Facts

DuPage County Residents

Fast Facts

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65+

Total Residents (2017)

139,305

age 65 and older

4 in 5

identify as white (non-Latino)

1 in 5

were immigrants

Cost of Living

Medicare - 94%

No health insurance – 2%

High Cholesterol – 37.8%

High Blood Pressure – 55.2%

Rheumatoid Arthritis or Osteoarthritis – 34.2%

Employment

Not in labor force – 108,567

In labor force – 30,119

1 in 4

Households make less than $29,999

1 in 4

Households make less than $44,999

Summary

The number of DuPage County residents aged 65 or older was 139,305 in 2017 (15% of total population). This age cohort is less diverse than other cohorts. Over 80% of the 65+ cohort are White (no Latino). A little more than 20% were born in a foreign country and slightly more than 1 in 10 speak English less than very well.

Expectation of full-time retirement around age 65 was not a reality for 22% of DuPage County residents in 2017. There is evidence that at least part of the driving force behind this trend is the high cost of living in DuPage County.

In DuPage County it costs $28,158 per year for a single adult to meet basic necessities and $44,038 for a two-adult household. The mean social security income ($22,907) and the mean retirement income ($34,505) are intended to meet the cost of living. As a result, older households find multiple sources of income necessary in order to survive in DuPage County. Even when households mix income sources, they can come up short — in 2017, 20,141 DuPage County households headed by an adult 65 or older, had an income less than $29,999 and 32,664 had an income less than $44,999.

Most DuPage County residents aged 65 or older have health insurance. Only 2% have no health insurance, while 94% have Medicare. The top health conditions in 2017 were hypertension (55.2%), hyperlipidemia (37.8%), and rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis (34.2%).

Cost of living data from MIT Living Wage Calculators. All population data from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey Tables (2017 1-Year Estimates). Some health data was obtained from Impact DuPage. For more information contact Research Analyst Jordan Durrett at jdurrett@dupagefederation.org.