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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	County rate is significantly different than State rate	COUNTY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
Total population all ages		28,419	2,981,835
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		22.4%	22.3%
Total population 60 years or older		6,354	663,581
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		16.3%	15.9%
Total population 65 years or older		4,643	474,270
% 65-74 years		64.1%	59.7%
% 75-84 years	*	24.7%	29.4%
% 85 years or older		11.2%	10.1%
% 65+ population who are female		55.5%	56.5%
% 85+ population who are female	*	81.8%	67.4%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White		76.8%	70.9%
% African American	*	22.7%	26.9%
% Other race(s)		0.5%	2.2%
% Hispanic/Latino		0.6%	1.0%
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married		53.8%	53.1%
% divorced/separated		10.7%	14.5%
% widowed		32.9%	27.1%
% never married	*	2.6%	5.3%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education		23.0%	20.1%
% with high school or some college		59.0%	58.7%
% with college degree	*	7.0%	11.8%
% with graduate or professional degree		11.0%	9.4%
% of 65+ population who speak only English at home		99.2%	97.8%
% of 65+ population who are veterans of military service		13.7%	15.8%
Life expectancy at birth		74.8	74.6

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	BETTER / WORSE STATE RATE	COUNTY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
COVID-19			
Total COVID-19 cases since March 2020		7,355	797,161
COVID-19 mortality rate per 100,000 people		503.2	417.1
% of county received at least one vaccine dose		47.0%	53.7%
% of county fully vaccinated		43.0%	48.9%
WELLNESS			
% 60+ getting the recommended hours of sleep		65.5%	59.9%
% 60+ doing any physical activity within last month		53.3%	61.3%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for muscle-strengthening activity		18.3%	19.0%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for aerobic physical activity		36.6%	39.8%
% 60+ with fair or poor health status		34.2%	32.5%
% 60+ with 15+ physically unhealthy days in last month		24.1%	18.7%
FALLS			
% 60+ who fell within last year		30.8%	27.8%
% 60+ who were injured in a fall within last year		11.9%	10.6%
PREVENTION			
% 60+ with physical exam/check-up in last year		86.6%	89.0%
% 60+ had flu shot in last year		59.0%	57.6%
% 60+ had pneumonia vaccine		58.3%	58.9%
% 60+ had shingles vaccine		21.7%	24.4%
% 60+ women with a mammogram within last 2 years		62.4%	71.0%
% 60+ with colorectal cancer screening		52.6%	57.1%
% 60+ with HIV test		19.8%	20.8%
% 60+ met CDC preventive health screening goals		27.3%	26.2%
CHRONIC DISEASE			
% 65+ with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias		10.7%	12.9%
% 65+ with arthritis		32.1%	39.8%
% 65+ with asthma		3.0%	3.7%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation		11.3%	8.9%
% 65+ with cancer (breast, colorectal, lung, prostate)		9.2%	8.8%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease		33.4%	25.3%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)		13.8%	12.6%
% 65+ with diabetes		30.7%	30.7%
% 65+ with high cholesterol		50.4%	48.9%
% 65+ with heart failure		17.8%	16.1%
% 65+ with hypertension		68.0%	67.9%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease		37.9%	31.9%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		4.7%	6.4%
% 65+ with stroke		5.1%	4.4%

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	BETTER / WORSE STATE RATE	COUNTY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
NUTRITION & DIET			
% 60+ with 5 or more servings of fruits or vegetables per day		9.9%	11.1%
% 60+ self-reported obese		34.4%	36.0%
% 60+ with cholesterol screening		95.0%	94.7%
ORAL HEALTH			
% 60+ with annual dental exam		62.2%	56.3%
# of dentists per 100,000 persons (all ages)		21.0	42.1
% 60+ with loss of 6 or more teeth		46.0%	45.8%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
# of drug overdose deaths (all ages)		38	2,137
% 60+ current smokers		14.6%	13.1%
% 65+ with alcohol abuse disorder		1.1%	1.3%
% 65+ with drug abuse/substance abuse disorder		1.6%	2.6%
MENTAL HEALTH			
% 60+ with 15+ days poor mental health in last month		9.2%	9.8%
% 65+ with depression		13.5%	16.4%
% 65+ with schizophrenia & other psychotic disorder		1.4%	2.2%
LIVING WITH DISABILITY			
% 65+ with self-reported hearing difficulty		15.0%	15.5%
% 65+ with self-reported vision difficulty	*	3.1%	8.7%
% 65+ with self-reported cognition difficulty		8.4%	11.2%
% 65+ with self-reported ambulatory difficulty	*	21.1%	28.0%
% 65+ with self-reported self-care difficulty	*	6.5%	10.2%
% 65+ with self-reported independent living difficulty	*	10.7%	17.3%
CAREGIVING			
% of grandparents raising grandchildren		2.5%	2.4%
% of grandparents who live with grandchildren		7.0%	4.7%
ACCESS TO CARE			
% 60+ with a regular doctor		84.1%	92.0%
% 60+ who did not see a doctor when needed due to cost		8.6%	8.6%
# of primary care providers in county		13	3,571
# of rural health care centers in county		0	191
# of hospitals in county		0	101
# of home health agencies in county		0	45
# of nursing homes in county		1	204
# of community health centers in county		0	20
# of adult day health centers in county		0	8
# of hospice agencies in county		0	94

