



The State of Aging Kentucky - Present

Project Start up Retreat
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Kentucky Rankings

- 27th in the proportion of population over the age of 65. By 2025, it is anticipated to move 13 places up, to 14th.
- In the 85 and over population, KY will move down from 31st in 2000 to 40th in 2025.
- 9th nationally, in terms of economic growth between 1935 and 2002.
- 46th nationally, in the number of HECM (Home Equity Conversion Mortgages), totaling only 154, or 0.6 loans originated per 1000 elderly homeowners.
- 5th highest in the country in 2001 for clinically diagnosed hypertension. From 1993 – 1995, 41.8% of Kentucky residents age 65+ had clinically diagnosed hypertension. From 1991 – 2001, the percent rose to 55.4%
- 5th in terms of the least active 65+populations, with only 38.8% reporting frequent and adequate activity.
- 4th highest percentage nationally, of the number of women over the age of 65 living alone (36.7%).
- 12th highest percentage nationally, of the number of men over the age of 65 living alone (17.8%).
- 45th, nationally, for the percentage of persons over the age of 75 with a driver's license (60.0%). KY has no special provisions for older driver's license renewals.

Other Notable Numbers

- The net internal migration of the 65+ population in KY was -1,397 between 1995 and 2000.
- Kentucky had the lowest proportion (1.7%) of state residents whose primary language was not English.
- Kentucky's aging Boomers will be more diverse, more highly educated, and wealthier than previous generations. On average, a person born in 1940 will have experienced a seven fold increase in standards of living, over 862% in their lifetime.
- In 2000, the median household income in KY was \$33,672. 20.5% of Kentuckians had graduated from college.
- Kentucky's taxes come from: 16% property tax, 21.3% from General sales tax, 33.9% from individual income tax, and 27.8% from corporate and other taxes.
- 14.2% of the 65+ population in KY lives below the poverty level. 40.7% live 200% or more below the poverty level. For the United States 9.9% are below poverty level, and 30.7% live 200% or more below the poverty level.
- Kentucky does not mandate breast, cervical, or colon cancer screening to be offered by insurers. 26 other states mandate the availability of coverage from cervical cancer, while 16 require colon cancer screening coverage.
- Kentucky does not subsidize prescription drug coverage.
- The number of additional aides needed in 2025 to maintain 2000 state ratios, will be 2,319 paraprofessionals.
- In KY, there is an estimated 35,818 grandparents caring for grandchildren.
- 81.2% of persons over the age of 65, in KY owned their homes in 2000.