

Background and demographic data for 2021 – 2024 AAA Area Plans

Area Plan Definitions:

The term “**greatest economic need**” means people with income less than 185% of the federal poverty level.

The term “**greatest social need**” means the need is caused by non-economic factors, including:

- (A) physical and mental disabilities;
- (B) language barriers; and
- (C) cultural, social, or geographical isolation, including isolation caused by racial or ethnic status, that –
 - (i) restricts the ability of an individual to perform normal daily tasks; or
 - (ii) threatens the capacity of the individual to live independently.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Target populations:

The Area Plan Instructions specify that AAAs include a subsection describing the methods the AAA will use to carry out the Older Americans Act priority to provide services to targeted populations. Address how members of each target group will be identified, engaged, and served.

- Older individuals who have greatest economic and greatest social need, **with particular attention to:**
 - **low-income older individuals, including low-income minority older individuals,**
 - **older individuals with limited English proficiency, and**
 - **older individuals residing in rural areas.**
- Older individuals at risk for institutional placement;
- Individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and caretakers of such individuals); and
- Older individuals who are Native American.
- Social need includes issues related to older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) individuals.

Data provided to AAAs in web-based data map and spreadsheets:

- Number of persons 60 and over
- Number of minority persons 60 and over
- Number of low income persons 60 and over
- Number of low income, minority persons 60 and over
- Number of persons 60 and over living in rural areas
- Number of adults with disabilities
- Number of persons with limited English proficiency
- Number of Native American Elders
- The Native American Tribes represented in the PSA, indicating which have Title VI programs.