

**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 2005. 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.

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Social Security Income of Aged Units

**Table 5.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by age, 2004**

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	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.2
500-999	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4
1,000-1,499	0.6	2.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3
1,500-1,999	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.3
2,000-2,499	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.3
2,500-2,999	1.3	3.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5
3,000-3,499	1.9	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7
3,500-3,999	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5
4,000-4,499	2.2	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2
4,500-4,999	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.1
5,000-5,999	3.4	3.7	3.0	3.4	2.3	2.6	3.5
6,000-6,999	9.5	6.5	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.5
7,000-7,999	10.1	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.6	4.6	5.6
8,000-8,999	4.5	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.8
9,000-9,999	8.9	7.0	6.6	6.1	5.4	7.0	7.4
10,000-10,999	7.0	7.5	7.2	6.1	5.6	7.2	9.2
11,000-11,999	5.6	4.6	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.9	8.3
12,000-12,999	6.1	6.7	8.6	6.8	8.6	9.4	9.3
13,000-13,999	6.9	4.1	6.4	5.9	6.8	6.2	6.5
14,000-14,999	2.8	3.7	3.9	4.9	3.9	3.2	3.6
15,000-19,999	15.2	19.7	19.4	19.9	19.8	20.0	18.3
20,000-24,999	4.8	6.4	11.6	12.0	12.7	13.8	8.8
25,000 or more	2.0	2.9	6.5	7.8	8.2	5.8	4.8
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	10,039	10,800	12,799	13,142	13,219	12,847	12,043
Number (thousands)	2,016	2,316	23,936	5,934	5,391	5,310	7,301

**Table 5.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and age, 2004**

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	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
500-999	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	2.3	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.5
1,000-1,499	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.1	4.8	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3
1,500-1,999	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	1.1	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.9	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.3
2,500-2,999	1.4	3.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.1	3.0	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6
3,000-3,499	2.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.8
3,500-3,999	2.3	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0	1.1	2.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7
4,000-4,499	2.1	2.1	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.3	0	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
4,500-4,999	1.9	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	2.0	3.2	1.4	1.2	1.9	1.3	1.4
5,000-5,999	4.5	3.4	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.3	4.1	4.5	5.8	3.9	3.9	4.5
6,000-6,999	7.6	5.7	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.6	0.5	11.6	7.5	6.3	6.9	6.2	6.3	6.0
7,000-7,999	9.0	4.8	2.0	2.7	1.5	1.3	2.0	11.3	7.9	8.5	10.7	11.0	6.9	6.9
8,000-8,999	3.3	3.2	2.0	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.5	5.9	4.9	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.2	6.1
9,000-9,999	5.6	4.7	2.2	3.3	1.5	1.9	1.7	12.4	9.7	9.6	9.3	8.8	10.6	9.6
10,000-10,999	5.6	5.9	2.2	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.4	8.5	9.4	10.7	10.0	8.3	10.9	12.2
11,000-11,999	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.8	7.4	5.9	9.7	9.5	8.8	9.7	10.3
12,000-12,999	5.9	4.8	4.3	5.0	4.4	4.3	3.1	6.3	9.0	11.5	8.8	12.3	13.0	11.6
13,000-13,999	7.5	3.8	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.1	6.3	4.5	7.6	6.8	8.8	7.7	7.4
14,000-14,999	3.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.6	2.4	3.0	3.7	5.4	4.3	2.6	3.3
15,000-19,999	19.6	26.5	29.9	27.0	28.9	30.7	35.0	10.5	11.9	12.0	11.6	11.9	12.7	12.0
20,000-24,999	6.5	11.2	25.6	21.8	26.0	30.4	25.7	2.9	1.0	1.8	0.8	1.2	2.3	2.4
25,000 or more	3.2	5.1	15.0	14.4	17.3	13.0	15.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.8
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	10,999	13,212	18,679	17,416	19,178	19,310	18,799	9,679	9,439	10,799	10,399	10,800	10,963	10,819
Number (thousands)	1,037	1,242	9,848	3,173	2,505	2,179	1,991	979	1,075	14,088	2,761	2,886	3,131	5,310

