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This report describes the characteristics of the county’s 60-plus population in 2010, and changes that have occurred since 2000. This chart book also includes population characteristics such as education, income level, marital status, and living arrangement that are shown to be associated with the need for long-term services and supports. There are also charts that compare the older population of the county to the state as a whole.

In addition, the projected size of the 60+ population for 2015-2030 and those expected to experience physical and/or cognitive disability are included. These projections are intended to assist planners, decisions makers, and service providers in preparing for the aging population, particularly those who will likely need assistance.

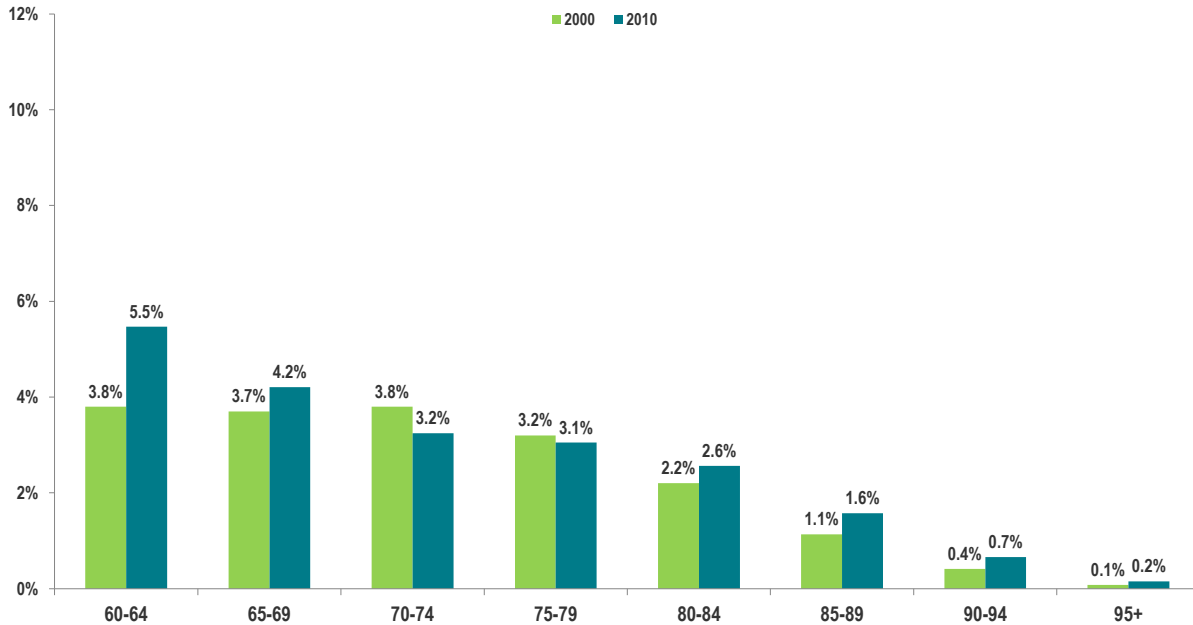
**Profile of 60+ Population**

	2000	2010	Ohio (2010)	U.S. (2010)
Total Population	7,478	8,537	2,287,424	57,085,908
Percent of Population Age 60+	18.0	20.9	19.8	18.5
Percent at or Below Poverty	10.6	9.7	11.8	11.7
Median Income	\$15,440	\$19,800	\$20,320	\$20,152
Percent White	98.3	97.7	88.7	78.7
Percent Married	66.0	65.7	57.5	57.7
Percent with High School Diploma Or Higher Education	70.31	79.41	79.34	79.7
Percent Having Grandchildren Living at Home	1.23	1.43	3.61	5.43
Percent of 65+ Medicaid Recipient	--	17.9	10.4	8.8

Source: United States Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. American Community Survey (ACS): Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), 2006-2010.

