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Committee on Aging

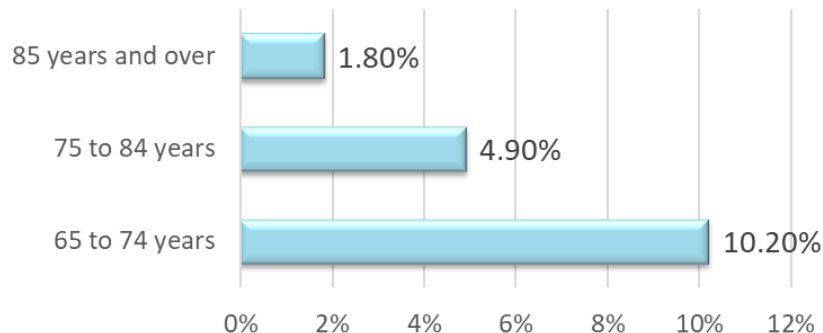
2022 Annual Report to the
Board of County Commissioners



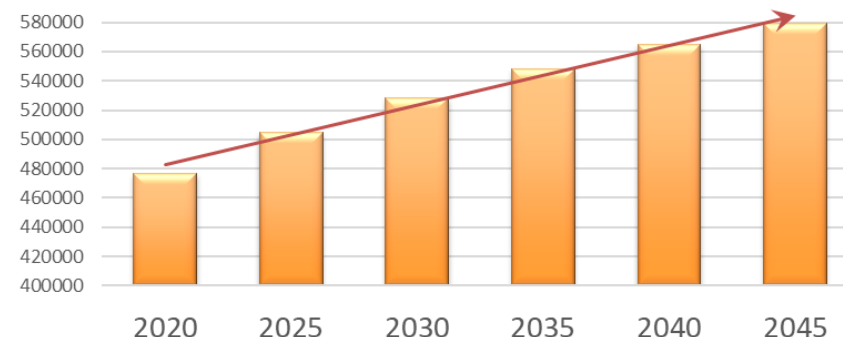


Elder Population Facts

Older Population by Age in
United States



Projected Population Growth -
Seminole County (2020 - 2045)

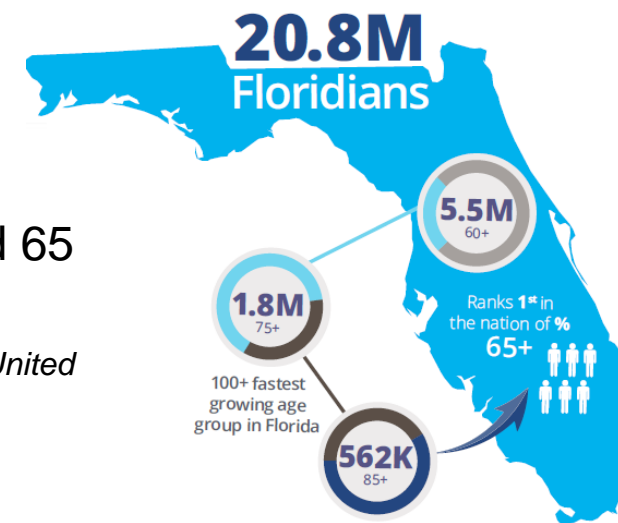


- Florida is the 3rd most populated State behind Texas (2nd) and California (1st)
- 80% of Florida's population is over the age of 18

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, release date December 2021

- Florida has the highest percentage of older residents aged 65 and older in the nation (20%).

Source: Annual Estimates of the Civilian Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, U.S. Census Bureau, release date June 2018





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COA History and Purpose

The Committee on Aging was formed in 2007 by the BCC and committee members currently consist of individuals who represent the following agencies: local law enforcement, faith-based, housing industry, local Senior Initiative, elder affairs attorney, local Area Agency on Aging, senior community residents, health care, Veterans Affairs and Hospice/end of life care.



*Back row (left to right): Nina Yon, Fr. John Bluett, June Wilson, Shannon Campbell, Ana Scuteri, Kathy Wells
Front row: Paul Bertram and Walker*

Purpose: To provide input and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding issues, policies, and services which will promote and enhance the quality of life for senior residents.



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Committee Members:

Shannon Campbell (Chair) – Elder Affairs Attorney

Paul Bertram (Vice Chair) – Veteran Interest

Juan Salgado – Local Area Agency on Aging,
Senior Resource Alliance

June Wilson – Local Senior Resident

Amanda Draughton – Local Law Enforcement,
Seminole County Sheriff's Department

Shannon Young – Housing Industry

Sharon Smith – Local Senior Resident

Fr. John Bluett – Faith Based

Ana Scuteri – Health Care Interest

Dawn Garrison - Local Senior Initiative

Christine Tadros – Hospice/End of Life

STAFF LIAISONS:

Carrie Longworth, Seminole County
Community Services

Elizabeth Hamilton, Seminole County
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Community Services – Community Health



