

Master Plan for Older Adults Overview

Why Should Pennsylvania do a Master Plan?

- Pennsylvania expressly values older adults and individuals with disabilities and is committed to building and maintaining an age- and disability-friendly Commonwealth so that all Pennsylvanians may live with dignity and independence.
- Pennsylvania is ranked fifth among the fifty states by the sheer size of its older adult population (3.4 million) and seventh by percentage (17.8%) of the total population.
- Pennsylvania's total older adult population grew from 15.4 percent (1.96 million persons) in 2010 to 17.8 percent (2.27 million persons) in 2020.
- Pennsylvanians with disabilities represent 11% of the population in terms of mobility and cognitive challenges, 7% with regard to independent living, 6% regarding hearing impairment, 4% regarding vision impairment, and 3% with regard to self-care.

Core Tenets



Transparency and inclusion involving significant stakeholder- and public-facing engagement as well as a strong communication plan



Embed diversity, equity, and inclusion in all phases of development, addressing disparities and promoting equity and inclusion regardless of a person's age, gender and gender expression, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, economic insecurity, geographic disparity, other marginalized populations not yet identified, and genetic information



Principles of person-centered planning, valuing older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvanians with disabilities holistically with careful consideration to each person's unique needs and preferences



Creation of a living document that will evolve through the 10-year span of the plan based on the changing needs and preferences of older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvanians with disabilities



A reframe of how we think about, talk about and value older adults and people with disabilities to recognize the momentum, experience, longevity, economic contributions, and wisdom of older adults and people with disabilities and how these individuals add energy, vitality, and possibility to Pennsylvania

Provide input on Pennsylvania Master Plan for Older Adults:

You are invited to contribute what you think should be the plan's priority goals, objectives, and initiatives to support the highest quality of life for older adults. You can submit your input by:

Mail:

