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## SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES: OLDER ADULT SUBSET



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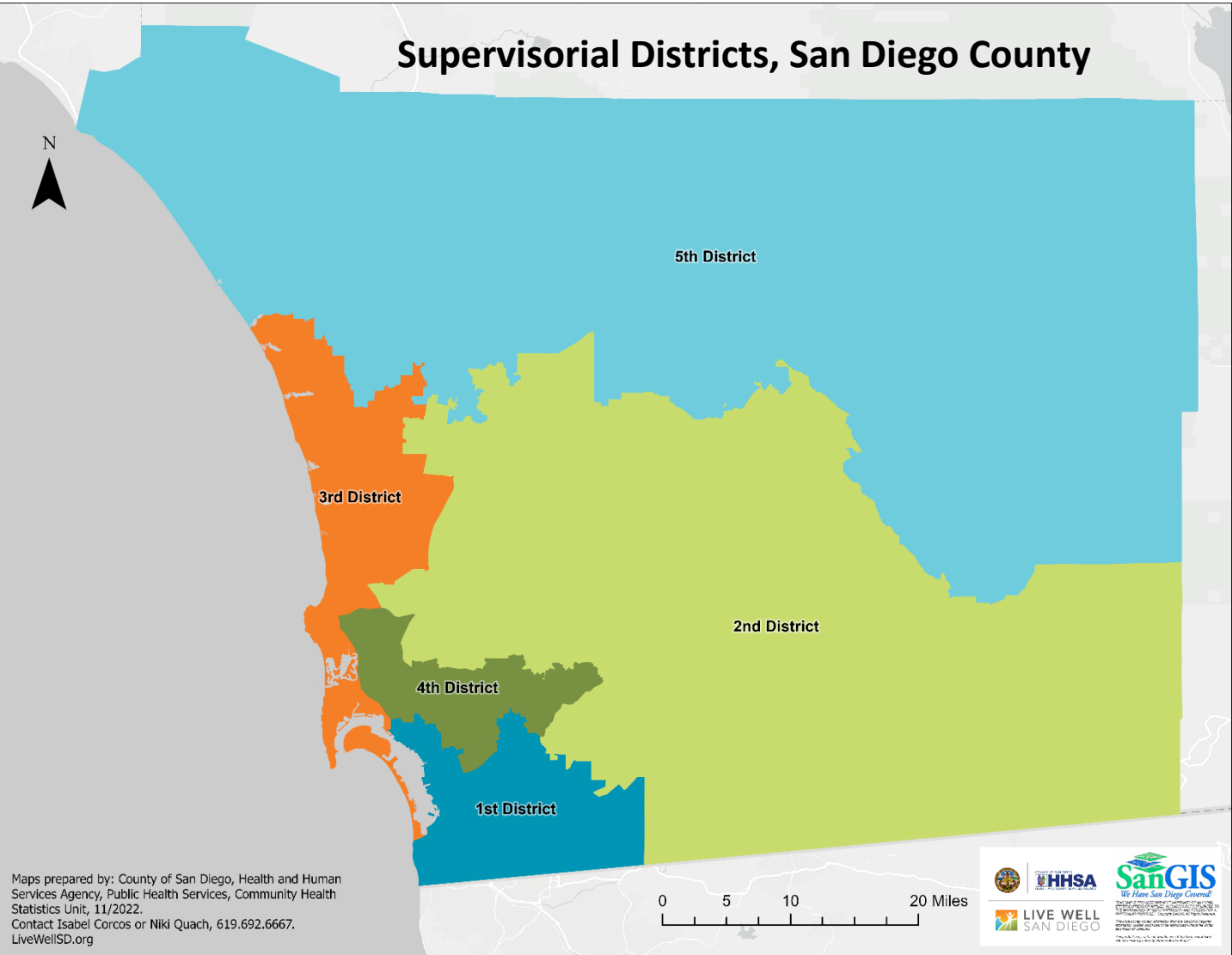
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# Introduction to the Supervisorial District Demographic Profiles: Older Adult Subset

## ***History***

The Community Health Statistics Unit (CHSU), under the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Public Health Services Division, was formed in 2005 to provide a single point of contact for public health data and support to the HHSA Regions and their communities. CHSU generates publications including: the Community Health Profiles, topic specific reports (e.g., older adult falls, economic burden of disease, health disparities, and health status), health briefs, fact sheets, atlases, and the demographic profiles, all of which are available at [www.sdhealthstatistics.com](http://www.sdhealthstatistics.com).

The *Supervisorial District Demographic Profiles: Older Adult Subset* are a compilation of information relating to demographic characteristics of the older resident population in San Diego County. Each profile contains demographic data for each of the five supervisorial districts in San Diego County.

The purpose of the *Supervisorial District Demographic Profiles: Older Adult Subset* is to provide detailed information about the characteristics of the older adult population living in San Diego County. It is designed to help the Board of Supervisors, other policy makers, and other local organizations, including *Live Well San Diego* recognized partners, to identify and prioritize needs within their communities. These profiles are made available to the public health community and public policymakers to better understand and manage the health and well-being of the residents of our county at the supervisorial district level.

## ***Source of Data***

The Census is conducted every 10 years to provide an official count of the entire population in the United States to Congress. The American Community Survey (ACS), on the other hand, is conducted every year by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide more current estimates of the population. The ACS collects sociodemographic and economic data annually; topics include educational attainment, income, poverty, disability, health insurance, workforce and more to describe the population living in the United States. Per Title 13, U.S. Code, completing either or both the Census and the ACS is required by law if your household is selected. Personal identification is protected, but data in aggregate form is released to provide information needed for planning purposes and programs.

If you are looking for official population totals, the U.S. Census Bureau recommends using the 2010 or 2020 Census. However, the ACS provides a more current picture of the population and population characteristics. While ACS estimates are derived from a much smaller sample, data are collected from a representative sample of the population in the nation. Because ACS variables may change over time, some areas and subjects must be compared with caution, or not compared at all.

The Census Bureau recommends that you<sup>1,2</sup>:

- DO compare similar period lengths, for example, 5-year to 5-year.
- DON'T compare estimates from different period lengths, for example, 1-year to 5-year.
- DO compare estimates from non-overlapping periods, for example, compare a 2012-2016 ACS 5-year estimate to a 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.
- DON'T compare overlapping periods, for example, the 2016-2020 ACS 5-year estimates to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimates.

Why use 5-year estimates?<sup>1,2</sup>

- Cover 60 months of collected data; for example, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.
- Data is collected for all areas (including census blocks and tracts), which makes this the largest sample size
- Most reliable, but least current
- Released every year since 2009

More American Community Survey (ACS) data available online at <https://data.census.gov/>.

For more information regarding the methodology of the ACS Survey, please go to <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology.html>.

### ***Methodology***

Data is downloaded at the census tract level and crosswalked into supervisorial districts. San Diego County has 5 supervisorial districts.\* Data on this document reflect the new supervisorial district boundaries adopted on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Please note that the indicators in the demographic profiles are reviewed every year. Indicators will be added per number of requests showing the need for these to be included and/or modified as needed.

For the 2017-2021 version, no indicators were modified or added.

\* California Elections Code § 21500 requires the County Board of Supervisors to adjust the supervisorial district boundaries every ten years to reflect population gains, losses, and shifts to comply with the Voting Rights Act. In 2021, the Board of Supervisors was required to redistrict the five supervisorial districts using 2020 Census data. The County's redistricting process included broad opportunity for public review and input. The Board adopted the redistricting ordinance on January 15, 2022.

