

**Table 3.5**  
**Percentage distribution of Social Security beneficiary units, by marital status and quintiles of Social Security benefits, 2004**

Income (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
Less than 1,000	0.7	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0
1,000–1,999	0.7	0.1	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.1	0	0
2,000–2,999	1.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	1.8	0	0	0	0
3,000–3,999	2.4	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	3.9	0	0	0	0
4,000–4,999	3.8	0	0.1	0	0	0.3	0.1	0	0	0	6.3	0	0	0.1	0
5,000–5,999	5.8	0	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	9.3	0	0	0	0
6,000–6,999	11.1	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	18.7	0	0	0	0
7,000–7,999	17.2	0	0.2	0	0	2.0	0.3	0	0	0	11.4	16.9	0	0	0
8,000–8,999	7.5	6.2	0.1	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	4.7	17.0	0.1	0.1	0
9,000–9,999	3.4	15.2	0	0	0	2.8	0	0	0	0	3.8	20.7	4.5	0	0.1
10,000–10,999	3.8	17.8	0.1	0	0	2.4	0.3	0	0	0	4.3	6.3	23.3	0	0
11,000–11,999	2.4	10.0	7.2	0	0	5.5	0.1	0	0	0	2.5	3.9	18.4	4.4	0
12,000–12,999	2.6	4.2	14.4	0.1	0	3.8	1.4	0	0	0	3.1	2.7	6.0	21.4	0
13,000–13,999	2.3	3.6	11.4	0	0	2.4	4.9	0	0	0	2.3	2.3	4.9	12.5	2.6
14,000–14,999	1.5	2.8	7.7	2.9	0	1.2	4.7	0	0	0	1.7	2.2	3.1	8.1	6.3
15,000–19,999	8.6	12.1	16.0	30.7	1.3	8.3	20.8	21.2	0.4	0	8.0	10.9	14.4	16.8	31.1
20,000–24,999	5.7	8.4	11.1	12.9	14.7	8.5	10.0	15.9	21.8	3.4	5.2	6.5	9.1	12.5	15.1
25,000–29,999	3.3	4.7	7.0	10.8	13.0	6.5	10.2	11.3	12.5	13.5	2.6	3.0	4.8	7.0	10.8
30,000–34,999	2.7	2.7	4.8	8.5	11.5	6.0	8.3	10.5	12.8	10.5	2.6	1.4	2.4	4.2	7.2
35,000–39,999	2.3	2.5	3.8	6.4	9.8	6.6	5.7	7.3	8.9	11.7	0.9	2.0	2.8	2.8	5.8
40,000–44,999	1.4	1.3	2.7	4.6	7.5	4.3	3.9	4.9	8.3	7.3	0.8	1.0	0.7	2.7	4.7
45,000–49,999	1.0	1.3	2.0	3.8	5.2	3.4	4.1	5.5	4.5	6.3	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.4	2.4
50,000–54,999	0.7	0.7	1.6	2.5	5.7	3.0	2.6	3.1	5.6	5.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.4	2.8
55,000–59,999	0.9	0.7	1.4	2.2	4.4	3.4	3.1	2.2	4.3	5.6	0.4	0.6	0.2	1.1	1.4
60,000–64,999	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.7	3.4	4.4	1.5	2.8	3.5	3.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.5
65,000–69,999	1.6	0.6	1.0	1.7	2.7	3.7	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.2	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.7
70,000–74,999	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.0	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.1	1.5	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.8	1.0
75,000–99,999	1.9	1.7	2.7	4.2	7.2	7.2	7.0	4.8	5.8	9.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.1	3.0
100,000–149,999	1.3	1.1	1.5	3.8	6.5	5.3	4.5	4.7	4.4	10.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.9
150,000–199,999	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.4	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.9	3.8	0.2	0	0.2	0	0.5
200,000 or more	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	2.1	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.5	3.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Median income (dollars)	8,910	12,131	17,691	26,224	39,814	31,815	28,448	30,478	35,898	47,774	7,735	9,619	12,604	15,999	23,331
Number (thousands)	4,784	4,634	4,901	4,828	4,789	1,923	2,014	1,961	1,977	1,973	2,813	2,796	2,839	2,788	2,853

NOTES: Social Security includes retired-worker benefits, dependents' or survivors' benefits, disability benefits, transitionally insured benefits, and special age-72 benefits.

Social Security quintile limits are \$8,400, \$11,599, \$14,400, and \$19,514 for all units; \$12,799, \$17,121, \$20,090, and \$23,798 for married couples; and \$7,279, \$9,799, \$11,707, and \$13,999 for nonmarried persons.