

Maricopa Association of Governments  
 Social Services Block Grant  
**Elderly Fact Sheet**  
 Updated October 15, 2010

**1. Purpose Statement**

Assist older adults and persons with disabilities aged 18-59 with services to help them to live as independently as possible.

**2. Demographics**

The following data represent older adults living in Maricopa County at the time of the 2008 American Community Survey.

**Maricopa County, Arizona**

**S0102. Population 60 Years and Over in the United States** ⓘ  
 Data Set: **2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**  
 Survey: **American Community Survey**

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties](#).

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	60 years and over	Margin of Error
<b>Total population</b>	<b>4,023,132</b>	<b>****</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>				
Male	50.5%	+/-0.1	45.0%	+/-0.4
Female	49.5%	+/-0.1	55.0%	+/-0.4
Median age (years)	33.6	+/-0.1	70.1	+/-0.2
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>				
One race	97.3%	+/-0.2	99.1%	+/-0.2
White	81.8%	+/-0.5	91.1%	+/-0.4
Black or African American	4.6%	+/-0.2	2.8%	+/-0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.9%	+/-0.1	0.8%	+/-0.2
Asian	3.1%	+/-0.1	2.4%	+/-0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
Some other race	5.8%	+/-0.5	2.0%	+/-0.3
Two or more races	2.7%	+/-0.2	0.9%	+/-0.2
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	31.8%	****	10.6%	+/-0.3
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	57.3%	+/-0.1	82.9%	+/-0.4
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>3,977,398</b>	<b>+/-6,449</b>	<b>623,349</b>	<b>+/-5,875</b>
Householder or spouse	51.0%	+/-0.4	84.6%	+/-1.0
Parent	1.9%	+/-0.2	8.1%	+/-0.8
Other relatives	40.3%	+/-0.4	4.7%	+/-0.5
Nonrelatives	6.9%	+/-0.4	2.6%	+/-0.4
Unmarried partner	2.3%	+/-0.1	1.2%	+/-0.2
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Households</b>	<b>1,359,164</b>	<b>+/-8,127</b>	<b>360,319</b>	<b>+/-5,663</b>

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	60 years and over	Margin of Error
Family households	66.6%	+/-0.7	58.7%	+/-1.3
Married-couple family	49.3%	+/-0.7	50.1%	+/-1.2
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.9%	+/-0.5	6.4%	+/-0.5
Nonfamily households	33.4%	+/-0.7	41.3%	+/-1.3
Householder living alone	26.6%	+/-0.7	38.1%	+/-1.2
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
<b>Population 15 years and over</b>	<b>3,093,440</b>	<b>+/-378</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Now married, except separated	48.2%	+/-0.7	59.9%	+/-1.1
Widowed	5.0%	+/-0.2	20.3%	+/-0.8
Divorced	11.9%	+/-0.4	14.1%	+/-0.9
Separated	1.7%	+/-0.1	1.1%	+/-0.2
Never married	33.2%	+/-0.5	4.6%	+/-0.6
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>2,561,548</b>	<b>+/-1,035</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Less than high school graduate	15.3%	+/-0.4	14.9%	+/-0.7
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	23.9%	+/-0.7	27.7%	+/-1.0
Some college or associate's degree	32.7%	+/-0.6	30.1%	+/-1.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.1%	+/-0.5	27.3%	+/-0.9
<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>				
<b>Population 30 years and over</b>	<b>2,235,370</b>	<b>+/-979</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Living with grandchild(ren)	4.4%	+/-0.3	6.6%	+/-0.7
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	1.5%	+/-0.2	1.5%	+/-0.3
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>2,920,385</b>	<b>+/-1,325</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Civilian veteran	9.6%	+/-0.3	24.2%	+/-0.7
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population</b>	<b>3,994,080</b>	<b>+/-2,637</b>	<b>628,532</b>	<b>+/-5,582</b>
With any disability	9.6%	+/-0.3	29.9%	+/-1.0
No disability	90.4%	+/-0.3	70.1%	+/-1.0
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>3,959,438</b>	<b>+/-4,127</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Same house	78.5%	+/-0.7	90.9%	+/-0.9
Different house in the United States	20.8%	+/-0.7	8.6%	+/-0.9
Same county	16.3%	+/-0.7	5.3%	+/-0.8
Different county	4.5%	+/-0.3	3.3%	+/-0.5
Same state	1.1%	+/-0.2	0.5%	+/-0.3
Different state	3.3%	+/-0.2	2.8%	+/-0.4
Abroad	0.7%	+/-0.1	0.5%	+/-0.2
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>4,023,132</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
Native	3,387,309	+/-18,531	559,223	+/-6,481
Foreign born	635,823	+/-18,531	77,447	+/-3,954
Entered 2000 or later	34.4%	+/-1.7	19.1%	+/-3.8
Entered 1990 to 1999	31.5%	+/-1.5	12.2%	+/-2.3
Entered before 1990	34.1%	+/-1.4	68.7%	+/-4.0
Naturalized U.S. citizen	29.9%	+/-1.3	57.4%	+/-3.7
Not a U.S. citizen	70.1%	+/-1.3	42.6%	+/-3.7
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>				
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>3,690,748</b>	<b>+/-337</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
English only	72.2%	+/-0.6	85.3%	+/-0.7
Language other than English	27.8%	+/-0.6	14.7%	+/-0.7

