



Metropolitan Social Services Planning & Coordination

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Age 90+ in the United States

In November 2011, the U. S. Census Bureau report reported that “The 90+ population will continue to grow both in size and proportion of the older population.”

The report, using data from the 2006-2008 American Community Survey, noted that nationwide:

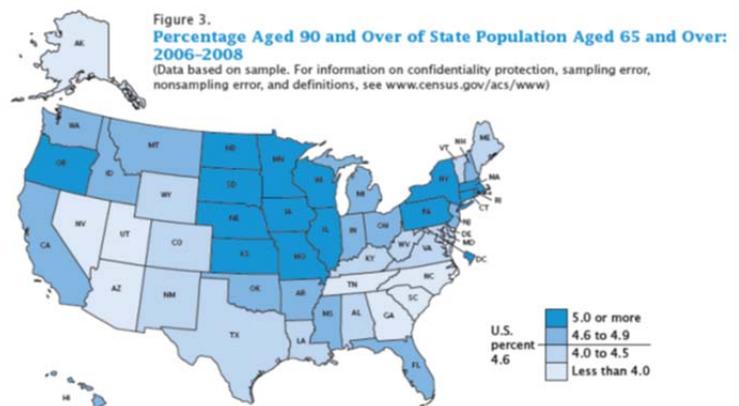
- Some states with the highest share of 90+ people may not be those with the largest proportion of older people.
- The state with the greatest number of people over 90 was California, followed by Florida and New York.
- Most people 90+ have at least a high school education.
- Women aged 90+ outnumber men nearly three to one.
- The most common types of disability for those 90+ are difficulty doing errands alone and mobility related limitations.
- The poverty rate for 90+ is higher than for ages 65-89.
- As shown in the map below, Tennessee is among the states with the lowest percentage of people over 90 (less than 4%), compared to the national average of 4.6%.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006-2008.

2010 American Community Survey – U. S. Census Bureau

Below is a brief snapshot of the Davidson County residents, as described in the 2010 American Community Survey by the U. S. Census Bureau.

34 - Median Age

51.6% - Female; 48.4% - Male

7.1% - Under Age 5; 10.6% Age 65 and Over

15.7% - Less than high school education (36.7% for people in poverty)

24.4% - High school graduates (or equivalent) (16.5% for people in poverty)

24.5% - Some college or associate's degree (12.2% for people in poverty)

34.5% - Bachelor's degree or higher (6.1% for people in poverty)

11.2% - With a disability; 37.3% over age 65 With a disability

49.1% - Males-Usually worked 35 or more hours a week at least 50-52 weeks in previous year

40.8% - Females-Usually worked 35 or more hours a week at least 50-52 weeks in previous year

5.9% - Enrolled in nursery school or preschool

4.7% - Enrolled in kindergarten

36.2% - Enrolled in Elementary school (grades 1-8)

16.9% - Enrolled in High School

Hands on Nashville is Seeking Volunteers

Hands On Nashville facilitates volunteer work for 700+ Middle Tennessee nonprofit organizations, schools, government agencies, faith-based organizations, civic groups and businesses.

The 2011 Holiday Volunteer Guide lists an array of ways that volunteers can help their community, in such areas as children/youth, families, animals, health, hunger and homelessness. The guide is available at the link below:

<http://www.hon.org/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015A0000001PqfR>

