

**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 2007. 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, 2006**

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	0.4	0.7	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.1
500-999	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
2,500-2,999	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.4
3,000-3,499	1.0	1.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
3,500-3,999	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7
4,000-4,499	1.3	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6
4,500-4,999	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4
5,000-5,999	3.0	3.8	2.4	2.6	2.3	1.9	2.8
6,000-6,999	4.7	4.7	2.9	3.3	2.8	3.1	2.4
7,000-7,999	8.2	6.4	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.4	5.1
8,000-8,999	9.2	5.4	5.3	5.7	4.3	5.1	5.7
9,000-9,999	6.6	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.1	5.1
10,000-10,999	6.8	6.0	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.4	6.9
11,000-11,999	5.8	5.0	6.4	5.6	6.3	6.0	7.4
12,000-12,999	6.3	5.4	5.5	3.9	4.9	5.6	7.2
13,000-13,999	5.6	5.7	7.9	6.7	6.8	7.6	9.9
14,000-14,999	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.0	6.7	6.5	5.9
15,000-19,999	14.3	20.8	20.2	22.3	20.1	20.0	18.6
20,000-24,999	9.0	7.1	13.9	14.4	15.1	15.4	11.4
25,000 or more	5.2	6.2	9.9	11.2	12.5	10.4	6.5
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	11,156	12,000	13,950	14,382	14,400	14,262	13,062
Number (thousands)	2,200	2,483	24,270	6,100	5,376	5,298	7,495

**Table 5.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and age, 2006**

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	0.1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1
500-999	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0	0.1	0	1.3	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
1,000-1,499	1.0	1.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5
1,500-1,999	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.8	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2
2,000-2,499	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	0	0.5	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7
2,500-2,999	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0	0.3	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.4
3,000-3,499	1.6	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
3,500-3,999	1.3	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.2	1.4	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.9
4,000-4,499	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
4,500-4,999	1.3	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.3	0	0.4	1.0	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.5	2.0	1.8
5,000-5,999	3.1	2.7	1.2	1.9	0.9	0.5	1.1	2.9	5.0	3.3	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.5
6,000-6,999	3.9	4.2	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.2	0.8	5.7	5.2	3.8	5.0	3.9	3.9	3.0
7,000-7,999	6.2	4.9	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.3	1.2	10.7	8.0	6.4	7.1	5.2	6.7	6.6
8,000-8,999	5.9	2.5	1.4	2.0	1.1	1.6	0.7	13.4	8.5	8.0	9.9	7.3	7.7	7.6
9,000-9,999	4.7	3.7	1.5	1.9	1.0	1.0	2.3	9.1	7.6	6.9	7.8	7.9	6.3	6.2
10,000-10,999	6.1	4.7	2.3	3.5	1.1	2.0	2.3	7.6	7.4	8.2	7.2	8.7	7.9	8.6
11,000-11,999	6.6	3.7	2.7	3.7	2.7	1.5	2.7	4.8	6.5	9.0	7.8	9.6	9.3	9.2
12,000-12,999	6.1	5.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	1.5	3.5	6.5	5.2	7.7	5.7	7.2	8.6	8.6
13,000-13,999	5.7	4.9	3.6	4.8	3.2	3.5	2.7	5.5	6.6	10.9	8.8	10.0	10.7	12.6
14,000-14,999	6.1	5.4	4.3	4.3	4.9	5.0	2.9	4.7	5.2	7.1	5.7	8.3	7.6	7.1
15,000-19,999	15.9	22.1	24.7	23.6	24.2	25.1	26.4	12.3	19.4	17.0	20.8	16.5	16.3	15.6
20,000-24,999	11.7	11.4	28.2	23.4	27.6	31.1	33.4	5.5	2.3	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.1
25,000 or more	8.6	10.8	21.6	20.5	25.2	22.2	18.4	0.7	1.2	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.9
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	12,450	13,902	19,956	18,390	20,400	20,262	20,124	9,696	10,662	11,862	11,622	11,802	11,862	11,862
Number (thousands)	1,230	1,298	10,094	3,219	2,544	2,260	2,071	969	1,184	14,176	2,882	2,831	3,038	5,425

