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Keeping People Safe

Protecting Health

Our Journey to Better Health
An Aging Nation
Projected Number of Children and Older Adults

For the First Time in U.S. History Older Adults Are Projected to Outnumber Children by 2034

Projected percentage of population

- Adults 65+: 22.8% to 23.4%
- Children under 18: 15.2% to 19.8%

Projected number (millions)

- 2016: 49.2 million
- 2020: 73.6 million
- 2025: 77.0 million
- 2030: 76.5 million
- 2034: 94.7 million
- 2040: 80.1 million

Note: 2016 data are estimates not projections.

Source: National Population Projections, 2017
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popproj.html
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