

Financial Insecurity Among Brookline Seniors, 2018

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Federal Poverty Threshold 2018

Household size	Annual	Month
One	\$12,140	\$1,012
Two	\$16,460	\$1,372

Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Individuals, Massachusetts, 2016 by Month

Expense	Owner w/o Mortgage	Renter	Owner with Mortgage
Housing	\$736	\$1,028	1,789
Food		\$256	
Transportation		\$241	
Health care		\$442	
Miscellaneous		\$335	
Total	\$2,010	\$2,302	3,036
Housing % of total	36.6%	44.7%	58.9%

Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Single Renters in Selected MA Counties, 2016 by Month

County	Total for Single Renter
Suffolk	\$2,427
Norfolk	\$2,550
Middlesex	\$2,378
Nantucket	\$2,708

Financial Insecurity among MA Seniors

Among Massachusetts **singles** living alone, **61%** have incomes **below** the Elder Index for single renters

Among Massachusetts **couples** living together, **29%** have incomes **below** the Elder Index for couples.

National Ranking for Elder Economic Insecurity

Massachusetts Ranks **SECOND**
nationally

Only Mississippi has more
extensive senior economic
insecurity

Rental Housing in Brookline

Slightly over half of Brookline households live in rental units.

One third of Brookline seniors are renters

Source: Brookline Housing Production Plan 2016

Brookline Wealth

Brookline is one of the wealthiest municipalities in MA

Median household income \$96,600

Median family income \$144,900

Median family income couples
with dependent children \$197,600

Lower Incomes in Brookline Non-Family Households

Non-family households have much lower incomes

Median non-family income \$52,200

Median income among
older women living alone \$32,500

Median Brookline Rent by Submarket for One-Bedroom Apartment, 2016

Submarket	Median Rent
Commonwealth Ave.	\$1,950
Longwood Ave.	\$2,238
Beacon-Washington Square	\$1,863
Brookline Village	\$2,200
Route 9 West	
South Brookline	\$2,225

Means-Tested Resources for Brookline Seniors

Income

Subsidized employment

Housing

housing (Nursing home and assisted living)

Property tax relief

Fuel assistance

Food assistance

Medical

Transportation

Utilities

Miscellaneous

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