

LEBANON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING



PUBLIC HEARING

October 21, 2025

3:00 P.M.

710 Maple Street

Lebanon, PA 17046

ADRIAN LAYSER, ADMINISTRATOR

WELCOME

AGENDA

- 1. Area Agency on Aging (LCAAA) Overview**
- 2. 2025-2026 Aging Block Grant**
- 3. Community Outlook**
- 4. Public Comments**

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1. Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Overview

AAA OVERVIEW

- Over 50 years of service
- Entity of Lebanon County Government
- 17-Member AAA Advisory Council
- 38 Full and part time employees

AAA OVERVIEW

- Federal Older Americans Act of 1965
- Pennsylvania Act 70 of 1978
- Pennsylvania Department of Aging
(PDA) who provides the majority of
funding and program structure via the
Cooperative Agreement

AAA OVERVIEW

Pennsylvania Lottery 2023-2024 Economic Funding – Lebanon County

Lottery Prizes Paid to Winners	\$31,179,934
Area Agencies on Aging & Senior Centers	\$2,578,895
PACE/PACENET	\$1,074,627
Shared & Free Ride Program	\$358,669
Property Tax & Rent Rebates	\$2,251,500
Care/Living Services	2,950,935
Benefits Total	\$9,214,626

AAA OVERVIEW

Pennsylvania Lottery 2024-2025 Property Tax and Rent Rebates

---- Maximum ----

Eligibility	Income	2024	2025
Owners/Renters	\$0 to \$8,270	\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$8,271 to \$15,510	\$770	\$770
	\$15,511 to \$18,610	\$460	\$460
	\$18,611 to \$46,520	\$380	\$380

AAA OVERVIEW

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is to develop, coordinate and promote a continuum of services that values and supports older adults as they age; empowers them to maintain independence, dignity and respect; and enhances their overall well-being and quality of life.

