

## Snapshot of Older Adults in Imperial County

*California is the state with the most older adults living in poverty. By 2030, older adults will make up one-quarter of California's population, intensifying the need to invest in the critical programs that support them.*

### Overview<sup>i</sup>

- Older adults age 60+ account for 20% of California's population.
- In **Imperial County**, **34,000** older adults are 60+.
- Statewide demographics among older adults: Black, 6.5%; Asian, 11.4%; Hispanic, 24.1%; White, 55.1%.

### Medi-Cal & Medicare<sup>ii</sup>

*Older adults 65+ who have incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level qualify for both Medi-Cal & Medicare for their health care coverage.*

- There are 1,658,539 older adults statewide who are dually eligible.
- In **Imperial County**, there are **15,581** older adults dually eligible.

### Supplemental Security Income (SSI)<sup>iii</sup>

*SSI is a federal income supplement program available to low-income older adults and people with disabilities.*

- 567,486 older adults statewide receive SSI payments.
- In **Imperial County**, there are **5,418** older adults 65+ receiving SSI payments.

### Poverty Levels Using the Elder Index<sup>iv</sup>

*A new, more accurate standard of measurement gauges income security among California's older adults and takes into account local cost of living.*

- **55%** of older adults 65+ in **Imperial County** don't have enough income to meet their basic needs.
- 33% of older adults statewide don't have enough income to meet their basic needs.
- A single older adult who rents in **Imperial County** needs at least **\$25,200** per year to meet their basic needs.

### In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)<sup>v</sup>

*IHSS provides in-home assistance to eligible older adults and people with disabilities as an alternative to institutional care and enables recipients to remain safely in their own homes.*

- In **Imperial County**, **4,290** older adults 65+ receive IHSS services.
- 388,736 older adults statewide receive IHSS services.

### Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness<sup>vi</sup>

- 45% of homeless individuals in California are age 50+.
- 57,715 older adults statewide interacted with the homeless response system.
- In **Imperial County**, **230** adults age 55+ interacted with the homeless response system.

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<sup>i</sup> Data Dashboard for Aging, [California Population Profile, Adults Age 60 and Older](#)

<sup>ii</sup> CHHS Open Data Portal, [Month of Eligibility, Dual Status, by County, Medi-Cal Certified Eligibility](#)

<sup>iii</sup> Social Security Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, [SSI Recipients by State and County, 2021](#)

<sup>iv</sup> UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, [California Elder Economic Security™ Index \(CEI\)](#)

<sup>v</sup> California Department of Social Services, [Monthly IHSS Program Data, December 2022](#)

<sup>vi</sup> Homeless Data Integration System, [Demographic Characteristics of People Experiencing Homelessness](#)