

The Brunswick Service Area has a population of 2,225 according to the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. The area is 53.1 percent female and 46.9 percent male. This is a reflection of the older population of this area where almost a quarter of the population is 65 and older compared to 13.5 percent statewide and 16.5 percent in the 13-county Care Connection Area.

The population age 55 and older in the Brunswick Service Area is primarily Caucasian (92.6%). The area also has 146 African Americans seniors, and 19 persons of other races. The area also is home to 13 Hispanics age 55 and older.

A little over half (54.7%) of the households with householder age 65 and older reside in family households. This is just slightly under the state percentage of 61.3 percent. The Brunswick Service Area has a much higher proportion of persons 65 and older living alone- 37.7 percent compared to 30.2 percent both statewide and for the 13-county Care Connection Area.

The Brunswick Service Area has a much higher rate of seniors living below poverty. The poverty rate of persons 65 and older is 17.5 percent compared to 9.9 percent statewide and 11.7 percent in the 13-county area. Likewise, for persons 75 and older the rate is 19.0 percent compared to 12.3 percent statewide and 14.7 percent in the overall Care Connection Area.

There are 977 occupied housing units in this service area in which the occupant is age 55 and older. The most likely seniors to own are ages 65 to 74 (91.6%). Those least likely to own are persons age 75 and older (78%). According to the 2000 Census, the majority of the housing stock in this service area was built more than 35 years ago (58.3%). Only 5.4 percent of housing stock was built between 1995 and 2000.

Disabilities are tallied per disability, i.e., a person with multiple disabilities would be counted multiple times – one for each disability. The ratio of disabilities per population age 65 and older is 64.3 in the Brunswick Service Area compared to 78.5 statewide. The most common disability tallied was physical disability (23.2%) followed by “go-outside-home” disability (16.2), sensory disability (10.6%), mental disability (9.4%), and self-care disability (4.9%).

Almost half of persons age 65 and older in this area reported that they were married-couples in the 2000 Census (46.4%). Another 38.6 percent reported being widowed. As would be expected, the most likely to report being widowed are those age 85 and older (72.3%). This is slightly higher than the state rate of 63.2 percent and the 13-county area rate of 60.5 percent. However, the presence of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg skews the 13-county area average.

The Brunswick Service Area had a slightly higher percentage of persons 65 and older who had completed high school (44.9%) than the state (33.9%) or the 13-county area (38.3%).

About three percent of Brunswick Service Area citizens reported having a Bachelor's Degree according to the 2000 Census.