

2025 WESTCHESTER ELDERBOOM CONFERENCE ON AGING
MINI-SERIES
INITIAL CAUCUS PLANNING MEETING
February 20, 2025



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2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini-Series Mission

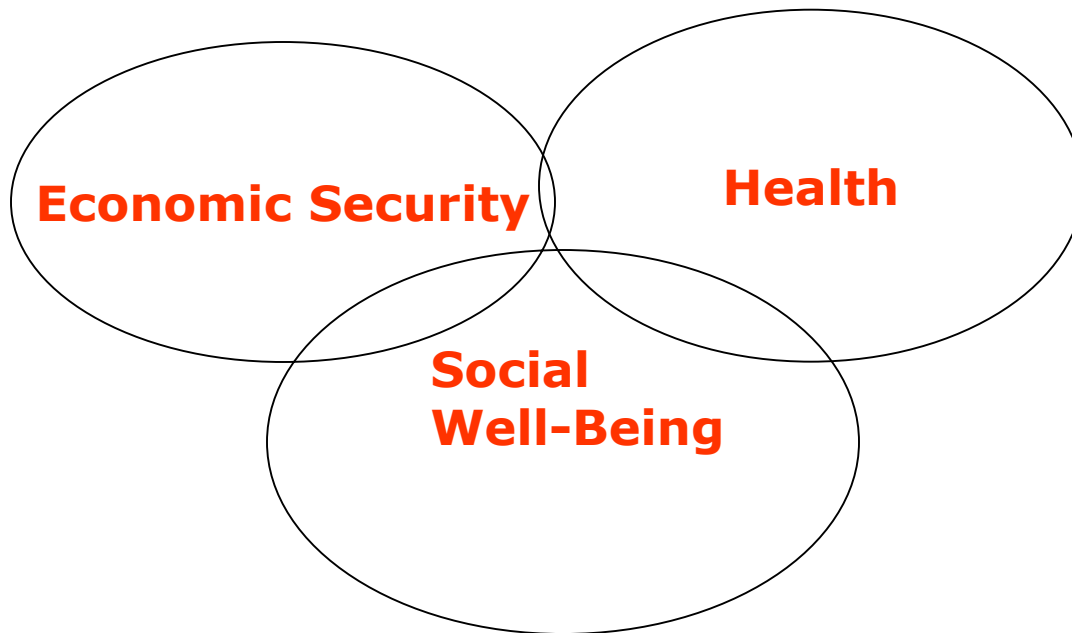
The 2025 Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini-Series' mission is to develop policies designed to improve the lives of older adults.

