



SPECIFIC NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS



As a result of the needs assessment, older adults were identified as a vulnerable sub-population across data collection activities and emerged as a top concern for the Winchester community

In 2016, there were approximately

3,749 residents 65 years and older in Winchester, consisting of

16% of the population

Of residents 65 years and older...

1,952
are
65-74
years old

1,130
are
75-84
years old

667
are
85 years
and older

Older adults (65 years and older) in Winchester had **higher hospitalization rates** per 100,000 population for certain causes than the state overall in 2012



Massachusetts



Winchester



Falls

2,021.0
hospitalizations

3,208.1
hospitalizations



Hip Fractures

585.9
hospitalizations

924.9
hospitalizations

66%

of survey respondents 65 years and older identified **high cost of living** as a top issue impacting Winchester

"We see some seniors who are in very prestigious homes who can't afford to heat them or they're on a very strict budget and that's where we see a lot of the stigma."

- Human Service Provider Interviewee



39%

of survey respondents 65 years and older identified **housing services** as a missing service in Winchester

"[Among the] elderly, isolation can cause a lot of problems for us because they don't reach out for help until the situation has spiraled. I wish we could intervene sooner."

- Human Service Provider Interviewee

38%

of survey respondents aged 65 years and older identified **support for independent living** as a high concern in Winchester

30%

of survey respondents aged 65 years and older identified **mental health and social isolation for older adults** as a high concern in Winchester

In 2016, **11%** of householders 65 years and over were living alone in Winchester, which equates to approximately **809** households

For the complete assessment and data sources, please see: <https://www.winchester.us/>

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