**Table 5.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2006**

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	0.4	0	0.7	0	0	0
500-999	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0.4	0.9	0	0.1	0	0.2
1,000-1,499	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.1	0	0.1
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	0	2.0	0.1	0	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.8	1.1	0	2.2	0.9	0	1.4
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.5
3,000-3,499	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.8
3,500-3,999	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.1	1.1	0.4	0	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.0
4,000-4,499	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.3	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
4,500-4,999	1.0	0.4	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.5	0.3	2.7	2.9	1.9	3.5
5,000-5,999	2.2	1.0	3.0	4.3	2.4	5.1	3.2	1.8	4.5	5.9	2.3	8.1
6,000-6,999	2.6	1.5	3.4	5.8	2.3	7.1	1.7	1.8	1.6	4.2	1.9	5.5
7,000-7,999	4.0	1.5	5.8	9.0	3.1	11.3	4.6	3.4	5.8	8.9	5.1	11.2
8,000-8,999	4.8	1.3	7.3	8.6	1.2	11.4	9.5	3.8	15.1	10.7	4.4	14.5
9,000-9,999	4.4	1.4	6.5	7.8	2.2	9.9	4.4	3.5	5.2	7.7	3.9	10.0
10,000-10,999	5.5	2.1	8.0	7.7	4.1	9.1	7.2	2.9	11.4	9.6	6.4	11.5
11,000-11,999	6.1	2.3	9.0	9.3	8.8	9.5	6.8	4.7	8.9	6.8	5.4	7.7
12,000-12,999	5.7	2.3	8.3	4.0	2.5	4.5	5.5	5.4	5.6	4.9	2.4	6.3
13,000-13,999	8.2	3.4	11.7	6.3	7.1	6.0	4.9	3.1	6.6	4.4	5.0	4.0
14,000-14,999	6.2	4.3	7.6	4.6	5.8	4.2	4.8	4.6	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.4
15,000-19,999	21.0	24.8	18.1	13.7	24.1	9.7	16.5	20.4	12.7	12.7	24.3	5.8
20,000-24,999	14.6	29.0	3.8	7.7	21.0	2.7	12.4	20.7	4.2	7.9	17.3	2.2
25,000 or more	10.5	22.5	1.5	4.0	11.7	1.1	9.7	18.0	1.6	4.8	11.7	0.6
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,262	20,124	12,000	10,863	16,284	9,582	12,402	17,502	10,662	10,662	15,462	9,402
Number (thousands)	21,176	9,071	12,105	2,154	590	1,564	589	293	296	1,417	531	886

**Table 5.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and quintile of total money income, 2006**

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	0.1
500-999	0.7	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0	0.3	0	0.2	0.8	0.1	0	0.1	0.1
1,000-1,499	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
2,000-2,499	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.9	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.1
2,500-2,999	1.4	0.4	0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	0.2	0.4	0.7	2.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.7
3,000-3,499	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.7
3,500-3,999	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0	0.1	0.1	0.3	2.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.7
4,000-4,499	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
4,500-4,999	3.8	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.9	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.7
5,000-5,999	8.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.6	2.6	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	12.4	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.9
6,000-6,999	9.3	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.2	3.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	13.1	2.4	1.7	2.0	2.0
7,000-7,999	14.6	3.3	3.1	1.4	1.7	4.2	1.8	0.6	1.2	1.0	21.3	3.9	3.8	4.1	2.7
8,000-8,999	18.4	4.3	2.9	1.6	1.4	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.9	27.3	6.1	4.9	4.0	2.5
9,000-9,999	13.8	3.9	3.2	2.3	1.6	3.1	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.2	4.0	17.1	3.8	4.1	4.4
10,000-10,999	15.2	5.6	4.4	2.6	2.5	3.5	1.2	2.0	2.4	2.7	0	23.1	5.4	6.6	3.2
11,000-11,999	5.9	13.0	6.1	3.8	2.7	5.1	2.3	1.6	2.6	2.4	0	20.2	7.7	8.9	5.5
12,000-12,999	0.1	13.9	5.1	4.3	2.8	3.9	1.9	2.2	1.8	2.4	0.1	12.3	9.7	7.4	6.8
13,000-13,999	0	17.4	8.6	6.6	5.0	5.5	2.2	3.9	3.5	3.4	0	10.8	16.8	13.1	11.0
14,000-14,999	0	11.2	6.6	6.1	4.6	8.4	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.9	0	0	15.2	9.7	9.1
15,000-19,999	0	20.9	28.5	24.7	23.0	40.2	23.7	20.8	18.3	22.0	0	0	25.0	26.6	30.1
20,000-24,999	0.1	0	21.9	24.0	21.5	12.7	41.4	33.0	30.2	20.8	0	0.1	0	7.4	10.3
25,000 or more	0	0	5.0	16.9	27.2	0	16.6	25.7	30.9	33.3	0	0	0	1.3	6.1
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	8,262	12,942	15,600	17,964	19,524	15,324	20,928	21,324	21,804	20,862	7,062	10,662	13,266	13,266	14,400
Number (thousands)	4,128	5,195	5,187	5,071	4,689	1,826	2,156	2,151	2,039	1,922	2,247	3,070	3,060	3,030	2,769

