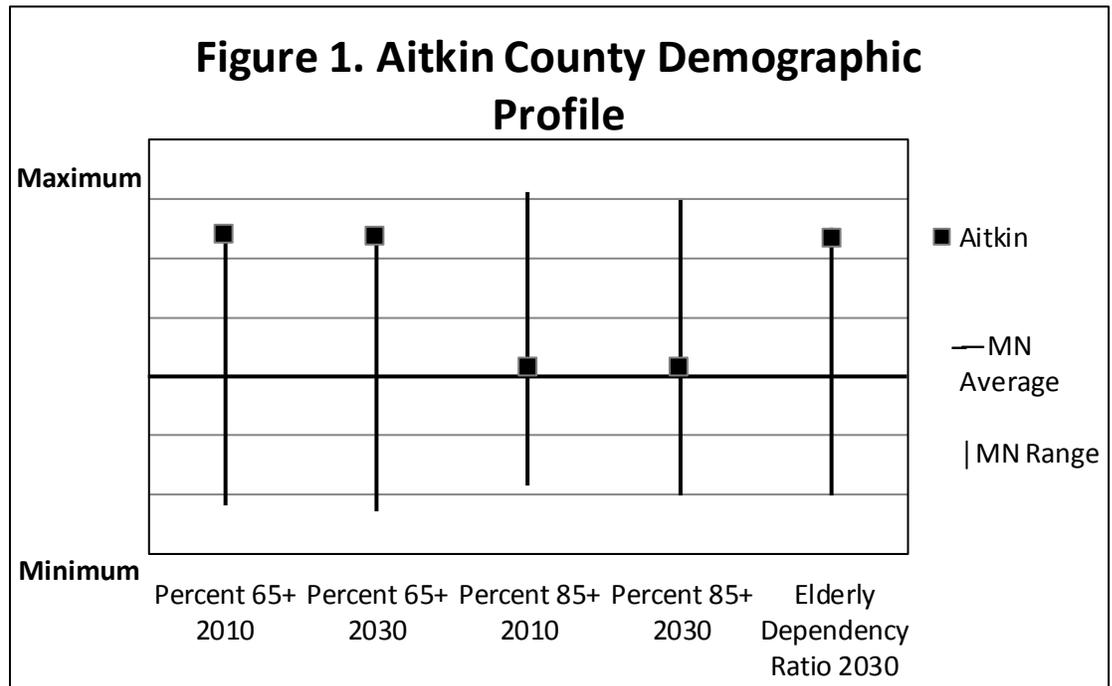


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Aitkin County—Demographic and Services Profile



About this County Demographic and Service Profile

This county demographic and service profile is a product of the Aging 2030 initiative and is part of a series of demographic profiles developed to present the new 2010 Census data figures for the state of Minnesota, its regions and counties. As Minnesota ages, it will become increasingly important to those developing community programs, services and support systems to see the variations and differences for a number of demographic characteristics, including:

- Overall population numbers based on age, race and ethnicity
- Number of people over 65 as compared to the typical working age population (Elderly Dependency Ratio)
- Number of people over 65 who are living alone
- Relative availability of caregivers for those who are more likely to require support (Family Caregiver ratio)

This information will be useful to local units of government, providers, policymakers and others involved in planning for or serving older adults.

The information in this profile was generated from 2000 and 2010 Census data and the state demographer's population projections. (For additional detail, see either the U.S. Census Website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>, or the Minnesota State Demographer's Office site at <http://www.demography.state.mn.us/Census2010/>.)

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I. POPULATION OVERVIEW

Table 1. Population by Age for Aitkin County

Calendar Year	Total County Population	65+ County Population	County Percent 65+	State Percent 65+	85+ County Population	County Percent 85+	State Percent 85+
2000	15,301	3,517	22.99	12.08	394	2.57	1.74
2010	16,202	4,413	27.24	12.88	490	3.02	2.01
2020	18,720	5,540	29.59	15.94	570	3.04	2.11
2030	19,330	7,310	37.82	20.63	720	3.72	2.68

Table 2. Elderly Dependency Ratio¹ in Aitkin County

Calendar Year	65+ County Population	15-64 County Population	County Dependency Ratio	State Dependency Ratio
2000	3,517	9,255	38.00	18.20
2010	4,413	9,402	46.94	19.20
2020	5,540	10,730	51.63	24.72
2030	7,310	9,850	74.21	33.96

Table 3. 65+ Population by Race and Ethnicity (2000 vs. 2010 Census data)²

Census Year	Total 65+ County Population	White (non-Hispanic)	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian only	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
2000	3,860	3,822 (99.0%)	5 (0.0%)	23 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	4 (0.0%)	10 (0.0%)
2010	4,413	4,357 (98.7%)	6 (0.14%)	25 (0.57%)	1 (0.02%)	10 (0.2%)	15 (0.3%)

