



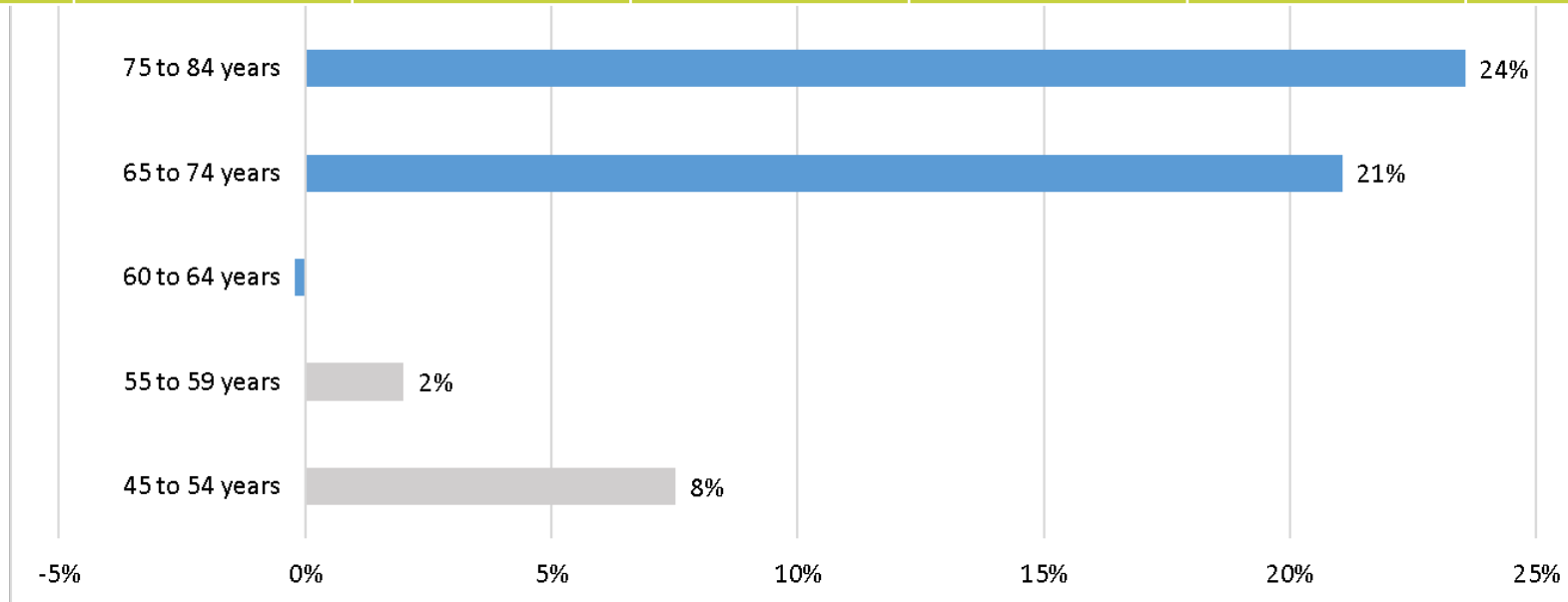
Arlington Age Friendly Plan – Housing Domain

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Arlington's Increase in Older Adults

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change
Adults 60+	31,065	32,212	33,059	35,088	36,030	+14%
Total Population	225,187	227,897	230,050	234,985	237,521	+5%



Arlington County Inclusive Mission

- Arlington County Mission -- *“Arlington will be a diverse and inclusive world-class urban community with secure, attractive residential and commercial neighborhoods where people unite to form a caring, learning, participating, sustainable community in which each person is important.”*
- Arlington Commission on Aging vision – *“Arlington is a community where older persons thrive.”*

Planning for an Aging Population

- 2006 - Elder Readiness Plan
- 2018 – With County Board approval, Arlington became 250th U.S. community to join network
- 2020 – County Board approved Commission on Aging’s Age-Friendly Plan - https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2020/04/Age-Friendly-Plan_FINAL.pdf

Arlington's Age Friendly Plan

- Arlington already *is* age-friendly – take steps toward becoming more inclusive and age friendly
- Strategies for 2020-2023
- Addresses AARP “domains of livability” – combined some
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Participation and Inclusion
 - Community and Health Supports
 - Communication and Information



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Building an Age Friendly Community

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ACTION PLAN 2020-2023

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ACTION PLAN

Goal 1: Advance housing policies and programs that focus on affordability and accessibility.

Objective 1: Identify options for home sharing and group homes, both intergenerational and among older adults.

