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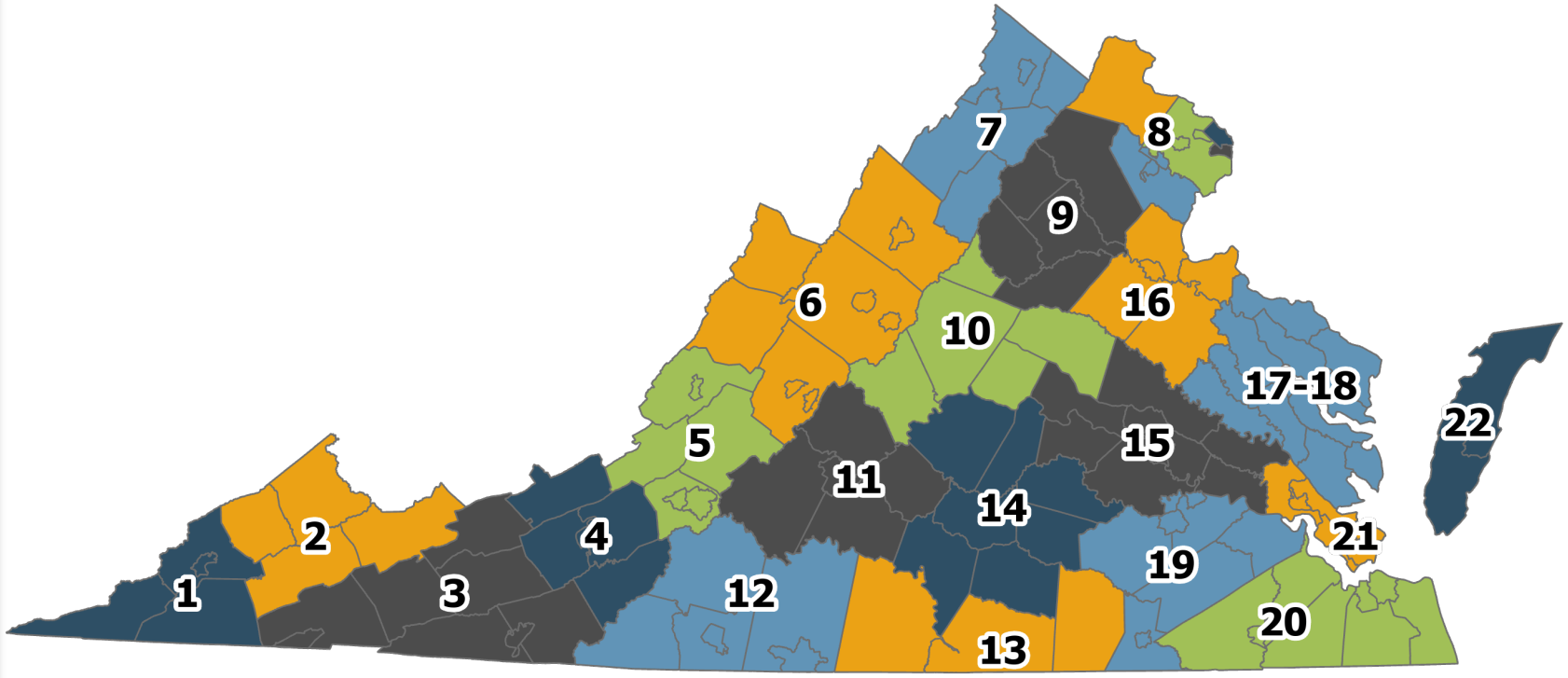

Planning and Service Area 17-18 (PSA) includes **Essex County, Gloucester County, King and Queen County, King William County, Lancaster County, Mathews County, Middlesex County, Northumberland County, Richmond County,** and **Westmoreland County**.

