.....	1,566	953
Smith township.....	1,022	338
Springfield township	1,211	409
Struthers city.....	2,917	1,182
Youngstown city	17,450	7,236
County Total.....	56,833*	22,979*

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

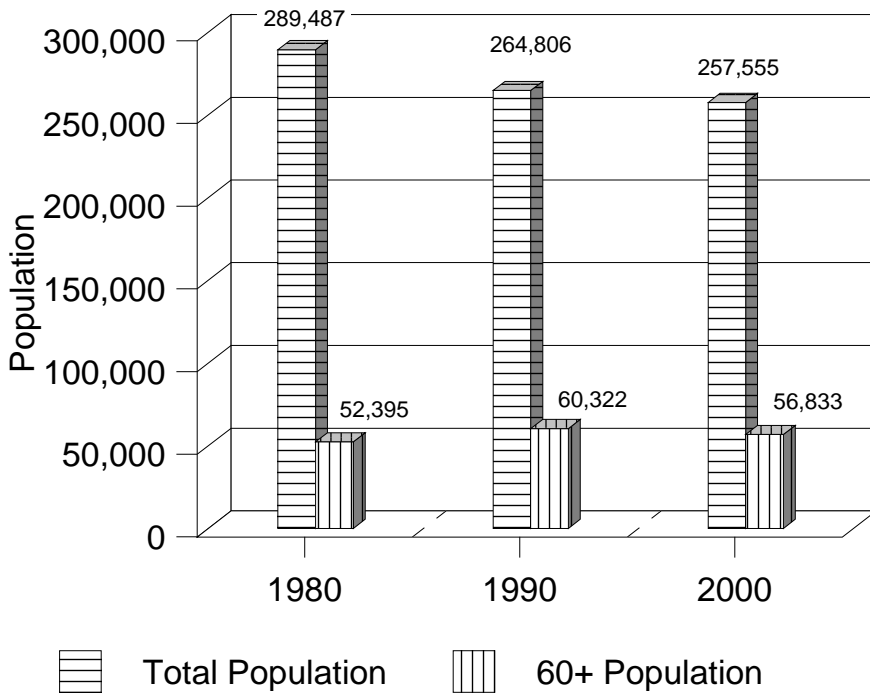
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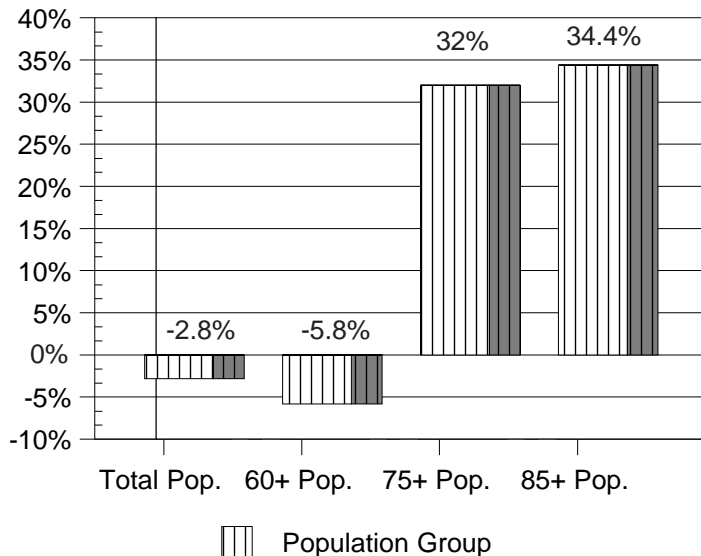


Population Changes 1980-2000



This chart shows the change in the total population and the 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. Between 1990 and 2000, the total population in Mahoning County declined by almost 3% while the 60+ population declined by nearly 6%.

