

The Baby Boom Generation: A Demographic Overview

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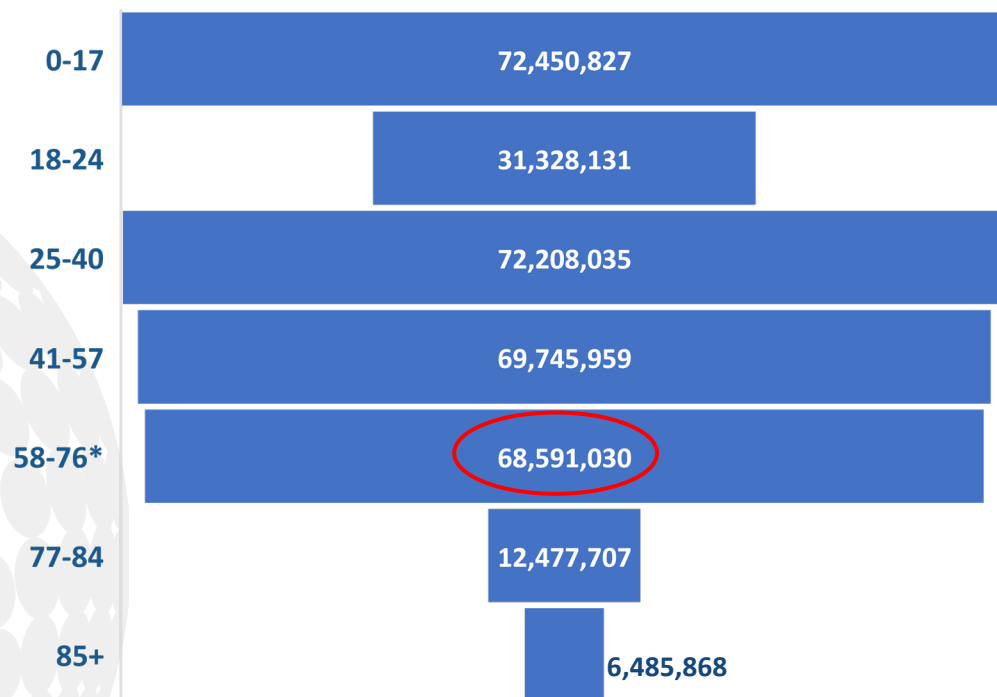
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Baby Boomers are no longer the largest generation! They are outnumbered by Gen-X, Millennials, and even children under age 18.

Number of Persons by Age Group, 2022



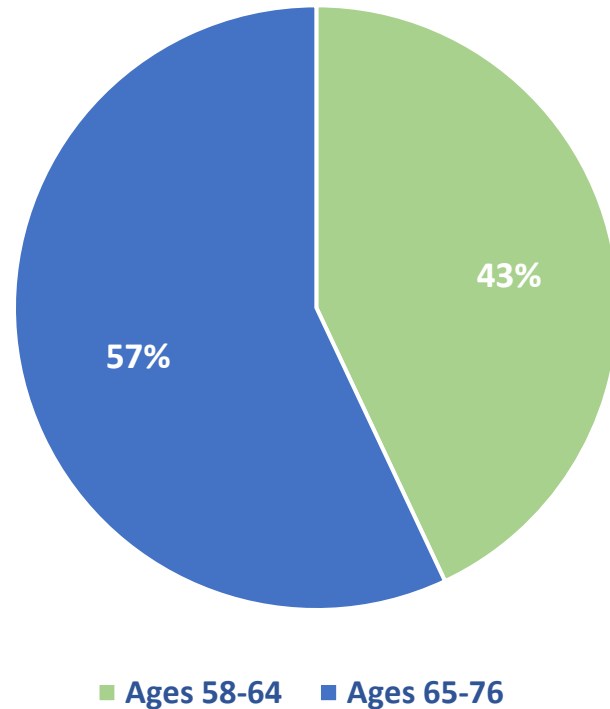
* Denotes members of the Baby Boom generation born from 1946 to 1964.

Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates.



Only three-fifths of Baby Boomers are age 65 or older but they already make up two-thirds of the population ages 65+.

