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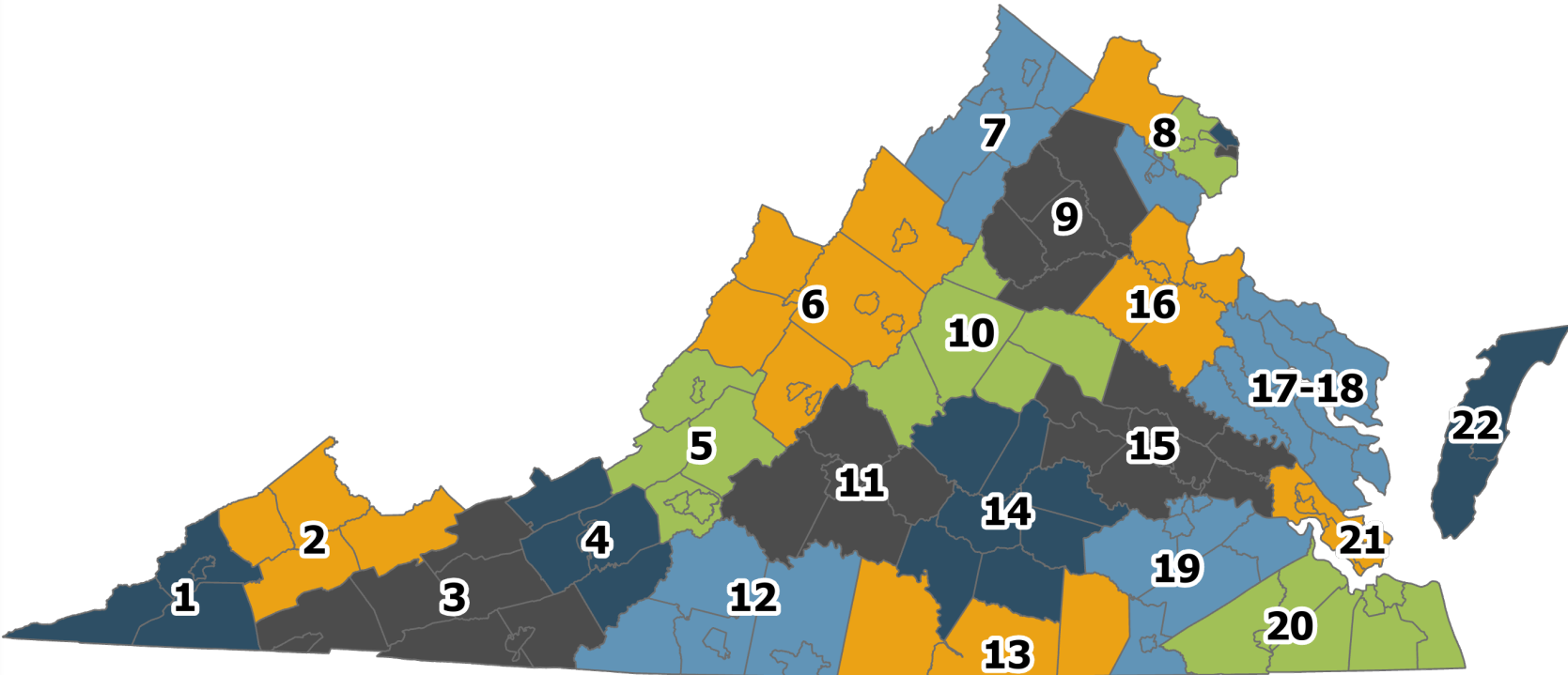
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Planning and Service Area 3 (PSA) includes **Bland County, Carroll County, Grayson County, Smyth County, Washington County, Wythe County, Bristol City,** and **Galax City**.