Center of U. S. Population Shifts

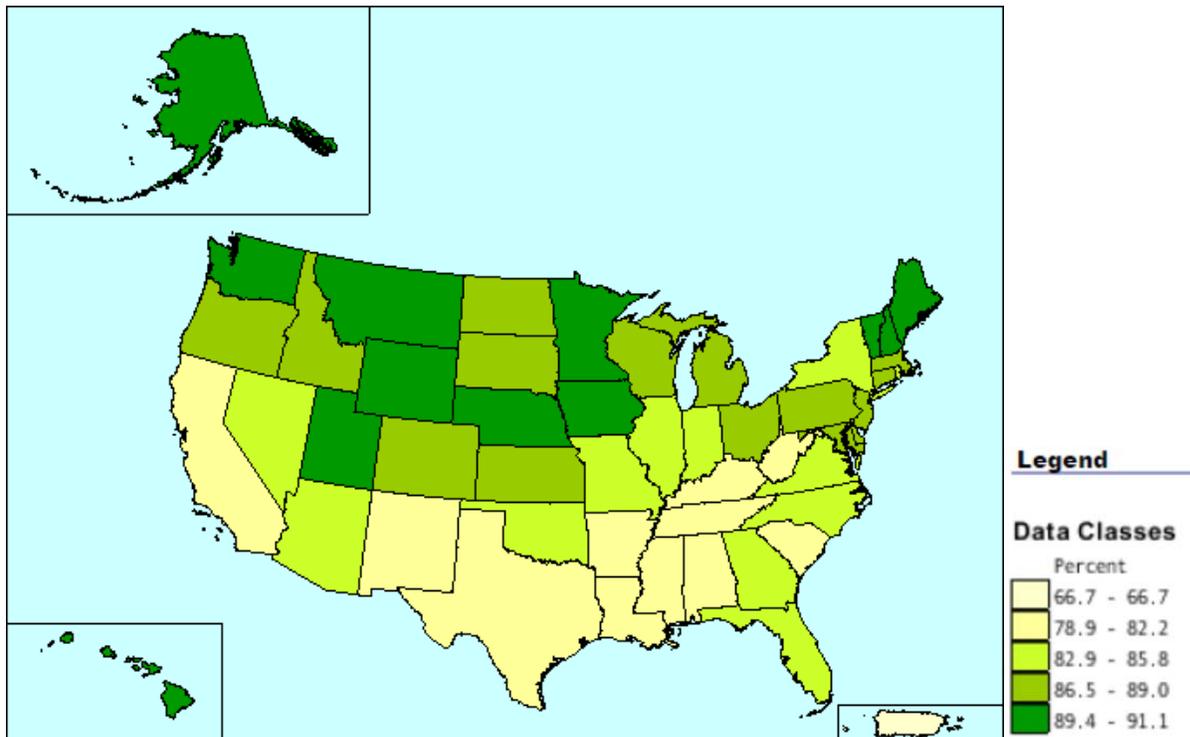
After each decennial census, the U. S. Census Bureau calculates the center of population. The interactive map at the link below shows the progression of the center of the U. S. population in a southwestern direction since 1970, as greater numbers of people move in that direction. In 1970, the center of population was Kent County, Maryland. In 1900, it was Bartholomew County, Indiana. In 2010, it was Texas County, Missouri.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/center-of-population.php>

U. S. Census Bureau – State Graduation Rates

The U. S. Census Bureau's map below (M1501) shows the percentage of people 25 years and over who have completed high school (or equivalent). Lighter shaded sections have smaller percentages of people with a high school education, becoming darker as the level of education increases.

Eleven states, including Tennessee, are in the category with 78.9-82.2% with a high school education. Only Puerto Rico is in a lower category at 66.7%. As darker shadings are used, the categories are 82.9-85.8%, 86.5-89.0%, and 89.4-91.1% for the 12 states with the highest percentage of people with high school educations.



Coming Soon!

Community Needs Evaluation – 2011 Update

Metropolitan Social Services-Planning & Coordination will release its third annual Community Needs Evaluation in January 2012. It will have additional demographic, social, economic and housing data from the 2010 American Community Survey and other relevant data. It will have specific sections on Child Care, Food, Health, Home & Community Based Services, Housing, Neighborhood Development and Workforce Development & Economic Opportunity. The two previous needs evaluations are available online at the link below, and the 2011 Community Needs Evaluation will be added in January 2012.

<http://www.nashville.gov/sservices/planningcoordination/commmunityneeds.asp>

Holidays



Many of the candles in the U. S. are used in Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations. (The Census Bureau reports that \$1.5 billion in candles are made and shipped annually.)

According to the International Council of Shopping Centers, January is the most common month that holiday gift cards are redeemed.



The Council also noted that Jingle Bells is the most popular holiday song played in 98% of shopping centers and that 98% of centers typically start decorating for the holiday season during the first week of November, while 2% of centers will wait until after Thanksgiving to start decorating.

Upcoming Events

FiftyForward's Employment Toolbox Program – 7 week series for people 55+ and unemployed. Provides an opportunity to participate in workshops to enhance skills for job searches, resumes and interviewing, as well as an opportunity to participate in a volunteer internship with a local organization or business. Starts 7-9 am, Monday, February 6, 174 Rains Avenue. For additional information or to register, please contact FiftyForward Knowles Center at 615-743-3400.

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event to provide people experiencing homelessness with access to a broad range of services, including medical check-ups, eye screenings, foot care, legal services, employment assistance, pet care, food, toiletries, and more. It will be held on March 28, 2012, at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. There are many ways to help. To volunteer, please send the following information to PHCNashville@hotmail.com - Name, age, email, phone number, home address. Please indicate whether you would like to volunteer during the morning, afternoon or both. To host a drive to collect toiletries or clothing for the homeless, please call 615-862-6417.

To learn about additional events:

www.visitmusiccity.com/visitors/eventscalendar

www.nashvilledowntown.com

www.nowplayingnashville.com

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