

THE STATE OF OLDER ADULTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

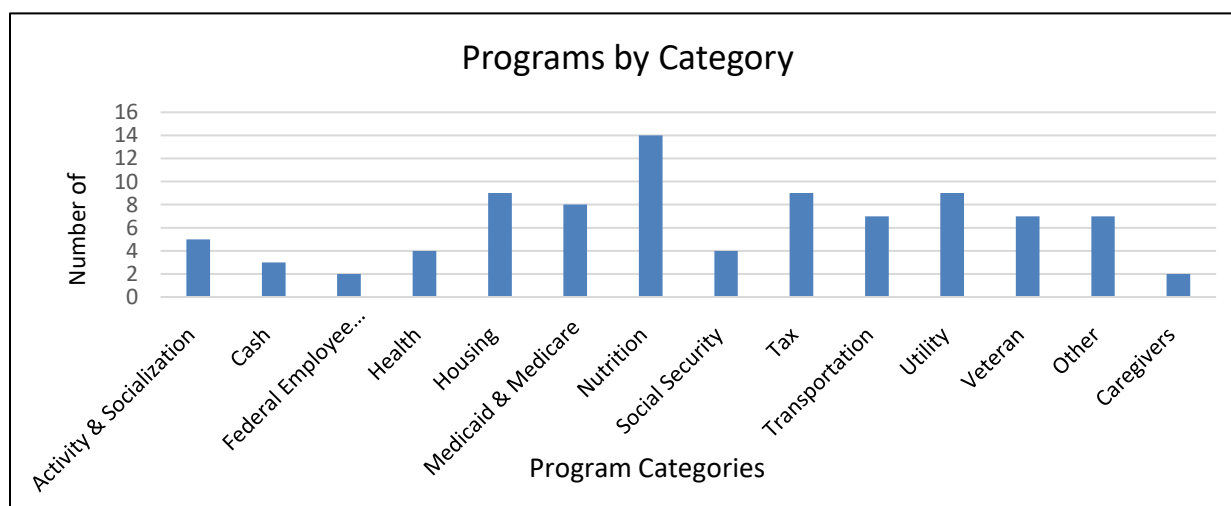
Charts for Public Benefit Programs Available to Seniors in the District of Columbia

CHARTS

The best cities are not only wonderful places to grow up; they are also great places to grow old. For the District of Columbia (D.C. or the District) to be a vibrant and inclusive city, it must consider the needs of all residents, including older adults. Seniors are an integral part of the District's social fabric, and the prosperity of D.C. rests on their shoulders and builds upon their legacy.

As noted in the **"Public Benefit Programs Available to Seniors in the District of Columbia"** report, the approximately 83,600 seniors living in D.C. have at least 90 public benefit programs available to them to help them meet their needs. These charts provide a high level overview of eligibility requirements for each of the 90 programs. The charts, like the report and directory, is divided into the same 14 categories as the report, including: activity and socialization, cash benefits, federal employee retirement benefits, health, housing, Medicaid and Medicare, nutrition, Social Security, taxes, transportation, utilities, veterans, other, and help for caregivers.

The federal government has established "senior" to include only individuals age 65 and older; however, many programs provided by the District define "senior" as individuals age 60 or 62 and older. This directory uses the terms "senior" and "older adult" interchangeably.



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BENEFIT PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY & SOCIALIZATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM (ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAMS	Yes	No	Yes	No
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (UDC) BODYWISE AND HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM	Yes	No	Yes	No
UDC RESPITE AIDE PROGRAM	Yes	No	Yes	No
UDC SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CASH BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
GRANDPARENT CAREGIVERS PROGRAM (GCP OR GRANDPARENT SUBSIDY)	No	Yes	Yes	No
OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT (OSP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)	Yes	Yes	No	No

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CSRS)	Yes	No	No	No
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FERS)	Yes	No	No	No

HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND COMMUNITY LIVING SENIOR WELLNESS CENTERS	Yes	No	Yes	No
ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (EPD) WAIVER PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MEDICAID SPEND DOWN	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SENIOR DENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAMS

TYPE OF BENEFIT	PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
RENTER PROGRAMS	Elderly Tenants and Tenants with Disabilities Protection Amendment Act	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Grandfamilies Housing (Plaza West)	No	Yes	Yes	No
	Rental Assistance for Unsubsidized Seniors Program (Senior Citizen Shallow Subsidy)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Senior Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) Set Asides	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
HOMEOWNER PROGRAMS	Reverse Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SAFETY	Heavy House Cleaning Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Safe At Home	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program (SFRRP)	No	Yes	Yes	No

