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Elder Issues In Nevada

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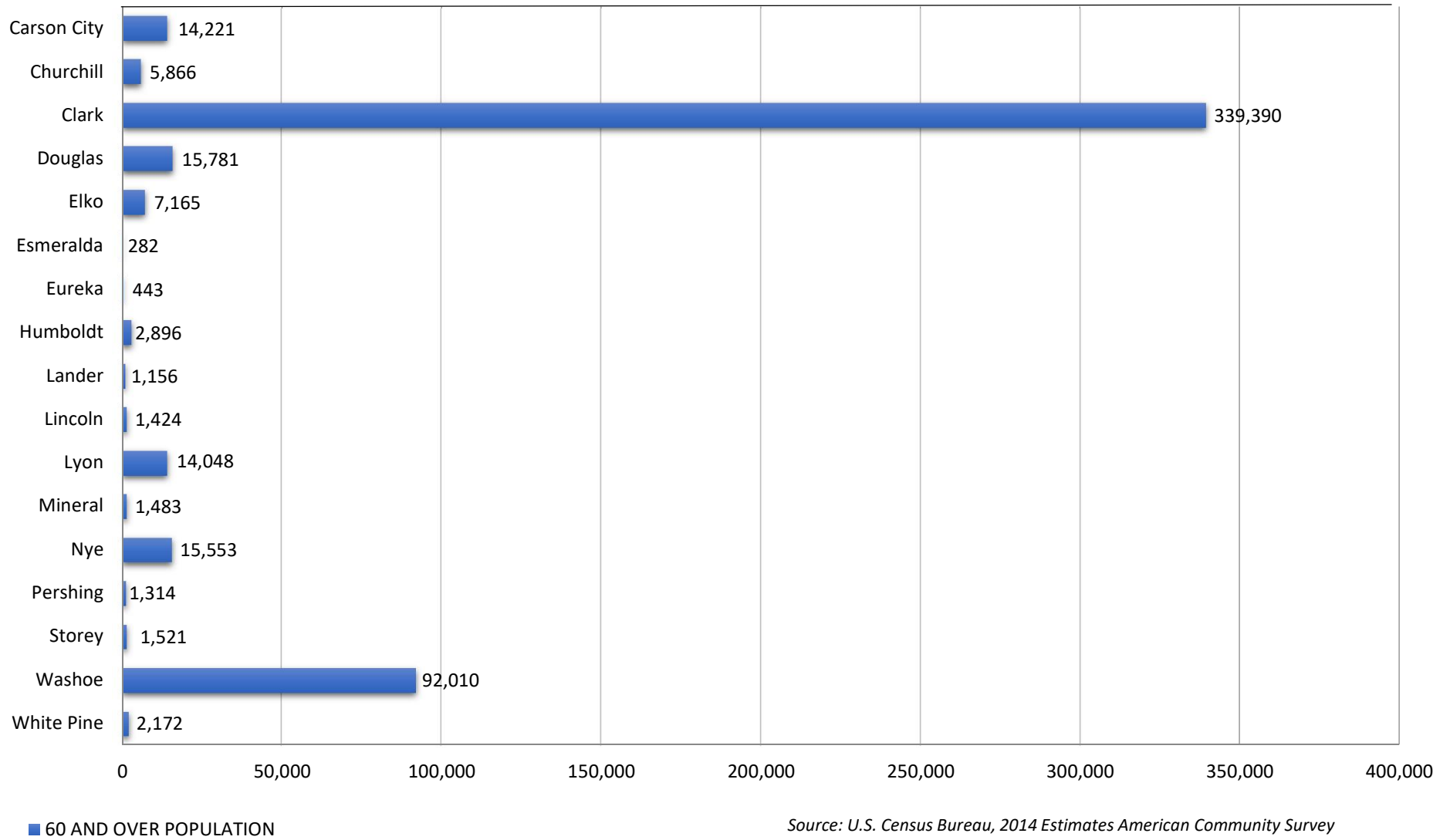
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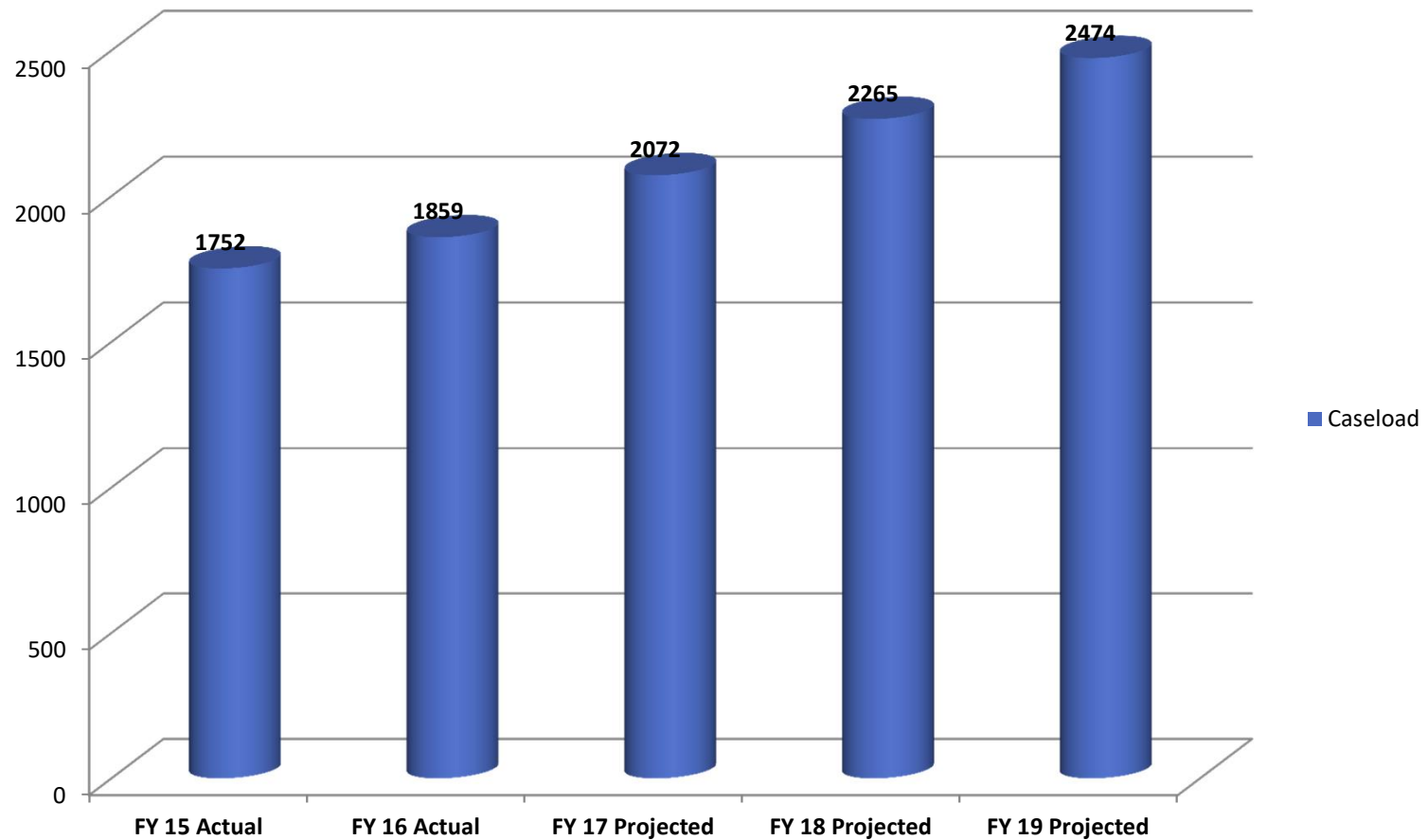
Demographics