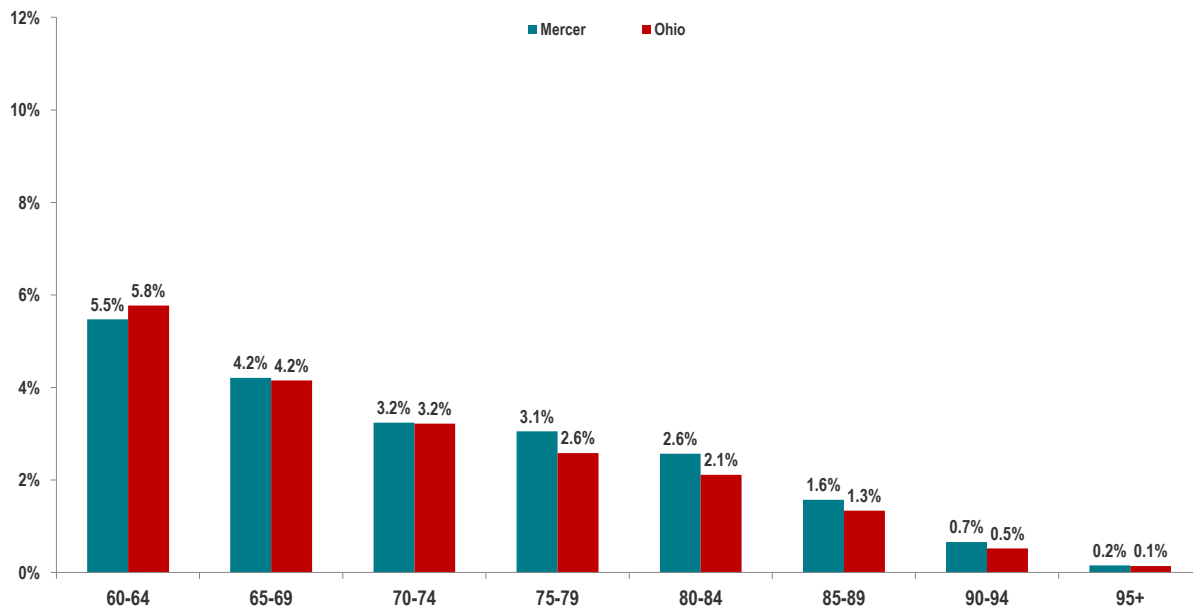
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60+ Population as a Percentage of County Total Population  
by Age Group, 2000 - 2010



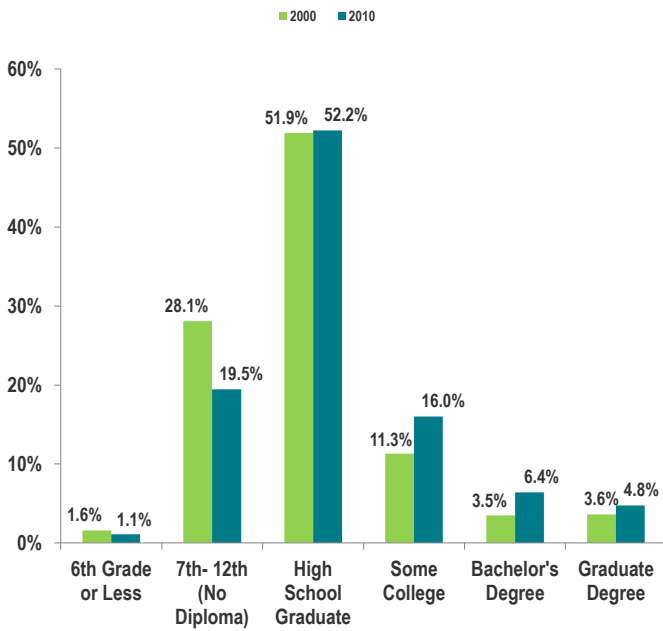
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60+ Population as a Percentage of Total Population  
by Age Group for County and Ohio, 2010

