



Report on Elderly in City Planning District: Lower Northeast [14]

The City Planning Commission’s web site for the Lower Northeast Planning District is: <http://phila2035.org/home-page/district/lower-northeast/>

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Information on Total Population

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
Estimated size of total population (number of persons)	98,140	1,536,704
Percentage Foreign Born	16%	12%
Percentage Minority	77%	63%
Percentage with incomes less than 100% of poverty (age 25+)	24%	21%
Percent vacant properties	12%	13%
Ratio of Major Crimes per 1,000 Residents*	109	98.29
Number of Grocery / Food Markets	67	1026
Small (1-15 employees)	60	919
Medium (20-100 employees)	5	67
Large (100+ employees)	2	40
Number of Pharmacies	25	407
*(Major crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft)		

Information on Older Adult Population of Lower Northeast Planning District

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
Estimated Population Age 60+(number of persons)	11,761	262,384

Socio-Economic Status:

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
<i>Demographic Characteristics/Living Arrangements</i>		
Minority (persons other than white non-Hispanic)	44.1%	47.3%
Median age	70	70
Age 75+	30.0%	35.0%
Female	56.7%	60.9%
Married or living with partner	51.6%	41.7%
Live alone	30.3%	33.2%
Children living in household	NA	10.5%
One or more pets in home	42.8%	36.3%
Grandparent (60+) responsible for own grandchildren	3%	2%
<i>Language spoken at home / Ability to speak English (65+)</i>		
English	70%	84%
Spanish	12%	5%
Speak English "not well" or "not at all"	68%	52%
Asian and Pacific Island	4%	3%
Speak English "not well" or "not at all"	93%	77%
Indo-European	12%	8%
Speak English "not well" or "not at all"	40%	42%
<i>Income/Work Force Participation</i>		
Median Income	\$50,001 - \$58,000	\$36,701-\$38,700
Income below 100% Federal poverty level	NA	16.0%
Income below 150% Federal poverty level	33.8%	31.2%
Income below 200% Federal poverty level	42.9%	43.2%
Employed (FT/PT)	NA	28.6%
Receives Snap benefits	NA	16.6%

<i>Education</i>		
Less than high school diploma or equivalent	NA	17.8%
High School diploma or more education	75.8%	81.4%

Environment and Housing:

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
<i>Housing</i>		
Need 1 -3 housing repairs (heat/cool system, plumbing, roof)	25.8%	26.4%
Rent home	NA	21.0%
Own home	79.0%	74.4%
Very or somewhat difficult to afford housing costs (both owners & renters)	38.8%	38.4%
Want to remain in home 10+ years	48.2%	59.4%
<i>Social Capital</i>		
Talk friend/relative less than once a day or not at all	34.6%	36.4%
Participate in 1+ neighborhood groups	37.4%	48.9%
Neighbors work together to improve area	52.5%	65.3%
I belong in my neighborhood (agree or strongly agree)	75.7%	85.9%

Health:

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
<i>Health Status</i>		
Self-rated health - Fair or Poor	40.2%	31.3%
Ever been told by doctor or health professional that you have 1 or more of these conditions: asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure	86.5%	74.6%
Depression: 2+ symptoms	39.1%	34.4%
1+ IADL or ADL limitations	28.6%	32.7%
Has difficulty with mobility: Uses an assistive device (railing, cane, walker or wheelchair)	38.6%	29.8%
Fallen in past year	16.2%	20.6%

