

SECTION 5

Income from Social Security



Key Terms and Concepts for Section 5 ¹

Age. Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2011. 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.

¹ 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, 2010

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	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0
500–999	0	0.4	0	0.2	0	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.5	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
1,500–1,999	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
2,000–2,499	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.3
2,500–2,999	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5
3,000–3,499	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4
3,500–3,999	1.7	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4
4,000–4,499	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4
4,500–4,999	0.9	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.8
5,000–5,999	2.7	3.5	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.2
6,000–6,999	2.6	4.1	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.7
7,000–7,999	5.0	4.8	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.9	3.1
8,000–8,999	7.7	4.7	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.7
9,000–9,999	8.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	3.7	4.8
10,000–10,999	6.9	5.4	4.7	4.0	4.9	4.4	5.4
11,000–11,999	5.3	6.1	5.0	5.1	3.8	5.4	5.6
12,000–12,999	3.8	4.9	4.5	4.3	3.4	4.2	5.5
13,000–13,999	6.3	5.7	7.0	5.6	6.0	6.4	9.0
14,000–14,999	5.8	4.3	5.4	4.2	4.7	5.9	6.6
15,000–19,999	18.9	24.1	23.1	22.1	21.9	23.6	24.3
20,000–24,999	12.1	7.9	13.8	13.8	14.1	16.2	12.2
25,000 or more	7.9	8.7	18.3	20.1	25.0	17.4	12.6
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,157	13,157	15,701	16,109	17,232	15,905	14,765
Number (thousands)	2,504	3,094	25,576	6,462	5,912	4,829	8,373

Table 5.A2
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and age, 2010

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				80 or older	
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79			80 or older	Total	65–69	70–74		75–79
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	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.1
500–999	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.1	0.2	0	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	0	0	0.5	2.0	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4
1,500–1,999	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	1.8	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
2,000–2,499	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	1.0	2.4	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.3
2,500–2,999	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5	0	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7
3,000–3,499	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.4
3,500–3,999	2.0	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.4	4.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5
4,000–4,499	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4
4,500–4,999	0.8	2.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.7	1.1	1.0
5,000–5,999	2.2	3.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	3.2	4.1	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.6
6,000–6,999	2.0	3.8	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	3.3	4.5	2.1	2.4	1.8	1.9	2.3
7,000–7,999	3.4	4.7	1.3	2.3	0.6	0.5	1.7	6.7	4.8	4.0	4.3	3.7	4.8	3.6
8,000–8,999	5.0	3.4	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.4	0.8	10.3	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.2
9,000–9,999	5.6	3.5	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.8	11.2	5.4	6.5	7.6	7.4	5.3	6.1
10,000–10,999	4.7	4.7	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.3	1.0	9.1	6.3	6.9	5.9	7.2	6.8	7.2
11,000–11,999	6.0	4.4	1.8	2.9	1.3	1.5	1.0	4.6	7.9	7.4	7.3	6.3	8.4	7.5
12,000–12,999	3.8	4.1	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	3.8	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.0	5.9	6.9
13,000–13,999	6.6	3.9	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.3	6.0	7.8	10.1	8.3	9.5	9.5	11.7
14,000–14,999	4.6	3.6	2.6	3.2	2.5	2.9	1.8	6.9	5.2	7.4	5.3	6.7	8.4	8.5
15,000–19,999	19.0	26.0	17.7	18.5	16.4	17.4	18.4	18.7	21.9	26.9	25.8	27.1	28.5	26.6
20,000–24,999	16.2	10.2	23.0	18.1	19.4	28.5	29.1	8.0	5.3	7.3	9.5	9.1	6.5	5.4
25,000 or more	14.0	15.8	40.2	36.9	47.7	37.4	38.2	1.8	0.7	2.6	3.1	3.4	1.6	2.4
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,957	15,557	22,757	21,383	24,394	22,931	22,714	10,925	11,645	13,157	13,157	13,277	13,157	13,157
Number (thousands)	1,246	1,640	10,675	3,259	2,882	2,133	2,401	1,258	1,454	14,902	3,203	3,030	2,696	5,972