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Committee Accomplishments

2022 Committee on Aging Accomplishments

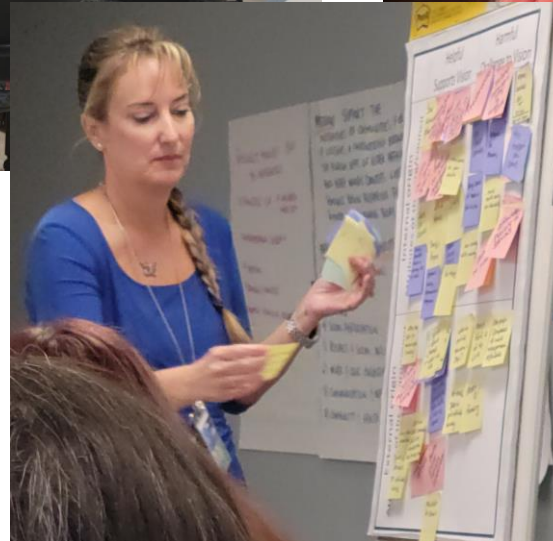
- **Resource Magnet** – Developed and distributed 500 magnets in the community.
- **Committee Expansion** – Expanded the Committee on Aging Committee by five members to be more representative of the community
- **Community Outreach** – Committee members participated in outreach to increase community awareness of resources for the aging community
- **Engaged Committee** – In 2022, eleven meetings were held to discuss issues impacting the elderly Seminole County community.
- **Increased Knowledge** – Trainings were held to increase committee members knowledge and expertise in elder related topics
- **Strategic Planning** – A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis was conducted with committee members



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Strategic Planning

The Committee participated in a SWOT Analysis to identify community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to fulfilling the COA mission.





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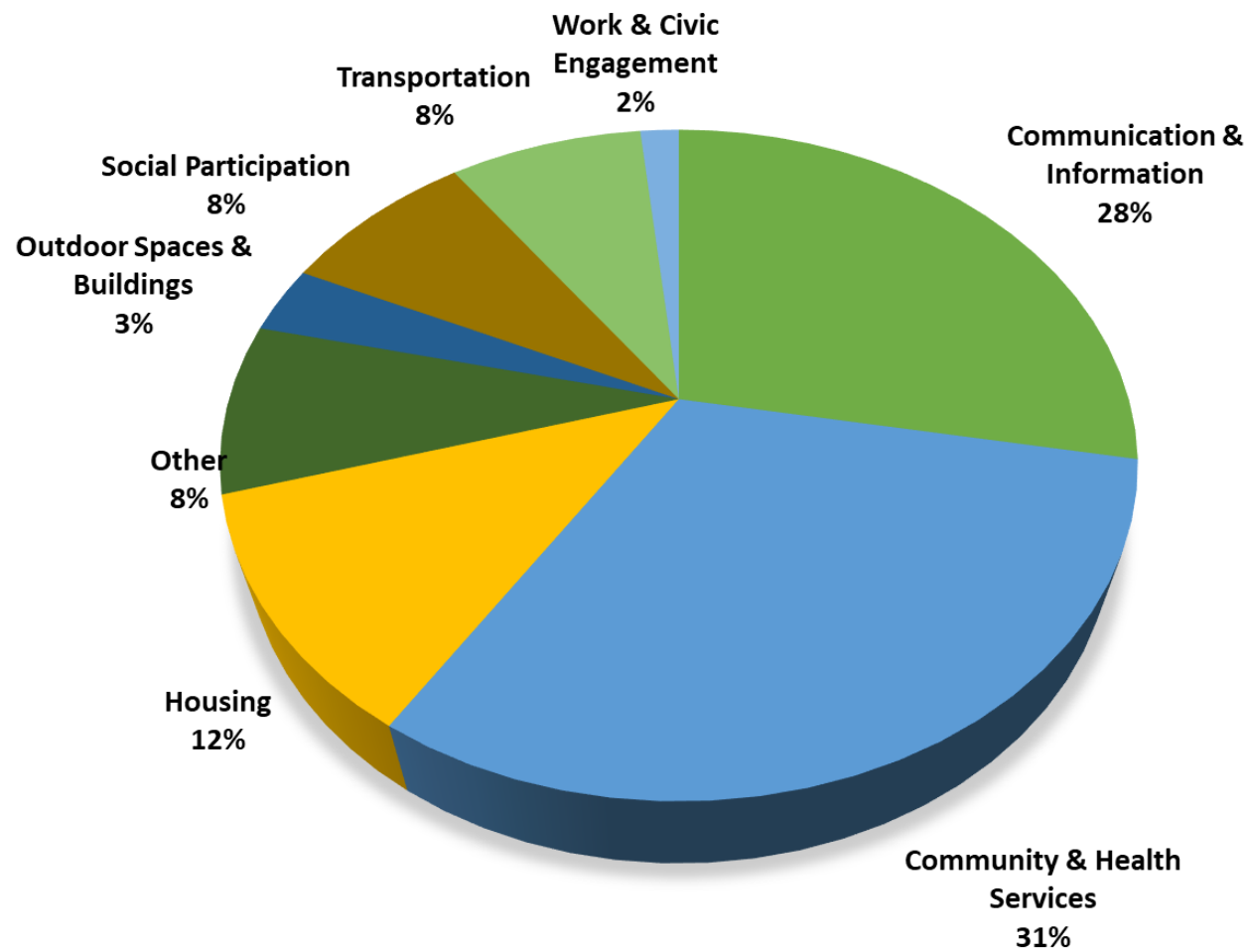
Strategic Planning

