

age **65+**



Total Residents (2017)

139,305

age 65 and older

4 in 5



identify as white (non-Latino)

1 in 5



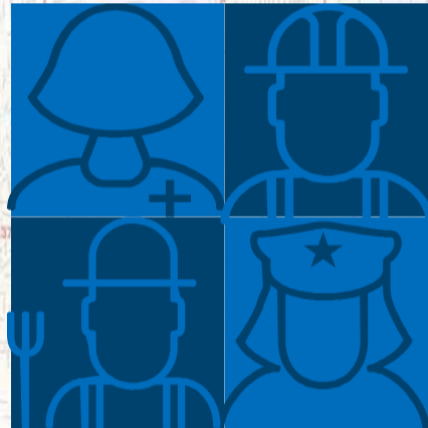
were immigrants

Cost of Living



One adult - \$28,158
Two adults - \$44,038

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



Medicare - 94%
No health insurance - 2%



High Cholesterol - 37.8%
High Blood Pressure - 55.2%
Rheumatoid Arthritis or Osteoarthritis - 34.2%

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%).