Share of All Boomers by Age Group, 2022



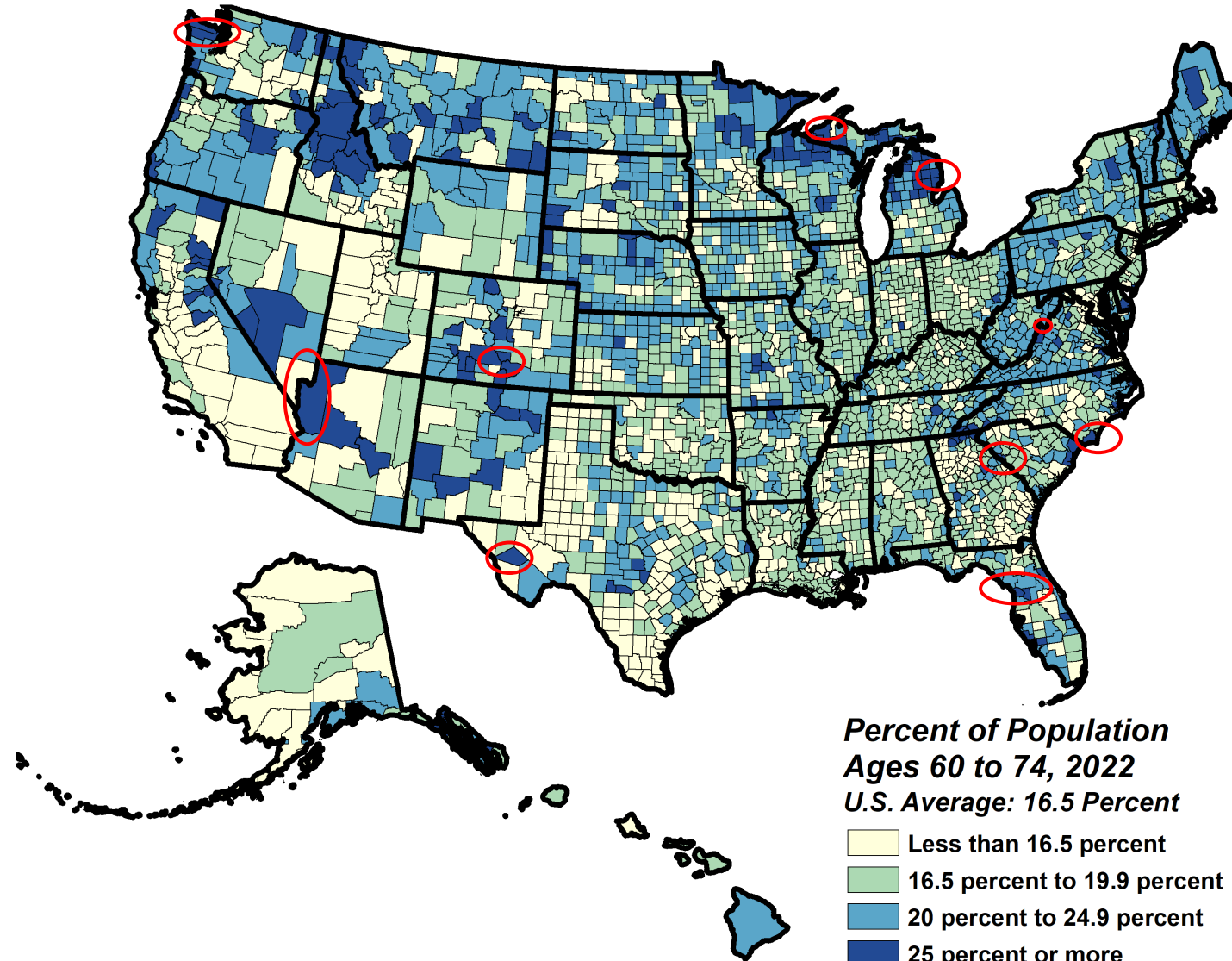
Boomers as a Share of Population Age Groups, 2022 and 2030*



*Projected.

Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates and Projected 5-Year Age Groups and Sex Composition: Main Projections Series for the United States, 2017-2060.