Changes Within the 60+ Population



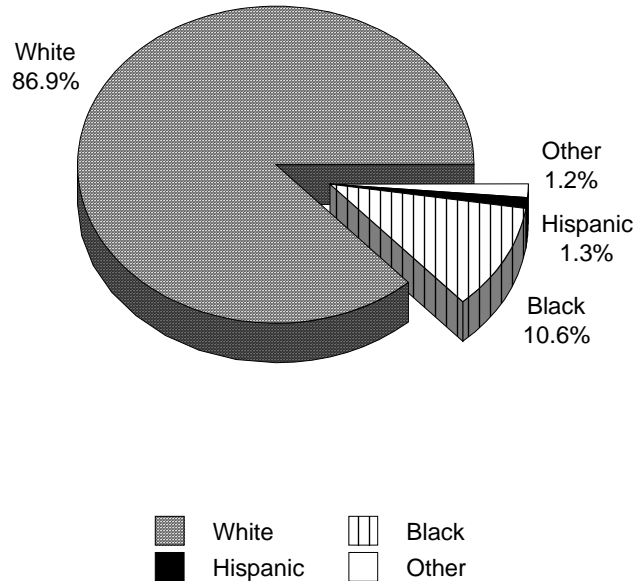
Although the Mahoning County 60+ and total populations both showed a decline between 1990 and 2000, both the 75+ and 85+ populations show tremendous growth.



Race of the 60+ population

This chart shows the percentage, by race, of the 60+ population in the county. 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:

American Indian/Alaskan	61
Asian	106
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	8
Other	211
Two Races	276

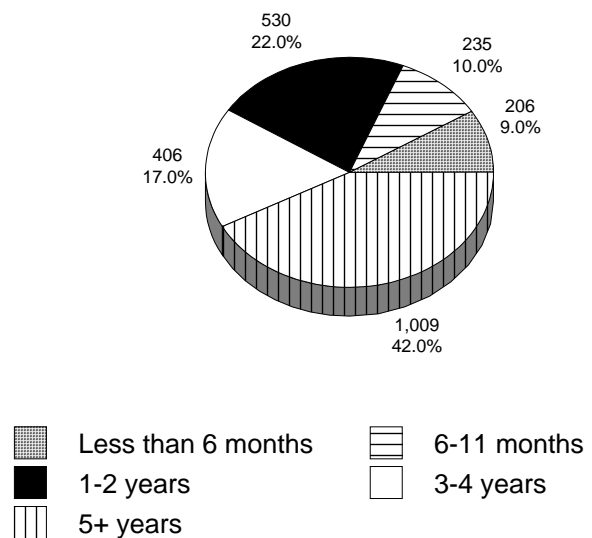


Persons identifying themselves as Hispanic may also be counted in other race categories.

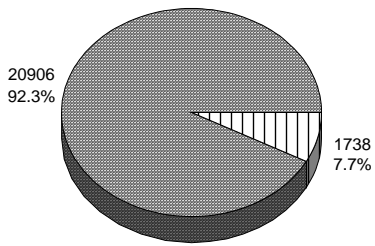
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Ohio has more than 193,000 children living in households headed by grandparents and other relatives. In Mahoning County, there are 2,386 grandparent households with responsibility for their grandchildren. These grandparents households include any grandparent over age 30 with grandchildren under age 18.

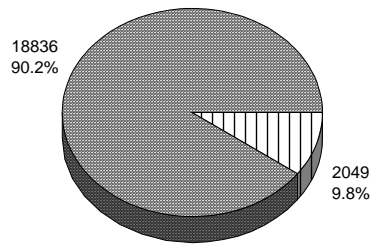
The chart to the right shows the length of time that those grandparents have had responsibility for their grandchildren.



