

The Stockton Service Area has a population of 6,309 according to the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. The area is 49.7 percent female and 50.3 percent male. Close to a third of the population is 60 and older (29.4 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 (97.6%). The area also has 75 seniors of other races. The area also is home to 77 Multiracial seniors and 46 Hispanics age 55 and older.

More than half (68.8%) of the households with householder age 65 and older reside in family households. This is just over the state percentage of 61.3 percent. The Stockton Service Area has a lower proportion of persons 65 and older living alone – 25.2 percent compared to 30.2 percent both statewide and for the 13-county Care Connection Area.

The Stockton Service Area has a slightly higher rate of seniors living below poverty than the state overall but lower than the 13-county Care Connection Area. The poverty rate of persons 65 and older is 10.2 percent compared to 9.9 percent statewide and 11.7 percent in the 13-county area. For persons 75 and older the rate is 14.4 percent compared to 12.3 percent statewide and 14.7 percent in the overall Care Connection Area.

There are 2,641 occupied housing units in this service area in which the occupant is age 55 and older. About 82 percent of homes are owner-occupied, compared to 70.2 percent statewide and 73 percent in the 13-county area overall. According to the 2000 Census, about a quarter of the housing stock in this service area was built during the 1970s (24.2%). About 15 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 73.0 in the Stockton Area compared to 78.5 statewide. The most common disability tallied was physical disability (29.5%) followed by “go-outside-home” disability (19.0%), sensory disability (13.8%), self-care disability (5.6%), and mental disability (5.2%).

More than half of persons age 65 and older in this area reported being married-couples in the 2000 Census (64%). Another 23.3 percent reported being widowed. For those age 85 and older the percentage widowed was 47.6 percent. This is much lower than the state rate of 63.2 percent and the 13-county area rate of 60.5 percent.

The Stockton Service Area had a much higher percentage of persons 65 and older who had completed high school (43.0%) than the state (33.9%) or the 13-county area (38.3%). About four percent of Stockton area seniors reported having a Bachelor's Degree according to the 2000 Census.