### References:

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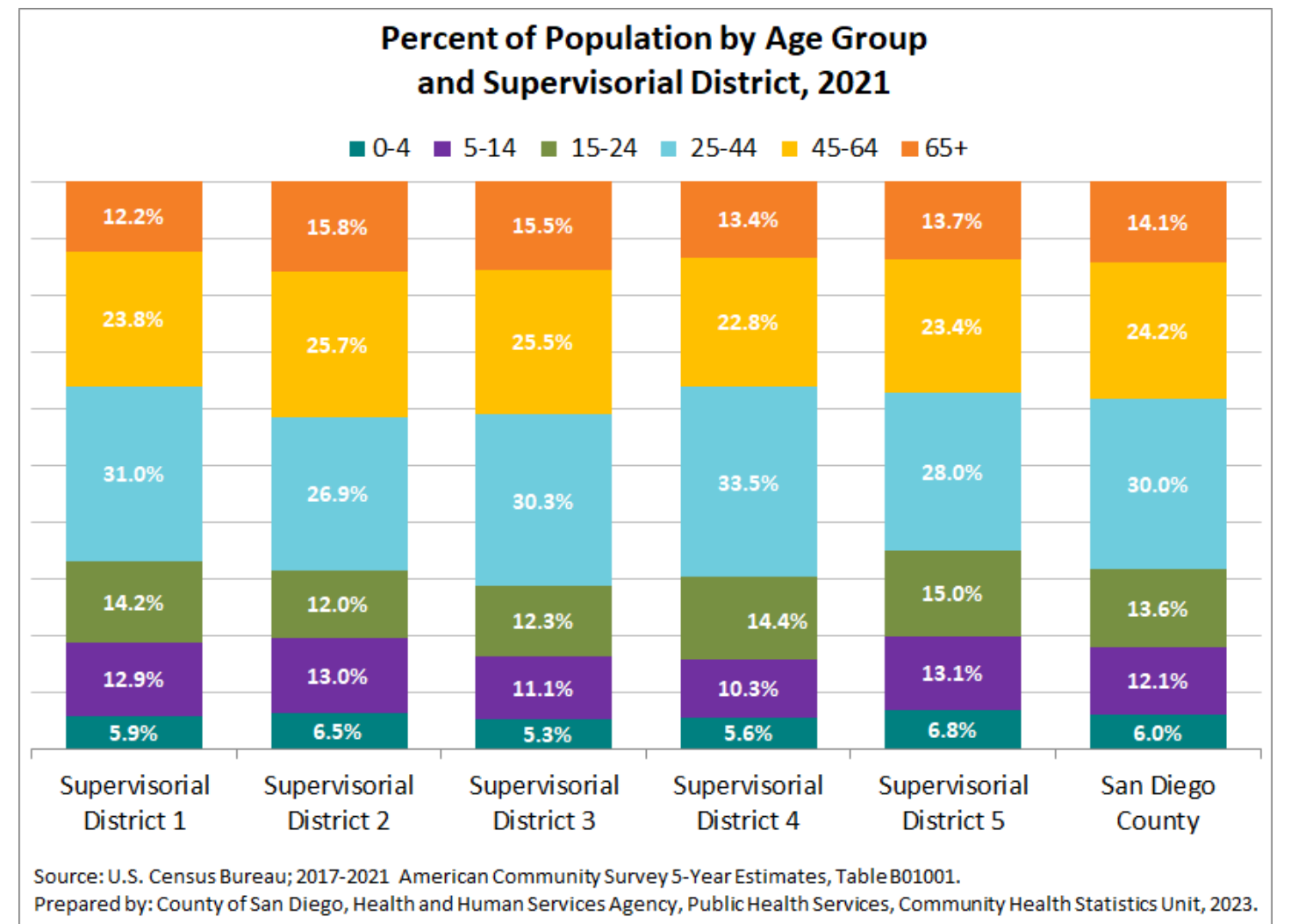
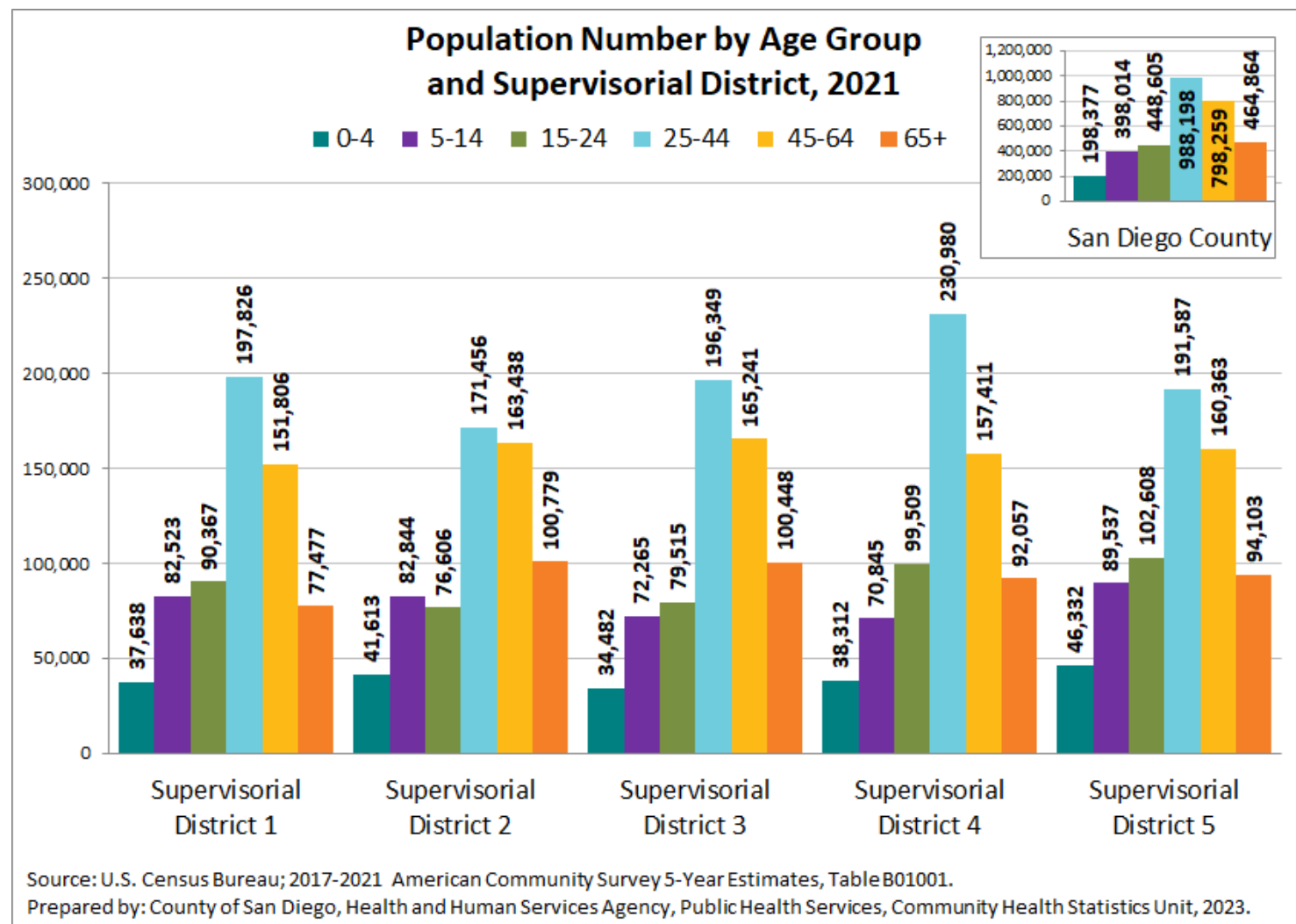
*For researchers:* The U.S. Census Bureau publishes a margin of error (MOE) for each ACS estimate. For the purposes of these profiles, the MOEs are not considered as these are the best estimates for our geographies.



# Total Population by Age Group

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001.

