

**Demographs for Older Adults in the PSA07 Service Area: Cass, Christian,
Greene, Jersey, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan,
Sangamon, and Scott Counties**

Our service area covers 12 counties (6,742 square miles) and is predominantly rural with only four counties counted in Metropolitan Statistical Areas: Jersey, Macoupin, Menard, and Sangamon. 56% of the senior population in this service area is living within the metropolitan area. As Illinois' over-all population has steadily decreased (12,898,269 in 2013 to 12,700,381 in 2019), the aging population for this service area, and subsequent needs for that population, have **increased**. We are currently home to a very diverse population of 112,866 individuals over the age of 60 with needs ranging from those in urban environments to isolated, rural environments. The Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland helps to provide services to all those communities.

Between 2013 and 2019, the population of 60+ individuals living independently in this service area has **increased by 26%**.

- 60+ population in 2013 was 88,517
- 60+ population in 2017 was 112,866
- 60+ projected in 2019 is 120,000

Snapshot of demographs in our service area:

- 44,340 individuals age 60+ (39% of the over-all senior population for service area) are currently living in **rural areas**. Morgan, Christian, Montgomery and Logan Counties represent the largest population (more than 70%) of those individuals. In 2016, 32,563 people 60 and over were living independently in isolated, rural areas.
- 29,110 individuals age 60+ (26% of over-all senior population for service area) are **living below the Federal Poverty level**. Sangamon, Macoupin, and Christian Counties represent the largest population (more than 60%) of those individuals. In 2016, 28,215 people 60 and over were living below poverty level.
- 6,067 individuals age 60+ (5% of over-all senior population for service area) are listed as **minority** population. Sangamon and Macoupin Counties represent the largest population (over 70%) of those individuals. In 2016, there were 5,745 people 60 and over who identified as minorities living in the service area.
- Sangamon, Morgan and Cass Counties represent the largest **Spanish speaking** population (3%) for the service area.
- 36,015 **individuals age 75+** (39% of over-all senior population for the service area) are living independently. Sangamon and Macoupin Counties represent the largest population (over 60%) of those individuals. In 2016, there were 35,778 people 75 and older living independently in the service area.

- 11,685 **individuals aged 85+** (10% of over-all senior population for the service area) are living independently. Sangamon and Macoupin Counties represent the largest population (more than 70%) of those individuals. In 2016, 11,709 people 85 and older were living independently in the service area.