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Dear Fellow Missourians:

I am pleased to announce the return of the Missouri Senior Report, now available online. Since the last publication of this report in 2013, the senior population in Missouri has grown steadily. In 2018 the number of Missourians aged 60 and over exceeded 1.4 million, making up nearly one-quarter of the state's total population.¹

Continued growth in the number of older Missourians creates a need for policymakers, health care and community service providers, families, and businesses innovate to find innovated solutions so Missourians can live in the home of their choice safely and with dignity. The 2020 Missouri Senior Report will serve as a valuable tool for families and policymakers in their search for reliable data as they craft 21st century solutions to address the needs of Missouri. With its unique organization, some of the most relevant information regarding older adults is now available in one organized, easily accessible place. The report includes profile information on economic well-being, health care status, household and community engagement, and access to medical treatment. It also includes quality of life information, wellness evaluations and county rankings data.

The Division wishes to recognize the contributions and leadership of the Future of Aging Committee without whom the 2020 Missouri Senior report would not have been possible. The Division also wishes to thank Dr. Tracy Greever-Rice and her team at the University of Missouri Center for Health Policy for the tireless work the Center put into producing the report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Bax". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jessica Bax, Director
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¹ <https://mcdc.missouri.edu/applications/acs/profiles/report.php?period=1&g=04000US29|01000US>

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