MEDICAID & MEDICARE BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
MEDICAID	Yes	Yes	No	No
MEDICARE PART A	Yes	No	No	No
MEDICARE PART B	Yes	No	No	No
MEDICARE PART C (MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS)	Yes	No	No	No
MEDICARE PART D	Yes	No	No	No
MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE WITH LIMITED INCOMES AND RESOURCES (EXTRA HELP OR LOW-INCOME SUBSIDY)	Yes	Yes	No	No
QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB) PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	No	No
QMB PLUS PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	No	No

NUTRITION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
FOOD & FRIENDS	No	No	No	Yes
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SENIORS FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP) (GET FRESH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
COMMUNITY DINING MEAL SERVICES (GROUP MEALS)	Yes	No	Yes	No
HOME DELIVERED MEALS	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION SUPPLEMENTS	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
GLEANING TABLES	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
HUNGRY HARVEST	No	No	No	No
SHARE FOOD	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MOBILE MARKET	No	No	No	No
PRODUCE PLUS	No	Yes	Yes	No
PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM (PRODUCE RX)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	No	Yes	No	No
SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE	No	Yes	Yes	No

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE (OASDI OR SOCIAL SECURITY)	Yes	Yes	No	No
SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT, PARENT BENEFIT	Yes	No	No	No
SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT, SPOUSE SUPPLEMENT	Yes	No	No	No
SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS' BENEFIT	Yes	No	No	No

TAX BENEFIT PROGRAMS

TYPE OF BENEFIT	PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
INCOME TAX BENEFITS	Federal Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled (Schedule R)	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Higher Tax Thresholds	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Standard Deduction for Seniors (Additional Standard Deduction)	Yes	No	No	No
PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS	Homeowner/Renter Property Tax Income Tax Credit (Schedule H or Property Tax Circuit Breaker)	No	Yes	Yes	No
	Homestead Deduction	No	No	Yes	No
	Lower Income, Long-Term Homeowners Tax Credit (Schedule L)	No	Yes	Yes	No
	Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit (Senior Assessment Cap Credit)	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Senior Citizen or Disabled Property Owner Tax Relief	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Tax Deferral for Low-Income Senior Property Owners (Property Tax Deferral for Low-Income Senior Property Owner)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
CIRCULATOR	Yes	No	No	No
METROACCESS	No	No	No	Yes
SEABURY CONNECTOR	Yes	No	Yes	No
SEABURY CONNECTER CARD PROGRAM	Yes	No	Yes	No
SENIOR MEDEXPRESS	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
TRANSPORT D.C.	No	No	Yes	Yes
WMATA REDUCED FARE	Yes	No	No	No

UTILITY BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCVP) UTILITY ALLOWANCE	No	Yes	No	No
LIFELINE	No	Yes	No	No
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)	No	Yes	Yes	No
SOLAR FOR ALL (SFA)	No	Yes	Yes	No
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)	No	Yes	Yes	No
ECONOMY II	No	Yes	Yes	No
RESIDENTIAL AID DISCOUNT (RAD) PROGRAM	No	Yes	Yes	No
RESIDENTIAL ESSENTIAL SERVICES (RES) PROGRAM	No	Yes	Yes	No
WEATHERIZATION FOR ALL PROGRAM (WAP)	No	Yes	Yes	No

VETERAN BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED
TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL)	Yes	No	No	No
VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) HEALTH CARE	No	No	No	No
VA LONG TERM CARE	No	No	No	No
VA PENSION	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
VA AID AND ATTENDANCE (A&A) AND HOUSEBOUND BENEFITS	Yes	No	No	Yes
VA VETERANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (VTS)	No	No	No	No
VETSRIDE	No	Yes	Yes	No

OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR NONDISABLED INDIVIDUALS)	INCOME REQUIREMENT	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	HEALTH CONDITION REQUIREMENT
BACK TO WORK 50+ (BTW50+)	Yes	No	Yes	No
CLUB MEMORY	No	No	No	Yes
CLUSTER CARE	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
D.C. SUBSIDIZED GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT AND CARE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES	Yes	No	Yes	No
MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
UDC SENIOR TUITION PROGRAM	Yes	No	Yes	No

HELP FOR CAREGIVERS BENEFIT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	AGE REQUIREMENT (FOR CAREGIVER)	INCOME REQUIREMENT (FOR CAREGIVER)	DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT (FOR CAREGIVER)	HEALTH CONDITION CONSIDERED (FOR PATIENT)
D.C. CAREGIVERS' INSTITUTE (DCCI)	No	No	Yes	Yes
SATURDAY RESPITE PROGRAM	No	No	Yes	Yes