NOTE: Quintile limits are \$11,519, \$18,622, \$28,911, and \$50,064 for all units; \$22,083, \$32,000, \$45,796, and \$76,746 for married couples; and \$9,330, \$13,374, \$19,062, and \$30,202 for nonmarried persons.

**Table 5.A5**  
**Percentage distribution of Social Security beneficiary units, by proportion of aged unit income from Social Security and marital status, 2006**

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	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2
500–999	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
1,000–1,499	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0	0.8	0.3	1.0
1,500–1,999	0.6	0.5	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0.4
2,000–2,499	1.1	0.8	1.4	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0	0.5
2,500–2,999	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.1	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.5	0.4	0.6
3,000–3,499	1.1	0.4	1.9	0.2	0	0.4	0.1	0	0.2	0.4	0	0.5
3,500–3,999	1.0	0.3	1.8	0.2	0	0.4	0.3	0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6
4,000–4,499	1.1	0.9	1.5	0.4	0	0.6	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.3
4,500–4,999	1.4	0.7	2.3	0.6	0.1	1.0	0.6	0	0.8	1.6	0.9	1.8
5,000–5,999	2.9	1.8	4.2	1.4	0.1	2.4	1.4	0.5	1.8	3.7	1.8	4.2
6,000–6,999	3.2	2.2	4.3	2.3	0.8	3.5	2.0	1.5	2.3	3.2	1.0	3.9
7,000–7,999	4.4	2.3	6.9	3.5	0.6	5.6	3.6	1.6	4.7	6.5	2.4	7.7
8,000–8,999	3.8	2.0	6.1	4.0	0.7	6.4	5.5	1.9	7.4	9.4	0.8	11.8
9,000–9,999	4.0	2.2	6.2	3.5	0.8	5.4	4.9	1.3	6.8	7.4	0.9	9.3
10,000–10,999	4.5	3.5	5.7	4.6	1.1	7.2	7.5	0.5	11.1	8.7	2.0	10.7
11,000–11,999	5.2	3.7	7.0	6.0	1.3	9.4	6.7	2.0	9.2	8.9	3.3	10.5
12,000–12,999	4.9	3.4	6.7	5.9	0.9	9.5	6.9	1.3	9.7	5.2	3.1	5.8
13,000–13,999	7.2	5.1	9.7	8.0	1.3	12.9	8.4	2.9	11.2	8.8	4.6	10.0
14,000–14,999	6.0	5.0	7.2	6.4	2.8	9.0	5.5	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.0	5.5
15,000–19,999	20.8	23.1	18.0	22.3	24.7	20.5	21.9	25.0	20.3	15.4	30.7	10.9
20,000–24,999	14.2	22.0	4.7	18.0	37.5	3.8	13.6	31.6	4.4	7.4	25.9	2.0
25,000 or more	10.8	18.8	1.2	12.3	27.3	1.5	10.2	25.5	2.4	4.5	15.1	1.4
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,262	17,862	11,814	15,462	21,834	12,702	14,220	21,108	12,282	11,862	18,794	10,662
Number (thousands)	8,823	4,834	3,989	7,552	3,176	4,377	2,590	877	1,713	5,238	1,182	4,056

