## Section 9:

Importance of Social Security Relative to
Total Income (Beneficiary Aged Units and Persons in Beneficiary Families Only)

## Key Terms and Concepts for Section $9{ }^{1}$

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 togetherat least one of whom is 55 or older-and nonmarried 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 subfamily 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.
Per capita income. Per capita income is total family income divided by the number of persons in the family.

Relative Importance of Income Source. The relative importance of a source is the ratio of the amount of income from a given source to total income for an aged unit or family. These tables are distributions of persons or aged units by the importance of a given source at the individual unit level.
Poverty. The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps).

[^0]Relative Importance of Social Security for Beneficiary Aged Units
Table 9.A1
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by age, 2004

| Proportion of income | 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 |
| 1-19 | 22.6 | 26.3 | 9.7 | 17.3 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 4.8 |
| 20-39 | 19.3 | 20.0 | 16.0 | 22.8 | 18.4 | 12.9 | 10.8 |
| 40-59 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 17.6 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 17.7 | 15.6 |
| 60-79 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 15.5 | 12.4 | 15.1 | 18.0 | 16.4 |
| 80 or more | 33.1 | 30.3 | 41.3 | 29.0 | 36.4 | 44.4 | 52.4 |
| 50 or more | 50.9 | 44.3 | 65.8 | 49.9 | 61.2 | 72.0 | 77.4 |
| 90 or more | 29.7 | 25.6 | 34.0 | 24.6 | 30.2 | 36.1 | 42.9 |
| 100 | 23.4 | 19.3 | 21.4 | 16.0 | 18.4 | 23.1 | 26.5 |
| Mean proportion | 54.9 | 51.0 | 65.4 | 54.7 | 62.2 | 68.9 | 73.8 |
| Number (thousands) | 1,986 | 2,287 | 23,662 | 5,836 | 5,309 | 5,263 | 7,254 |

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

Relative Importance of Social Security for Beneficiary Aged Units
Table 9.A2
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and age, 2004

| Proportion of income | Married couples |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nonmarried persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 55-61 | 62-64 | 65 or older |  |  |  |  | 55-61 | 62-64 | 65 or older |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Total | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \text { or } \\ & \text { older } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Total | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \text { or } \\ & \text { older } \end{aligned}$ |
| 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 |
| 1-19 | 37.4 | 35.3 | 15.6 | 24.9 | 15.1 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 16.0 | 5.7 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| 20-39 | 28.3 | 26.7 | 20.6 | 26.1 | 22.1 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 9.9 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 19.1 | 15.2 | 11.0 | 9.2 |
| 40-59 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 19.5 | 18.6 | 21.0 | 19.8 | 19.0 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 16.2 | 18.2 | 17.7 | 16.3 | 14.3 |
| 60-79 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 12.5 | 16.3 | 21.0 | 19.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 14.7 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 16.0 | 15.3 |
| 80 or more | 13.0 | 19.3 | 27.5 | 17.9 | 25.5 | 33.6 | 38.7 | 54.0 | 42.9 | 50.7 | 41.6 | 45.8 | 51.9 | 57.4 |
| 50 or more | 28.5 | 29.3 | 53.7 | 38.4 | 51.7 | 65.6 | 67.4 | 74.2 | 61.5 | 74.1 | 62.9 | 69.2 | 76.4 | 81.1 |
| 90 or more | 10.7 | 13.7 | 21.0 | 14.0 | 19.8 | 25.1 | 28.8 | 49.4 | 39.2 | 43.0 | 36.5 | 39.1 | 43.7 | 48.1 |
| 100 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 13.2 | 14.4 | 39.4 | 30.0 | 28.8 | 25.8 | 26.4 | 30.0 | 30.9 |
| Mean proportion | 36.9 | 40.0 | 55.6 | 45.6 | 54.6 | 62.4 | 65.4 | 73.5 | 63.7 | 72.1 | 65.0 | 68.8 | 73.4 | 76.9 |
| Number (thousands) | 1,012 | 1,221 | 9,650 | 3,101 | 2,448 | 2,142 | 1,958 | 974 | 1,066 | 14,012 | 2,735 | 2,861 | 3,121 | 5,296 |