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2025-2026 AGING BLOCK GRANT

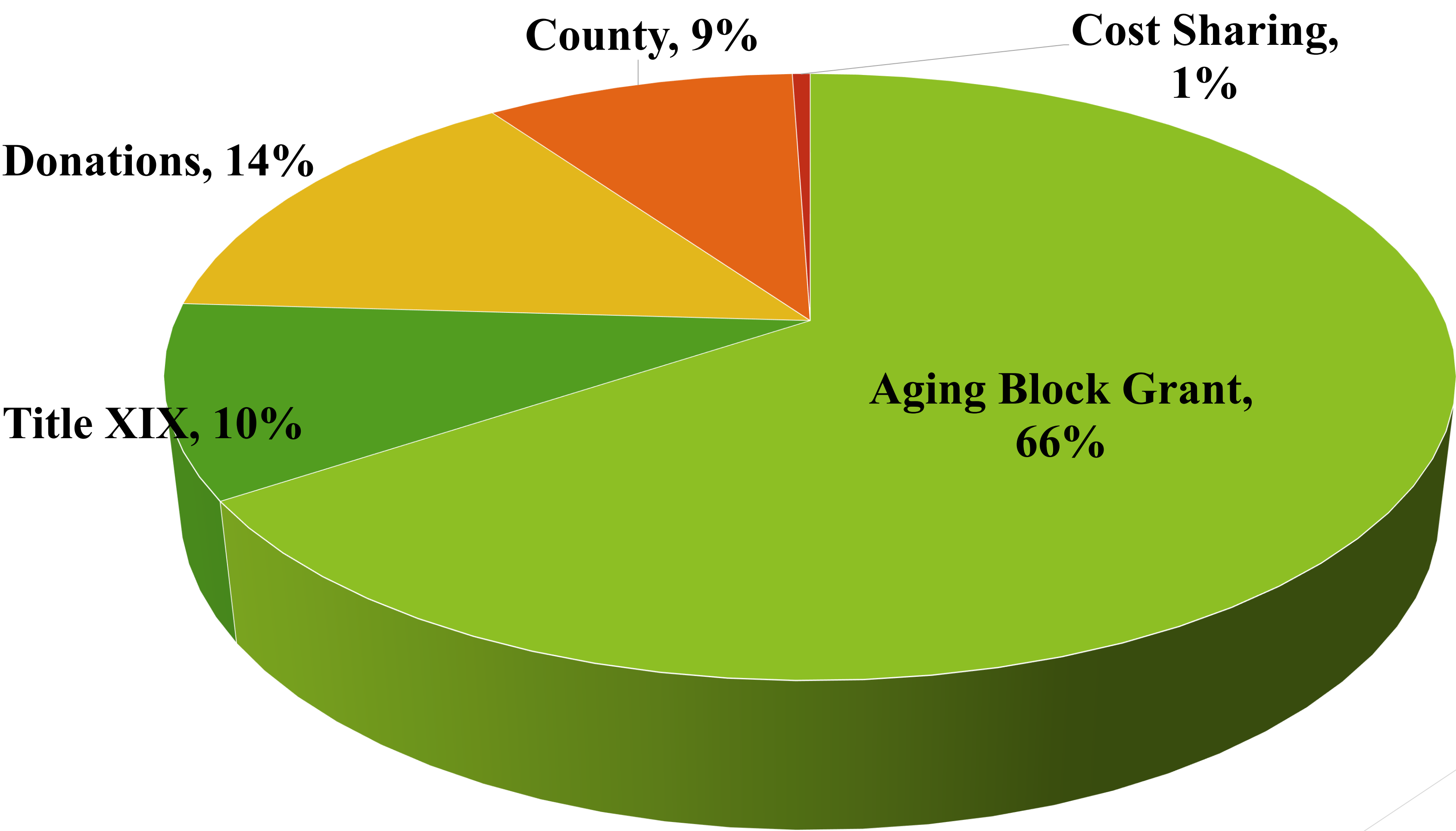
Sources of Funds

AGING BLOCK GRANT	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Regular Block Grant	\$1,973,065	\$1,990,738	1,995,434	2,091,140
Options Services	714,652	\$714,652	714,652	760,527
Miscellaneous Grants	298,570	\$298,570	401,387	327,294
Special COVID Funding				
American Rescue Plan	\$164,803	\$526,264		
Total Aging Block Grant	\$3,151,090	\$3,530,224	3,111,473	3,178,961

2025-2026 AGING BLOCK GRANT

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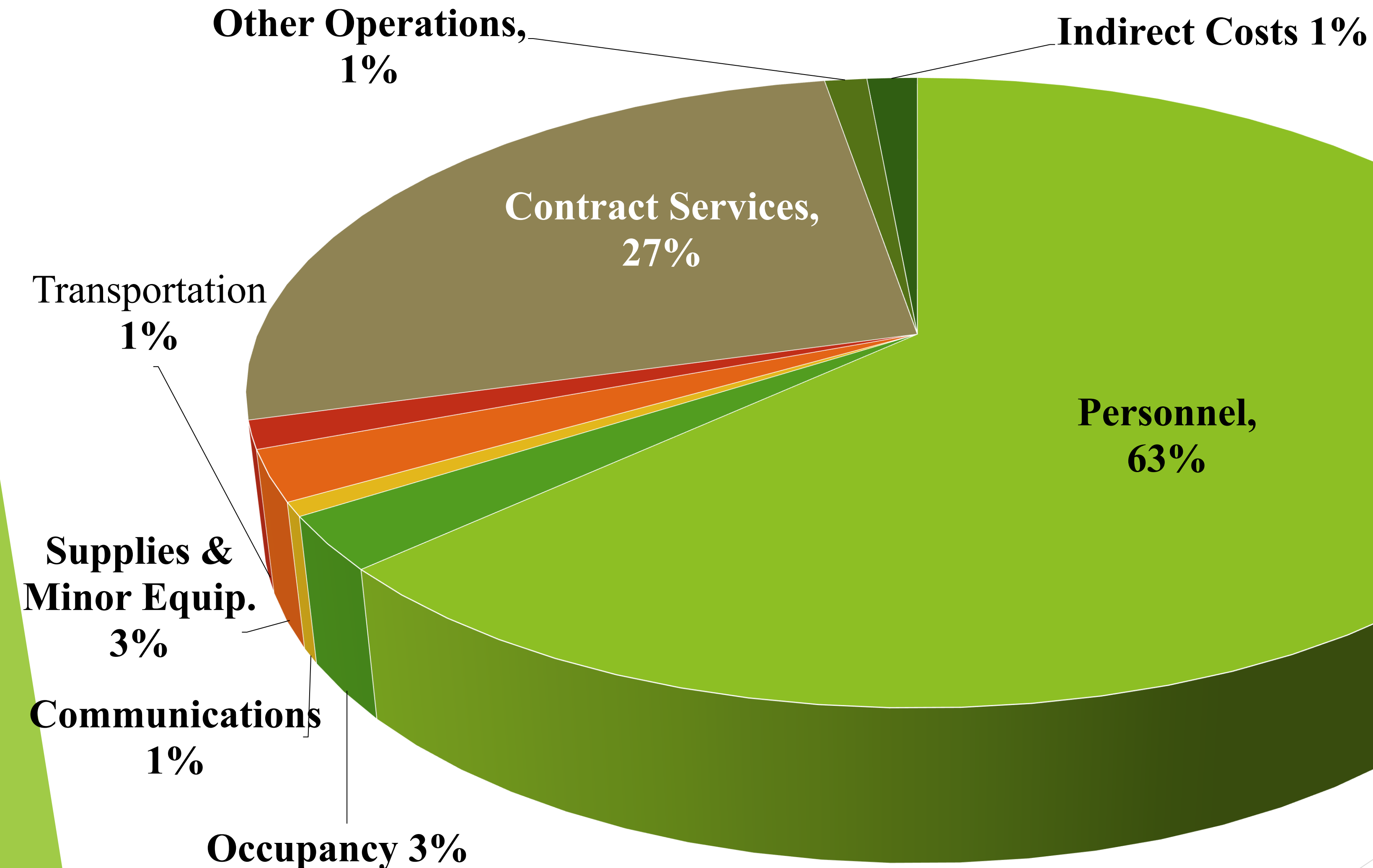
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2025-2026 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Expenditures by Type

