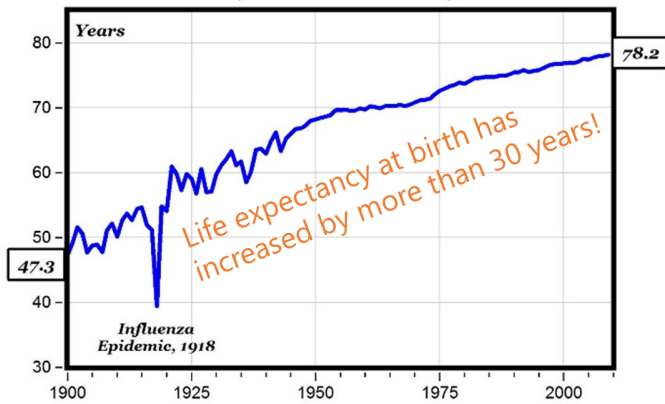


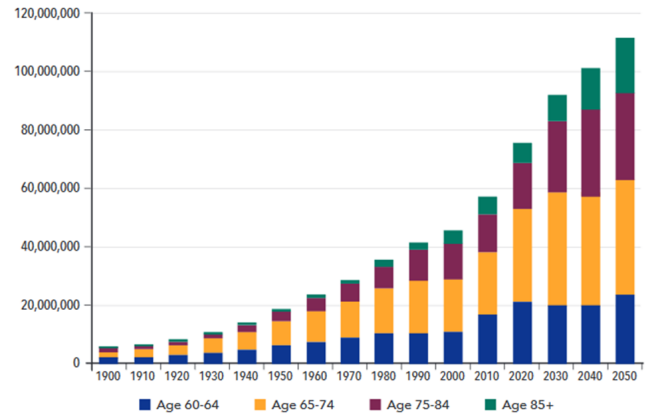
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U.S. Life Expectancy at Birth 1900 to 2009



Centers for Disease Control report (March 2011)

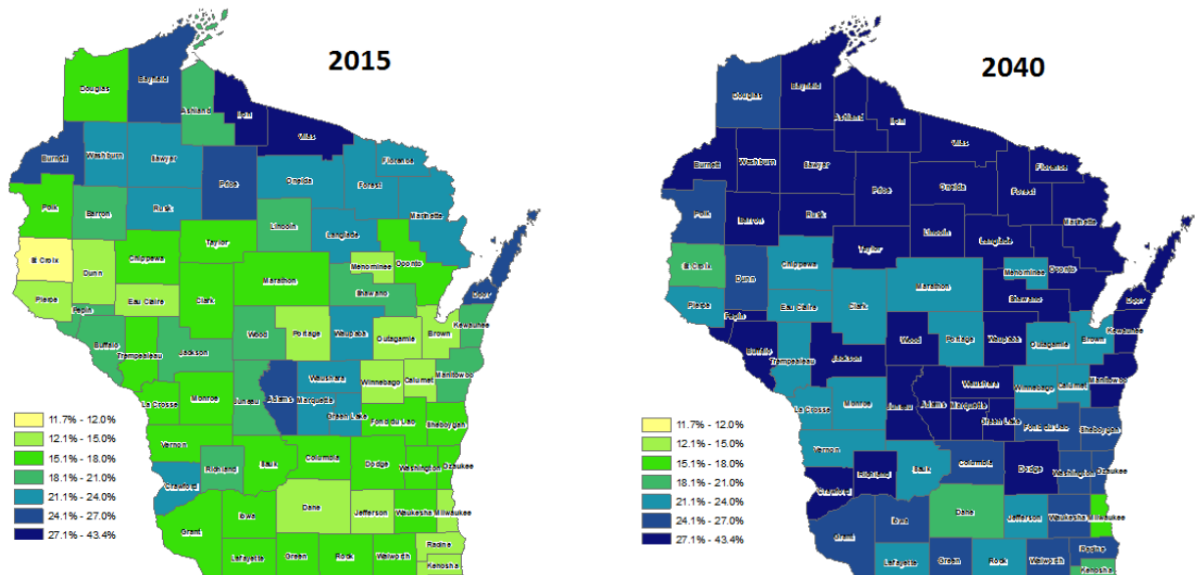
Population 60+ by Age: 1900-2050



Fiscal Times (May, 2017)

Wisconsin Change in Age Over Time: 2015 to 2040

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(Source: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dementia/demographics.htm>)

## Creating Aging-Friendly Communities: Facilitation Guide (<https://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/aging/tools/>)

This facilitation guide helps UW-Extension educators inform communities about this important issue and assist communities in self-assessing their aging-friendliness. The end goal is to catalyze and support the creation of aging-friendly communities throughout the state. It helps users understand:

- What are the key attributes or characteristics of “aging-friendly communities?”
- How can you tell whether a community offers a supportive environment for persons of all ages, including those who are elderly?
- How can a community measure or assess the extent to which it is aging-friendly?



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## Thirteen categories for the Aging-Friendly Communities Survey

1. Housing
2. Transportation and Accessibility, and Parking
3. Sidewalks and Pedestrian Crossings
4. Community and Health Care Services
5. Family Caregiving
6. Nutrition and Wellness
7. Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning
8. Employment and Workforce Development
9. Public Safety and Emergency Planning
10. Respect and Inclusion
11. Community Connectedness: Civic Engagement and Volunteer Opportunities
12. Taxation, Finance and Protection against Fraud
13. Community Leadership and Intergenerational Collaboration

### Are You Ready?

#### Preparing to Engage the Community

Each community has different needs and goals. As you prepare for this process – whether you are approaching a county board, coalition, or other group to bring this issue to the forefront, or whether they have reached out to you to initiate this process – there are several things to consider.

- Who are you presenting to/working with, and what are their goals?
- Why does your community want to undertake this process?
- Is now the right time?
- Have they identified a champion?
- Are the right people at the table?

#### Toolkit User: Outagamie County

Caregiver Coalition (Caregiver Café Pilot) (agencies)  
Hortonville Senior Task Force (village)

#### Lessons Learned

- Needs assessments to determine how many interested in various supports: transportation and meal sites
- Empowering Volunteers
- Leadership Development
- Build it and they will come!
- BTW - food seems to draw people!



#### Time to Wake Up and ask:

1. Is your community a good place to grow up and grow old?
2. Will your community meet your needs when you are 65, 75, 85, 95...or even 105?
3. If not, what can you do now to begin to make your community a friendly and supportive environment for persons of all ages?