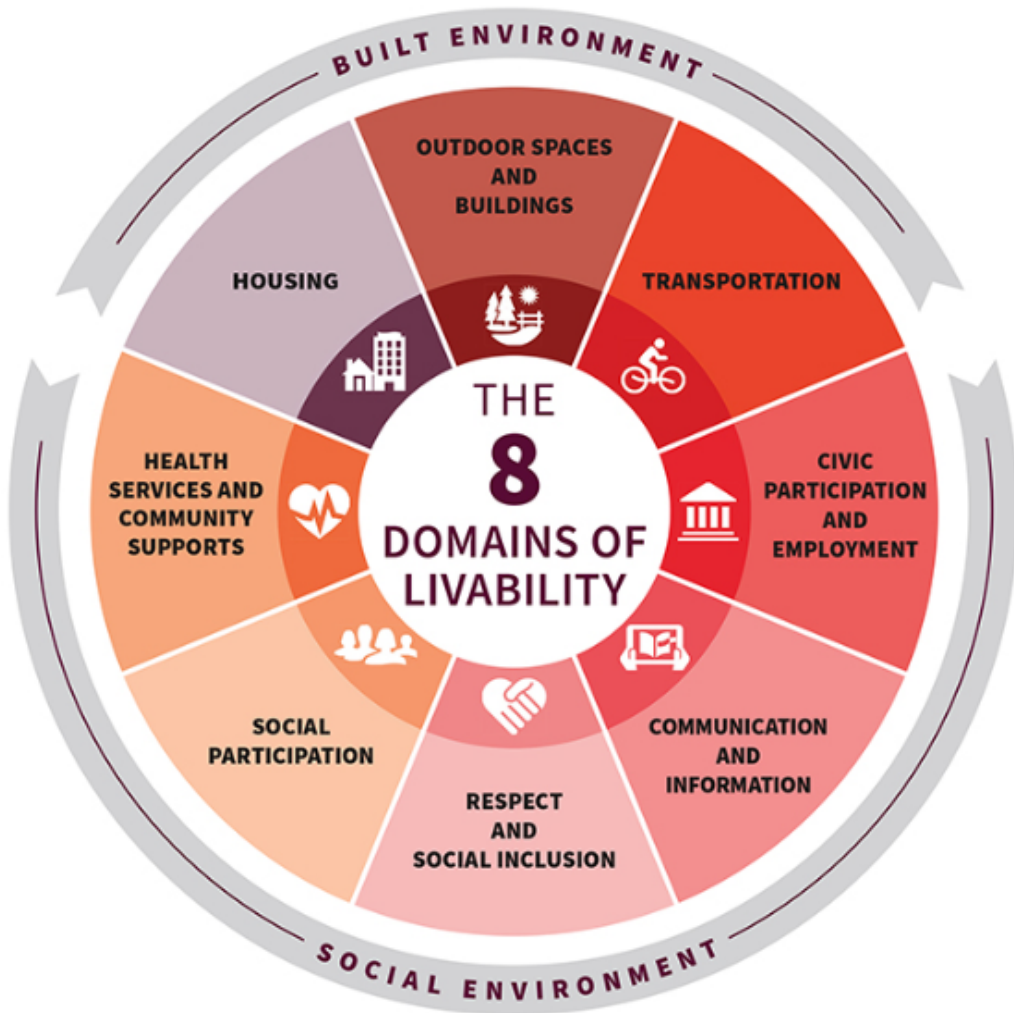
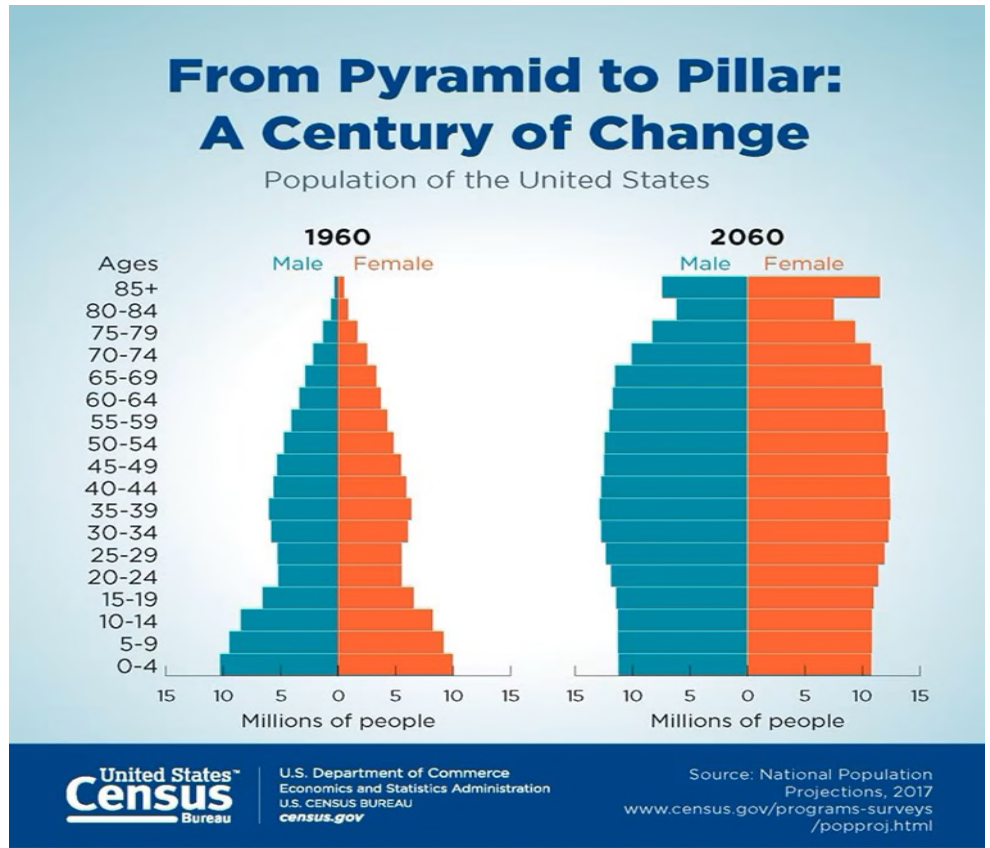
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Webpage dedicated to the Master Plan for Older Adults, www.aging.pa.gov/MasterPlan

The population changes.....



....drive community changes: