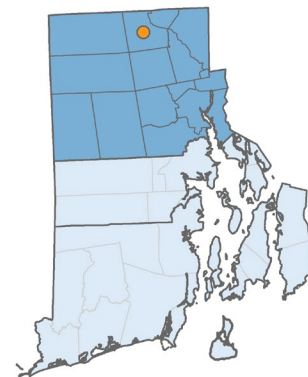


North Smithfield (Providence)

North Smithfield is a town in Providence County with 2,775 residents aged 65 and older. Compared to state average rates, older residents have a lower rate of falls. However, they have higher rates of congestive heart failure (CHF), heart attack, ischemic heart disease, and peripheral vascular disease. They are more likely to always wear a seatbelt while driving or riding in a vehicle. Community resources to support healthy aging include one public library, one assisted living facility, one skilled nursing facility, and 13 primary care providers.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
Total population (all ages)		12,535	1,094,250
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		29.3%	25.0%
Total population 60 years and older		3,678	273,831
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		22.1%	17.9%
Total population 65 years and older		2,775	195,378
% 65-74 years		60.3%	57.8%
% 75-84 years	*	21.1%	29.0%
% 85 years or older		18.6%	13.2%
% 65+ population who are female		54.2%	56.3%
% 85+ population who are female		61.0%	67.8%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White	*	98.2%	88.6%
% African American		0.7%	3.1%
% Asian		0.0%	1.8%
% Other race(s)	*	1.1%	6.5%
% Hispanic	*	0.5%	5.9%
# 55+ who are Native American / Alaskan		0	832
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married		52.5%	51.6%
% divorced/separated		13.8%	16.9%
% widowed		28.9%	22.2%
% never married		4.8%	9.3%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education		11.7%	14.9%
% with high school or some college	*	68.4%	53.3%
% with college degree		12.0%	15.9%
% with graduate or professional degree	*	7.9%	16.0%
% 65+ population who speak only English at home	*	90.8%	83.3%
% 65+ population who are veterans of military service		20.4%	14.6%
% 60+ LGBT		3.7%	4.3%

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
HOUSING			
% 65+ population who live alone		28.8%	29.3%
Average household size (all ages)		2.4	2.4
Median house value (all ages)	*	\$382,700	\$343,100
% 60+ own home		74.7%	71.7%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage		47.6%	48.4%
% 65+ households (renter) spend >35% of income on housing		35.9%	38.9%
% 65+ households (owner) spend >35% of income on housing		28.4%	25.2%
% grandparents who live with grandchildren		3.2%	2.8%
# of assisted living sites		1	63
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH			
COST OF LIVING			
Elder Index			
Single, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	0.98	\$26,640	\$27,168
Single, renter, good health (County)	0.99	\$29,844	\$30,216
Couple, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	0.99	\$38,736	\$39,264
Couple, renter, good health (County)	0.99	\$41,940	\$42,312
ECONOMIC			
% 60+ receiving food stamps in past year	*	6.6%	14.7%
% 65+ employed in past year		21.5%	19.2%
% 65+ with income below the poverty line in past year		7.6%	10.7%
Median annual income for households with a householder age 65+		\$47,880	\$56,242
% 65+ households with annual income < \$20,000		17.0%	19.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$20,000-\$49,999		38.1%	26.8%
% 65+ households with annual income \$50,000-\$99,999		20.2%	26.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$100,000+		24.6%	28.0%
WELLNESS			
% 60+ getting the recommended hours of sleep		64.5%	63.1%
% 60+ doing any physical activity in past month		74.6%	73.5%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for muscle-strengthening activity		24.9%	26.1%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for aerobic physical activity		55.6%	55.4%
% 60+ with fair or poor self-reported health status		15.8%	17.9%
% 60+ with 15+ physically unhealthy days in past month		13.4%	13.6%
% 60+ who reported being satisfied with life		96.6%	95.5%
COMMUNITY			
Annual # unhealthy days due to air pollution for 65+ (County)		4	NA
AARP Age-Friendly Communities		Not yet	Not yet
# of public universities and community colleges		0	9
# of public libraries		1	72
# of senior centers		0	34
# of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI)		0	1
% households with a smartphone (all ages)		88.3%	85.8%
% households with only a smartphone to access Internet (all ages)		8.9%	8.2%

