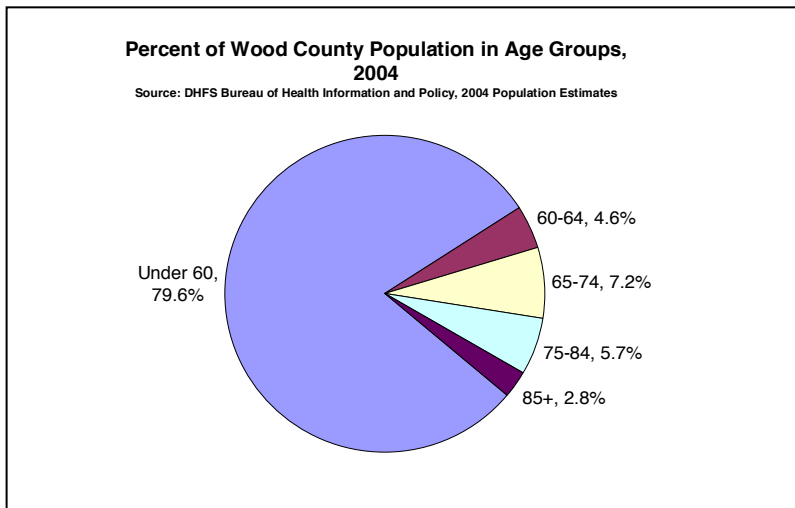


Percent of Wood County Population Made Up of Older Adults



Key Facts

- The proportion of people 65+ in Wood County is higher than that of the state as a whole: 13% vs. 16%.
- From 2000 to 2004 there has been a 4.7% increase in the 60+ population in the county.
- The fastest growing segment of Wood County's older population is the 85+ group of adults, currently with a 22 % increase.
- Wood County's average or median age is 38 years compared with the statewide median of 36.0.

Why is this Information Important?

Seniors form an important and growing part of the population. The need for services must be met to enhance the quality of life for aging community members.

According to the 2004 population estimates, Wood County has approximately 15,497 adults over age 60 who make up 20.3% of the total population. From 2000 to 2004 there was an increase of 699 individuals, the majority (381) of whom were in the 85+ age group. Typically this segment (85+) of the population wants and needs more services.

Providers Meet Seniors' Needs

There are many agencies, businesses, and organizations along with health care providers who are recognized for the quality care they provide for our older adults. Most notably is the Aging Resource Center of Wood County that serves as the first stop for information and assistance for older adults and their families.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Cynthia Ofstead; DHFS Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources