



ElderSource and JAX2025

The Nonprofit Sector

- In Northeast Florida alone, there are 1,081 Nonprofits.
- The Nonprofits in Northeast Florida have over 114,000 volunteers that provide 2.34 million hours of service per year.
- The Nonprofit sector employs over 56,000 people in Northeast Florida, making the sector one of the largest employers in the area.
- **If someone questions the value of nonprofits in the City, here is a good response:** In 2011, the city of Jacksonville invested \$2.3 million in Nonprofits via public service grants (services for adults). Had the city contracted these same services out itself, it would have cost taxpayers \$144 million.

Fast Facts about Older Adults

- ElderSource, the Area Agency on Aging for Northeast Florida, provides services to over 12,000 seniors annually through its provider agencies, over 7,000 of which reside in Duval County.
- There are currently around 150,000 adults aged 60 and over in Duval County, or nearly 1 in 5 residents. By 2030, 1 in 3 residents will be over the age of 60.
- In 2011 boomers in the U.S. began turning 65. It is anticipated that by 2050 there will be more people over the age of 65 than under the age of 15. We need to understand and plan for the impact this will have on the local community.
- The harsh reality is that many baby boomers will not have the savings to retire early. Recent polls found that 25 percent of boomers do not have any money saved for retirement and will have to continue working.
- The increase in the older population will result in a corresponding increase in demand for our programs and services.
- In NE FL, nearly 24 percent of older adults live alone. In Duval County, this increases to over 27 percent.

Some Concerns and Needs of Older Adults

- Transportation
 - ✓ This is an important component of maintaining independence.
 - ✓ Public transportation, while available, is not always a viable option for elders, let alone the rest of the community.
 - ✓ Jacksonville is very sprawled out and public transportation is not always reliable. Buses are frequently late and one may have to endure several transfers to get from one place to another. There is also a need for additional sidewalks, shelters, and benches.
- Housing
 - ✓ When we surveyed older adults in Northeast Florida, many said that they would prefer to live in a centrally located area with a high level of walkability.
 - ✓ Decreasing home values was cited by older adults as the most common barrier to relocating to more pedestrian friendly parts of town.
 - ✓ Availability of affordable housing options for seniors was also identified as a need.

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- Poverty
 - ✓ Duval County has the highest rates of poverty amongst seniors in Northeast Florida, with 10 percent of adults over 60 living below poverty.
 - ✓ For minority older adults poverty rates are much higher, with over 1/3 living in poverty in NE FL and over 50 percent in Duval County.
 - ✓ Financial problems were reported as the biggest concerns of older adults in the area next to physical health.
 - ✓ Less than 1/3 of older adults eligible for food stamps/SNAP actually participate in the program.
- Employment
 - ✓ When surveyed, nearly 50 percent of baby boomers indicated that they will not want to stop working when they reach retirement age.
 - ✓ With the silver tsunami rapidly approaching, we will soon see a shift in the age of the workforce, much like in the 1960's when 1/3 of males over 65 were employed.
- Access to and Awareness of Services Available
 - ✓ One of the largest gaps in health and long-term care services is awareness and access of available service.
 - ✓ Only 60 percent of elders in NE FL are aware of the services and activities available to them.
- Caregiving (including Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)
 - ✓ The number of adult children caring for a parent has increased by over 300 percent in the next 15 years. Adults 50+ have the highest risk of becoming a caregiver for an older parent/relative.
 - ✓ Since 2007, requests for caregiver support services have increased by 67 percent in NE FL.
 - ✓ On average, family caregivers over 50 who leave the workforce to care for a family member lose over \$300,000 in wages and other benefits.
 - ✓ Grandparents do not always have a built in support system like they did with their own children and are not always aware of the services available to them.