

# SECTION 5

## Income from Social Security





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## Key Terms and Concepts for Section 5 <sup>1</sup>

**Age.** Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2009. A married couple's age is defined as the age of the husband—unless he is under age 55 and the wife is 55 or older, in which case it is the age of the wife.

**Aged unit.** With age 55 as the cutoff, aged units are defined as married couples living together—at least one of whom is 55 or older—and non-married persons 55 or older.

**Marital status.** Married persons are married and living with their spouse. Nonmarried persons may be divorced, widowed, never married, separated, or married but living apart from their spouse.

**Race.** The categories White alone, Black alone, and Asian alone reflect respondents who reported only one race. Because of changes to the race category, data on race are not directly comparable to editions prior to 2002. A person's race is his or her reported race. A married couple's race is defined as the race of the husband.

**Hispanic origin.** Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. A married couple is of Hispanic origin if the husband is of Hispanic origin.

**Family.** A family is a group of two or more people (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related sub-family members) are considered as members of one family.

**Social Security beneficiary.** A beneficiary may be receiving retired-worker benefits, dependents' or survivor benefits, disability benefits, or transitionally insured benefits.

**The ratio of Social Security income to total income.** This ratio is defined as Social Security income divided by total income. Units and persons in families with less than \$1 of total income or negative earnings or asset income are excluded from these tables.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, consult the Glossary at the front of this publication.

## Social Security Income of Aged Units

**Table 5.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by age, 2008**

Aged unit Social Security benefits (dollars)	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0.2	0.9	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0
500–999	0.8	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
1,000–1,499	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
1,500–1,999	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
2,000–2,499	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6
2,500–2,999	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3
3,000–3,499	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.4
3,500–3,999	1.6	1.7	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7
4,000–4,499	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7
4,500–4,999	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1
5,000–5,999	3.4	2.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.1
6,000–6,999	3.3	4.1	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.1	2.0
7,000–7,999	5.6	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3
8,000–8,999	8.8	6.6	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.5	4.5
9,000–9,999	6.6	7.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.5
10,000–10,999	5.6	7.3	5.7	5.1	5.6	5.8	6.1
11,000–11,999	5.4	4.9	5.8	5.1	5.7	6.4	6.3
12,000–12,999	5.5	4.0	4.8	4.0	4.8	4.7	5.7
13,000–13,999	7.2	5.8	7.7	5.6	5.8	8.8	9.9
14,000–14,999	5.4	5.3	6.0	5.0	5.3	5.7	7.6
15,000–19,999	17.5	20.3	21.6	23.2	20.3	21.0	21.5
20,000–24,999	10.5	8.0	13.4	14.3	15.8	14.0	10.7
25,000 or more	6.7	8.1	14.9	17.8	17.8	14.8	10.4
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	12,425	12,157	14,966	15,600	15,557	14,957	14,045
Number (thousands)	2,246	2,482	25,210	6,643	5,529	5,135	7,902

