

Summary

This presentation of population trends in Butler County reveals important indicators that could reflect current and future need for long-term care services and supports. The county's population is aging and the share of the population that is 60 years and older will continue to grow over the next 20 years. Since older people are more likely to have lower education, and there is an association between lower education and lower income, a higher proportion of older population experiences poverty. In addition, those at very advanced ages are mostly women who have outlived their spouses and most likely live alone. The combination of lower income, living alone and prevalence of disability among older women are all contributors to need for long-term care services and supports, most likely paid by the county levy funds or the Medicaid program.