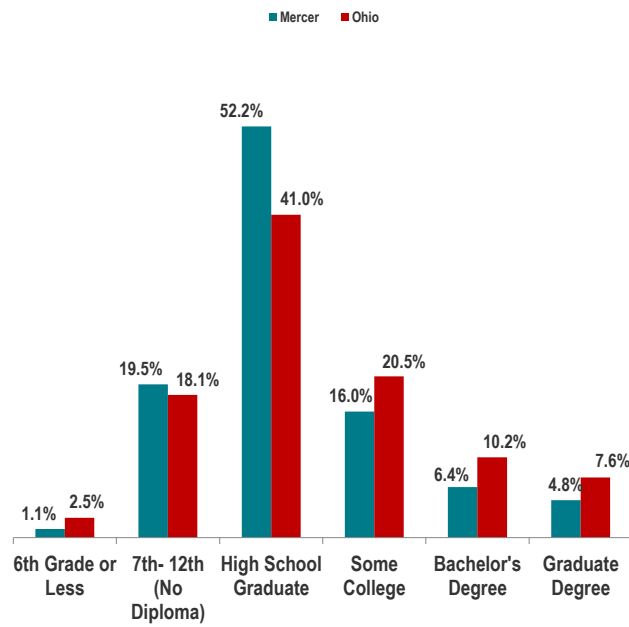


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Distribution of 60+ Population by Education  
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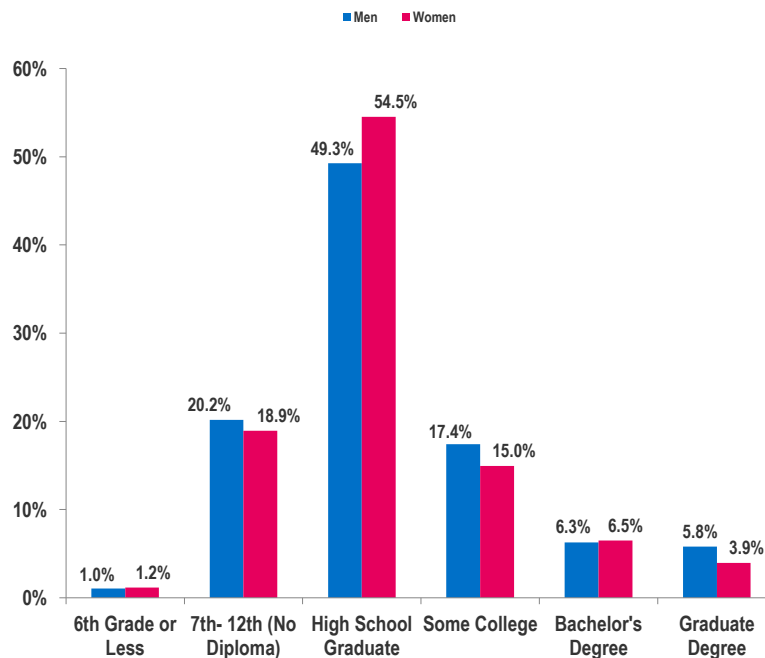


Distribution of 60+ Population by Education  
County and Ohio, 2010



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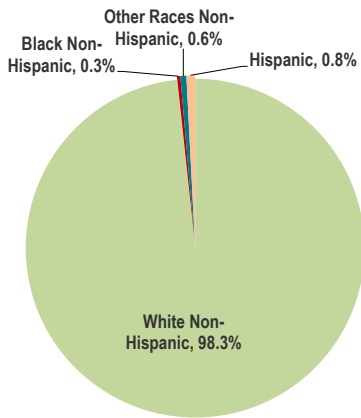
Distribution of 60+ Population by Education and Gender  
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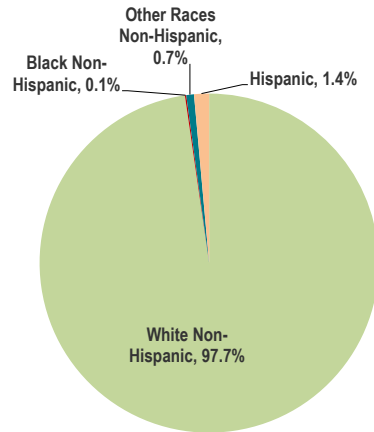
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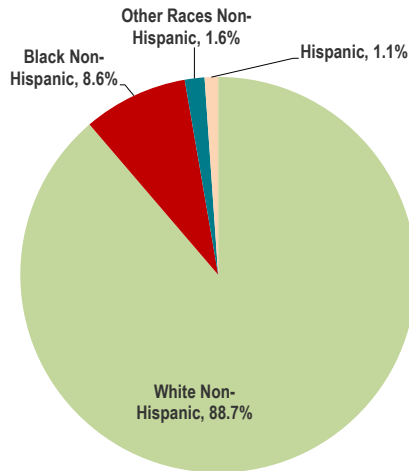
County 60+ Population by Race, 2000