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH		Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
COMMUNITY				
% households without a computer (all ages)			5.3%	7.1%
% households with access to Broadband (all ages)			91.4%	89.2%
% households without access to the Internet (all ages)			8.6%	10.7%
% 60+ who used Internet in past month			68.7%	71.4%
Voter participation rate in 2020 election (age 18+)			66.3%	68.3%
Homicide rate/100,000 persons (County)			3.0	2.1
# firearm fatalities (all ages) (County)			142	226
# 65+ deaths by suicide (County)			43	92
Age-sex adjusted 1-year mortality rate			4.2%	4.3%
TRANSPORTATION				
% householders 65+ who own a motor vehicle		*	95.3%	86.2%
% 60+ who always drive or ride wearing a seatbelt		B	94.8%	92.3%
% 60+ drove under influence			1.5%	1.9%
# fatal crashes involving adult age 60+ (County)			57	94
AllTransit Score			NA	2.85
HEALTH OUTCOMES				
FALLS				
% 60+ who fell in past year		B	22.0%	26.0%
% 60+ who were injured by a fall in past year			8.3%	10.0%
% 65+ with hip fracture			3.2%	3.1%
PREVENTION				
% 60+ with physical exam/check-up in past year			95.1%	93.0%
% 60+ flu shot in past year			70.7%	67.8%
% 60+ with pneumonia vaccine			63.7%	64.2%
% 60+ with shingles vaccine			37.7%	37.8%
% 60+ women with mammogram in past 2 years			82.7%	82.1%
% 60+ had colorectal cancer screening			68.3%	68.7%
% 60+ with HIV test		*	17.4%	23.5%
% 60+ with optimal preventive health			34.3%	32.3%
NUTRITION & DIET				
% 60+ with 5 or more servings of fruit or vegetables per day			18.1%	18.8%
% 60+ stressed about buying food in past month		B	8.9%	12.3%
% 60+ self-reported obese			26.9%	27.1%
% 65+ with high cholesterol			81.0%	79.3%
% 60+ with high cholesterol screening			98.1%	97.3%
ORAL HEALTH				
% 60+ with dental insurance			66.1%	65.1%
% 60+ with annual dental exam			80.8%	77.5%
# dentists per 100,000 persons (all ages) (County)			46.2	53.0
% 60+ with loss of 6+ teeth			24.1%	26.0%

HEALTH OUTCOMES	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
CHRONIC DISEASE			
% 65+ with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias		12.0%	12.0%
% 65+ with anemia		44.5%	47.0%
% 65+ with asthma		16.8%	15.0%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation		14.4%	14.3%
% 65+ with benign prostatic hyperplasia (men)		41.2%	43.3%
% 65+ with breast cancer (women)		10.8%	11.5%
% 65+ with cataract		65.2%	65.0%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease		37.0%	34.0%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		23.5%	20.8%
% 65+ with colon cancer		2.2%	2.4%
% 65+ with congestive heart failure	W	23.6%	20.0%
% 65+ with diabetes		33.7%	32.4%
% 65+ with endometrial cancer (women)		2.4%	2.3%
% 65+ with fibromyalgia, chronic pain, and fatigue		32.5%	33.7%
% 65+ with glaucoma		27.1%	26.3%
% 65+ ever had a heart attack	W	8.1%	5.3%
% 65+ with HIV/AIDS		0.21%	0.19%
% 65+ with hypertension		77.7%	75.8%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease	W	44.6%	39.4%
% 65+ with liver disease		11.2%	13.0%
% 65+ with lung cancer		1.9%	2.0%
% 65+ with migraine and other chronic headache		8.9%	8.3%
% 65+ with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis		60.5%	57.3%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		19.8%	18.9%
% 65+ with peripheral vascular disease	W	30.8%	23.1%
% 65+ with pressure ulcer or chronic ulcer		7.1%	7.7%
% 65+ with prostate cancer (men)		15.0%	13.4%
% 65+ with stroke		12.1%	11.6%
% 65+ with 4+ (out of 15) chronic conditions		65.1%	63.0%
% 65+ with 0 chronic conditions		7.7%	7.2%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
# drug overdose deaths (all ages) (County)		1,117	1,699
% 65+ with substance use disorder		7.9%	8.4%
% 60+ who used marijuana in past month		4.4%	4.9%
% 60+ excessive drinking		7.5%	10.0%
% 65+ with tobacco use disorder		13.2%	12.1%
% 60+ current smokers		8.8%	8.8%
% 60+ ever used E-Cigarettes in past month		1.9%	1.6%