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



Family Social Security Income of Aged Persons

**Table 5.B1**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and age, 2006**

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	0.3	0.5	0	0.1	0.9	0	0.4	0.3	0.1
500-999	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3
2,000-2,499	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.5
2,500-2,999	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.5
3,000-3,499	1.3	1.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.6
3,500-3,999	0.9	1.6	0.5	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.8	1.7	0.5
4,000-4,499	1.3	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.5
4,500-4,999	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.9	0.7	1.3	0.5	1.1
5,000-5,999	2.7	2.8	2.0	2.7	3.0	1.6	2.8	2.7	2.3
6,000-6,999	3.6	3.9	2.4	3.4	4.0	1.8	3.8	3.8	2.9
7,000-7,999	6.5	4.7	3.7	6.9	5.3	2.2	6.2	4.4	4.8
8,000-8,999	7.1	4.0	4.0	8.6	3.8	2.5	6.2	4.1	5.2
9,000-9,999	5.1	4.3	3.8	6.1	3.9	2.8	4.5	4.6	4.5
10,000-10,999	5.8	5.2	4.5	5.9	5.8	3.6	5.7	4.8	5.2
11,000-11,999	6.1	4.2	5.1	6.8	5.3	3.7	5.6	3.6	6.0
12,000-12,999	5.9	4.7	4.5	6.4	5.7	3.5	5.6	4.0	5.3
13,000-13,999	6.7	5.5	6.4	7.1	4.6	5.8	6.5	6.1	6.9
14,000-14,999	6.2	5.8	5.2	5.5	6.6	5.2	6.6	5.2	5.2
15,000-19,999	18.3	21.4	21.0	16.3	20.7	24.1	19.5	21.8	18.6
20,000-24,999	10.6	11.8	18.5	9.3	9.7	22.4	11.4	13.2	15.6
25,000 or more	6.1	11.2	14.9	6.3	9.4	17.6	6.0	12.5	12.9
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	12,562	14,046	15,702	12,000	13,062	17,862	13,032	14,400	14,262
Number (thousands)	5,221	4,361	32,399	1,963	1,756	13,728	3,258	2,605	18,671

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, 2006**

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	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.1
500-999	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7
3,500-3,999	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
4,000-4,499	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6
4,500-4,999	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.3
5,000-5,999	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.0	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.8
6,000-6,999	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.0	3.5	2.8	2.6	2.7
7,000-7,999	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.3	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.4	5.1	4.0	4.5	5.3
8,000-8,999	4.1	3.2	4.3	4.6	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.2	5.0	4.0	5.6	5.9
9,000-9,999	3.7	3.7	3.2	4.3	3.0	2.2	2.5	3.2	4.3	4.9	3.8	4.9
10,000-10,999	3.9	4.0	4.3	5.8	3.9	2.6	3.5	4.4	4.0	5.2	4.9	6.6
11,000-11,999	4.2	4.9	4.8	6.3	3.7	4.4	3.1	3.7	4.6	5.3	6.1	7.8
12,000-12,999	3.2	3.8	4.7	6.4	2.9	3.0	3.0	5.2	3.4	4.5	6.0	7.1
13,000-13,999	5.1	5.6	6.2	8.7	5.2	5.1	5.9	7.5	5.0	6.1	6.4	9.4
14,000-14,999	4.4	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.9	5.7	5.7	4.5	4.0	5.7	5.5	5.5
15,000-19,999	21.4	20.8	21.7	20.0	25.6	23.2	23.0	24.3	17.8	19.0	20.7	17.5
20,000-24,999	19.2	20.3	19.1	15.7	19.7	22.5	24.8	23.6	18.7	18.6	14.8	11.2
25,000 or more	18.0	16.6	14.7	10.4	17.2	20.4	18.4	14.2	18.7	13.5	11.8	8.3
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,662	16,644	16,278	14,262	16,998	18,618	18,792	17,502	16,416	15,324	14,346	13,062
Number (thousands)	8,993	7,639	6,990	8,777	4,171	3,377	3,012	3,167	4,822	4,262	3,977	5,609

Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B3**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by sex and marital status, 2006**