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	BETTER / WORSE STATE RATE	COUNTY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
COMMUNITY			
Particulate matter PM2.5		N/A	9.1
Ozone		N/A	0.361
Air pollution: annual # of unhealthy days for 65+		N/A	N/A
Age-friendly efforts in county		Not yet	Not yet
# of senior centers in county		1	115
% households that have smartphone (all ages)	*	10.4%	15.3%
% households without computer (all ages)		15.3%	13.5%
% households with access to Broadband (all ages)		76.0%	75.8%
% households without access to Internet (all ages)		23.4%	23.9%
Voter participation rate in 2020 presidential election (age 18+)		67.7%	61.2%
SAFETY & CRIME			
Homicide rate/100,000 persons		9.8	14.1
# firearm fatalities (all ages)		29	3,428
# 60+ deaths by suicide		0	562
TRANSPORTATION			
% 65+ who own a motor vehicle		95.3%	91.5%
% 60+ who always drive or ride wearing a seatbelt		92.0%	89.6%
# of fatal crashes involving adult age 60+		11	780
HOUSING			
% 65+ population who live alone	*	21.8%	28.1%
Average household size (all ages)		2.5	2.6
Median house value	*	\$139,300	\$125,500
% 60+ who own home		84.2%	82.7%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage		39.9%	32.1%
% 65+ households(renter) who spend >35% of income on housing		34.8%	33.5%
% 65+ households(owner) who spend >35% of income on housing		15.8%	15.2%
ECONOMIC			
% 60+ receiving food benefits in last year		7.6%	11.4%
% 65+ employed in last year		18.8%	15.6%
% 65+ with income below the poverty line in last year		9.0%	12.8%
65+ median household income		\$43,179	\$36,653
% 65+ households with annual income < \$20,000	*	17.1%	27.4%
% 65+ households with annual income \$20,000-\$49,999		38.6%	35.5%
% 65+ households with annual income \$50,000-\$99,999		29.9%	24.6%
% 65+ households with annual income \$100,000+		14.3%	12.5%

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	RATIO OF COUNTY TO STATE	\$ COUNTY ESTIMATE	\$ STATE ESTIMATE
Elder Index: COST OF LIVING			
Single, homeowner without mortgage, good health	0.99	\$20,640	\$20,760
Single, renter, good health	0.99	\$23,652	\$23,892
Couple, homeowner without mortgage, good health	0.99	\$32,844	\$33,264
Couple, renter, good health	0.99	\$35,856	\$36,396

TECHNICAL NOTES

**See our technical report for more information on data sources, measures, and methodology. For most indicators the county and state values are estimates derived from sample data. Thus, it is possible that some of the differences between state and county estimates may be due to chance associated with population sampling. We use the terms “Better” and “Worse” to highlight differences between county and state estimates that we are confident are not due to chance. “Better” is used where a higher/lower value has positive implications for the health of older residents. “Worse” is used where a higher/lower score has negative implications for the health of older people, and when the implication is unclear, we use an *. 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 2016-2020) & Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2020).*
- *COVID-19: Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH; 2022).*
- *Wellness, Falls, Prevention: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS; 2013-2020), & Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Area Health Resources Files (AHRF; 2022).*
- *Chronic Disease: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Select Chronic Conditions Database (2018).*
- *Nutrition/Diet, Oral Health: BRFSS (2013-2020) & Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Area Health Resources Files (AHRF; 2022).*
- *Behavioral Health, Mental Health: BRFSS (2013-2020), CMS (2018), & MSDH (2022).*
- *Living with Disability: ACS (2016-2020).*
- *Caregiving: ACS (2016-2020).*
- *Access to Care: BRFSS (2013-2020), CMS (2018), National Adult Day Service Association (June 2022), Community Health Center (Association of Mississippi; June 2022).*
- *Community: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, 2020), BRFSS (2013-2020), ACS (2016-2020), AARP, & State of Mississippi (May 2022).*
- *Safety & Crime: CDC WONDER (2016-2020).*
- *Transportation: BRFSS (2013-2020), ACS (2016-2020), & Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS; 2016-2020).*
- *Housing & Economic: ACS (2016-2020).*
- *Elder Index: Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging at the University of Massachusetts Boston (2022).*

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