Geography	0-4		5-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Supervisory District 1	37,638	5.9%	82,523	12.9%	90,367	14.2%	197,826	31.0%	151,806	23.8%	77,477	12.2%
Supervisory District 2	41,613	6.5%	82,844	13.0%	76,606	12.0%	171,456	26.9%	163,438	25.7%	100,779	15.8%
Supervisory District 3	34,482	5.3%	72,265	11.1%	79,515	12.3%	196,349	30.3%	165,241	25.5%	100,448	15.5%
Supervisory District 4	38,312	5.6%	70,845	10.3%	99,509	14.4%	230,980	33.5%	157,411	22.8%	92,057	13.4%
Supervisory District 5	46,332	6.8%	89,537	13.1%	102,608	15.0%	191,587	28.0%	160,363	23.4%	94,103	13.7%
San Diego County	198,377	6.0%	398,014	12.1%	448,605	13.6%	988,198	30.0%	798,259	24.2%	464,864	14.1%
California	2,350,335	6.0%	5,092,474	12.9%	5,215,474	13.2%	11,282,671	28.6%	9,844,520	25.0%	5,669,879	14.4%
United States	19,423,121	5.9%	41,921,255	12.7%	43,228,788	13.1%	87,802,825	26.6%	84,460,871	25.6%	52,888,621	16.0%



This indicator shows the number and percent of the population by age group in each geography.

**How to interpret these data:** In 2021, 14.1% (464,864) of San Diego County's population was 65 years and over.

# Older Adult Population by Age Group

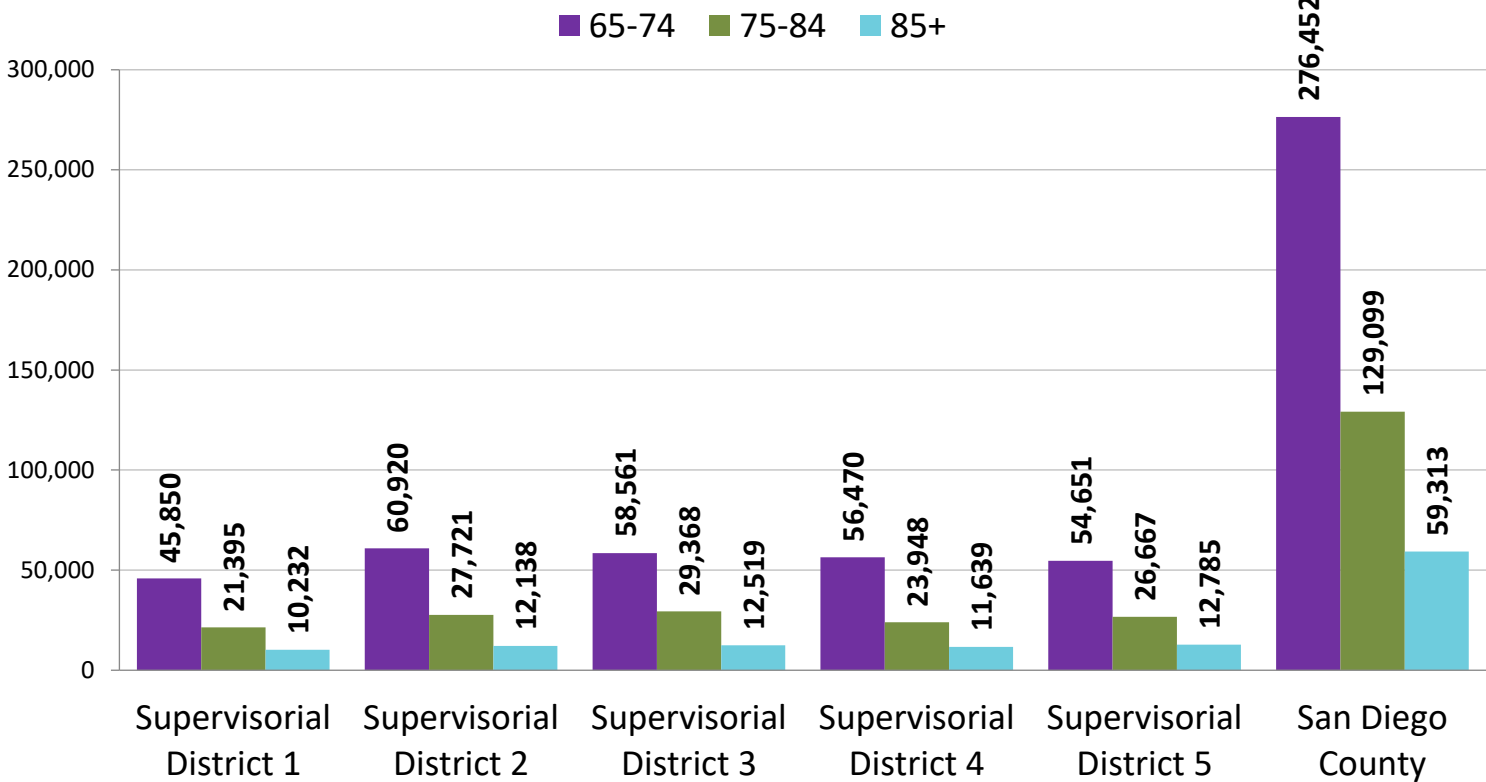
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001.

Geography	Total Population	65-74		75-84		85+	
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%
Supervisoryal District 1	637,637	45,850	7.2%	21,395	3.4%	10,232	1.6%
Supervisoryal District 2	636,736	60,920	9.6%	27,721	4.4%	12,138	1.9%
Supervisoryal District 3	648,300	58,561	9.0%	29,368	4.5%	12,519	1.9%
Supervisoryal District 4	689,114	56,470	8.2%	23,948	3.5%	11,639	1.7%
Supervisoryal District 5	684,530	54,651	8.0%	26,667	3.9%	12,785	1.9%
San Diego County	3,296,317	276,452	8.4%	129,099	3.9%	59,313	1.8%
California	39,455,353	3,363,447	8.5%	1,581,471	4.0%	724,961	1.8%
United States	329,725,481	31,590,619	9.6%	14,998,214	4.5%	6,299,788	1.9%

This indicator shows the older adult population by age group. Number (#) represents the number of older adults in that age group. Percentage (%) represents the percentage the age group makes up out of the total population in the geography.

