

VA

DATA BRIEF

Demographic Characteristics of Older Adults in Virginia



Population



Gender, Race, & Hispanic Origin



Marital Status, Living Arrangement, & Living Alone



Language Spoken at Home & Ability to Speak English



Poverty & Economic Status



Disability, Health, & Health Care Access

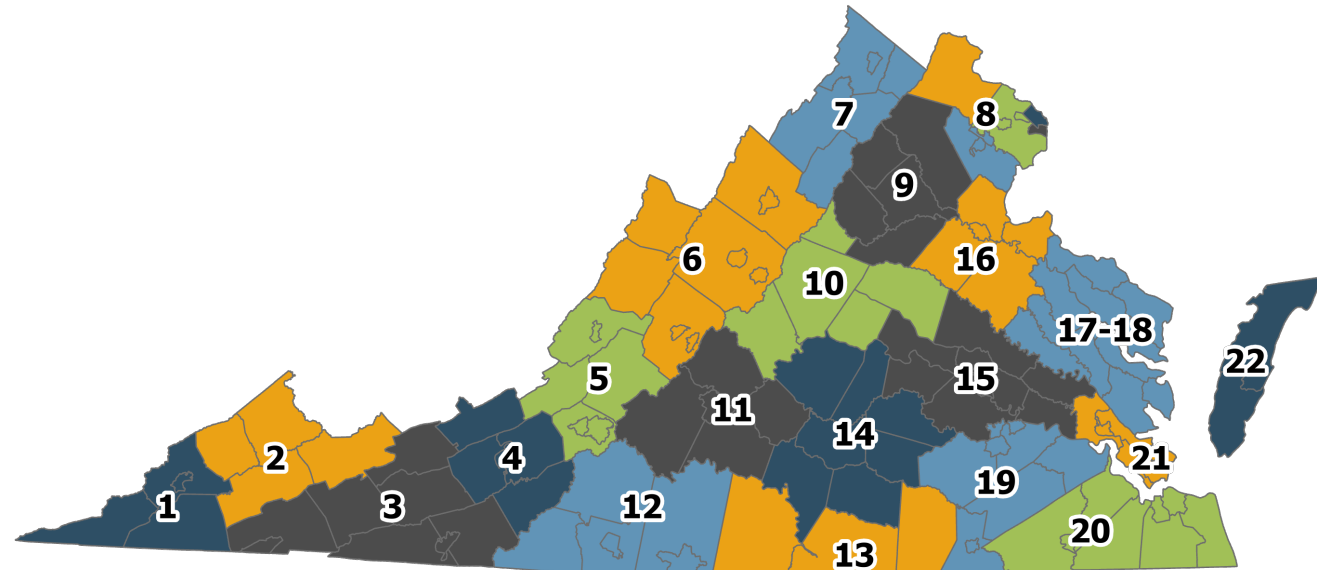


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There are **25 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)** in Virginia.

As of 2020, there were **1,838,379 Virginians aged 60+**, accounting for **22% of the total population** in the Commonwealth.



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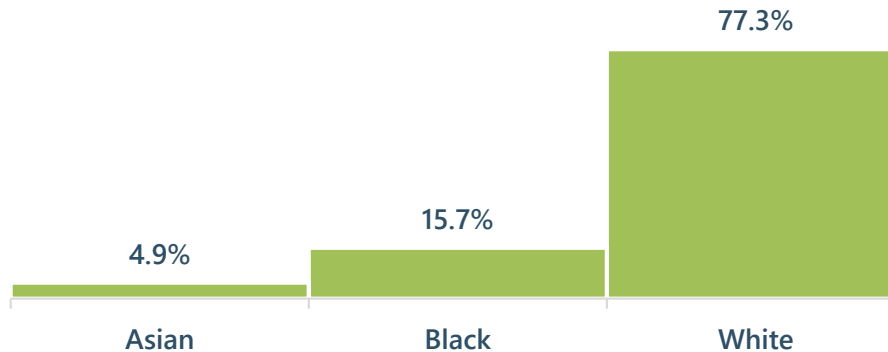
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Source for all data: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

GENDER, RACE, & HISPANIC ORIGIN



Percentage of 65+ Adults by Race



55% of 60+ Virginians were **women** and **45% men**.

