

# SECTION 8

## Importance of Income Sources Relative to Total Income





## Key Terms and Concepts for Section 8 <sup>1</sup>

**Age.** Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2009. 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 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).

### Income sources

**Retirement benefits.** Include Social Security benefits, Railroad Retirement income, government employee pensions, and private pensions or annuities.

**Social Security.** Includes retired-worker benefits, dependents' or survivor benefits, disability benefits, and transitionally insured benefits.

**Government employee pensions.** Government employee pensions include regular payments from federal government (civil service), military, and state or local governments.

**Private pensions and annuities.** Private pensions and annuities include regular payments from companies or unions, annuities or paid-up insurance policies, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), Keogh, or 401(k) payments.

Nonregular (nonannuitized or lump-sum) withdrawals from IRA, Keogh, and 401(k) plans are not included as income.

**Earnings.** Include wages and salaries and self-employment. *Wages and salaries* is defined as total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the income year. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses earned, before deductions are made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, and so forth. Earnings for self-employed persons in incorporated businesses are considered wage and salary. *Self-employment* is the combined income from farm and nonfarm self-employment.

**Asset income.** Includes income from interest, dividends, rent, royalties, and estates and trusts. *Interest* includes payments people receive (or have credited to their accounts) from bonds, treasury notes, IRAs, certificates of deposit, interest-bearing savings and checking accounts, and all other investments that pay interest. *Dividends* include income from stock holdings and mutual fund shares. The CPS does not include capital gains from the sale of stock holdings as income. *Rents, royalties, and estates and trusts* includes net income from the rental of a house, store, or other property, receipts from boarders or lodgers, net royalty income, and periodic payments from estate or trust funds.

**Public Assistance.** Includes Supplemental Security Income and other monetary public assistance programs. Noncash benefits are not included.

<sup>1</sup> For more information, consult the Glossary at the front of this publication.

## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income and age, 2008**

Proportion of income	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<b>Earnings</b>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	16.4	31.0	73.2	51.3	69.0	81.3	91.9
1–19	1.7	4.5	4.8	6.4	6.1	5.1	2.1
20–39	2.3	4.9	4.6	6.7	6.1	4.3	1.8
40–59	4.7	6.5	5.0	8.8	6.8	3.6	1.1
60–79	7.9	10.6	5.5	11.0	6.2	3.1	1.1
80 or more	67.0	42.5	6.9	15.8	5.8	2.6	1.9
50 or more	77.5	56.1	14.9	31.4	15.4	7.3	3.5
90 or more	59.9	35.9	5.0	11.5	3.7	1.9	1.6
100	24.2	13.5	2.4	5.2	1.7	1.4	0.9
Mean proportion	74.1	53.7	14.6	29.6	15.4	8.1	3.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	88.6	77.9	54.5	60.9	49.6	43.4	47.6
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393
<b>Retirement benefits</b>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	75.2	44.6	7.5	14.2	5.8	4.7	3.9
1–19	5.6	9.1	4.7	9.2	5.0	2.7	1.4
20–39	4.6	9.5	8.2	12.8	9.0	6.6	4.4
40–59	3.6	7.3	9.0	10.4	10.4	8.6	6.9
60–79	2.0	5.6	11.2	10.0	12.5	11.9	10.9
80 or more	9.0	24.0	59.5	43.4	57.3	65.5	72.5
50 or more	12.7	33.2	75.2	58.5	74.7	81.9	87.1
90 or more	7.9	21.0	52.2	37.5	50.3	56.9	64.6
100	5.5	12.2	29.4	20.1	28.4	32.2	37.1
Mean proportion	13.9	34.6	73.3	59.2	73.0	78.7	83.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	56.0	62.3	79.2	69.0	77.6	82.6	86.8
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393

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Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>Social Security</i>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	87.2	56.1	10.4	18.3	8.7	7.1	6.2
1–19	2.5	11.1	9.2	14.3	9.2	7.1	5.6
20–39	2.3	9.7	15.0	18.5	16.9	13.7	11.0
40–59	1.8	5.9	15.3	14.4	16.8	15.6	14.7
60–79	1.3	4.2	13.6	9.9	13.8	15.7	15.5
80 or more	4.9	13.0	36.6	24.6	34.6	40.7	47.0
50 or more	7.1	19.7	57.2	41.0	56.1	63.5	69.5
90 or more	4.5	11.5	30.7	20.6	28.8	33.9	39.5
100	3.6	7.8	19.9	13.3	19.1	21.9	25.4
Mean proportion	7.6	22.5	58.1	44.9	57.7	63.1	67.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	59.4	51.2	64.8	55.0	63.2	67.9	72.2
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393
<i>Government employee pensions</i>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	92.8	86.7	85.5	85.8	84.8	85.0	86.0
1–19	2.1	2.8	2.9	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.4
20–39	2.0	3.7	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.3
40–59	1.5	2.9	3.7	3.0	4.3	4.3	3.6
60–79	0.5	1.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.7
80 or more	1.1	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9
50 or more	2.3	5.0	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.3	6.6
90 or more	0.8	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9
100	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Mean proportion	3.0	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.6	44.9	45.4	44.1	43.9	45.7	47.7
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	91.8	82.7	70.9	72.4	70.4	69.6	70.9
1–19	3.2	6.5	12.2	11.6	12.7	12.9	11.9
20–39	1.8	4.9	9.6	8.6	9.4	10.3	10.2
40–59	1.0	3.2	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.5
60–79	0.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
80 or more	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	1.1
50 or more	2.6	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.1
90 or more	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
100	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
Mean proportion	3.3	5.8	8.2	7.8	8.4	8.5	8.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	39.8	33.6	28.3	28.1	28.4	27.9	28.8
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393
<i>Income from assets</i>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	44.0	42.0	44.4	41.8	45.1	44.6	46.1
1–19	49.9	49.8	42.1	46.7	42.1	40.6	38.5
20–39	2.7	3.8	7.1	5.7	7.0	7.3	8.5
40–59	1.5	1.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	4.1	3.8
60–79	0.5	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.8	2.0
80 or more	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.0
50 or more	2.4	3.3	4.4	3.8	3.9	5.0	4.8
90 or more	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
100	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
Mean proportion	4.6	5.6	7.9	7.2	7.4	8.6	8.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	8.1	9.6	14.2	12.3	13.4	15.6	15.7
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393

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**Table 8.A1**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>Cash public assistance</i>							
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	94.7	95.0	95.9	96.4	94.8	96.2	96.1
1–19	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.6	0.9	1.2
20–39	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.8
40–59	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
60–79	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0	0.2	0.2
80 or more	2.7	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.5
50 or more	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.7
90 or more	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.4
100	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.3
Mean proportion	3.4	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.5	2.2	2.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	64.4	52.5	51.7	49.7	48.9	57.4	52.4
Number (thousands)	17,452	5,603	27,966	8,075	6,002	5,496	8,393

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and age, 2008**

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	80 or older			Total	65-69	70-74	75-79	80 or older
<b>Earnings</b>														
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
0	8.2	18.9	58.5	39.4	57.4	70.7	84.2	26.9	46.1	83.6	64.9	79.4	88.2	94.8
1-19	1.5	4.3	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.7	4.2	2.0	4.7	3.1	5.1	4.4	2.7	1.4
20-39	2.7	6.3	7.6	8.7	9.4	6.9	4.0	1.8	3.0	2.5	4.4	3.1	2.6	1.0
40-59	5.7	9.2	8.0	11.2	9.3	5.8	2.2	3.4	3.2	3.0	6.1	4.6	2.2	0.7
60-79	10.6	14.9	9.0	14.7	8.6	4.5	3.0	4.5	5.2	3.0	6.8	4.0	2.3	0.4
80 or more	71.4	46.3	9.8	18.5	7.3	3.5	2.4	61.4	37.7	4.8	12.8	4.5	2.0	1.7
50 or more	85.4	65.4	23.0	39.1	20.7	10.9	6.8	67.6	44.4	9.1	22.6	10.6	5.0	2.3
90 or more	62.8	37.4	6.4	12.3	4.0	2.4	1.9	56.1	34.1	4.0	10.6	3.4	1.6	1.5
100	19.8	10.8	2.5	4.4	1.6	1.7	0.9	29.8	16.9	2.3	6.1	1.8	1.1	0.9
Mean proportion	80.6	61.8	22.2	36.4	20.7	12.1	7.0	65.8	43.5	9.2	21.9	10.7	5.5	2.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	87.8	76.3	53.5	60.1	48.5	41.3	44.4	90.0	80.9	56.2	62.3	51.7	47.0	51.1
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126
<b>Retirement benefits</b>														
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
0	74.5	43.8	7.7	13.1	5.0	4.8	3.6	76.0	45.5	7.3	15.5	6.5	4.6	4.0
1-19	7.9	13.2	7.7	13.0	7.5	3.6	1.9	2.8	3.9	2.5	4.8	2.8	2.1	1.2
20-39	6.3	13.0	11.7	15.9	11.7	8.9	6.5	2.4	5.0	5.7	9.2	6.5	5.1	3.6
40-59	4.3	8.4	11.4	12.6	13.1	10.7	7.8	2.7	5.9	7.3	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.6
60-79	2.1	5.9	13.1	10.7	14.3	14.6	14.5	1.9	5.2	9.9	9.3	10.8	10.2	9.6
80 or more	4.9	15.7	48.4	34.6	48.4	57.4	65.7	14.2	34.5	67.3	53.3	65.4	70.8	75.1
50 or more	8.9	25.6	67.2	51.5	68.9	77.1	85.2	17.5	42.9	80.9	66.5	79.9	85.1	87.9
90 or more	4.1	13.1	41.0	28.9	41.4	48.9	55.8	12.8	30.9	60.2	47.4	58.3	62.1	67.9
100	2.4	6.0	18.2	12.5	19.0	21.3	24.9	9.4	20.1	37.3	28.7	37.0	39.4	41.7
Mean proportion	11.0	28.5	66.0	53.4	67.9	74.1	79.8	17.6	42.2	78.4	65.8	77.7	81.7	84.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	43.0	50.7	71.6	61.5	71.5	77.9	82.8	73.3	77.4	84.5	77.8	83.1	85.7	88.3
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126

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Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

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	80 or older			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>Social Security</i>														
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
0	88.2	57.9	10.4	17.1	7.7	5.9	5.6	86.1	53.9	10.4	19.8	9.6	7.9	6.4
1–19	3.7	15.8	13.8	19.7	12.1	9.8	8.4	1.0	5.1	5.9	8.1	6.5	5.4	4.6
20–39	3.3	12.5	20.4	23.0	22.6	18.7	14.3	0.9	6.2	11.2	13.4	11.9	10.5	9.8
40–59	1.8	4.7	17.2	15.2	19.0	17.5	18.3	1.6	7.5	13.9	13.4	14.8	14.4	13.4
60–79	0.9	3.3	14.1	9.4	13.9	16.9	20.7	1.8	5.3	13.1	10.4	13.7	14.9	13.6
80 or more	2.1	5.8	24.1	15.7	24.7	31.2	32.7	8.5	22.1	45.5	34.9	43.5	46.9	52.2
50 or more	3.9	11.0	46.2	32.0	47.3	56.3	62.3	11.2	30.7	65.0	51.4	64.1	68.2	72.1
90 or more	1.7	4.9	19.1	12.5	20.4	24.6	24.9	7.9	19.8	38.8	30.0	36.3	40.0	45.0
100	1.3	2.9	10.4	6.9	11.1	12.6	13.7	6.6	14.0	26.6	20.7	26.2	28.0	29.7
Mean proportion	5.0	15.5	49.2	38.0	51.3	56.9	60.3	10.9	31.3	64.4	52.8	63.4	67.1	70.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.9	36.7	54.9	45.8	55.5	60.5	63.9	78.3	67.9	71.8	65.8	70.2	72.9	75.3
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126
<i>Government employee pensions</i>														
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
0	91.4	84.7	82.5	83.5	82.1	81.6	81.8	94.5	89.3	87.6	88.3	87.3	87.3	87.6
1–19	3.0	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.4	3.6	4.0	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.5	2.3	1.9
20–39	2.6	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.1	1.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	3.3	2.9	2.6
40–59	1.6	3.5	4.3	3.3	4.9	5.7	4.0	1.3	2.3	3.3	2.7	3.7	3.4	3.5
60–79	0.6	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.6
80 or more	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.7	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.8
50 or more	1.9	4.3	6.1	5.4	5.8	6.4	7.4	2.9	5.9	6.2	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.3
90 or more	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	2.1	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.3	0.9
100	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Mean proportion	3.0	5.9	7.1	6.4	7.0	7.7	7.9	3.1	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	34.5	38.5	40.5	38.7	39.2	42.2	43.5	55.8	56.5	50.4	52.7	50.0	49.1	50.0
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