County 60+ Population by Race, 2010



Ohio 60+ Population by Race, 2010



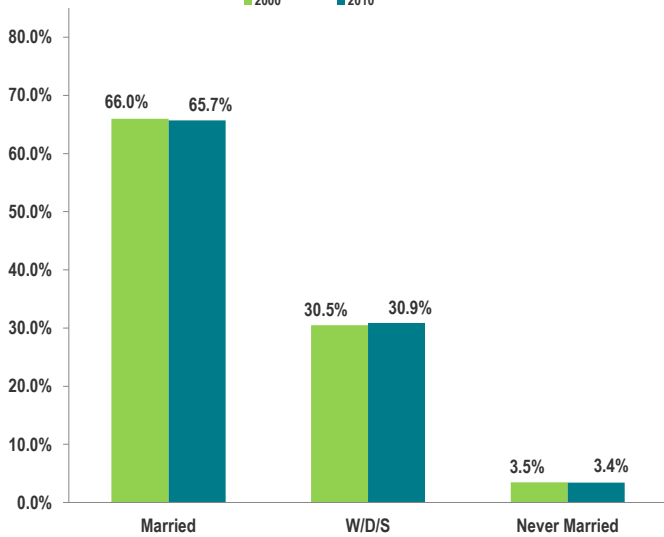
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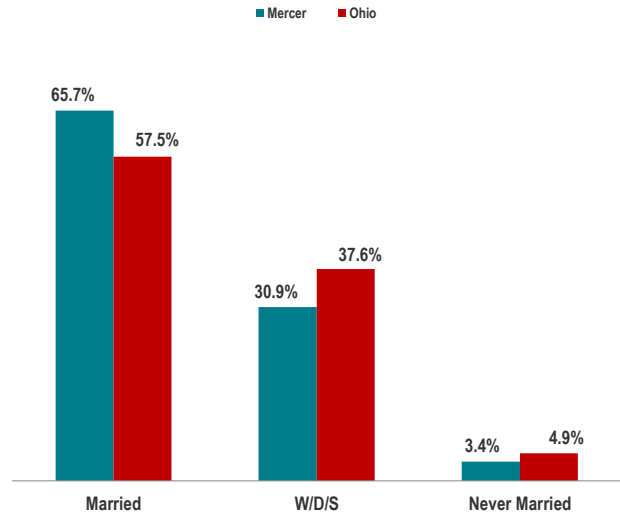
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**Distribution of 60+ Population by Marital Status  
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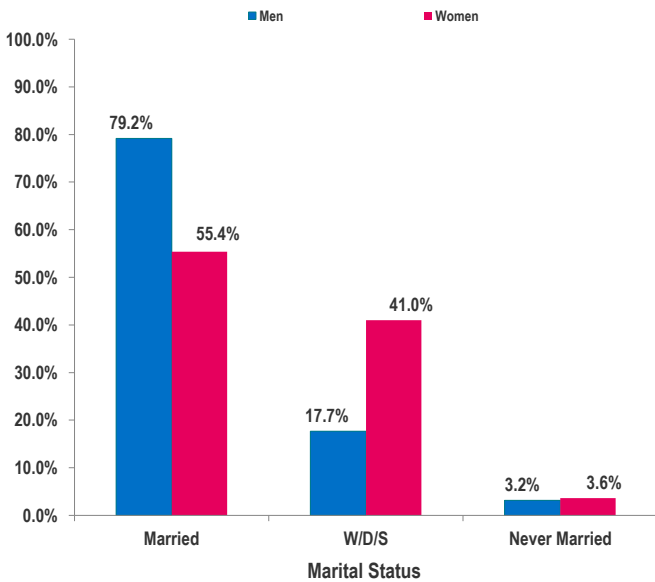


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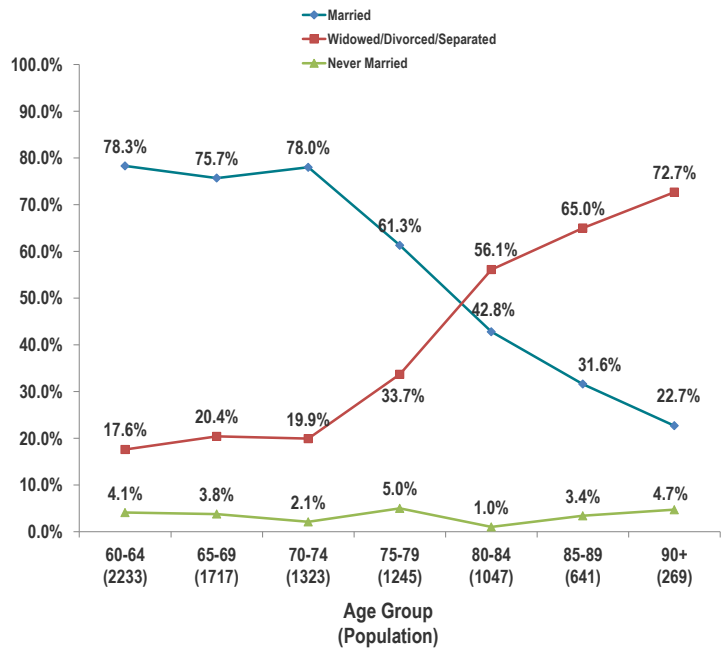


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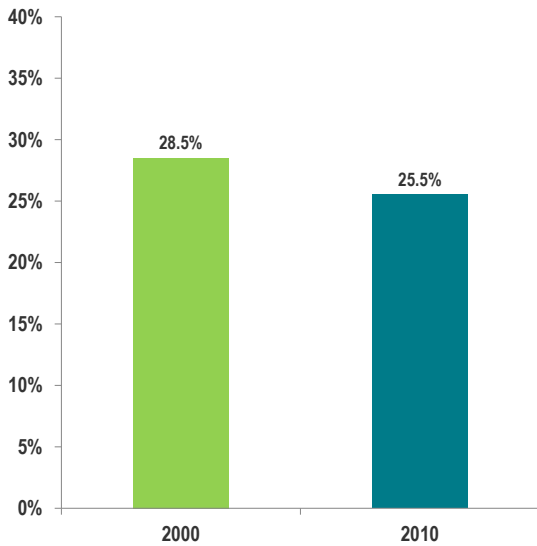