Nevada's 60 Years and Over Population by County



Access to Services

Home and Community Based Waiver - Frail Elderly



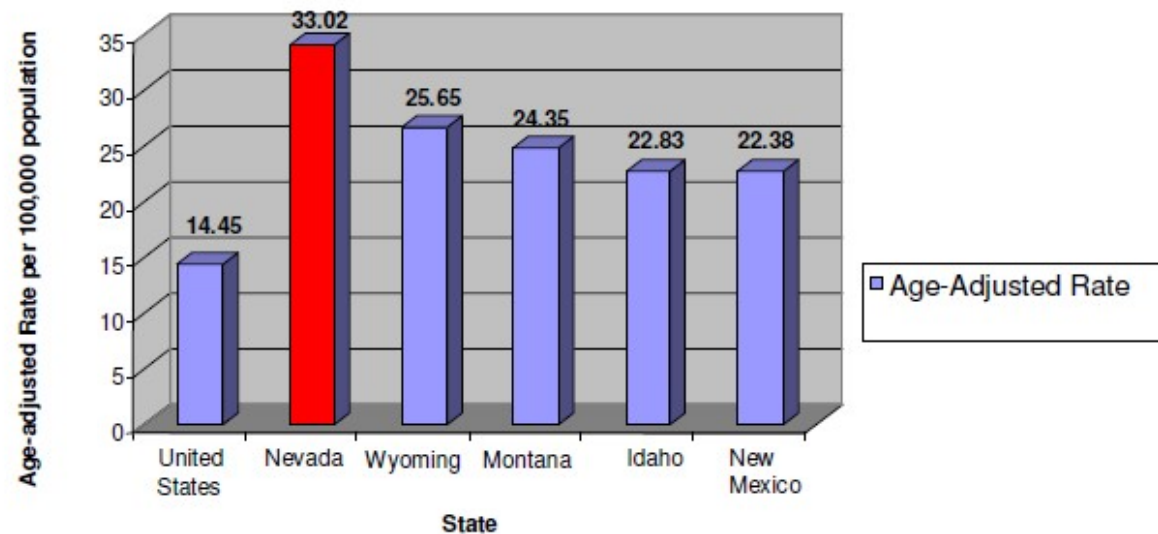
Access to Services (Cont.)

- Seniors on fixed incomes must make difficult choices about how to spend their money.
- About half of all adults have one or more preventable chronic diseases.
- Providing meals/nutrition services to a senior, who may be able to afford food but not prepare it, or may not be able to afford food altogether, can prevent the institutionalization of that person.
- Funding meal and nutrition services makes economic sense for the State.

Behavioral, Cognitive, and Mental Health

Nevada Seniors in Crisis

States with Highest Average Suicide Rates in the U.S from 1999-2009: Ages 60-85+



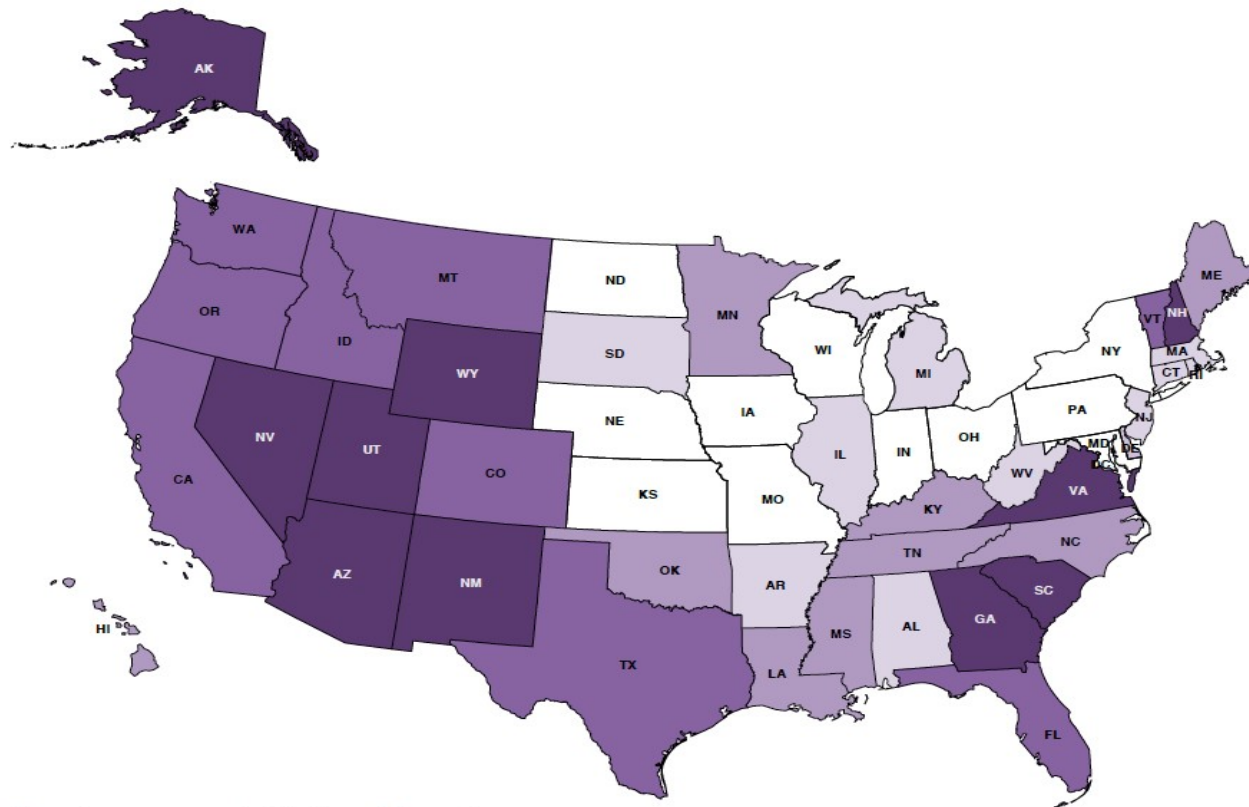
Source: CDC, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online] (2012).

