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Bridgeport Area 2 is a Southern neighborhood of Bridgeport in Fairfield County with 7,170 residents aged 65 and older. Compared to state average rates, older residents have lower rates of atrial fibrillation, high cholesterol, breast cancer, cataract, osteoarthritis/rheumatoid arthritis, and prostate cancer. However, they have higher rates of Alzheimer's disease, anemia, chronic kidney disease, CHF, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, pressure ulcer, substance and tobacco use disorders, and schizophrenia. Older residents in Fairfield County varied in obtaining preventive health screenings: residents 18 and older got annual physical exams (73.6%) and annual dental exams (72.4%), while 49.5% of men and 44.9% of women 65 and older completed all CDC recommended vaccinations and cancer screenings. Community resources include three assisted living facilities, one Alzheimer's disease support group, 16 primary care providers, a home health agency, a hospice agency, 16 community health centers, three adult day health centers, three senior centers, two public universities or community colleges, and two public libraries.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
Total population (all ages)		60,204	3,611,317
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		18.9%	24.5%
Total population 60 years and older		11,392	885,046
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		11.9%	17.4%
Total population 65 years and older		7,170	629,108
% 65-74 years		66.5%	57.6%
% 75-84 years		20.3%	28.4%
% 85 years or older		13.2%	14.0%
% 65+ population who are female		52.3%	55.7%
% 85+ population who are female		66.9%	66.0%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White		67.5%	84.8%
% African American		14.2%	6.7%
% Asian		4.2%	2.6%
% Other race(s)		14.1%	5.9%
% Hispanic		17.9%	6.7%
# 55+ who are Native American / Alaskan		95	1,729
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married		34.6%	54.5%
% divorced/separated		24.7%	16.1%
% widowed		22.8%	21.2%
% never married		17.9%	8.2%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education		24.5%	11.9%
% with high school or some college		42.1%	52.4%
% with college degree		14.1%	17.0%
% with graduate or professional degree		19.4%	18.6%
% 65+ population who speak only English at home		71.4%	84.4%
% 65+ population who are veterans of military service		10.2%	13.4%
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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
HOUSING			
% 65+ population who live alone		44.8%	27.7%
Average household size (all ages)		2.6	2.5
Median house value (all ages)		\$274,173	\$323,700
% 60+ own home		55.7%	76.0%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage		59.6%	46.7%
% 65+ households (renter) spend >35% of income on housing		46.8%	45.1%
% 65+ households (owner) spend >35% of income on housing		48.7%	27.1%
% grandparents who live with grandchildren		3.0%	2.6%
# of assisted living sites		1	207
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH			
COST OF LIVING			
Elder Index			
Single, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	1.12	\$34,320	\$30,552
Single, renter, good health (County)	1.14	\$37,356	\$32,832
Couple, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	1.08	\$46,992	\$43,344
Couple, renter, good health (County)	1.10	\$50,028	\$45,624
ECONOMIC			
% 60+ receiving food stamps in past year		26.6%	11.0%
% 65+ employed in past year		27.3%	21.5%
% 65+ with income below the poverty line in past year		20.3%	7.9%
Median annual income for households with a householder age 65+		\$47,423	\$65,666
% 65+ households with annual income < \$20,000		30.6%	14.0%
% 65+ households with annual income \$20,000-\$49,999		29.7%	25.6%
% 65+ households with annual income \$50,000-\$99,999		18.3%	28.2%
% 65+ households with annual income \$100,000+		21.5%	32.3%
WELLNESS			
