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Monroe County Older Adult Poverty

Geographic Area	Income in Past 12 Months Below Poverty Level			
	Population for Whom Poverty Status is Determined		% of Older Adult Population	
	60+	65+	60+	65+
Michigan	1,848,704	1,302,284	8.5%	8.1%
Region 1-B	522,743	363,644	6.8%	6.9%
Monroe County	1,989	1,251	6.8%	6.5%
Ash Township	61	41	4.4%	4.9%
Bedford Township	353	244	5.4%	5.6%
Berlin Township	46	27	3.3%	3.2%
Carleton*	25	25	6.6%	10.3%
Dundee Township	108	54	9.9%	7.0%
Dundee*	23	10	4.2%	2.4%
Erie Township	106	72	7.8%	7.3%
Exeter Township	88	44	12.5%	11.0%
Frenchtown Township	243	154	6.7%	6.4%
Ida Township	70	56	8.0%	9.3%
La Salle Township	22	16	2.2%	2.5%
Lambertville*	59	37	3.0%	3.3%
London Township	28	25	5.4%	7.3%
Luna Pier	22	2	7.8%	1.4%
Milan Township	20	20	5.8%	8.0%
Milan^	15	15	6.1%	9.1%
Monroe	353	179	9.4%	7.2%
Monroe Township	266	167	9.0%	8.0%
Petersburg	20	4	7.3%	2.1%
Raisinville Township	66	54	5.5%	7.2%
Summerfield Township	73	64	10.2%	14.4%
Temperance*	113	66	6.1%	4.9%
Whiteford Township	33	13	3.7%	2.1%

* Figures for this area are for information purposes and are included in Township totals.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey (Table B17001).

^ Figures for this area also include out-of-county residents.
2011 poverty levels as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau:

Household size	100% poverty threshold		150% poverty threshold	
	Age 0-64	Age 65+	Age 0-64	Age 65+
Single-person	\$11,702	\$10,788	\$17,553	\$16,182

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Two-person	\$15,139	\$13,609	\$22,709	\$20,414

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1,251 (11%) of Monroe County residents age 65+ live below poverty, but more than one in four need financial assistance to live independently.¹

Poverty Measures

Elder Economic Security Standard Index ² (Elder Index)	U.S. Census Poverty Threshold ³
Measure of actual cost of living for 65+ older adults	Statistical benchmark not intended to indicate what individuals and families need to live
Computed by adding regional costs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Food • Health care • Transportation • Basic miscellaneous expenses 	Computed by applying the inflation rate derived from the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers to original poverty thresholds based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1963-1964 U.S. Department of Agriculture food budgets for families in economic stress • 1963-1964 data about what portion of income families dedicate to food
Based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Household size 2. Housing tenure 3. Health status 4. Public or private transportation 	Based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family size 2. Age of family members
Based on the Elder Index, Michigan older adults need an annual income of: \$16,718(1) \$26,236(2)	To be above the Census poverty threshold, Michigan older adults need an annual income of: \$10,788(1) \$13,609(2)

26%—more than one in four—Monroe County older adults live below the Elder Index, meaning they do not have enough income to remain independent without assistance.¹



¹ Jankowski, T., Booza, J., & Leach, C. (2011). *Invisible poverty: New measure unveils financial hardship in Michigan's older adult population*. Detroit, MI: Institute of Gerontology.

² Russell, L. H., Bruce, E. A., & Conahan, J. (2006). *The WOW-GI National Elder Economic Security Standard: A methodology to determine economic security for elders*. Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston & Wider Opportunities for Women.

³ U.S. Census. (2013). *How the Census Bureau measures poverty*. Retrieved from <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/overview/measure.html>