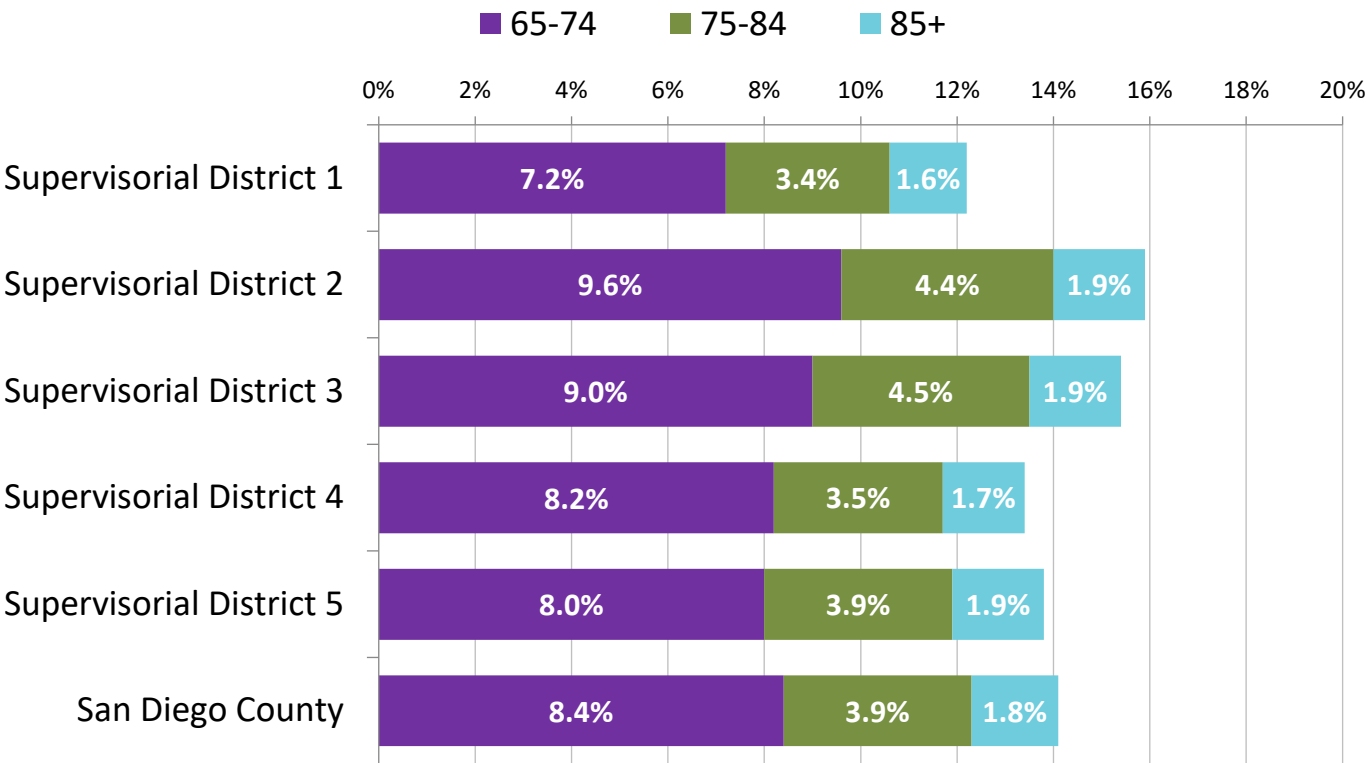
**How to interpret these data:** In 2021, 8.4% of San Diego County's population were between the ages of 65-74, 3.9% were between 75-84, and 1.8% were 85 years and older.

Older Adult Population  
by Age Group and Supervisorial District, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001.  
Prepared by: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Community Health Statistics Unit, 2023.

Percent\* of Older Adult Population  
by Age Group and Supervisorial District, 2021



\*Percent out of the total population.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001.  
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# Population, by Age Group, Living Below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)\*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B17024.

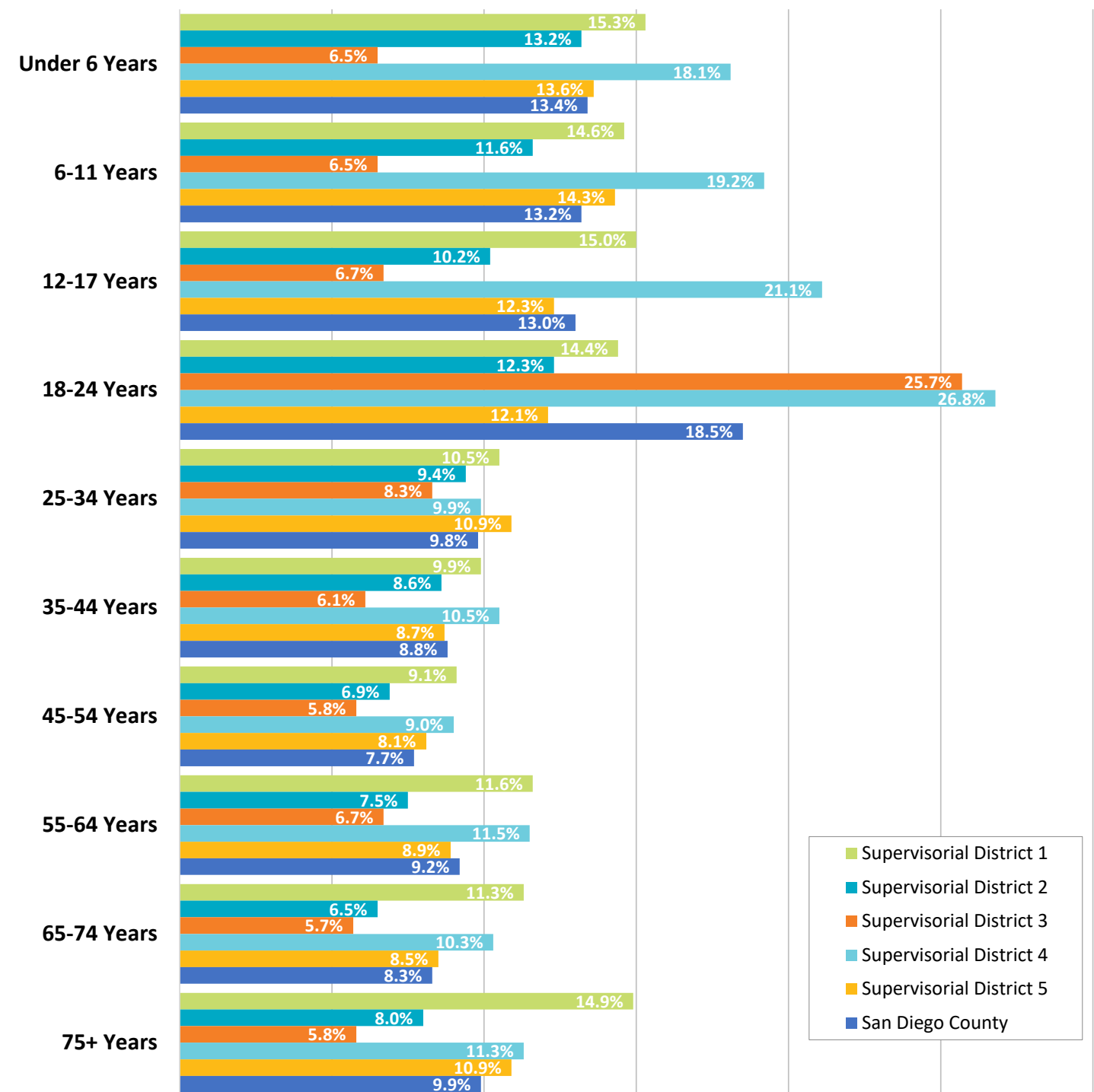
Geography	Under 6 Years	6-11 Years	12-17 Years	18-24 Years	25-34 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75+ Years
Supervisory District 1	15.3%	14.6%	15.0%	14.4%	10.5%	9.9%	9.1%	11.6%	11.3%	14.9%
Supervisory District 2	13.2%	11.6%	10.2%	12.3%	9.4%	8.6%	6.9%	7.5%	6.5%	8.0%
Supervisory District 3	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	25.7%	8.3%	6.1%	5.8%	6.7%	5.7%	5.8%
Supervisory District 4	18.1%	19.2%	21.1%	26.8%	9.9%	10.5%	9.0%	11.5%	10.3%	11.3%
Supervisory District 5	13.6%	14.3%	12.3%	12.1%	10.9%	8.7%	8.1%	8.9%	8.5%	10.9%
San Diego County	13.4%	13.2%	13.0%	18.5%	9.8%	8.8%	7.7%	9.2%	8.3%	9.9%
California	16.2%	16.4%	15.9%	17.8%	10.8%	10.5%	9.1%	10.1%	9.7%	11.9%
United States	18.4%	17.4%	15.4%	19.6%	12.1%	10.5%	9.2%	10.4%	8.8%	10.7%

**\*This indicator provides the percentage of the population within specified age groups that living in poverty. Poverty status was only determined for people not institutionalized, living in military group quarters, in college dormitories, and/or people ages 0-14 living alone or with unrelated roommates (not family).**

Poverty status is determined by matching people’s annual income before tax to sets of dollar amounts (also known as poverty thresholds) which will vary depending on the number of people in the family, number of children under the age of 18, and the age of householder (i.e., under age 65 or over age 65). If the annual income before tax is under the dollar amount for their threshold, the family and everyone in it living in the same household are determined to be in poverty. The income of anyone else living in the house not related, or in the family, is not considered for this threshold. In fact, these individuals would be compared to their own poverty threshold. In order to account for changes in cost of living year to year, poverty thresholds are updated every year by the Census Bureau per the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). Poverty thresholds are the same for all geographies in the United States. While cost of living may differ geographically, these thresholds do not.