% 18+ with less than 7 hours sleep (County)		30.9%	NA
% 18+ without leisure-time physical activity (County)		20.4%	NA
% 18+ with fair or poor self-reported health status (County)		12.0%	NA
% 18+ with 14+ physically unhealthy days (County)		9.5%	NA
COMMUNITY			
Annual # unhealthy days due to air pollution for 65+ (County)		19	NA
AARP Age-Friendly Communities		Not yet	Not yet
# of public universities and community colleges		1	38
# of public libraries		2	237
# of senior centers		1	163
# of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI)		0	1
% households with a smartphone (all ages)		86.3%	87.5%
% households with only a smartphone to access the Internet (all ages)		12.3%	7.3%
% households without a computer (all ages)		7.0%	5.9%
% households with access to Broadband (all ages)		86.6%	90.1%
% households without access to the Internet (all ages)		13.4%	9.7%
Voter participation rate in 2020 election (age 18+) A2 Bridgeport (Fairfield)		71.6%	82.9% Page 2

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
COMMUNITY			
Homicide rate/100,000 persons (County)		2.8	3.1
# firearm fatalities (all ages) (County)		206	955
# 65+ deaths by suicide (County)		83	404
Age-sex adjusted 1-year mortality rate		4.5%	4.0%
TRANSPORTATION			
% householders 65+ who own a motor vehicle		73.9%	88.0%
# fatal crashes involving adult age 60+ (County)		64	349
AllTransit Score		6.90	2.79
HEALTH OUTCOMES			
FALLS			
% 65+ with hip fracture		2.8%	3.5%
PREVENTION			
% 18+ with physical exam/check-up in past year (County)		73.6%	NA
% mammography use among women age 50-74 Years (County)		80.5%	NA
% 50-75 with fecal occult blood test, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy (County)	l	78.4%	NA
% 65+ men up to date on preventive services (County)		49.5%	NA
% 65+ women up to date on preventive services (County)		44.9%	NA
NUTRITION & DIET			
% 18+ with obesity (County)		25.0%	NA
% 65+ with high cholesterol	В	74.3%	77.9%
% 18+ with cholesterol screening (County)		89.3%	NA
ORAL HEALTH			
% 18+ with annual dental exam (County)		72.4%	NA
# dentists per 100,000 persons (all ages) (County)		78.3	61.4
% 65+ with complete tooth loss (County)		6.8%	NA
CHRONIC DISEASE			
% 65+ with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias	W	17.5%	13.9%
% 65+ with anemia	W	53.4%	49.2%
% 65+ with asthma		16.0%	14.1%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation	В	11.9%	15.5%
% 65+ with benign prostatic hyperplasia (men)		42.3%	44.0%
% 65+ with breast cancer (women)	В	7.6%	11.8%
% 65+ with cataract	В	53.7%	61.5%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease	W	39.0%	32.8%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		20.8%	19.6%
% 65+ with colon cancer		3.0%	2.4%
% 65+ with congestive heart failure	W	24.3%	21.0%
% 65+ with diabetes	W	44.2%	31.8%
% 65+ with endometrial cancer (women)		2.0%	2.3%
% 65+ with fibromyalgia, chronic pain, and fatigue		37.0%	34.8%
% 65+ with glaucoma		26.1%	26.4%
% 65+ ever had a heart attack		5.0%	4.3%
% 65+ with HIV/AIDS		0.39%	0.28%
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HEALTH OUTCOMES	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
CHRONIC DISEASE	Julio Tuto		
% 65+ with hypertension		75.2%	74.2%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease		40.4%	39.1%
% 65+ with liver disease		13.4%	11.6%
% 65+ with lung cancer		1.8%	2.0%
% 65+ with migraine and other chronic headache		6.8%	7.1%
% 65+ with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis	В	51.2%	55.7%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		19.0%	20.2%
% 65+ with peripheral vascular disease	W	22.9%	19.1%
% 65+ with pressure ulcer or chronic ulcer	W	11.8%	9.1%
% 65+ with prostate cancer (men)	В	10.8%	13.4%
% 65+ with stroke		13.0%	11.5%
% 65+ with 4+ (out of 15) chronic conditions		63.7%	61.6%
% 65+ with 0 chronic conditions	В	10.3%	7.7%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH		10.070	,