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FIGURE 2

Projected Increases Between 2015 and 2025 in Alzheimer's Disease Prevalence by State

14.3% - 21.6% 21.7% - 26.4% 26.5% - 34.8% 34.9% - 44.1% 44.2% - 71.9%



Change from 2015 to 2025 for Washington, D.C.: -1.1%
Created from data provided to the Alzheimer's Association by Weuve et al.^{164, A7}

Source: Alzheimer's Association, *2015 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*

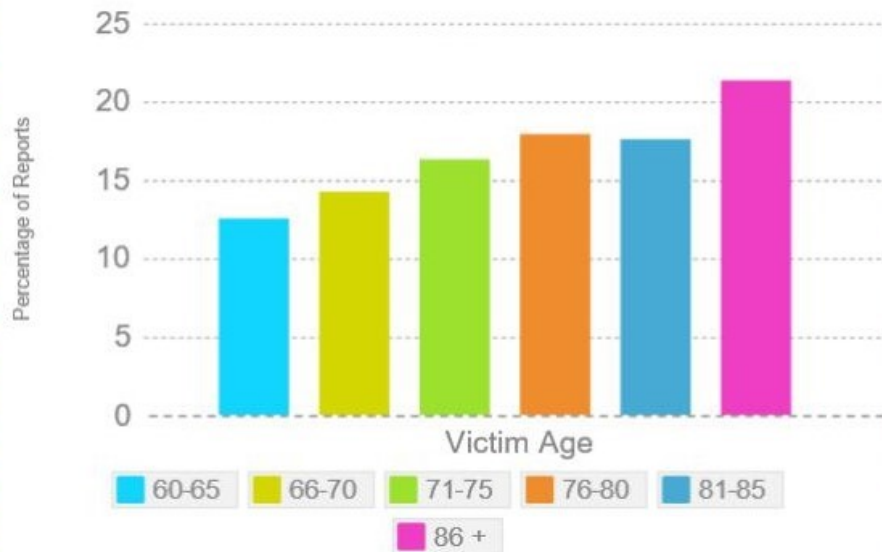
Family Caregivers

- About 65% of older adults with long term care needs are exclusively relying on family and friends to provide caregiving assistance.
- There are an estimated 500,000 Nevadans providing approximately 400 million hours annually of unpaid care to family, friends and neighbors living independently. (AARP)
- Family caregivers provide the majority of unpaid care for their loved ones, at an estimated savings to Nevada of \$4 billion per year. (AARP)