**How to interpret these data:** An estimated 13.4% of children under the age of 6 were below the poverty level, compared with 9.9% of people 75 years old and over in San Diego County in 2021.

Percent of the Population Below Poverty Level  
by Age Group and Supervisorial District, 2021



\*Refers to the percentage of people within the age group living below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B17024.

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# Older Adults by Household Type

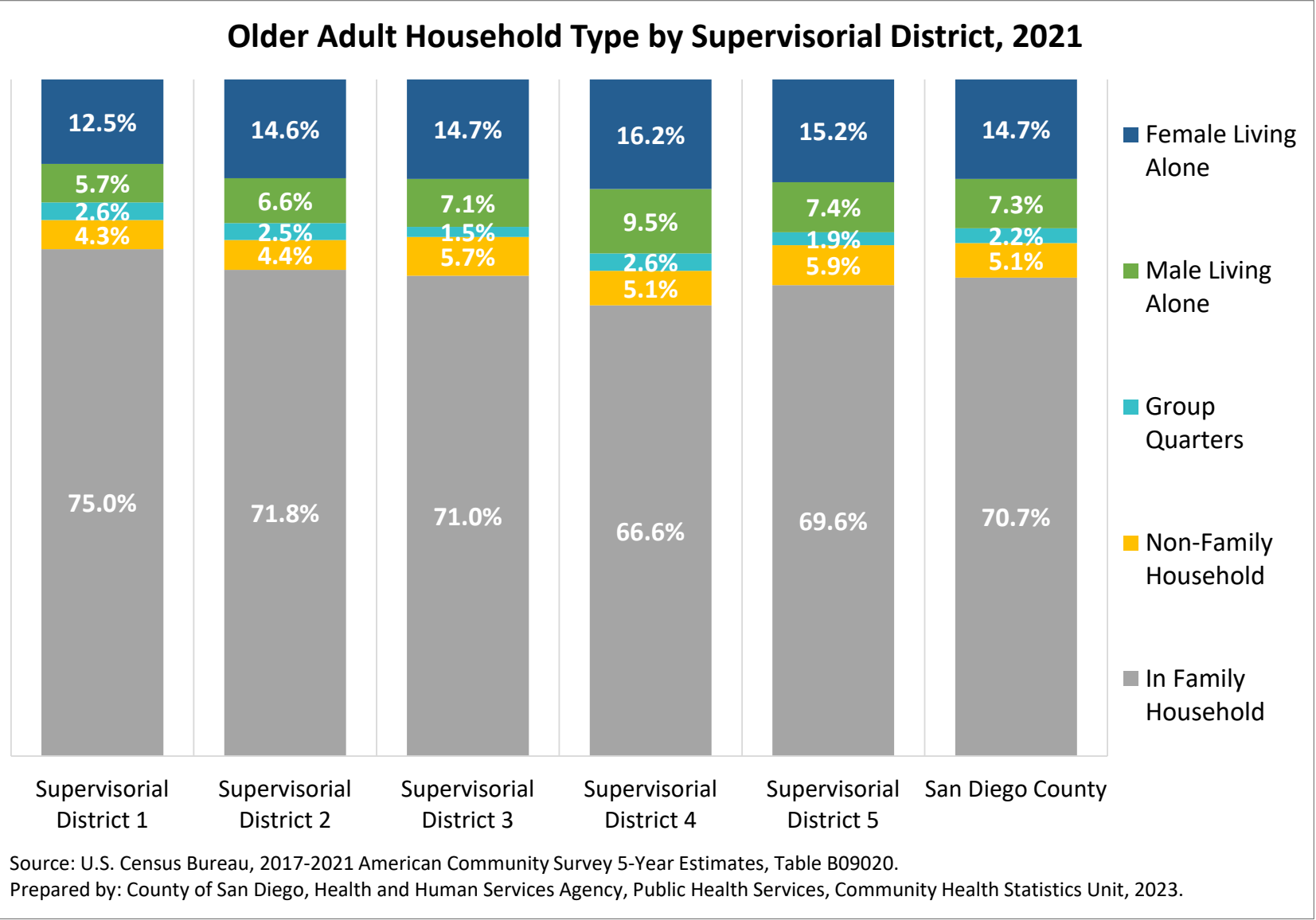
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B09020.

Geography	Population Age 65+	In Family Household	Non-Family Household	Group Quarters	Male Living Alone	Female Living Alone
Supervisory District 1	77,477	75.0%	4.3%	2.6%	5.7%	12.5%
Supervisory District 2	100,779	71.8%	4.4%	2.5%	6.6%	14.6%
Supervisory District 3	100,448	71.0%	5.7%	1.5%	7.1%	14.7%
Supervisory District 4	92,057	66.6%	5.1%	2.6%	9.5%	16.2%
Supervisory District 5	94,103	69.6%	5.9%	1.9%	7.4%	15.2%
San Diego County	464,864	70.7%	5.1%	2.2%	7.3%	14.7%
California	5,669,879	70.9%	4.7%	2.4%	7.3%	14.8%
United States	52,888,621	67.4%	3.7%	2.7%	8.7%	17.6%

This indicator explores the type of household that older adults, ages 65+, lived in. Types of households are classified by presence of relatives.

Please note that estimates from other American Community Survey (ACS) tables may differ depending on the categories included in that table; this is because the percentage of older adults by households type data presented here includes the older adult population living in group quarters (college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, workers’ dormitories, and facilities for people experiencing homelessness).

**How to interpret these data:** Of older adults ages 65+ in San Diego County in 2021, 70.7% lived in a family household. However, nearly one-quarter (22.0%) of the older adult population was living alone (14.7% female and 7.3% male).



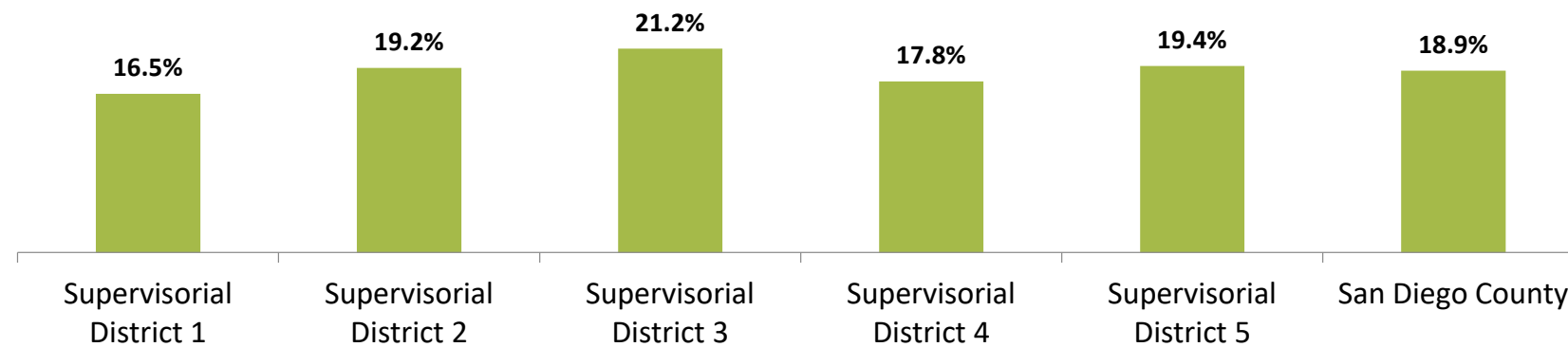


# Older Adults: Labor Force and Poverty

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B23001, B17024.

