

Department for the Aging: Profile of Older New Yorkers An Introduction

The Profile of Older New Yorkers is a comprehensive resource for anyone interested in information at community district (CD), borough and/or city-wide levels about older New Yorkers. The Department for the Aging (DFTA) has compiled the data to provide the aging community and the general public with rich demographic information about this fastest-growing segment of the City's population and to support City and community planning.

The *Profile* is divided by borough; a summary of the data precedes each borough table and highlights borough demographics "at a glance." Column headings indicate key demographics and rows present the demographic data for each CD in the borough. For comparison, the last two rows of each table provide borough and city-wide data on the same demographics. A guide to the *Profile* on Page 2 demonstrates how to read data for a sample CD, column by column.

Among key demographic data, the *Profile* includes:

- Information about mobility and self-care impairment, including the total number of persons 60 years of age or older in the CD who are mobility and/or self-care impaired;
- New York Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) Level and the Federal Poverty Level data about poverty among older adults;
- The number of CD residents 60 years of age or older who have received Food Stamps in the past 12 months;
- Educational attainment; and
- Race/ethnicity and immigrant composition.

The *Profile* also offers accessible "at a glance" borough statistics at the beginning of each borough section.

Highlights include:

- Bronx:
 - 45% of Bronx older residents have not graduated from high school, much higher than the rate among all older New Yorkers.
 - The Bronx's ethnic make-up is significantly different than the City's overall older adult population. The borough has a smaller percentage of Asian/Pacific residents, a larger percentage of Black residents, a much higher percentage of Hispanic residents, and a much lower percentage of White residents.
- Brooklyn:
 - Almost a quarter of older persons living in Brooklyn have mobility and self-care issues, higher than for the City as a whole.
- Manhattan:
 - Based on NYC Center for Economic Opportunity data, 34% of people aged 65 and over in Manhattan live in poverty, just slightly higher than the city-wide rate.
 - More than one-third of Manhattan residents aged 60 and over are foreign born, a level notably below the city-wide figure.
- Queens:
 - Asian/Pacific residents comprise a significantly larger percentage of the older population than they do of the City's overall population.
 - Over one-half of Queens residents aged 60 and over are foreign born, which is notably above the City average.
- Staten Island:
 - 15% of older persons living in Staten Island have mobility and self-care issues, less than the percentage city-wide.

Note: All data are taken from the American Community Survey (ACS) 2005-2007, except for NYC Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) data as noted in the text.