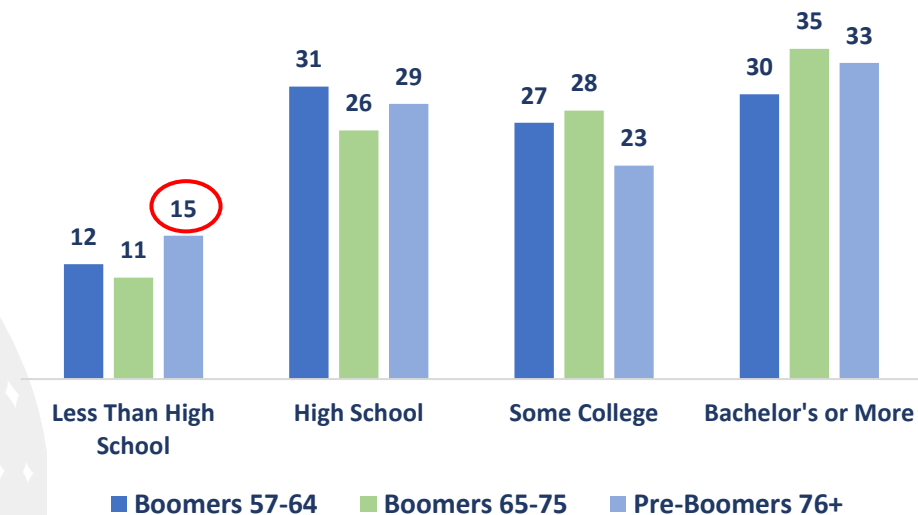
Boomers are at least one-fifth of the population in more than one-third of U.S. counties.



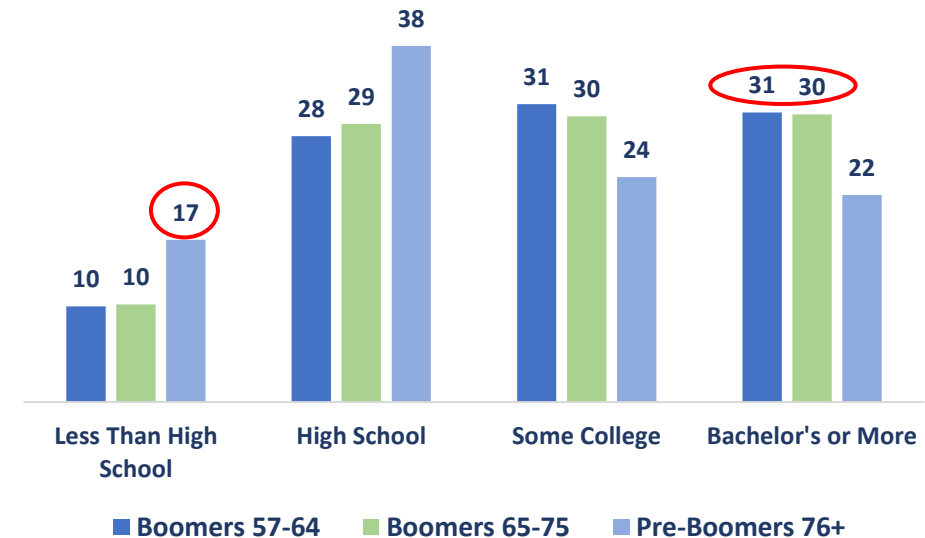
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Both Boomer men and women have higher levels of educational attainment than those born before 1946.