Men & Women 65-74

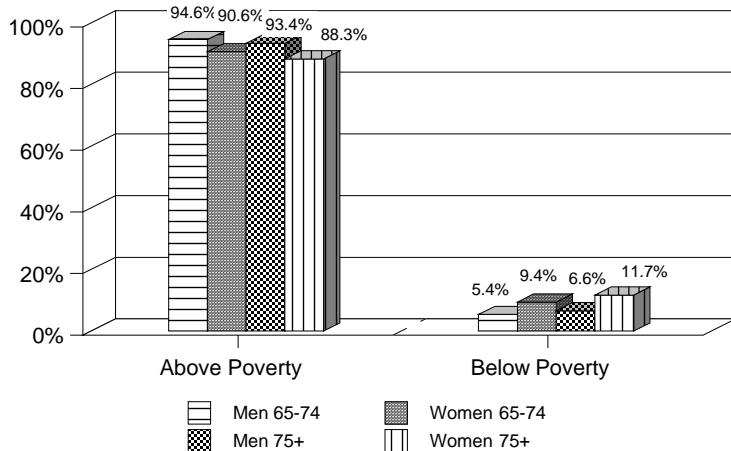


Men & Women 75+



Above Poverty
 Below Poverty

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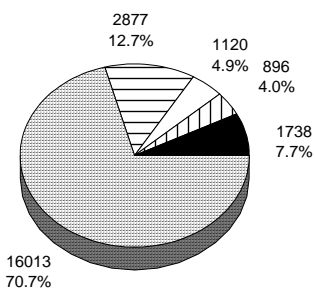
Income of the 65+ population

The charts on this page show how income changes for the population over age 65. Among the older adult population, poverty status is determined for all except those who are institutionalized. The poverty threshold for an individual age 65 and over in 1999 (the year measured by the 2000 census) was \$7,990 (\$665/month), and for a couple \$10,075.

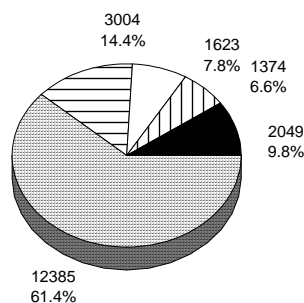
The pie charts to the left show the percentage of people age 65-74 and 75 and over above and below poverty level. These charts show that the percentage of people with income below the poverty level increases over age 75.

This chart compares income for men and women, at ages 65-74 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 as they age.

% of Poverty Level, 65-74



% of Poverty Level, 75+



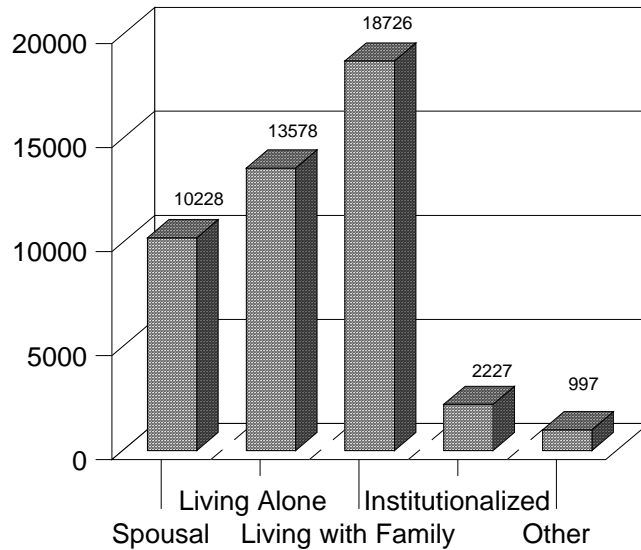
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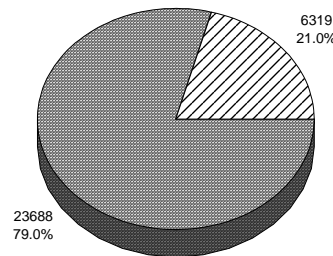
These charts show the income of the 65-74 and 75+ population as a percentage of poverty level. Of those ages 65-74, nearly 17% are below 150% of poverty. After age 75, that percentage increases to 24% of the population at or below 150% of poverty.

Living Arrangements of the 65+ Population

The chart to the right shows the living arrangements for those age 65 and over in the county. About 40% of the population is living with family, followed at 30% by those living alone. Those living with a spouse comprise 22% of the population, while those who are institutionalized are 4.9% of the population. At 2.2% of the 65+ population, the “other” category includes those in non-family situations or those in group quarters.