Geography	Older Adults, Aged 65+		
	In Labor Force	Living below 100% FPL	Living below 200% FPL
Supervisory District 1	16.5%	12.8%	31.1%
Supervisory District 2	19.2%	7.1%	21.0%
Supervisory District 3	21.2%	5.7%	15.5%
Supervisory District 4	17.8%	10.7%	28.1%
Supervisory District 5	19.4%	9.5%	25.6%
San Diego County	18.9%	8.9%	23.8%
California	19.3%	10.5%	26.8%
United States	18.8%	9.6%	27.2%

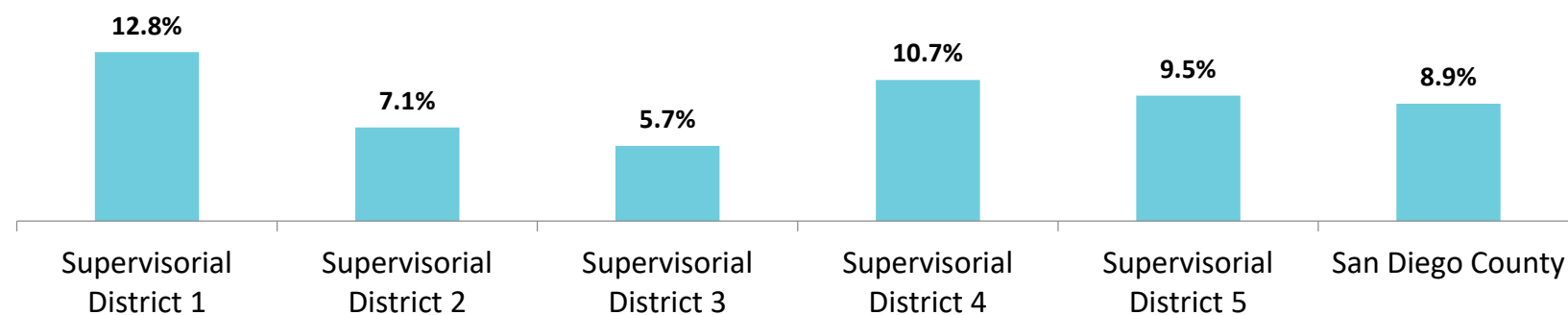
Percent of Older Adults, Aged 65+, in the Labor Force  
by Supervisory District, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B23001.

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Percent of Older Adults, Aged 65+, Living Below 100% of the  
Federal Poverty Level by Supervisory District, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B17024.

Prepared by: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Community Health Statistics Unit, 2023.

This indicator explores income and poverty in the older adult population (residents age 65 years and over). The labor force is the percentage who remain in the labor force\* and the second is the percentage who live in poverty using two federal poverty levels (FPLs), below 100% and 200% FPL.

*\*In labor force* refer to persons who were working or actively looking for work. It excludes active-duty military personnel and the institutionalized population, such as prison inmates.

**How to interpret these data:** In 2021 in San Diego County, 18.9% of older adults, ages 65+, remained in the labor force.

Poverty status was determined for all people except institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, people in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years old. These groups were excluded from the numerator and denominator for calculations.

*\*Federal Poverty levels (FPL)* refer to a measure of income used to assess how low or high income individuals have. FPL is used to determine eligibility for certain government programs and/or benefits that are income-based.

Please note that those with income below 100%FPL are included in the living below 200% FPL category and have much lower income.

**How to interpret these data:** In 2021 in San Diego County, an estimated 8.9% of people age 65 years and over had incomes below the Federal Poverty Level.

# Population with a Disability by Age Group\*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S1810.

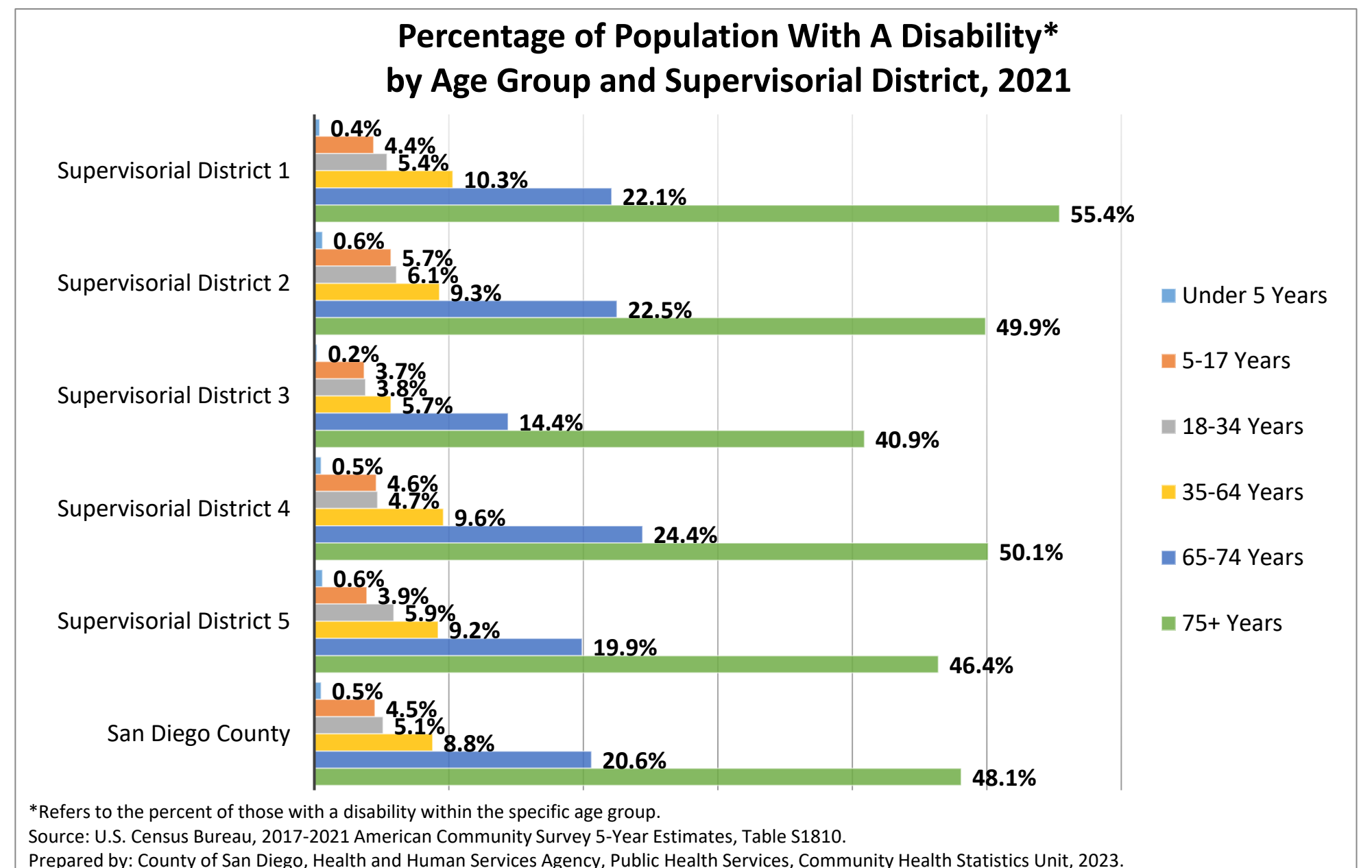
Geography	Under 5 Years		5-17 Years		18-34 Years		35-64 Years		65-74 Years		75+ Years	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Supervisory District 1	132	0.4%	4,737	4.4%	8,282	5.4%	24,150	10.3%	10,029	22.1%	17,196	55.4%
Supervisory District 2	255	0.6%	6,036	5.7%	7,920	6.1%	22,565	9.3%	13,511	22.5%	19,338	49.9%
Supervisory District 3	86	0.2%	3,409	3.7%	5,652	3.8%	14,450	5.7%	8,400	14.4%	16,854	40.9%
Supervisory District 4	205	0.5%	4,202	4.6%	9,538	4.7%	24,254	9.6%	13,637	24.4%	17,341	50.1%
Supervisory District 5	276	0.6%	4,489	3.9%	9,184	5.9%	22,503	9.2%	10,812	19.9%	17,941	46.4%
San Diego County	954	0.5%	22,873	4.5%	40,576	5.1%	107,922	8.8%	56,389	20.6%	88,670	48.1%
California	15,665	0.7%	300,184	4.5%	512,922	5.5%	1,451,923	9.7%	756,955	22.7%	1,107,852	49.3%
United States	132,721	0.7%	3,137,957	5.7%	5,048,681	6.8%	15,489,048	12.4%	7,549,170	24.1%	9,697,915	47.4%

This indicator provides number and percentage of persons with a disability (one or more) within each age group. Disability status is determined for the civilian noninstitutionalized population who responded to questions regarding six types of difficulty.