Percent of Men by Highest Educational Attainment by Age Group, 2021



Percent of Women by Highest Educational Attainment by Age Group, 2021

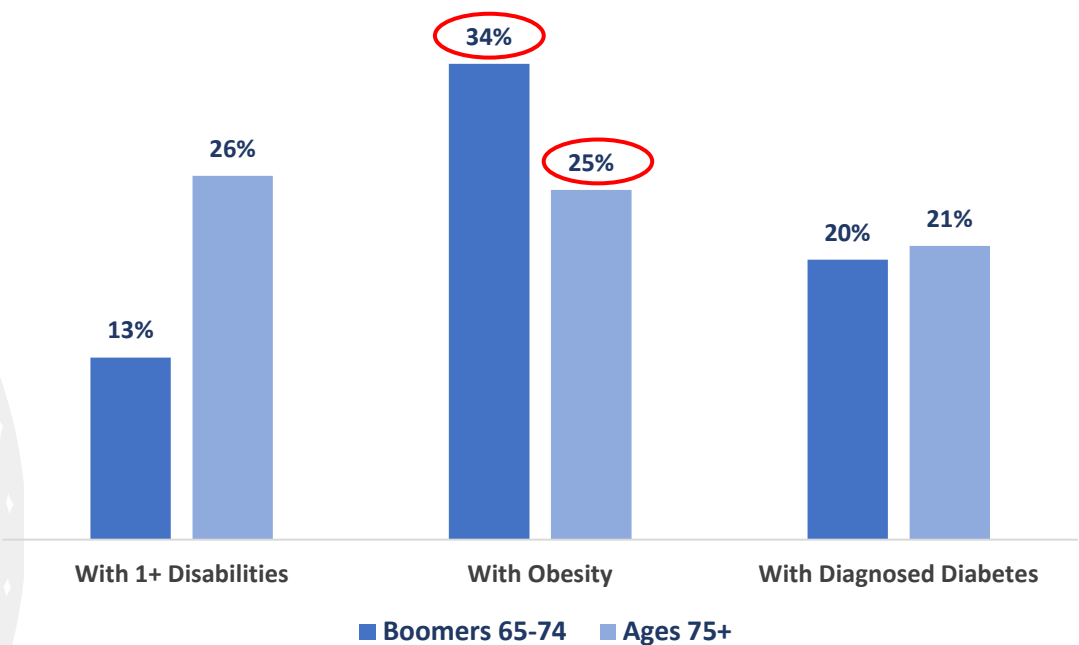


Note: Some college includes those with some college but no degree and those with associate's degrees.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey and IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

Boomers ages 65 to 74 have fewer disabilities but much higher rates of obesity than those ages 75 and older.

Percent of Older Adults with Health Conditions by Age Group, 2022.