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

Relative Importance of Social Security for Beneficiary Units 65 or Older
Table 9.A3
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2004

| Proportion of income | 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 |
| 1-19 | 9.8 | 15.3 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 17.1 | 4.5 | 14.6 | 22.3 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 8.4 | 3.9 |
| 20-39 | 16.4 | 21.0 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 16.2 | 10.9 | 14.2 | 18.7 | 9.5 | 11.2 | 14.5 | 9.1 |
| 40-59 | 18.2 | 19.9 | 16.9 | 13.5 | 16.6 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 11.4 | 13.3 | 14.9 | 12.3 |
| 60-79 | 15.9 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 16.0 | 11.3 |
| 80 or more | 39.7 | 26.6 | 49.2 | 54.1 | 37.7 | 59.4 | 48.2 | 37.9 | 58.9 | 56.9 | 46.1 | 63.4 |
| 50 or more | 64.9 | 53.4 | 73.3 | 73.8 | 58.5 | 78.7 | 67.0 | 54.3 | 80.2 | 78.1 | 71.5 | 82.1 |
| 90 or more | 32.2 | 19.9 | 41.2 | 49.0 | 32.3 | 54.5 | 40.4 | 31.0 | 50.2 | 50.8 | 39.1 | 57.9 |
| 100 | 19.1 | 9.5 | 26.2 | 39.9 | 23.9 | 45.1 | 28.3 | 16.8 | 40.3 | 42.6 | 31.3 | 49.4 |
| Mean proportion | 64.5 | 55.3 | 71.3 | 73.3 | 60.6 | 77.4 | 67.2 | 58.0 | 76.7 | 75.8 | 69.1 | 79.8 |
| Number (thousands) | 20,698 | 8,743 | 11,955 | 2,125 | 522 | 1,603 | 533 | 271 | 261 | 1,318 | 495 | 823 |

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

Table 9.A4
Percentage distribution of beneficiary units, by marital status and quintile of total money income, 2004

| Proportion of income | 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 |
| 1-19 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 40.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 14.6 | 58.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 23.7 |
| 20-39 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 8.9 | 24.0 | 41.6 | 2.4 | 5.3 | 16.0 | 41.3 | 37.0 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 12.3 | 44.0 |
| 40-59 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 23.4 | 35.4 | 14.8 | 5.5 | 13.3 | 35.8 | 37.0 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 8.9 | 35.1 | 25.8 |
| 60-79 | 8.6 | 14.4 | 25.5 | 24.6 | 2.0 | 11.7 | 28.1 | 36.0 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 6.8 | 10.9 | 17.8 | 30.4 | 4.3 |
| 80 or more | 84.7 | 74.4 | 40.4 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 79.4 | 52.1 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 86.6 | 82.4 | 67.9 | 19.6 | 2.2 |
| 50 or more | 96.1 | 93.6 | 80.4 | 52.4 | 8.1 | 94.1 | 88.6 | 67.1 | 18.9 | 1.6 | 95.9 | 96.4 | 91.7 | 71.6 | 15.6 |
| 90 or more | 77.3 | 62.8 | 29.2 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 71.1 | 33.8 | 4.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 78.9 | 75.0 | 53.6 | 11.9 | 1.6 |
| 100 | 59.7 | 38.4 | 13.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 43.9 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0 | 63.3 | 52.9 | 29.0 | 5.2 | 0.7 |
| Mean proportion | 92.1 | 87.1 | 70.9 | 52.5 | 26.9 | 89.4 | 76.9 | 56.7 | 37.8 | 19.5 | 92.5 | 91.5 | 83.8 | 61.2 | 33.6 |
| Number (thousands) | 3,822 | 5,242 | 5,029 | 4,892 | 4,677 | 1,711 | 2,049 | 2,012 | 1,992 | 1,887 | 2,155 | 3,011 | 3,115 | 2,974 | 2,758 |

