



FACT SHEETS SOURCES AND METHODS 2018: STATES

STATE'S SENIOR POPULATION STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER AND ISOLATION

“Senior population” figures come from the Census Bureau’s 2016 Population Estimates Program State Population Estimates.

(https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/Pop_State/Year/)

“Seniors threatened by hunger” figures come from *The State of Senior Hunger in America 2016: An Annual Report* from Feeding America and the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (NFESH). Full report available at:

http://www.feedingamerica.org/research/senior-hunger-research/state-of-senior-hunger-2016.pdf?s_src=W185DIRCT&s_referrer=google&s_subsrc=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.feedingamerica.org%2Fresearch%2Fsenior-hunger-research%2F

Count of seniors threatened by hunger calculated by multiplying “senior population” estimate from Census Bureau’s Population Estimates by percentages reported in *The State of Senior Hunger in America 2016* report

“Seniors living alone” figures come from the Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Demographic Data. Estimates are for the Household only sample of the population 60 years old and older.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/ACS/Year/>)

ADDITIONAL FACTORS CAN MAKE SENIORS EVEN MORE VULNERABLE

“Seniors living in poverty” figures come from the Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Demographic Data. Estimates are for the total non-institutionalized population 60 years old and older at or below 100% of the poverty line.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/ACS/Year/>)

“Seniors that are non-white racial and/or an ethnic minority” figure comes from the Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Demographic Data. Estimates are for the total non-institutionalized population 60 years old and older. Percent was calculated by subtracting “White” percentage from 100.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/ACS/Year/>)

“Seniors experiencing falls with injury” (within last year) figure comes from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Healthy Aging Data Portal, 2016 data. Estimates are for the population 65 years old and older.

(https://nccd.cdc.gov/aging_data/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=DPH_HAP.ExploreByLocation&rdRequestForwarding=Form)

“Seniors self-rated health as ‘fair to poor’” figure comes from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Healthy Aging Data Portal, 2016 data. Estimates are for the population 65 years old and older.

(https://nccd.cdc.gov/aging_data/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=DPH_HAP.ExploreByLocation&rdRequestForwarding=Form)

“Seniors with a disability” figure comes from Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Demographic Data. Estimates are for the total non-institutionalized population 60 years old and older Disability Status 2008-2013. Percentage was calculated by subtracting “No disability” percentage from 100.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/ACS/Year/>)

INADEQUATE NUTRITION AND/OR LIMITED SOCIAL CONTACT HAS DIRECT HEALTH CONSEQUENCES THAT AFFECT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND ECONOMY

“Preventable hospitalizations” and “Hospital readmissions” figure comes from United Health Foundation’s America’s Health Rankings 2018 Senior Report.

(<https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2018-senior-report/core-measures-clinical-care>)

“Total Medicare spending” figure comes from the Kaiser Family Foundation’s State Health Facts, 2014.

(<https://www.kff.org/medicare/state-indicator/medicare-spending-by-residence/>)

OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN STATE ARE DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS MEALS, FRIENDLY VISITS AND SAFETY CHECKS TO THE MOST AT-RISK SENIORS

“Seniors served each year” and “Meals served each year” figures come from the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) State Program Reports’ (SPR) 2016 data.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>)

OAA CLIENT PROFILE

“Live alone,” “Live in a rural area,” “Live in poverty,” and “Non-white racial and/or ethnic minority” figures come from the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) State Program Reports’ (SPR) 2016 data. Figures reflect clients receiving all Older Americans Act (OAA) funded services and are not limited to congregate or home-delivered meals.

(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>)

“Women” figure comes from the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) State Program Reports’ (SPR) 2016 data. The percentage was calculated by dividing the count of “Female” participants by total count clients receiving “Registered Services.”
(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>)

FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS

Older Americans Act (OAA) funding breakdown come from Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) State Program Reports’ (SPR) 2016 Expenditures data for 50 States.
(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>):

Total Expenditures \$ = Total Home-Delivered Meals Expenditures + Total Congregate Meals Expenditures

OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$ = Title III Home-Delivered Meals Expenditures + Title III Congregate Meals Expenditures

Other \$ = Total Expenditures \$ – OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$

OAA Nutrition Program Funding % = OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$ / Total Expenditures \$

Other % = 100 – OAA Nutrition Program Funding %

TOGETHER, WE MUST INVEST MORE FULLY IN MEALS ON WHEELS TO ENSURE VULNERABLE SENIORS IN STATE CAN REMAIN HEALTHIER AT HOME, AVOIDING MORE COSTLY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

“Cost of serving a senior Meals on Wheels for an entire year” figure comes from:

Meals on Wheels average annual cost of meals comes from Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) State Program Reports’ (SPR) 2016 data for 50 states and DC with home-delivered meals and congregate meals data aggregated.
(<https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>)

Average individual cost of a meal = total expenditures for home-delivered and congregate meals / total home-delivered and congregate meals served

Annual cost of meals = average individual cost of a meal * 250 operating days in a year

Hospital stay cost comes from the Kaiser Family Foundation reflecting each of the 50 states and DC's average for Hospital Adjusted Expenses per Inpatient Day, 2016 data. (<https://www.kff.org/health-costs/state-indicator/expenses-per-inpatient-day/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>)

Nursing home stay cost came from 2018 Genworth Long Term Care Costs Across the United States tool, daily cost for a semi-private room. The cost was calculated by multiplying the daily cost by 10. *Note:* Genworth updates the tool annually to reflect the most current year but does not archive previous years within the tool. (<https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care.html>)