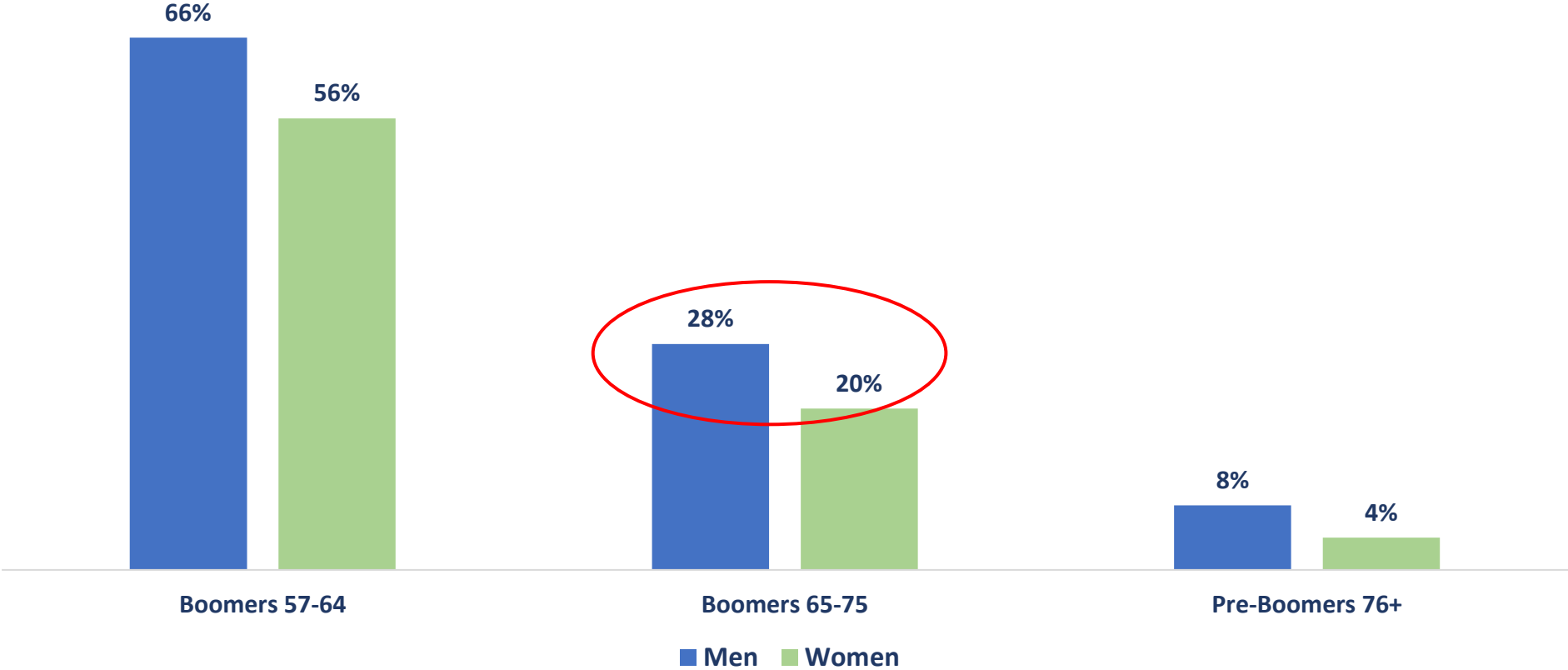


Note: The sample includes only the civilian noninstitutionalized population.
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2022 National Health Interview Survey.



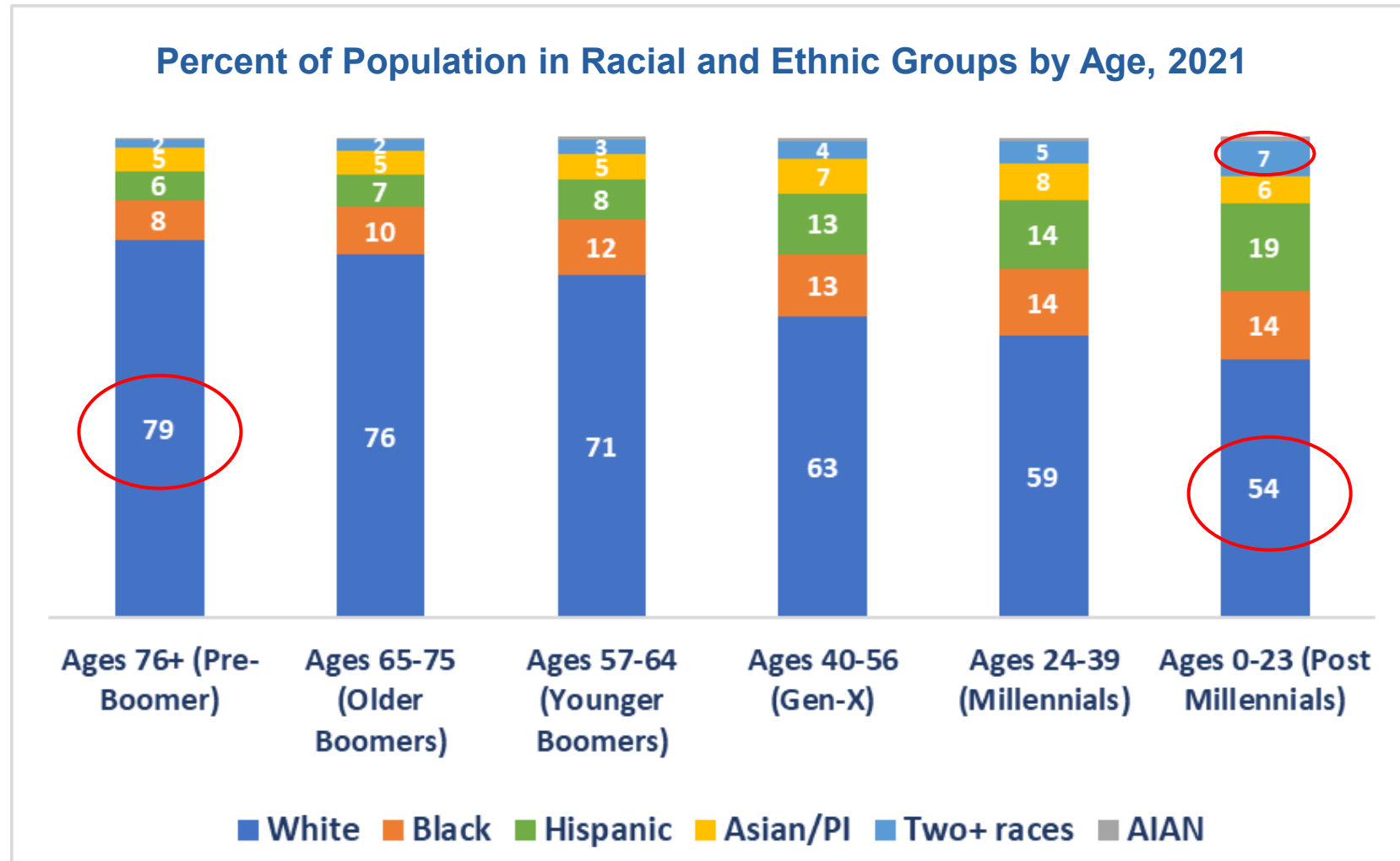
Many Boomer men and women continue to work past age 65.