Social Security Income of Units 65 or Older

Table 5.A3
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2010

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	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0
500-999	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	0	0.1	0
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0	0	0
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0	0	0	0.7	0.1	1.0
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.8
3,000-3,499	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.7
3,500-3,999	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.5	3.1	0	2.0	1.1	2.5
4,000-4,499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0	0.6
4,500-4,999	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.5	0.5	1.9	3.1	2.4	3.7	0.9	0.2	1.2
5,000-5,999	1.3	0.5	1.9	1.9	0.6	2.3	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.3	1.3	4.3
6,000-6,999	1.4	0.7	1.9	2.6	0.3	3.5	4.5	3.7	5.3	2.7	1.3	3.5
7,000-7,999	2.6	1.3	3.6	5.0	2.4	5.9	2.5	0.8	4.3	7.4	4.3	9.0
8,000-8,999	4.0	1.3	6.0	6.2	1.5	7.9	5.1	3.1	7.0	10.8	3.9	14.6
9,000-9,999	4.0	1.6	5.7	8.4	1.7	10.9	7.1	3.3	10.9	8.3	1.9	11.8
10,000-10,999	4.2	1.7	6.2	9.1	1.6	11.9	5.5	2.8	8.2	6.7	3.5	8.4
11,000-11,999	4.9	1.7	7.4	6.2	2.4	7.6	5.1	3.1	7.1	6.3	4.3	7.4
12,000-12,999	4.2	1.9	6.0	6.3	3.8	7.3	3.5	2.5	4.4	4.7	3.6	5.2
13,000-13,999	7.1	2.5	10.5	6.9	3.0	8.3	5.1	3.5	6.8	6.2	4.9	6.8
14,000-14,999	5.5	2.5	7.8	5.4	4.3	5.8	3.7	3.4	4.0	4.4	2.6	5.3
15,000-19,999	23.7	17.4	28.5	18.6	23.3	16.8	19.5	16.6	22.4	16.7	23.3	13.2
20,000-24,999	14.4	23.0	7.8	9.4	25.2	3.5	12.1	19.5	4.7	7.3	16.6	2.3
25,000 or more	19.5	41.8	2.7	8.1	25.8	1.4	15.8	26.1	5.6	9.7	26.1	0.9
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,157	23,194	13,421	12,612	20,314	11,201	14,317	19,153	11,957	11,957	18,677	9,929
Number (thousands)	22,185	9,547	12,638	2,333	635	1,698	668	332	336	1,641	573	1,067

Table 5.A4
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and quintile of total money income, 2010

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	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0	0	0
1,000-1,499	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0	0.6	0.3	0	0.6	0.6
2,000-2,499	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.6	0	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.0
2,500-2,999	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.6
3,000-3,499	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0	0.5	1.7	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.4
3,500-3,999	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
4,000-4,499	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.2	0	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
4,500-4,999	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	3.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9
5,000-5,999	4.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	7.1	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.4
6,000-6,999	5.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.1	0.8	1.3	0.7	8.7	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.4
7,000-7,999	11.0	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.0	3.5	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.8	17.5	1.7	1.6	1.2	2.0
8,000-8,999	16.2	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.8	26.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	1.9
9,000-9,999	17.0	2.1	2.3	1.6	1.8	3.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.9	25.3	4.4	2.3	3.5	2.4
10,000-10,999	15.3	3.1	3.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.6	0.8	21.1	2.6	4.5	2.6
11,000-11,999	14.3	4.9	3.2	2.5	1.9	3.6	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.4	0.1	20.4	4.6	4.8	3.9
12,000-12,999	6.5	7.6	3.2	3.0	2.0	3.5	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.3	0	15.4	4.5	4.5	3.9
13,000-13,999	0	18.8	6.6	3.8	3.4	5.3	0.8	2.0	2.4	2.6	0	19.8	9.6	10.5	6.9
14,000-14,999	0.1	13.9	4.7	3.8	3.1	5.0	1.3	1.9	3.2	2.1	0.1	10.3	10.5	7.5	6.1
15,000-19,999	0	42.2	26.5	21.9	18.9	34.6	13.2	12.4	16.3	13.4	0	0	55.6	36.3	35.4
20,000-24,999	0.1	0.7	27.9	20.3	18.2	30.3	26.4	24.7	16.6	16.6	0	0.2	2.5	15.5	17.7
25,000 or more	0	0	15.6	33.7	41.8	0.1	49.6	48.5	49.0	51.1	0	0	0	3.5	9.8
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	9,228	14,357	18,670	20,957	22,481	17,422	24,862	24,634	24,754	25,157	8,157	11,957	15,557	15,557	16,757
Number (thousands)	4,312	5,590	5,505	5,284	4,885	2,007	2,286	2,256	2,177	1,948	2,254	3,323	3,335	3,205	2,784