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	0.2	0	0.1	0	0	0.5	0	0.1	0.1	0	0
500-999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.8	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	0
2,000-2,499	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.4
2,500-2,999	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2
3,000-3,499	0.2	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.1	0	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.1	2.6
3,500-3,999	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.4
4,000-4,499	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	0	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.7	2.6
4,500-4,999	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	2.0	0.5	1.2	0.9	1.2	2.4	0.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.6
5,000-5,999	1.1	3.1	2.3	4.1	5.1	1.1	2.8	1.9	2.0	6.3	1.1	3.2	2.4	5.4	4.0
6,000-6,999	1.5	3.6	2.9	4.1	6.2	1.6	2.4	1.5	1.6	6.1	1.5	4.0	3.2	5.6	6.2
7,000-7,999	1.7	6.2	5.3	6.7	11.2	1.7	3.7	2.9	3.4	7.3	1.8	7.0	5.9	8.5	14.5
8,000-8,999	1.4	7.4	6.9	8.4	7.6	1.4	5.5	5.2	4.5	7.7	1.4	8.0	7.3	10.7	7.6
9,000-9,999	1.6	6.5	6.0	8.3	6.5	1.5	6.1	4.8	6.7	8.4	1.6	6.7	6.2	9.3	4.9
10,000-10,999	2.0	7.8	7.6	8.5	8.1	2.2	7.5	8.2	6.2	7.8	1.7	7.9	7.4	9.8	8.3
11,000-11,999	2.3	8.6	8.9	7.4	8.2	2.5	7.1	5.4	8.2	8.1	2.0	9.1	9.7	6.9	8.3
12,000-12,999	2.2	7.4	8.7	5.8	3.5	2.4	6.5	9.4	4.1	3.0	2.0	7.7	8.5	6.8	3.8
13,000-13,999	3.0	10.8	12.3	9.0	4.5	3.5	12.2	14.5	12.6	5.8	2.3	10.3	11.8	7.0	3.3
14,000-14,999	3.9	6.8	7.3	5.7	5.6	4.2	7.7	8.9	6.9	5.2	3.4	6.4	7.0	5.0	5.9
15,000-19,999	23.8	17.3	17.8	18.1	13.3	24.5	23.3	23.4	27.8	15.7	23.0	15.3	16.5	12.4	11.2
20,000-24,999	29.2	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.7	28.1	6.7	6.2	7.6	7.2	30.6	4.5	4.6	3.8	4.5
25,000 or more	23.9	3.5	3.8	2.3	4.9	22.6	3.5	4.1	2.7	3.2	25.5	3.5	3.7	2.1	6.4
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	20,364	12,000	12,462	11,442	10,662	20,084	13,062	13,062	13,446	10,800	20,786	11,862	12,126	10,302	10,164
Number (thousands)	18,064	14,335	9,803	2,714	1,088	10,085	3,642	1,803	1,002	502	7,979	10,692	8,001	1,712	587

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, 2006**

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	0.1	0	0	0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0	0	0
500-999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.3	0.7	0	0.1	0	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.6	0.1	0	0.1
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.8	0	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.6
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.8	1.3	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.4	0	0.7	0.4	1.0
3,500-3,999	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.8	0	0	0	0.9	0.4	1.3
4,000-4,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.1	1.8	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
4,500-4,999	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.2	0.3	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.7
5,000-5,999	1.8	1.4	2.1	3.7	3.3	4.0	2.5	1.9	3.0	5.0	3.1	6.3
6,000-6,999	2.2	1.6	2.6	5.1	3.1	6.4	1.3	1.6	1.1	3.8	3.1	4.3
7,000-7,999	3.3	1.9	4.3	7.8	4.5	9.9	4.3	3.2	5.1	7.6	6.0	8.7
8,000-8,999	3.7	2.3	4.6	6.5	2.8	8.9	7.9	5.9	9.3	8.3	6.4	9.7
9,000-9,999	3.5	2.6	4.3	6.3	4.4	7.5	3.7	3.8	3.7	6.5	6.0	6.9
10,000-10,999	4.3	3.2	5.0	7.0	7.3	6.8	5.8	4.3	6.9	8.0	6.3	9.3
11,000-11,999	4.7	3.3	5.8	8.7	8.6	8.7	5.4	4.1	6.4	5.7	4.5	6.5
12,000-12,999	4.6	3.5	5.5	3.6	2.9	4.1	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.2	4.3	4.2
13,000-13,999	6.6	5.7	7.2	5.6	7.9	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.1	5.0	3.5
14,000-14,999	5.3	5.1	5.4	4.3	6.3	3.0	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.7	3.9
15,000-19,999	21.5	24.5	19.2	16.7	21.2	13.7	17.0	19.6	15.1	16.7	21.0	13.6
20,000-24,999	19.3	23.3	16.3	11.6	14.0	10.0	15.0	18.1	12.9	11.5	14.1	9.6
25,000 or more	15.6	18.4	13.6	6.9	8.5	5.9	16.0	19.2	13.7	8.3	8.9	7.9
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,224	18,198	14,646	11,862	13,956	10,950	14,262	16,926	13,062	11,862	13,968	10,662
Number (thousands)	28,533	12,172	16,361	2,600	1,018	1,582	821	337	484	1,872	788	1,084

