

# 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

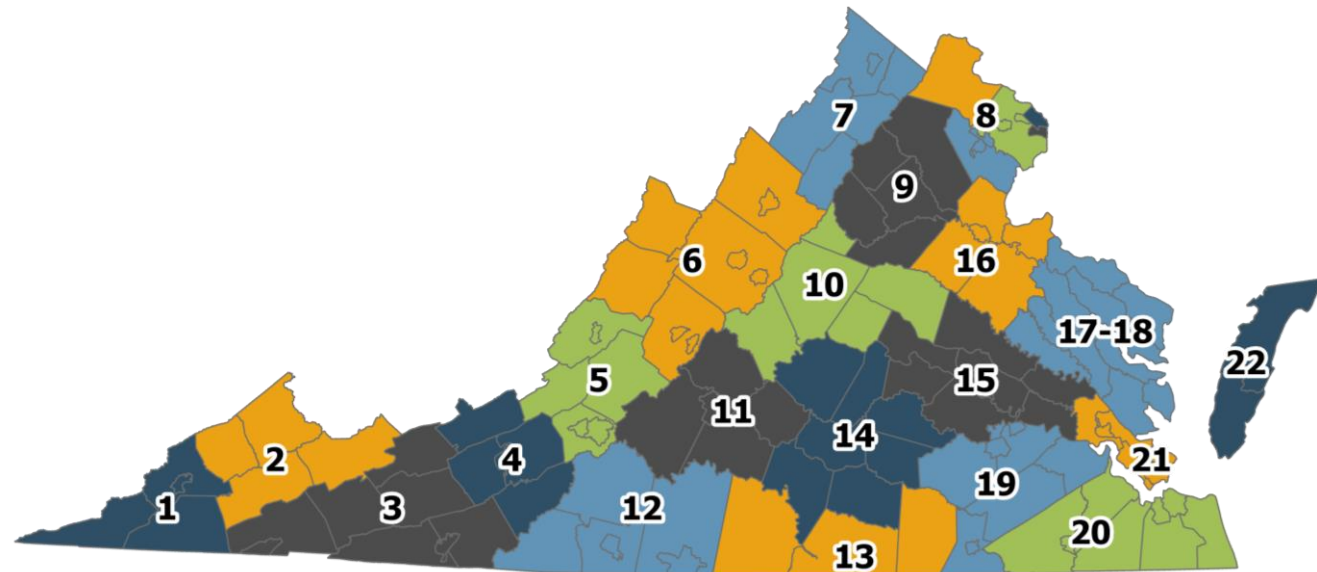


Access to Technology &  
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There are **25 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)** in Virginia.

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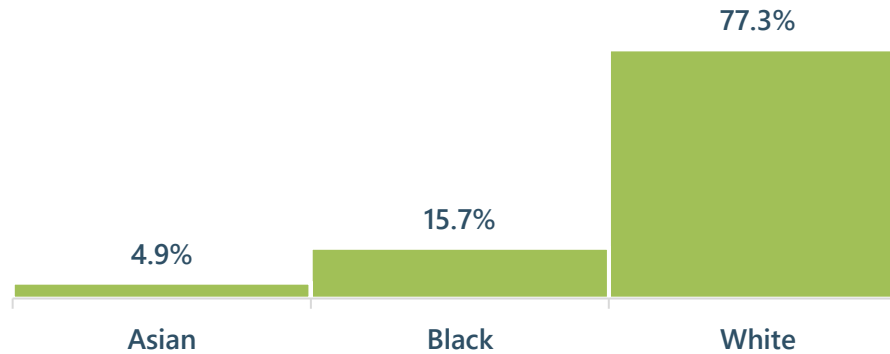
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Source for all data: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

## GENDER, RACE, & HISPANIC ORIGIN



Percentage of 65+ Adults by Race



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

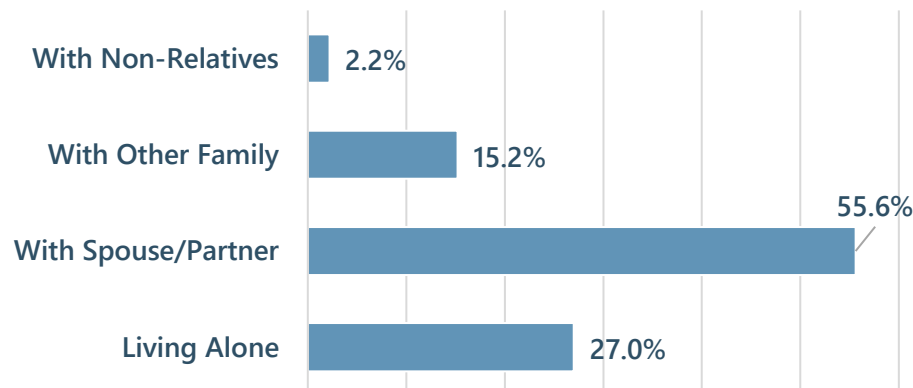
Among 65+ Virginians, **2.9%** were **Hispanic**.

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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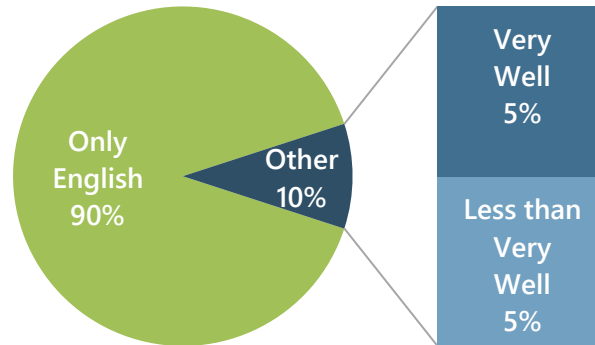
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65+ Adults by Language Spoken at Home & English Ability



**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.

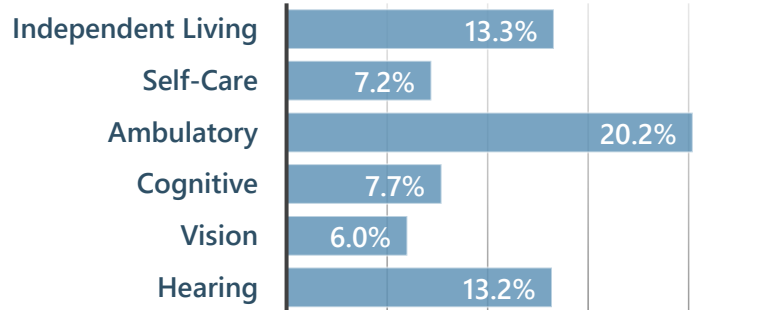
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65+ Adults by Disability Type



**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**.



**6.9%** of 65+ Virginians had **no access to internet**.