As of 2020, there were **57,360 Virginians aged 60+**, accounting for **30.8% of the total population** in PSA 3.[1]
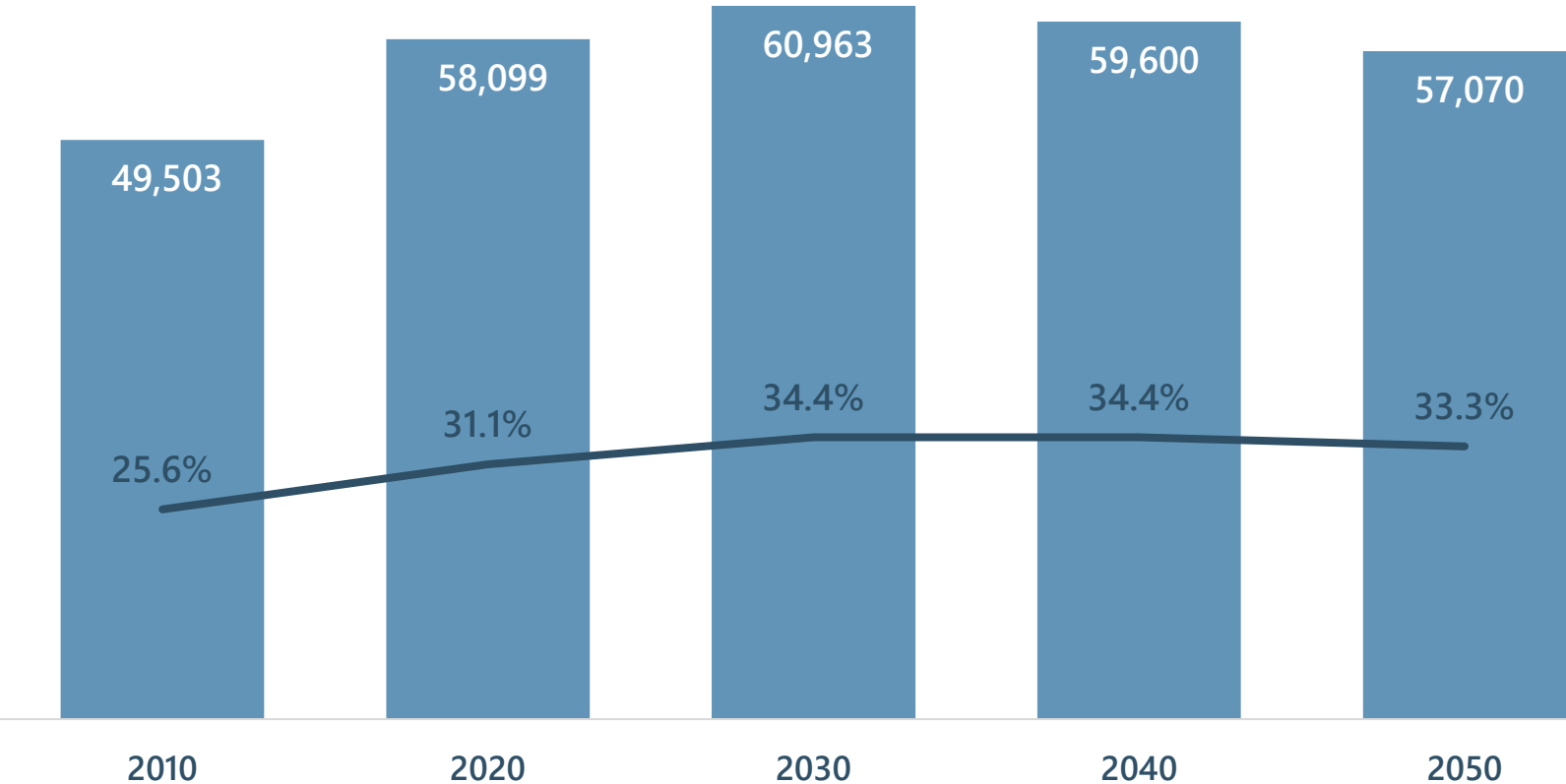
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2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
49,503	58,099	60,963	59,600	57,070
25.6%	31.1%	34.4%	34.4%	33.3%

By 2030, Virginians aged 60+ will comprise **34.4%** of the total population in PSA 3.[2]

The 60+ population in Virginia PSA 3 is **expected to decline slowly** as is the **projected rate of growth** each successive decade until 2050.[2]