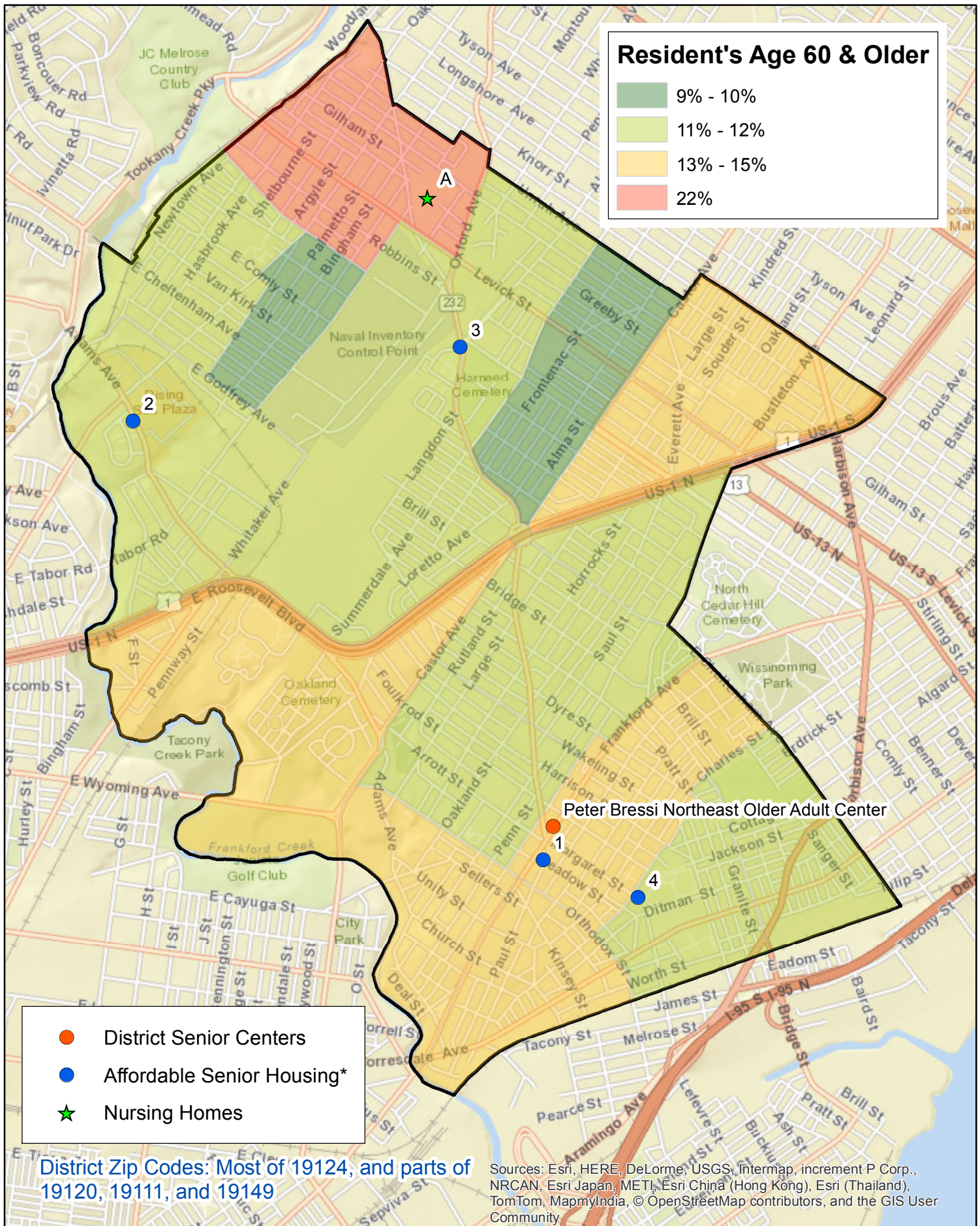
<i>Health Insurance & Service Use</i>		
Medicare [A and/or B]	75.5%	71.4%
Medicaid	NA	20.0%
Usual source of care is physician's office	74.0%	74.1%
1 or more ER visits during past year	NA	33.2%
Most recent dentist visit was more than 1 yr ago	50.1%	42.5%
Did not have medical visit due to cost	NA	5.0%
Did not fill prescription due to cost	NA	10.2%
<i>Food & Diet</i>		
Overweight or obese	67.5%	68.6%
0 to 4 servings of fruit / vegetables per day (5 to 13 is recommended)	89.2%	85.5%
Difficult or very difficult to find fresh fruit and vegetables	NA	7.7%
Grocery -fair or poor quality ^{***}	NA	15.1%
Eats fast food 1+ times/week	NA	30.8%
Drink sugary beverage 1+ / week	73.0%	61.6%
***Category includes "fair or poor quality" plus "no stores"		

Caregiving and Services for Older Adults:

	Lower Northeast	Philadelphia
<i>Caregiving/Receiving Care</i>		
Formal care in home	NA	8.9%
Provide care to someone age 60+	NA	24.8%
<i>Heard of Selected Services for Older Adults</i>		
Heard of activity programs at senior centers	70.5%	77.8%
Heard of meal programs	70.0%	85.0%
Heard of transportation services	87.1%	85.8%
Heard of PACE - prescription assistance	81.3%	79.8%
Heard of information & referral line	40.8%	42.1%
Heard of housing services	81.9%	76.4%
Use 1 or more service – activity, meals, transportation, housing, PACE, referral	40.3%	47.0%
Need 1 or more service- meals, transportation, PACE, referral	NA	16.0%

NA = This information is NOT AVAILABLE for this district, due to small sample size.

Philadelphia Planning Districts: Lower Northeast



Lower Northeast District Resources

Senior Centers

Peter Bressi Northeast Older Adult Center
4744 Frankford Ave., 19124
215-831-2926

Nursing Homes**

A. Philadelphia Protestant Home
6500 Tabor Rd., 19111
215-697-8000

Housing*

1. Meadow House
4649 Paul St., 19124
215-535-3010
*Affordable community housing subject to HUD
income guidelines.*

2. PHA - Hill Creek Apartments)
528 Adams Ave., 19120
215-684-5622
Public housing for families and older adults.

3. PHA - Oxford Village
6150 Algon Ave., 19111
215-684-5997
Public housing for families and older adults.

4. PHA - Whitehall Apartments
1923 Margaret St., 19124
215-684-5992
Public housing for families and older adults.

*For additional information on affordable housing sites including income and age requirements, number of units, and waiting lists, please visit PCA's Directory of Aging Resources at www.pca cares.org/get-assistance/find-a-service-provider/

** Nursing homes information taken from the Department of Health's annual survey for 2011, via PASDA at www.pasda.psu.edu