

Forging Pathways from Poverty

Measuring Senior Security: Arapahoe County

The Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Colorado 2015 (Elder Index) provides an accurate measure of the cost of living for people over 65 in each county in Colorado. It measures how much income retired adults need to meet basic needs and age in place. This tool may be used to develop, evaluate, and improve programs and infrastructure that allow older Coloradans to live more comfortably.

The Elder Index highlights the dramatic differences in retired seniors' basic income needs based on location, housing type, and household size. Seniors with incomes below the local Elder Index are more likely to make difficult spending choices, go without one or more basic need, and have trouble remaining in their homes as they age and/or their health declines.

Visit the CCLP website for full report details: http://bit.ly/1UoSo31

The Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Arapahoe County, CO 2015						
	Elder Person			Elder Couple		
	Owner w/o	_	Owner w/	Owner w/o	_	Owner w/
Expenses	Mortgage	Renter	Mortgage	Mortgage	Renter	Mortgage
Housing	\$477	\$803	\$1,423	\$477	\$803	\$1,423
Food	\$260	\$260	\$260	\$476	\$476	\$476
Transportation	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$360	\$360	\$360
Health Care	\$343	\$343	\$343	\$686	\$686	\$686
Miscellaneous	\$263	\$263	\$263	\$400	\$400	\$400
Elder Index per Month	\$1,576	\$1,902	\$2,522	\$2,399	\$2,725	\$3,345
Elder Index per Year	\$18,912	\$22,824	\$30,264	\$28,788	\$32,700	\$40,140