Percent of Men and Women Who are Employed, by Age Group, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey and IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

Older generations are less racially and ethnically diverse than younger age groups.

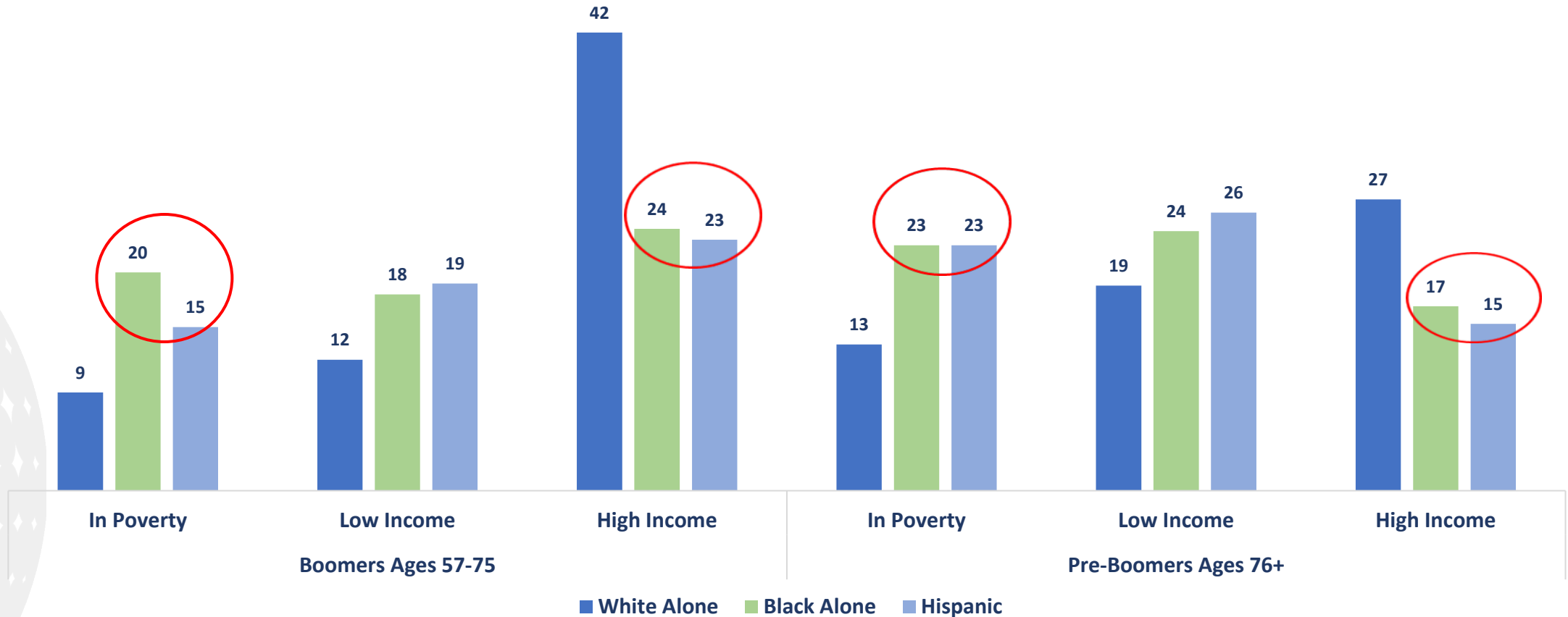


