



Transform 2010

Home Design: Policy Perspectives

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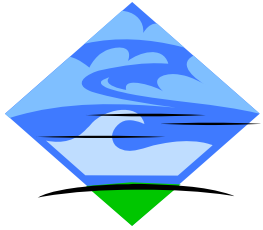
Outline of Presentation

- Background on Transform 2010
- Key trends and themes for action in 2010
- Policy perspectives and recommendations on home design, based on Transform 2010 work



Transform 2010

- Project launched in 2006
- Three state agencies
 - ✓ Department of Human Services
 - ✓ Minnesota Board on Aging
 - ✓ MN Department of Health



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Purpose

- Raise statewide awareness of the impacts of the coming age wave of baby boomers that begin to turn 65 in 2011
- Build consensus on transforming policies, infrastructure and services to address a permanent shift in the age distribution
- Get the ball rolling with opportunities to begin *transformation*



Public Meetings

Facts and Figures: Regional and County profiles were provided to participants (see hand-out):

- ✓ Transformation Survey results (regional only)
 - ✓ 2005 County Long-Term Care Gaps Analysis
 - ✓ Census Projections
 - ✓ Long-Term Care Benchmarks
- Profiles compare each county with other counties and state as a whole



Public Meetings

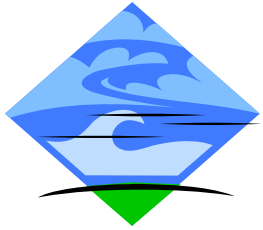
- January – March 2006
- 11 meetings held around the state
- Meetings convened by the Area Agencies on Aging
- Four meetings held with tribal leaders and representatives of ethnic and immigrant communities
- Over 1,000 people attended
- Suggested 62 pages of ideas



State Agency Work

State Agency Participation

- Agencies include: Health, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, Administration, Revenue, Finance, MNSCU, DOER, Labor and Industry
- Discuss issues that need to be addressed to prepare the state for the age wave
- Discuss ways in which their efforts can be coordinated



Minnesota is Changing

Right now, we have 1.4 million baby boomers

Within 25 Years:

- 1.3 million Minnesotans 65+
- One in four people will be 65+
- Minnesota's largest human resource

- 165,000 Minnesotans 85+
- Will double within twenty years
- Approximately one-half will need long-term care



Two Critical Trends

- Changes in families
- Changes in retirement income



Families are changing

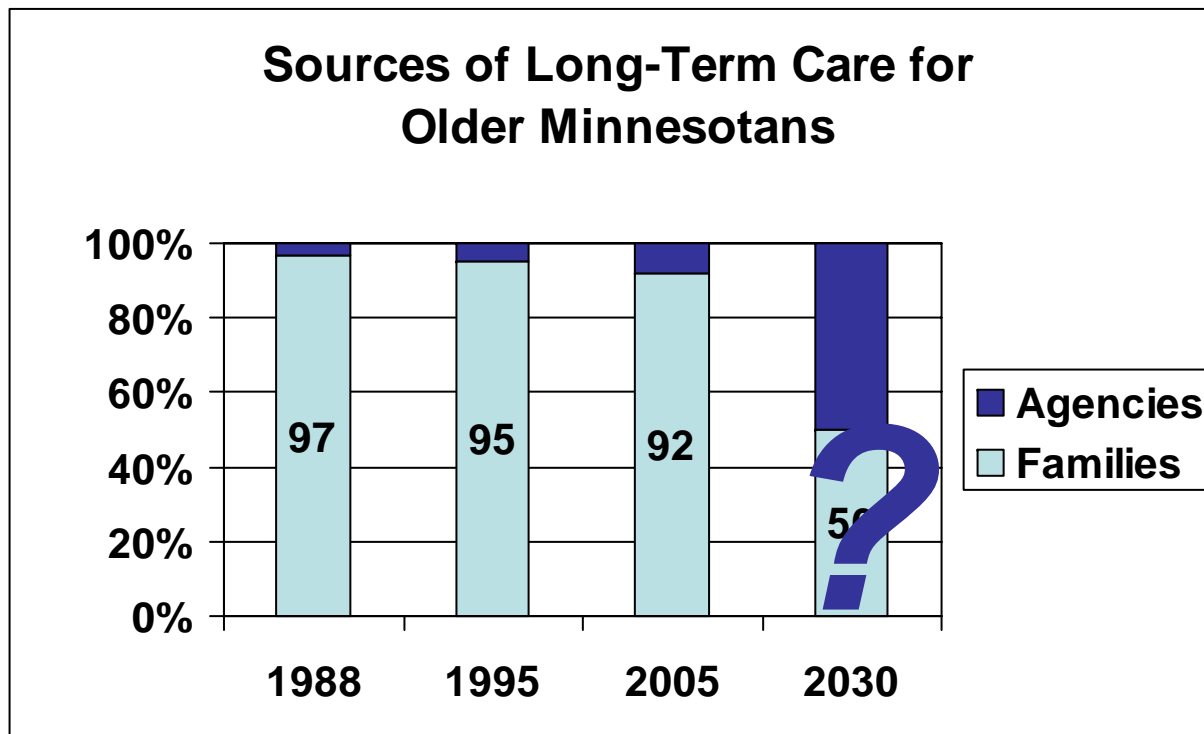
- More people living alone
 - Fewer adult children--
fertility rate down from 3.2 to 1.8
 - More blended families
 - More women in labor force

**Currently families provide
92% of long-term care
in Minnesota (2005)**

**In the future there will be fewer family members
available to provide long-term care.**



When family caregiving decreases, public costs increase



For every 1% decline in family caregiving, it costs the public sector \$30 million

**Supporting families makes sense...
for social and fiscal reasons.**



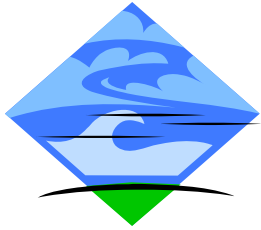
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Themes for Action

1. Redefine work and retirement.
2. Support caregivers of all ages.
3. Foster communities for a lifetime
4. Improve health and long-term care.
5. Maximize use of technology.