Table 4. Percent of 65+ Population Living Alone in Aitkin County

Calendar Year	65+ County Population	65+ Living Alone	County Percent (%) 65+ Living Alone	State Percent (%) 65+ Living Alone
2000	3,517	933	26.53	29.79
2010	4,413	1,106	25.06	29.49
2020	5,540	1,330	24.01	25.80
2030	7,310	1,840	25.17	26.44

Table 5. Family Caregiver Ratio³ in Aitkin County

Calendar Year	85+ County Population	Females 45-64	County Ratio	State Ratio
2000	394	2,240	17.59	15.94
2010	490	2,624	18.67	14.80
2020	570	2,940	19.39	16.65
2030	720	2,710	26.57	23.49

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Table 6. Poverty Status for People 65 and Older and All Ages ⁴

	65 AND OLDER			ALL AGES		
	Total Number	Below Poverty Number	Percent	Total Number	Below Poverty Number	Percent
Statewide	626,511	51,987	8.3%	5,119,104	542,133	10.6%
Aitkin County	4,130	372	9.0%	16,129	2,185	13.5%

II. SERVICE UTILIZATION DATA

Table 7. Total Public Long-Term Care Expenditures on Institutional versus Home and Community-Based Services for the 65+ Population in Aitkin County

Fiscal Year ⁵	Alternative Care ⁶	Fee For Service Elderly Waiver ⁷	MSHO EW Add On ⁸	Non-Waiver Medical Assistance Home Care ⁹	Medical Assistance Nursing Home	Total Cost	County % Nursing Home/ % Home & Community	State % Nursing Home/ % Home & Comm
2000	371,388	325,129	--	--	4,589,694	5,286,211	87 / 13	88 / 12
2005	254,577	650,838	--	--	5,512,528	6,417,943	86 / 14	83 / 17
2010	69,069	231,610	1,227,713	617,696	4,550,943	6,697,031	68 / 32	57 / 43

Table 8. Percent of Older Adults Served in Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) Programs with Higher Care Needs¹⁰ in Aitkin County

Fiscal Year	Total County AC/EW Eligible Clients	County Non-A Case Mix	County % Non-A Case Mix	State % Non-A Case Mix
2000	213	82	38.5	35.70
2005	154	58	37.7	59.14
2010	153	60	39.2	56.86

Table 9. Nursing Home Beds and Utilization Rate in Aitkin County

Calendar Year	County Total Nursing Home Beds	County Beds Per 1,000 65+	State Beds Per 1,000 65+	County Beds Per 1,000 85+	State Beds Per 1,000 85+	County 65+ Utilization Rate	State 65+ Utilization Rate
2000	154	43.8	72.5	390.9	503.0	5.2%	8.2%
2005	154	39.9	60.4	301.4	378.6	3.7%	5.0%
2009	137	33.5	51.1	226.6	309.4	2.8%	4.0%

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III. 2009 COUNTY GAPS ANALYSIS RESULTS

See the full Gaps Analysis County Profile for more information at <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/gapsanalysis>.

Home and Community-Based Long-Term Care Services

- Services identified as available but limited include: chore service, companion service, health promotion activities, out of home respite care, and medical transportation
- Services identified as not available include: non-medical transportation

Housing Options

- Housing options identified as not available include: market rate rental apartments with supervision/health care services, and both subsidized and market rate other housing options

Nursing Homes

- Types of nursing home specialty beds or services identified as available but limited include: dementia care

¹ Elderly Dependency Ratio: the number of individuals age 65+ divided by the number of individuals ages 15-64.

² Race categories are single race alone, except for the “two or more races” category. Individuals of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

³ Family Caregiver Ratio: the ratio of the number of older adults age 85+ to the number of females ages 45-64 (who are the typical caregivers).

⁴ Source for the poverty data is the 2006-2010 American Community Survey. Data was tabulated by the Minnesota State Demographic Center.

⁵ Fiscal Year: state budget year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of following year.

⁶ Alternative Care Program: is a state-funded program that supports certain home and community-based services for older Minnesotans age 65 and over who are at risk of nursing home placement, have low levels of income and assets, but are not eligible for Medical Assistance.

⁷ Fee For Service Elderly Waiver Program: is a program that funds home and community-based services for people age 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) and require the level of medical care provided in a nursing home but choose to reside in the community. Individuals in the Fee for Service program are not receiving their care through MSHO.

⁸ MSHO EW Add On: is payment for EW services within MSHO. Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) is a health care program that combines all health care services and long-term care services into one health care package. It is for people ages 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B or who have MA only.

⁹ Non-Waiver Medical Assistance Home Care: is MA home care services for individuals who are not receiving their services through a waiver program because they are not deemed at risk of nursing home placement.

¹⁰ Individuals with Higher Care Needs: those individuals who are assessed at Case Mix levels B-K. Case Mix A is the classification used for those individuals with the lowest level of care needs.