**Table 5.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2004**

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	0.3	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0	0.7	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.8
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.7	2.0	1.3	0.1	0	0.2
1,500-1,999	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.8	1.3	0.5
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	0	0.3	0	0.5
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.5	1.4
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.2	0.6	2.0	1.2	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.0	0.4	1.4
3,500-3,999	0.6	0.3	0.8	1.3	0.3	1.6	0.7	0.3	1.1	2.1	0.6	3.0
4,000-4,499	1.1	0.5	1.4	2.0	0.6	2.5	1.1	0	2.3	1.2	0	2.0
4,500-4,999	0.8	0.3	1.3	1.8	0.3	2.3	1.3	0	2.6	2.4	0.4	3.7
5,000-5,999	2.6	0.7	4.0	6.4	2.6	7.6	4.1	0.4	8.0	5.9	1.5	8.6
6,000-6,999	3.5	1.0	5.3	10.6	3.5	12.9	6.8	4.0	9.7	7.1	2.7	9.7
7,000-7,999	5.3	1.8	7.8	10.7	3.5	13.1	5.8	3.0	8.7	9.6	3.4	13.5
8,000-8,999	4.0	1.8	5.7	6.0	2.9	7.0	6.9	5.9	8.0	5.4	4.6	6.0
9,000-9,999	6.3	2.0	9.5	8.9	4.1	10.4	5.6	3.6	7.7	8.5	4.4	11.0
10,000-10,999	7.0	1.9	10.7	9.0	3.5	10.8	6.0	5.6	6.4	9.5	7.2	11.0
11,000-11,999	7.3	3.0	10.5	4.4	4.9	4.3	6.6	5.2	8.0	6.0	6.7	5.6
12,000-12,999	8.7	4.2	12.0	7.9	5.2	8.8	7.2	5.3	9.3	6.2	3.7	7.7
13,000-13,999	6.7	4.6	8.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	6.3	3.1	9.6	4.9	8.3	2.9
14,000-14,999	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.0	4.1	1.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.7	3.6	2.2
15,000-19,999	20.2	30.0	12.9	12.4	30.2	6.5	18.9	28.4	9.0	14.7	27.6	7.0
20,000-24,999	12.4	26.4	2.0	4.2	15.8	0.4	9.6	18.0	0.9	5.1	13.1	0.2
25,000 or more	6.9	15.5	0.6	3.3	11.4	0.6	5.1	8.4	1.7	4.5	10.0	1.2
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,063	18,866	11,047	9,535	16,130	8,599	12,000	15,965	9,600	10,399	15,163	8,839
Number (thousands)	20,959	8,935	12,023	2,132	526	1,606	534	272	262	1,322	499	823

**Table 5.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and quintile of total money income, 2004**

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	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0	0
500-999	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6
1,000-1,499	1.0	0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.5
1,500-1,999	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0	0	1.1	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.1
2,000-2,499	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5
2,500-2,999	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5
3,000-3,499	1.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	0.7	0.3	0.2	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.5
3,500-3,999	2.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	3.2	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5
4,000-4,499	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.1	5.5	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.6
4,500-4,999	3.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0	0.3	0.2	5.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6
5,000-5,999	11.2	2.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	1.0	15.8	3.5	2.7	1.9	1.8
6,000-6,999	15.9	2.6	2.3	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	23.8	4.3	2.6	3.0	2.5
7,000-7,999	20.7	4.0	3.2	2.4	2.0	4.4	1.0	1.4	1.2	2.1	29.2	6.3	4.2	4.7	3.7
8,000-8,999	12.4	3.7	3.0	2.2	1.8	3.9	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.8	4.7	14.4	2.7	3.9	3.1
9,000-9,999	18.2	6.5	4.6	3.0	3.0	4.2	1.1	1.6	1.8	2.6	0.1	26.2	6.1	6.9	5.6
10,000-10,999	3.7	17.5	6.5	3.7	2.7	3.7	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.8	0	24.7	9.0	9.7	6.6
11,000-11,999	0.2	17.5	7.4	4.4	3.4	7.7	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.4	0.1	17.2	9.4	11.0	8.1
12,000-12,999	0.3	18.7	8.7	6.6	5.9	7.7	2.4	3.5	4.4	4.0	0.1	0.2	28.5	13.0	12.1
13,000-13,999	0.1	11.0	8.1	5.7	5.2	9.5	3.0	3.0	3.3	4.6	0	0	15.1	11.0	9.9
14,000-14,999	0.1	5.6	4.4	5.0	3.3	8.5	3.3	3.7	2.0	3.8	0	0	6.3	4.8	6.6
15,000-19,999	0.1	7.8	34.0	27.5	24.0	42.3	33.9	27.4	24.7	22.4	0	0.1	10.1	22.7	25.3
20,000-24,999	0	0	13.0	22.3	21.3	1.2	38.8	32.2	30.2	21.7	0	0	0	3.0	6.1
25,000 or more	0	0	0.4	11.8	20.2	0	8.0	18.3	20.5	27.2	0	0	0	0.1	3.0
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	7,399	11,599	14,419	17,090	18,278	14,198	19,646	20,078	20,186	19,799	6,511	9,655	12,355	12,487	13,111
Number (thousands)	3,877	5,272	5,082	4,968	4,738	1,771	2,091	2,047	2,028	1,911	2,171	3,027	3,124	2,988	2,779

