



**Inside Aging—Population  
65+ 2010 to 2050**

(in millions)	
<b>2010</b>	<b>40.2</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>54.6</b>
<b>2030</b>	<b>71.5</b>
<b>2040</b>	<b>80.0</b>

Source: US Census Bureau  
2003

**Aging Facts:  
Oldest Old**

- In 2000, 4.2 million people were aged 85 and older.
- By 2030, 10 million will be 85+
- By 2050, 21 million will be 85+
- The oldest old (85+) is the sector of the population that requires the most assistance—not only medically, but for day to day activities

2003 US Census Bureau

**Seniors Count in South Florida**

One exciting development from the first year of EngAGEMENT has been the emergence of Seniors Count in South Florida. Pam Gionfriddo is leading the effort.

Seniors Count expands the scope of the EngAGEMENT Initiative by adding a set of data collection, analysis, and reporting activities. Seniors Count is initially being modeled after Annie E. Casey's Kids Count Project which released its annual report on children last week. Seniors Count will collect and disseminate data describing the well-being of older adults in South Florida for the enhancement

of funder awareness (a key goal of EngAGEMENT), public policy, and program planning. Some of the areas of interest for this study will include: housing, daily care, poverty and financial management, safety, and health.

The goal is to paint a more complete picture of the strengths and needs of seniors in South Florida. Data will be gathered on a county by county basis, but would also include state and national data, where available. Donors Forum of South Florida (DSF) already has a database with dozens of indicators by county.

Pam has met with funders

who have indicated great interest in this aging project and look forward to the project's detailed analysis as to what needs funding and where their dollars can have the greatest impact. Health Foundation of South Florida, United Way of Palm Beach County, Area Agency on Aging, Quantum Foundation and Peacock Foundation, Inc. have all pledged support and the interest and enthusiasm is growing.

GIA is exploring the possibility of expanding the project to other states nationally. Informing funders with hard data is key to expanding funding in aging. For more information contact Carol Farquhar at GIA or Pam Gionfriddo at DSF.

**Aging In America**

As we celebrate our country's 230th birthday this month, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the changes that we have been through. When our founding fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, did they have any idea where this country would be in they year 2006?

Obviously, today's technology is the first thing that comes to mind. Cars, planes, satellites, rockets, computers, cell

phones, TV's, and PDA's are just a few of the advancements. Advances in the medical profession as well as improved diets and improved sanitation are all factors for an ever increasing life expectancy. Living longer is not always better though. Living well is just as important today.

Through the work of EngAGEMENT we are all working to help individuals

live longer healthier lives. Finding new ways to engage funders and increase funding of programs that help our country's living historians

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us continue to work to help today's seniors keep their independence for as long as possible.

***“Be it ever so  
humble, there’s  
no place like  
home.”  
-John Howard  
Payne***



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## **Quick Facts on Aging**

- The population of adults over the age of 80 is expected to triple over the next 20 years and the population of those over 65 to double
- Over one-third of individuals age 60+ have at least one disability
- 20% of women 65-69 are disabled compared to 14% of men in the same age category
- One in 10 individuals age 60+ are racial or ethnic minorities and that number is increasing
- 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
- Over 12% of the age 60+ population live in poverty
- Older women are more likely than older men to live alone, to have inadequate economic resources and to experience disability
- About 80% of those 65+ are homeowners
- The average age of retirement is now 62
- More than 20% of older adults consider themselves retired and working
- More than 2.4 million grandparents are responsible for raising their grandchildren who live with them
- 100% of the population of the United States is aging

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