**Table 5.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and age, 2008**

Aged unit Social Security benefits (dollars)	Married couples							Nonmarried persons						
	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79			80 or older	Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0.4	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
500–999	0.9	1.7	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1
1,000–1,499	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.4
1,500–1,999	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0	0.6	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
2,000–2,499	0.6	1.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.5	0	0.3	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
2,500–2,999	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
3,000–3,499	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	1.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
3,500–3,999	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.2	2.1	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.7
4,000–4,499	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.8
4,500–4,999	1.8	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.7	2.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.3
5,000–5,999	3.3	2.0	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.2	3.5	3.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.8
6,000–6,999	3.9	4.5	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.2	2.7	3.6	2.5	3.4	3.1	1.6	2.3
7,000–7,999	5.0	4.1	1.3	1.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	6.3	3.1	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.3
8,000–8,999	6.1	4.8	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.6	2.0	11.8	8.6	5.9	5.3	6.5	6.5	5.5
9,000–9,999	3.9	5.5	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.9	9.6	9.0	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.4	7.2
10,000–10,999	4.3	4.8	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.9	7.1	10.2	8.0	8.0	8.6	8.2	7.7
11,000–11,999	3.8	3.4	2.3	3.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	7.2	6.5	8.4	7.5	8.6	9.7	8.1
12,000–12,999	3.9	4.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.5	1.6	7.2	3.9	6.7	6.0	7.2	6.2	7.2
13,000–13,999	8.0	4.6	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.6	2.8	6.4	7.2	10.9	8.6	8.4	12.3	12.6
14,000–14,999	5.9	4.9	4.1	4.7	3.5	3.8	4.4	4.8	5.7	7.4	5.4	7.0	7.0	8.9
15,000–19,999	20.1	21.7	19.6	20.9	17.9	17.8	21.2	14.7	18.7	23.0	26.0	22.5	23.2	21.7
20,000–24,999	13.8	11.9	25.0	20.0	26.9	28.0	28.3	6.9	3.5	5.2	7.6	5.6	4.5	4.1
25,000 or more	9.6	13.8	32.6	31.5	34.7	33.3	31.2	3.6	1.6	2.3	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.7
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,793	14,400	21,514	20,357	22,306	21,994	21,514	11,141	10,757	12,734	12,720	12,365	12,881	12,965
Number (thousands)	1,167	1,326	10,474	3,597	2,662	2,069	2,147	1,079	1,156	14,735	3,047	2,867	3,066	5,755

## Social Security Income of Units 65 or Older

**Table 5.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2008**

Aged unit Social Security benefits (dollars)	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2
500-999	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.1	0	0.2	0	0.4
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0	0.3	0.2	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8	0	0	0	0.3	0.5	0.1
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.7
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0	1.3	0.6	0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.2
3,500-3,999	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.7	0.6	2.7	0.8	0.1	1.3
4,000-4,499	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	0	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
4,500-4,999	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.2	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.1
5,000-5,999	1.8	0.8	2.5	2.9	1.8	3.2	2.6	1.5	3.7	3.6	1.2	5.2
6,000-6,999	1.6	0.8	2.2	3.5	2.2	4.0	2.8	1.1	4.5	3.0	1.6	4.0
7,000-7,999	2.8	1.1	4.1	6.9	2.4	8.5	5.7	3.9	7.6	6.4	2.8	8.6
8,000-8,999	3.6	1.5	5.2	8.0	1.7	10.3	4.6	1.9	7.3	9.2	4.8	11.9
9,000-9,999	4.2	1.4	6.4	7.1	3.1	8.6	6.8	2.9	10.7	6.6	3.5	8.6
10,000-10,999	5.3	2.2	7.7	8.8	4.1	10.5	5.7	2.4	9.0	6.1	3.0	8.2
11,000-11,999	5.6	2.1	8.3	7.8	4.2	9.1	6.3	3.8	8.8	9.6	6.3	11.7
12,000-12,999	4.8	2.1	6.9	5.4	3.4	6.1	4.1	3.1	5.0	5.4	3.7	6.5
13,000-13,999	7.8	3.0	11.4	7.3	5.5	8.0	6.1	5.0	7.3	6.5	5.6	7.0
14,000-14,999	6.1	4.0	7.6	5.9	5.6	6.0	6.6	5.9	7.3	5.8	8.0	4.4
15,000-19,999	22.3	19.3	24.5	16.1	22.0	14.0	17.0	18.5	15.5	16.5	21.9	13.0
20,000-24,999	14.2	25.8	5.4	6.9	17.0	3.3	11.0	18.0	4.1	8.5	17.5	2.7
25,000 or more	15.7	33.4	2.4	7.6	24.7	1.4	14.9	26.7	3.2	6.5	14.5	1.3
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,514	21,658	13,157	11,957	18,000	10,757	13,637	18,742	11,157	11,957	15,600	10,757
Number (thousands)	21,977	9,429	12,548	2,240	595	1,645	644	319	325	1,582	619	963

**Table 5.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and quintile of total money income, 2008**

Aged unit Social Security benefits (dollars)	All units					Married couples					Nonmarried persons				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.7	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0.2	0	1.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.1	1.4	0	0.3	0.4	0.6
1,500-1,999	0.5	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
2,000-2,499	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	0	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.5
2,500-2,999	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.5	0	0.3	0.4	0.2
3,000-3,499	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.6
3,500-3,999	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5
4,000-4,499	1.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4
4,500-4,999	2.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	0	0.5	0.3	0.5	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.2
5,000-5,999	6.3	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.4	10.7	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.0
6,000-6,999	6.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.3	10.8	1.2	0.5	1.3	1.0
7,000-7,999	10.9	2.2	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.3	17.7	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.2
8,000-8,999	14.6	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.1	3.0	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.3	22.2	4.3	2.8	2.5	1.8
9,000-9,999	15.0	3.2	2.9	2.3	1.5	3.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.4	20.3	6.1	3.0	4.4	3.7
10,000-10,999	16.9	4.8	3.3	2.9	2.5	4.7	1.0	1.9	2.2	2.1	0.2	22.8	4.8	5.0	4.5
11,000-11,999	15.1	6.0	5.0	2.4	2.4	5.1	1.1	2.0	1.7	1.6	0	21.8	5.8	7.0	4.4
12,000-12,999	2.2	11.3	4.3	3.1	2.3	2.9	1.3	2.4	2.4	1.9	0.1	15.8	5.4	6.2	4.0
13,000-13,999	0.1	20.0	6.8	5.4	3.9	5.8	2.1	2.5	3.2	2.5	0.1	19.9	12.3	9.7	8.9
14,000-14,999	0.1	13.2	6.5	4.9	3.8	8.2	2.9	3.1	3.8	3.2	0.1	2.0	17.2	8.8	6.7
15,000-19,999	0.1	32.0	26.3	23.1	21.7	31.8	17.3	14.5	19.5	16.0	0.1	0	42.1	32.4	35.6
20,000-24,999	0	0	27.5	20.2	17.3	26.0	35.8	26.5	18.7	16.8	0	0	0.4	12.5	12.6
25,000 or more	0	0	9.8	27.2	36.8	0.1	32.7	41.5	41.2	45.5	0	0	0	2.9	8.5
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	8,957	13,633	17,273	19,157	21,157	16,594	23,143	23,357	22,800	23,477	7,457	11,441	14,393	14,500	15,557
Number (thousands)	4,231	5,484	5,374	5,243	4,878	1,936	2,258	2,205	2,109	1,967	2,277	3,239	3,228	3,132	2,858

NOTE: Quintile limits are \$12,082, \$19,877, \$31,303, and \$55,889 for all units; \$23,637, \$35,794, \$53,180, and \$86,988 for married couples; and \$9,929, \$14,265, \$20,187, and \$32,937 for nonmarried persons.

## Social Security Income of Units 65 or Older

**Table 5.A5**

**Percentage distribution of Social Security beneficiary units, by proportion of aged unit income from Social Security and marital status, 2008**

Aged unit Social Security benefits (dollars)	Proportion of aged unit income from Social Security											
	Less than 50 percent			50–89 percent			90–99 percent			100 percent		
	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2
500–999	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.2
1,000–1,499	0.7	0.1	1.4	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,500–1,999	0.6	0.4	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.2
2,000–2,499	1.3	0.5	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0.4
2,500–2,999	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5
3,000–3,499	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
3,500–3,999	1.1	0.8	1.4	0.1	0.1	0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	1.0
4,000–4,499	1.1	0.4	1.8	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5
4,500–4,999	1.3	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.8
5,000–5,999	2.3	1.4	3.4	1.3	0.2	2.1	1.0	0.2	1.3	2.5	0.5	3.0
6,000–6,999	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.4	0	2.5	1.0	0.1	1.5	2.8	1.2	3.2
7,000–7,999	3.2	2.3	4.4	2.6	0.2	4.3	2.8	0	4.2	4.5	0.9	5.5
8,000–8,999	3.2	2.4	4.3	3.1	0.6	5.0	3.3	0.2	4.9	7.3	2.1	8.7
9,000–9,999	3.9	2.0	6.3	3.4	0.9	5.3	5.0	1.0	7.1	7.0	1.8	8.5
10,000–10,999	4.7	3.1	6.5	4.2	0.7	6.9	5.5	2.2	7.1	9.3	3.3	11.0
11,000–11,999	4.3	2.7	6.3	5.3	1.8	7.8	6.2	0.3	9.2	8.9	3.2	10.4
12,000–12,999	4.4	3.3	5.7	4.0	0.9	6.2	5.5	0.7	8.0	6.3	1.6	7.6
13,000–13,999	6.4	4.3	9.0	7.9	1.6	12.4	9.0	2.1	12.5	8.9	3.4	10.4
14,000–14,999	5.5	4.7	6.5	5.7	2.6	8.0	7.1	4.4	8.5	6.8	5.6	7.1
15,000–19,999	22.3	20.7	24.4	23.8	16.8	28.9	23.0	16.3	26.4	16.8	24.4	14.8
20,000–24,999	13.2	18.9	6.2	16.2	29.6	6.4	15.6	38.0	4.2	8.6	27.5	3.4
25,000 or more	16.5	28.2	1.9	19.7	43.4	2.3	13.5	33.6	3.3	6.6	23.1	2.1
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,557	19,157	12,504	16,757	23,914	13,481	15,520	22,514	13,157	12,521	20,014	11,669
Number (thousands)	9,052	5,027	4,025	7,425	3,141	4,284	3,023	1,017	2,006	5,553	1,200	4,353

NOTE: Units with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.



**Table 5.B1**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and age, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	All persons			Men			Women		
	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0.2	0.6	0	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.6	0
500-999	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.2
1,000-1,499	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.5
2,500-2,999	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5
3,500-3,999	1.2	1.3	0.5	1.6	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.6
4,000-4,499	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7
4,500-4,999	1.0	1.4	0.7	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.6	0.9
5,000-5,999	2.6	2.2	1.5	3.0	2.6	1.0	2.4	2.0	1.9
6,000-6,999	2.6	3.7	1.6	2.9	4.8	1.2	2.4	2.9	1.9
7,000-7,999	4.0	3.0	2.6	4.3	3.9	1.8	3.9	2.4	3.1
8,000-8,999	6.1	4.6	3.3	6.7	5.6	2.3	5.7	4.0	4.0
9,000-9,999	5.7	4.7	3.7	5.3	5.6	2.6	5.9	4.1	4.4
10,000-10,999	5.5	5.2	4.5	5.7	5.8	3.3	5.4	4.8	5.4
11,000-11,999	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.3	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.7	5.5
12,000-12,999	4.7	3.5	3.9	4.7	4.2	3.2	4.7	3.0	4.4
13,000-13,999	6.6	4.8	6.1	7.4	4.4	4.9	6.2	5.1	7.1
14,000-14,999	6.6	5.1	5.3	7.2	5.0	4.9	6.3	5.2	5.6
15,000-19,999	21.6	20.2	20.4	18.0	20.6	21.6	23.8	20.0	19.4
20,000-24,999	11.3	12.3	17.1	10.1	10.4	20.6	12.1	13.6	14.4
25,000 or more	11.1	16.5	21.7	12.0	13.0	25.9	10.6	18.7	18.6
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,148	14,657	16,800	13,337	13,800	19,114	14,357	15,557	15,557
Number (thousands)	5,296	4,382	33,512	1,996	1,735	14,390	3,300	2,647	19,122

## Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B2**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and age, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	All persons				Men				Women			
	65-69	70-74	75-79	80 or older	65-69	70-74	75-79	80 or older	65-69	70-74	75-79	80 or older
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0
500-999	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3
3,500-3,999	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7
4,000-4,499	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8
4,500-4,999	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1
5,000-5,999	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.3
6,000-6,999	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.4	2.4	2.0	1.2	1.9
7,000-7,999	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.5	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.1
8,000-8,999	2.6	3.1	3.8	3.8	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.5	3.1	3.8	4.7	4.6
9,000-9,999	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.6	2.5	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.8	4.0	4.2	5.5
10,000-10,999	3.9	4.4	4.5	5.1	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.6	5.1	5.3	6.2
11,000-11,999	4.3	4.1	5.2	5.3	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.2	4.5	4.6	6.3	6.5
12,000-12,999	3.0	4.1	3.7	4.8	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	4.6	3.9	5.7
13,000-13,999	4.3	4.8	7.2	8.4	4.4	3.8	5.6	6.0	4.3	5.6	8.4	9.8
14,000-14,999	4.2	4.8	5.3	6.9	4.3	4.0	4.5	7.0	4.2	5.4	6.0	6.8
15,000-19,999	20.7	18.9	20.4	21.2	22.9	20.1	20.0	22.8	18.7	17.9	20.6	20.3
20,000-24,999	17.6	19.3	17.5	14.3	18.5	22.1	22.5	20.3	16.8	17.1	13.7	10.8
25,000 or more	25.7	24.7	20.6	15.9	26.4	29.3	25.3	22.2	25.0	21.1	17.0	12.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	17,957	18,000	16,913	15,317	18,317	20,314	19,200	18,437	17,381	16,397	15,216	13,997
Number (thousands)	9,813	7,756	6,698	9,244	4,612	3,437	2,899	3,441	5,201	4,319	3,799	5,803

**Table 5.B3**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and marital status, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	All persons					Men					Women				
	Married	Nonmarried				Married	Nonmarried				Married	Nonmarried			
		Total	Widowed	Divorced	Never married		Total	Widowed	Divorced	Never married		Total	Widowed	Divorced	Never married
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.2	0	0	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
1,000-1,499	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0
2,000-2,499	0.2	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.3	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.5
3,000-3,499	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.5	0	1.2	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.4
3,500-3,999	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.2	0	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.9
4,000-4,499	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.8
4,500-4,999	0.4	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6	0	0.4	1.2	0.9	1.4	2.0
5,000-5,999	0.8	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.6	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.4	0.7	2.7	2.3	3.1	3.5
6,000-6,999	1.0	2.4	1.8	3.2	3.8	0.9	2.0	1.2	1.4	5.0	1.1	2.6	2.0	4.3	3.0
7,000-7,999	1.3	4.1	3.4	5.4	4.6	1.4	3.0	2.2	3.5	4.8	1.3	4.6	3.7	6.7	4.5
8,000-8,999	1.5	5.5	5.0	6.4	5.4	1.5	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.1	1.5	5.9	5.2	7.5	6.4
9,000-9,999	1.5	6.4	6.0	7.1	6.5	1.5	5.6	5.2	4.4	8.5	1.5	6.6	6.2	8.8	5.1
10,000-10,999	2.0	7.5	7.0	8.6	9.8	2.1	6.6	4.7	7.8	11.1	1.9	7.9	7.6	9.1	8.8
11,000-11,999	2.1	8.0	8.3	7.7	7.9	2.2	7.6	8.4	6.6	7.8	1.9	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.0
12,000-12,999	1.9	6.4	6.3	6.5	7.3	2.1	6.2	5.8	7.1	5.0	1.7	6.5	6.5	6.1	8.9
13,000-13,999	2.8	10.2	11.8	7.7	7.3	3.1	9.6	11.3	8.6	8.1	2.5	10.5	11.9	7.1	6.6
14,000-14,999	3.7	7.4	8.5	5.4	2.9	4.1	7.2	9.4	4.5	2.7	3.2	7.4	8.3	6.1	3.1
15,000-19,999	18.2	23.0	23.4	24.9	18.8	19.1	28.2	27.0	34.8	21.4	17.1	21.1	22.5	18.7	16.9
20,000-24,999	25.6	6.4	6.4	5.3	9.2	25.0	8.8	10.0	6.5	9.9	26.4	5.5	5.5	4.5	8.6
25,000 or more	35.1	5.0	5.6	3.3	5.7	33.6	5.1	6.1	4.3	4.3	37.0	5.0	5.5	2.7	6.7
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	22,114	13,157	13,181	12,425	12,000	21,600	13,757	14,357	14,046	12,077	22,714	12,893	13,157	11,645	12,000
Number (thousands)	18,629	14,883	9,915	3,073	1,221	10,465	3,925	1,916	1,186	521	8,163	10,959	8,000	1,888	700

## Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B4**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2
500-999	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	0	0.6
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0	0	0	0.3	0.2	0.4
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.8
3,000-3,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0	1.2	0.4	0	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.4
3,500-3,999	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.1	1.1
4,000-4,499	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.3
4,500-4,999	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1
5,000-5,999	1.4	0.9	1.7	2.4	1.3	3.2	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.6	1.9	3.2
6,000-6,999	1.4	0.9	1.8	3.4	3.8	3.2	2.5	1.5	3.2	2.2	1.0	3.1
7,000-7,999	2.2	1.6	2.7	5.8	3.4	7.4	4.1	3.7	4.4	4.3	3.6	4.9
8,000-8,999	2.9	2.1	3.5	6.7	4.3	8.3	3.7	2.1	4.9	7.6	6.1	8.8
9,000-9,999	3.4	2.3	4.2	6.1	5.5	6.5	5.5	5.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	5.8
10,000-10,999	4.2	3.1	5.1	7.3	6.4	7.9	5.2	3.5	6.5	5.2	4.4	5.7
11,000-11,999	4.5	3.3	5.4	7.0	6.8	7.1	5.5	5.5	5.4	7.8	7.1	8.3
12,000-12,999	3.8	3.0	4.4	4.6	6.0	3.6	3.7	2.6	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.2
13,000-13,999	6.1	4.8	7.2	6.2	5.7	6.4	5.5	6.0	5.0	5.9	7.1	5.0
14,000-14,999	5.2	4.8	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	6.8	7.8	6.0
15,000-19,999	20.7	21.7	19.9	17.6	20.3	15.9	16.7	18.4	15.3	17.3	21.5	14.1
20,000-24,999	17.8	21.5	15.1	9.7	12.6	7.8	14.9	16.3	13.7	12.0	13.9	10.6
25,000 or more	22.7	26.8	19.6	12.3	16.2	9.7	20.1	22.2	18.4	12.0	11.8	12.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	17,477	19,354	15,600	13,157	14,664	11,964	15,480	16,757	14,357	13,282	14,477	12,389
Number (thousands)	29,445	12,726	16,719	2,702	1,061	1,642	907	397	510	2,113	925	1,188

**Table 5.B5**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>All persons in beneficiary families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0	0.2	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.2	0.5	0	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.6
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
3,000-3,499	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
3,500-3,999	0.5	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
4,000-4,499	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
4,500-4,999	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.7
5,000-5,999	1.5	4.2	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.3
6,000-6,999	1.6	4.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.3
7,000-7,999	2.6	6.4	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.5
8,000-8,999	3.3	9.3	2.5	2.1	1.5	1.7
9,000-9,999	3.7	9.5	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.2
10,000-10,999	4.5	10.4	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.1
11,000-11,999	4.7	4.4	8.7	3.7	3.4	3.0
12,000-12,999	3.9	2.6	7.1	3.2	4.0	2.3
13,000-13,999	6.1	4.2	9.1	6.6	5.5	4.7
14,000-14,999	5.3	5.0	7.3	4.9	4.9	4.3
15,000-19,999	20.4	19.6	14.6	24.5	21.2	21.9
20,000-24,999	17.1	9.9	24.3	18.1	18.0	13.8
25,000 or more	21.7	1.8	14.9	26.0	29.2	35.2
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,800	10,757	15,557	18,317	19,157	19,493
Number (thousands)	33,512	6,026	7,098	7,079	6,817	6,492

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$11,057, \$16,072, \$23,357, and \$37,605.

## Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B6**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by number of persons in family and quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Persons in 1-person beneficiary families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-499	0.1	0.5	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.2	0.7	0	0.2	0.1	0
1,000-1,499	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.8
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	1.4
2,500-2,999	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.1
3,000-3,499	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.9	0.4
3,500-3,999	0.8	2.2	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.7
4,000-4,499	0.8	2.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5
4,500-4,999	1.1	3.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.1
5,000-5,999	2.2	7.2	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.8
6,000-6,999	2.5	8.8	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.3
7,000-7,999	4.4	14.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2
8,000-8,999	5.6	18.0	3.4	3.0	2.2	1.8
9,000-9,999	6.6	18.0	4.9	3.3	3.9	3.4
10,000-10,999	7.8	19.1	6.2	5.9	3.7	4.3
11,000-11,999	8.3	0.6	20.0	6.7	6.0	4.7
12,000-12,999	7.1	0.1	16.4	5.4	7.3	3.5
13,000-13,999	10.6	0.1	19.2	12.2	9.1	9.4
14,000-14,999	7.3	0.1	12.9	7.8	8.0	5.9
15,000-19,999	24.3	0.1	10.4	44.1	34.3	36.1
20,000-24,999	5.5	0	0	5.1	12.1	12.6
25,000 or more	2.3	0	0	0	4.4	8.7
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,000	8,357	12,449	14,957	15,000	15,557
Number (thousands)	11,061	2,094	2,702	2,312	2,113	1,839

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**Table 5.B6**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by number of persons in family and quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2008—Continued**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Persons in 2-person beneficiary families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0	0	0	0	0	0
500–999	0.2	0.4	0	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,000–1,499	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.1
1,500–1,999	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0.5
2,000–2,499	0.2	0.5	0	0	0.4	0.2
2,500–2,999	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.4
3,000–3,499	0.3	0.4	0	0.3	0.1	0.6
3,500–3,999	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
4,000–4,499	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
4,500–4,999	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4
5,000–5,999	1.0	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.6
6,000–6,999	1.1	2.4	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.4
7,000–7,999	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.0
8,000–8,999	1.8	3.9	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.5
9,000–9,999	1.9	4.7	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.6
10,000–10,999	2.5	5.6	1.0	2.0	1.8	2.6
11,000–11,999	2.6	6.5	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.8
12,000–12,999	2.2	4.2	1.3	1.8	2.4	1.9
13,000–13,999	3.5	6.4	2.5	3.5	3.4	2.6
14,000–14,999	4.2	8.5	3.5	3.6	2.7	3.7
15,000–19,999	18.7	34.3	17.2	14.9	15.2	15.7
20,000–24,999	24.3	14.9	43.5	25.9	22.0	14.6
25,000 or more	32.6	0.2	23.2	40.3	42.4	47.3
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	21,500	14,914	22,314	23,014	23,710	23,914
Number (thousands)	18,046	2,855	3,591	3,700	3,771	4,130

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## Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B6**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by number of persons in family and quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2008—Continued**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0	0.2	0	0	0	0
500–999	0.1	0.3	0.1	0	0.3	0
1,000–1,499	0.4	0.5	0	0.6	0.3	0.5
1,500–1,999	0.1	0	0	0.3	0	0.1
2,000–2,499	0.4	0.2	0	0.1	1.1	0.4
2,500–2,999	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.8	0
3,000–3,499	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.9
3,500–3,999	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.4
4,000–4,499	0.9	1.7	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.0
4,500–4,999	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.5
5,000–5,999	2.0	3.6	1.6	1.3	1.9	0.4
6,000–6,999	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.1	1.2
7,000–7,999	2.8	4.5	2.0	2.3	1.9	3.2
8,000–8,999	3.5	6.9	2.9	3.1	1.0	3.0
9,000–9,999	3.6	5.6	3.7	3.3	2.1	2.3
10,000–10,999	4.4	6.2	3.4	3.6	5.4	2.3
11,000–11,999	4.4	6.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	7.2
12,000–12,999	2.8	3.2	2.2	3.4	3.2	1.1
13,000–13,999	5.5	6.3	5.1	5.1	5.9	4.6
14,000–14,999	4.9	5.1	5.4	3.0	6.8	3.9
15,000–19,999	17.2	18.5	17.4	15.3	16.0	20.8
20,000–24,999	16.8	16.2	20.0	19.1	15.0	11.9
25,000 or more	26.1	9.5	28.1	33.0	31.7	33.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	17,914	13,745	19,313	20,693	19,114	18,540
Number (thousands)	4,405	1,077	805	1,067	933	524

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$11,057, \$16,072, \$23,357, and \$37,605.



**Table 5.B7**

**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by proportion of family income from Social Security and sex, 2008**

Family Social Security benefits (dollars)	Proportion of family income from Social Security											
	Less than 50 percent			50–89 percent			90–99 percent			100 percent		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1–499	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.4	0
500–999	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,000–1,499	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,500–1,999	0.4	0.5	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2
2,000–2,499	0.9	0.8	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.3
2,500–2,999	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
3,000–3,499	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0	0.3
3,500–3,999	0.9	0.6	1.1	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.8
4,000–4,499	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
4,500–4,999	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7
5,000–5,999	2.1	1.5	2.6	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.7
6,000–6,999	1.9	1.5	2.3	1.0	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	2.5	2.0	2.7
7,000–7,999	3.1	2.4	3.7	1.7	1.0	2.1	1.8	0.4	2.7	3.3	2.3	3.9
8,000–8,999	3.3	2.7	3.9	2.3	1.6	2.8	2.6	1.6	3.1	5.5	3.1	6.8
9,000–9,999	3.6	2.6	4.4	2.8	2.0	3.5	3.8	2.4	4.6	5.5	4.6	6.0
10,000–10,999	4.4	3.5	5.3	2.9	1.7	3.7	4.6	3.0	5.6	7.8	7.1	8.2
11,000–11,999	4.3	3.9	4.6	4.1	2.7	5.1	4.3	1.6	5.9	7.5	6.4	8.1
12,000–12,999	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.0	4.1	4.6	3.5	5.3	5.3	4.3	5.9
13,000–13,999	6.0	5.3	6.7	5.4	3.5	6.8	6.3	4.5	7.3	7.5	6.3	8.1
14,000–14,999	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.3	3.3	4.9	6.5	5.2	7.2	6.5	6.9	6.3
15,000–19,999	20.2	22.0	18.6	21.1	21.6	20.7	21.5	20.9	21.8	19.0	21.0	18.0
20,000–24,999	14.7	17.3	12.3	20.8	24.8	17.8	21.7	29.1	17.2	13.8	17.6	11.8
25,000 or more	21.2	23.5	19.1	28.6	34.5	24.2	19.9	25.6	16.5	11.7	15.6	9.5
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,157	17,645	14,993	19,714	21,737	17,957	17,957	20,686	16,000	14,285	15,826	13,157
Number (thousands)	15,028	7,093	7,935	9,708	4,126	5,582	3,427	1,283	2,144	5,120	1,775	3,345

NOTE: Persons in families with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.