

Moving Toward Age-Friendly Housing in King County

King County's population is aging and becoming more diverse, while the cost of housing continues to increase rapidly. "Moving Toward Age-Friendly Housing in King County" analyzes these trends and makes recommendations for creating and ensuring safe, affordable, and accessible homes for a growing aging population in King County.

An Aging King County – By the Numbers

1 in 4

King County residents are projected to be 60 years or older by 2040.

25%

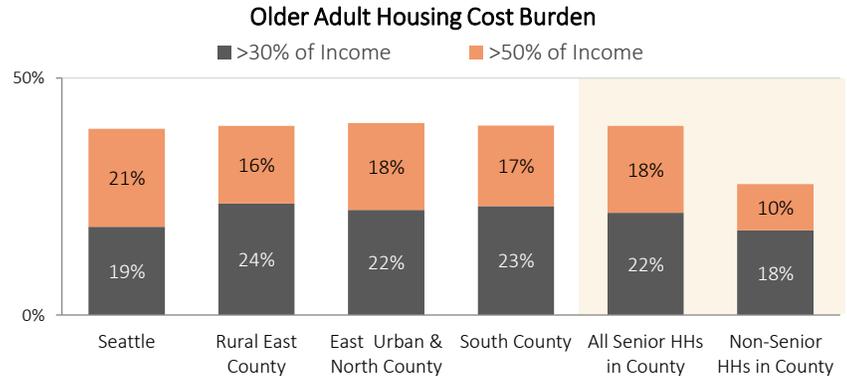
of older adult households cannot afford the average one-bedroom rent.

40%

of older adult households spend over 30% of their income on housing.

23%

of older adults are people of color.



Key Recommendations

Increase Affordable Housing Supply

- Increase funding for housing development and preservation
- Focus on older adults making 0%–30% AMI
- Develop both intergenerational and senior housing options
- Expand availability of Housing Choice Vouchers

Strategically Locate Age-Friendly Housing

- Site new senior housing in areas within ¼ mile of services and public transit
- Promote infill housing in neighborhoods with nearby services
- Reduce barriers to construction of ADUs for intergenerational households

Expand Services that Facilitate Aging in Place

- Co-locate housing and services
- Fund home and community-based services and support caregivers
- Explore innovative approaches such as virtual villages

Ensure Accessible and Inclusive Housing

- Incentivize housing that meets accessibility standards
- Address the housing needs of diverse communities
- Provide age-friendly housing that supports LGBTQ older adults

Enhance Existing Services

- Promote and coordinate home repair and modification programs
- Provide training to housing staff on the needs and preferences of older adults and people with disabilities
- Connect more eligible widows and widowers to Veterans services

"I really don't know what I would have done had this program and your team not been available, especially with all the rain we have been getting since the roof was replaced."

– Housing Repair Program customer



"I could not live in my unit without my Section 8 voucher. So important. My income is \$963 a month from Social Security and my rent would be \$903 if I didn't have Section 8"

