



## Your community is aging. Let's get ready!

The Denver region's population is undergoing unprecedented change. Twenty years from now, nearly one in four people will be 60 or older. Rapidly accelerating growth among the 60-plus population is shaping long-term changes among the various age groups within the region. During the next 10 years the region will experience a 36 percent increase in the 60-plus population. By comparison, the increase in all other age categories will be roughly 13 percent.

The growth in the older adult population will bring increased demands for aging services at the local and regional level and affect nearly every aspect of community life. Boomer Bond, a program of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, helps prepare the region and local communities for the dramatic change. The Boomer Bond assessment tool helps the region's local governments identify challenges and gaps and equips them with strategies and tools to support healthy, independent aging, allowing older adults to remain in their homes and communities.





## Boomer Bond Assessment Tool

With support from AARP Colorado, Tri-County Health Department and numerous professional and resident stakeholders, DRCOG developed and refined the Boomer Bond assessment tool. The assessment is a comprehensive tool local governments can use to identify local successes and challenges in supporting healthy and successful aging in their communities. The assessment focuses on four aspects of livable communities:

- housing
- mobility and access
- community living
- support services

The assessment tool is a conversation starter to help guide locally designed programming, policy and capital investments to foster support for healthy, successful aging.

## Boomer Bond Resource Directory

The Boomer Bond Resource Directory is an online searchable database of best practices including policies, strategies and tools local governments can choose to implement to support independent aging. Visit [drcog.org/resource-directory](https://drcog.org/resource-directory).

The Boomer Bond assessment tool and resource directory are companion elements. Local governments can use them to assess current circumstances and existing resources, understand community strengths and deficiencies, identify short- and long-term priorities and confidently implement strategies to create places where older adults can thrive.

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