**Table 5.B5**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2006**

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	0.1	0	0	0	0.1
500-999	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4
2,500-2,999	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
3,000-3,499	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
3,500-3,999	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
4,000-4,499	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4
4,500-4,999	0.9	2.4	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.6
5,000-5,999	2.0	5.6	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.5
6,000-6,999	2.4	6.4	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4
7,000-7,999	3.7	9.9	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.0
8,000-8,999	4.0	10.2	3.7	2.5	2.6	2.1
9,000-9,999	3.8	8.8	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.7
10,000-10,999	4.5	6.2	7.0	3.7	3.3	2.5
11,000-11,999	5.1	3.2	9.1	4.3	5.1	3.3
12,000-12,999	4.5	3.1	6.8	4.4	4.2	3.8
13,000-13,999	6.4	3.5	8.3	6.5	7.9	5.6
14,000-14,999	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.6	5.7	5.5
15,000-19,999	21.0	22.7	14.7	25.4	19.8	22.6
20,000-24,999	18.5	4.5	25.5	21.1	22.0	17.4
25,000 or more	14.9	1.0	9.6	17.1	19.1	26.5
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,702	9,882	14,898	17,124	17,610	18,000
Number (thousands)	32,399	5,819	6,806	6,823	6,614	6,337

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$10,466, \$15,183, \$21,411, and \$34,193.

**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, 2006**

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	0.4	0	0	0	0.1
500-999	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0	0
1,000-1,499	0.6	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.8	0.1	0	0.4	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.1
2,500-2,999	0.8	2.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.0
3,000-3,499	0.8	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
3,500-3,999	0.9	2.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.9
4,000-4,499	0.7	1.9	0	0.5	0.6	0.5
4,500-4,999	1.4	4.3	0.4	1.5	0.5	0.8
5,000-5,999	3.0	9.4	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.9
6,000-6,999	3.8	11.1	1.9	2.3	2.2	1.9
7,000-7,999	6.0	17.4	3.8	4.0	2.8	2.7
8,000-8,999	7.0	19.6	5.9	4.4	3.3	2.5
9,000-9,999	6.6	16.3	5.2	3.7	4.4	4.2
10,000-10,999	7.8	7.8	15.6	5.9	4.9	3.1
11,000-11,999	9.1	0.1	20.5	8.0	9.1	5.5
12,000-12,999	8.1	0.2	14.8	9.1	7.9	6.9
13,000-13,999	11.6	0	18.7	11.7	15.5	10.2
14,000-14,999	7.2	0	8.6	7.7	10.4	8.6
15,000-19,999	18.0	0	1.0	35.8	24.7	30.4
20,000-24,999	3.9	0.2	0	1.6	7.6	11.0
25,000 or more	1.6	0	0	0	2.0	6.7
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	12,000	7,542	11,862	13,254	13,254	14,500
Number (thousands)	10,735	2,013	2,427	2,202	2,161	1,932

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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, 2006—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	0.1	0.3	0	0.1	0	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.3	0	0.1	0	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.7
2,500-2,999	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
3,500-3,999	0.2	0.5	0	0.2	0.1	0.1
4,000-4,499	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4
4,500-4,999	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
5,000-5,999	1.3	3.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.2
6,000-6,999	1.5	3.8	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.2
7,000-7,999	2.2	5.6	2.0	0.9	1.7	1.6
8,000-8,999	2.0	4.2	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5
9,000-9,999	2.0	4.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.0
10,000-10,999	2.5	4.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	1.9
11,000-11,999	2.6	4.9	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.2
12,000-12,999	2.7	4.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.5
13,000-13,999	3.8	6.3	2.0	3.9	4.0	3.1
14,000-14,999	4.2	9.6	2.5	2.9	2.8	4.1
15,000-19,999	23.2	38.5	23.9	21.2	16.3	19.2
20,000-24,999	27.8	4.9	43.9	33.0	32.6	20.4
25,000 or more	21.8	0	13.6	25.3	28.0	36.6
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	19,902	14,184	20,760	21,132	21,420	21,600
Number (thousands)	17,431	2,849	3,559	3,768	3,518	3,737