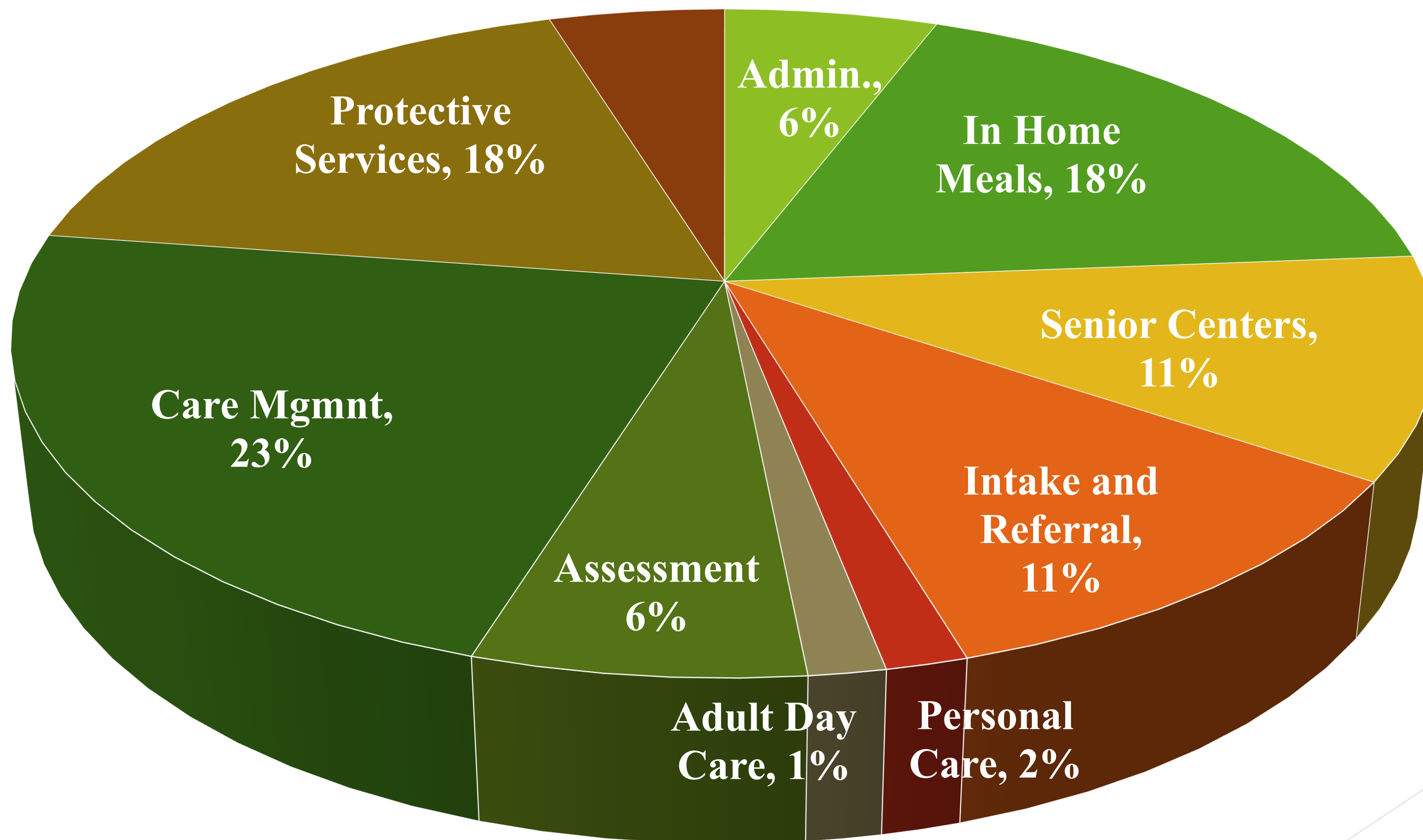
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2025-2026 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Program Areas

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2024-2025 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Program Areas

- Health & Wellness Programs: 30
- Volunteer Opportunities: 280-300
- Senior Community Centers: 766

2024-2025 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Program Areas

➤ Caregiver Support Program: 31

➤ In-Home Meals: 92,444
MOW 55,631
MOM's 36,813

➤ OPTIONS Program: 535

2024-2025 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Program Areas

➤ Assessments: 1,607

➤ Ombudsman: 210

2024-2025 AGING BLOCK GRANT

Program Areas

- Information & Referral: 329
- Legal Services: 82.75
- PA MEDI: 969
- Protective Services: 1,103

2025-2026 AGING BLOCK GRANT

How Do People Pay For Services

- Cost Share - PDA
- Donation – Older Americans Act
- No Fee

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

- Workforce Issues
- Funding
- Demographics

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Demographics

- 144,546 people in Lebanon County
- 39,807 over 60 (28.39%)
- Emerging Hispanic Population
- Baby Boomers

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Lebanon County Population

	2010	2024	# Increase/ Decrease	% Increase/ Decrease
Total Population	133,717	144,546	10,829	8.10%
60 to 64 Years	8,227	9,762	1,535	18.66%
65 to 69 Years	6,500	9,059	2,559	39.37%
70 to 74 Years	4,912	7,676	2,764	56.27%
75 to 79 Years	4,186	5,846	1,660	39.66%
80 to 84 Years	3,537	3,809	272	7.69%
>85 Years	3,643	3,655	12	.0033%
Total 60 and Older	31,005	39,807	8,802	28.39%