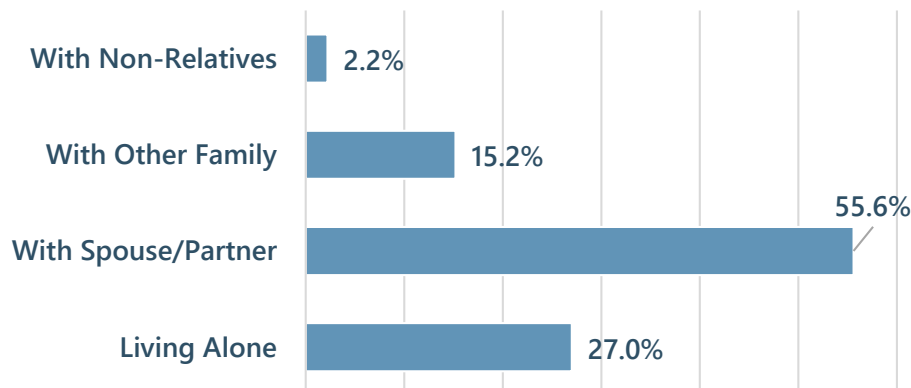
Among 65+ Virginians, **3.7%** were **Hispanic**.

Other racial groups consist of less than 2%.

MARITAL STATUS, LIVING ARRANGEMENT, & LIVING ALONE



65+ Adults by Living Arrangement



27% of 65+ Virginians **lived alone**.

57.6% of 60+ Virginians were **married or partnered**, followed by **19.2%** widowed, **15%** divorced, **1.6%** separated, and **6.7%** never married/single.

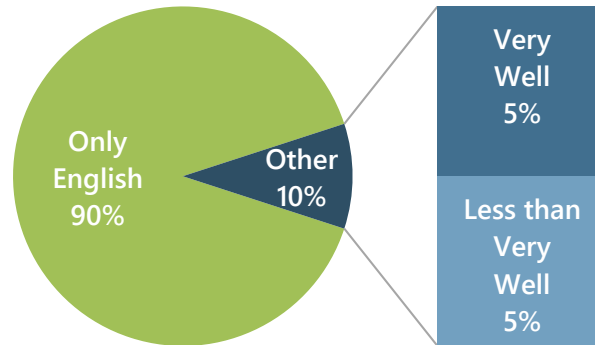
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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME



65+ Adults by Language Spoken at Home & English Ability



2.5% of 65+ Virginians did not have U.S. citizenship.

Among 65+ Virginians, **10%** said they **speak other languages** at home.

Of 65+ who speak other languages at home, **about half** (49.8%) said they **speak English less than very well**.

POVERTY & ECONOMIC STATUS



7.7% of 60+ Virginians were **in poverty**.



7.1% of households with 60+ older adults **received food stamps or SNAP**.



19.4% of 60+ householders **rented** their houses.

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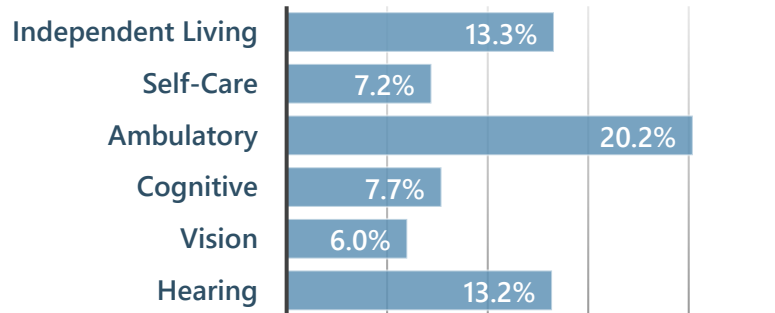
DISABILITY, HEALTH, & HEALTH CARE ACCESS



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65+ Adults by Disability Type



32.4% of 65+ Virginians had a **disability**.

Among those with disability, **52.7%** had **two or more types of disabilities**.

0.9% of 65+ Virginians had **no health insurance coverage**.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY & TRANSPORTATION



9.3% of 65+ householders did **not have a vehicle**.



16.2% of 65+ Virginians did **not have a computer**.



8.2% of 65+ Virginians had **no access to internet**.