Note: Racial groups exclude Hispanics and are race alone with the exception of two+ races category.

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Racial and ethnic disparities in economic well-being persist among Boomers as well as older age groups.

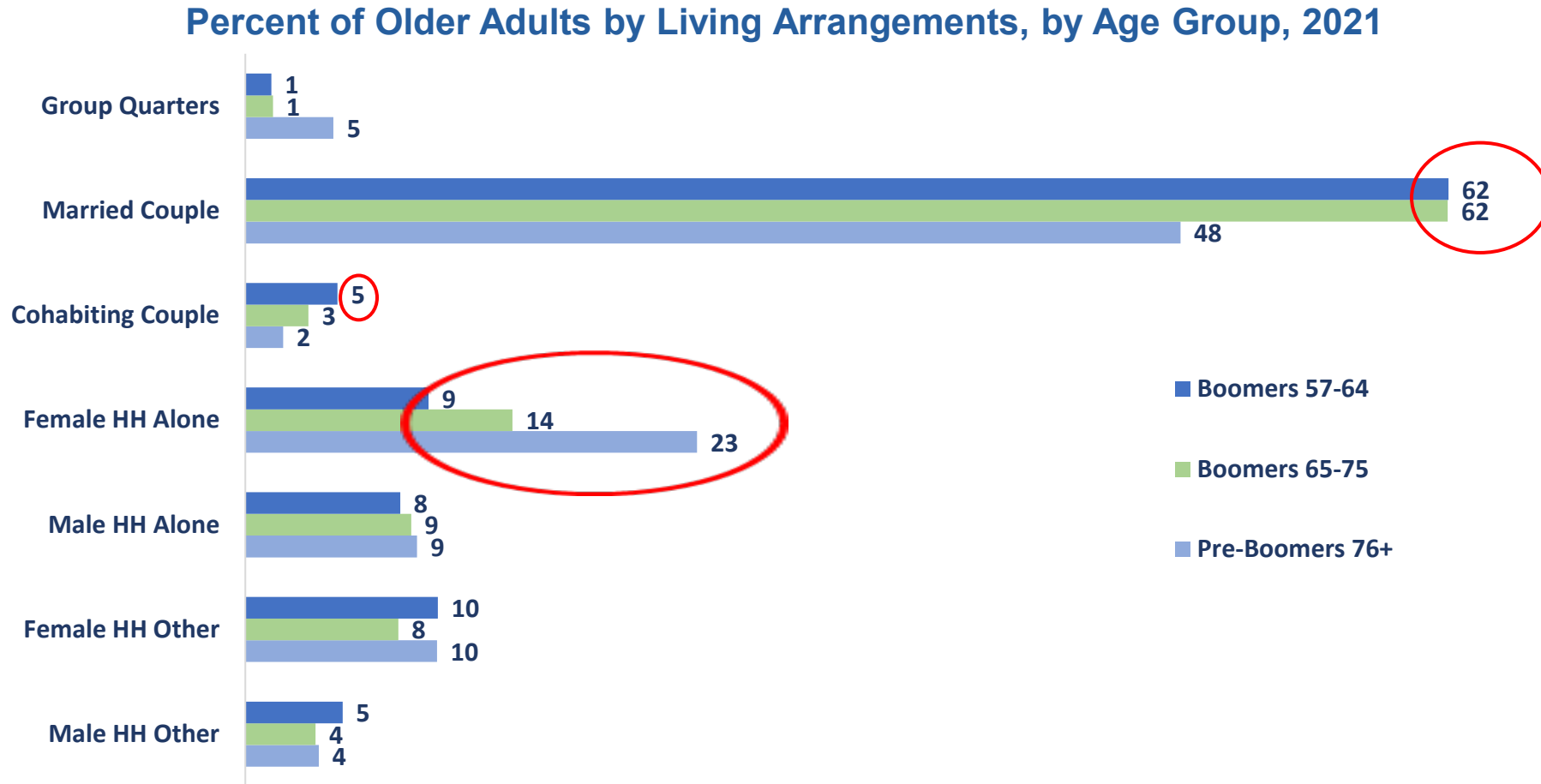
Percent of Boomers and Older Adults by Poverty and Income Status, by Race/Ethnicity, 2021



