

Ward 1 Senior Snapshot

The Facts:

• **Population:** 8,091 seniors

• Agencies: 2 community-based service agencies serving seniors

• **Average income:** \$1,302 per month

Poverty: 18.2% individuals living in poverty

• **Average rent:** \$1,442 per month

Housing: 15% of seniors own their homes, and 80% rent their homes

• **Transportation:** 21.1% of seniors rely on Metro Access, 36.6% rely on Metro or bus, and 0% use senior shuttles/vans

• **Nutrition:** 16.7% of seniors said they needed a lot/some help accessing nutritious food

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Challenges & Opportunities

Our seniors represent approximately 1/6 of the city population yet only 1/2 of 1% of the budget allocation goes to senior services through the DC Office on Aging. The District *must* conduct a citywide assessment of the housing and services needs of our growing senior population, as well as those that will be accessing the system over the next 10 years. The senior population is growing and living longer, with more chronic conditions. The city must address the inadequate infrastructure of our community based long-term care system now.

In addition, the District must provide an adequate reimbursement rate for the nonprofit agencies that serve our seniors. Wage, benefit, and regulatory requirements have increased costs for nonprofit employers and the District's community based partners are unable to meet the program costs. The FY2017 D.C Office on Aging budget cuts will have a **direct impact** on seniors throughout the city, and without adequate funding, organizations can't continue to offer quality services in every part of our city.

FAQ's

How will the DCOA budget cuts affect seniors?

The DC Council on Aging budget cuts will result in reduced DCOA staff, fewer transportation services for medical appointments, and fewer case management hours to help struggling seniors apply for services such as meals, transportation, home care and EPD Waiver.

What is the DC Senior Advisory Coalition?

The DC Senior Advisory Coalition (SAC) is a non-profit coalition comprised of members from over 35 organizations who have joined forces to be a voice for DC's seniors -advocating to improve their quality of life. The SAC analyzes the District's budget and the impact it has on the services provided to older adults, and Members meet with city and agency leaders to push for better resources and support for DC's aging population.

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