*\*Refers to the percent of those with a disability within the specific age group.*

**Limitation:** Data is specific to the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Disability distributions in some types of group quarter (GQ) populations may differ from that in the household population; therefore, the inclusion of the noninstitutionalized GQ population could have a noticeable effect in the disability distribution, particularly in areas with large noninstitutionalized GQ population.

**How to interpret these data:** The likelihood of having a disability increased as age increased - less than 1% of people under age 5 had a disability, compared to nearly half (48.1%) of the population 75+ that had a disability in San Diego County in 2021.





Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B10051.

Geography	Number of Grandparents Living with Grandchildren*	Grandparent Responsible for Grandchild	Percent Grandparent Responsible for Grandchild	Grandparent Responsible for Grandchild Without a Parent Present	Of Grandparents Living with Grandchildren, Percent Responsible for Grandchild Without a Parent Present	Living with Grandchild, by Age		Responsible Without Parent Present	
						Grandparent Ages 30-59	Grandparent Ages 60+	Grandparent Ages 30-59	Grandparent Ages 60+
Supervisory District 1	23,528	5,323	22.6%	902	3.8%	9,090	14,438	32.6%	67.4%
Supervisory District 2	12,214	3,204	26.2%	961	7.9%	3,723	8,491	36.3%	63.7%
Supervisory District 3	7,345	1,781	24.2%	488	6.6%	1,656	5,689	18.9%	81.1%
Supervisory District 4	15,525	3,844	24.8%	771	5.0%	5,382	10,143	28.4%	71.6%
Supervisory District 5	17,939	4,093	22.8%	836	4.7%	8,227	9,712	36.8%	63.2%
San Diego County	76,551	18,245	23.8%	3,958	5.2%	28,078	48,473	31.9%	68.1%
California	1,114,064	233,096	20.9%	56,115	5.0%	440,194	673,870	38.5%	61.5%
United States	7,094,232	2,319,443	32.7%	876,875	12.4%	3,071,359	4,022,873	44.6%	55.4%

Please note that there was a change in methodology to estimate the percentage of grandparents living and/or responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years. Therefore, this data cannot be compared to past years of demographic profiles. This indicator was modified from previous years to increase clarity and ease of use. If you need previous years, please contact Community Health Statistics Unit or the author directly.

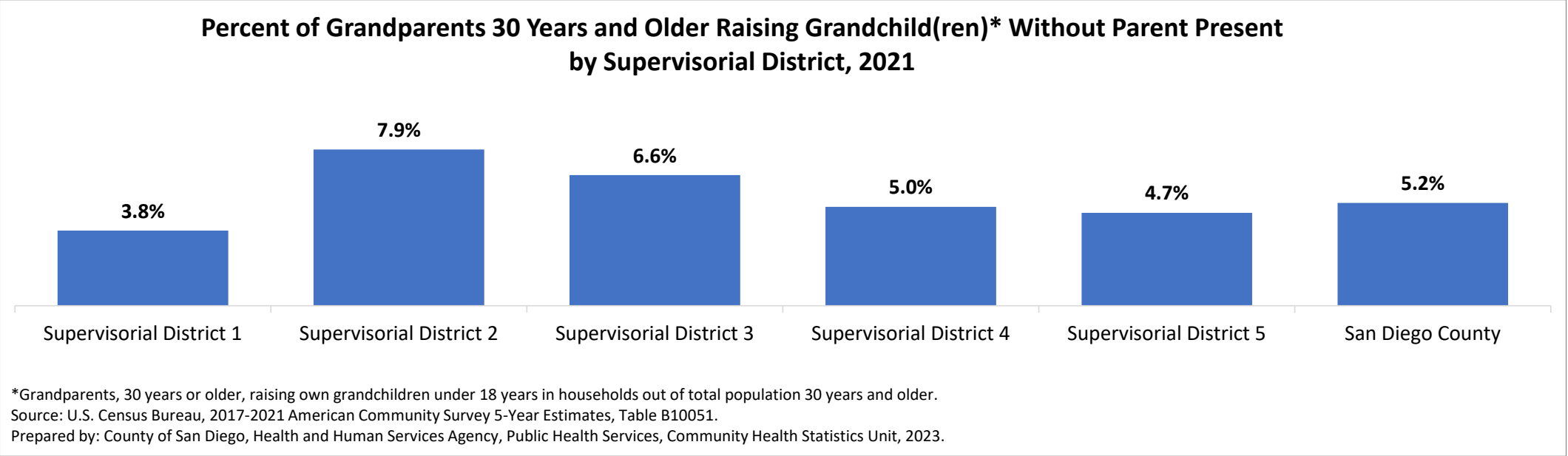
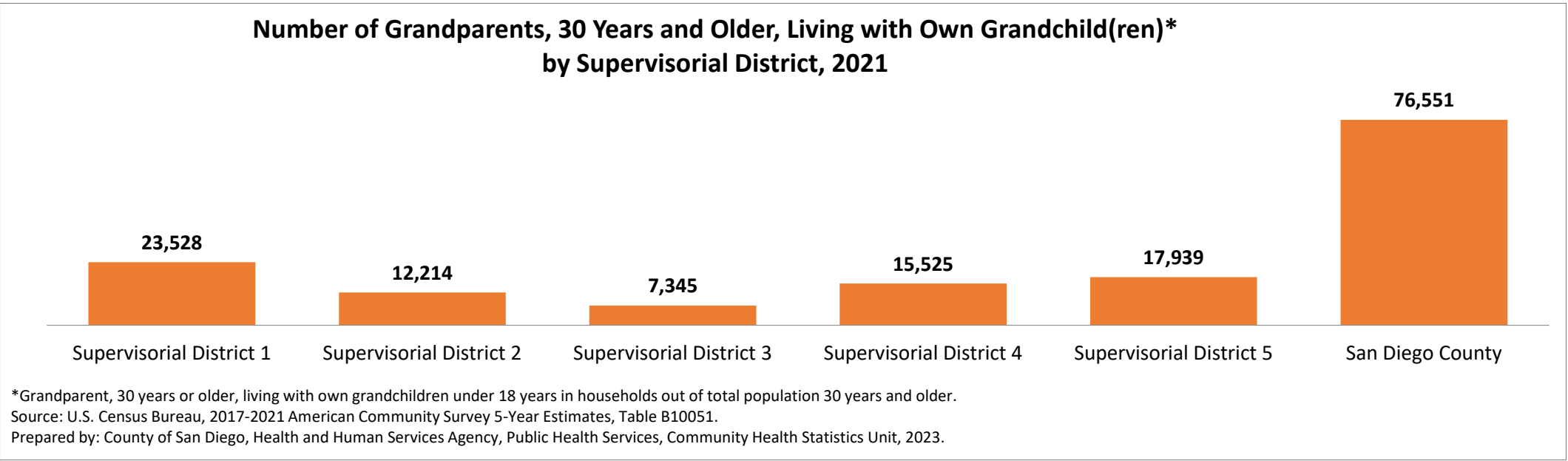
**Grandparent Living with a Grandchild in the Household** – People 15 years and over were asked if they had "any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment." Due to low numbers of persons under 30 years old living with their grandchildren, data is only for people 30 and over.