NOTE: Quintile limits are \$12,554, \$20,145, \$32,602, and \$57,957 for all units; \$24,970, \$36,967, \$54,360, and \$86,754 for married couples; and \$10,037, \$14,525, \$20,433, and \$34,417 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, 2010

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	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500–999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.8	0.5	1.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.3
1,500–1,999	0.8	0.4	1.2	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0.2
2,000–2,499	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
2,500–2,999	1.0	0.7	1.5	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.6
3,000–3,499	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.2	0	0.3	0.2	0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
3,500–3,999	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0	0.3
4,000–4,499	0.7	0.6	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.3	0.4
4,500–4,999	1.3	0.5	2.3	0.2	0	0.4	0.4	0	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.0
5,000–5,999	1.9	1.0	3.1	1.1	0.2	1.8	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.4	1.8
6,000–6,999	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.2	0.1	2.1	1.4	0.5	1.8	1.8	0.5	2.2
7,000–7,999	2.6	1.7	3.8	2.3	0.8	3.4	2.4	0.4	3.5	4.2	1.7	4.9
8,000–8,999	3.6	2.1	5.5	2.5	0.5	4.0	3.6	0.6	5.2	7.6	1.0	9.5
9,000–9,999	3.5	2.5	4.8	2.7	0.5	4.5	4.4	1.4	5.9	8.2	1.9	10.0
10,000–10,999	4.0	2.9	5.4	3.3	0.4	5.6	3.9	0.3	5.8	7.9	1.6	9.6
11,000–11,999	3.8	2.4	5.6	4.3	0.9	6.9	6.0	0.8	8.7	7.2	1.9	8.7
12,000–12,999	3.9	3.2	4.8	3.7	0.9	5.8	4.6	0.8	6.5	6.2	2.1	7.3
13,000–13,999	5.5	3.2	8.4	7.4	1.5	11.9	6.9	1.9	9.4	8.7	3.2	10.2
14,000–14,999	4.8	3.6	6.5	5.0	1.1	8.0	6.0	1.8	8.2	6.6	3.8	7.3
15,000–19,999	21.8	18.7	25.7	24.3	12.1	33.7	27.7	17.8	32.7	21.0	27.3	19.2
20,000–24,999	14.6	18.6	9.4	16.9	27.8	8.5	13.1	24.4	7.3	9.1	27.0	4.2
25,000 or more	20.9	34.0	4.0	24.4	53.0	2.3	17.9	48.5	2.3	7.0	25.9	1.7
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,373	20,400	13,157	17,945	25,200	14,357	16,157	24,557	14,009	13,157	20,314	12,000
Number (thousands)	8,803	4,960	3,843	7,384	3,227	4,158	3,197	1,078	2,119	6,011	1,300	4,711

