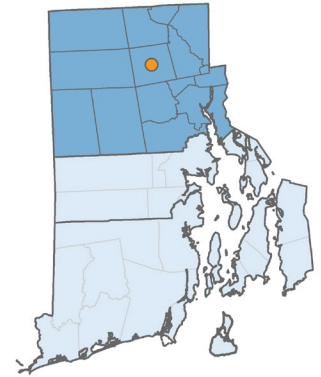


Smithfield (Providence)

Smithfield is a town in Providence County with 4,826 residents aged 65 and older. Compared to state average rates, older residents fare better on some healthy aging indicators with lower rates of falls and tobacco use disorder. However, they have higher rates of anemia, asthma, cataract, glaucoma, hypertension, osteoarthritis/rheumatoid arthritis, high cholesterol, and peripheral vascular disease. They are more likely to always wear a seatbelt while driving or riding in a vehicle, but report being stressed about buying food. Community resources to support healthy aging include one senior center, one adult day health center, two public libraries, three assisted living facilities, four skilled nursing facilities, and seven primary care providers.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
Total population (all ages)		22,086	1,094,250
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		29.9%	25.0%
Total population 60 years and older		6,599	273,831
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		21.9%	17.9%
Total population 65 years and older		4,826	195,378
% 65-74 years	*	45.4%	57.8%
% 75-84 years	*	41.1%	29.0%
% 85 years or older		13.5%	13.2%
% 65+ population who are female		59.4%	56.3%
% 85+ population who are female		64.6%	67.8%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White	*	99.0%	88.6%
% African American	*	0.0%	3.1%
% Asian		0.3%	1.8%
% Other race(s)	*	0.7%	6.5%
% Hispanic	*	1.0%	5.9%
# 55+ who are Native American / Alaskan		0	832
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married		54.1%	51.6%
% divorced/separated		13.2%	16.9%
% widowed		23.8%	22.2%
% never married		8.9%	9.3%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education	*	8.6%	14.9%
% with high school or some college	*	66.0%	53.3%
% with college degree		13.8%	15.9%
% with graduate or professional degree		11.6%	16.0%
% 65+ population who speak only English at home	*	93.5%	83.3%
% 65+ population who are veterans of military service		14.9%	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		28.3%	29.3%
Average household size (all ages)		2.3	2.4
Median house value (all ages)	*	\$371,400	\$343,100
% 60+ own home	*	75.0%	71.7%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage		44.0%	48.4%
% 65+ households (renter) spend >35% of income on housing		37.2%	38.9%
% 65+ households (owner) spend >35% of income on housing		28.1%	25.2%
% grandparents who live with grandchildren		1.6%	2.8%
# of assisted living sites		3	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		9.5%	14.7%
% 65+ employed in past year	*	12.5%	19.2%
% 65+ with income below the poverty line in past year	*	6.5%	10.7%
Median annual income for households with a householder age 65+		\$54,563	\$56,242
% 65+ households with annual income < \$20,000	*	12.1%	19.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$20,000-\$49,999		33.4%	26.8%
% 65+ households with annual income \$50,000-\$99,999		32.0%	26.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$100,000+		22.5%	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		2	72
# of senior centers		1	34
# of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI)		0	1
% households with a smartphone (all ages)	*	81.7%	85.8%
% households with only a smartphone to access Internet (all ages)		7.0%	8.2%

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
COMMUNITY			
% households without a computer (all ages)		10.7%	7.1%
% households with access to Broadband (all ages)		89.5%	89.2%
% households without access to the Internet (all ages)		10.4%	10.7%
% 60+ who used Internet in past month		68.7%	71.4%
Voter participation rate in 2020 election (age 18+)		73.7%	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		4.0%	4.3%
TRANSPORTATION			
% householders 65+ who own a motor vehicle		90.6%	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		1.7	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		3.9%	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	W	82.9%	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		13.9%	12.0%
% 65+ with anemia	W	50.0%	47.0%
% 65+ with asthma	W	17.1%	15.0%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation		15.0%	14.3%
% 65+ with benign prostatic hyperplasia (men)		46.1%	43.3%
% 65+ with breast cancer (women)		13.0%	11.5%
% 65+ with cataract	W	68.5%	65.0%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease		35.2%	34.0%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		21.2%	20.8%
% 65+ with colon cancer		2.0%	2.4%
% 65+ with congestive heart failure		21.4%	20.0%
% 65+ with diabetes		33.3%	32.4%
% 65+ with endometrial cancer (women)		2.1%	2.3%
% 65+ with fibromyalgia, chronic pain, and fatigue		34.7%	33.7%
% 65+ with glaucoma	W	30.0%	26.3%
% 65+ ever had a heart attack		6.0%	5.3%
% 65+ with HIV/AIDS		0.21%	0.19%
% 65+ with hypertension	W	78.9%	75.8%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease		39.2%	39.4%
% 65+ with liver disease		12.0%	13.0%
% 65+ with lung cancer		2.3%	2.0%
% 65+ with migraine and other chronic headache		7.3%	8.3%
% 65+ with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis	W	61.1%	57.3%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		20.4%	18.9%
% 65+ with peripheral vascular disease	W	26.5%	23.1%
% 65+ with pressure ulcer or chronic ulcer		7.6%	7.7%
% 65+ with prostate cancer (men)		12.0%	13.4%
% 65+ with stroke		11.4%	11.6%
% 65+ with 4+ (out of 15) chronic conditions		64.8%	63.0%
% 65+ with 0 chronic conditions	W	5.2%	7.2%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
# drug overdose deaths (all ages) (County)		1,117	1,699
% 65+ with substance use disorder		7.4%	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	B	9.8%	12.1%
% 60+ current smokers		8.8%	8.8%
% 60+ ever used E-Cigarettes in past month		1.9%	1.6%

HEALTH OUTCOMES

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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		34.2%	34.5%
% 65+ with anxiety disorder		37.0%	34.3%
% 65+ with post-traumatic stress disorder		1.7%	2.2%
% 65+ with schizophrenia & other psychotic disorder		2.8%	3.1%
LIVING WITH DISABILITY			
% 65+ with self-reported hearing difficulty		17.9%	12.2%
% 65+ with self-reported vision difficulty		7.2%	5.1%
% 65+ with self-reported cognition difficulty		11.5%	7.0%
% 65+ with self-reported ambulatory difficulty	*	27.9%	18.7%
% 65+ with self-reported self-care difficulty		13.0%	7.1%
% 65+ with self-reported independent living difficulty		16.8%	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	*	0.06%	0.71%
ACCESS TO CARE			
% 65+ dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid	*	8.8%	15.0%
% 65+ Medicare managed care enrollees		52.0%	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		7	1,176
# of hospitals		0	12
# of home health agencies		0	24
# of skilled nursing facilities		4	75
# of hospice agencies		0	9
# of community health centers		0	52
# of adult day health centers		1	31
SERVICE UTILIZATION			
# physician visits per year	*	8.8	7.8
# emergency room visits/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	429.4	500.0
# Part D monthly prescription fills per person annually		52.9	54.2
# home health visits annually		3.1	3.0
# durable medical equipment claims annually		2.1	1.9
# inpatient hospital stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		207.6	230.9
% Medicare inpatient hospital readmissions (as % of admissions)		16.2%	17.1%
# skilled nursing facility stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		84.0	76.0
# skilled nursing home Medicare beds/1000 persons 65+ years		92.3	41.2
% 65+ getting Medicaid long term services and supports		3.9%	4.0%
% 65+ hospice users		3.9%	3.4%
% 65+ hospice users as % of decedents		58.0%	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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