**Distribution of 60+ Population by Marital Status and Age  
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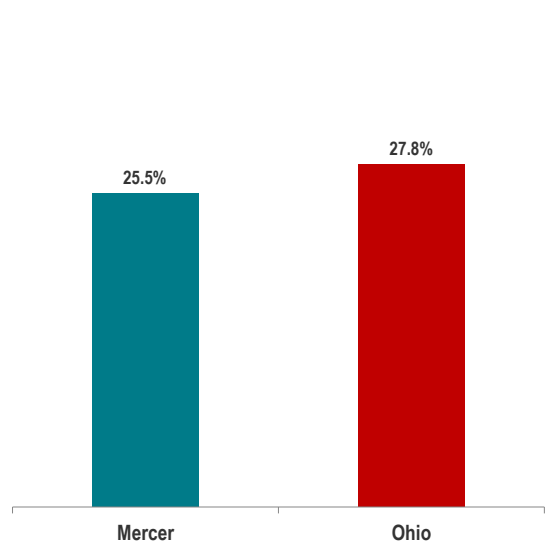


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Proportion of 60+ Population Who Live Alone, 2000 - 2010

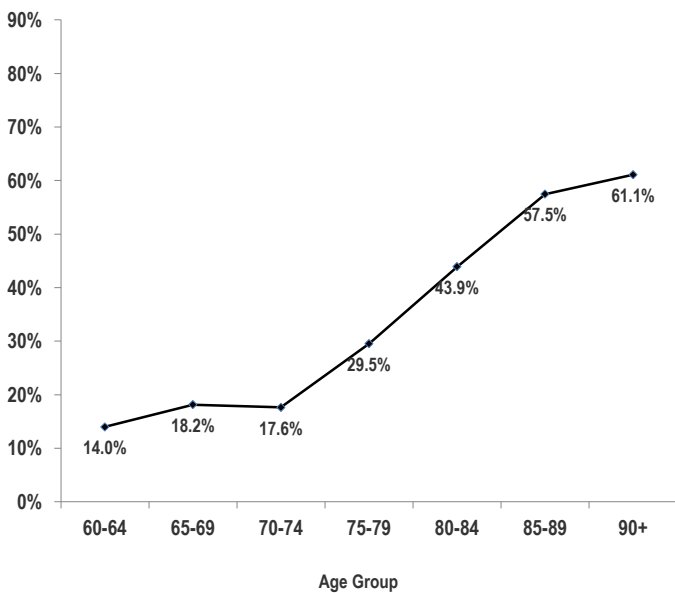


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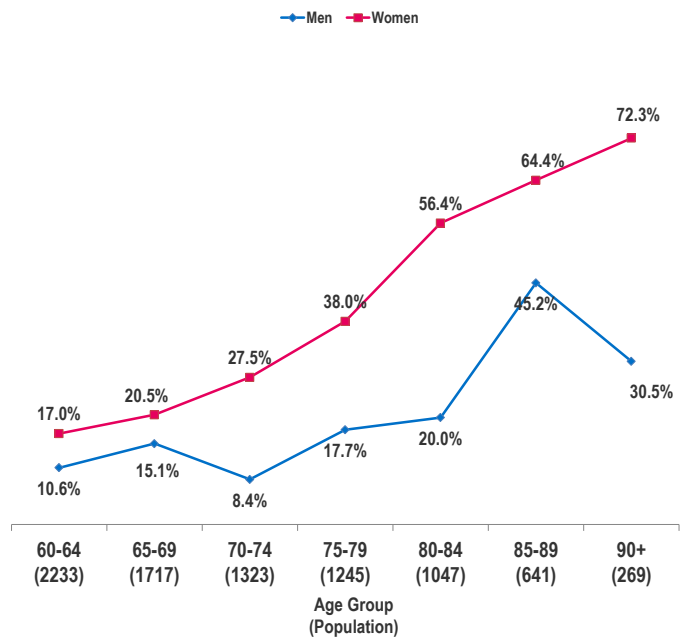


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Proportion of 60+ Population Who Live Alone by Age Group, 2010



