

UPDATE

# CASTLE ROCK AGING POPULATION

MARCH 1, 2022



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## PROJECTIONS

- February 2020:
  - 12 percent of population was 65+
  - 19 percent of Castle Rock population will be 65+ by 2030
- March 2022:
  - 14 percent of population is 65+
  - 19 percent of Castle Rock population will be 65+ by 2030

At this time, no significant increases to service demands resulting from demographic shift

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## PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS/OPTIONS

### SENIOR RESOURCES

Senior resources are available at <https://CRgov.com/seniors>

Social media utilized as appropriate – for example, utilized when R-U-OK program was launched

### SENIOR EDUCATION

COVID pandemic initially impacted some senior programs

Senior education opportunities have been reinstated as available

### BOOMER BOND ASSESSMENT

*Boomer Bond Assessment is offered through DRCOG to help determine needs associated with the senior population*

Was not recommended with February 2020 report and not recommended at this time

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## NEW FINDINGS/ANALYSIS

### TOWN WORKFORCE IMPACT

Based on Town workforce information as of December 2021

Estimated 109 full-time staff members (20 percent) projected to retire in next decade – possibly more given public safety retirement standards

Succession planning and capturing institutional knowledge

### R-U-OK

Program launched by Castle Rock PD to support seniors during pandemic

Seniors apply to be in program and CRPD staff/volunteers make phone contact at least 1x per week

22 individuals enrolled with 7 volunteers supporting the program

<https://CRgov.com/RUOK>

### CDBG

2021 – 2025 ConPlan prioritizes ADA accessibility improvements and supportive services for Castle Rock Seniors

Total funding for 2021 is \$150,106 (ADA) and \$34,640 (Services)

Preliminary planning includes Butterfield Park restroom accessibility improvements and expansion of senior meal program at CR Senior Center

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## NEXT STEPS

### HOUSE BILL 22-1035

*Concerning Modernization of the “Older Coloradans’ Act”*

Purpose of original act was to support older Coloradans through community planning, social services, health and well-being services, and strategies to prepare the state's infrastructure for an increasing older population of Coloradans

Staff monitoring for potential impacts

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Not currently recommending additional Town services

Numerous support services provided in the community including the Town, Douglas County, non-profits and church organizations

### FUTURE IMPACTS

Service needs driven by multiple factors and addressed annually through planning and budgeting processes

If Town departments identify service impacts related to the senior demographic shift, staff will provide information and recommendations as needed



# QUESTIONS?