Section 11: Poverty Status of Aged Persons Based on Family Income

Key Terms and Concepts for Section 11¹

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 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.

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).

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.

Table 11.1By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006

	Number	Percentage below	Percentage below 125%		Number	Percentage below	Percentage below 125%
Sex and age	(thousands)	poverty line	of poverty line	Sex and age	(thousands)	poverty line	of poverty line
		All persons			By be	eneficiary status (c Nonbeneficiary	ont.)
All persons				All persons		-	
55–61	24,314	8.3	11.2	55–61	22,135	7.6	9.9
62–64	7,877	10.1	13.9	62–64	4,531	10.0	13.0
65 or older	36,035	9.4	15.6	65 or older	4,909	21.6	28.2
Men				Men			
55–61	11,781	7.4	10.0	55–61	10,780	6.8	8.9
62–64	3,697	9.3	12.6	62–64	2,231	9.1	11.7
65 or older	15,443	6.6	11.4	65 or older	2,221	20.7	25.4
Women				Women			
55–61	12,534	9.3	12.4	55–61	11,355	8.3	10.9
62–64	4,180	10.9	15.0	62–64	2,301	11.0	14.3
65 or older	20,593	11.5	18.8	65 or older	2,688	22.4	30.5
	В	y beneficiary status				By marital status	
		Beneficiary				Married	
All persons		-		All persons			
55–61	2,179	16.1	24.8	55–61	16,635	4.1	5.9
62–64	3,346	10.3	15.0	62–64	5,299	5.7	7.8
65 or older	31,126	7.5	13.7	65 or older	19,913	4.4	7.7
Men				Men			
55–61	1,001	13.7	21.9	55–61	8,653	3.6	5.3
62–64	1,466	9.6	14.0	62–64	2,801	6.4	8.3
65 or older	13,221	4.2	9.1	65 or older	11,231	4.5	7.8
Women				Women			
55–61	1,179	18.2	27.3	55–61	7,982	4.6	6.5
62–64	1,879	10.8	15.8	62–64	2,498	5.0	7.2
65 or older	17,905	9.9	17.1	65 or older	8,682	4.3	7.7
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Table 11.1By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006—Continued

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
Sox and age	· · · · · ·	marital status (cont.)				marital status (cont.)	· · ·
		Nonmarried			,	Divorced	
All persons				All persons			
55–61	7,679	17.5	22.8	55–61	3,987	16.0	20.7
62–64	2,578	19.1	26.3	62–64	1,230	16.6	22.6
65 or older	16,122	15.6	25.4	65 or older	3,144	15.1	24.9
Men				Men			
55–61	3,128	17.7	22.9	55–61	1,682	17.1	22.3
62–64	896	18.1	26.1	62–64	465	14.9	20.7
65 or older	4,212	12.1	21.1	65 or older	1,166	11.5	19.6
Women				Women			
55–61	4,552	17.4	22.8	55–61	2,305	15.1	19.5
62–64	1,682	19.6	26.5	62–64	765	17.6	23.8
65 or older	11,910	16.8	27.0	65 or older	1,978	17.2	28.0
		Widowed				Never married	
All persons				All persons			
55–61	1,143	19.9	26.7	55–61	1,736	18.1	24.0
62–64	705	16.7	25.9	62–64	428	26.2	31.4
65 or older	10,712	13.9	23.8	65 or older	1,389	23.6	33.9
Men				Men			
55–61	209	12.7	16.6	55–61	849	18.8	25.2
62–64	126	24.6	39.7	62–64	212	21.6	27.8
65 or older	2,022	9.2	17.5	65 or older	624	20.4	32.4
Women				Women			
55–61	934	21.6	29.0	55–61	887	17.5	22.8
62–64	579	15.0	23.0	62–64	215	30.8	34.9
65 or older	8,690	15.1	25.2	65 or older	766	26.1	35.1
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Table 11.1By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006—Continued

Say and ago	Number	Percentage below	Percentage below 125%	Sev and ano	Number	Percentage below	Percentage below 125%
Sex and age	(thousands)	poverty line	of poverty line	Sex and age	(thousands)	poverty line	of poverty line
		By race White alone				By race (cont.) Asian alone	
All persons				All persons			
55–61	20,456	7.3	9.9	55–61	971	8.4	10.1
62–64	6,699	8.5	11.5	62–64	278	8.4	15.5
65 or older	31,270	7.9	13.8	65 or older	1,182	12.0	17.6
Men				Men			
55–61	10,055	6.5	8.8	55–61	451	7.8	9.7
62–64	3,172	7.8	10.6	62–64	132	5.8	10.6
65 or older	13,512	5.4	9.7	65 or older	495	12.2	17.1
Women				Women			
55–61	10,401	8.0	10.9	55–61	521	9.0	10.4
62–64	3,526	9.2	12.3	62–64	146	10.8	19.9
65 or older	17,759	9.9	16.9	65 or older	687	11.8	18.0
		Black alone				Hispanic origin	
All persons				All persons			
55–61	2,443	15.7	21.3	55–61	2,028	16.0	23.9
62–64	769	22.9	31.0	62–64	611	19.6	25.0
65 or older	3,085	22.7	32.5	65 or older	2,428	19.4	29.7
Men				Men			
55–61	1,066	14.1	20.2	55–61	979	13.7	20.0
62–64	339	21.5	28.6	62–64	286	17.6	23.7
65 or older	1,210	16.7	26.2	65 or older	1,034	17.6	27.5
Women				Women			
55–61	1,378	16.9	22.1	55–61	1,049	18.2	27.5
62–64	431	24.0	32.8	62–64	325	21.3	26.2
65 or older	1,875	26.7	36.6	65 or older	1,394	20.8	31.3

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NOTE: The family money income of aged persons is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 2006.

Table 11.2By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
0		All persons	. ,			neficiary status (cont.,)
					-	Nonbeneficiary	
All persons				All persons			
65–69	10,629	8.2	12.5	65–69	2,171	16.4	20.9
70–74	8,369	9.2	14.8	70–74	1,037	23.8	30.0
75–79	7,567	9.8	15.9	75–79	790	28.0	37.0
80 or older	9,471	10.7	19.7	80 or older	910	26.2	35.9
Men				Men			
65–69	5,013	6.9	10.7	65–69	1,033	17.3	20.9
70–74	3,726	6.9	11.3	70–74	465	23.3	24.7
75–79	3,271	6.4	11.4	75–79	359	27.4	34.2
80 or older	3,433	6.1	12.5	80 or older	364	20.7	30.2
Women				Women			
65–69	5,616	9.3	14.0	65–69	1,138	15.6	20.9
70–74	4.643	10.9	17.6	70–74	573	24.3	34.2
75–79	4,296	12.5	19.3	75–79	431	28.5	39.4
80 or older	6,038	13.4	23.9	80 or older	546	29.8	39.8
		By beneficiary status				By marital status	
		Beneficiary				Married	
All persons				All persons			
65–69	8,458	6.1	10.3	65–69	7,011	4.7	7.0
70–74	7,332	7.1	12.7	70–74	5,168	4.3	7.3
75–79	6,777	7.7	13.4	75–79	4,231	4.9	8.4
80 or older	8,560	9.1	18.0	80 or older	3,503	3.6	9.1
Men				Men			
65–69	3,980	4.2	8.1	65–69	3,839	5.0	7.4
70–74	3,262	4.6	9.4	70–74	2,767	3.9	6.6
75–79	2,911	3.8	8.6	75–79	2,434	5.2	8.5
80 or older	3,069	4.3	10.4	80 or older	2,191	3.7	9.2
Women				Women			
65–69	4,478	7.7	12.3	65–69	3,172	4.2	6.5
70–74	4,070	9.1	15.3	70–74	2,401	4.7	8.2
75–79	3,866	10.7	17.0	75–79	1,797	4.5	8.2
80 or older	5,491	11.7	22.3	80 or older	1,312	3.4	8.8
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Table 11.2 By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006—Continued

Say and aga	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
Sex and age	•		of poverty line	Sex and age		· · ·	of poverty line
	В	y marital status (cont.) Nonmarried			Вут	marital status (cont.) Divorced	
All persons				All persons		2	
65–69	3,617	15.0	23.1	65–69	1,358	15.0	23.5
70–74	3,202	17.0	26.9	70–74	812	14.2	23.5
75–79	3,336	16.1	25.4	75–79	566	14.4	24.9
80 or older	5,967	14.9	26.0	80 or older	407	18.0	32.1
Men				Men			
65–69	1,174	13.1	21.7	65–69	519	13.0	20.0
70–74	960	15.6	25.0	70–74	321	13.5	21.3
75–79	837	9.7	20.1	75–79	228	6.8	19.3
80 or older	1,242	10.1	18.2	80 or older	98	7.7	12.9
Women				Women			
65–69	2,444	16.0	23.8	65–69	839	16.3	25.6
70–74	2,242	17.6	27.8	70–74	491	14.7	25.0
75–79	2,499	18.2	27.2	75–79	338	19.5	28.7
80 or older	4,726	16.1	28.1	80 or older	309	21.2	38.1
		Widowed				Never married	
All persons		maomea		All persons		Nevel mamea	
65–69	1,485	12.6	19.2	65–69	492	20.3	31.6
70–74	1,872	15.4	25.2	70–74	292	27.8	38.5
75–79	2,323	14.5	24.1	75–79	268	25.3	31.5
80 or older	5,032	13.5	24.4	80 or older	337	23.2	35.1
Men				Men			
65–69	303	9.2	15.1	65–69	231	18.8	34.0
70–74	372	12.7	22.4	70–74	144	23.2	32.7
75–79	399	6.8	16.7	75–79	125	18.6	28.2
80 or older	947	8.8	16.6	80 or older	123	22.0	33.0
Women				Women			
65–69	1,182	13.4	20.3	65–69	262	21.7	29.5
70–74	1,500	16.1	25.8	70–74	149	32.2	44.1
75–79	1,924	16.1	25.6	75–79	143	31.3	34.4
80 or older	4,084	14.6	26.3	80 or older	213	23.9	36.3
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Table 11.2 By Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and age, 2006—Continued

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
Sex and age	Number (mousanus)		of poverty line	Sex and age	(thousands)		of poverty line
		By race White alone				By race (cont.) Asian alone	
All persons				All persons			
65–69	9,082	6.7	10.5	65–69	373	9.1	13.6
70–74	7,130	7.3	12.8	70–74	275	9.4	16.5
75–79	6,633	8.5	14.1	75–79	258	14.0	20.4
80 or older	8,425	9.2	18.0	80 or older	275	16.6	21.6
Men				Men			
65–69	4,335	5.4	8.6	65–69	163	11.9	14.2
70–74	3,189	5.4	9.3	70–74	108	11.2	15.7
75–79	2,913	5.6	10.4	75–79	100	13.8	18.6
80 or older	3,074	4.9	11.1	80 or older	125	12.4	20.7
Women				Women			
65–69	4,746	7.9	12.2	65–69	210	7.0	13.1
70–74	3,941	8.9	15.5	70–74	168	8.2	17.1
75–79	3,720	10.8	17.1	75–79	158	14.1	21.6
80 or older	5,352	11.6	22.0	80 or older	150	20.1	22.3
						Hispanic origin	
		Black alone					
All persons				All persons			
65–69	992	19.1	27.4	65–69	831	19.5	27.6
70–74	845	23.7	31.3	70–74	613	17.8	29.1
75–79	584	21.5	33.1	75–79	494	20.4	28.7
80 or older	665	28.0	41.2	80 or older	490	20.4	35.0
Men				Men			
65–69	423	18.4	28.1	65–69	351	16.1	25.2
70–74	366	17.0	25.9	70–74	268	20.8	28.6
75–79	219	10.1	20.4	75–79	212	17.9	25.9
80 or older	202	19.5	29.0	80 or older	204	15.5	31.8
Women				Women			
65–69	568	19.7	26.8	65–69	480	22.0	29.4
70–74	479	28.8	35.5	70–74	345	15.5	29.6
75–79	364	28.4	40.8	75–79	282	22.3	30.7
80 or older	463	31.7	46.5	80 or older	286	23.8	37.3

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NOTE: The family money income of aged persons is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 2006.

a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.

Table 11.3Social Security beneficiaries, by marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex and age, 2006

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
	Ľ	By marital status Married			By m	arital status (cont.) Widowed	
All persons 65 or older	16,951	2.3	5.2	All persons 65 or older	9,724	12.3	22.4
65–69	5,576	2.4	4.4	65–69	1,249	10.8	18.0
70–74	4,501	2.3	5.0	70–74	1,688	13.3	23.2
75–79	3,739	2.4	5.1	75–79	2,145	12.9	22.4
80 or older	3,135	2.0	6.9	80 or older	4,641	12.0	23.2
Men 65 or older	9,609	2.3	5.4	Men 65 or older	1,796	7.1	15.8
65–69	3,041	2.5	4.7	65–69	253	4.5	11.5
70–74	2,432	2.2	5.0	70–74	324	9.1	19.7
75–79	2,160	2.4	5.1	75–79	360	4.6	15.3
80 or older	1,976	2.0	7.4	80 or older	859	8.2	15.8
Women 65 or older	7,342	2.3	4.8	Women 65 or older	7,928	13.5	23.9
65–69	2,535	2.3	4.0	65–69	996	12.4	19.6
70–74	2,068	2.5	5.0	70–74	1,364	14.3	24.0
75–79	1,579	2.4	5.0	75–79	1,786	14.6	23.8
80 or older	1,159	2.1	5.9	80 or older	3,782	12.9	24.9
		Nonmarried				Divorced	
All persons 65 or older	14,176	13.7	23.8	All persons 65 or older	2,689	13.6	23.8
65–69	2,882	13.2	21.8	65–69	1,086	13.7	22.4
70–74	2,831	14.6	24.9	70–74	733	12.4	22.2
75–79	3,038	14.3	23.7	75–79	518	13.4	24.1
80 or older	5,425	13.1	24.5	80 or older	353	16.1	31.3
Men 65 or older	3,612	9.4	18.8	Men 65 or older	999	8.7	17.4
65–69	939	9.8	19.1	65–69	422	10.6	17.4
70–74	830	11.6	22.3	70–74	281	8.6	17.6
75–79	751	7.8	18.8	75–79	217	5.8	18.9
80 or older	1,093	8.5	15.7	80 or older	79	6.8	13.2
Women 65 or older	10,563	15.1	25.6	Women 65 or older	1,689	16.5	27.6
65–69	1,943	14.8	23.1	65–69	664	15.6	25.5
70–74	2,002	15.9	25.9	70–74	452	14.7	25.0
75–79	2,287	16.4	25.3	75–79	300	18.9	27.8
80 or older	4,332	14.3	26.7	80 or older	273	18.8	36.5

Table 11.3 Social Security beneficiaries, by marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex and age, 2006—Continued

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
	•	arital status (cont.) Never married				By race (cont.) Black alone	
All persons 65 or older	1,047	20.3	30.8	All persons 65 or older	2,476	20.0	30.7
65–69	348	18.1	30.5	65–69	747	15.0	23.5
70–74	222	25.3	37.3	70–74	686	20.6	29.6
75–79	217	21.5	27.9	75–79	488	19.9	32.3
80 or older	260	17.8	28.1	80 or older	556	25.9	40.3
Men 65 or older	484	16.7	28.9	Men 65 or older	968	12.9	23.7
65–69	173	15.2	32.6	65–69	323	14.3	24.2
70–74	120	19.1	30.5	70–74	288	13.2	24.1
75–79	102	18.9	28.2	75–79	185	7.1	18.4
80 or older	89	13.7	20.1	80 or older	172	16.3	27.5
Women 65 or older	564	23.3	32.5	Women 65 or older	1,508	24.5	35.2
65–69	175	21.1	28.5	65–69	424	15.6	22.9
70–74	102	32.6	45.4	70–74	398	26.0	33.6
75–79	115	23.7	27.6	75–79	303	27.7	40.8
80 or older	171	19.9	32.3	80 or older	383	30.2	46.0
		By race					
		White alone				Asian alone	
All persons 65 or older	27,457	6.3	12.1	All persons 65 or older	766	7.9	13.2
65–69	7,332	5.0	8.6	65–69	223	7.1	12.5
70–74	6,362	5.6	10.8	70–74	179	5.6	12.6
75–79	6,022	6.5	11.7	75–79	192	13.1	18.4
80 or older	7,741	8.0	16.6	80 or older	172	5.6	9.1
Men 65 or older	11,744	3.3	7.6	Men 65 or older	316	8.4	12.4
65–69	3,472	3.1	6.3	65–69	108	7.9	11.5
70–74	2,854	3.5	7.7	70–74	65	а	а
75–79	2,626	3.0	7.5	75–79	67	а	а
80 or older	2,792	3.6	9.4	80 or older	75	2.9	6.4
Women 65 or older	15,714	8.5	15.4	Women 65 or older	450	7.6	13.8
65–69	3,860	6.7	10.7	65–69	115	6.3	13.4
70–74	3,507	7.2	13.3	70–74	114	4.5	11.2
75–79	3,396	9.2	14.9	75–79	125	11.5	18.5
80 or older	4,949	10.4	20.7	80 or older	97	7.7	11.2
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Table 11.3 Social Security beneficiaries, by marital status, race, Hispanic origin, sex and age, 2006—Continued

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line
		Hispanic origin	
All persons 65 or older	1,758	16.4	27.0
65–69	550	16.7	25.5
70–74	457	14.0	26.3
75–79	377	16.6	24.5
80 or older	374	18.9	32.8
Men 65 or older	752	13.3	23.5
65–69	230	11.9	22.2
70–74	205	15.2	23.4
75–79	157	11.7	20.7
80 or older	160	14.5	28.1
Women 65 or older	1,006	18.8	29.7
65–69	320	20.1	27.8
70–74	252	13.0	28.8
75–79	220	20.0	27.1
80 or older	214	22.3	36.3

NOTE: The family money income of aged persons is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 2006.

a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.

Table 11.4 Persons in Social Security beneficiary families, by proportion of family from Social Security, sex, and age, 2006

Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	Sex and age	Number (thousands)	Percentage below poverty line	Percentage below 125% of poverty line	
		nilies receiving less that come from Social Secur	•			nilies receiving 90 to 9 me from Social Securi	•	
All persons 65 or older	14,772	0.8	1.8	All persons 65 or older	3,031	14.8	29.2	
65–69	5,077	0.6	1.3	65–69	615	15.2	24.2	
70–74	3,643	1.0	1.7	70–74	631	13.5	28.0	
75–79	2,913	1.2	2.1	75–79	713	15.6	27.1	
80 or older	3,139	0.8	2.1	80 or older	1,072	14.7	34.0	
Men 65 or older	6,848	0.5	1.1	Men 65 or older	1,106	11.3	21.5	
65–69	2,502	0.5	1.3	65–69	266	14.3	21.1	
70–74	1,741	0.5	1.1	70–74	237	12.5	21.0	
75–79	1,375	0.4	0.8	75–79	281	11.0	20.7	
80 or older	1,231	0.6	1.3	80 or older	322	8.2	22.9	
Women 65 or older	7,924	1.1	2.3	Women 65 or older	1,924	16.8	33.6	
65–69	2,576	0.6	1.4	65–69	349	15.8	26.6	
70–74	1,902	1.4	2.3	70–74	394	14.1	32.3	
75–79	1,538	1.9	3.3	75–79	431	18.6	31.3	
80 or older	1,908	0.9	2.7	80 or older	750	17.5	38.8	
		amilies receiving 50 to a come from Social Secu	•	Persons in families receiving 100 percent of income from Social Security				
All persons 65 or older	r 9,821	5.6	10.2	All persons 65 or older	4,691	28.6	49.9	
65–69	2,249	5.9	9.1	65–69	1,017	30.1	51.3	
70–74	2,314	5.5	9.4	70–74	1,029	29.6	51.4	
75–79	2,289	5.6	9.2	75–79	1,058	26.4	46.4	
80 or older	2,969	5.6	12.3	80 or older	1,587	28.6	50.3	
Men 65 or older	4,084	3.2	6.4	Men 65 or older	1,655	21.4	43.5	
65–69	956	4.7	7.6	65–69	431	24.5	47.2	
70–74	977	3.1	6.2	70–74	412	21.8	45.5	
75–79	961	3.1	6.3	75–79	389	17.8	38.4	
80 or older	1,189	2.0	5.7	80 or older	423	21.1	42.4	
Women 65 or older	5,737	7.4	12.8	Women 65 or older	3,037	32.6	53.4	
65–69	1,293	6.7	10.2	65–69	587	34.2	54.3	
70–74	1,337	7.3	11.7	70–74	616	34.8	55.4	
75–79	1,328	7.4	11.4	75–79	669	31.4	51.1	
80 or older	1,780	8.0	16.7	80 or older	1,164	31.3	53.2	

NOTES: The family money income of aged persons is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 2006.

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