



The Elderly in Our Country

1. How many people age 65 or older are in the United States? _____
2. Is the elderly population increasing or decreasing? _____
3. What is the life expectancy of people who have reached the age of 65? _____
4. What percent of older persons live alone and are noninstitutionalized, that is, not in a nursing home or assisted living facility? _____
5. How many grandparents age 65 or older have the primary responsibility for their grandchildren who live with them? _____
6. What percentage of the elderly population in our country were below the poverty level or considered "near poor" in 2003? _____
7. Who has a higher poverty rate, older women or older men? _____
8. What are the three locations where poverty rates for the elderly are higher? _____
9. What percentage of women age 75 and older live alone? _____
10. What are the three most chronic health conditions older people have? _____

Additional facts: _____