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	80 or older			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>														
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
0	91.0	78.5	64.3	66.9	64.1	64.8	59.3	92.8	87.9	75.6	78.6	76.0	72.7	75.1
1–19	4.1	8.3	15.5	14.4	16.5	15.5	16.3	2.0	4.2	9.8	8.5	9.2	11.1	10.3
20–39	2.0	6.7	12.1	10.6	11.1	11.9	16.4	1.6	2.6	7.8	6.4	8.0	9.3	7.9
40–59	1.1	3.5	5.7	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.6	0.9	2.8	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.7	4.2
60–79	0.7	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.4	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.4
80 or more	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.0	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.1
50 or more	2.2	4.6	4.7	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.0
90 or more	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.8	1.3	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6
100	0.4	0.3	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3
Mean proportion	3.0	6.6	9.5	8.9	9.3	9.3	11.1	3.6	4.8	7.3	6.4	7.6	7.9	7.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	33.2	30.9	26.7	27.0	26.0	26.4	27.3	50.1	39.5	30.0	30.1	31.6	29.1	29.7
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126
<i>Income from assets</i>														
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
0	34.3	32.0	33.8	32.7	34.2	34.5	34.8	56.3	54.7	51.8	52.1	55.0	51.3	50.3
1–19	59.8	59.9	51.7	55.4	51.6	48.4	47.9	37.4	37.2	35.2	36.9	33.5	35.4	35.0
20–39	3.4	4.3	7.8	6.2	7.6	8.5	10.4	1.8	3.1	6.7	5.1	6.5	6.5	7.8
40–59	1.3	1.9	3.7	3.0	4.1	4.4	3.6	1.7	1.5	3.6	3.4	2.7	3.9	3.9
60–79	0.4	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.5	0.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8
80 or more	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	2.1	0.7	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1
50 or more	1.6	2.8	4.4	3.8	4.2	6.0	4.4	3.5	3.9	4.3	3.8	3.5	4.4	5.0
90 or more	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.5	0.3	2.1	1.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.8
100	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.1	0.3	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7
Mean proportion	4.3	5.5	8.6	7.5	8.3	10.3	9.5	4.9	5.7	7.4	6.8	6.5	7.6	8.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	6.5	8.1	13.0	11.2	12.7	15.7	14.5	11.2	12.6	15.3	14.1	14.5	15.5	16.2
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126

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**Table 8.A2**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

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	80 or older			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<b>Cash public assistance</b>														
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
0	97.0	97.0	97.6	98.0	96.5	98.1	97.7	91.7	92.5	94.8	94.5	93.3	95.0	95.5
1–19	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1	2.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.4
20–39	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	0	0.3	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.0
40–59	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
60–79	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0	0.3	0.2
80 or more	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	5.3	3.2	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.0	1.6
50 or more	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.2	6.1	4.1	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.5	1.8
90 or more	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	5.1	3.1	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.6
100	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.8	4.8	2.9	1.9	1.9	2.4	1.8	1.5
Mean proportion	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.4	6.2	4.4	2.8	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.5	40.7	44.4	34.2	40.6	56.9	58.0	74.7	58.4	54.0	56.1	52.8	57.6	51.3
Number (thousands)	9,732	3,120	11,593	4,302	2,845	2,179	2,267	7,720	2,483	16,373	3,774	3,157	3,317	6,126

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, and age, 2008**

Proportion of income	Beneficiary units									Nonbeneficiary units								
	All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons			All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons		
	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older	55-61	62-64	65 or older
<b>Earnings</b>																		
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	100.0	100.0
0	59.9	55.3	76.8	34.7	36.8	62.5	87.1	76.6	86.9	10.1	12.0	42.1	4.6	5.9	23.8	17.2	20.1	55.1
1-19	3.3	7.0	5.2	4.5	7.2	8.0	2.0	6.8	3.3	1.5	2.6	1.0	1.1	2.3	1.0	2.0	3.0	0.9
20-39	6.7	6.8	5.0	9.9	9.8	8.2	3.2	3.3	2.7	1.7	3.4	1.7	1.7	3.8	2.3	1.6	2.8	1.3
40-59	9.0	9.2	5.4	14.9	13.1	8.5	2.8	4.7	3.1	4.1	4.4	2.3	4.5	6.3	3.1	3.5	1.9	1.7
60-79	12.0	12.3	5.4	21.3	18.4	8.8	1.9	5.3	3.0	7.3	9.3	5.9	9.1	12.4	10.6	5.0	5.1	2.7
80 or more	9.1	9.4	2.2	14.7	14.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	0.9	75.4	68.4	47.0	79.0	69.4	59.3	70.8	67.1	38.4
50 or more	25.7	25.4	10.3	43.6	38.2	17.4	6.4	10.8	5.3	85.1	80.1	53.9	91.0	85.2	70.8	77.5	73.1	41.9
90 or more	3.0	3.2	0.6	5.2	5.0	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.3	68.2	61.5	42.7	70.6	61.0	52.1	65.1	62.3	36.0
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.7	24.1	23.1	22.4	18.7	24.1	34.6	31.3	22.4
Mean proportion	23.3	24.2	10.3	38.9	36.1	17.0	6.5	10.6	5.5	81.5	76.8	51.7	86.2	80.6	67.1	75.4	71.7	40.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	58.0	54.2	44.4	59.5	57.1	45.4	50.3	45.3	42.4	90.6	87.3	89.3	90.4	85.7	88.0	91.0	89.8	90.9
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705
<b>Retirement benefits</b>																		
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	100.0	100.0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86.2	79.4	71.5	84.5	75.7	74.2	88.3	84.4	69.6
1-19	13.9	14.7	4.7	22.2	23.0	7.7	5.0	5.2	2.6	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.9	6.1	7.9	2.5	2.7	2.2
20-39	14.9	14.5	8.8	24.0	20.0	12.6	5.1	8.1	6.2	3.1	5.6	2.9	3.9	7.9	3.9	2.0	2.4	2.2
40-59	13.2	12.6	9.8	17.8	13.7	12.4	8.3	11.3	7.9	2.2	3.1	2.5	2.5	4.5	2.8	1.8	1.3	2.3
60-79	8.7	10.1	12.2	9.7	10.8	14.4	7.7	9.3	10.7	1.0	2.0	2.5	1.1	2.3	2.1	0.9	1.7	2.8
80 or more	49.2	48.1	64.5	26.2	32.5	52.9	73.9	66.0	72.7	3.1	5.2	16.0	2.1	3.5	9.2	4.5	7.6	20.9
50 or more	64.6	65.0	81.5	44.5	50.9	73.4	86.1	81.2	87.3	5.1	8.4	20.5	4.1	7.2	13.2	6.4	10.0	25.7
90 or more	45.7	42.9	56.6	23.7	27.7	44.8	69.2	60.3	65.0	2.4	3.8	14.1	1.4	2.4	8.1	3.7	5.8	18.3
100	34.1	25.0	32.0	14.8	12.7	20.0	54.8	39.0	40.5	1.3	2.3	6.8	0.7	1.1	2.9	2.1	4.0	9.7
Mean proportion	67.1	66.1	79.5	50.7	54.2	72.1	84.6	79.9	84.7	6.1	9.8	20.0	5.6	9.8	13.7	6.8	9.9	24.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	67.1	66.1	79.5	50.7	54.2	72.1	84.6	79.9	84.7	44.3	47.7	70.2	36.3	40.2	53.3	57.8	63.6	80.4
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705

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Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Beneficiary units									Nonbeneficiary units								
	All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons			All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons		
	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older
<i>Government employee pensions</i>																		
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	100.0	100.0
0	90.9	84.6	85.4	88.1	81.1	81.9	93.8	88.6	88.0	93.1	88.4	86.1	91.8	87.3	87.8	94.6	89.9	84.8
1–19	2.1	3.4	3.1	2.9	5.3	4.6	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.5	3.0	3.1	3.1	0.8	1.4	0.3
20–39	3.4	4.3	3.8	4.8	5.2	5.1	1.8	3.2	2.8	1.8	3.2	1.9	2.3	4.6	1.7	1.0	1.5	2.0
40–59	2.4	4.3	4.0	2.5	4.8	4.5	2.2	3.7	3.6	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.5	2.3	1.1	1.0	1.3
60–79	0.9	2.3	2.6	1.4	2.5	2.9	0.3	1.9	2.3	0.5	1.1	1.5	0.5	0.9	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.8
80 or more	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	3.0	7.3	0.8	1.7	3.8	1.9	4.8	9.8
50 or more	2.1	5.2	5.7	2.2	5.5	6.0	1.9	4.9	5.4	2.4	4.9	10.1	1.9	3.4	6.5	3.0	6.8	12.7
90 or more	0	0.4	0.3	0	0.3	0.2	0	0.4	0.3	0.9	2.1	6.5	0.5	1.0	3.1	1.4	3.5	8.9
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	1.2	2.8	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.8	2.3	4.0
Mean proportion	3.3	6.4	6.2	4.1	7.2	7.2	2.5	5.5	5.5	3.0	5.6	9.9	2.8	5.0	6.6	3.1	6.5	12.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	36.3	41.4	42.6	34.2	38.1	39.4	40.5	47.9	46.0	42.7	48.6	70.8	34.5	39.0	54.3	58.6	64.9	80.2
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>																		
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	100.0	100.0
0	83.7	71.8	69.0	80.0	64.6	61.7	87.7	80.2	74.2	93.0	91.1	87.4	92.5	88.7	87.1	93.7	94.4	87.7
1–19	7.5	11.5	13.1	11.5	15.0	16.6	3.3	7.5	10.7	2.5	2.5	3.8	3.1	3.4	5.6	1.7	1.3	2.5
20–39	4.9	7.9	10.5	4.7	10.8	13.2	5.3	4.5	8.6	1.3	2.5	1.8	1.6	3.8	2.4	1.0	0.9	1.3
40–59	2.4	5.8	5.4	2.4	6.0	6.3	2.4	5.7	4.8	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4
60–79	0.9	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.9	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.2	1.0
80 or more	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.8	1.9	5.5	1.2	1.2	3.3	2.5	2.8	7.1
50 or more	2.1	5.8	4.1	2.2	6.9	4.7	2.0	4.5	3.6	2.7	3.0	6.8	2.2	2.9	4.4	3.3	3.2	8.4
90 or more	0.1	0.2	0	0	0.2	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.4	1.5	4.7	0.9	1.0	2.8	2.1	2.2	6.0
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	1.0	2.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.6	3.9
Mean proportion	4.3	8.4	8.4	4.7	10.1	10.0	3.9	6.5	7.2	3.1	3.8	7.1	2.8	4.1	5.2	3.5	3.4	8.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.4	29.8	27.0	23.4	28.4	26.1	31.6	32.7	27.9	44.3	42.9	56.6	36.8	36.6	40.7	55.9	60.1	68.3
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Aged Units

**Table 8.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Beneficiary units									Nonbeneficiary units									
	All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons			All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons			
	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	
<i>Income from assets</i>																			
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	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	64.8	47.6	43.7	52.3	35.4	32.9	78.3	61.7	51.3	41.0	37.7	50.4	31.8	29.5	41.8	52.7	48.6	56.5	
1–19	32.1	43.9	42.8	44.0	56.0	52.5	19.5	30.0	35.8	52.5	54.5	35.9	61.9	62.7	44.4	40.3	43.4	29.9	
20–39	1.5	4.0	7.4	2.6	3.8	8.0	0.3	4.1	7.0	2.9	3.6	4.6	3.5	4.7	5.7	2.1	2.3	3.8	
40–59	0.7	2.3	3.7	0.6	2.1	3.8	0.8	2.6	3.7	1.6	1.3	2.4	1.4	1.8	2.3	1.8	0.7	2.6	
60–79	0.6	1.8	1.9	0.3	2.1	2.2	0.9	1.4	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.3	1.2	
80 or more	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.6	2.3	5.9	0.9	1.2	5.7	2.5	3.8	6.0	
50 or more	1.0	3.3	4.0	0.7	3.8	4.2	1.4	2.6	3.9	2.6	3.3	7.3	1.7	2.1	6.6	3.8	5.0	7.8	
90 or more	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.5	2.0	5.6	0.9	1.2	5.3	2.4	3.1	5.8	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	1.9	5.4	0.8	1.1	5.2	2.0	3.1	5.5	
Mean proportion	2.2	5.2	7.6	2.7	5.8	8.5	1.8	4.5	7.0	4.9	5.9	10.2	4.5	5.3	10.1	5.4	6.7	10.2	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	6.3	9.9	13.5	5.6	8.9	12.6	8.1	11.8	14.4	8.3	9.5	20.5	6.6	7.5	17.3	11.5	13.1	23.5	
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705	

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**Table 8.A3**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, Social Security beneficiary status, marital status, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	Beneficiary units									Nonbeneficiary units								
	All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons			All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons		
	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older	55–61	62–64	65 or older
<i>Cash public assistance</i>																		
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	100.0	100.0
0	91.7	95.1	97.3	94.4	97.3	98.4	88.8	92.5	96.5	95.1	95.0	84.0	97.4	96.9	90.4	92.2	92.5	79.5
1–19	3.8	2.5	1.2	2.7	1.4	0.9	5.0	3.9	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.1	0.5	0.9	0.1
20–39	2.5	1.1	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.4	3.3	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5
40–59	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.6	0	0.2	2.3	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
60–79	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0	0.3	0.3	0.8
80 or more	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0	0	3.1	3.0	14.0	0.7	0.9	6.9	6.1	6.0	19.0
50 or more	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.1	1.7	1.3	0.3	3.5	3.4	14.5	0.9	1.0	6.9	6.8	6.5	19.9
90 or more	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	3.0	3.0	13.9	0.7	0.9	6.8	5.9	5.8	18.9
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.8	2.7	13.0	0.6	0.8	6.2	5.6	5.4	17.8
Mean proportion	2.2	1.4	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.3	3.0	2.0	0.9	3.6	3.6	14.6	1.2	1.5	7.3	6.7	6.4	19.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.0	27.7	24.2	24.6	29.9	22.0	26.8	26.8	24.9	73.9	71.8	91.2	46.3	47.5	75.7	85.9	85.5	96.3
Number (thousands)	2,225	2,460	25,053	1,152	1,315	10,385	1,073	1,145	14,667	15,227	3,143	2,913	8,580	1,805	1,208	6,647	1,338	1,705

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2008**

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
<b>Earnings</b>												
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
0	73.0	58.8	83.7	75.8	56.2	82.6	71.1	53.8	87.5	73.6	58.9	83.0
1–19	5.1	7.4	3.3	3.3	6.7	2.1	3.2	4.3	2.2	2.6	3.7	1.8
20–39	4.9	7.8	2.7	2.8	5.9	1.7	2.4	4.0	0.9	3.6	5.3	2.5
40–59	5.1	7.9	2.9	5.0	9.8	3.3	3.4	5.3	1.6	4.3	7.8	2.0
60–79	5.5	8.8	3.0	4.6	9.7	2.9	7.1	11.9	2.5	5.0	8.5	2.7
80 or more	6.5	9.2	4.4	8.6	11.7	7.5	12.8	20.7	5.3	11.0	15.8	8.0
50 or more	14.5	22.2	8.7	15.9	27.9	11.7	21.6	35.1	8.8	18.3	29.0	11.6
90 or more	4.6	5.9	3.6	6.9	8.2	6.4	9.3	13.5	5.2	8.9	11.4	7.3
100	2.1	2.1	2.0	4.6	5.1	4.4	4.8	7.3	2.5	6.2	7.5	5.3
Mean proportion	14.4	21.7	8.9	15.1	25.2	11.6	19.6	31.7	8.2	17.5	26.8	11.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	53.1	52.6	54.2	62.5	57.6	66.7	67.9	68.5	65.6	66.3	65.2	68.0
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173
<b>Retirement benefits</b>												
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
0	6.6	7.1	6.1	10.1	8.3	10.8	22.6	21.8	23.4	15.6	14.6	16.3
1–19	4.9	7.8	2.7	3.0	6.2	1.9	4.6	8.3	1.1	3.5	6.8	1.4
20–39	8.4	11.7	5.9	6.2	11.9	4.2	8.8	13.3	4.5	7.1	10.5	5.0
40–59	9.3	11.6	7.6	6.9	10.4	5.7	5.3	7.5	3.2	6.6	8.5	5.4
60–79	11.8	13.5	10.5	7.4	10.2	6.4	7.9	8.7	7.2	7.2	8.3	6.4
80 or more	59.0	48.3	67.1	66.3	53.0	70.9	50.8	40.4	60.6	60.0	51.3	65.5
50 or more	75.5	67.7	81.4	76.6	66.5	80.2	61.8	53.3	69.8	70.0	63.9	73.9
90 or more	51.5	40.7	59.6	60.8	46.1	65.9	46.8	36.6	56.4	55.6	47.5	60.7
100	27.4	17.1	35.2	46.8	31.5	52.1	28.7	20.0	36.9	44.1	33.4	51.0
Mean proportion	73.4	66.3	78.8	76.1	67.9	78.9	61.0	54.4	67.4	70.0	64.4	73.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	78.6	71.4	83.9	84.7	74.1	88.5	78.9	69.5	87.9	82.9	75.4	87.8
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173

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Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Social Security</i>												
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
0	9.3	9.7	9.0	15.0	12.6	15.8	24.9	24.2	25.6	17.9	17.3	18.3
1–19	9.6	14.0	6.3	6.1	12.2	4.0	6.9	10.6	3.4	4.9	9.6	1.9
20–39	15.5	20.5	11.7	10.8	18.6	8.2	12.9	20.4	5.9	10.5	15.8	7.2
40–59	15.7	17.5	14.4	13.0	16.5	11.8	8.8	10.2	7.6	10.1	12.5	8.6
60–79	14.1	14.5	13.8	10.1	10.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.8	8.5	8.7	8.3
80 or more	35.7	23.7	44.7	45.0	29.4	50.5	36.5	24.6	47.8	48.1	36.1	55.7
50 or more	57.1	46.3	65.2	60.3	47.1	65.0	50.9	40.1	61.1	60.8	50.7	67.2
90 or more	29.5	18.6	37.7	40.2	24.6	45.6	33.1	21.6	44.0	43.3	31.2	51.0
100	18.2	9.6	24.7	33.6	19.9	38.4	22.0	12.9	30.6	36.3	24.0	44.2
Mean proportion	57.9	49.2	64.5	61.6	51.1	65.2	51.7	43.5	59.5	61.9	53.4	67.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	63.9	54.5	70.9	72.4	58.4	77.5	68.9	57.3	80.0	75.4	64.6	82.3
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173
<i>Government employee pensions</i>												
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
0	85.1	82.1	87.3	87.6	83.9	88.8	90.3	89.8	90.8	92.6	87.9	95.6
1–19	3.2	4.7	2.1	1.2	2.4	0.8	1.5	2.0	1.1	1.2	2.6	0.3
20–39	3.8	4.8	3.0	2.5	4.7	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.0	2.6	4.1	1.6
40–59	3.7	4.3	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.3	3.3	1.6
60–79	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.6	3.3	2.3	1.8	1.5	2.0	0.6	1.2	0.2
80 or more	1.7	1.3	2.0	2.4	1.4	2.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.7
50 or more	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.1	6.8	7.2	4.2	4.0	4.4	2.4	3.3	1.9
90 or more	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.9	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3
100	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.5	1.3	0.3	0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Mean proportion	6.6	7.2	6.2	6.9	7.3	6.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	3.1	4.8	2.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	44.4	40.1	49.0	55.4	45.8	60.1	47.0	44.1	50.0	42.4	39.4	47.5
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A4**

**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>												
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
0	69.6	63.6	74.1	78.8	69.0	82.2	82.5	75.2	89.4	85.4	79.4	89.2
1–19	13.0	15.9	10.8	6.5	11.8	4.7	8.3	12.7	4.2	5.6	8.0	4.0
20–39	10.0	12.4	8.2	7.7	10.2	6.8	4.8	6.3	3.4	4.5	7.2	2.8
40–59	5.1	5.8	4.5	4.4	6.4	3.6	3.0	4.0	2.0	2.7	3.6	2.1
60–79	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.1	0.8	1.1	0.6
80 or more	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.3
50 or more	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.5	4.6	3.1	4.2	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.5
90 or more	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8
100	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
Mean proportion	8.5	9.6	7.6	7.3	9.3	6.6	4.7	6.3	3.2	4.7	6.0	3.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	27.8	26.5	29.3	34.5	30.1	37.2	27.0	25.3	30.5	32.3	29.3	35.8
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173
<i>Income from assets</i>												
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
0	40.6	31.1	47.7	72.7	61.2	76.7	55.8	49.3	62.0	73.7	65.2	79.1
1–19	44.5	53.4	37.8	23.4	33.5	19.9	35.2	41.9	28.9	21.1	30.0	15.4
20–39	7.8	8.3	7.5	2.0	2.8	1.7	4.3	4.8	3.9	2.1	2.0	2.1
40–59	4.0	3.9	4.1	0.9	1.5	0.7	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.0	0.8	1.1
60–79	1.9	2.1	1.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.2	0.5	1.6
80 or more	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.8	0	1.5	1.0	1.6	0.7
50 or more	4.8	4.8	4.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.4
90 or more	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7	0	1.4	0.9	1.3	0.7
100	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	0	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.5
Mean proportion	8.6	9.2	8.2	2.5	3.5	2.2	5.7	5.3	6.0	3.6	3.8	3.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	14.5	13.3	15.6	9.1	8.9	9.3	12.8	10.5	15.7	13.7	10.8	16.6
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173

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**Table 8.A4**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, race, Hispanic origin, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<b>Cash public assistance</b>												
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
0	96.9	98.0	96.0	91.2	97.0	89.2	85.8	89.4	82.3	88.3	92.5	85.7
1–19	1.0	0.9	1.1	2.7	1.8	3.0	1.2	1.8	0.7	2.6	3.1	2.4
20–39	0.7	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.5	2.6	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.9	1.8	3.6
40–59	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.3	1.1
60–79	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
80 or more	1.0	0.6	1.4	2.7	0.2	3.5	10.4	5.8	14.7	4.5	1.5	6.5
50 or more	1.2	0.6	1.7	3.2	0.2	4.3	11.1	6.7	15.3	5.7	2.2	7.8
90 or more	1.0	0.5	1.3	2.6	0.2	3.4	10.4	5.8	14.7	4.4	1.5	6.3
100	0.9	0.5	1.3	2.4	0.2	3.1	9.1	4.3	13.6	4.1	1.4	5.9
Mean proportion	1.5	0.8	2.0	4.2	0.8	5.4	11.6	7.3	15.7	6.4	2.9	8.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	48.1	41.1	50.7	47.9	25.9	50.1	81.6	68.6	89.0	55.2	38.4	60.8
Number (thousands)	24,079	10,357	13,723	2,631	679	1,952	847	412	436	1,916	744	1,173

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A5**

**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and quintile of total money income, 2008**

Proportion of income	All units					Married couples					Nonmarried persons					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	
<b>Earnings</b>																
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
0	96.1	91.1	80.8	63.3	37.6	86.6	78.1	58.7	42.3	28.1	96.5	96.1	89.4	79.4	59.0	
1-19	1.0	3.0	4.3	6.3	9.1	2.8	5.5	8.6	9.3	9.7	1.0	1.5	3.6	3.7	5.3	
20-39	0.2	2.1	4.0	8.3	7.9	3.0	5.4	11.7	10.3	7.1	0.1	0.7	2.5	4.2	4.5	
40-59	0.3	1.4	4.3	7.4	11.2	1.9	5.1	8.1	11.7	12.6	0.2	0.3	1.7	4.7	7.5	
60-79	0.2	0.7	2.3	7.9	15.6	1.5	2.5	7.8	14.4	18.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	3.4	10.0	
80 or more	2.2	1.8	4.3	6.8	18.7	4.2	3.3	5.1	11.9	24.1	1.8	1.2	2.3	4.6	13.6	
50 or more	2.6	2.9	8.6	18.5	40.0	6.4	8.2	16.8	33.3	49.2	2.3	1.4	3.4	10.4	26.8	
90 or more	2.1	1.7	4.1	5.6	11.0	3.8	2.9	3.9	8.1	13.0	1.7	1.2	2.3	4.5	9.8	
100	1.7	1.3	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.8	1.6	1.0	2.0	2.7	4.3	
Mean proportion	2.7	3.8	9.6	18.7	36.9	7.2	9.5	18.5	31.1	44.1	2.3	1.9	4.5	10.9	25.3	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	68.9	42.2	49.8	50.9	59.1	53.5	43.4	44.7	54.0	61.3	65.9	47.8	42.5	52.8	61.6	
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390	
<b>Retirement benefits</b>																
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
0	12.9	3.4	4.6	6.1	11.0	10.7	3.4	4.6	8.1	12.1	15.0	3.9	3.2	4.9	10.7	
1-19	0.3	0.4	0.7	2.5	18.9	0.5	0.6	1.9	7.5	27.7	0.4	0	0.4	1.1	10.2	
20-39	0.9	1.3	4.0	11.6	22.4	2.1	3.4	9.4	19.9	23.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	5.9	19.0	
40-59	2.1	3.8	10.3	13.3	14.5	3.6	8.4	13.5	16.0	15.1	2.4	2.0	4.5	14.0	12.7	
60-79	5.0	8.1	13.2	16.9	11.9	7.8	12.7	19.1	17.4	8.1	5.0	5.5	10.2	14.4	13.4	
80 or more	78.8	82.9	67.3	49.5	21.3	75.2	71.7	51.4	31.1	13.8	76.3	87.5	80.5	59.8	34.0	
50 or more	85.0	93.6	86.1	73.0	39.4	85.8	89.4	78.0	55.1	28.5	82.4	94.3	93.5	81.5	52.7	
90 or more	73.6	76.4	58.5	40.6	14.7	70.9	62.9	41.9	22.3	8.7	70.3	82.4	72.4	50.1	27.4	
100	57.4	48.0	27.8	14.0	3.4	45.4	27.1	13.0	5.9	1.0	55.7	59.6	41.9	23.0	9.7	
Mean proportion	82.6	89.6	81.1	69.8	44.4	82.1	83.9	72.5	56.6	35.9	80.1	91.7	88.6	76.9	55.1	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	94.9	92.7	85.0	74.4	49.9	92.0	86.8	76.0	61.6	40.9	94.2	95.4	91.6	80.8	61.6	
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390	

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Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A5**  
**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and quintile of total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	All units					Married couples					Nonmarried persons				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Social Security</i>															
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
0	15.5	5.2	7.1	9.4	15.7	12.8	4.7	6.9	10.8	17.0	18.3	5.2	5.5	8.2	16.4
1–19	0.6	0.9	2.3	7.0	33.9	0.8	1.4	4.3	15.7	46.0	0.9	0.4	1.1	4.0	22.4
20–39	1.2	2.6	7.5	25.4	36.5	2.5	6.2	18.1	41.8	32.1	1.3	1.5	3.0	10.8	37.4
40–59	2.5	6.4	23.3	31.9	10.5	4.7	14.4	37.5	25.4	3.2	2.5	3.0	8.2	35.7	17.9
60–79	6.1	16.1	24.3	18.6	1.7	10.5	28.7	26.8	3.8	0.7	5.5	8.7	22.2	25.0	2.8
80 or more	74.1	68.9	35.6	7.7	1.7	68.7	44.7	6.4	2.4	1.0	71.6	81.2	60.0	16.3	3.1
50 or more	81.6	88.9	72.8	39.5	6.3	82.4	81.9	52.9	13.6	2.4	78.3	91.7	87.3	59.9	10.1
90 or more	68.2	58.5	26.1	4.4	0.9	62.2	30.3	3.5	1.5	0.7	65.6	73.7	47.7	9.7	2.4
100	53.0	35.8	12.9	1.6	0.3	38.0	13.4	1.2	0.5	0.2	51.7	52.4	26.7	5.4	1.4
Mean proportion	78.9	82.4	65.0	44.4	22.2	77.8	71.7	49.3	31.8	16.8	75.9	87.9	78.7	54.1	27.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	93.4	86.9	69.9	49.0	26.3	89.2	75.2	53.0	35.7	20.3	92.9	92.7	83.2	59.0	32.5
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390
<i>Government employee pensions</i>															
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
0	97.8	94.1	87.5	76.6	73.0	96.7	90.2	79.6	74.4	72.4	97.9	96.9	92.1	82.4	70.7
1–19	0.9	1.5	2.3	2.9	6.9	1.3	2.5	3.7	5.0	9.4	0.6	1.2	1.7	2.4	3.3
20–39	0.2	1.7	3.2	5.6	6.8	0.8	2.9	6.4	6.7	6.8	0	0.8	2.5	3.9	6.2
40–59	0.2	1.2	3.8	7.1	6.0	0.5	2.4	5.8	7.4	5.2	0.3	0.4	1.7	6.1	7.6
60–79	0.3	0.8	1.4	4.7	4.9	0.3	1.3	2.9	4.1	4.9	0.4	0.2	1.2	2.0	7.3
80 or more	0.6	0.6	1.8	3.2	2.6	0.5	0.8	1.6	2.5	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.8	3.2	5.0
50 or more	1.0	1.9	5.2	11.9	10.0	1.0	3.2	7.5	10.1	8.2	1.3	0.9	2.7	8.6	16.6
90 or more	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	1.9	2.6
100	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Mean proportion	1.1	2.4	5.8	11.7	11.3	1.3	3.9	8.6	11.4	10.0	1.3	1.2	3.3	8.9	15.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	48.9	40.8	46.5	49.9	41.9	37.6	40.0	42.1	44.3	36.3	62.1	37.7	42.0	50.8	53.1
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390

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## Relative Importance of Income Sources for Units 65 or Older

**Table 8.A5**

**Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and quintile of total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of income	All units					Married couples					Nonmarried persons					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>																
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
0	94.7	80.5	64.0	57.3	61.3	87.2	65.4	51.5	54.4	64.6	95.4	90.2	74.2	57.0	64.9	
1–19	2.2	11.4	14.9	13.1	17.9	8.0	17.3	15.0	18.3	18.4	1.3	6.3	14.1	14.0	11.9	
20–39	1.0	5.6	13.8	16.4	10.1	2.9	13.8	21.2	13.3	8.8	0.8	2.1	8.5	17.2	9.1	
40–59	0.3	1.3	5.5	10.3	6.5	0.8	2.2	10.2	10.8	4.3	0.1	0.6	1.6	9.7	8.8	
60–79	0.3	0.5	1.0	2.1	3.5	0.3	0.8	1.6	2.5	3.6	0.4	0.2	0.8	1.1	3.8	
80 or more	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	1.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.4	
50 or more	1.9	1.6	3.2	7.4	7.3	1.6	1.7	5.7	8.2	5.9	2.4	1.2	1.9	4.8	10.0	
90 or more	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	
100	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	0	0	0	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0	
Mean proportion	2.2	4.3	9.7	13.4	10.8	2.9	7.8	14.2	13.3	9.0	2.6	2.2	5.9	12.9	12.1	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.6	22.3	26.8	31.4	27.8	23.0	22.5	29.3	29.1	25.3	56.0	22.4	23.1	30.1	34.4	
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390	
<i>Income from assets</i>																
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
0	76.3	59.0	43.1	30.5	17.1	62.8	42.0	30.5	24.3	11.2	79.5	70.3	51.7	37.9	24.9	
1–19	18.5	35.1	44.7	54.1	54.8	31.0	51.0	58.7	58.6	57.8	15.4	26.7	40.0	44.6	45.7	
20–39	1.5	4.3	8.2	10.1	10.8	2.3	5.8	8.1	11.2	11.3	1.6	2.0	6.2	10.6	11.9	
40–59	0.6	1.2	3.2	3.6	9.1	0.8	0.9	2.2	3.5	10.8	0.4	0.6	1.8	5.3	9.1	
60–79	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.3	6.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	2.3	6.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.3	5.9	
80 or more	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	2.1	2.7	0	0.1	0.1	2.4	2.8	0.1	0.2	0.3	2.4	
50 or more	3.3	0.9	1.8	3.4	12.3	3.1	0.5	0.9	3.9	13.8	3.2	0.9	1.0	3.1	13.1	
90 or more	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	2.7	0	0.1	0	0.6	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	
100	2.7	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	2.7	0	0.1	0	0	2.7	0.1	0.1	0	0.4	
Mean proportion	4.3	3.3	6.5	8.4	16.5	5.0	4.1	6.3	9.5	18.0	4.2	2.0	4.4	9.0	16.6	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	18.2	8.0	11.4	12.1	19.9	13.4	7.1	9.1	12.5	20.3	20.5	6.8	9.2	14.4	22.1	
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390	

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Table 8.A5

Percentage distribution of units, by source of income, marital status, and quintile of total money income, 2008—*Continued*

Proportion of income	All units					Married couples					Nonmarried persons					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	
<b>Cash public assistance</b>																
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
0	85.4	96.0	98.3	99.3	99.2	91.9	98.6	99.0	98.8	99.3	80.9	93.7	97.8	99.0	99.6	
1–19	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.7	2.2	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.7	4.9	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	
20–39	2.8	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	3.3	2.2	0.7	0.3	0	
40–59	0.8	0.6	0.3	0	0	0.7	0.3	0.1	0	0	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.2	0	
60–79	0.6	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0	0	
80 or more	7.2	0.8	0.2	0	0	3.8	0.1	0	0	0	9.3	2.0	0	0.1	0	
50 or more	8.1	1.1	0.3	0	0	4.1	0.2	0	0	0	10.2	2.6	0.3	0.2	0	
90 or more	7.0	0.8	0.2	0	0	3.7	0.1	0	0	0	9.1	1.9	0	0.1	0	
100	6.6	0.7	0.2	0	0	3.3	0.1	0	0	0	8.8	1.7	0	0.1	0	
Mean proportion	9.0	1.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	4.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0	11.6	3.2	0.7	0.3	0	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	61.9	42.0	32.6	14.9	9.5	58.4	32.2	18.3	14.7	2.7	60.8	50.9	33.6	30.2	5.1	
Number (thousands)	4,973	5,764	5,764	5,727	5,738	2,202	2,360	2,337	2,356	2,338	2,759	3,408	3,407	3,409	3,390	

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

Quintile limits are \$12,082, \$19,877, \$31,303, and \$55,889 for all units; \$23,637, \$35,794, \$53,180, and \$86,988 for married couples; and \$9,929, \$14,265, \$20,187, and \$32,937 for nonmarried persons.

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Aged Persons

**Table 8.B1**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and age, 2008**

Proportion of family income	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
<b>Earnings</b>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	13.0	26.8	61.5	11.9	22.9	57.0	14.1	30.3	64.9
1-19	2.5	5.3	6.1	2.1	4.3	6.7	2.9	6.1	5.6
20-39	3.8	6.5	6.5	3.0	6.4	7.4	4.5	6.6	5.9
40-59	6.8	8.6	7.2	6.1	8.5	8.4	7.4	8.7	6.4
60-79	11.2	14.0	8.5	10.4	13.9	9.5	11.9	14.1	7.8
80 or more	62.7	38.8	10.1	66.5	44.0	11.0	59.2	34.2	9.5
50 or more	77.8	57.1	22.4	80.5	61.9	24.8	75.3	52.8	20.6
90 or more	53.6	30.6	6.3	57.6	35.0	6.7	49.9	26.7	5.9
100	18.3	10.2	2.5	19.8	10.9	2.7	16.9	9.6	2.3
Mean proportion	73.4	53.7	21.5	75.9	58.5	23.8	70.9	49.5	19.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	84.3	73.4	55.8	86.2	75.9	55.4	82.5	70.9	56.1
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110
<b>Retirement benefits</b>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	66.5	37.3	7.7	71.0	42.9	8.1	62.3	32.2	7.4
1-19	9.1	12.9	7.9	8.5	13.3	8.7	9.7	12.6	7.3
20-39	7.7	12.4	11.4	6.5	11.5	12.7	8.8	13.2	10.5
40-59	5.6	9.2	10.7	4.8	8.8	11.6	6.3	9.6	10.0
60-79	3.1	6.9	12.2	2.4	5.9	12.3	3.7	7.7	12.1
80 or more	8.1	21.3	50.0	6.9	17.6	46.6	9.2	24.6	52.6
50 or more	13.7	32.7	67.5	11.4	27.8	64.6	15.8	37.0	69.7
90 or more	6.7	17.7	42.8	5.7	15.0	39.4	7.6	20.2	45.3
100	3.9	9.3	21.3	3.7	8.1	18.9	4.2	10.4	23.2
Mean proportion	15.9	34.9	66.7	13.4	30.2	64.3	18.2	39.1	68.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	47.4	55.6	72.3	46.4	52.9	70.0	48.2	57.7	74.0
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Aged Persons

**Table 8.B1**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	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
<i>Social Security</i>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	79.1	47.7	10.4	83.7	56.2	11.0	74.9	40.2	10.0
1–19	6.7	15.9	13.5	5.4	15.4	15.2	8.0	16.3	12.3
20–39	5.7	13.6	18.3	4.0	11.3	20.2	7.3	15.8	16.8
40–59	3.0	7.4	16.0	2.2	5.4	16.3	3.7	9.3	15.7
60–79	1.6	4.8	13.4	1.4	3.5	13.1	1.8	6.1	13.5
80 or more	3.9	10.5	28.5	3.4	8.2	24.2	4.4	12.5	31.8
50 or more	6.9	18.6	49.1	5.9	14.1	44.8	7.9	22.7	52.4
90 or more	3.3	8.8	23.0	2.8	7.1	19.1	3.7	10.2	26.0
100	2.3	5.7	13.8	2.2	4.9	11.1	2.4	6.4	15.8
Mean proportion	8.8	22.7	51.7	7.1	17.9	48.2	10.3	27.1	54.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	42.0	43.5	57.7	43.4	40.8	54.2	41.1	45.3	60.3
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110
<i>Government employee pensions</i>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	91.0	85.4	84.3	91.6	85.4	83.9	90.4	85.4	84.6
1–19	3.0	4.1	3.9	2.8	4.1	4.1	3.1	4.0	3.9
20–39	2.6	4.4	4.1	2.5	4.3	4.1	2.7	4.5	4.1
40–59	1.8	2.8	3.9	1.6	3.2	3.9	2.1	2.4	3.9
60–79	0.8	1.7	2.3	0.6	1.5	2.5	0.9	1.9	2.2
80 or more	0.8	1.6	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.8	1.7	1.3
50 or more	2.3	4.6	5.5	2.1	4.2	5.8	2.6	4.9	5.2
90 or more	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6
100	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
Mean proportion	3.3	5.8	6.5	3.1	5.6	6.8	3.5	5.9	6.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	36.5	39.5	41.3	36.3	38.6	41.9	36.6	40.2	40.9
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Aged Persons

**Table 8.B1**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	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
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	88.4	79.0	68.8	90.2	79.9	66.1	86.6	78.3	70.8
1–19	5.5	9.1	14.3	4.7	8.2	15.1	6.2	9.9	13.6
20–39	2.6	6.0	10.0	2.0	5.8	11.1	3.1	6.2	9.2
40–59	1.6	3.3	4.8	1.2	2.9	5.5	1.9	3.7	4.2
60–79	0.8	1.5	1.5	0.6	1.8	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.3
80 or more	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.5	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.8
50 or more	2.6	4.1	4.0	2.2	4.4	4.4	3.0	3.9	3.7
90 or more	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.4
100	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Mean proportion	3.7	6.2	8.2	3.2	6.4	9.0	4.2	6.0	7.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	31.9	29.4	26.4	32.8	31.7	26.6	31.2	27.4	26.2
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110
<i>Income from assets</i>									
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	38.9	38.0	39.9	39.7	36.7	37.4	38.1	39.2	41.9
1–19	54.7	53.0	46.7	54.1	54.9	48.9	55.3	51.2	45.1
20–39	3.4	4.4	7.1	3.4	4.0	7.1	3.4	4.8	7.1
40–59	1.5	2.1	3.6	1.3	2.0	3.8	1.7	2.3	3.5
60–79	0.5	1.2	1.7	0.5	1.0	1.8	0.6	1.2	1.6
80 or more	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.8
50 or more	2.0	3.4	4.1	2.0	3.3	4.4	2.1	3.6	3.9
90 or more	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.5
100	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.4
Mean proportion	4.5	6.1	7.8	4.4	5.8	8.2	4.7	6.3	7.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	7.4	9.8	13.0	7.3	9.2	13.1	7.5	10.4	12.9
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Aged Persons

**Table 8.B1**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	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
	<b>Cash public assistance</b>								
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	94.1	94.6	95.2	94.6	95.1	96.3	93.7	94.1	94.3
1–19	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.5	3.1	2.6
20–39	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.4
40–59	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.5
60–79	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
80 or more	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.7	1.1	1.1
50 or more	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.6	1.4
90 or more	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.1
100	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.0
Mean proportion	2.4	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.2	2.7	2.1	2.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.6	36.1	35.4	39.5	37.2	33.0	43.2	35.2	36.6
Number (thousands)	25,093	8,311	37,148	12,116	3,930	16,037	12,978	4,381	21,110

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B2**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and age, 2008**

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
<b>Earnings</b>												
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
0	44.3	59.1	69.7	77.9	40.0	54.6	67.5	76.4	48.2	62.7	71.3	78.7
1-19	7.5	7.5	6.0	3.3	7.3	7.9	7.4	4.0	7.7	7.2	4.9	2.9
20-39	8.2	7.8	5.9	3.9	8.5	8.8	7.3	4.3	7.9	7.0	4.9	3.6
40-59	10.3	8.5	5.7	3.7	10.7	10.6	6.9	4.0	10.0	7.0	4.8	3.5
60-79	12.6	8.8	6.1	5.2	14.4	9.1	5.6	5.6	11.0	8.5	6.5	4.9
80 or more	17.1	8.3	6.6	6.2	19.1	9.1	5.3	5.8	15.3	7.6	7.6	6.4
50 or more	34.9	21.6	15.8	13.4	38.7	23.9	14.8	13.3	31.4	19.8	16.6	13.4
90 or more	11.2	4.9	3.6	3.4	12.3	4.7	3.3	3.2	10.3	5.1	3.8	3.6
100	4.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	4.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.8	2.1	1.8	1.4
Mean proportion	33.0	21.0	15.5	12.6	36.4	23.1	15.1	12.8	30.0	19.3	15.8	12.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	59.3	51.3	51.1	56.8	60.6	50.8	46.6	54.4	57.9	51.8	54.9	58.4
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211
<b>Retirement benefits</b>												
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
0	12.7	6.2	5.4	4.7	13.8	5.4	5.5	4.4	11.7	6.7	5.4	5.0
1-19	11.7	7.5	6.0	5.3	12.8	9.0	5.1	5.3	10.6	6.3	6.8	5.2
20-39	14.7	12.2	9.7	8.3	16.1	12.9	10.5	9.1	13.3	11.7	9.1	7.8
40-59	11.7	12.0	10.7	8.5	11.9	13.9	12.0	8.6	11.5	10.6	9.7	8.4
60-79	11.4	12.9	13.2	11.7	10.0	13.5	13.6	13.4	12.7	12.5	12.9	10.7
80 or more	37.8	49.2	54.9	61.5	35.2	45.3	53.4	59.2	40.2	52.2	56.1	62.9
50 or more	54.9	67.7	73.7	77.7	51.0	65.3	72.8	77.4	58.4	69.5	74.4	77.9
90 or more	32.1	41.8	46.5	53.3	29.3	39.0	45.1	50.3	34.7	43.9	47.6	55.1
100	15.3	20.6	22.7	28.0	13.7	19.2	21.2	24.5	16.8	21.6	23.9	30.2
Mean proportion	56.2	67.2	71.4	75.4	53.3	65.3	70.8	74.4	58.8	68.7	71.7	76.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	64.4	71.6	75.5	79.1	61.9	69.1	75.0	77.8	66.6	73.6	75.8	79.9
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B2**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Social Security</i>												
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
0	16.4	8.7	7.5	7.0	17.6	8.1	7.4	6.9	15.2	9.1	7.6	7.0
1–19	17.9	12.7	11.1	10.8	19.6	14.3	11.4	12.4	16.3	11.5	10.9	9.9
20–39	20.4	20.3	17.5	14.5	21.8	22.5	19.1	16.3	19.1	18.6	16.3	13.4
40–59	15.2	17.4	16.5	15.2	14.3	18.3	17.0	17.0	16.0	16.7	16.2	14.1
60–79	10.4	14.0	15.5	14.7	8.8	13.4	15.5	17.3	11.8	14.5	15.5	13.2
80 or more	19.8	26.9	31.7	37.8	17.9	23.4	29.5	30.1	21.5	29.7	33.4	42.4
50 or more	36.8	49.0	54.8	59.7	32.9	45.1	52.8	55.7	40.3	52.1	56.3	62.1
90 or more	15.9	21.8	25.4	30.7	14.1	19.2	23.2	22.9	17.6	23.8	27.0	35.3
100	9.6	13.0	14.8	18.6	8.3	11.5	13.1	13.2	10.8	14.2	16.1	21.8
Mean proportion	41.8	51.9	56.1	60.0	38.9	49.5	54.6	55.7	44.4	53.8	57.2	62.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	49.9	56.8	60.7	64.5	47.2	53.8	59.0	59.8	52.4	59.2	61.9	67.2
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211
<i>Government employee pensions</i>												
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
0	84.6	83.6	84.2	84.7	84.9	83.6	83.5	83.0	84.3	83.6	84.7	85.7
1–19	4.5	3.9	3.7	3.4	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.3
20–39	3.9	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	3.7
40–59	3.1	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.0	4.5	4.4	4.1	3.3	4.6	3.9	3.9
60–79	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.1
80 or more	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.2	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.3
50 or more	5.0	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.1	5.7	5.8	6.9	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.4
90 or more	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
100	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Mean proportion	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.7	7.0	7.5	6.3	6.6	6.2	6.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	40.4	40.6	41.4	43.0	40.4	41.0	42.4	44.3	40.3	40.3	40.6	42.1
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B2**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>												
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
0	69.8	68.4	67.5	68.9	69.3	66.0	66.3	61.2	70.2	70.3	68.5	73.4
1–19	13.7	14.5	15.1	14.1	13.9	15.8	14.9	16.1	13.5	13.4	15.3	12.9
20–39	9.5	10.1	10.4	10.4	9.5	10.5	11.0	14.1	9.5	9.7	10.0	8.2
40–59	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.5	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.9	4.6	4.4	4.4	3.6
60–79	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.0
80 or more	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9
50 or more	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.6	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.2
90 or more	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
100	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Mean proportion	8.0	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.8	9.0	10.6	7.9	8.0	7.9	6.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.5	26.5	25.8	26.6	26.4	25.9	26.6	27.4	26.5	26.9	25.1	25.9
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211
<i>Income from assets</i>												
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
0	38.2	40.8	39.4	41.7	36.1	38.5	37.7	38.0	40.1	42.6	40.6	43.9
1–19	50.3	46.5	45.1	43.9	52.5	48.2	46.2	46.3	48.3	45.1	44.2	42.5
20–39	6.0	6.8	8.0	8.1	5.8	6.8	7.4	9.3	6.2	6.7	8.5	7.4
40–59	3.2	3.6	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.1	4.7	3.6	3.1	3.2	4.0	3.7
60–79	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.7
80 or more	0.6	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8
50 or more	3.5	4.0	5.0	4.2	3.6	4.3	6.1	4.2	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.3
90 or more	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
100	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
Mean proportion	7.0	7.6	9.0	8.0	7.2	7.9	9.7	8.7	6.9	7.3	8.5	7.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	11.4	12.7	14.8	13.8	11.3	12.9	15.5	14.0	11.5	12.7	14.3	13.6
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B2**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and age, 2008—Continued**

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
<b>Cash public assistance</b>												
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
0	95.8	94.0	95.2	95.4	97.3	95.0	95.8	96.7	94.5	93.2	94.6	94.6
1–19	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	1.4	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.5	3.1	2.2	2.5
20–39	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.2
40–59	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
60–79	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
80 or more	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.1	0.9
50 or more	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.2
90 or more	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.1	0.8
100	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.7
Mean proportion	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	2.0	2.6	2.1	1.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	34.1	36.4	37.0	34.4	30.8	32.2	34.3	35.4	35.6	38.8	38.5	34.0
Number (thousands)	11,648	8,414	7,194	9,891	5,558	3,693	3,107	3,680	6,090	4,721	4,088	6,211

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B3**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and marital status, 2008**

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
<b>Earnings</b>															
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
0	56.5	67.6	71.2	60.3	65.9	53.0	67.4	71.4	67.2	62.6	61.1	67.6	71.2	56.2	68.6
1-19	7.8	4.0	3.6	5.0	4.9	7.7	4.0	3.3	4.0	5.8	7.9	4.0	3.7	5.5	4.2
20-39	8.4	4.3	3.9	5.6	3.4	8.7	4.0	3.3	5.1	3.2	7.9	4.4	4.0	5.9	3.6
40-59	8.6	5.6	5.4	6.9	4.0	9.3	6.0	6.3	6.3	4.4	7.7	5.4	5.2	7.3	3.6
60-79	9.1	7.7	7.3	9.7	5.5	10.5	6.9	7.2	7.5	5.1	7.4	8.0	7.3	11.0	5.8
80 or more	9.6	10.9	8.5	12.5	16.3	10.7	11.8	8.6	9.9	18.9	8.0	10.5	8.5	14.0	14.1
50 or more	23.2	21.5	18.8	25.3	24.2	26.0	21.7	18.9	20.5	26.7	19.5	21.4	18.7	28.2	22.1
90 or more	5.8	6.8	4.5	8.2	12.8	6.4	7.4	3.4	6.0	16.2	5.1	6.5	4.8	9.6	10.1
100	2.1	3.0	1.7	4.0	6.4	2.3	3.8	1.4	3.7	7.8	1.8	2.8	1.8	4.2	5.2
Mean proportion	22.7	19.9	17.1	24.0	22.9	25.1	20.3	17.1	19.5	25.6	19.5	19.8	17.1	26.7	20.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	52.2	61.5	59.5	60.5	67.3	53.5	62.3	59.6	59.4	68.4	50.1	61.2	59.5	61.0	66.1
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854
<b>Retirement benefits</b>															
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
0	6.9	8.7	6.0	11.0	15.4	7.6	9.5	4.8	8.9	18.8	6.0	8.4	6.3	12.3	12.8
1-19	8.0	7.8	7.4	8.2	6.9	8.9	8.3	8.8	6.8	7.1	6.9	7.7	7.1	9.0	6.7
20-39	12.5	10.2	9.6	12.3	9.1	13.6	10.3	10.9	10.6	9.7	11.1	10.1	9.3	13.4	8.6
40-59	12.1	9.1	9.0	10.1	7.7	12.5	9.3	10.4	9.2	6.4	11.5	9.0	8.6	10.7	8.8
60-79	13.6	10.5	10.5	10.8	10.5	13.3	9.7	10.1	9.3	9.8	13.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.0
80 or more	46.9	53.7	57.4	47.5	50.4	44.1	52.9	55.0	55.3	48.2	50.7	54.1	58.0	42.9	52.2
50 or more	66.5	68.7	72.7	62.9	64.2	63.7	66.8	70.3	68.3	60.1	70.1	69.4	73.2	59.7	67.6
90 or more	39.2	47.0	50.3	41.4	43.7	36.8	46.2	48.3	48.5	41.3	42.4	47.4	50.8	37.2	45.6
100	16.4	27.3	29.0	23.7	24.8	15.6	27.3	27.9	29.6	22.0	17.5	27.3	29.3	20.1	27.0
Mean proportion	65.5	68.2	71.6	63.4	63.5	63.2	67.1	70.3	69.0	60.2	68.5	68.6	71.9	60.1	66.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	70.4	74.7	76.2	71.3	75.1	68.4	74.1	73.8	75.7	74.1	72.9	74.9	76.8	68.6	75.9
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B3**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Social Security</i>															
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
0	9.3	11.8	8.6	14.6	21.0	10.2	13.1	8.4	11.6	24.7	8.2	11.3	8.7	16.3	18.0
1–19	14.6	12.2	11.9	12.9	10.5	15.6	14.1	15.6	12.7	10.6	13.4	11.5	11.0	13.0	10.4
20–39	21.0	14.9	14.3	16.9	14.8	21.8	16.0	17.0	15.8	14.0	19.9	14.5	13.7	17.6	15.4
40–59	17.8	13.7	14.1	14.1	11.9	17.4	13.7	15.8	13.7	9.8	18.4	13.7	13.7	14.3	13.6
60–79	14.4	12.1	12.4	11.4	12.7	13.6	11.9	13.3	10.3	10.9	15.5	12.1	12.2	12.0	14.1
80 or more	22.8	35.4	38.6	30.1	29.2	21.4	31.3	29.9	35.8	30.0	24.7	36.9	40.7	26.7	28.5
50 or more	45.2	53.9	57.8	48.5	46.5	43.0	49.5	50.9	53.1	43.9	48.2	55.5	59.4	45.8	48.7
90 or more	17.8	29.3	32.0	24.6	25.0	16.7	25.1	23.9	28.4	25.1	19.2	30.9	33.9	22.4	24.9
100	9.4	19.1	20.7	15.5	17.4	8.8	16.8	16.6	18.2	15.3	10.1	20.0	21.7	13.8	19.1
Mean proportion	48.6	55.4	58.8	50.7	48.6	46.9	51.7	53.2	54.9	46.5	51.0	56.7	60.1	48.1	50.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	53.6	62.7	64.4	59.3	61.5	52.2	59.5	58.0	62.1	61.8	55.5	63.9	65.9	57.5	61.2
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854
<i>Government employee pensions</i>															
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
0	81.9	87.2	86.7	87.2	89.3	82.4	87.8	87.5	88.2	88.4	81.3	87.0	86.5	86.5	89.9
1–19	5.0	2.6	3.2	2.2	0.4	4.9	1.8	2.7	1.2	0.6	5.1	3.0	3.4	2.7	0.3
20–39	4.8	3.3	3.7	3.0	1.7	4.7	2.5	3.2	1.9	1.5	4.9	3.6	3.9	3.7	1.8
40–59	4.5	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2	4.3	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.9	4.7	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.5
60–79	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.7	1.9	1.7	2.3	2.5
80 or more	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.4	3.0	1.1	2.9	2.1	3.7	4.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.9
50 or more	5.7	5.2	4.7	6.2	6.4	5.6	6.4	5.1	7.6	7.7	5.9	4.8	4.7	5.3	5.3
90 or more	0.4	1.0	0.6	1.8	2.2	0.3	1.8	0.8	2.7	3.2	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.4
100	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.8
Mean proportion	7.1	5.8	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.9	6.5	5.6	7.2	7.5	7.3	5.5	5.5	6.1	5.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	39.0	45.3	41.4	50.7	60.8	38.8	53.2	44.7	61.3	64.7	39.3	42.5	40.7	45.2	57.1
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B3**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>															
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
0	63.5	75.2	73.3	78.6	76.2	64.0	71.5	62.8	77.5	82.1	62.8	76.6	75.8	79.2	71.5
1–19	16.3	11.8	13.4	9.7	8.3	16.5	11.4	15.0	8.8	7.3	16.0	11.9	13.0	10.2	9.2
20–39	12.4	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.7	11.8	9.1	11.2	7.7	5.3	13.1	6.5	6.7	6.1	7.9
40–59	5.5	3.9	3.9	3.3	6.0	5.4	5.7	7.7	4.6	4.0	5.6	3.2	3.0	2.5	7.5
60–79	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.5	1.2	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.5
80 or more	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.1	2.4
50 or more	4.5	3.5	3.3	3.2	6.1	4.4	4.6	6.0	3.4	3.7	4.5	3.1	2.6	3.1	8.1
90 or more	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.8
100	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.4
Mean proportion	9.6	6.6	6.7	6.0	8.1	9.3	8.3	10.8	6.6	5.5	9.9	6.0	5.8	5.7	10.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.2	26.7	25.2	28.0	34.2	25.8	29.2	29.1	29.4	30.8	26.7	25.6	23.8	27.2	35.8
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854
<i>Income from assets</i>															
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
0	32.7	48.8	47.6	49.7	47.9	33.0	48.8	45.8	52.5	44.5	32.3	48.8	48.0	48.0	50.6
1–19	52.9	39.3	40.4	38.4	38.2	53.0	38.3	40.2	36.4	41.5	52.7	39.6	40.5	39.6	35.6
20–39	7.8	6.2	6.7	5.5	6.3	7.6	5.9	7.0	5.4	5.4	8.2	6.3	6.6	5.6	6.9
40–59	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.1	2.8	4.2	4.6
60–79	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.3	3.4	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.1
80 or more	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.1
50 or more	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.0	5.1	4.2	4.8	5.1	3.7	6.3	4.4	3.5	3.4	4.2	4.0
90 or more	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0
100	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0
Mean proportion	8.6	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.8	8.4	7.6	8.1	6.7	8.7	8.7	6.6	6.6	7.1	7.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	12.7	13.4	13.1	13.8	15.0	12.5	14.9	14.9	14.0	15.6	12.9	12.9	12.7	13.7	14.4
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B3**  
**Percentage distribution, by income source, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

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
<b>Cash public assistance</b>															
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
0	97.0	93.0	93.5	92.5	92.4	96.8	95.1	95.0	95.6	95.6	97.1	92.2	93.2	90.7	89.9
1–19	1.5	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.6	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.4	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.4
20–39	0.7	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.4	0.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	0.6	1.9	1.7	2.6	3.0
40–59	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.2
60–79	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
80 or more	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.3
50 or more	0.7	1.6	1.4	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.8	1.9	1.5	2.3	3.1
90 or more	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.3
100	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.7
Mean proportion	1.1	2.5	2.2	2.7	3.1	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.1	2.8	2.3	3.5	4.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	35.7	35.3	33.6	35.8	40.8	33.6	32.0	30.5	28.9	40.5	38.7	36.0	34.2	37.7	41.0
Number (thousands)	20,378	16,769	10,785	3,573	1,545	11,553	4,484	2,063	1,339	691	8,825	12,285	8,721	2,233	854

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B4**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, family Social Security beneficiary status, sex, and marital status, 2008**

Proportion of family income	Persons in beneficiary families									Persons in nonbeneficiary families									
	All			Men			Women			All			Men			Women			
	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	
<b>Earnings</b>																			
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	100.0	100.0	
0	65.3	59.9	72.0	61.2	56.8	72.8	68.4	63.9	71.7	29.0	23.2	34.5	23.6	19.6	31.7	33.4	29.1	35.7	
1-19	6.6	8.4	4.4	7.4	8.5	4.4	6.1	8.4	4.4	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.0	
20-39	7.0	8.9	4.6	8.0	9.3	4.4	6.3	8.5	4.7	2.3	2.9	1.7	2.6	3.3	1.3	2.1	2.3	1.9	
40-59	7.7	9.1	6.0	9.0	10.0	6.5	6.7	8.0	5.8	3.2	3.8	2.6	3.1	3.4	2.5	3.3	4.3	2.7	
60-79	8.5	9.1	7.8	9.5	10.4	7.0	7.8	7.3	8.1	8.4	9.8	7.1	9.1	10.6	6.1	7.9	8.5	7.5	
80 or more	4.8	4.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.0	5.4	55.8	58.7	53.0	60.3	61.6	57.5	52.1	53.9	51.1	
50 or more	17.4	18.4	16.1	19.2	20.7	15.2	16.1	15.5	16.5	65.9	70.2	61.8	70.6	73.6	64.6	62.0	64.7	60.6	
90 or more	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.6	49.4	51.9	47.1	52.5	53.4	50.7	46.9	49.4	45.6	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.2	22.5	25.8	25.0	22.9	29.0	23.5	21.7	24.4	
Mean proportion	16.7	18.2	14.8	18.5	20.1	14.1	15.4	15.8	15.0	62.6	66.6	58.7	67.1	69.7	61.8	58.8	61.5	57.4	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	48.1	45.4	52.8	47.5	46.5	51.7	48.6	43.7	53.2	88.1	86.7	89.6	87.8	86.7	90.5	88.3	86.7	89.2	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	
<b>Retirement benefits</b>																			
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	100.0	100.0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74.0	74.2	73.9	73.9	74.7	72.3	74.2	73.4	74.6	
1-19	8.3	8.2	8.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	7.7	7.1	8.1	5.2	6.6	3.8	6.7	8.2	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.9	
20-39	12.4	13.4	11.1	13.8	14.7	11.5	11.3	11.8	11.0	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.6	
40-59	11.6	12.9	9.9	12.7	13.5	10.3	10.8	12.1	9.8	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.3	4.5	2.7	
60-79	13.3	14.7	11.6	13.5	14.5	10.8	13.1	14.9	11.8	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.6	3.2	2.3	
80 or more	54.5	50.8	59.1	51.0	48.3	58.4	57.1	54.1	59.3	11.5	9.0	13.9	10.3	7.4	16.2	12.5	11.8	12.9	
50 or more	73.4	71.8	75.5	70.6	69.5	73.7	75.6	74.8	76.1	16.2	14.3	18.1	15.3	12.4	21.1	17.0	17.3	16.8	
90 or more	46.6	42.5	51.7	43.2	40.3	51.1	49.1	45.3	51.9	9.8	7.3	12.1	8.6	6.0	13.8	10.7	9.4	11.4	
100	23.3	17.9	30.2	20.8	17.2	30.5	25.2	18.7	30.0	4.2	2.6	5.6	3.1	1.9	5.6	5.0	3.8	5.6	
Mean proportion	72.6	70.8	74.9	70.4	68.9	74.1	74.3	73.1	75.2	16.2	14.4	17.9	15.2	12.7	20.1	17.0	17.1	17.0	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	72.6	70.8	74.9	70.4	68.9	74.1	74.3	73.1	75.2	62.3	55.7	68.7	58.1	50.2	72.6	65.9	64.2	66.9	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B4**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, family Social Security beneficiary status, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Persons in beneficiary families									Persons in nonbeneficiary families									
	All			Men			Women			All			Men			Women			
	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	
<i>Government employee pensions</i>																			
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	100.0	100.0	
0	84.0	81.3	87.3	83.4	81.7	88.0	84.4	80.8	87.1	87.3	88.0	86.6	87.8	88.5	86.3	86.9	87.2	86.8	
1–19	4.2	5.3	2.9	4.3	5.2	2.0	4.1	5.4	3.2	1.7	2.6	0.8	2.2	3.0	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.0	
20–39	4.3	5.1	3.4	4.4	5.0	2.7	4.3	5.2	3.6	2.2	1.6	2.8	1.4	1.5	1.1	2.9	1.7	3.5	
40–59	4.1	4.7	3.4	4.2	4.5	3.2	4.1	4.9	3.4	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.1	0.5	2.1	2.2	2.0	
60–79	2.4	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.7	1.9	1.9	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.5	1.7	2.7	1.2	
80 or more	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	5.0	3.4	6.6	4.9	2.8	9.1	5.1	4.4	5.5	
50 or more	5.2	5.6	4.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.9	5.7	4.3	8.1	6.9	9.3	8.1	6.1	11.9	8.2	8.1	8.2	
90 or more	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.2	2.4	5.9	4.1	2.0	8.3	4.3	3.1	5.0	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7	1.0	2.4	1.5	0.6	3.3	1.8	1.5	2.0	
Mean proportion	6.3	7.1	5.3	6.6	6.9	5.7	6.1	7.3	5.1	8.1	6.7	9.3	7.8	6.0	11.4	8.3	7.8	8.5	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	39.3	37.9	41.8	39.9	37.9	48.0	38.8	37.9	39.8	63.5	56.0	69.9	63.9	52.3	83.3	63.1	61.4	64.0	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>																			
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	100.0	100.0	
0	66.5	61.1	73.3	63.4	61.4	68.6	68.9	60.7	75.0	88.1	86.8	89.4	88.1	86.9	90.5	88.1	86.7	88.9	
1–19	15.4	17.4	12.9	16.3	17.7	12.6	14.7	17.1	13.0	4.4	5.3	3.5	5.1	6.1	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.6	
20–39	11.0	13.4	7.9	12.2	12.9	10.3	10.1	14.1	7.1	1.9	2.3	1.6	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.8	2.1	1.6	
40–59	5.2	6.0	4.3	6.1	5.9	6.4	4.6	6.0	3.6	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.3	
60–79	1.6	1.9	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0	0.8	0.7	0.9	
80 or more	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	4.1	3.7	4.6	3.3	2.8	4.3	4.8	5.1	4.7	
50 or more	3.9	4.4	3.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.4	4.3	2.7	5.2	4.9	5.5	4.3	3.9	4.9	6.0	6.5	5.7	
90 or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.5	3.1	3.9	2.7	2.3	3.4	4.2	4.4	4.1	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	0.6	2.3	0.8	0.4	1.7	1.9	0.8	2.5	
Mean proportion	8.5	10.0	6.7	9.5	9.8	8.8	7.8	10.2	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.0	4.9	5.2	6.4	7.0	6.1	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	25.5	25.6	25.2	26.0	25.3	28.1	25.0	25.9	23.9	48.4	43.2	54.7	41.8	37.2	54.4	54.0	52.7	54.8	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B4**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, family Social Security beneficiary status, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Persons in beneficiary families									Persons in nonbeneficiary families									
	All			Men			Women			All			Men			Women			
	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	
<i>Income from assets</i>																			
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	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	38.9	31.7	48.0	36.6	32.1	48.6	40.7	31.2	47.8	48.6	42.0	54.9	43.8	40.5	50.5	52.6	44.5	56.8	
1–19	47.5	53.7	39.8	49.5	53.7	38.3	46.0	53.6	40.4	40.0	45.1	35.1	43.9	46.7	38.2	36.8	42.5	33.7	
20–39	7.4	8.1	6.6	7.4	7.8	6.4	7.4	8.5	6.7	4.4	5.6	3.3	4.9	6.0	2.6	4.0	4.8	3.6	
40–59	3.8	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.3	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.0	3.5	1.7	2.2	1.5	
60–79	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.6	0	1.0	
80 or more	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	4.4	5.2	3.7	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	6.0	3.4	
50 or more	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.7	3.7	4.2	3.3	5.6	6.1	5.1	5.8	5.6	6.1	5.4	6.8	4.7	
90 or more	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.1	4.7	3.6	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.1	5.3	3.4	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.8	4.5	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.0	3.9	5.1	3.3	
Mean proportion	7.7	8.5	6.8	8.1	8.3	7.5	7.5	8.6	6.6	8.4	9.4	7.4	9.0	9.2	8.7	7.8	9.8	6.8	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	12.7	12.4	13.1	12.8	12.3	14.5	12.6	12.6	12.6	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.1	15.4	17.6	16.5	17.6	15.7	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B4**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, family Social Security beneficiary status, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Persons in beneficiary families									Persons in nonbeneficiary families									
	All			Men			Women			All			Men			Women			
	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	Total	Married	Non-married	
<i>Cash public assistance</i>																			
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	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	96.3	97.7	94.4	97.0	97.6	95.4	95.7	98.0	94.1	85.6	89.5	81.8	91.2	90.4	92.8	80.9	88.0	77.2	
1–19	2.0	1.4	2.8	1.7	1.5	2.3	2.3	1.3	3.0	3.8	2.3	5.3	2.3	2.6	1.7	5.1	1.8	6.9	
20–39	1.2	0.6	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.7	1.3	0.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.8	1.4	2.0	
40–59	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.2	0	0.3	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.4	
60–79	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.2	1.3	
80 or more	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	8.4	6.9	9.9	5.3	5.8	4.1	11.0	8.6	12.3	
50 or more	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	9.0	7.0	11.0	5.5	5.9	4.6	12.0	8.8	13.7	
90 or more	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	8.4	6.9	9.8	5.3	5.8	4.1	11.0	8.6	12.2	
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.5	6.1	8.8	4.8	5.1	4.1	9.8	7.7	10.8	
Mean proportion	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.3	9.6	7.5	11.6	5.9	6.4	4.9	12.7	9.3	14.5	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	21.4	18.7	22.8	20.7	18.6	23.5	21.7	18.7	22.5	66.5	71.2	64.0	67.0	66.7	67.6	66.4	76.9	63.5	
Number (thousands)	33,283	18,484	14,799	14,276	10,379	3,897	19,007	8,106	10,901	3,865	1,894	1,971	1,761	1,174	587	2,103	720	1,384	

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B5**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2008**

Proportion of family income	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
<b>Earnings</b>												
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
0	62.8	57.7	66.6	58.6	56.2	60.2	38.8	39.6	38.2	49.3	47.4	50.7
1–19	6.3	6.9	5.8	5.4	6.3	4.9	3.1	3.4	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.8
20–39	6.7	7.5	6.0	6.0	7.3	5.2	3.8	3.8	3.8	5.1	5.3	5.0
40–59	7.2	8.4	6.3	7.1	8.6	6.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.6	10.5	7.2
60–79	8.0	9.3	7.1	10.4	9.4	11.0	15.1	14.5	15.5	11.8	12.2	11.5
80 or more	9.1	10.2	8.2	12.5	12.1	12.7	31.1	30.5	31.4	22.3	21.6	22.8
50 or more	20.8	23.7	18.6	26.8	26.5	27.1	51.0	50.0	51.7	38.9	39.5	38.5
90 or more	5.5	6.0	5.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	20.3	19.5	20.9	14.5	13.4	15.4
100	2.1	2.3	1.9	4.7	5.3	4.4	7.2	6.4	7.8	8.2	7.4	8.8
Mean proportion	20.1	22.9	18.0	24.9	25.3	24.6	45.2	44.0	46.1	35.4	35.9	35.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	54.0	54.1	53.9	60.1	57.7	61.8	73.8	72.8	74.5	69.7	68.2	70.9
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513
<b>Retirement benefits</b>												
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
0	6.7	7.3	6.1	10.3	9.6	10.7	26.6	23.8	28.6	18.3	16.4	19.7
1–19	7.7	8.7	6.9	7.6	6.4	8.3	15.5	14.7	16.0	11.7	12.1	11.3
20–39	11.3	12.7	10.2	11.1	11.0	11.1	15.9	16.9	15.2	13.5	14.5	12.7
40–59	11.0	11.8	10.3	9.2	10.9	8.2	7.7	8.2	7.4	9.2	10.0	8.6
60–79	12.6	12.5	12.6	9.8	11.1	9.0	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.2	7.9
80 or more	50.8	46.9	53.9	51.9	50.9	52.6	26.6	28.4	25.4	39.8	39.8	39.8
50 or more	68.9	65.4	71.7	65.6	65.9	65.3	37.2	39.5	35.6	52.0	51.3	52.5
90 or more	43.2	39.5	46.0	47.0	45.2	48.1	23.7	25.1	22.7	35.9	36.5	35.4
100	20.4	17.7	22.4	34.3	34.0	34.6	12.9	14.5	11.7	26.1	25.3	26.7
Mean proportion	67.8	64.9	70.0	66.7	67.0	66.4	41.5	44.0	39.7	54.2	54.7	53.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	72.6	70.0	74.6	74.3	74.2	74.4	56.5	57.8	55.6	66.4	65.5	67.1
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B5**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
<i>Social Security</i>												
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
0	9.2	10.1	8.5	14.5	13.7	15.0	28.7	25.7	30.9	20.9	19.4	22.0
1–19	13.5	15.5	12.0	11.9	10.8	12.6	18.9	17.7	19.7	13.4	14.0	13.0
20–39	18.4	20.5	16.9	15.8	16.5	15.4	20.1	22.4	18.5	16.0	17.8	14.6
40–59	16.4	16.6	16.3	13.8	15.9	12.5	8.5	8.9	8.3	11.5	12.4	10.9
60–79	13.8	13.3	14.2	10.8	12.2	9.9	7.3	8.4	6.5	8.8	8.2	9.3
80 or more	28.6	23.9	32.2	33.2	30.9	34.6	16.5	16.9	16.2	29.3	28.2	30.1
50 or more	50.0	45.0	53.8	49.8	49.4	50.0	27.6	28.8	26.8	43.5	41.7	44.9
90 or more	22.8	18.7	26.0	29.0	25.9	31.0	14.3	13.9	14.5	26.0	24.9	26.8
100	13.0	10.1	15.2	23.7	22.0	24.8	9.2	9.6	9.0	20.6	18.9	21.8
Mean proportion	52.3	48.3	55.4	53.0	52.6	53.2	33.2	35.1	31.8	46.8	46.3	47.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	57.6	53.8	60.6	62.0	61.0	62.6	46.5	47.3	46.0	59.2	57.4	60.6
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513
<i>Government employee pensions</i>												
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
0	83.9	83.3	84.3	86.5	86.9	86.4	89.4	91.0	88.3	91.3	91.1	91.5
1–19	4.2	4.3	4.1	2.0	2.4	1.8	3.1	2.1	3.9	2.6	2.3	2.8
20–39	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.2	4.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.4	2.9
40–59	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.6	2.1
60–79	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.4
80 or more	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.5	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.3
50 or more	5.5	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.4	6.1	2.8	2.5	2.9	1.9	2.4	1.5
90 or more	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2
100	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0
Mean proportion	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.7	4.0	3.6	4.3	3.0	3.4	2.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	40.8	41.6	40.1	48.0	46.0	49.2	37.8	39.8	36.7	34.2	37.6	31.6
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B5**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>												
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
0	67.4	65.1	69.2	77.4	72.5	80.5	81.1	77.6	83.5	83.8	81.3	85.7
1–19	15.0	15.7	14.5	8.9	10.4	7.9	10.5	11.9	9.4	7.8	8.9	6.9
20–39	10.5	11.3	9.9	7.5	10.3	5.6	5.1	6.1	4.4	4.3	5.0	3.7
40–59	5.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	4.7	3.7	2.7	3.4	2.1	3.0	3.5	2.5
60–79	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.3	0.7	0	0.7	0.8	0.6
80 or more	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
50 or more	4.1	4.5	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.2	2.4	3.1	1.8	2.0	2.4	1.7
90 or more	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
100	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Mean proportion	8.5	9.2	8.0	6.9	8.1	6.1	4.3	5.2	3.6	4.3	5.0	3.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.1	26.4	25.9	30.5	29.6	31.4	22.6	23.2	22.0	26.4	26.5	26.4
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513
<i>Income from assets</i>												
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
0	36.7	34.2	38.6	69.3	67.8	70.3	44.5	45.0	44.1	66.9	66.7	67.1
1–19	48.7	51.0	47.0	27.2	27.3	27.1	47.4	46.3	48.2	28.6	29.4	28.0
20–39	7.8	7.7	7.8	1.7	2.6	1.1	5.1	5.4	5.0	1.9	1.8	2.0
40–59	4.0	4.1	3.9	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.7	2.2	1.4	1.0	0.5	1.4
60–79	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.8
80 or more	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.6
50 or more	4.5	4.7	4.3	1.2	1.6	1.0	2.3	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.7
90 or more	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0	0	0	0.6	0.8	0.5
100	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0	0	0	0.4	0.3	0.5
Mean proportion	8.5	8.8	8.3	2.4	3.0	2.0	4.7	4.9	4.6	3.2	3.0	3.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	13.4	13.4	13.4	7.8	9.5	6.7	8.5	9.0	8.1	9.7	9.1	10.1
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B5**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, and sex, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone			Black alone			Asian alone			Hispanic origin		
	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women	All persons	Men	Women
<b>Cash public assistance</b>												
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
0	96.2	97.0	95.6	88.7	93.0	86.0	86.7	89.2	84.9	87.3	89.2	86.0
1–19	1.7	1.5	1.9	5.4	4.0	6.3	5.6	3.6	7.1	5.4	4.9	5.8
20–39	0.9	0.8	1.1	3.0	1.8	3.7	2.2	2.7	1.8	3.3	3.4	3.2
40–59	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.6	1.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.4	1.5
60–79	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
80 or more	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.5	1.8	4.4	3.7	4.8	2.2	1.5	2.7
50 or more	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.8	0.5	2.6	5.0	4.0	5.6	3.2	2.2	3.9
90 or more	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.5	1.8	4.4	3.7	4.8	2.0	1.3	2.6
100	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.5	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.9	1.8	1.0	2.3
Mean proportion	1.4	1.0	1.6	3.4	1.8	4.5	6.3	5.4	6.9	4.5	3.3	5.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	35.7	32.7	37.3	30.4	25.2	32.0	47.3	49.8	45.9	35.3	30.6	38.1
Number (thousands)	32,209	14,047	18,162	3,150	1,227	1,923	1,257	525	732	2,651	1,139	1,513

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B6**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status, 2008**

Proportion of family income	White alone				Black alone				Asian alone				Hispanic origin			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married
<b>Earnings</b>																
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
0	54.1	67.7	62.1	70.1	45.9	68.9	57.5	61.0	37.0	49.8	40.4	36.3	46.6	48.7	52.2	49.7
1–19	7.9	4.2	8.1	4.1	9.1	2.9	8.7	3.7	3.7	2.0	3.2	2.5	3.2	2.7	3.6	2.3
20–39	8.8	3.9	8.1	4.4	9.4	4.8	8.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.6	3.0	6.0	4.1	5.9	4.3
40–59	9.2	6.1	7.5	5.3	10.7	6.1	7.4	5.7	9.6	2.9	11.2	5.8	12.9	6.0	10.6	5.0
60–79	10.1	7.0	6.8	7.3	12.6	5.5	10.7	11.0	16.2	7.8	16.4	14.8	12.3	12.1	10.5	12.2
80 or more	9.9	11.1	7.4	8.8	12.4	11.8	7.1	14.5	29.7	33.5	24.2	37.6	18.9	26.4	17.3	26.5
50 or more	24.6	21.1	18.2	18.9	31.2	20.8	21.7	28.7	52.1	41.9	47.7	55.0	37.6	42.8	33.1	42.1
90 or more	5.8	6.6	4.6	5.3	7.9	8.9	5.0	9.2	18.2	24.4	15.8	25.2	10.5	18.5	12.3	17.5
100	2.0	3.3	1.5	2.2	4.9	5.9	2.7	4.9	6.3	7.0	7.2	8.4	6.4	9.1	6.0	10.6
Mean proportion	24.0	19.7	18.4	17.6	29.5	20.1	21.3	25.6	45.2	39.2	41.7	49.8	34.8	37.8	31.1	37.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	52.4	61.1	48.6	59.0	54.4	64.7	50.0	65.7	71.7	78.0	70.0	78.1	65.2	73.7	65.0	74.7
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908
<b>Retirement benefits</b>																
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
0	6.9	8.5	5.3	6.8	7.9	11.7	5.2	12.5	23.3	25.8	23.3	33.1	13.9	21.0	14.3	23.4
1–19	8.7	8.8	6.8	6.9	8.4	4.0	5.9	9.1	14.4	16.0	10.4	20.8	11.8	12.8	8.7	13.0
20–39	13.4	10.8	10.8	9.8	14.5	6.8	11.7	11.0	19.0	8.7	18.6	12.4	14.2	15.1	12.5	12.8
40–59	12.7	9.4	11.6	9.4	11.7	9.9	10.0	7.6	9.6	2.8	11.2	4.3	11.8	6.7	11.2	6.9
60–79	13.6	9.7	14.3	11.3	13.1	8.7	10.7	8.5	7.1	11.6	9.0	6.0	8.6	4.7	8.0	7.8
80 or more	44.8	52.8	51.3	55.8	44.3	58.9	56.4	51.4	26.6	35.1	27.5	23.6	39.8	39.7	45.3	36.1
50 or more	64.9	66.8	71.4	71.9	61.2	71.7	70.4	63.7	37.4	47.4	40.2	31.6	53.9	46.5	58.5	48.4
90 or more	37.2	45.8	42.7	48.5	38.0	54.0	49.9	47.5	23.7	30.5	24.7	21.0	36.6	36.3	40.7	31.9
100	15.1	24.9	16.7	26.9	25.4	44.4	34.4	34.6	11.9	24.1	11.7	11.8	25.3	25.5	28.3	25.6
Mean proportion	64.0	67.1	69.3	70.6	63.3	71.6	71.7	64.8	42.8	48.4	45.2	35.1	56.4	51.6	60.1	49.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	68.8	73.4	73.2	75.8	68.8	81.0	75.7	74.0	55.9	65.2	58.9	52.4	65.6	65.2	70.1	64.9
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B6**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone				Black alone				Asian alone				Hispanic origin			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married
<i>Social Security</i>																
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
0	9.4	12.1	7.5	9.3	11.9	15.9	6.9	17.5	25.7	25.8	25.3	35.7	16.9	23.9	17.7	25.0
1–19	15.5	15.4	13.4	10.9	15.4	5.2	12.0	12.8	17.8	17.4	15.6	23.2	15.2	11.8	12.3	13.5
20–39	21.9	16.6	19.7	14.7	20.1	12.0	21.0	13.7	25.6	10.0	25.0	13.0	17.8	17.8	15.0	14.4
40–59	17.6	13.9	18.6	14.5	18.1	13.2	18.2	10.7	9.2	8.0	11.4	5.7	13.9	9.6	14.0	8.8
60–79	13.9	11.6	16.0	12.8	11.3	13.3	10.5	9.7	7.4	12.3	8.2	5.0	8.8	7.1	11.0	8.2
80 or more	21.7	30.2	24.8	37.9	23.2	40.4	31.5	35.6	14.4	26.5	14.5	17.5	27.4	29.8	30.1	30.2
50 or more	43.7	48.5	49.0	57.6	41.5	59.0	49.5	50.1	25.6	41.1	28.3	25.5	43.2	39.0	47.8	43.1
90 or more	16.7	24.1	19.1	31.4	19.7	33.6	27.4	32.1	12.7	18.7	12.9	15.9	24.0	26.5	26.5	27.0
100	8.4	14.9	9.5	19.6	16.2	29.1	22.2	25.6	7.8	16.5	7.1	10.6	18.3	20.1	20.7	22.6
Mean proportion	47.4	51.0	51.5	58.4	47.1	59.3	55.0	52.7	33.0	43.0	34.3	29.6	46.8	45.4	49.7	45.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	52.3	58.0	55.7	64.4	53.5	70.5	59.0	63.8	44.5	57.9	45.9	46.1	56.3	59.7	60.3	60.7
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908
<i>Government employee pensions</i>																
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
0	82.0	87.1	81.0	86.8	83.8	90.5	82.0	87.7	89.8	95.6	86.1	90.3	88.2	96.2	86.0	95.2
1–19	5.2	1.8	5.3	3.2	3.0	1.7	2.8	1.4	2.2	1.7	4.4	3.4	3.6	0	4.4	1.7
20–39	4.7	2.7	4.9	3.6	5.0	1.0	5.9	3.4	3.3	0.5	3.6	2.1	4.5	1.4	5.1	1.5
40–59	4.3	2.8	4.8	3.3	4.1	3.6	4.3	3.1	2.4	1.9	2.9	2.1	1.9	1.1	3.1	1.4
60–79	2.7	2.4	2.7	1.8	3.0	1.4	3.3	2.2	1.6	0.3	1.6	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.2
80 or more	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.7	2.1	0.8	0	1.5	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.7	0
50 or more	5.6	6.8	5.9	4.7	5.9	4.9	6.8	5.9	3.1	0.3	3.4	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.0	1.1
90 or more	0.3	1.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.4	0.2	0	0.2	0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0
100	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0
Mean proportion	7.0	6.9	7.4	5.4	6.9	4.9	8.0	6.3	4.2	1.3	5.2	3.5	4.0	2.1	4.6	1.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	38.6	53.5	39.0	41.4	43.0	52.3	44.5	51.3	41.0	29.3	37.3	35.9	34.2	56.4	32.9	28.9
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B6**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone				Black alone				Asian alone				Hispanic origin				
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		
	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>																	
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	100.0
0	63.3	70.0	61.8	74.9	68.7	77.0	70.2	83.7	75.3	86.5	75.9	90.0	78.5	86.2	79.2	90.1	
1–19	16.9	12.3	16.5	12.9	12.4	8.0	11.4	6.8	13.7	4.9	12.7	6.6	10.4	6.3	9.0	5.4	
20–39	12.1	9.1	13.4	7.1	10.1	10.6	10.7	4.0	6.8	3.2	7.7	1.7	5.7	3.8	6.5	1.8	
40–59	5.5	6.1	5.8	3.3	6.4	2.6	5.2	3.3	2.9	5.3	3.1	1.3	4.1	2.5	3.8	1.7	
60–79	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.6	0.7	1.8	0.9	0.9	0	0.1	0	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.3	
80 or more	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.4	0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	
50 or more	4.4	4.8	4.6	3.0	4.9	2.5	4.5	4.1	3.0	3.8	2.6	1.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	1.2	
90 or more	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	1.0	0	0.9	0.4	0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	
100	0	0.2	0	0.2	0	0.6	0	0.6	0.4	0	0.5	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.3	
Mean proportion	9.4	8.7	10.2	6.3	9.0	7.1	8.5	5.4	5.5	4.1	5.6	2.0	5.5	4.0	5.6	2.5	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	25.7	28.9	26.7	25.0	28.9	30.7	28.6	33.0	22.2	30.6	23.1	19.7	25.7	28.8	27.0	25.5	
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908	
<i>Income from assets</i>																	
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	100.0
0	30.5	44.3	30.0	45.3	61.1	75.9	60.0	73.5	41.9	56.6	44.3	43.9	63.2	73.2	60.0	71.8	
1–19	54.4	41.7	54.1	41.5	34.2	18.8	35.7	24.4	49.7	33.2	46.8	49.5	32.4	23.9	36.0	22.7	
20–39	8.2	6.2	8.6	7.3	2.2	3.0	1.7	1.0	4.7	7.8	7.3	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.0	
40–59	4.0	4.6	4.2	3.6	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.7	2.2	2.2	0.7	2.0	0.9	0	1.3	1.5	
60–79	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.7	0	1.4	
80 or more	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0.2	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.5	
50 or more	4.5	5.4	4.8	3.9	1.3	1.9	1.5	0.9	3.2	0.2	1.5	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	
90 or more	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	
100	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	
Mean proportion	9.0	8.4	9.3	7.4	3.3	2.7	3.2	1.6	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.6	3.5	2.1	3.3	3.4	
Mean proportion (recipients only)	12.9	15.2	13.3	13.6	8.6	11.1	7.9	6.2	8.7	10.3	8.1	8.2	9.6	7.8	8.1	12.0	
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908	