# drug overdose deaths (all ages) (County)		993	5,902
% 65+ with substance use disorder	W	13.0%	8.3%
% 18+ excessive drinking (County)	**	15.1%	N/
% 65+ with tobacco use disorder	W	15.7%	11.5%
% 18+ current smokers (County)	**	11.1%	N/
MENTAL HEALTH		11.170	1.0
% 18+ with 14+ days poor mental health (County)		12.9%	N.A
% 65+ with depression		33.9%	32.3%
% 65+ with anxiety disorder		29.5%	30.9%
% 65+ with post-traumatic stress disorder		3.0%	2.0%
% 65+ with schizophrenia & other psychotic disorder	W	8.6%	4.2%
LIVING WITH DISABILITY	v v	0.076	4.2 /
% 65+ with self-reported hearing difficulty		11.2%	11.4%
% 65+ with self-reported vision difficulty		5.5%	4.8%
% 65+ with self-reported cognition difficulty		9.2%	7.2%
% 65+ with self-reported ambulatory difficulty		25.8%	17.8%
% 65+ with self-reported self-care difficulty		10.2%	6.9%
% 65+ with self-reported independent living difficulty		17.2%	12.7%
CAREGIVING			00
# of Alzheimer's support groups		0	29
% grandparents raising grandchildren		0.62%	0.73%

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ACCESS TO CARE % 65+ dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid % 65+ Medicare managed care enrollees % 18-64 who lack health insurance (County) # of primary care providers # of hospitals # of home health agencies # of skilled nursing facilities # of community health centers # of adult day health centers SERVICE UTILIZATION	*	51.9% 59.0% 8.0% 16 0 1 0 1 16 16	22.5% 50.1% NA 4,547 36 80 202 27 388 38
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# of community health centers # of adult day health centers	*	16	388
# of adult day health centers	*		
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SEDVICE LITH IZATION	*		
SERVICE UTILIZATION	*		
# physician visits per year		7.3	8.4
# emergency room visits/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	828.8	586.6
# Part D monthly prescription fills per person annually	*	56.5	52.1
# home health visits annually		3.8	3.1
# durable medical equipment claims annually		2.4	2.0
# inpatient hospital stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	339.3	241.8
% Medicare inpatient hospital readmissions (as % of admissions)	*	26.3%	17.6%
# skilled nursing facility stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	127.0	89.9
# skilled nursing home Medicare beds/1000 persons 65+ years		0.0	37.1
% 65+ getting Medicaid long term services and supports	*	10.7%	4.4%
% 65+ hospice users	*	2.0%	2.6%
% 65+ hospice users as % of decedents	*	32.2%	42.4%
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TECHNICAL NOTES

*For more information on data sources, measures, and methodology used in the 2025 Connecticut 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.
- Housing: ACS, 2018-2022; CT.gov, 2023.
- Cost of Living: Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging at the University of Massachusetts Boston, 2023.
- Economic: ACS, 2018-2022.
- Wellness: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)), 2020-2021.
- Community: AARP, 2023; ACS, 2018-2022; CDC WONDER, 2016-2020; The CMS Master Beneficiary Summary File ABCD/Other (CMS), 2020-2021; CT.gov, 2023; CT State Library, 2023; CT Secretary of State, 2023; NECHE, 2023; OLLI, 2023; U.S. EPA Air Compare, 2023.
- Transportation: ACS, 2018-2022; AllTransit™, 2023; NHTSA, 2018-2022.
- Falls: CMS, 2020-2021.
- Prevention: BRFSS, 2020-2021.
- Nutrition/Diet: BRFSS, 2020-2021; CMS, 2020-2021.
- Oral Health: BRFSS, 2020-2021; HRSA, 2023.
- Chronic Disease: CMS, 2020-2021.
- Behavioral Health: BRFSS, 2020-2021; CDC WONDER 2016-2020; CMS, 2020-2021.
- Mental Health: BRFSS, 2020-2021; CMS, 2020-2021.
- Living with Disability: ACS, 2018-2022.
- Caregiving: ACS, 2018-2022; Alzheimer's Association, 2023.
- Access to Care: BRFSS, 2020-2021; CMS, 2020-2021; Connecticut Association of Adult Day Services, 2023; HRSA, 2023; Medicare.gov, 2023.
- Service Utilization: CMS, 2020-2021.

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