

Worksheet 4a: Demographic Profile

Consider the characteristics of your community's demographic profile to identify potential fire safety issues/concerns. This will help the fire department prioritize its overall risk and decisions about the provision of fire protection services. For example, traditionally older adults, young children, recent immigrants, and people with disabilities are at the highest risk of fire. Knowing if your community has a high number of people in any of these demographic groups helps your fire department prioritize your public fire safety education and Fire Code inspection and enforcement programs.

Demographic profile characteristics to consider include: age, culture, education, socio-economics, transient populations or other unique population characteristics in your community.

The following population distribution chart can assist with identifying high-risk or vulnerable demographic groups in your community.

Ages of Population	# of People	% of Total Population
0-4	720	5.9
5-9	755	6.1
10-14	680	5.5
15-19	550	4.5
20-24	515	4.2
25-29	600	4.9
30-34	785	6.4
35-39	885	7.2
40-44	705	5.7
45-49	595	4.9
50-54	625	5.0
55-59	875	7.1
60-64	1060	8.6
65-69	990	8.0
70-74	780	6.4
75-79	485	3.9
80-84	305	2.5
85 and over	350	2.9
Total Population	12268	100

Consider the following questions to help identify the demographic groups within your community and the associated fire safety issues/concerns:

1. Are there specific age groups that make up a large portion of your community? If yes, who are they?
2. Are there groups whose language and/or cultural practices impact fire safety in your community? If yes, who are they?
3. Are there transient populations in your community (e.g. post-secondary school students, migrant workers, seasonal tourists, etc.)? If yes, who are they?
4. Are there specific socio-economic groups and/or circumstances that impact fire safety in your community? If yes, who/what are they?
5. Are there demographic groups within your community that have cognitive or physical disabilities served by community service agencies? If yes, who are they?
6. List any other unique demographic groups or characteristics in your community that impact fire safety.