Strengths	Opportunities	Weaknesses	Threats
Senior centers in multiple cities.	Can utilize Uber/Lyft for medical appointments.	Senior community awareness of available resources.	Expanding distribution of senior information.
Opportunities for seniors to socialize with other seniors.	Potential housing opportunities - i.e. Rosenwald	Limited accessibility to healthcare resources/benefits.	Lack of places to put senior information on display.
Variety of programs and activities at senior centers.	Can learn from other communities about transportation/housing issues.	Lack of volunteers for senior services.	Time.
The existence of a Committee on Aging to improve seniors' lives.	Can work with developers to create affordable housing for seniors.	Lack of Advanced Care planning.	Lack of funding for senior resources.
Accessible health care options.	Can collaborate with the COA groups from other Counties.	Inflation versus fixed income situation.	Lack of volunteers for senior service organizations.
Trust among partners (senior focused organizations).	Development of better transportation options for seniors.	Limited financial assistance programs for seniors.	Lack of staff for places that offer senior focused services.
Large number of seniors in the County.	Could include senior info mailers with water and tax bills.	High cost of senior care facilities.	Lack of non-profits offering free senior transportation.
Seminole County Sheriff's Office has Senior Division/Program.	Hold more meetings to share senior resources with public.	Services only being accessible online.	Long waiting lists for care/services.
County has a Paramedicine Program.	Partner with local organizations to expand their outreaches to seniors.	Lack of technology training for seniors.	Senior population increasing.
Low taxes.	More information at senior centers, i.e. - handouts, guest speakers.	Lack of no cost transportation.	Increasing prices for housing.
The availability of essential items such as adult diapers/Ensure.	Find ways to promote senior services/activities.	Lack of affordable senior housing.	Lack of money for basic living costs - food, essential items, etc.
The EHEAP program for electric bill assistance.	County can develop a senior newsletter.	Lack of senior focused/special needs homeless shelters.	Lack of affordable senior housing.
The Meals on Wheels program/congregate meal sites.	Hire a County Senior Services Coordinator.	Lack of senior focused mental health services.	Community not really listening to seniors' needs.
A variety of senior oriented services available.	Better collaboration between area non-profit agencies.	Increase of crimes/scams targeting seniors.	
Many volunteer opportunities for seniors.		Fears of end of life/hospice issues.	
Lots of green spaces available.		Lack of visibility in community such as marketing and COAs.	
Places to enjoy walking and the outdoors.			
The Senior Resource Alliance is available to seniors.			



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Strategic Planning – Common Themes



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| ■ Communication & Information | ■ Community & Health Services | ■ Housing | ■ Other |
| ■ Outdoor Spaces & Buildings | ■ Social Participation | ■ Transportation | ■ Work & Civic Engagement |



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Recommendations

Several themes were identified which revealed the vision for the upcoming year -
To increase awareness of community resources among Seminole County elderly residents resulting in greater access to care.



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One year after
Hurricane Ian
devastated
parts of
Seminole
County,
residents are
enjoying
historically
pleasant
weather and a
booming
economy.

Preparing for
the upcoming
holidays is part
of a tradition in
Central Florida.
Stores are
ramping up
inventory to
prepare for the
influx of
customers.

TOP STORY


Seminole County's Committee on Aging . . .

Has greatly improved awareness
of community resources among
the elderly population in Seminole
County resulting in greater access
to care for residents.

Use of telehealth increases in the elderly population.

Almost two years after the COVID-19 pandemic,
as healthcare practices around the country
continue to enhance telehealth as a virtual
gateway to continuity of care for patients and
economic viability for many healthcare practices.
Barriers to accessing care via telehealth were
experienced by many Central Florida elderly
residents but new innovative strategies were put
in place to increase technological literacy, access
to care and deployment of resources.

Elderly patients are now accessing their
healthcare services and maximizing the benefits
of telehealth encounters. Telehealth is now
reported to be preferred over traditional face to
face office visits.



Upcoming Events

- October 21, 2023
Vintage Car Show - Reiter Park,
Longwood
- November 5, 2023
Craft Festival - Lake Mary City Hall
November 15, 2023
Turkey Run 5K - Cranes Roost Park,
Altamonte Springs
December 9, 2023
Holiday in the Park - Central Winds
Park, Winter Springs





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