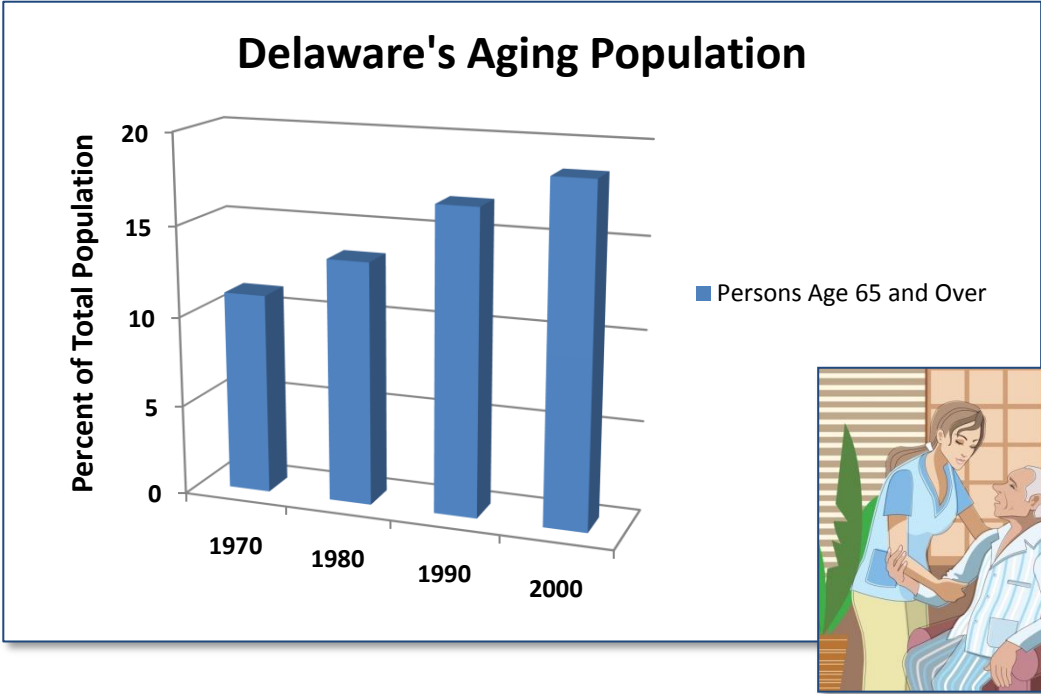


The faces of Sussex County are changing.

Our population is becoming much older.

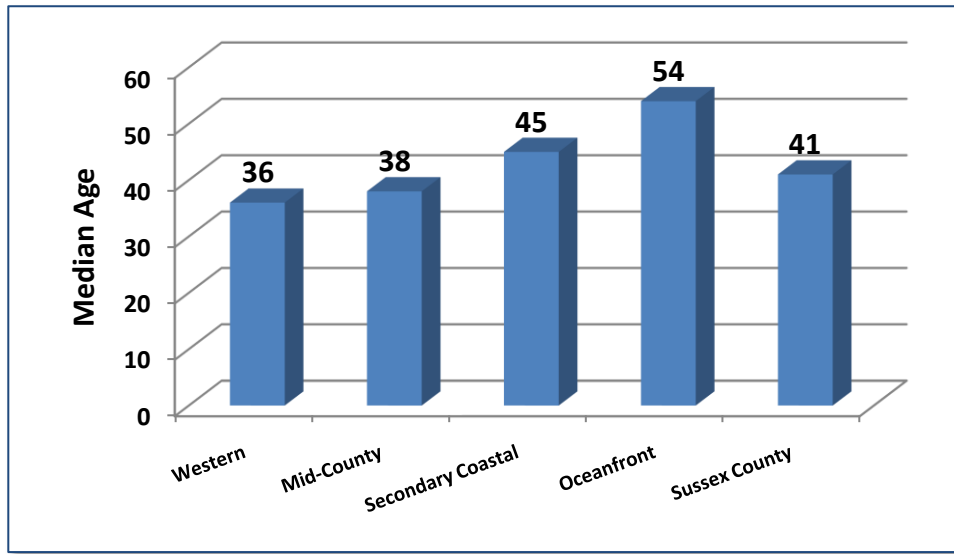
- In 1970, less than 10% of residents were aged 65 or older.
- In 2000, almost 20% of residents were 65 or older.



Data source: *Spatial Trends in Socioeconomics: Time Series Demographic Statistics 1970-2000*, NOAA's Ocean Service, Special Projects.

Our elderly population is not distributed equally across the county.

- The median age of residents climbs above the county average as you move east across the county.
- Retirees and older residents tend to purchase primary or second homes near the coast, rather than in the western half of the county.



Median Age of Sussex County Residents by Geographic Region (2000).

Data source: Sussex County Demographics: Analysis of U.S. Census Data (1990-2000) to Support Decision-making by County and Municipal Leaders, University of Delaware, 2009.