Note: Racial groups exclude Hispanics. In poverty includes adults with family incomes below 100% of the poverty threshold; Low income includes adults with family incomes between 100% and 200% of the poverty threshold; High income includes adults with family incomes that are 500% or more of the poverty threshold.

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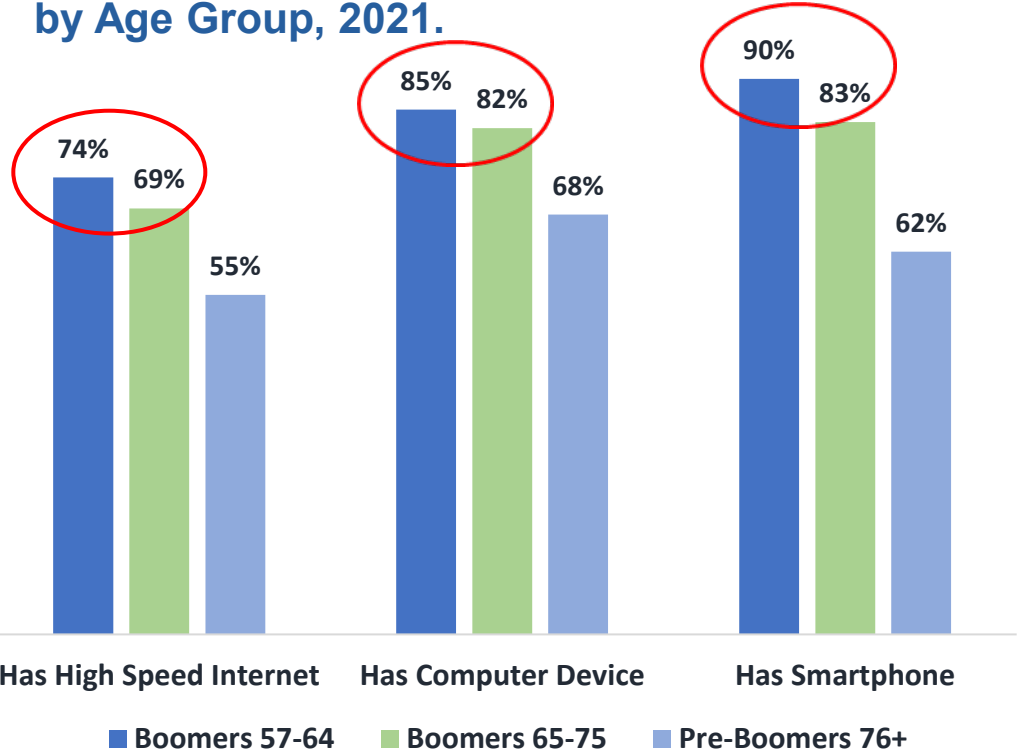
Both younger and older Boomers are most likely to live in married couple households, but women are more likely to live alone than men.



Note: Male and Female HH Other includes householders without a partner or spouse living with own children, other relatives, or non-relatives.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey and IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

Boomer householders both under and over age 65 are likely to have a smartphone, high-speed internet connection, and computer device at home.

Technology Use Among Older Householders by Age Group, 2021.



Note: High Speed includes cable, fiber optic, or DSL. Computer device includes desktop, laptop, tablet, or other computer.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey and IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.





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