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GENDER, RACE, & HISPANIC ORIGIN

Percentage of 60+ Adults by Race & Hispanic Origin

Asian	Black	White
0.4%	1.8%	96.2%
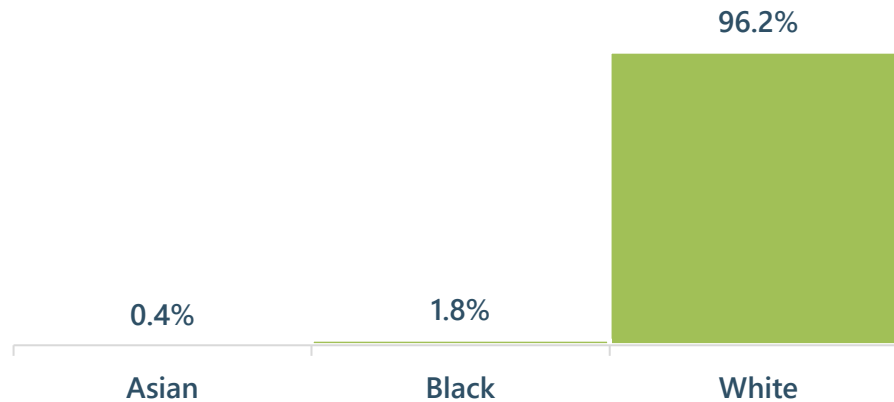
53.9% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 were **women** and **46.1% men**.[1]
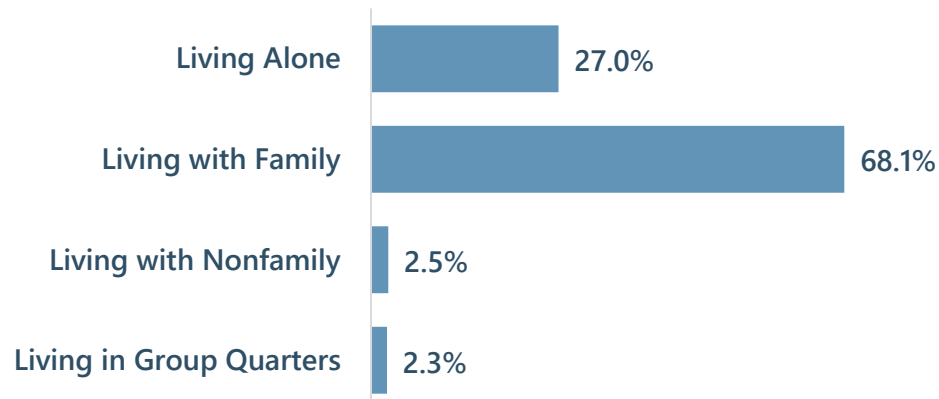
Among 60+ Virginians in PSA 3, **0.7%** were **Hispanic**.[1]

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

MARITAL STATUS & LIVING ARRANGEMENT

60+ Adults by Living Arrangement

Living Alone	27.0%
Living with Family	68.1%
Living with Nonfamily	2.5%
Living in Group Quarters	2.3%

27% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 **lived alone**.[3]

57.4% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 were married or partnered, followed by **21.1%** widowed, **14.3%** divorced, **4.6%** never married/single, and **2.6%** separated.[3]
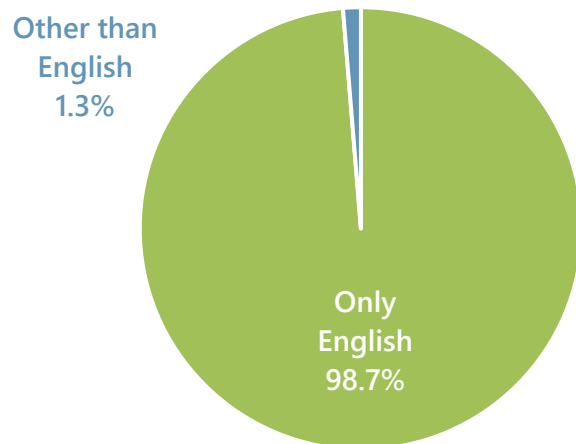
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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