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, 2010

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	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
500-999	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0
1,000-1,499	0.6	1.3	0.3	0.6	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.3
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.4
2,500-2,999	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.3
3,500-3,999	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.2	2.2	0.4	1.2	1.8	0.4
4,000-4,499	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.4
4,500-4,999	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	1.7	0.5	1.3	1.0	0.7
5,000-5,999	2.3	2.6	1.2	1.8	3.2	0.8	2.6	2.1	1.4
6,000-6,999	2.5	3.3	1.3	1.9	3.2	1.1	2.9	3.4	1.4
7,000-7,999	4.3	3.9	2.3	3.7	4.6	1.8	4.7	3.4	2.7
8,000-8,999	6.0	3.6	3.3	7.0	4.2	2.3	5.3	3.2	4.0
9,000-9,999	5.6	3.5	3.6	5.9	3.6	2.7	5.4	3.5	4.3
10,000-10,999	5.4	4.8	3.8	5.5	5.3	3.0	5.3	4.3	4.3
11,000-11,999	5.2	4.7	3.9	5.6	5.1	3.0	5.0	4.4	4.6
12,000-12,999	3.8	4.7	3.6	4.2	4.4	2.6	3.5	4.9	4.3
13,000-13,999	7.0	4.6	5.6	7.1	4.6	4.1	6.8	4.7	6.7
14,000-14,999	5.2	3.8	4.3	5.4	2.6	4.0	5.0	4.6	4.5
15,000-19,999	24.0	22.9	20.8	21.7	24.9	20.9	25.5	21.3	20.6
20,000-24,999	12.2	10.9	16.7	13.5	10.3	19.4	11.3	11.4	14.6
25,000 or more	10.5	17.6	26.7	11.8	14.3	31.5	9.6	20.2	23.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,357	15,540	18,125	14,400	14,818	20,208	14,357	15,557	16,714
Number (thousands)	5,584	5,231	34,493	2,180	2,263	14,932	3,404	2,968	19,561

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, 2010

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	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.1
500-999	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0
1,000-1,499	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
3,500-3,999	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4
4,000-4,499	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
4,500-4,999	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.8
5,000-5,999	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.2
6,000-6,999	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.7
7,000-7,999	2.4	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.5	1.1	1.0	2.2	2.4	2.4	3.4	2.9
8,000-8,999	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.8	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.7
9,000-9,999	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.9	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.8	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.6
10,000-10,999	3.3	3.8	3.4	4.3	3.1	3.4	2.9	2.5	3.4	4.2	3.9	5.5
11,000-11,999	3.8	3.3	4.0	4.5	3.2	2.1	3.1	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.8	5.2
12,000-12,999	3.3	2.7	3.5	4.6	2.9	1.8	2.5	3.1	3.6	3.4	4.2	5.5
13,000-13,999	4.5	4.8	5.2	7.5	3.9	4.4	3.5	4.6	5.0	5.1	6.6	9.4
14,000-14,999	3.4	3.7	4.8	5.5	3.8	3.6	4.6	4.2	2.9	3.8	5.0	6.3
15,000-19,999	19.6	19.3	21.0	23.0	21.4	19.0	20.2	22.9	18.1	19.6	21.6	23.1
20,000-24,999	15.2	17.2	19.6	15.7	16.7	17.9	23.2	21.1	14.0	16.7	16.9	12.3
25,000 or more	30.7	32.4	24.7	19.3	30.1	38.7	30.1	27.0	31.2	27.1	20.4	14.5
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	19,085	19,889	18,298	16,325	19,157	21,869	20,494	19,200	18,557	18,281	16,649	14,945
Number (thousands)	9,780	8,355	6,478	9,879	4,460	3,793	2,828	3,851	5,319	4,563	3,650	6,028

Table 5.B3
Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and marital status, 2010