Proportion of 60+ Population Who Live Alone by Gender and Age Group, 2010



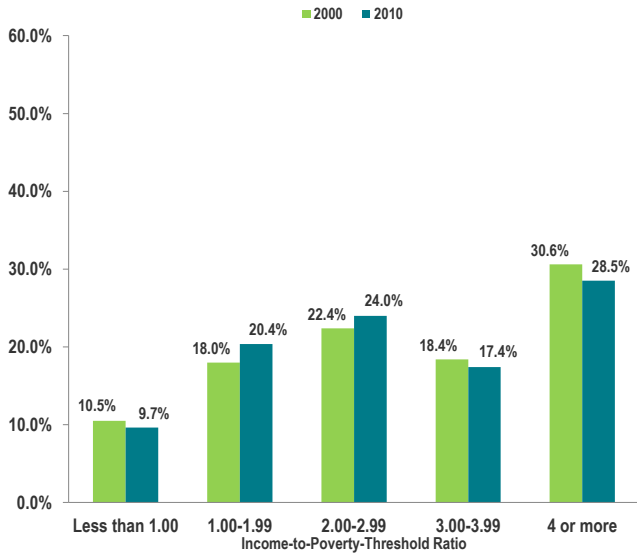
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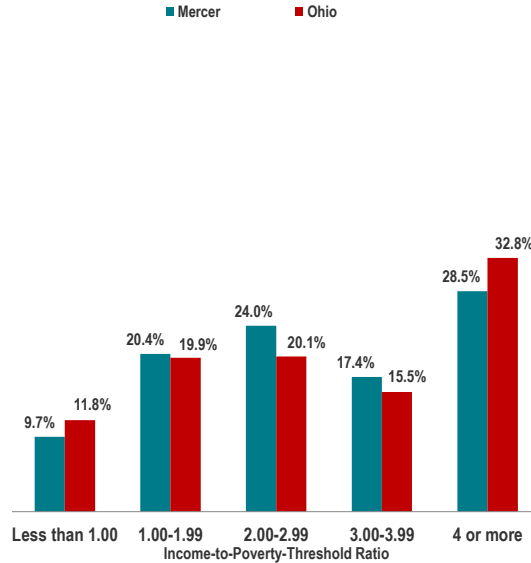
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Distribution of 60+ Population by Income-to-Poverty-Threshold Ratio, 2000 and 2010



Distribution of 60+ Population by Income-to Poverty-Threshold Ratio, 2010



Persons in family	Poverty Guideline (65 and older)	Poverty Guideline (Younger than 65)
1	\$ 11,344.00	\$ 10,458.00
2	\$ 14,676.00	\$ 13,194.00
3	\$ 17,374.00	\$ 17,374.00
4	\$ 22,314.00	\$ 22,314.00
5	\$ 26,439.00	\$ 26,439.00
6	\$ 29,897.00	\$ 29,897.00

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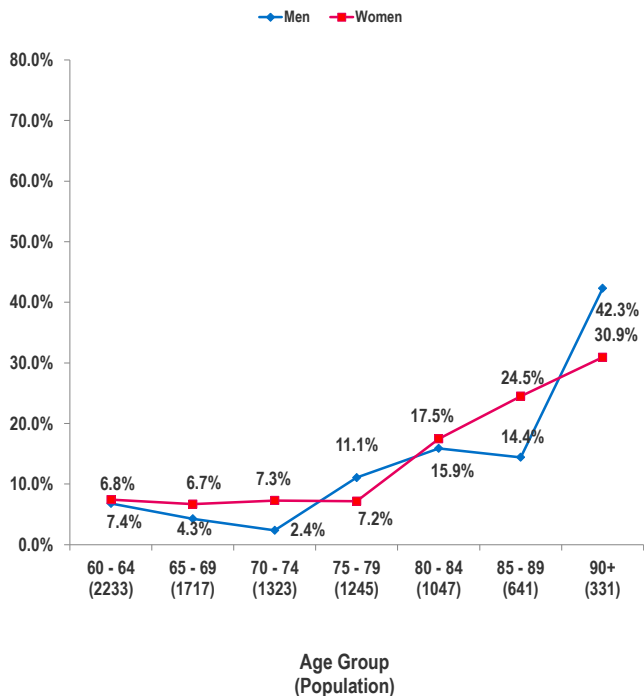
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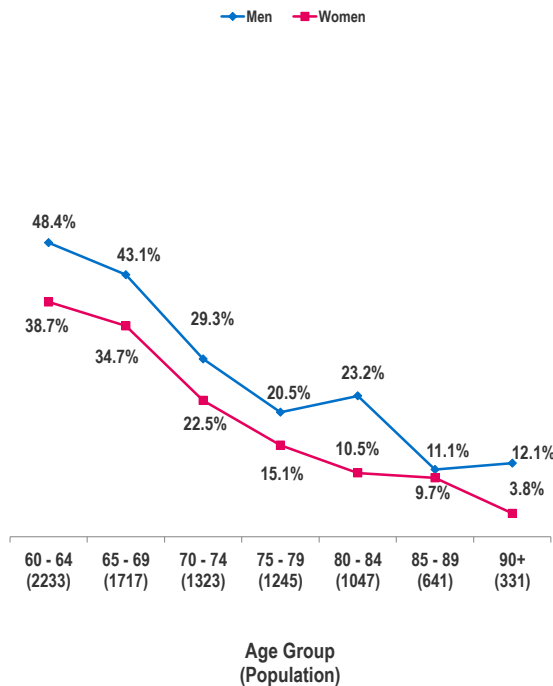
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Proportion of County's 60+ Population at or Below Poverty Threshold Income by Gender and Age Group, 2010