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	60 years and over	Margin of Error
Speak English less than "very well"	11.7%	+/-0.4	7.3%	+/-0.6
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,038,154</b>	<b>+/-3,085</b>	<b>636,670</b>	<b>+/-5,537</b>
In labor force	66.3%	+/-0.6	26.9%	+/-1.1
Civilian labor force	66.1%	+/-0.6	26.9%	+/-1.1
Employed	59.3%	+/-0.6	24.8%	+/-1.1
Unemployed	6.8%	+/-0.3	2.1%	+/-0.3
Percent of civilian labor force	10.3%	+/-0.4	7.7%	+/-1.0
Armed forces	0.2%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	33.7%	+/-0.6	73.1%	+/-1.1
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
<b>Households</b>	<b>1,359,164</b>	<b>+/-8,127</b>	<b>360,319</b>	<b>+/-5,663</b>
With earnings	81.2%	+/-0.5	45.9%	+/-1.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	70,958	+/-1,094	54,382	+/-2,442
With Social Security income	24.9%	+/-0.4	76.8%	+/-1.1
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	16,325	+/-220	17,514	+/-227
With Supplemental Security Income	2.2%	+/-0.2	3.3%	+/-0.4
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,482	+/-465	8,806	+/-682
With cash public assistance income	2.1%	+/-0.2	1.0%	+/-0.3
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,112	+/-443	3,968	+/-1,139
With retirement income	16.0%	+/-0.3	46.6%	+/-1.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	23,627	+/-1,042	24,211	+/-1,171
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	9.2%	+/-0.4	4.5%	+/-0.6
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
<b>Population for whom poverty status is determined</b>	<b>3,977,750</b>	<b>+/-5,352</b>	<b>628,532</b>	<b>+/-5,582</b>
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	15.2%	+/-0.6	7.9%	+/-0.6
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	9.0%	+/-0.5	7.7%	+/-0.6
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	75.9%	+/-0.6	84.4%	+/-0.9
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,359,164</b>	<b>+/-8,127</b>	<b>360,319</b>	<b>+/-5,663</b>
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Owner-occupied housing units	65.4%	+/-0.6	82.6%	+/-0.9
Renter-occupied housing units	34.6%	+/-0.6	17.4%	+/-0.9
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.93	+/-0.03	2.11	+/-0.05
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.92	+/-0.05	1.74	+/-0.09
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
No telephone service available	3.9%	+/-0.3	1.3%	+/-0.4
1.01 or more occupants per room	4.0%	+/-0.3	0.7%	+/-0.2
<b>Owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>889,405</b>	<b>+/-9,001</b>	<b>297,580</b>	<b>+/-5,423</b>
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Less than 30 percent	65.4%	+/-0.8	70.5%	+/-1.1
30 percent or more	34.6%	+/-0.8	29.5%	+/-1.1
<b>OWNER CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Median value (dollars)	203,800	+/-3,382	200,200	+/-4,727
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,596	+/-16	1,332	+/-36
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	398	+/-7	389	+/-7
<b>Renter-occupied housing units</b>	<b>469,759</b>	<b>+/-9,294</b>	<b>62,739</b>	<b>+/-3,641</b>
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Less than 30 percent	51.2%	+/-1.5	41.7%	+/-3.3
30 percent or more	48.8%	+/-1.5	58.3%	+/-3.3