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

Relative Importance of Social Security for Persons 65 or Older in Beneficiary Families
Table 9.B1
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by sex and age, 2004

| Proportion of family income | All persons |  |  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aged 55-61 | Aged 62-64 | Aged 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 |
| 1-19 | 37.0 | 32.0 | 14.9 | 40.7 | 35.5 | 16.9 | 35.0 | 29.5 | 13.4 |
| 20-39 | 24.7 | 23.3 | 19.8 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 21.7 | 25.4 | 23.6 | 18.3 |
| 40-59 | 13.4 | 15.6 | 17.9 | 11.7 | 14.5 | 18.7 | 14.4 | 16.4 | 17.3 |
| 60-79 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 15.3 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 15.3 | 7.1 | 10.8 | 15.3 |
| 80 or more | 17.7 | 20.2 | 32.1 | 17.1 | 20.9 | 27.4 | 18.1 | 19.7 | 35.6 |
| 50 or more | 31.0 | 35.8 | 56.3 | 29.7 | 32.5 | 51.7 | 31.7 | 38.0 | 59.7 |
| 90 or more | 14.6 | 16.3 | 25.5 | 14.6 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 14.6 | 16.4 | 28.6 |
| 100 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 14.6 | 10.5 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 16.5 |
| Mean proportion | 39.9 | 43.5 | 58.0 | 38.4 | 41.7 | 54.6 | 40.7 | 44.6 | 60.6 |
| Number (thousands) | 4,646 | 4,044 | 31,396 | 1,674 | 1,647 | 13,413 | 2,972 | 2,397 | 17,984 |

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

Relative Importance of Social Security for Persons 65 or Older in Beneficiary Families
Table 9.B2
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by sex and age, 2004

| Proportion of family income | 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 |
| 1-19 | 20.7 | 15.4 | 11.8 | 11.2 | 24.4 | 17.2 | 13.1 | 10.7 | 17.4 | 13.9 | 10.8 | 11.5 |
| 20-39 | 25.2 | 20.8 | 16.6 | 15.9 | 26.4 | 23.3 | 18.1 | 17.5 | 24.2 | 18.9 | 15.6 | 15.0 |
| 40-59 | 18.2 | 19.4 | 18.6 | 15.6 | 17.3 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 18.2 | 19.0 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 14.1 |
| 60-79 | 12.7 | 15.2 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 12.0 | 14.4 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 13.2 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 15.9 |
| 80 or more | 23.2 | 29.2 | 35.8 | 40.6 | 19.8 | 25.1 | 31.2 | 35.9 | 26.3 | 32.5 | 39.3 | 43.5 |
| 50 or more | 43.8 | 54.3 | 62.9 | 65.4 | 38.7 | 49.5 | 60.3 | 62.4 | 48.2 | 58.2 | 64.8 | 67.1 |
| 90 or more | 18.9 | 23.2 | 28.1 | 32.3 | 16.0 | 19.5 | 24.5 | 27.5 | 21.4 | 26.1 | 30.8 | 35.1 |
| 100 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 16.2 | 18.2 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 13.9 | 14.9 | 12.6 | 15.0 | 17.8 | 20.2 |
| Mean proportion | 49.9 | 56.4 | 62.0 | 64.6 | 46.4 | 53.1 | 59.2 | 62.3 | 53.0 | 59.0 | 64.1 | 65.9 |
| Number (thousands) | 8,616 | 7,420 | 6,908 | 8,453 | 4,035 | 3,287 | 2,941 | 3,149 | 4,581 | 4,132 | 3,967 | 5,303 |

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

Relative Importance of Social Security for Persons 65 or Older in Beneficiary Families
Table 9.B3
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by sex and marital status, 2004

| Proportion of family income | 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 |
| 1-19 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 11.9 | 17.7 | 14.9 | 15.5 | 15.0 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 12.9 | 12.7 | 14.7 | 11.6 |
| 20-39 | 21.6 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 22.1 | 18.8 | 22.4 | 19.9 | 18.4 | 21.1 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 16.6 | 15.6 | 22.7 | 17.1 |
| 40-59 | 19.3 | 16.1 | 15.5 | 18.1 | 18.3 | 19.0 | 17.9 | 18.6 | 17.6 | 18.6 | 19.7 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 18.5 | 18.1 |
| 60-79 | 16.6 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 11.7 | 17.5 | 15.9 | 13.6 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 14.5 | 17.3 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 11.1 | 20.3 |
| 80 or more | 26.4 | 39.1 | 41.4 | 33.3 | 33.4 | 24.9 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 33.5 | 33.9 | 28.3 | 41.1 | 43.1 | 33.1 | 32.9 |
| 50 or more | 52.3 | 61.2 | 63.1 | 53.9 | 60.2 | 50.0 | 56.0 | 56.8 | 55.0 | 56.4 | 55.3 | 63.0 | 64.7 | 53.3 | 63.8 |
| 90 or more | 19.8 | 32.6 | 34.4 | 28.1 | 27.0 | 18.7 | 28.4 | 29.2 | 28.4 | 28.7 | 21.1 | 34.1 | 35.7 | 27.8 | 25.5 |
| 100 | 9.7 | 20.5 | 21.1 | 18.4 | 18.3 | 9.2 | 19.1 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 20.3 | 10.4 | 21.0 | 21.7 | 18.1 | 16.4 |
| Mean proportion | 54.6 | 62.3 | 63.7 | 57.6 | 60.7 | 53.0 | 58.7 | 59.0 | 57.9 | 59.9 | 56.6 | 63.6 | 64.8 | 57.4 | 61.5 |
| Number (thousands) | 17,290 | 14,106 | 9,663 | 2,440 | 1,167 | 9,664 | 3,749 | 1,857 | 931 | 558 | 7,626 | 10,357 | 7,806 | 1,509 | 609 |

