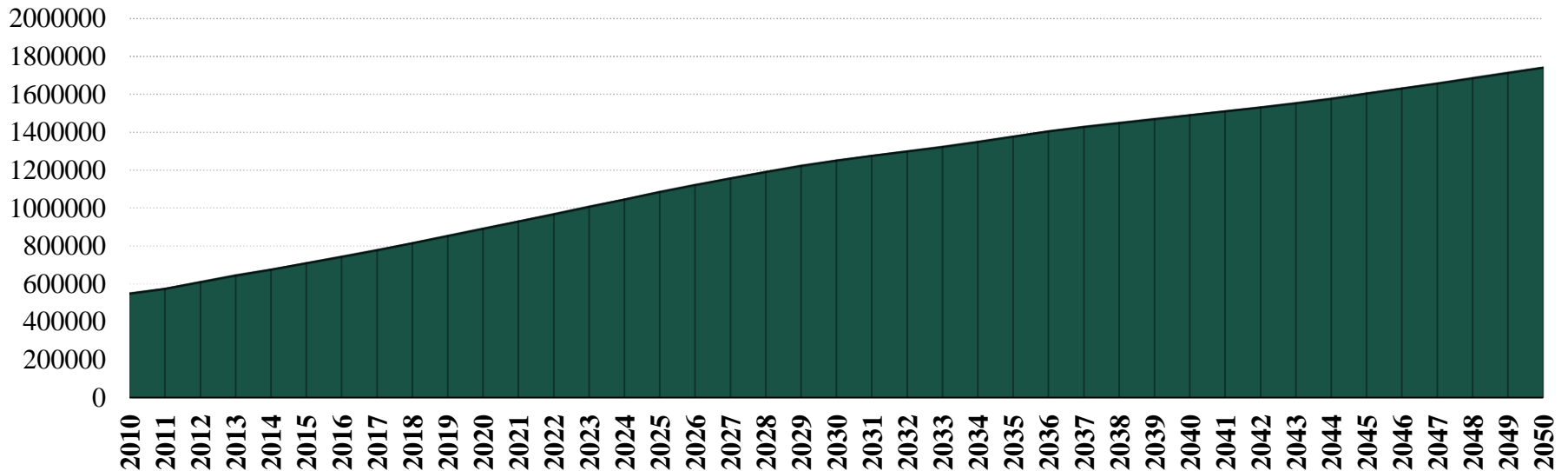


STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next 50 years, Colorado and the nation are poised to experience a monumental demographic shift.

Coloradans Aged 65+



**Source: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office*

LOOKING AHEAD

- Life expectancy in Colorado is 80.4 years and increasing.
 - 13.2 percent are 65+
 - 16 percent are minorities
 - 46.8 percent increase between 2003 and 2013
 - 3rd highest rate of growth in the nation
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ONE PERSON WILL TURN 65
EVERY 8 SECONDS —
FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

THIS HAS BEEN CONSTANT SINCE 2011.

LOOKING AHEAD

These changes will present challenges for Colorado, but they also offer tremendous opportunities for our state.

That's why Colorado lawmakers passed House Bill 15-1033 and created the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging is studying this demographic change to propose common-sense and comprehensive ways our state can prepare itself and serve as a model for other states in planning for aging.

LOOKING AHEAD

Older adults are a vital part of Colorado's communities. Their lifetimes of experience, knowledge, and wisdom are assets to our state and communities alike.

The only danger is not preparing for this demographic shift.



SAPGA'S CHARGE

This is not just a role for State Government, but also for County and Municipal government, for the private sector, and for personal responsibility.

Coloradans must focus on both physical and mental fitness — and not on decline.

They must be active, not passive, participants.

SAPGA'S CHARGE

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment supports the creation of communities that support aging in place.

The Caregiving in America 2015 Report shows that caregiving is a major cost driver.

SAPGA'S FOCUS

SAPGA has been working to develop recommendations for a series of areas:

- Workforce development
 - Employable longer
 - Supply of service providers
 - Family Economic Security
 - Savings, Investments and Pensions, Social Security
 - Live well and not outlive their money
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SAPGA'S FOCUS

- Physical Communities
 - Housing
 - Mobility
 - Health and Wellness
 - Public Finance
 - National, state and local tax policy
 - Communications and Outreach
 - Deliver the message
 - Change the talking points
 - Influence behavior change
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SAPGA'S FOCUS

- Meetings, focus groups, communication opportunities, education, information,
- Committee participation, research documents, literature review



SAPGA'S FOCUS

These areas — each the focus of an individual SAPGA committee — will shape recommendations provided to Colorado policymakers in November 2016 and updated in 2018 and 2020.



YOUR THOUGHTS

- If successful, in your perspective, what programs and strategies regarding aging would be in place 10 years from now?
 - How could the state help your community prepare for this demographic shift?
 - What recommendations or thoughts do you have for the Planning Group as it is developing its framework?
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A STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE

Share additional comments with SAPGA
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