2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini Series Objectives

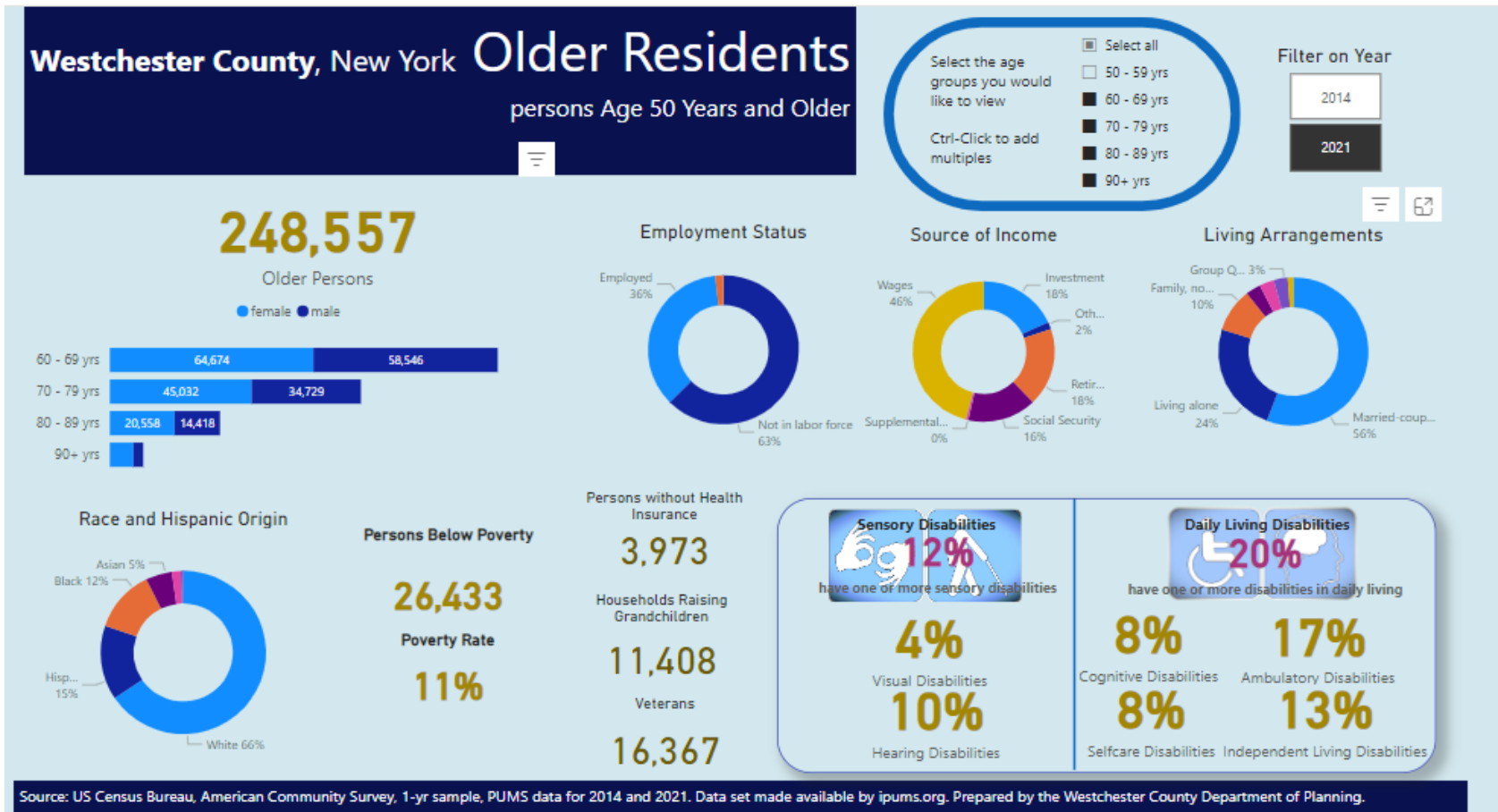
- Caucuses will examine senior issues, unmet needs and gaps
- Develop resolutions, recommendations, and alternatives to barriers
- Develop a local, state, and national action agenda

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To address these major areas of community interdependence



Overview of Westchester's Seniors



2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini Series Objectives Guiding Principles

- ▶ Value Independence
- ▶ Promote personal security
- ▶ Encourage personal responsibility
- ▶ Recognize interdependence
- ▶ Provide a “safety net” to support the vulnerable population of older persons
- ▶ Recognize and respond to the growing diversity of the aging population
- ▶ Ensure the quality of life of all Westchester residents as they age

*NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED PEOPLE
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY
THING THAT EVER HAS – Margaret Mead*

2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini Series **Issue Caucuses**

- ▶ **Age-Friendly**
- ▶ **Alzheimer's and Related Dementia**
 - ▶ **Caregiving**
 - ▶ **Elder Law/Economic Security**
 - ▶ **Health & Wellness**
 - ▶ **Health Insurance**
 - ▶ **Housing Options**
 - ▶ **Hunger**
 - ▶ **Long Term Care**
 - ▶ **Mental Health**
 - ▶ **Palliative Care**
 - ▶ **Technology**
 - ▶ **Transportation**
 - ▶ **Veterans**

2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Proposed Time Line

January 2025

Initial Planning

February 2025

Initial Meeting of Caucuses

February 2025 – April 2025

Identify lead stakeholders, sponsors and co-sponsors

Caucus meetings

May 2025

1st EVENT – Caucus Symposium –issue focused

Caucus meetings

June 2025 –

2nd EVENT- Palliative Care –Social Model Conference

Caucus meetings & issue development

July 2025

3rd EVENT - Conference

Submission of priority policy issues

September 24, 2025

Culminating Event – Westchester County Center

October 2025

Caucuses will present a one page priority issues summary to the aging network at Dept.of Senior Programs and Services Public Hearing

Elderboom Report Presentation at State Society on Aging of New York Conference

“Aging is a part of the continuum of life. Hence policies that provide security to the elders of our society also enhance the lives of their children and grandchildren and create a bond between generations.”

Source: The Road to Aging Policy for the 21st Century- 1995 White House Conference on Aging

2025 Westchester Elderboom Conference on Aging Mini-Series

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