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

Table 9.B4
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2004

| Proportion of family income | White alone |  |  | Black alone |  |  | Asian alone |  |  | Hispanic origin |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ | Men | Women | All persons | Men | Women | $\begin{array}{r\|} \hline \text { All } \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ | Men | Women | $\begin{array}{r\|} \hline \text { All } \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ | 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 |
| 1-19 | 14.4 | 16.5 | 12.9 | 14.6 | 16.7 | 13.4 | 32.6 | 33.7 | 31.6 | 17.8 | 15.7 | 19.3 |
| 20-39 | 19.9 | 22.0 | 18.2 | 17.6 | 16.6 | 18.2 | 22.5 | 24.9 | 20.7 | 17.4 | 18.8 | 16.4 |
| 40-59 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 17.9 | 13.8 | 15.3 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 13.6 |
| 60-79 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 8.1 | 6.4 | 9.5 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 12.7 |
| 80 or more | 31.4 | 26.4 | 35.2 | 41.8 | 39.6 | 43.3 | 26.5 | 25.3 | 27.4 | 37.8 | 37.5 | 38.1 |
| 50 or more | 56.4 | 51.5 | 60.1 | 61.5 | 59.3 | 62.9 | 39.5 | 37.1 | 41.4 | 59.1 | 59.7 | 58.8 |
| 90 or more | 24.6 | 20.3 | 27.9 | 36.4 | 34.8 | 37.4 | 22.3 | 20.4 | 23.9 | 32.0 | 31.4 | 32.4 |
| 100 | 13.3 | 10.6 | 15.4 | 28.1 | 26.6 | 29.1 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 13.9 | 25.0 | 23.9 | 25.8 |
| Mean proportion | 57.9 | 54.3 | 60.7 | 63.0 | 61.4 | 64.1 | 47.0 | 45.0 | 48.5 | 60.1 | 60.6 | 59.8 |
| Number (thousands) | 27,733 | 11,911 | 15,821 | 2,506 | 974 | 1,532 | 768 | 342 | 426 | 1,726 | 736 | 990 |

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

Table 9.B5
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by race, Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status, 2004

