

2019 Community Needs Assessment of Bristol Senior Citizens: Key Findings



54% of survey respondents are satisfied with the services provided by Benjamin Church Senior Center

35% of survey respondents think there is enough public transportation in Bristol

50% of survey respondents said public buildings are accessible, but many identified a need for more handicapped parking and issues with sidewalks, street lighting, and road conditions.

89.1% of survey respondents have a valid driver's license. 76% of those without a license rely on family and friends for transportation.

26.6% of Bristolians age 65+ live alone

42.8% of Bristolians age 60+ have lived at the same address for 25+ years

20% of survey respondents feel there are enough local social services to meet the needs of Bristol's seniors

48% of survey respondents are satisfied with the services provided by the Town for seniors

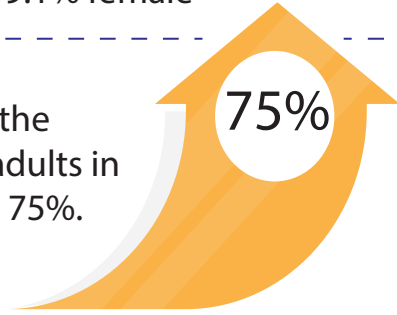


24% of Bristolians are age 60+.

Bristol's seniors are:

- 99% white
- 73.5% English speaking
- 56.6% married
- 59.1% female

By the year 2040, the number of older adults in RI will increase by 75%.



9.1% of Bristolians age 65+ live below the poverty line

30.3% of Bristolians age 65+ have an annual household income < \$20,000

Bristol County is in the **bottom third** of the country for affordability of housing

37% of Bristol households spend more than 30% of their income on housing



Survey respondents say:

36% believe there is not enough housing for older residents in Bristol

37% do not believe housing in Bristol is affordable for seniors

76% of Bristolians age 60+ have difficulty living independently

5.7% of Rhode Islanders age 60+ are very low food secure - the highest percentage in the nation

24% of survey respondents think healthy food is unaffordable for seniors in Bristol



Bristolians are healthier than RI state averages.

72% age 65+ engage in physical activity

59% of Bristolians age 65+ have 4+ chronic conditions

96% of Rhode Islanders age 65+ with diagnosed depressive disorder do not receive formal mental health treatment

98% of survey respondents have access to medical services

Survey respondents were mostly satisfied with their opportunities to participate in civic, cultural, recreational, and volunteer activities.



76% of older Bristolians talk to family and friends almost daily



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