

**KEY INDICATOR:**

# Older Adults (65+) Living Below Poverty Thresholds

## Why is this important?

Older adults who live below poverty thresholds face limited choices and limited resources that may negatively impact their quality of life. They are at risk of having inadequate financial resources to ensure a quality diet, housing, health care and other needs. The challenges of living below poverty thresholds create living situations that can become unmanageable for many older adults.

## Did you know?

In our region, 1 in 14 older adults ages 65 and over has incomes below the poverty thresholds (10,412 older adults) and 1 in 4 older adults has incomes below 200% of the poverty thresholds (35,137).

## Percent and Number of Older Adults (65+) Living Below Poverty Thresholds

Locality	2000	2006-2010	2011-2015
Charles City	18.5% (171)	11.9% (133)	9.5% (137)
Chesterfield	3.4% (690)	4.4% (1,311)	3.8% (1,508)
Colonial Heights	4.2% (124)	6.1% (196)	8.2% (276)
Dinwiddie	12.6% (371)	11.7% (418)	13.3% (583)
Goochland	8.1% (163)	7.3% (218)	5.1% (205)
Hanover	5.8% (516)	7.3% (873)	4.5% (666)
Henrico	4.5% (1,340)	5.6% (1,879)	6.2% (2,521)
New Kent	7.0% (91)	6.1% (120)	4.7% (127)
Petersburg	15.8% (807)	11.4% (523)	15.8% (735)
Powhatan	8.6% (160)	7.0% (212)	6.5% (272)
Richmond	15.8% (4,038)	16.1% (3,563)	14.4% (3,382)
Region	8.3% (8,471)	8.0% (9,446)	7.2% (10,412)
Virginia	9.5% (71,545)	8.4% (76,058)	7.6% (81,207)

## 2016 Older Adult (65+) Poverty Thresholds

Percent of Poverty Thresholds	1 Person	2 People
100%	\$11,511	\$14,522
200%	\$23,022	\$29,044

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, 2006–2010, 2011–2015.