| Proportion of family income | White alone |  |  |  | Black alone |  |  |  | Asian alone |  |  |  | Hispanic origin |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  | Women |  | Men |  | Women |  | Men |  | Women |  | Men |  | Women |  |
|  | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | Non- married | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Non- } \\ \text { married } \end{array}$ | Married | Nonmarried |
| 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 | 100.0 |
| 1-19 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 13.7 | 12.2 | 20.6 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 13.6 | 35.6 | a | 28.5 | 35.3 | 12.7 | 21.8 | 10.2 | 25.2 |
| 20-39 | 22.5 | 20.7 | 20.5 | 16.4 | 18.3 | 14.7 | 18.7 | 18.1 | 26.0 | a | 25.8 | 14.6 | 17.6 | 21.3 | 18.1 | 15.3 |
| 40-59 | 19.5 | 18.3 | 20.3 | 16.0 | 14.3 | 16.4 | 13.3 | 12.7 | 10.3 | a | 10.8 | 10.7 | 15.3 | 11.7 | 12.8 | 14.1 |
| 60-79 | 16.5 | 14.2 | 18.0 | 14.2 | 12.6 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 5.1 | a | 8.0 | 11.3 | 14.5 | 12.5 | 16.6 | 10.1 |
| 80 or more | 24.4 | 31.8 | 27.6 | 41.1 | 34.3 | 45.6 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 22.9 | a | 26.9 | 28.1 | 39.9 | 32.7 | 42.2 | 35.4 |
| 50 or more | 50.4 | 54.5 | 55.4 | 63.7 | 53.9 | 65.4 | 63.2 | 62.8 | 33.3 | a | 40.0 | 42.9 | 64.3 | 50.4 | 66.7 | 53.6 |
| 90 or more | 18.2 | 26.0 | 20.4 | 33.8 | 27.7 | 42.9 | 34.1 | 38.3 | 18.0 | a | 22.0 | 26.1 | 32.5 | 29.0 | 35.7 | 30.4 |
| 100 | 8.5 | 16.6 | 9.5 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 34.1 | 27.8 | 29.5 | 8.8 | a | 10.1 | 18.5 | 24.2 | 23.2 | 26.7 | 25.3 |
| Mean proportion | 53.1 | 57.5 | 56.6 | 63.9 | 56.6 | 66.8 | 63.8 | 64.2 | 42.4 | a | 48.0 | 49.1 | 63.3 | 55.0 | 65.5 | 56.1 |
| Number (thousands) | 8,760 | 3,151 | 6,964 | 8,858 | 518 | 457 | 355 | 1,177 | 272 | 70 | 231 | 195 | 492 | 244 | 390 | 600 |

NOTES: Persons in families with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.
a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.

Relative Importance of Social Security for Persons 65 or Older in Beneficiary Families
Table 9.B6
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by quintile of per-capita total family money income, 2004

| Proportion of family income | Total | First\| | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1-19 | 14.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 14.9 | 47.4 |
| 20-39 | 19.8 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 14.5 | 29.7 | 41.1 |
| 40-59 | 17.9 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 22.3 | 38.1 | 9.7 |
| 60-79 | 15.3 | 10.8 | 18.2 | 31.8 | 12.9 | 1.2 |
| 80 or more | 32.1 | 72.0 | 63.0 | 24.5 | 4.3 | 0.7 |
| 50 or more | 56.3 | 87.3 | 87.0 | 70.3 | 34.0 | 4.3 |
| 90 or more | 25.5 | 64.3 | 49.3 | 15.4 | 2.4 | 0.5 |
| 100 | 14.6 | 43.2 | 25.4 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| Mean proportion | 58.0 | 84.3 | 80.2 | 61.5 | 42.7 | 23.5 |
| Number (thousands) | 31,396 | 5,517 | 6,621 | 6,608 | 6,398 | 6,253 |

NOTE: Persons in families with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.
Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are $\$ 9,508, \$ 13,599, \$ 19,120$, and $\$ 30,199$.

Table 9.B7
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by number of persons in family and quintile
of per-capita family total money income, 2004

| Proportion of family income | Total | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Persons in 1-person families |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1-19 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 27.3 |
| 20-39 | 14.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 17.5 | 49.1 |
| 40-59 | 17.2 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 15.1 | 44.9 | 19.9 |
| 60-79 | 15.4 | 9.3 | 12.2 | 28.5 | 24.0 | 2.0 |
| 80 or more | 47.5 | 84.1 | 79.6 | 49.0 | 10.1 | 1.7 |
| 50 or more | 71.9 | 96.0 | 95.6 | 87.5 | 59.0 | 9.4 |
| 90 or more | 39.7 | 76.7 | 68.8 | 35.2 | 5.7 | 1.3 |
| 100 | 25.2 | 58.0 | 43.0 | 15.7 | 3.1 | 0.8 |
| Mean proportion | 70.2 | 92.0 | 89.6 | 76.0 | 54.5 | 30.3 |
| Number (thousands) | 10,385 | 1,897 | 2,580 | 2,162 | 1,894 | 1,852 |
| Persons in 2-person families |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1-19 | 14.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 50.9 |
| 20-39 | 20.5 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 13.1 | 34.1 | 41.4 |
| 40-59 | 19.3 | 6.9 | 10.3 | 27.3 | 42.9 | 6.4 |
| 60-79 | 17.3 | 10.9 | 23.2 | 40.9 | 9.7 | 1.0 |
| 80 or more | 28.4 | 78.3 | 60.4 | 15.2 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| 50 or more | 55.1 | 93.2 | 90.1 | 73.6 | 28.6 | 2.6 |
| 90 or more | 21.6 | 70.4 | 42.9 | 7.2 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| 100 | 10.6 | 42.6 | 16.3 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Mean proportion | 56.6 | 88.5 | 80.2 | 60.5 | 41.8 | 22.0 |
| Number (thousands) | 16,794 | 2,639 | 3,414 | 3,554 | 3,509 | 3,679 |