As of 2020, there were **47,933 Virginians aged 60+**, accounting for **33.5% of the total population** in PSA 17-18.[1]

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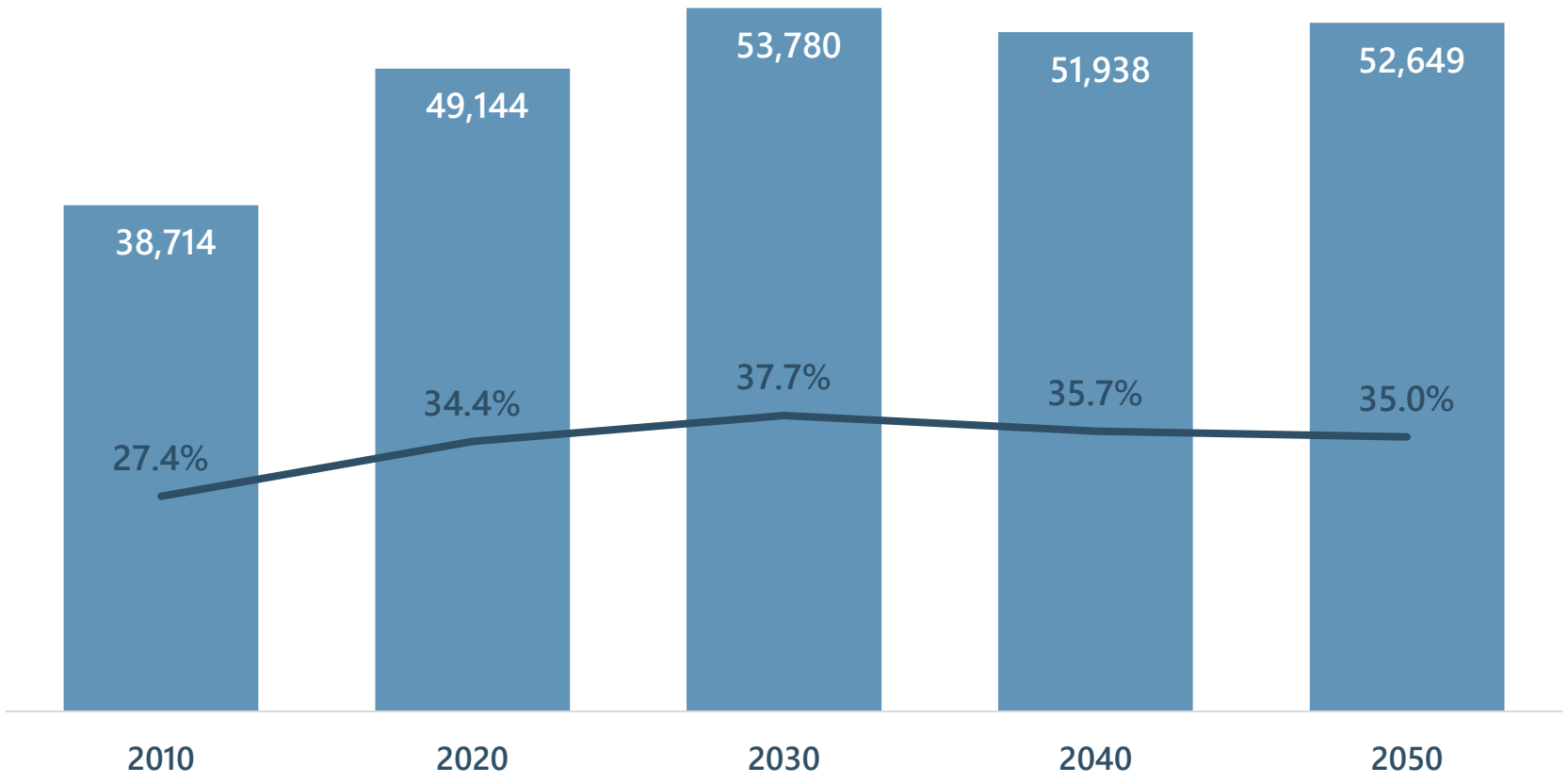
POPULATION PROJECTIONS



By 2030, Virginians aged 60+ will comprise **37.7%** of the total population in PSA 17-18.[2]

The 60+ population in Virginia PSA 17-18 is **expected to stabilize** but the **rate of growth is projected to decline** each successive decade until 2050.[2]

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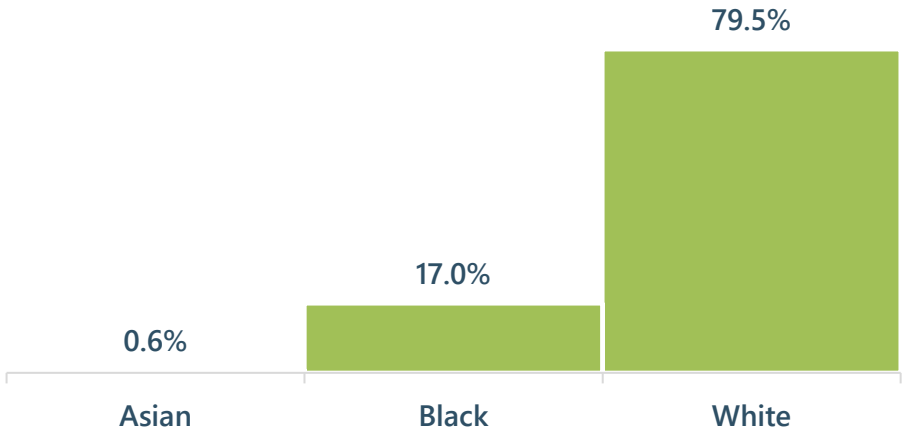
GENDER, RACE, & HISPANIC ORIGIN

Percentage of 60+ Adults by Race & Hispanic Origin



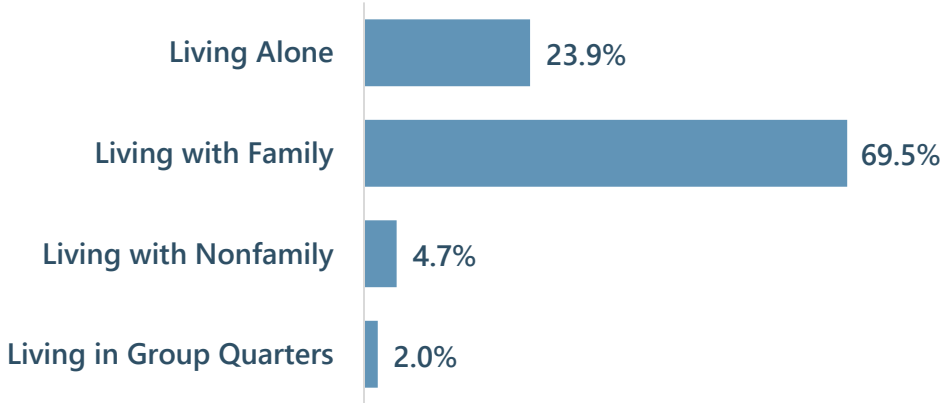
53% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 were **women** and **47% men**.[1]

Among 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18, **1.2%** were **Hispanic**.[1]

Other non-Hispanic racial groups consisted of less than 2%.[1]

MARITAL STATUS & LIVING ARRANGEMENT

60+ Adults by Living Arrangement



23.9% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 **lived alone**.[3]

60.5% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 were married or partnered, followed by **19.2%** widowed, **12.5%** divorced, **5.1%** never married/single, and **2.7%** separated.[3]

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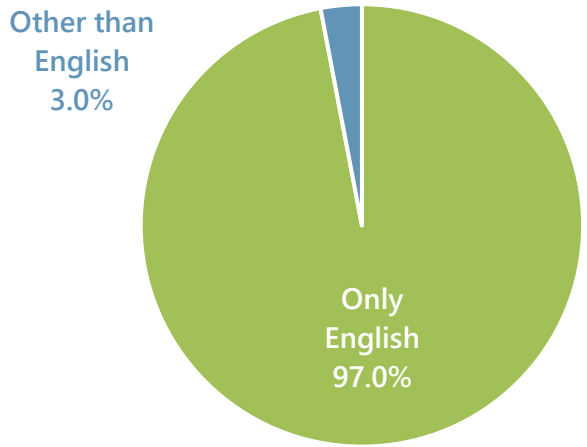
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

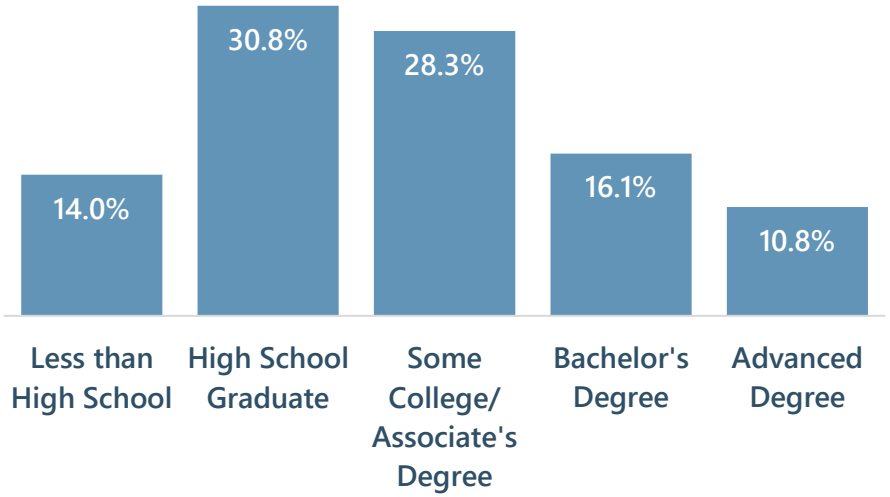
60+ Adults by Language Spoken Most at Home



2.7% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 were foreign-born immigrants.[3]

Among 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18, **3%** said they mostly **spoke other languages** than English at home.[3]

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



14% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 had less than a high school education.[3]

10.8% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 had graduate or professional degrees.[3]

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POVERTY & ECONOMIC STATUS

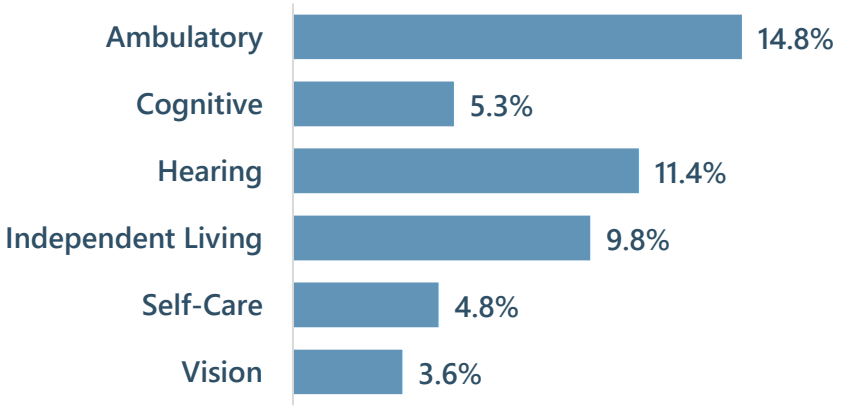
7.8% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 were **in poverty**.[3]

6.9% of households in PSA 17-18 with 60+ older adults **received food stamps or SNAP**.[4]

11.9% of 60+ householders in PSA 17-18 **rented** their houses.[4]

DISABILITY & HEALTH

60+ Adults by Disability Type



26.1% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 17-18 had a **disability** and **11.7%** had **two or more types of disabilities** .[3]

Among those with a disability in PSA 17-18, **0.9%** had **no health insurance coverage**.[3]