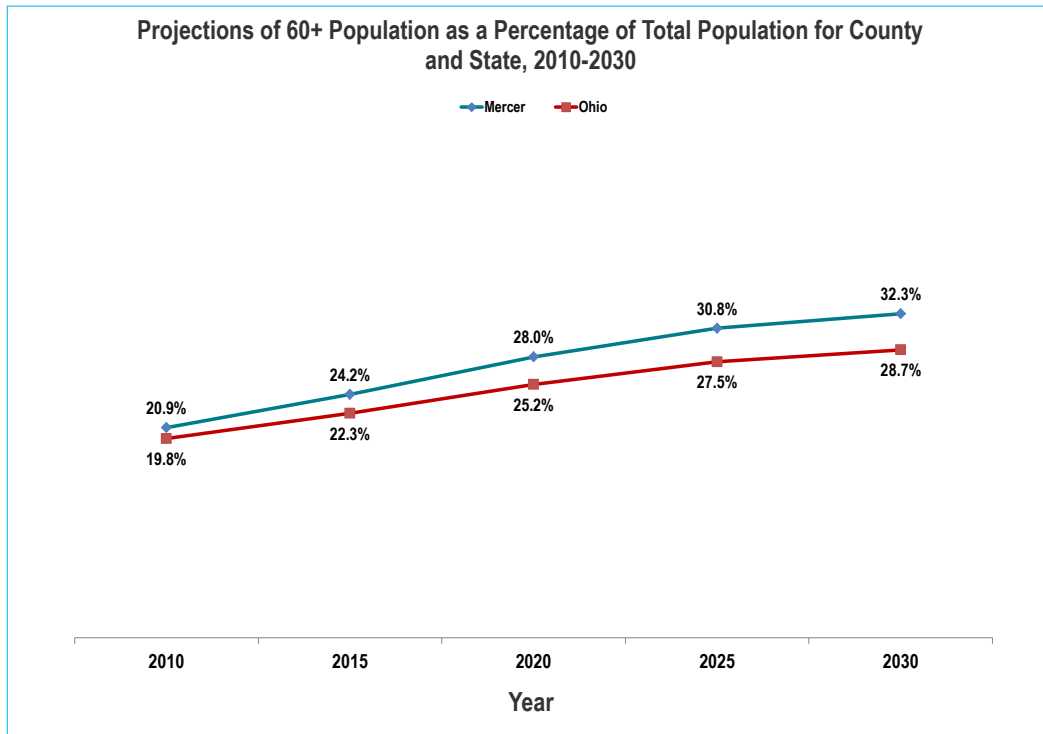


Proportion of 60+ Population at 4 or More Times Poverty Threshold Income by Gender and Age Group, 2010



In 2010, about 10% of the 60+ population in Mercer County had an annual income at or below the poverty level (about \$11,000 for an individual 65 and older). More than 20% lived between poverty and two times the poverty income level (between \$11,344 and about \$22,700). Compared to the state as a whole, a higher percentage of Mercer County's 60+ population had incomes below three times the poverty threshold (54.1% v. 51.8%), and a lower percentage of its older population had incomes in the highest category of at least four times the poverty threshold (28.5% v. 32.8%). Poverty is more prevalent among older women in Mercer County: Within nearly all age groups, the percentage of older women in poverty equals or exceeds that of men. On the other hand, a lower percentage of women had income four or more times poverty threshold income at every age compared to men.