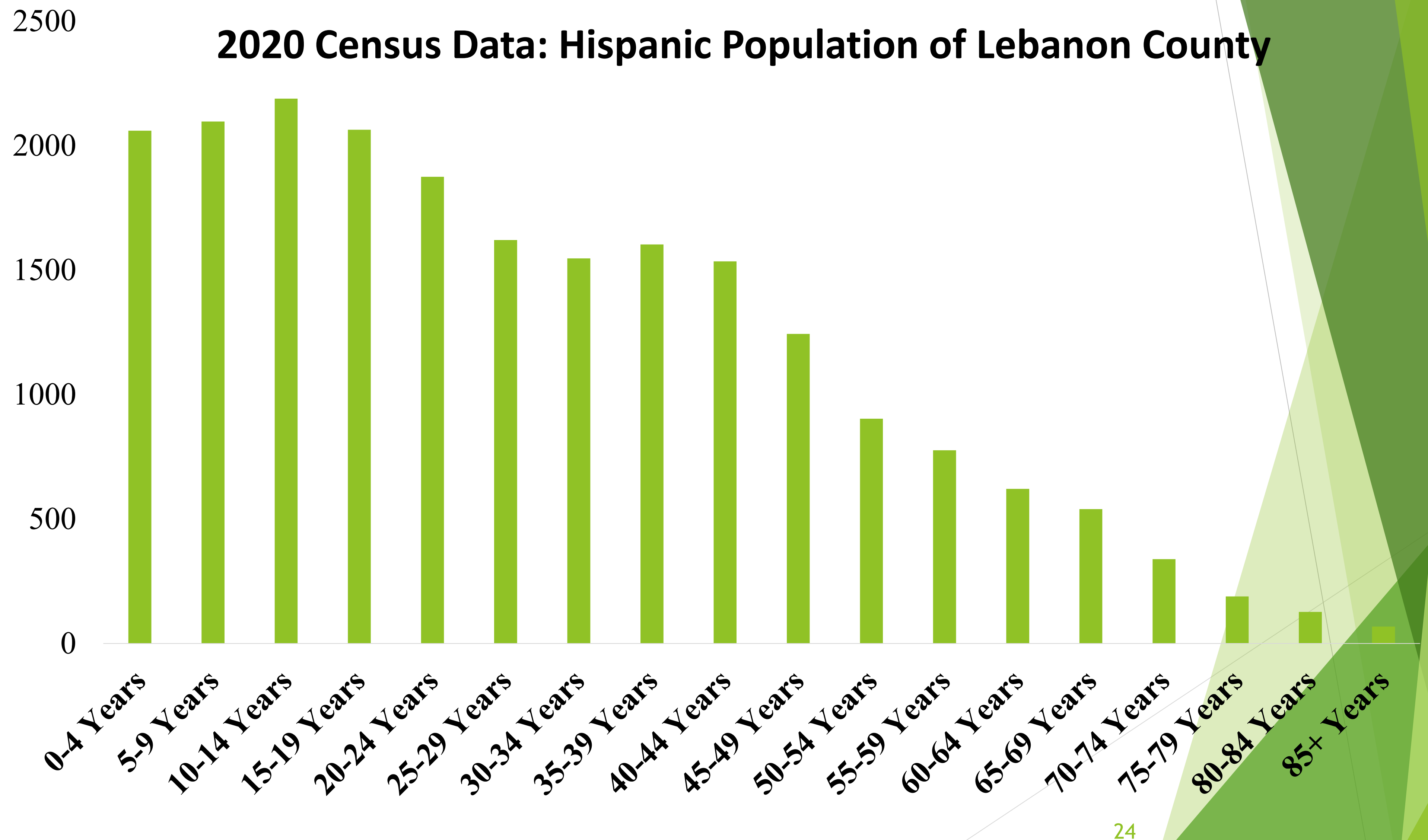
COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Population Statistics for 2020

	United States	Pennsylvania	Lebanon County
Total Population	326,569,308	12,794,385	140,410
60 to 64 Years	20,315,718	885,980	9,711
65 to 69 Years	17,301,772	751,747	7,699
70 to 74 Years	13,246,178	566,107	7,334
75 to 79 Years	9,113,714	399,666	4,779
80 to 84 Years	6,079,337	279,815	3,526
>85 Years	6,621,816	337,769	3,940
60 and Older	22.25%	25.18%	26.34%
85 and Older	2.03%	2.64%	2.81%

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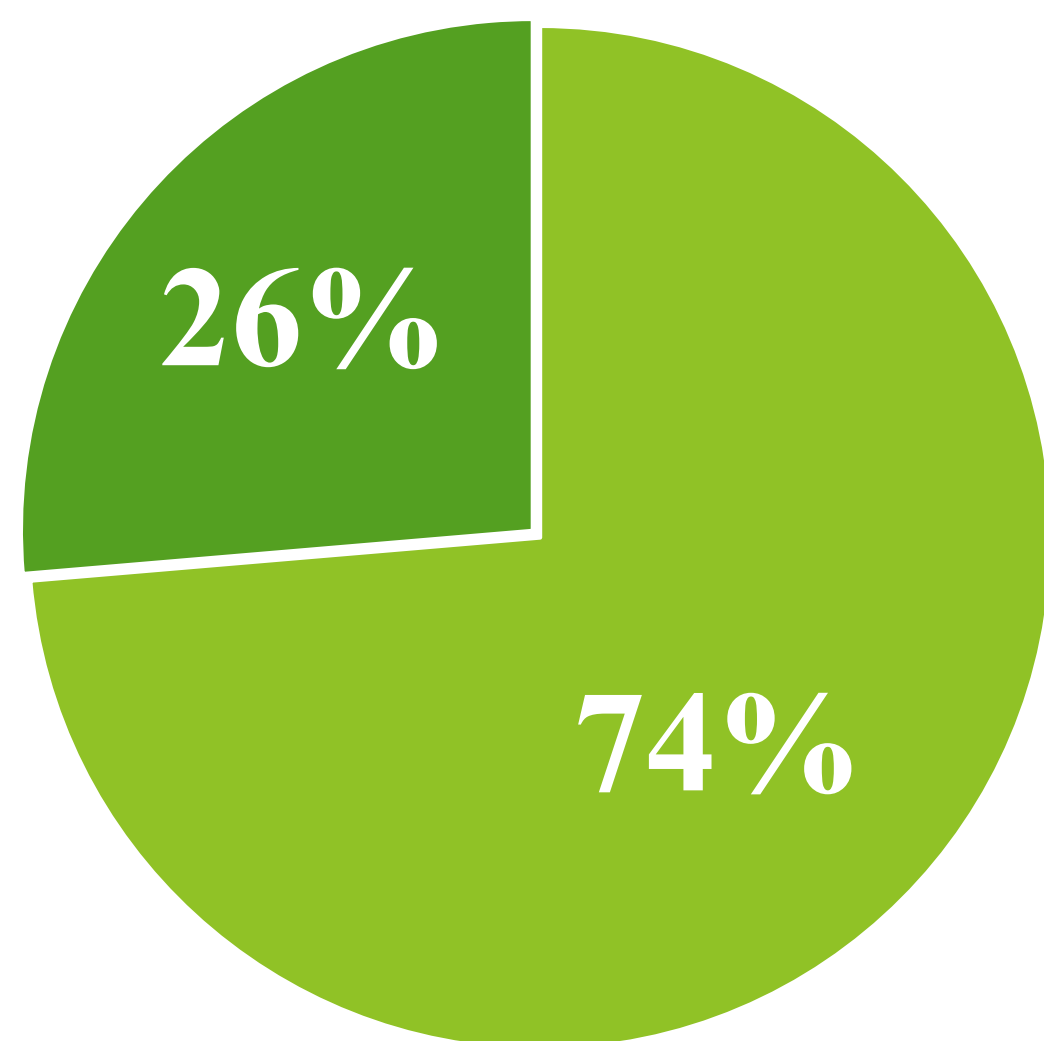
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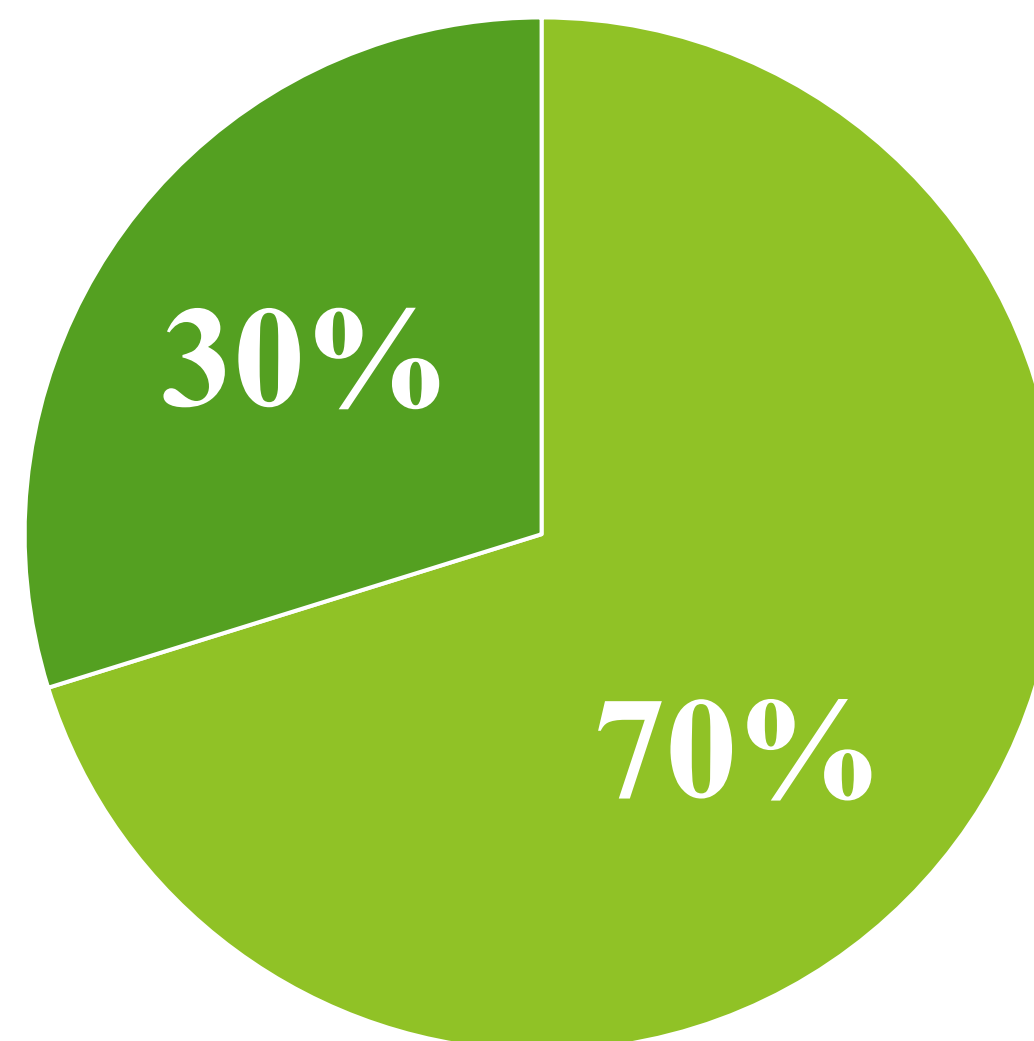
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Projected Populations