Table 9.B7
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by number of persons in family and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2004-Continued

| Proportion of family income | Total | First | Second | Third | Fourth | Fifth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Persons in families of 3 or more |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1-19 | 38.5 | 11.4 | 21.4 | 32.9 | 50.8 | 80.5 |
| 20-39 | 31.4 | 24.1 | 33.8 | 41.0 | 37.3 | 19.2 |
| 40-59 | 14.0 | 19.7 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 8.6 | 0.3 |
| 60-79 | 7.1 | 13.4 | 15.8 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 0 |
| 80 or more | 9.0 | 31.3 | 8.8 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| 50 or more | 22.6 | 55.0 | 34.8 | 15.5 | 5.8 | 0.2 |
| 90 or more | 6.2 | 23.8 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 | 4.2 | 16.3 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean proportion | 33.9 | 58.1 | 41.4 | 30.7 | 23.0 | 13.6 |
| Number (thousands) | 4,217 | 981 | 627 | 893 | 994 | 722 |

NOTES: Persons in families with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.
Per-capita family total money income quintile limits are $\$ 9,508, \$ 13,599, \$ 19,120$, and $\$ 30,199$.

Relative Importance of Social Security for Persons 65 or Older in Beneficiary Families
Table 9.B8
Percentage distribution of persons in beneficiary families, by sex and ratio of family total money income to the poverty threshold, 2004

| Proportion of family income | All persons |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  | Women |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ 1.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 1.00- \\ 1.24 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.25- \\ 1.49 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.50- \\ 1.99 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.00 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ 1.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.00- \\ 1.24 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.25- \\ 1.49 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.50- \\ 1.99 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.00 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ 1.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.00- \\ 1.24 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.25- \\ 1.49 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.50- \\ 1.99 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.00 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{array}$ |
| 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 |
| 1-19 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 22.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 23.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 22.4 |
| 20-39 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 6.8 | 28.5 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 6.1 | 28.8 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 28.3 |
| 40-59 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 10.6 | 23.4 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 23.1 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 11.7 | 23.7 |
| 60-79 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.3 | 19.9 | 15.7 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 18.7 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 20.6 | 15.8 |
| 80 or more | 80.0 | 76.3 | 74.9 | 60.2 | 9.6 | 79.4 | 75.3 | 76.3 | 63.4 | 9.5 | 80.2 | 76.8 | 74.3 | 58.1 | 9.8 |
| 50 or more | 94.6 | 91.5 | 91.0 | 86.6 | 36.4 | 94.7 | 89.4 | 92.3 | 87.1 | 35.9 | 94.5 | 92.6 | 90.4 | 86.3 | 36.9 |
| 90 or more | 71.4 | 68.7 | 64.2 | 47.1 | 5.5 | 69.7 | 68.5 | 67.1 | 50.6 | 5.4 | 72.1 | 68.8 | 62.8 | 44.9 | 5.5 |
| 100 | 52.4 | 46.8 | 38.2 | 22.2 | 1.8 | 52.8 | 47.8 | 44.2 | 23.7 | 1.6 | 52.2 | 46.4 | 35.5 | 21.2 | 1.9 |
| Mean proportion | 89.8 | 87.5 | 86.2 | 79.3 | 42.5 | 89.4 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 80.4 | 42.3 | 89.9 | 87.9 | 85.7 | 78.5 | 42.8 |
| Number (thousands) | 2,381 | 2,157 | 2,425 | 4,669 | 19,764 | 633 | 709 | 776 | 1,803 | 9,493 | 1,748 | 1,448 | 1,650 | 2,867 | 10,271 |

NOTES: Persons in families with zero total income or with negative total income, earnings, or income from assets are excluded.
The family money income of aged persons is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 2004.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For more information, consult the Glossary at the front of this publication.