HEALTH OUTCOMES	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
MENTAL HEALTH			
% 60+ who reported receiving adequate emotional support		79.0%	77.5%
% 60+ with 15+ days poor mental health in past month		8.0%	8.3%
% 65+ with depression		35.3%	34.5%
% 65+ with anxiety disorder		36.9%	34.3%
% 65+ with post-traumatic stress disorder		1.8%	2.2%
% 65+ with schizophrenia & other psychotic disorder		3.1%	3.1%
LIVING WITH DISABILITY			
% 65+ with self-reported hearing difficulty		14.6%	12.2%
% 65+ with self-reported vision difficulty		7.2%	5.1%
% 65+ with self-reported cognition difficulty		5.7%	7.0%
% 65+ with self-reported ambulatory difficulty		24.9%	18.7%
% 65+ with self-reported self-care difficulty		5.0%	7.1%
% 65+ with self-reported independent living difficulty		9.2%	13.0%
CAREGIVING			
# of Alzheimer's support groups		0	9
% 60+ who provide care to a family/friend in past month		17.3%	22.1%
% grandparents raising grandchildren		0.29%	0.71%
ACCESS TO CARE			
% 65+ dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid	*	10.0%	15.0%
% 65+ Medicare managed care enrollees	*	56.0%	51.4%
% 60+ with a regular doctor		97.0%	96.6%
% 60+ who did not see a doctor when needed due to cost		3.8%	3.9%
# of primary care providers		13	1,176
# of hospitals		0	12
# of home health agencies		0	24
# of skilled nursing facilities		1	75
# of hospice agencies		0	9
# of community health centers		0	52
# of adult day health centers		0	31
SERVICE UTILIZATION			
# physician visits per year		8.1	7.8
# emergency room visits/1000 persons 65+ years annually		497.7	500.0
# Part D monthly prescription fills per person annually		54.1	54.2
# home health visits annually		3.1	3.0
# durable medical equipment claims annually		2.2	1.9
# inpatient hospital stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		225.2	230.9
% Medicare inpatient hospital readmissions (as % of admissions)		16.8%	17.1%
# skilled nursing facility stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		84.3	76.0
# skilled nursing home Medicare beds/1000 persons 65+ years		86.8	41.2
% 65+ getting Medicaid long term services and supports		4.5%	4.0%
% 65+ hospice users		3.9%	3.4%
% 65+ hospice users as % of decedents	*	62.1%	50.7%

TECHNICAL NOTES

*For more information on data sources, measures, and methodology used in the 2025 Rhode Island Healthy Aging Data Report see our technical documentation at (healthyagingdatareports.org). For most indicators, the community and state values are estimates derived from sample data. Thus, it is possible that some of the differences between state and community estimates may be due to chance associated with population sampling. We use the terms “Better” and “Worse” to highlight differences between community and state estimates that we are confident are not due to chance. We balance two goals. First, we aim to report data at very local levels because we believe change is often locally driven. Second, we vowed to protect the privacy of the people providing the information reported. Thus, given the constraints of the data analyzed, we used a hierarchical approach to reporting.

Data Sources:

- *Population Characteristics: The U.S. Census Bureau (American Community Survey (ACS)) 2018-2022; Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS), 2010-2022.*
- *Housing: ACS, 2018-2022; RIDOH, 2023.*
- *Cost of Living: Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging at the University of Massachusetts Boston, 2023.*
- *Economic: ACS, 2018-2022.*
- *Wellness: BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Community: AARP, 2023; ACS, 2018-2022; AgeFriendly RI, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022; CDC WONDER, 2016-2020; The CMS Master Beneficiary Summary File ABCD/Other (CMS), 2020-2021; NECHE, 2023; OLLI, 2023; RI State Library, 2023; RI Secretary of State, 2023; U.S. EPA Air Compare, 2023.*
- *Transportation: ACS, 2018-2022; AllTransit™, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022; NHTSA, 2018-2022.*
- *Falls: CMS, 2020-2021; BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Prevention: BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Nutrition/Diet: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Oral Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; HRSA, 2023.*
- *Chronic Disease: CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Behavioral Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CDC WONDER 2016-2020; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Mental Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Living with Disability: ACS, 2018-2022.*
- *Caregiving: ACS, 2018-2022; Alzheimer’s Association, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Access to Care: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021; HRSA, 2023; Medicare.gov, 2023; RI Adult Day Services, 2023.*
- *Service Utilization: CMS, 2020-2021.*

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