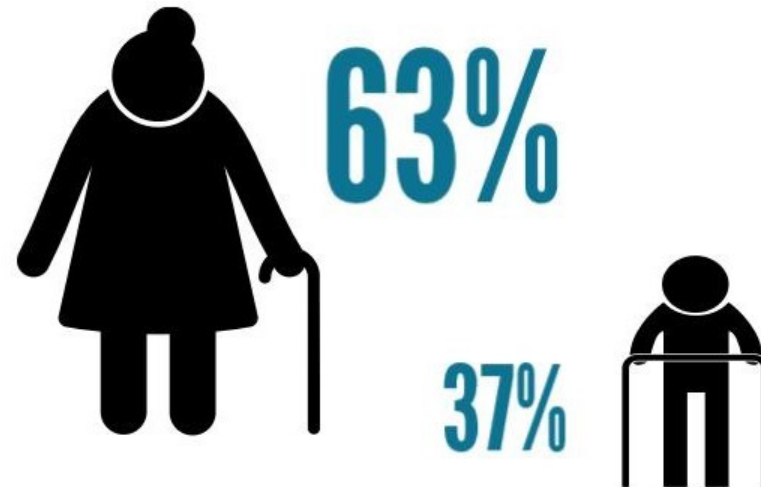
Legal Rights

Elder Abuse

Elders over 85 are at highest risk



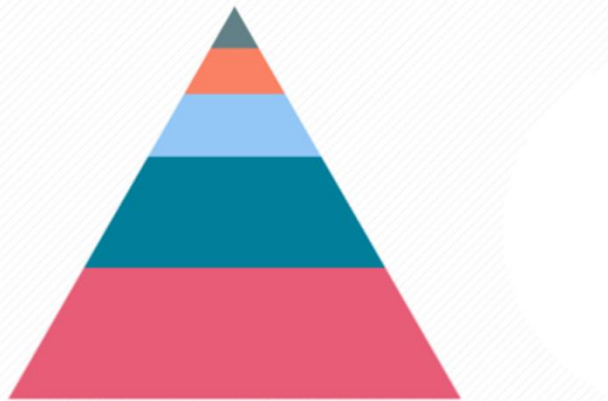
Women are more likely to be victimized



Legal Rights (cont.)

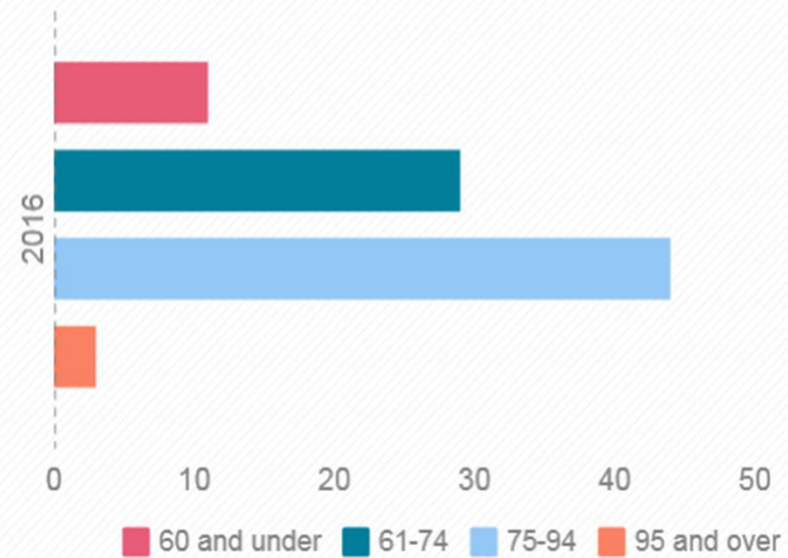
Long Term Care Ombudsman

Most Frequent Nursing Facility Complaints



- Dignity, Respect (33.39%)
- Discharge/Eviction (28.31%)
- Care Plan/Resident Assessment (15.97%)
- Failure to Respond to Requests (11.62%)
- Medications (10.71%)

Percent of Complaints by Resident Age



Legal Rights (cont.)

Guardianship

Substituted Decision Making

All decisions any of us regularly make
Those specifically related to aging

Wrongful Guardianships

Procedural Safeguards
Bill of Rights
Relocation

Exploitation

Unresolved Clark County Cases
Isolation

Upcoming Legislation (Being Tracked Closely)

Any Questions?

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