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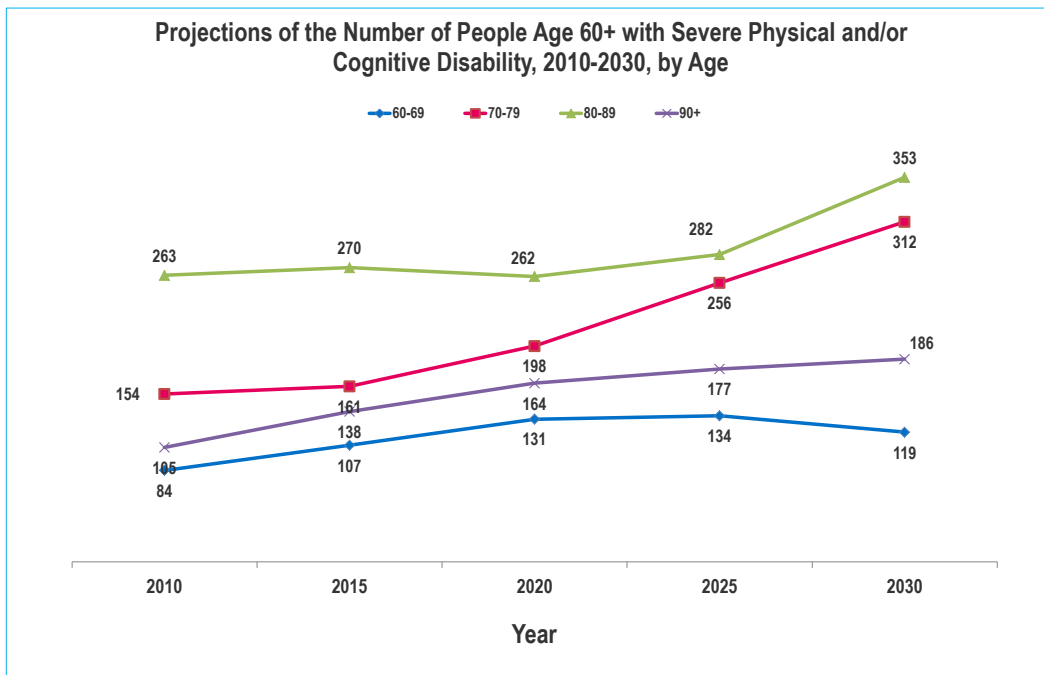


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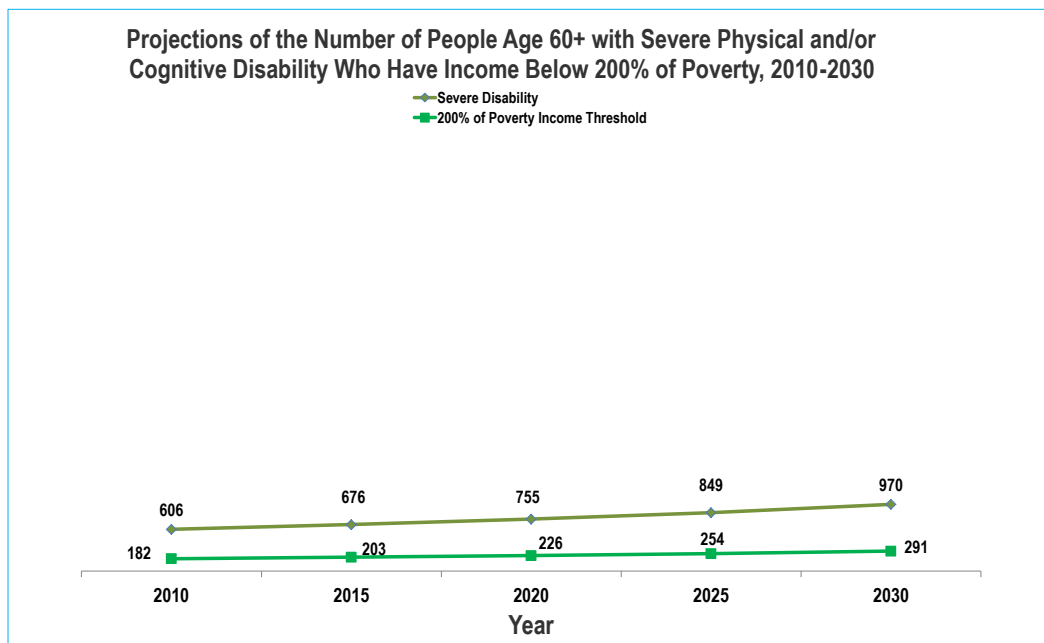
**County Projected 60+ Population with Physical and/or Cognitive Disability, 2010-2030**

Year	Total 60+ Population	Severe Physical and/or Cognitive Disability		Moderate Physical and/or Cognitive Disability	
		Number	Percentage of 60+ Population	Number	Percentage of 60+ Population
2010	8,537	606	7.1%	298	3.5%
2015	9,973	676	6.8%	335	3.4%
2020	11,560	755	6.5%	381	3.3%
2025	12,775	849	6.6%	429	3.4%
2030	13,363	970	7.3%	470	3.5%

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## Summary

This presentation of county population trends reveals important indicators of current and future need for long-term services and supports. The county's population is aging; the share of the population that is 60 years and older will continue to grow over the next 20 years. A higher proportion of the older population experiences poverty, compared to other adults. In addition, those at very advanced ages are mostly women who have outlived their spouses and most likely live alone. The combination of lower income, living alone and higher prevalence of disability among older women are all contributors to the need for long-term services and supports.