NOTE: Quintile limits are \$10,399, \$16,363, \$25,587, and \$44,129 for all units; \$20,258, \$29,437, \$42,129, and \$68,299 for married couples; and \$8,364, \$12,000, \$16,471, and \$26,064 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, 2004**

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	0.2	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1
500–999	0.8	0.4	1.3	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2	0.4	0	0.5
1,000–1,499	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.1	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.3	0.5	0.2
1,500–1,999	1.3	0.8	1.9	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
2,000–2,499	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2
2,500–2,999	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.4	0	0.6
3,000–3,499	1.3	0.7	2.0	0.2	0	0.3	0.3	0	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.7
3,500–3,999	1.0	0.5	1.6	0.2	0	0.4	0.2	0	0.3	0.9	0.3	1.1
4,000–4,499	1.9	1.1	2.9	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.6	0	0.8	1.3	0.1	1.5
4,500–4,999	1.1	0.5	1.8	0.9	0	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.2	1.6
5,000–5,999	3.2	1.2	5.7	2.8	0.2	4.6	1.7	0.6	2.3	3.8	0.7	4.5
6,000–6,999	3.6	2.1	5.5	3.5	0.4	5.8	3.2	0.5	4.6	6.7	0.4	8.3
7,000–7,999	5.1	3.0	7.6	3.9	0.8	6.2	6.2	1.4	8.6	9.7	1.4	11.8
8,000–8,999	4.2	3.2	5.3	3.3	0.9	5.1	2.9	0.4	4.1	6.8	1.9	8.0
9,000–9,999	5.1	3.3	7.3	5.6	1.1	8.8	7.4	0.9	10.6	10.2	2.3	12.2
10,000–10,999	5.3	3.1	7.9	7.2	1.3	11.5	7.1	0.9	10.3	10.3	1.9	12.5
11,000–11,999	5.7	3.3	8.7	6.6	1.8	10.1	8.8	2.9	11.8	8.6	6.4	9.2
12,000–12,999	7.5	5.8	9.6	8.7	2.3	13.4	9.6	2.5	13.1	9.2	5.6	10.1
13,000–13,999	6.0	5.1	7.0	6.7	3.1	9.3	8.1	4.4	9.9	5.5	6.1	5.3
14,000–14,999	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.4	4.4	4.0	3.1	4.4	3.3	6.5	2.5
15,000–19,999	20.2	25.5	13.6	22.1	33.1	14.1	21.0	33.2	14.9	13.2	37.7	7.0
20,000–24,999	12.1	20.3	2.0	15.1	33.0	2.2	11.4	30.7	1.7	5.1	19.9	1.4
25,000 or more	7.8	13.8	0.3	8.1	18.3	0.7	6.9	18.1	1.2	1.9	7.6	0.5
Median Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,000	17,198	10,399	13,999	20,149	11,599	13,200	19,838	11,599	10,699	17,198	9,799
Number (thousands)	8,098	4,469	3,628	7,517	3,158	4,359	2,994	1,002	1,992	5,053	1,020	4,033