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	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0
500-999	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.5
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6
2,000-2,499	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.5
2,500-2,999	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.0
3,000-3,499	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	0
3,500-3,999	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
4,000-4,499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
4,500-4,999	0.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.0	1.5	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.9
5,000-5,999	0.6	1.9	1.5	2.1	3.0	0.6	1.5	0.8	1.3	3.2	0.6	2.1	1.7	2.7	2.9
6,000-6,999	0.7	2.0	1.4	2.9	3.2	0.8	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.7	0.6	2.0	1.3	3.4	3.6
7,000-7,999	1.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.7	1.2	3.2	3.1	3.6	4.1	1.2	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.4
8,000-8,999	1.4	5.8	5.4	6.0	6.1	1.3	4.9	4.5	4.0	6.4	1.4	6.1	5.6	7.4	5.9
9,000-9,999	1.8	6.0	5.2	7.5	7.7	1.8	4.9	4.6	4.5	6.8	1.8	6.4	5.3	9.5	8.5
10,000-10,999	1.7	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.5	1.7	6.1	5.6	7.0	5.6	1.6	6.6	6.5	6.3	7.3
11,000-11,999	1.7	6.8	6.5	7.4	6.5	1.7	6.1	6.3	5.1	4.7	1.6	7.1	6.5	9.0	8.0
12,000-12,999	1.9	5.7	6.6	3.9	4.3	2.1	4.0	4.9	2.2	5.1	1.7	6.3	7.0	5.1	3.7
13,000-13,999	2.4	9.6	10.6	8.4	7.4	2.6	8.0	8.0	8.4	6.0	2.2	10.3	11.3	8.4	8.6
14,000-14,999	2.3	6.9	7.6	6.2	5.0	2.6	7.5	8.5	7.0	7.3	2.0	6.6	7.4	5.7	3.0
15,000-19,999	16.3	26.5	27.6	26.3	21.2	17.6	29.4	31.4	30.3	21.6	14.8	25.3	26.6	23.6	20.9
20,000-24,999	23.1	8.5	7.9	9.9	9.2	22.6	11.3	9.7	14.5	10.3	23.7	7.3	7.5	6.8	8.3
25,000 or more	42.8	6.1	6.0	4.4	10.8	41.1	7.4	7.1	5.9	12.5	44.8	5.5	5.8	3.4	9.4
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	23,554	13,589	13,841	13,200	13,157	22,985	14,573	14,741	15,157	14,357	23,914	13,157	13,529	12,408	13,000
Number (thousands)	19,395	15,097	9,645	3,471	1,266	10,663	4,269	1,906	1,398	580	8,732	10,829	7,739	2,074	686

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, 2010

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	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1
500-999	0	0	0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.1	0
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0	0.1
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.6	0.2	0.8
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7
3,000-3,499	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
3,500-3,999	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.4	2.1	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.8
4,000-4,499	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.3	0	0.5
4,500-4,999	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.5	0.8
5,000-5,999	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.4	0.6	2.0	2.3	3.8	1.3	3.0	2.7	3.1
6,000-6,999	1.1	1.0	1.2	2.1	1.8	2.2	3.5	4.0	3.2	2.1	1.4	2.6
7,000-7,999	2.1	1.6	2.5	4.4	3.8	4.8	1.7	0.5	2.6	5.9	4.2	7.1
8,000-8,999	3.1	2.2	3.8	5.2	4.1	5.8	4.6	3.2	5.5	8.6	6.5	10.1
9,000-9,999	3.2	2.3	3.8	6.8	5.2	7.8	6.2	5.0	7.0	6.0	4.6	7.0
10,000-10,999	3.4	2.9	3.8	7.4	3.8	9.6	4.3	3.1	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.2
11,000-11,999	3.8	2.9	4.5	5.1	4.4	5.6	4.3	3.2	5.0	5.1	5.4	4.8
12,000-12,999	3.3	2.4	4.1	5.4	4.6	5.8	3.0	2.6	3.3	4.3	4.9	3.9
13,000-13,999	5.6	4.1	6.7	6.1	4.9	6.9	4.5	3.0	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.6
14,000-14,999	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.7	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.4	4.6	2.5
15,000-19,999	21.1	21.0	21.2	18.5	21.4	16.8	18.1	18.9	17.5	19.7	20.7	19.0
20,000-24,999	17.1	19.5	15.3	12.8	18.0	9.4	14.7	17.6	12.7	11.1	12.5	10.0
25,000 or more	28.1	32.9	24.3	14.9	18.4	12.6	23.1	24.2	22.3	15.6	18.8	13.3
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	18,833	20,400	16,992	14,357	16,174	13,157	16,841	18,557	15,600	13,942	15,557	13,097
Number (thousands)	30,197	13,212	16,985	2,830	1,097	1,733	974	405	569	2,191	936	1,256

Table 5.B5
Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2010

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	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0.1
500–999	0	0.2	0	0	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5
1,500–1,999	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3
2,000–2,499	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
2,500–2,999	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
3,000–3,499	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4
3,500–3,999	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4
4,000–4,499	0.3	0.7	0	0.2	0.4	0.2
4,500–4,999	0.6	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
5,000–5,999	1.2	2.8	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9
6,000–6,999	1.3	3.5	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9
7,000–7,999	2.3	6.7	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
8,000–8,999	3.3	8.7	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9
9,000–9,999	3.6	9.9	2.8	1.7	2.5	1.9
10,000–10,999	3.8	8.7	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.0
11,000–11,999	3.9	5.1	6.6	3.0	2.6	2.2
12,000–12,999	3.6	2.9	6.6	3.0	2.8	2.2
13,000–13,999	5.6	4.4	9.1	4.8	5.0	4.2
14,000–14,999	4.3	3.7	6.5	3.4	4.6	3.1
15,000–19,999	20.8	21.8	15.2	25.9	20.4	20.7
20,000–24,999	16.7	12.0	19.5	18.4	16.3	16.4
25,000 or more	26.7	3.0	24.2	30.5	34.9	39.0
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	18,125	11,381	16,932	19,558	20,334	21,315
Number (thousands)	34,493	6,232	7,332	7,345	7,086	6,499

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$11,417, \$16,710, \$24,007, and \$38,237.

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, 2010

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	0.2	0.1	0	0	0
500-999	0	0.3	0	0	0	0
1,000-1,499	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.2	0	0.5
1,500-1,999	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.7
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.9
2,500-2,999	0.7	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.9
3,000-3,499	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
3,500-3,999	0.4	1.6	0.3	0	0.1	0.2
4,000-4,499	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
4,500-4,999	1.0	2.6	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9
5,000-5,999	1.8	5.4	0.5	0.9	1.7	1.2
6,000-6,999	2.1	7.3	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.3
7,000-7,999	3.5	11.9	1.9	1.1	1.5	2.0
8,000-8,999	5.5	18.4	2.7	2.6	3.2	1.6
9,000-9,999	6.3	21.3	3.7	2.2	3.5	2.2
10,000-10,999	6.6	19.2	5.0	3.7	3.5	2.3
11,000-11,999	7.2	5.8	15.1	4.9	4.6	3.5
12,000-12,999	5.9	0	14.8	4.8	4.7	2.6
13,000-13,999	10.1	0	21.2	8.9	9.8	7.4
14,000-14,999	7.6	0.1	14.8	6.6	9.0	5.5
15,000-19,999	28.2	0	16.9	51.9	36.9	34.9
20,000-24,999	8.1	0	0.2	10.1	12.8	19.8
25,000 or more	2.8	0	0	0	5.2	10.7
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,380	8,777	13,157	16,157	15,557	17,117
Number (thousands)	11,024	2,041	2,623	2,394	2,008	1,959

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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, 2010—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	0.2	0	0	0	0.1
500–999	0	0.2	0	0.1	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.2
1,500–1,999	0.2	0.4	0	0.1	0.4	0.1
2,000–2,499	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
2,500–2,999	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4
3,000–3,499	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
3,500–3,999	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4
4,000–4,499	0.3	0.9	0	0.3	0.3	0.2
4,500–4,999	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
5,000–5,999	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7
6,000–6,999	0.7	1.4	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.4
7,000–7,999	1.4	3.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.9
8,000–8,999	1.9	3.5	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.9
9,000–9,999	1.9	3.8	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.7
10,000–10,999	2.2	4.0	1.2	2.4	2.4	1.6
11,000–11,999	2.2	5.3	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6
12,000–12,999	2.2	3.8	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.0
13,000–13,999	3.1	7.2	2.0	2.1	2.9	2.0
14,000–14,999	2.6	5.8	1.4	1.8	3.0	1.9
15,000–19,999	17.1	36.9	13.7	12.4	13.5	14.1
20,000–24,999	21.8	18.5	34.3	23.1	18.1	15.0
25,000 or more	39.9	0	38.0	48.6	48.3	54.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	22,714	15,814	23,554	24,694	24,557	26,157
Number (thousands)	18,623	2,945	3,726	3,934	4,048	3,970

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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, 2010—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	0.1	0.2	0	0	0.1	0.3
500–999	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
1,000–1,499	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	2.2
1,500–1,999	0.1	0.3	0	0.1	0	0
2,000–2,499	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
2,500–2,999	0.2	0.3	0	0.3	0.2	0
3,000–3,499	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.3	0	0.3
3,500–3,999	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.7
4,000–4,499	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0.9	0.3
4,500–4,999	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8
5,000–5,999	1.3	1.8	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.3
6,000–6,999	1.8	2.1	2.0	0.2	2.1	2.8
7,000–7,999	3.1	6.2	0.9	2.9	2.1	2.0
8,000–8,999	3.7	5.3	4.1	2.8	3.0	2.5
9,000–9,999	3.9	5.5	4.2	2.7	3.9	2.0
10,000–10,999	3.1	2.8	2.4	4.4	2.8	3.5
11,000–11,999	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.7
12,000–12,999	3.5	5.5	3.7	2.8	2.1	2.7
13,000–13,999	5.0	5.2	3.6	5.4	3.8	8.7
14,000–14,999	3.3	4.7	3.7	2.3	2.6	3.0
15,000–19,999	17.8	21.9	16.5	16.6	15.1	18.1
20,000–24,999	16.4	16.0	14.9	19.9	15.9	14.7
25,000 or more	30.5	15.2	36.9	32.5	40.4	31.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	19,102	15,557	20,585	20,340	22,474	17,957
Number (thousands)	4,846	1,246	983	1,017	1,030	570

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$11,417, \$16,710, \$24,007, and \$38,237.

Table 5.B7

Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by proportion of family income from Social Security and sex, 2010

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	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
500–999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000–1,499	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
1,500–1,999	0.5	0.4	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.1	0.3
2,000–2,499	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
2,500–2,999	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5
3,000–3,499	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
3,500–3,999	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0.3
4,000–4,499	0.6	0.5	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.3
4,500–4,999	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5
5,000–5,999	1.8	1.4	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.3
6,000–6,999	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.6
7,000–7,999	2.7	2.0	3.4	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.6	0.3	2.3	3.0	2.7	3.1
8,000–8,999	3.8	2.7	4.8	1.8	1.3	2.2	2.2	1.4	2.7	5.4	4.0	6.2
9,000–9,999	3.7	3.0	4.3	2.1	1.3	2.7	3.3	2.1	4.1	6.6	4.8	7.7
10,000–10,999	3.9	3.3	4.4	2.4	1.3	3.2	3.0	1.7	3.7	6.4	6.1	6.6
11,000–11,999	3.7	2.8	4.5	3.3	2.4	3.9	4.1	2.3	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.7
12,000–12,999	3.7	3.0	4.4	2.7	1.6	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.6	4.9	3.5	5.7
13,000–13,999	5.2	4.3	6.0	5.4	3.7	6.7	5.0	2.5	6.6	7.5	5.7	8.5
14,000–14,999	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.9	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.9	5.3	6.2
15,000–19,999	19.6	21.6	17.8	19.5	17.2	21.2	24.7	22.7	25.9	23.4	25.0	22.6
20,000–24,999	15.3	17.2	13.5	20.0	23.2	17.7	17.6	20.9	15.6	13.6	17.6	11.2
25,000 or more	25.5	28.4	23.0	35.4	42.2	30.5	27.4	36.0	22.3	13.5	17.4	11.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	17,300	19,109	15,801	21,461	23,230	19,200	18,934	21,665	17,069	15,084	17,114	14,201
Number (thousands)	15,290	7,239	8,050	9,816	4,158	5,658	3,815	1,439	2,376	5,271	1,949	3,323

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