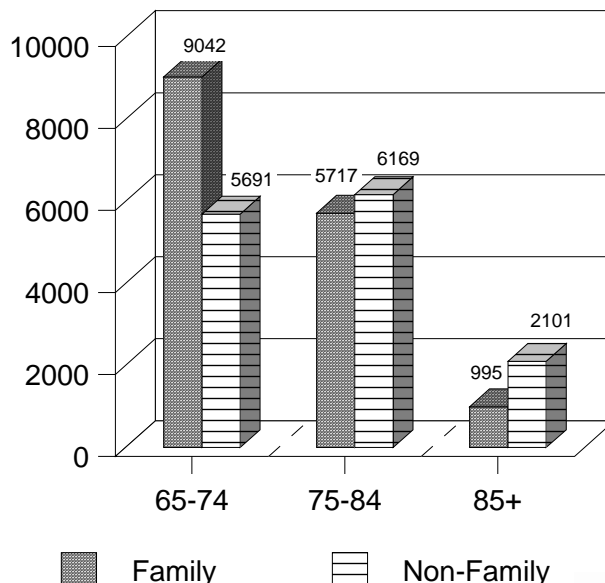


Of the population age 65 and over in Mahoning County, 79% own their home, while 21% rent their residence. Of those owning their home, 47% are married couples, followed at 28% by women living alone. For renters, 56% are women living alone, followed at 16% by men living alone and 16% married couples.



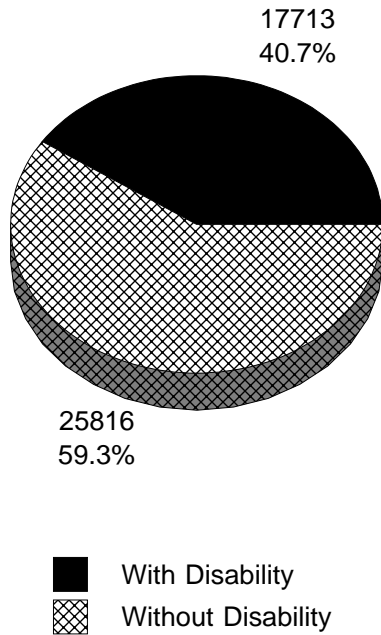
▨ Renter ■ Owner

The chart to the right 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 those living with people to whom they are not related.