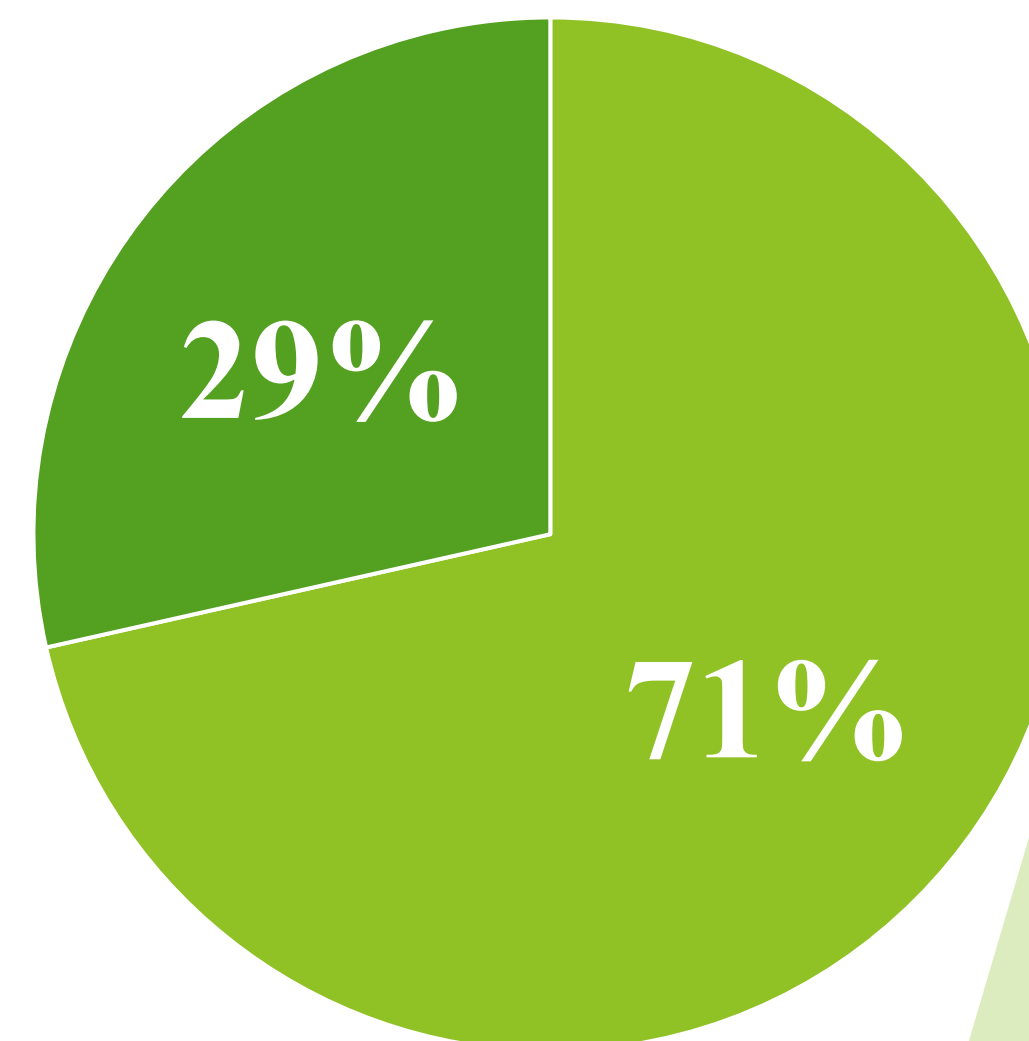
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2040