60+ Adults by Language Spoken Most at Home

Other than
English
1.3%

Only
English
98.7%

1.1% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 were foreign-born immigrants.[3]

Among 60+ Virginians in PSA 3, **1.3%** said they mostly **spoke other languages** than English at home.[3]

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

21.8%
35.3%
26.3%
10.6%
6.1%

Less than
High School

High School
Graduate

Some
College/
Associate's
Degree

Bachelor's
Degree

Advanced
Degree
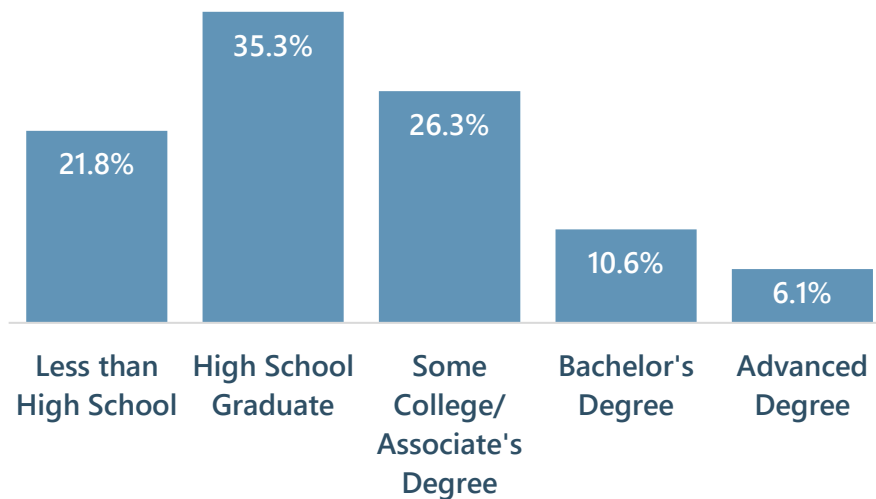
21.8% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 had less than a high school education.[3]

6.1% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 had graduate or professional degrees.[3]

POVERTY & ECONOMIC STATUS

11.6% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 were **in poverty**.[3]

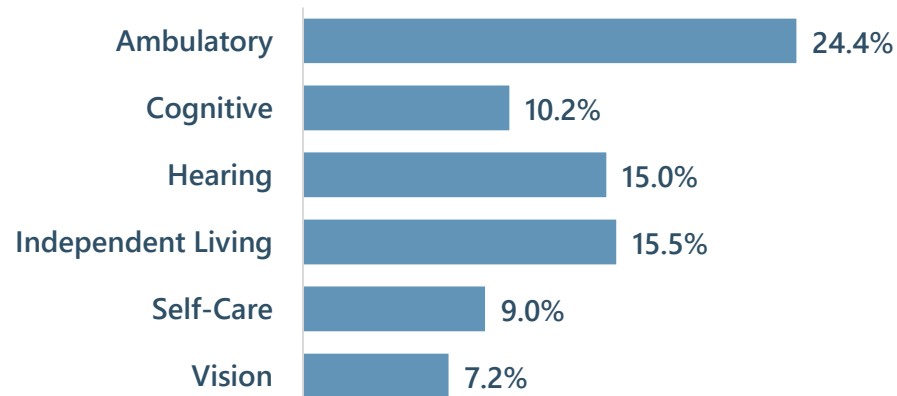**10%** of households in PSA 3 with 60+ older adults **received food stamps or SNAP**.[4]

14.6% of 60+ householders in PSA 3 **rented** their houses.[4]

DISABILITY & HEALTH

60+ Adults by Disability Type

Disability Type	Percentage
Ambulatory	24.4%
Cognitive	10.2%
Hearing	15.0%
Independent Living	15.5%
Self-Care	9.0%
Vision	7.2%

36.8% of 60+ Virginians in PSA 3 had a **disability** and **21.3%** had **two or more types of disabilities**.[3]

Among those with a disability in PSA 3, **2.4%** had **no health insurance coverage**.[3]

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