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## Profile America ——

## Older Americans Month: May 2014

A meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

## 43.1 million

The number of people who were 65 and older in the United States on July 1, 2012. This group accounted for 13.7 percent of the total population.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates
[http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/PEP/2012/PEPAGESEX](http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/PEP/2012/PEPAGESEX)

## 92.0 million

Projected population of people 65 and older in 2060. People in this age group would comprise just over one in five U.S. residents at that time. Of this number, 18.2 million would be 85 or older.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Projections
[http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html](http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html)

## 2.4 million

Projected number of baby boomers in 2060. At that time, the youngest baby boomers would be 96 years old.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Projections
[http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html](http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html)

## 2056

The year in which, for the first time, the population 65 and older would outnumber people younger than 18 in the U.S.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Projections
[http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html](http://www.census.gov/population/projections/data/national/2012.html)

## Income and Poverty

## \$33,848

The 2012 median income of households with householders 65 and older, not significantly different from the previous year.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012, Table 1
[http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf)

## 9\%

The percent of people 65 and older ( 3.9 million) who were in poverty in 2012.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012, Table 3
[http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf)

## \$170,516

Median net worth for householders 65 and older in 2011, down from \$203,015 (in 2011 dollars) in 2005.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Net Worth and Asset Ownership of Households: 2011
[http://www.census.gov/people/wealth](http://www.census.gov/people/wealth)

## 14.8\%

Percent supplemental poverty rate for those 65 and older, equating to 6.4 million people. Excluding Social Security would leave the majority of this population ( 54.7 percent or 23.7 million) in poverty.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2012 [http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-247.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-247.pdf)

## Serving Our Nation

## 9.6 million

Estimated number of people 65 and older who were veterans of the armed forces in 2012. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey [http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_1YR/B21001](http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_1YR/B21001)

## Jobs

## 21.3\%

Labor force participation rate for men 65 and older in 2012, up from 17.6 percent in 1990 and significantly higher than the rate for women 65 and older at 13.4 percent ( 8.4 percent in 1990). Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey Table B23001
[http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_1YR/B23001](http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_1YR/B23001)

## 4.3 million

Number of full-time, year-round workers 65 and older with earnings in 2012, up from 1.3 million in 1992.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Historical Income Tables: People, Table P-32
[http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/people/](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/people/)

## Education

## 82.6\%

Proportion of people 65 and older in 2013 who had completed high school or higher education. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Educational Attainment in the United States: 2013, Table 1 All Races
[http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2013/tables.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2013/tables.html)

## 25.3\%

Percentage of the population 65 and older in 2013 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Educational Attainment in the United States: 2013, Table 1 All Races [http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2013/tables.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2013/tables.html)

# Marital Status and Living Arrangements 

## 58\%

Percentage of people 65 and older who were married in 2013.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Families and Living Arrangements, Table A1 [http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html)

## 26\%

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2013 who were widowed.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Families and Living Arrangements, Table A1 [http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/families/data/cps2013A.html)

## Computer and Internet Use

## 61.8\%

The percentage of those 65 and older who reported living in homes with computers in 2011.
Additionally, 45.5 percent accessed the Internet either from home or elsewhere.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Computer and Internet Use, Table 2
[http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-569.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-569.pdf)

## Voting

## 71.9\%

Percentage for those 65 and older who reported casting a ballot in the 2012 presidential election. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, The Diversifying Electorate-Voting Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012 (and Other Recent Elections), Table 6 [http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-568.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-568.pdf)

## Homeownership

## 80.7\%

Percentage of householders 65 and older who owned their homes as of fourth quarter 2013. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey/Housing Vacancy Survey, Table 7 [http://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/q413ind.html](http://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/q413ind.html)

## On the Map

## 18.2\%

Percentage of Florida's population that was 65 and older in 2012, followed by Maine (17.0 percent) and West Virginia (16.8 percent). Alaska had the lowest percentage ( 8.5 percent), followed by Utah ( 9.5 percent) and Texas (10.9 percent).
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates
[http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb13-112.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb13-112.html)

## 49.3\%

Percentage of the population in Sumter, Fla., that was 65 and older in 2012 - which led all of the nation's counties. Other counties were Charlotte, Fla. (36.0 percent) and La Paz, Ariz. (34.9 percent). Chattahoochee, Ga. (3.6 percent) had the lowest percentage.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates
[http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb13-112.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb13-112.html)

## Centenarians

## 53,364

The number of people age 100 and older counted by the 2010 Census.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Centenarians: 2010
[http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf)

## 20.7

For every 100 centenarian women, the number of centenarian men in 2010.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Centenarians: 2010
[http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf)

## 43.5\%

In 2010, percentage of centenarian men who lived with others in a household, the most common living arrangement for this group. For their female counterparts, the most common living arrangement was residing in a nursing home ( 35.2 percent).
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Centenarians: 2010
[http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf)

### 3.29

Number of centenarians per 10,000 people in North Dakota in 2010. North Dakota was the only state with more than three centenarians per 10,000 people.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Centenarians: 2010
[http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/reports/c2010sr-03.pdf)

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| African-American History Month (February) | Labor Day <br> Guper Bowl |
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| Grandparents Day |  |
| Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) | Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) |
| Women's History Month (March) | Unmarried and Single Americans Week |
| Irish-American Heritage Month (March)/ | Halloween (Oct. 31) |
| St. Patrick's Day (March 17) | American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month |
| Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month (May) | (November) |
| Older Americans Month (May) | Veterans Day (Nov. 11) |
| Cinco de Mayo (May 5) | Thanksgiving Day |
| Mother's Day | The Holiday Season (December) |
| Hurricane Season Begins (June 1) |  |
| Father's Day |  |
| The Fourth of July (July 4) |  |
| Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26) |  |
| Back to School (August) |  |

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