

2016 FACTS ABOUT WASHOE COUNTY SENIORS*

- People aged 50 and over make up about 35% of the Washoe County population. In 2016, there are over 152,000 people in Washoe County aged 50 or more. By 2034, this group will grow steadily to over 183,000, and will still represent about 35% of the total Washoe County population.
- The fastest growth among Washoe seniors are those aged 65-plus who currently number over 65,000 and will grow to almost 91,000 by 2034, a 60% growth rate.
- Our rapidly aging population will need more services as it ages, and community leaders must prioritize those needs and plan and budget to meet them.
- At age 65 and above, many elders experience increased ambulatory difficulty, hearing and vision loss and increased need for caregiving assistance. Finding information about those needed resources is a pervasive problem.
- Poverty is up for our elders. The estimated number of people aged 55 and over living below poverty in Washoe County more than doubled from 2005-2014 (from about 6,000 to almost 13,000). Income is slipping for those still working and for those aged 65-75 and retired.
- Housing is becoming more expensive, and there is a lack of affordable housing for lower and middle income people in Washoe County.
- About 25% of seniors in Washoe County are moderately to highly isolated. Isolation is as much a predictor of early death as is living in poverty.
- Suicide rates for Washoe County seniors are among the highest nationwide.
- By April 2017, Washoe County Senior Services will reach its capacity (400,000 annual meals) for serving meals to seniors. About 20% of those eating lunch at Washoe County Senior Center report that it is the only meal they have that day.
- Washoe County seniors over age 65 have higher education levels than younger groups. This is a benefit to employers seeking qualified employees and for groups seeking to involve seniors as skilled volunteers.

*Sources: 2016, Washoe County Senior Services, Nevada State Demographer

General Election: November 8, 2016

Washoe County Voter Registration Deadlines for the 2016 General Election

- By Mail: Postmarked no later than October 8, 2016
- In-Person: Last day to register in person is October 18, 2016
- Online: Last day to register using NOVA is October 18, 2016 (11:59:59 pm)

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

- Received no later than November 1, 2016 by 5:00 pm.
- Absentee Ballots are mailed out as follows:
 - *Military/Foreign/Overseas: 45 days before Election Day*
 - *Out of State: 40 days before Election Day*
 - *In State: 30 days before Election Day*

Early Voting - October 22, 2016 through November 4, 2016

Sample Ballots - Mailed out approximately one week prior to Early Voting

Join Other Senior Advocates for Upcoming Advocacy Sessions

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| Oct. 5, 2016 | Senior Affordable Housing and Homelessness Workshop
3-5 pm McKinley Arts & Culture Center, 925 Riverside Dr., Reno |
| Nov. 2, 2016 | Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board meeting
3-5 pm Washoe County Senior Center, 9 th & Sutro, Reno |
| Nov. 15, 2016 | Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting
2 - 4pm Evelyn Mount NE Community Center, 1301 Valley Rd., Reno |
| Dec. 7, 2016 | Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board meeting
3-5 pm Washoe County Senior Center, 9 th & Sutro, Reno |
| Jan. 4, 2017 | Advocacy Training Workshop for Seniors
3-5 pm Washoe County Senior Center, 9 th & Sutro, Reno |
| Feb. 23, 2017 | Senior Day at the Legislature
8 am-5 pm State Legislature, Carson City |

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