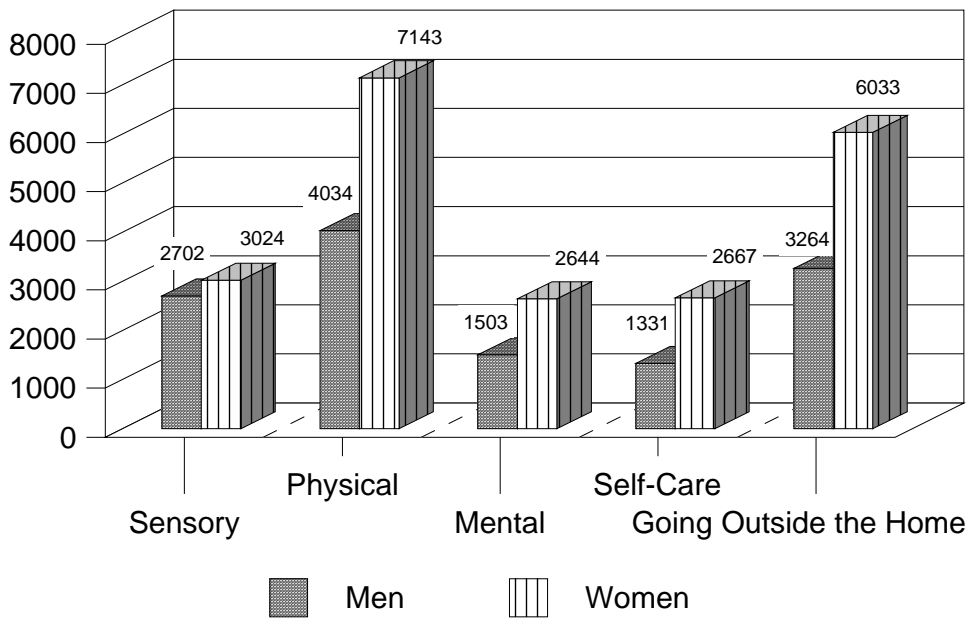


■ Family ▨ Non-Family

Disability and the 65+ Population



Of the 65+ population in Mahoning County, almost 41% 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 Mahoning County, 63% of both men and women report a physical disability, followed by 52% reporting a disability which limits their ability to leave their home.

Services Funded by Category

In 2002, social service funds from the Area Agency on Aging have been allocated in six basic categories. This chart shows those allocations, which include Older Americans Act Title III social service funds and State Block Grant funds.

The Family Caregiver Support Program funds, a new allocation beginning in 2001, added over \$210,000 to the service dollars available in the county for 2002.

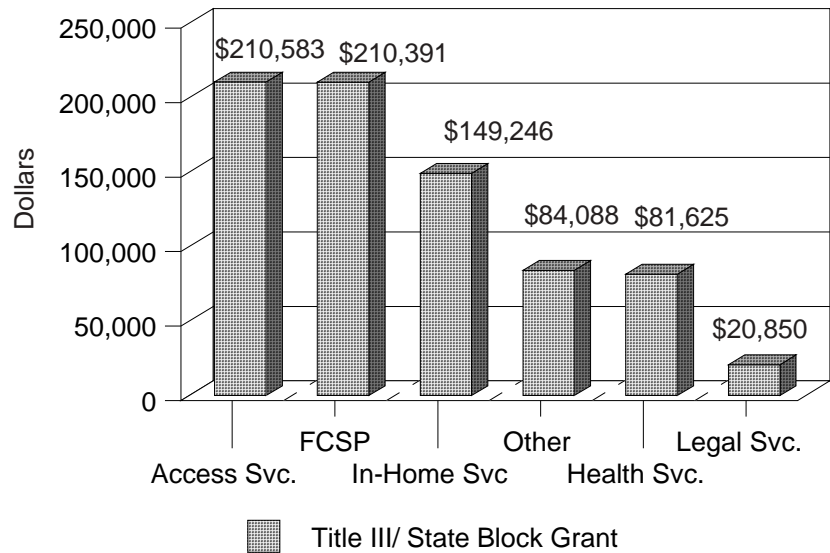
Access Services: Transportation, Information and Referral, Mass Outreach
FCSP: Family Caregiver Support Program (Title III E)

In-Home Services: Personal Care, Housekeeping/ Homemaker, Home Repair

Other: Supportive Services, Recreation/ Socialization, Protective Services

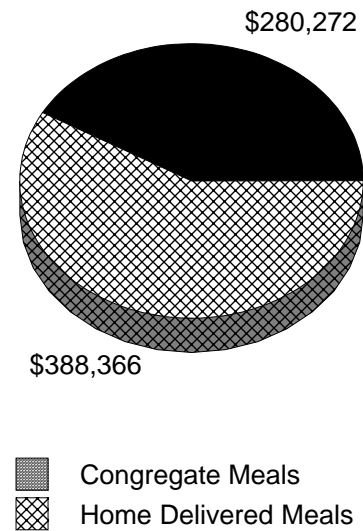
Health Services: Medical Assessment, Day Care, Health Education

Legal Services



Nutrition Services

Of the \$668,638 available for nutrition services in the county, nearly 42% is allocated to congregate meals, with the remaining 58% spent on home delivered meals. The dollar amount 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 increase by 28% from \$546,392 to \$700,458. With these allocations, federal money represents 63% of the service dollars, followed by cash at 22% and state money at 15%.

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 column for actual dollar amounts represented.