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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, 2006—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	0	0	0.2	0
500-999	0	0	0.2	0	0	0
1,000-1,499	0.5	0.7	0.9	0	0.3	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.4	0.4	0	0.4	0.3	0.7
2,000-2,499	0.4	0	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.1
2,500-2,999	0.5	1.2	0	0.4	0.2	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.2
3,500-3,999	0.3	0.3	0	1.0	0	0.3
4,000-4,499	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
4,500-4,999	1.0	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.9
5,000-5,999	2.2	4.4	2.6	0.4	1.8	1.5
6,000-6,999	2.8	4.5	2.5	2.1	3.0	1.7
7,000-7,999	4.0	7.0	4.2	3.6	2.3	2.5
8,000-8,999	4.8	8.0	6.2	2.3	3.3	3.9
9,000-9,999	3.9	6.8	2.8	4.5	2.6	2.0
10,000-10,999	5.0	7.1	3.9	5.5	3.8	4.0
11,000-11,999	4.8	4.7	6.0	4.8	5.2	3.0
12,000-12,999	3.1	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.3
13,000-13,999	4.5	2.6	4.8	4.5	4.9	6.1
14,000-14,999	4.2	3.3	4.1	4.2	5.3	4.0
15,000-19,999	19.2	23.2	15.1	17.0	21.2	18.7
20,000-24,999	17.1	12.8	21.0	19.2	15.2	18.6
25,000 or more	20.2	5.9	20.2	25.2	25.2	27.5
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	16,638	12,312	16,839	18,318	17,862	18,838
Number (thousands)	4,233	958	820	853	934	668

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$10,466, \$15,183, \$21,411, and \$34,193.



Family Social Security Income of Persons 65 or Older

**Table 5.B7**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by proportion of family income from Social Security and sex, 2006**

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	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2
500–999	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
1,000–1,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.8
1,500–1,999	0.5	0.3	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.1
2,000–2,499	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.3	0	0.4
2,500–2,999	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.5	0.6	0.5
3,000–3,499	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.2	0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	0.4
3,500–3,999	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5
4,000–4,499	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0.3	0	0.4
4,500–4,999	1.2	0.8	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.3	1.9	1.0
5,000–5,999	2.6	2.2	2.9	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.4	2.8	2.2	3.1
6,000–6,999	2.9	2.1	3.6	1.8	1.1	2.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	2.7	2.0	3.1
7,000–7,999	4.2	2.6	5.5	2.4	0.9	3.4	3.3	1.7	4.2	5.3	4.2	5.9
8,000–8,999	4.2	2.8	5.3	2.8	1.7	3.7	4.0	3.4	4.4	6.2	2.4	8.2
9,000–9,999	4.0	3.2	4.7	2.6	1.5	3.3	3.7	2.3	4.6	5.6	4.4	6.2
10,000–10,999	4.4	3.8	4.9	3.3	2.4	4.0	4.8	2.6	6.0	7.3	6.3	7.8
11,000–11,999	4.9	4.1	5.7	4.2	2.9	5.2	5.3	2.4	7.0	7.1	5.4	8.0
12,000–12,999	4.4	3.8	5.0	4.2	2.7	5.3	5.4	3.5	6.5	4.8	4.3	5.1
13,000–13,999	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.9	6.4	6.1	3.4	7.7	8.4	8.5	8.3
14,000–14,999	5.2	6.2	4.4	4.9	4.0	5.5	4.4	3.9	4.7	6.1	4.7	6.8
15,000–19,999	19.8	23.1	16.8	22.7	24.8	21.1	23.8	26.7	22.2	19.4	24.9	16.4
20,000–24,999	16.6	19.1	14.5	24.0	29.4	20.2	19.1	25.5	15.5	12.3	16.5	10.1
25,000 or more	14.2	15.8	12.9	19.0	22.5	16.5	15.9	21.6	12.7	7.7	10.1	6.4
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,213	16,524	13,542	18,570	20,262	16,662	16,470	19,200	15,030	13,200	15,324	12,636
Number (thousands)	14,772	6,848	7,924	9,821	4,084	5,737	3,031	1,106	1,924	4,691	1,655	3,037

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