

Research Report for Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Introduction

Data taken from 2015 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org

Individual Level Characteristics

There are approximately 1.6 million persons living in the city of which about 24% (379,000) are ages 55 and older. Of those approximately 379,000 persons...

Of those age 55 or older..	
Age 65 or older	53%
Age 75 or older	23%
Age 85 or older	7%

Living in community	96%
Sex	
Men	43%
Women	57%
Veteran	
Yes	12%
No	88%
Lives with Grandchild	
Yes	7%
No	93%

Economic Characteristics	
Income & Work	
Less than 50% of the Federal Poverty Level	8%
50% or more of the Federal Poverty Level	92%
Less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level	
100% or more of the Federal Poverty Level	19%
100% or more of the Federal Poverty Level	81%
Less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level	
200% or more of the Federal Poverty Level	42%
200% or more of the Federal Poverty Level	58%
In labor force	
In labor force	36%
Not in labor force	64%

Education and Literacy	
Fluent in English	88%
Not fluent in English	12%
Less than high school education	20%
High school graduate	46%
1 Year of college or more	34%
Ethnicity, Race, and Nativity	
Born in the United States	85%
Foreign born	15%
White non-Hispanic	44%
Black non-Hispanic	42%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6%
Puerto Rican	5%
Other Hispanic	2%
Other	2%
White non-Hispanic born US	39%

1 or more disabilities	38%
Percent reporting difficulty with...	
Cognitive	14%
Ambulatory	27%
Independent living	19%
Self-care	12%
Vision	8%
Hearing	8%

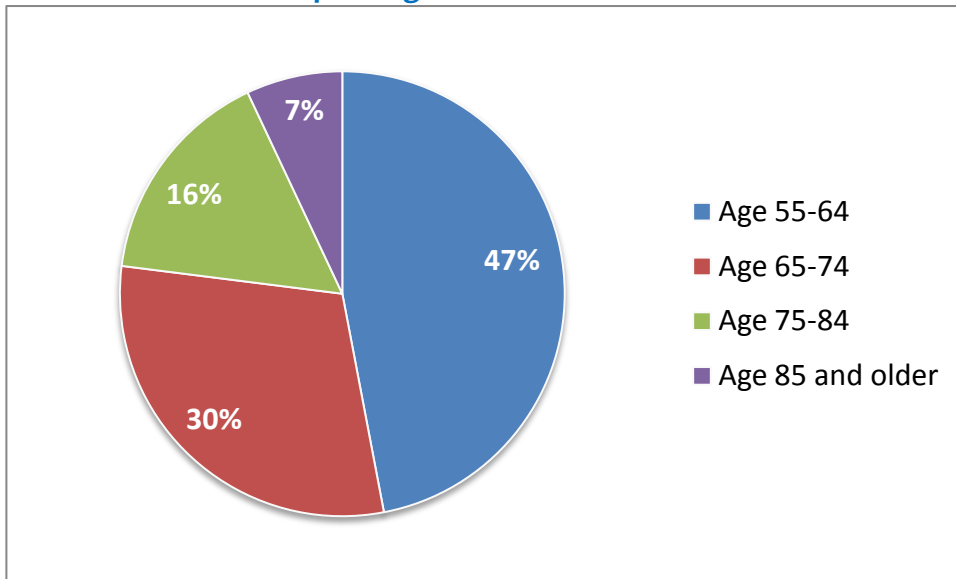
There are approximately 342,000 non-institutional households that include at least one person age 55 or older

Of those 342,000 households an elder is head of household in 298,000 (87%). Of those 298,000 households..

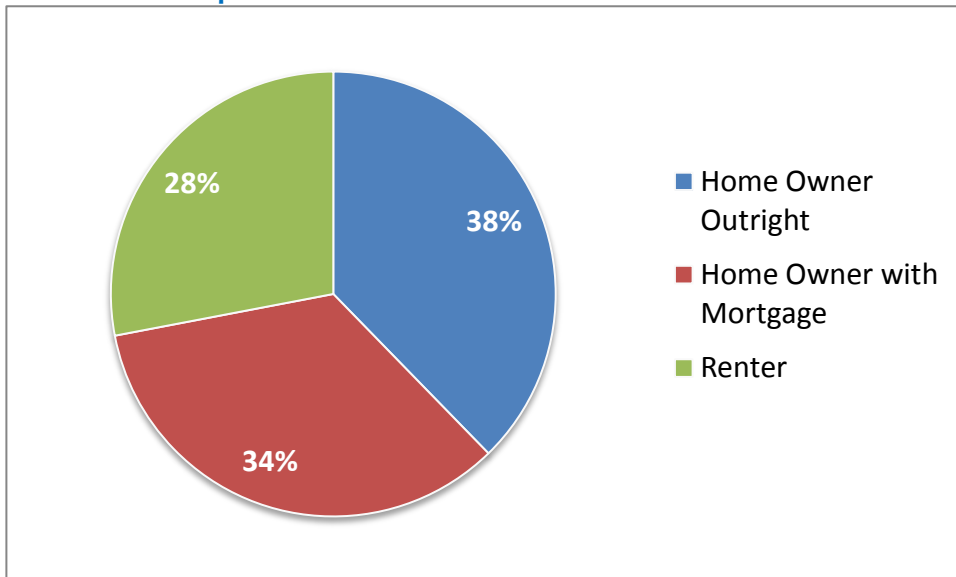
Ownership	
Owned free and clear	38%
Owned with mortgage	34%
Cash rent	26%
No cash rent	2%
Elder lives alone	38%
More than 1 generation in household	30%

Food stamp recipient in household	23%
Household linguistically isolated	8%
Home built 1950 or earlier	69%
No Internet access	34%
No vehicle available	28%

Older Adults in Philadelphia: Age Breakdown



Home Ownership Status Where an Older Adult is Head of Household



Employment Status: Adults Age 55+

