

The Lowry City-B Service Area has a population of 2,358 according to the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. The area is 52.2 percent female and 47.8 percent male. Just under a third of the population is 60 and older (29.3 percent compared to 17.6 percent statewide and 21.2 percent in the 13-county Care Connection Area).

The area's seniors age 55 and older are predominantly Caucasian (97.2%). The area also has 66 seniors of other races. The area also is home to 34 Hispanics age 55 and older.

A little over half (53.5%) 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 Lowry City-B Service Area has a much higher proportion of persons 65 and older living alone – 33.2 percent compared to 30.2 percent both statewide and for the 13-county Care Connection Area.

The Lowry City-B Service Area has a higher rate of seniors living below poverty. The poverty rate of persons 65 and older is 17.2 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 17.4 percent compared to 12.3 percent statewide and 14.7 percent in the overall Care Connection Area.

There are 962 occupied housing units in this service area in which the occupant is age 55 and older. About three-quarters of housing units are owner-occupied compared to 70.2 statewide and 73 percent in the 13-county area overall. About 70 percent of those age 75 and older are homeowners. According to the 2000 Census, about a third (28.4%) of the housing stock in this service area was built before 1940. Only 6.9 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 84.0 in the Lowry City-B Area compared to 78.5 statewide. The most common disability tallied was physical disability (29.8%) followed by “go-outside-home” disability (18.9%), sensory disability (18.4%), self-care disability (8.6%), and mental disability (8.2%).

Almost half of persons age 65 and older in this area reported being married-couples in the 2000 Census (48.4%). Another 39.1 percent reported being widowed. As would be expected, the most likely to report being widowed are those age 85 and older (60.8%). This is slightly lower than the state rate of 63.2 percent and the 13-county area rate of 60.5 percent.

The Lowry City-B Service Area had a slightly higher percentage of persons 65 and older who had completed high school (35.3%) than the state (33.9%) or the 13-county area (38.3%). About three percent of Lowry City-B area seniors reported having a Bachelor's Degree according to the 2000 Census.