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, 2004**

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	0.2	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
500-999	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.3
1,000-1,499	0.8	1.8	0.2	0.8	2.0	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.2
1,500-1,999	1.2	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.4
2,500-2,999	1.3	2.0	0.5	1.4	2.7	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.5
3,000-3,499	1.2	1.2	0.5	2.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.5
3,500-3,999	1.4	1.5	0.6	1.9	1.8	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.7
4,000-4,499	2.4	1.4	0.9	2.3	2.2	0.8	2.5	0.9	1.0
4,500-4,999	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.4	2.0	0.4	1.3	1.6	1.0
5,000-5,999	3.3	2.9	2.2	4.0	2.8	1.2	2.9	3.0	3.0
6,000-6,999	6.4	5.0	3.2	6.7	5.7	2.2	6.3	4.5	4.0
7,000-7,999	7.7	4.6	4.5	8.2	5.0	3.1	7.4	4.4	5.5
8,000-8,999	4.3	3.8	3.5	5.0	3.9	2.6	4.0	3.6	4.2
9,000-9,999	7.3	4.6	5.1	7.0	4.8	3.5	7.5	4.6	6.3
10,000-10,999	6.6	6.1	5.5	6.2	6.7	4.1	6.8	5.6	6.5
11,000-11,999	5.2	4.1	5.8	5.3	3.6	4.8	5.1	4.4	6.4
12,000-12,999	7.2	5.6	7.0	7.1	4.5	6.7	7.3	6.4	7.2
13,000-13,999	7.2	4.7	5.6	6.9	4.5	5.5	7.4	4.7	5.6
14,000-14,999	4.3	3.6	3.8	3.0	4.0	4.2	5.1	3.3	3.6
15,000-19,999	18.5	21.9	22.4	17.6	25.2	26.2	18.9	19.6	19.5
20,000-24,999	6.8	12.7	16.5	6.1	9.7	19.7	7.1	14.8	14.0
25,000 or more	4.2	7.9	10.4	4.5	5.5	12.3	4.0	9.5	8.9
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	11,599	13,200	14,798	11,239	12,792	16,538	11,959	13,399	13,356
Number (thousands)	4,730	4,100	31,831	1,702	1,672	13,638	3,028	2,428	18,193

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, 2004**

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	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.2
500-999	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
1,000-1,499	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
1,500-1,999	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1
2,500-2,999	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.5
3,000-3,499	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
3,500-3,999	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.6
4,000-4,499	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.1
4,500-4,999	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2
5,000-5,999	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.8	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	3.1	2.5	2.4	3.8
6,000-6,999	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.8	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.5
7,000-7,999	4.6	4.7	3.8	4.8	3.7	3.5	2.2	2.8	5.5	5.6	5.0	6.0
8,000-8,999	3.2	3.1	3.3	4.3	3.2	2.5	1.9	2.4	3.2	3.5	4.4	5.4
9,000-9,999	4.4	4.1	5.7	6.2	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.4	5.0	4.8	7.2	7.9
10,000-10,999	4.5	4.2	5.6	7.5	4.0	3.4	3.9	5.3	5.0	4.8	6.7	8.8
11,000-11,999	5.0	5.1	5.8	7.1	4.8	4.1	4.8	5.7	5.2	5.8	6.6	7.9
12,000-12,999	5.6	7.0	7.5	8.0	6.0	7.1	7.2	6.8	5.3	7.0	7.7	8.7
13,000-13,999	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.9	6.0	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.3	5.9	5.7	6.5
14,000-14,999	4.3	3.8	3.4	3.7	5.4	3.4	2.9	4.6	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.2
15,000-19,999	22.3	23.1	23.8	20.7	24.6	25.8	26.9	28.0	20.2	21.1	21.5	16.3
20,000-24,999	17.4	17.9	18.1	12.9	17.7	19.7	24.4	18.1	17.1	16.6	13.4	9.8
25,000 or more	12.6	11.7	8.8	8.2	12.4	14.8	10.6	11.3	12.9	9.3	7.5	6.3
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,331	15,619	15,199	13,219	15,799	17,271	17,599	16,231	15,062	14,292	13,411	12,000
Number (thousands)	8,768	7,556	6,977	8,529	4,115	3,351	2,978	3,193	4,654	4,205	3,998	5,336

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, 2004**

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	0.3	0.5	0	0.2	0	0.2	1.0	0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0
500-999	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0	0.5	0.7	0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0
1,500-1,999	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.1	1.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	0	1.7
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	0	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.0
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.6
3,500-3,999	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.4
4,000-4,499	0.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.5	0.5	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.5	0.4	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.4
4,500-4,999	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	2.5	0.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.9
5,000-5,999	0.7	4.1	3.3	5.8	4.6	0.7	2.4	1.9	2.7	4.4	0.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	4.9
6,000-6,999	1.2	5.7	5.2	6.4	6.4	1.2	4.7	4.2	2.8	8.3	1.2	6.1	5.4	8.6	4.7
7,000-7,999	1.8	7.8	7.0	9.7	9.7	1.9	6.1	5.9	5.2	9.2	1.7	8.4	7.2	12.4	10.1
8,000-8,999	1.9	5.5	5.5	6.3	5.2	2.0	4.1	4.2	3.7	5.3	1.8	6.0	5.8	7.9	5.2
9,000-9,999	1.9	9.0	8.7	11.4	7.5	2.1	7.0	5.5	10.1	5.9	1.7	9.7	9.5	12.2	9.0
10,000-10,999	1.8	10.0	10.8	8.8	7.8	2.1	9.4	9.4	10.4	8.5	1.5	10.2	11.1	7.9	7.1
11,000-11,999	2.9	9.3	10.0	7.1	7.8	3.0	9.6	9.5	8.5	7.5	2.7	9.3	10.1	6.3	8.1
12,000-12,999	3.9	10.9	11.7	9.1	9.1	4.3	13.1	14.0	13.2	10.1	3.4	10.1	11.2	6.5	8.2
13,000-13,999	4.0	7.5	7.7	7.5	6.9	4.4	8.3	8.3	9.9	5.2	3.6	7.2	7.5	6.0	8.4
14,000-14,999	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.2	6.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.1	5.0
15,000-19,999	29.7	13.4	13.9	12.1	11.8	29.4	17.8	20.2	17.6	12.5	30.0	11.7	12.4	8.7	11.0
20,000-24,999	26.7	3.7	3.7	3.2	4.4	25.6	4.4	4.5	3.1	4.4	28.1	3.5	3.5	3.2	4.3
25,000 or more	16.8	2.4	2.4	1.7	4.2	16.2	2.2	2.6	0.8	4.3	17.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	4.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	19,166	11,172	11,500	10,399	10,799	18,799	12,000	12,391	12,000	10,699	19,598	10,800	11,155	9,456	10,987
Number (thousands)	17,623	14,207	9,724	2,457	1,177	9,854	3,784	1,873	936	562	7,770	10,423	7,852	1,521	615

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, 2004**

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	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0
500-999	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.7	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.3	0.1
1,500-1,999	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.2
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	0	0.2	0	0.4
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.6	0	0.1	0	0.9	0.6	1.2
3,000-3,499	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.0	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8
3,500-3,999	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.3	1.7	0.8	1.1	0.6	2.4	1.2	3.2
4,000-4,499	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.2
4,500-4,999	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.4	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.2	1.9	1.7	0.3	2.7
5,000-5,999	1.9	1.0	2.6	5.4	2.9	7.0	2.7	1.1	4.1	4.2	2.3	5.6
6,000-6,999	2.7	1.8	3.4	8.5	5.6	10.3	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.7	4.6	6.5
7,000-7,999	4.1	2.8	5.1	8.2	5.9	9.7	4.9	3.8	5.8	7.1	6.5	7.5
8,000-8,999	3.2	2.3	3.8	5.8	3.3	7.5	6.8	7.3	6.4	4.8	4.2	5.3
9,000-9,999	4.8	3.2	6.1	8.0	7.0	8.6	4.8	3.0	6.2	6.8	5.4	7.8
10,000-10,999	5.2	3.9	6.2	7.6	5.4	8.9	5.0	6.4	3.8	7.9	7.1	8.5
11,000-11,999	5.9	4.8	6.7	4.5	5.8	3.7	6.0	5.5	6.5	5.5	6.4	4.8
12,000-12,999	7.0	6.6	7.4	7.1	9.0	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.0	5.9	4.3
13,000-13,999	5.8	5.5	6.0	3.7	5.9	2.3	4.2	3.6	4.6	5.7	6.3	5.3
14,000-14,999	3.9	4.2	3.7	2.9	3.7	2.4	3.4	4.1	2.8	3.3	4.1	2.8
15,000-19,999	23.0	26.8	20.2	15.7	20.0	12.9	20.9	23.1	19.1	19.1	23.3	16.0
20,000-24,999	17.4	20.7	14.9	7.4	9.9	5.9	13.7	15.2	12.5	8.7	10.6	7.3
25,000 or more	10.8	12.8	9.3	6.5	8.4	5.3	10.1	9.9	10.3	8.2	7.8	8.5
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,199	17,089	13,807	10,752	12,799	9,720	13,723	14,400	12,799	12,000	13,399	10,922
Number (thousands)	28,147	12,127	16,020	2,517	981	1,536	770	343	427	1,734	740	994