■ 0-59 ■ 60 and Older

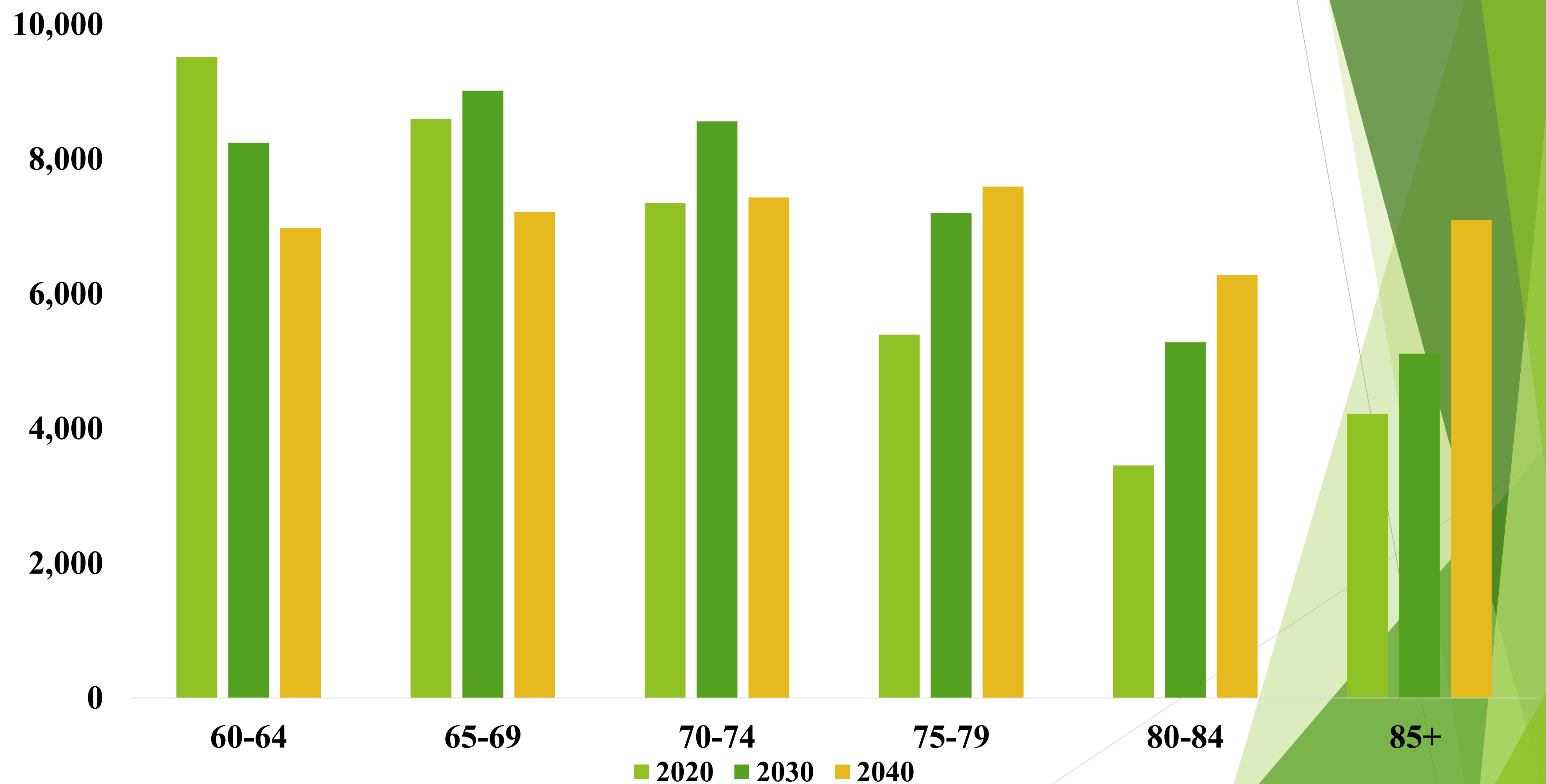
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COMMUNITY OUTLOOK

Projected Populations

Total Population of Lebanon County Residents Aged 60+



How Do People Access Services

- Check out our website at:
lebcounty.org/Departments/AAA
- Or our FACEBOOK page:
LCAAA-Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging
- Call us: 717-273-9262
- Email: aaa@lebanoncountypa.gov
- Stop by our office: 710 Maple Street in Lebanon

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions?

**THANK YOU
FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION**

Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025
3:00 PM

The Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging (LCAAA) held its annual Public Hearing to discuss the 2025-2026 Aging Block Grant. The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. in the 1st floor auditorium of the LCAAA building, 710 Maple St, Lebanon Pa.

33 people attended, including members of the community, members of AAA Staff, and County Commissioners Kuhn and Phillips.

Adrian Layser, Administrator, welcomed those in attendance.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Layser explained that Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) must hold a Public Hearing every year to discuss the Aging Block Grant and receive input from the community. As such, the subjects of discussion were 1) An overview of the AAA's structure and history, 2) A discussion of the Aging Block Grant funding stream, 3) A discussion regarding community outlook, and 4) Public Comment.

The Older Americans Act of 1965 describes the nation's commitment to older adults by outlining 10 core objectives to help senior citizens as they age. Further, the Pennsylvania Act 70 of 1978 created a statewide Department of Aging, providing a cabinet-level agency to administer services for citizens over 60. Locally, employees of the LCAAA are part of the Lebanon County government and are supported by an 18-member Advisory Council. The Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) provides most of the Agency's funding and program structure. Pennsylvania is the only state for which all proceeds from the lottery benefit senior citizens, with \$9,214,626 total benefits provided to Lebanon County through the lottery in 2023-2024. Ms. Layser broke down how those benefits are split up: \$2,578,895 goes directly to AAA and the Senior Centers; \$1,074,627 goes to PACE/PACENET to help pay for prescriptions; \$358,669 goes to the Shared & Free Ride program; \$2,251,500 goes to Property Tax & Rent Rebates; and \$2,950,935 goes to other care and living services. Through the work of its full- and part-time employees, the LCAAA provides senior citizens with a continuum of services that benefit seniors at varying degrees of independence and frailty.

Ms. Layser noted the LCAAA's Mission Statement, which is "to develop, coordinate and promote a continuum of services that values and supports older adults as they age; empowers them to maintain independence, dignity and respect; and enhances their overall well-being and quality of life." She explained that the Agency offers much more than basic services and noted services that can positively impact Seniors' quality of life.