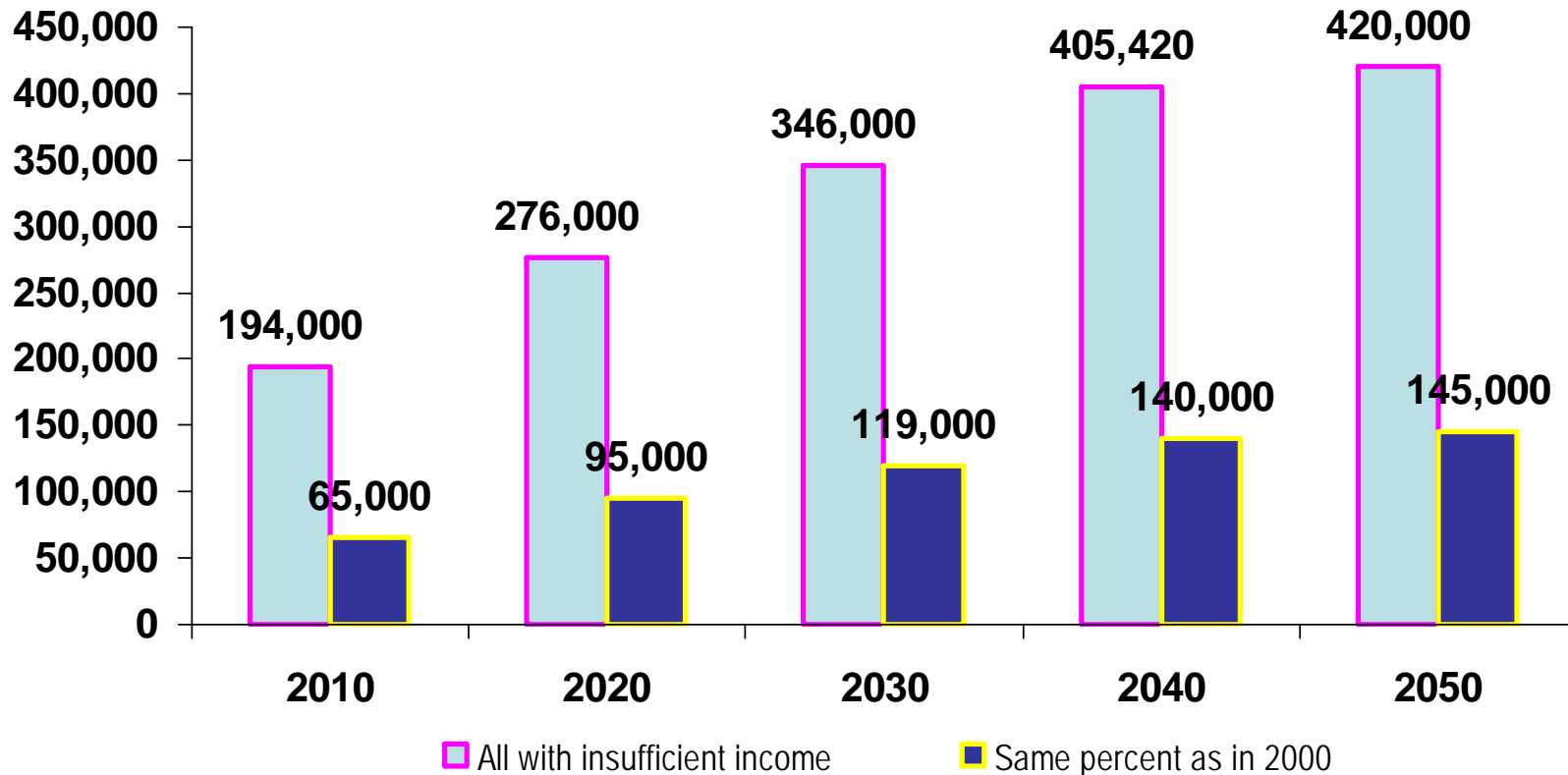
534,000 (29%) of Minnesota's baby boomers *will NOT have adequate retirement income* to support their health and long-term care costs, and are at very high risk of ending up on the state Medicaid program.



Number of elderly served in MA: if we had to serve all with insufficient income versus same percent as now

MA expenditures for the elderly would grow exponentially in the future

This could cost \$20 billion ↙





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Why is this important?

- Safety
- Helping people to help themselves
- Ability to live longer in original home
- Cost-effective
- What consumers prefer



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What is happening now?

- Peter Pan housing
- Growing interest in universal design
- Individuals are on their own to identify need and solutions
- Wide difference in opinions on best policy regarding aging in place or aging in community



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What kind of system do we need to build?

- Assessment
- Builders
- Products



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Assessment

- Assess individual needs and preferences
- Assess environment
- Make suggestions/plan



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Builders

- Don't have knowledge base on universal design or home modifications that are possible and how to do them
- More training and development of this component is necessary
- Those that are credentialed may still not have adequate knowledge



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Products

- Right now these are fragmented
- Some are on web
- Some are at local stores



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Other Issues

- How to access for all incomes
- How about financial incentives?
- How about local policy and requirements, e.g., ordinances?



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