**Table 5.B5**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2004**

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	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
500-999	0.3	0.7	0.1	0	0.2	0.3
1,000-1,499	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
1,500-1,999	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.8
2,000-2,499	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7
2,500-2,999	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.6
3,000-3,499	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4
3,500-3,999	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5
4,000-4,499	0.9	2.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5
4,500-4,999	0.7	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4
5,000-5,999	2.2	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
6,000-6,999	3.2	8.8	2.2	1.9	2.3	1.6
7,000-7,999	4.5	13.1	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.4
8,000-8,999	3.5	7.7	3.2	2.5	2.6	2.1
9,000-9,999	5.1	6.9	7.5	3.9	3.4	3.9
10,000-10,999	5.5	3.1	10.8	4.4	5.1	3.4
11,000-11,999	5.8	4.9	9.0	5.2	4.6	4.8
12,000-12,999	7.0	5.8	8.8	6.5	6.9	6.9
13,000-13,999	5.6	5.4	4.0	7.2	5.3	5.8
14,000-14,999	3.8	5.1	2.1	4.9	3.6	3.6
15,000-19,999	22.4	20.2	21.3	24.6	23.2	22.4
20,000-24,999	16.5	2.0	20.7	19.5	20.9	17.3
25,000 or more	10.4	0.9	3.9	11.9	14.4	20.0
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	14,798	9,300	13,507	15,916	16,800	17,119
Number (thousands)	31,831	5,666	6,681	6,674	6,482	6,327

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$9,508, \$13,599, \$19,120, and \$30,199.

**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, 2004**

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	0.2	0.2	0	0.1
500-999	0.5	1.6	0.1	0	0.4	0.5
1,000-1,499	0.3	0.7	0	0.1	0.1	0.6
1,500-1,999	0.6	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.2
2,000-2,499	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
2,500-2,999	0.6	1.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2
3,000-3,499	0.8	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
3,500-3,999	0.8	2.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.6
4,000-4,499	1.4	3.6	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.6
4,500-4,999	1.3	4.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4
5,000-5,999	4.1	13.4	2.0	2.5	1.8	1.7
6,000-6,999	5.6	17.9	3.6	2.1	3.4	2.3
7,000-7,999	8.1	25.2	4.3	4.9	4.6	3.4
8,000-8,999	5.3	12.6	5.2	2.8	3.7	2.8
9,000-9,999	9.9	11.0	17.2	7.4	6.0	5.6
10,000-10,999	10.5	0.1	23.5	8.2	10.8	5.7
11,000-11,999	10.4	0	19.1	11.3	9.2	9.0
12,000-12,999	11.7	0.3	18.2	12.9	13.1	11.5
13,000-13,999	7.6	0	3.9	14.5	10.3	10.1
14,000-14,999	3.9	0	0	8.7	5.8	6.0
15,000-19,999	13.2	0	0	20.7	22.3	27.1
20,000-24,999	2.1	0	0	0	5.2	6.5
25,000 or more	0.6	0	0	0	0.2	3.4
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	10,999	6,948	10,579	12,780	12,691	13,200
Number (thousands)	10,446	1,917	2,585	2,166	1,916	1,862

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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, 2004—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
500-999	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,000-1,499	0.1	0.2	0	0	0.1	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.4	0.5	0	0.2	0.8	0.6
2,000-2,499	0.4	0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.7
2,500-2,999	0.4	0.4	0	0.4	0.3	0.9
3,000-3,499	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4
3,500-3,999	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
4,000-4,499	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.9	0.5
4,500-4,999	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4
5,000-5,999	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.2
6,000-6,999	1.6	3.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.3
7,000-7,999	2.1	5.5	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.9
8,000-8,999	2.1	4.7	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.4
9,000-9,999	2.4	4.4	1.0	1.8	2.0	3.1
10,000-10,999	2.3	3.8	2.2	2.3	2.1	1.7
11,000-11,999	3.3	7.8	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.1
12,000-12,999	4.3	9.4	2.3	3.1	3.7	4.3
13,000-13,999	4.5	9.5	3.8	3.3	2.9	4.0
14,000-14,999	4.0	8.9	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.7
15,000-19,999	28.8	35.7	38.0	27.8	24.5	20.1
20,000-24,999	25.4	0.5	36.6	31.2	30.7	22.7
25,000 or more	15.1	0	4.7	17.9	20.1	28.1
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	18,631	13,478	19,495	19,898	20,198	20,299
Number (thousands)	17,125	2,755	3,457	3,609	3,566	3,738

