

# THE IMPACT OF SENIOR POPULATION GROWTH IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

THE POPULATION AGE 60+ GREW 74% FROM 18,610 IN 2000  
TO 32,398 IN 2010 (CENSUS)

- The Livingston County age 60+ population is increasing by an average of 1,489 each year, about 4 more seniors every day
- Livingston County will have more seniors age 60+ than school age children by 2015 and by 2040 will have almost twice as many
- There are 7 senior centers and 46 public schools in Livingston County
- The senior population is the only age group projected to grow between now and 2040

Geographic Area	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-79 years	80-84 years	85+ years	Total 60+	Total Area Population	% 60+
<b>Livingston County 2010</b>	10,754	7,950	5,066	3,488	2,649	2,491	32,398	180,967	17.9%

- 21,747 or 32% of the households in Livingston County have one or more people 60 years or over (DataDrivenDetroit)
- There are 6,287 people age 60+ in Livingston County who are living alone (29%) (DataDrivenDetroit)
- Approximately 31% of adults over 65 in Livingston County reported having a disability, defined as difficulty with vision, hearing, cognition, ambulation, self-care, or independent living (ACS S1810)
- **In 2011 4% of the 65+ population had income below the poverty level, and 10% had income below 150% of the poverty level** (ACS B17024)
- The aggregate income of households in Livingston County with a householder age 65+ is estimated to be \$805 million according to the 2011 American Community Survey. The median household income for householders age 65+ is \$52,092 (ACS B19050, ACS B19049)

SEMCOG Population Projections 60+	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
<b>Livingston County</b>	32,398	39,845	49,021	57,584	62,784	64,095	62,594

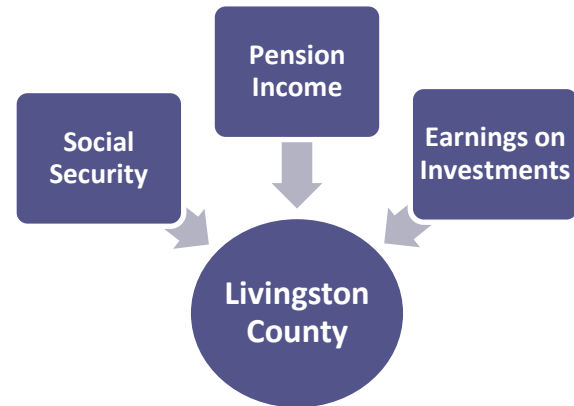
MINORITY RESIDENTS AGE 60+ GREW 103% FROM 2000 TO 2010 (CENSUS)

Livingston County	Census Population 60+	White	Black or African American	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Total Minority Population 60+	% of 2010 Census Population 60+	Hispanic or Latino **	Growth in Total 60+ Minority Population, 2000 - 2010
<b>2000</b>	18,610	18,354	44	44	60	15	93	256	1.4%	93	
<b>2010</b>	32,398	31,879	83	86	178	28	144	519	1.6%	244	
<b>Change</b>	74%	74%	89%	95%	197%	87%	55%	103%		162%	<b>103%</b>

# LIVINGSTON COUNTY DATA TOOLKIT

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- Seniors spend about 92% of their monthly income, most locally. **At that rate, they pumped approximately \$741 million into the county economy in 2011.**
- A national Kaufman Foundation survey suggests that over 11 percent of Baby Boomers plan to start their own business after retirement. This equates to more than 3,500 potential new businesses started by Livingston County baby boomers in the next 17 years.



**By 2035 ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN WILL BE A SENIOR CITIZEN, BUT AS OF 2006 ONLY 46% OF COMMUNITIES HAD BEGUN TO ADDRESS THE AGING OF THEIR POPULATION.**

**The Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment in 2008 recommended these four themes to guide strategies to meet the needs of the senior population in Livingston:**

*Active Aging*

*Aging in Place*

*Community Engaging Seniors*

*Community Infrastructure and Supports*

## 100 RETIREES WILL YIELD BENEFIT FOR ALL

- \$4 million more spent in the local economy annually
- \$1.4 million more spent on healthcare annually, creating well-paying jobs
- 82 more homes purchased and occupied
- The personal income impact would be equal to creating 134 new UAW jobs

### Challenge:

80% of adults age 65 and older have at least one chronic health condition; 50% have at least two. In addition, 20% of seniors suffer from depression, and at least 31% do not participate in leisure time physical activities. (CDC, DHHS)

### Opportunity:

Support active lifestyles among residents that feature health information, virtual wellness center, age-appropriate fitness environment, and socialization destination of choice

### Challenge:

Adults live on average 7 to 10 years beyond their ability to drive. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

### Opportunity:

Develop viable options as seniors transition to alternative transportation in a way that is easy to access, easy to use, reliable, and appealing to the senior and their family.

### Challenge:

Approximately 70% of seniors will spend the rest of their life in the place where they celebrated their 65th birthday. (seniorresources.com)

### Opportunity:

Develop programs that support affordable home modification and maintenance services.

**Retirees generally provide \$4 in revenue for every \$3 they cost in government services, according to University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business economist David Denslow**