Ms. Layser explained that the Aging Block Grant (ABG) is a large pool of money granted to the LCAAA by the Pennsylvania Department on Aging (PDA) to provide services to Lebanon County citizens aged 60 and older. There are twenty-one different sub-categories of funding, and each has its own requirements of how it may be spent. Prior to this year, the Regular Block Grant, which is approximately \$1.9 million, had not increased for more than ten years, while costs continued to rise due to inflation. However, due to the state Interstate Funding Formula the calculated distribution of Federal funds to Lebanon County increased by \$6,200.00. The State used newer census data and included the following criterion (number of 60+ older adults who live alone, are <150 of federal poverty income, underrepresented race or ethnicity, and reside in rural areas).

Ms. Layser then reviewed the program areas for services the agency provides:

- *Assessments*: Review the needs for services and/or assessment for nursing home placement; in one-year period the agency completed approximately 1,607 assessments.
- *Caregiver Support Program*: Reimbursement program that helps caregivers caring for older loved ones or grandparents taking care of grandchildren; currently serving 31 families.
- *Health and Wellness Programs*: The LCAAA offers evidence-based programs, such as Healthy Steps and Tai Chi for Arthritis. There are other activities at senior centers fostering health and wellness as well.
- *Information and Referral* encompass the many requests that come into the agency with questions or needs that an agency employee can direct them to a resource, such as a phone number, service, or program to help them.
- *In-Home Meals*: Also known as Meals on Wheels, delivers a nutritious meal to those who are unable to afford or prepare meals for themselves; Meals on Wheels specifically provides a daily check-in with the individual. Through Meals on Wheels, the agency provides approximately 223 meals per day, serving thousands of people within the last year. Meals are provided free of charge, but the agency does send a request for donations monthly. MOM's Meals delivers meals once every 2 weeks but doesn't provide the same level of contact between the recipients and their drivers.
- *Legal Services*: The agency can refer financially eligible older adults to legal professionals who can provide counseling and legal representation. Services provided are for Landlord/Tenant, Benefit Appeals and Consumer issues.
- *OPTIONS*: Encompasses care management and other services. The care manager meets with a consumer to assess needs and provide a care plan, with either contracted services through the agency or an outside community program. Examples of services are adult day care, in-home personal care, and personal emergency response systems. An ongoing challenge further exacerbated by the pandemic is staffing issues with personal care providers, and the shortage of direct care workers.
- *PA MEDI*: PA MEDI (formally known as APPRISE) stands for Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight. It's designed to help people understand their Medicare. The program is currently in the open enrollment period; volunteers are assisting individuals by appointment. Last year the agency served over 969 beneficiaries.
- *Protective Services*: The need for this service has grown significantly in the past few years; the agency has increased the amount of funds and staff to address the increase. Employees work with individuals at risk of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation to provide them with the assistance they need to remove that risk. Last year, Protective Services received 876 reports of need. This year that number has risen to 1,103.
- *Senior Community Centers*: There are four senior community centers in Lebanon County – Annville, Lebanon, Myerstown, and Palmyra. The centers offer meals, socialization, and physical fitness. The Senior Center programs help to combat social isolation in older adults and promote health and wellness.
- *Volunteer Opportunities*: LCAAA offers volunteer opportunities – delivering meals, working in the senior centers, working with PA MEDI, or helping with income taxes or property tax/rent rebate applications.

Ms. Layser presented information on how people can access the services AAA offers to the community. People can access the agency's website (www.lebanoncountypa.gov/departments/aging), the Facebook Page (LCAAA-Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging), call the office (717-273-9262), email (aaa@lebanoncountypa.gov), or come in person.

Ms. Layser described the various ways consumers pay for the services they receive through the agency. First is cost share, which is based on monthly income, and a formula provided by the State which determines whether the amount someone would have to pay is anywhere from 100% - 0%. Donation is where the consumer may not necessarily pay a fee for services but instead receives a monthly donation statement. This gives them the opportunity to give whatever amount they feel they can give to the program. Other services are provided with no fee or donation requested.

Demographics of Lebanon County was presented by Ms. Layser who shared that in 2020, there were 140,410 people living in Lebanon County, with over 26% of that population being over 60 (36,989 people). Ms. Layser highlighted factors that will influence future services based on population. The biggest factor that will impact the LCAAA in the future is the aging Baby Boomer Generation. While the overall Lebanon County population increased by 8.1% from 2010 to 2024, the percent of the population over 60 grew by over 28%. In 2024, from the age brackets of 65-69 and 70-74 years, there was an increase of 39% and 56%, respectively. These high increases come from the Baby Boomer Generation, with the oldest Baby Boomers turning 75 this year. By 2040, it is expected that there will be a higher population in each of the 60+ age brackets, including a significant increase in the 80-84 and 85+ older adults. Those aged 75 and older are most likely to use intensive in-home services and the need for those services will increase over time. Another important factor is the Hispanic population. While the current Hispanic population aged 60+ only encompasses 9% of the total, the higher numbers for the younger age Hispanic population indicates a growing need as those groups age. Ms. Layser also noted that Lebanon County has one of the fastest growing elderly populations in the state, which will add additional challenges to providing services in the coming years.

To conclude the Public Hearing, Ms. Layser asked if there were any questions or comments from attendees. There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Day, Administrative Secretary