Action	Tasks	By Whom	By When	Support Available/ Needed	Results and Measures	Desired Outcome
Investigate County ordinances and policies related to group living arrangements	Review County ordinances to determine whether there are differences for home sharing and group homes	Housing Committee	September 2020	AAA staff; Housing Division, volunteers to accomplish task	List of ordinances with identified gaps	Better understanding of ordinances, issues and needed changes
Investigate policies on home sharing in local jurisdictions (WCOG)	Obtain list of appropriate jurisdictions and contacts from WCOG	Housing Committee	October 2020	Housing offices of the various jurisdictions, volunteers to accomplish task.	Summary of findings	Increased knowledge of options available
Investigate best practices for this model	Review AARP material	Housing Committee	Dec. 2020	AARP, volunteers to accomplish task	Summary of findings	Use of information collected to formulate COA position and next steps on issue

Housing Challenges for Older Adults in Arlington

- Vision - Remain in home of choice in the County
- Challenges
 - Rising cost of housing in Arlington
 - Both old & new housing stock that is not accessible
 - How to *expand options* for aging in Arlington County
- AARP Livability Rating for Arlington

AARP Livability Score for Arlington

TOTAL INDEX SCORE

65
Livability Score

CATEGORY SCORE

- 47** HOUSING
Affordability and access
- 76** NEIGHBORHOOD
Access to life, work, and play
- 70** TRANSPORTATION
Safe and convenient options
- 54** ENVIRONMENT
Clean air and water
- 95** HEALTH
Prevention, access and quality
- 67** ENGAGEMENT
Civic and social involvement
- 47** OPPORTUNITY
Inclusion and possibilities

DO MORE WITH THIS SCORE

Map Layer : Total Index Score

Total Score

- 0-15
- 15-30
- 30-45
- 45-60
- 60-75

AARP Rewards: Why It Matters

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Housing Mission & Key Goals

Mission - Create housing policies and programs that enhance

- ✓ Affordable housing
- ✓ Accessible housing
- ✓ Affordable assisted living

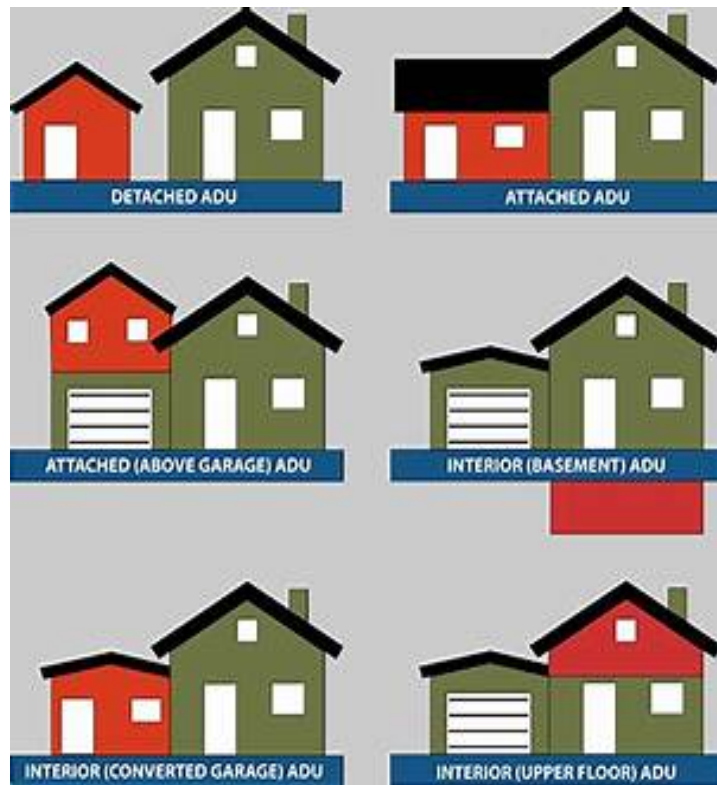
Housing Affordability - Plan Objectives

- Identify options for *home sharing*
- Increase supply of *missing middle units*
- Advocate for policies that *reduce financial burdens* on older adults in need of housing
- Promote development of *accessory dwelling units*

Housing Affordability – Accessory Dwelling Units

- ADUs -- Smaller, independent second dwellings on single-family lot
- Have own living, bathroom & kitchen space
- Attached or detached
- Used for relative or friend, or rental for income
- 2019 County Board adopted new ADU standards

Accessory Dwelling Units



Housing Accessibility – Plan Objectives

Promote *universal design* in new and rehabilitated housing

- Universal design – safe, livable, usable for everyone regardless of age, physical ability, circumstance. Beyond ADA compliant.
- Site Plan Review Committee participation & checklist
- Dissemination of Commission on Aging’s Universal Design Video - https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/08/COA_Age_In_Place_July_24_2017.pdf




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Walkability in Arlington

- Walkability - in several parts of the Age-Friendly Plan; bears on housing access
- Arlington already *is* highly walkable community; recognized as “Gold Walk Friendly Community”
- Monitoring of streets, walkways, open spaces to ensure safety & ease of use
- Examples – eliminate brick pavers, ensure lighting & signage, “see me” street crossing flags



Age-Friendly Plan Goal – Affordable Assisted Living

- Scarcity of affordable assisted living in Arlington and nationwide
- Long-term care residences - part of Arlington's planning for affordable housing?

Sunrise of Arlington – Market rate assisted living



Age-Friendly Plan Goal – Affordable Assisted Living

- Objective – Require developers to set aside *5% of units* in new assisted living facilities as auxiliary grant/affordable units
- Tools
 - Auxiliary grant program
 - Site plan review system
 - Affordable Housing Investment Fund
 - Review of Affordable Housing Master Plan

Intersection of Age Friendly Plan & Missing Middle Housing Study

- AARP supportive of Missing Middle Housing
- Arlington Age-Friendly Plan incorporates concept of Missing Middle Housing
- Age-Friendly Plan emphasis on affordability and expansion of options aligns with Missing Middle Housing concept