

Training Corner – General Statistics

(Excerpt from Older Ohioans Behavioral Health Edition of OACBHA News)

- ✓ Over 17% of Ohio's population is age 60+.
- ✓ By 2020, there will be 2,822,000 individuals age 60+ in Ohio (a 44% increase in the 60+ population).
- ✓ Between 2015 and 2050, the older population in Ohio will nearly double, growing from 1.7 million to 2.9 million; two-thirds of the growth will occur by 2030.
- ✓ The population of adults over age 80 is expected to triple over the next 20 years and the population of those over 65 to double.
- ✓ Nearly 3 in 4 individuals age 85+ are female.
- ✓ Disability increases with age: Only 3% of those ages 60-69 have a severe disability, compared to 44% of those age 90+. The number will increase from fewer than 200,000 in 2015 to 450,000 in 2050.
- ✓ Over one-third of individuals age 60+ have at least one disability.
- ✓ Older women are more likely than older men to live alone, to have inadequate economic resources and to experience disability.
- ✓ By 2020, over 220,000 individuals age 60+ with a severe disability will reside in Ohio.
- ✓ A higher proportion of older women are disabled than older men at every age category. For example, 20% of women age 65-69 are disabled compared to 14% of men in the same age category.
- ✓ Over 12% of the age 60+ population live in poverty.
- ✓ One in 10 individuals age 60+ are racial or ethnic minorities.
- ✓ Alcohol and prescription drug misuse affects as many as 17% of older adults.
- ✓ An estimated 20% of adults over age 55 experience specific mental disorders that are not part of the "normal" aging process.
- ✓ According to AARP 90% of people age 65+ want to continue living in their current residences as long as possible.