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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, 2004—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	0
500-999	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.7
1,000-1,499	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.4	0	0.3
1,500-1,999	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
2,000-2,499	0.3	0	0	0	0.4	1.1
2,500-2,999	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
3,000-3,499	0.5	0.3	0	1.0	0.7	0.5
3,500-3,999	0.9	0.5	0.2	2.9	0.3	0.5
4,000-4,499	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.2	1.2	0.2
4,500-4,999	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	0
5,000-5,999	2.8	4.7	2.3	1.9	3.5	0.9
6,000-6,999	3.7	6.6	2.0	4.4	3.2	1.2
7,000-7,999	5.0	10.5	5.3	4.5	1.9	2.2
8,000-8,999	4.8	6.5	3.8	4.5	4.6	3.9
9,000-9,999	4.1	5.8	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.3
10,000-10,999	5.6	6.6	6.5	3.7	5.2	6.3
11,000-11,999	4.4	6.6	5.6	2.6	3.7	3.1
12,000-12,999	6.2	6.3	6.5	4.3	6.3	8.3
13,000-13,999	4.9	4.7	6.0	5.4	4.5	4.4
14,000-14,999	2.9	4.5	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.2
15,000-19,999	19.2	16.2	17.4	20.6	20.1	22.0
20,000-24,999	15.8	9.7	18.5	19.3	16.0	17.0
25,000 or more	15.5	4.9	15.2	16.8	21.2	21.0
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	15,199	11,582	15,199	16,399	16,922	17,492
Number (thousands)	4,259	994	639	898	1,000	728

NOTE: Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are \$9,508, \$13,599, \$19,120, and \$30,199.



**Table 5.B7**  
**Percentage distribution of persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by proportion of family income from Social Security and sex, 2004**

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	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500–999	0.5	0.4	0.5	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.4
1,000–1,499	0.5	0.6	0.4	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1
1,500–1,999	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
2,000–2,499	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1
2,500–2,999	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.4	0.1	0.6
3,000–3,499	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
3,500–3,999	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.2	0	0.2	0	0	0.1	0.9	0.5	1.1
4,000–4,499	1.5	1.3	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.0
4,500–4,999	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.2	1.2
5,000–5,999	2.7	1.3	3.9	1.6	0.7	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	3.0	1.9	3.6
6,000–6,999	3.7	2.4	4.9	2.3	1.5	3.0	2.3	1.1	3.0	4.3	3.8	4.5
7,000–7,999	4.6	3.6	5.6	2.9	1.8	3.7	4.7	1.8	6.4	7.4	5.4	8.5
8,000–8,999	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.7	1.7	3.5	1.9	0.7	2.5	4.6	3.0	5.5
9,000–9,999	4.8	3.7	5.8	4.1	2.1	5.5	5.4	3.3	6.6	8.2	6.4	9.1
10,000–10,999	5.2	4.3	6.1	4.8	3.6	5.7	5.3	3.8	6.3	7.8	5.3	9.1
11,000–11,999	5.3	4.8	5.7	4.9	3.6	5.8	7.0	4.2	8.6	8.1	8.5	7.8
12,000–12,999	6.8	7.3	6.4	6.1	4.9	6.9	7.4	6.3	8.0	8.9	9.1	8.8
13,000–13,999	5.6	6.3	4.9	5.2	4.2	5.9	7.2	5.7	8.1	5.3	5.3	5.3
14,000–14,999	3.5	4.0	3.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.5	4.8	4.3
15,000–19,999	20.5	23.9	17.5	25.7	29.1	23.3	24.6	29.3	21.9	19.5	26.1	15.9
20,000–24,999	14.7	16.5	13.0	21.0	25.8	17.5	18.0	24.1	14.4	10.3	12.9	9.0
25,000 or more	10.4	11.5	9.4	13.3	15.8	11.5	10.3	14.3	8.0	4.1	5.5	3.4
Median family Social Security benefits (dollars)	13,999	15,199	12,799	17,198	18,854	15,362	15,530	18,278	13,898	12,355	13,987	11,599
Number (thousands)	13,723	6,483	7,240	9,658	4,055	5,603	3,442	1,276	2,166	4,573	1,599	2,974

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