**Responsibility for Basic Needs** – This question determines if the grandparent is financially responsible for food, shelter, clothing, day care, etc., for any or all grandchildren living in the household. Responsibility was further classified by presence of grandchild('s) parents.

This table shows the number of grandparents 30 years or older living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households by responsibility for grandchildren with or without a parent present. Additionally, it breaks down grandparents living with and those responsible for their grandchildren without a parent present by age group.

**How to interpret these data:** In San Diego County in 2021, 76,551 grandparents lived with their grandchild or grandchildren under 18 years old. Of those grandparents, 23.8% were responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren (includes those with parent of child present).

**How to interpret these data:** Of the 76,551 grandparents who lived with their grandchild or grandchildren under 18 years old in San Diego County in 2021, 5.2% were responsible for grandchildren without a parent present. Of these, 68.1% were grandparents 60 years and over and 31.9% were 30 to 59 years old.





# Health Insurance Status

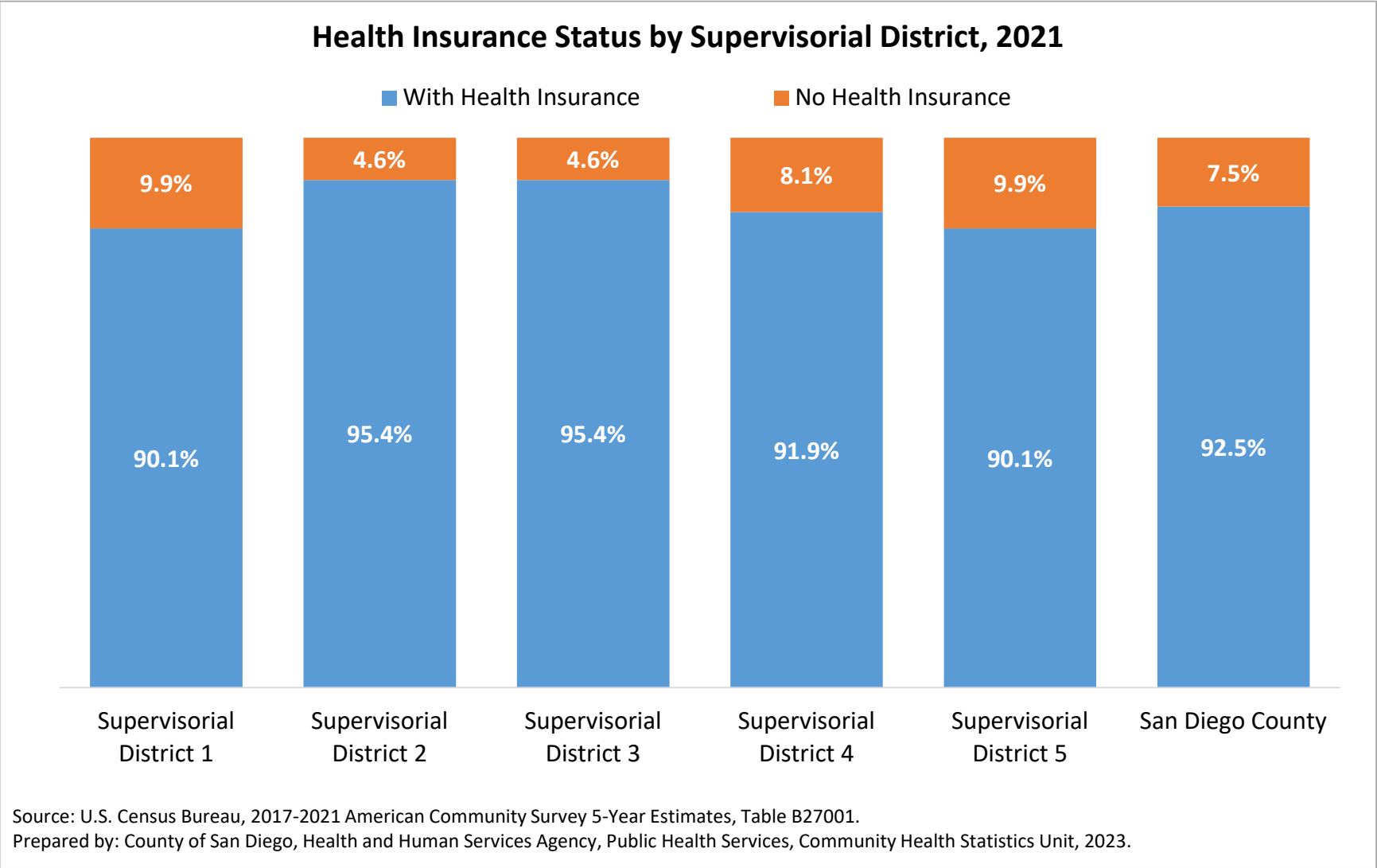
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B27001.

Geography	With Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	0-18 w/ Health Insurance	19-25 w/ Health Insurance	26-44 w/ Health Insurance	45-64 w/ Health Insurance	65+ w/ Health Insurance
Supervisory District 1	90.1%	9.9%	94.5%	84.7%	85.8%	88.4%	98.0%
Supervisory District 2	95.4%	4.6%	97.4%	92.4%	92.7%	94.6%	99.1%
Supervisory District 3	95.4%	4.6%	97.7%	91.6%	92.8%	95.0%	99.5%
Supervisory District 4	91.9%	8.1%	95.6%	89.0%	87.8%	91.3%	99.2%
Supervisory District 5	90.1%	9.9%	95.4%	83.7%	83.9%	88.7%	98.5%
San Diego County	92.5%	7.5%	96.1%	88.1%	88.5%	91.7%	98.9%
California	92.8%	7.2%	96.7%	89.1%	88.5%	91.5%	98.9%
United States	91.2%	8.8%	94.7%	85.7%	85.7%	90.4%	99.2%

Please note that beginning in 2017, age groups changed so the 2017 and 2018 data will not be comparable to previous years.

This indicator provides the percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population with and without health insurance. It additionally provides the percentage of civilian noninstitutionalized population with health insurance in specific age groups.

**How to interpret these data:** In 2021, 92.5% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population in San Diego County had health insurance coverage and 7.5% did not. The percentage of children under the age of 19 without health insurance coverage was 3.9% (96.1% did have health insurance coverage).



# Veterans by Age Group

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S2101.

Geography	Veterans by Age Group				
	18-34	35-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Supervisory District 1	14.7%	33.2%	20.2%	18.2%	13.8%
Supervisory District 2	14.7%	26.8%	15.8%	22.0%	20.7%
Supervisory District 3	11.8%	26.1%	15.7%	21.2%	25.2%
Supervisory District 4	16.5%	29.1%	16.9%	20.5%	17.1%
Supervisory District 5	15.3%	26.5%	18.5%	20.8%	18.9%
San Diego County	14.7%	28.2%	17.4%	20.6%	19.1%
California	10.2%	22.5%	16.7%	24.7%	26.0%
United States	8.7%	23.8%	18.3%	25.9%	23.3%

This indicator provides the percentage of civilian veterans by age group.

Veterans are persons 18 years and over who ever served on active duty. A civilian veteran refers to persons 18 years or older who served on active duty in any military branch or served in the National Guard or military reserves (only those ever called or ordered to active duty were classified as veterans). It does not include persons currently in active duty.

**How to interpret these data:** Nearly 2 out of 5 (39.7%) civilian veterans in San Diego County in 2021 were 65 years and over.