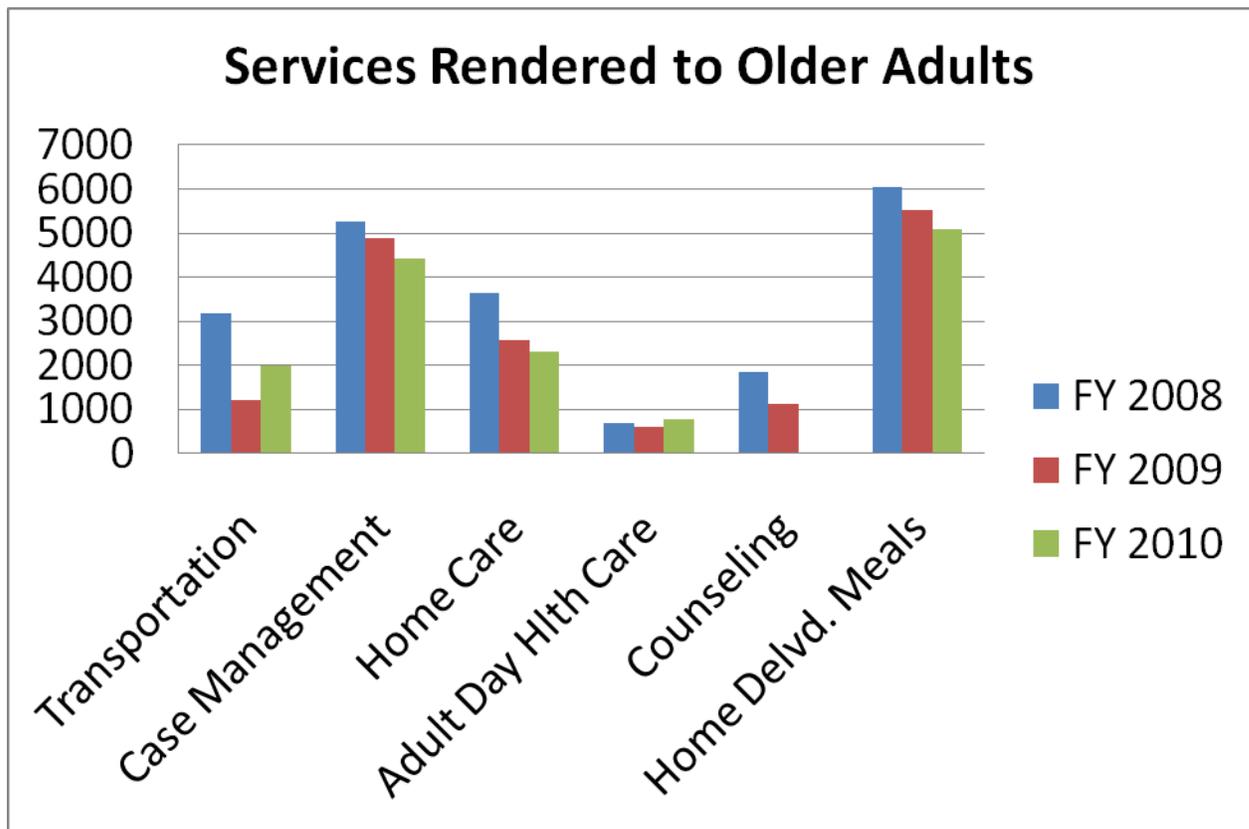
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<b>GROSS RENT</b>				
Median gross rent (dollars)	910	+/-12	888	+/-35

### Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Demographic Data

The HMIS data shows that 450, or just more than three percent, of people in shelter during Fiscal Year 2010 were over the age of 62.

### Services Rendered to Older Adults

The chart below indicates data received from the Area Agency on Aging regarding the number of people who have received services in the past three fiscal years. The decline in services provided directly reflects the loss of funding from the State of Arizona from Fiscal Years 2008 through 2010. State funds comprise a significant portion of the revenues allocated to each of these programs. The reductions of these funds have led to a decline in the availability and provision of services to older adult and disabled populations.



### 3. Gaps and Impact

#### a. Wait list data

Wait list data is not reflective of existing need in the community. Due to reductions in state funds, services have been closed to new participants for more than two years. Given the budget outlook for the state, individuals in need have expressed reluctance to be placed on a waiting list for services that are not expected to be available for the foreseeable future.

Transportation numbers are not available for the wait list because the funds are not targeted to one specific program.

- Adult day health care: 9
- Home delivered meals: 2
- Home care: 239

**b. Global impact of services**

Services funded by locally planned SSBG dollars assist older adults and persons with disabilities age 18-59 to live in their homes as independently as they can. Without this support, many would need to move into an assisted living facility or nursing homes at a much higher cost. For example, these facilities can cost \$4,000-\$5,000 a month.

The monthly cost for home delivered meals for one person is \$150 and the monthly charge for a person to receive bathing services is \$200. Even when a person needs more than one service on a monthly basis, the cost is generally significantly lower than if they needed to move into a nursing home or an assisted living facility.

**4. DES Updates**