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B6**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, race, Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	White alone				Black alone				Asian alone				Hispanic origin			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married	Married	Non-married
<i>Cash public assistance</i>																
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
0	97.4	95.9	97.7	94.0	94.0	91.8	95.0	83.2	89.5	88.3	88.0	82.3	90.2	87.3	92.1	81.9
1–19	1.4	1.8	1.1	2.5	4.0	4.1	3.6	7.2	3.1	5.7	3.4	10.2	4.5	5.6	3.5	7.4
20–39	0.6	1.3	0.4	1.6	1.1	2.6	0.9	4.6	2.8	2.6	2.8	1.0	3.6	3.1	2.6	3.6
40–59	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.4	2.3	0.5	0	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.7	0	2.6
60–79	0	0.2	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.4	0.5	0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.9
80 or more	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.1	0	1.2	0	2.3	3.8	3.4	4.7	5.0	1.1	2.1	1.2	3.7
50 or more	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.5	0	1.2	0	3.4	4.2	3.4	5.2	6.0	1.6	3.2	1.8	5.3
90 or more	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	0	1.2	0	2.3	3.8	3.4	4.7	5.0	1.1	1.6	1.2	3.5
100	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	0	1.2	0	2.1	2.3	3.4	2.9	3.0	0.8	1.6	1.2	3.0
Mean proportion	0.9	1.3	0.9	2.2	1.1	2.5	0.8	5.6	5.5	4.9	6.6	7.2	2.8	4.2	2.6	7.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	33.4	31.7	38.5	36.9	18.8	31.0	15.6	33.5	52.2	41.6	55.0	40.8	28.5	33.5	33.1	39.6
Number (thousands)	10,317	3,730	7,924	10,237	674	552	456	1,467	416	109	335	398	733	406	604	908

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

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B7**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Earnings</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	61.5	79.2	77.7	64.1	50.8	36.5
1–19	6.1	3.8	4.5	6.1	7.4	8.5
20–39	6.5	3.8	4.4	8.2	8.8	7.3
40–59	7.2	3.4	4.2	7.3	9.6	11.6
60–79	8.5	3.2	3.7	7.1	11.9	16.3
80 or more	10.1	6.7	5.4	7.2	11.5	19.8
50 or more	22.4	11.4	11.1	18.2	28.8	42.3
90 or more	6.3	5.5	3.7	4.3	7.0	10.8
100	2.5	3.8	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.5
Mean proportion	21.5	11.8	11.5	18.3	27.1	38.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	55.8	56.7	51.6	51.0	55.1	60.2
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488
<i>Retirement benefits</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	7.7	13.5	4.9	4.3	6.4	9.8
1–19	7.9	1.6	2.3	4.7	8.5	22.2
20–39	11.4	4.3	4.7	8.6	15.6	23.7
40–59	10.7	5.8	6.3	11.3	15.5	14.5
60–79	12.2	8.1	10.4	15.6	16.2	10.4
80 or more	50.0	66.6	71.4	55.5	37.9	19.3
50 or more	67.5	78.4	85.7	76.5	61.1	36.2
90 or more	42.8	60.9	64.9	45.7	29.9	13.1
100	21.3	42.4	35.6	17.2	9.5	3.0
Mean proportion	66.7	75.5	82.2	73.1	61.0	42.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	72.3	87.3	86.4	76.4	65.1	46.8
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B7**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Social Security</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	10.4	16.1	6.1	6.4	9.7	14.1
1–19	13.5	2.2	3.1	6.8	14.9	40.1
20–39	18.3	4.9	6.8	14.3	28.3	36.4
40–59	16.0	7.0	9.9	22.4	33.4	6.6
60–79	13.4	9.6	17.6	28.7	9.3	1.2
80 or more	28.5	60.2	56.4	21.4	4.5	1.5
50 or more	49.1	74.1	79.9	61.3	27.3	4.2
90 or more	23.0	53.8	46.1	12.9	2.7	1.0
100	13.8	37.2	25.6	5.4	1.3	0.5
Mean proportion	51.7	71.0	74.3	56.2	37.3	20.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	57.7	84.5	79.2	60.1	41.3	23.7
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488
<i>Government employee pensions</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	84.3	96.5	92.9	85.1	76.4	71.2
1–19	3.9	1.3	2.3	3.1	4.6	8.3
20–39	4.1	0.8	2.2	4.7	6.1	6.7
40–59	3.9	0.5	1.6	3.9	7.5	5.7
60–79	2.3	0.5	0.6	2.3	2.9	5.3
80 or more	1.4	0.5	0.4	1.0	2.6	2.8
50 or more	5.5	1.2	1.8	4.6	9.2	10.3
90 or more	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.4	1.0
100	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Mean proportion	6.5	1.4	2.5	6.0	10.4	11.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	41.3	40.2	35.8	40.3	44.3	40.9
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B7**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	68.8	90.5	76.2	59.0	55.9	63.5
1–19	14.3	4.9	14.0	17.3	16.6	17.9
20–39	10.0	2.3	7.1	17.3	14.4	8.6
40–59	4.8	0.9	1.5	5.0	10.7	5.6
60–79	1.5	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.4	3.7
80 or more	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.7
50 or more	4.0	1.8	1.4	2.8	6.6	7.3
90 or more	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1
100	0.1	0.5	0.1	0	0.1	0
Mean proportion	8.2	2.8	4.9	10.4	12.9	9.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.4	29.3	20.7	25.3	29.1	27.3
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488
<i>Income from assets</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	39.9	69.6	53.3	36.0	27.3	15.1
1–19	46.7	25.9	41.2	54.4	56.0	55.0
20–39	7.1	1.7	4.3	7.3	10.6	11.4
40–59	3.6	0.6	0.8	1.9	4.4	10.2
60–79	1.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.5	6.3
80 or more	0.9	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.0
50 or more	4.1	2.3	0.6	1.1	3.4	13.0
90 or more	0.5	1.9	0.1	0.1	0	0.5
100	0.4	1.9	0	0	0	0.1
Mean proportion	7.8	3.8	3.3	5.6	8.9	17.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	13.0	12.4	7.0	8.8	12.3	20.3
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

Table 8.B7

Percentage distribution, by source of family income and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—*Continued*

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Cash public assistance</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	95.2	85.6	95.3	97.2	98.2	99.1
1–19	2.2	4.5	2.5	1.9	1.5	0.9
20–39	1.2	3.6	1.6	0.6	0.2	0
40–59	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
60–79	0.2	0.5	0.3	0	0	0
80 or more	0.9	4.6	0.1	0	0	0
50 or more	1.1	5.5	0.4	0.1	0	0
90 or more	0.9	4.5	0.1	0	0	0
100	0.8	3.9	0.1	0	0	0
Mean proportion	1.7	7.0	1.1	0.5	0.2	0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	35.4	48.5	23.4	17.6	12.2	3.9
Number (thousands)	37,148	7,106	7,534	7,522	7,498	7,488

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 \$11,057, \$16,072, \$23,357, and \$37,605.

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Earnings</b>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	82.9	96.7	94.4	86.5	76.1	56.7
1–19	3.3	0.9	2.4	3.9	4.8	4.9
20–39	2.9	0.4	1.4	3.3	4.6	5.0
40–59	3.1	0.2	0.6	2.7	4.9	7.8
60–79	3.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	4.0	11.1
80 or more	4.8	1.6	1.1	2.6	5.6	14.4
50 or more	9.2	2.0	1.2	4.8	12.2	28.8
90 or more	3.8	1.5	1.1	2.5	5.2	9.8
100	2.1	1.3	0.9	2.0	2.6	3.8
Mean proportion	9.3	2.1	2.0	5.9	12.6	27.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	54.8	63.2	35.7	43.8	52.6	62.4
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	61.1	87.1	81.5	67.5	48.1	32.2
1–19	7.6	3.6	5.3	7.1	10.0	10.6
20–39	7.6	3.7	4.2	10.2	11.0	8.0
40–59	7.5	1.7	3.6	5.6	10.4	14.0
60–79	8.5	0.8	2.7	6.0	12.4	17.4
80 or more	7.5	3.0	2.6	3.4	8.1	17.7
50 or more	20.1	4.5	7.2	12.2	26.1	43.1
90 or more	4.5	2.9	2.0	2.4	4.9	9.0
100	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.7
Mean proportion	19.6	5.8	7.8	13.8	25.5	38.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	50.4	45.1	42.3	42.5	49.1	56.9
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

Table 8.B8

Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Earnings (cont.)</b>						
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	16.1	33.3	19.6	8.9	6.9	2.9
1–19	6.7	8.9	7.4	7.1	3.8	5.3
20–39	10.6	9.4	13.0	11.4	9.2	10.1
40–59	15.4	12.3	15.7	21.5	17.1	8.2
60–79	20.2	13.2	17.0	22.8	26.6	24.6
80 or more	31.0	22.9	27.2	28.3	36.4	48.9
50 or more	59.6	42.1	51.3	63.8	73.6	77.9
90 or more	17.8	17.8	16.8	13.7	18.5	25.0
100	6.4	11.7	7.8	3.5	3.2	3.3
Mean proportion	54.4	40.8	49.9	57.0	63.9	69.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	64.9	61.2	62.1	62.5	68.6	71.6
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726
<b>Retirement benefits</b>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	6.3	10.7	2.2	2.9	5.7	10.9
1–19	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.7	1.2	12.3
20–39	6.2	0.8	1.1	2.0	7.6	21.5
40–59	7.9	2.9	2.7	7.2	15.2	12.7
60–79	11.1	6.4	6.8	13.8	15.2	14.4
80 or more	65.9	78.9	87.1	73.4	55.1	28.2
50 or more	80.9	86.8	96.0	90.7	77.9	47.7
90 or more	58.1	72.9	80.3	63.3	45.7	21.3
100	33.7	54.9	53.2	29.8	17.8	7.0
Mean proportion	78.2	83.8	92.3	85.2	73.9	50.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	83.4	93.9	94.4	87.7	78.4	57.1
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Retirement benefits (cont.)</i>						
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	5.6	10.8	2.8	2.9	4.8	7.0
1–19	7.2	0.6	0.5	1.3	5.5	24.0
20–39	12.0	1.7	3.7	8.1	16.7	25.3
40–59	11.4	4.5	6.3	11.1	16.5	16.1
60–79	13.5	7.6	12.3	17.8	19.5	9.7
80 or more	50.3	74.9	74.4	58.8	37.0	18.0
50 or more	69.6	86.2	90.4	82.7	63.8	34.8
90 or more	42.2	69.2	67.2	46.9	28.1	11.2
100	18.1	45.6	30.6	14.1	7.1	1.6
Mean proportion	68.2	81.8	85.6	77.0	62.8	41.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	72.2	91.6	88.1	79.3	66.0	44.9
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	18.3	24.3	19.3	11.4	13.4	24.1
1–19	21.8	6.0	14.8	23.4	34.9	41.1
20–39	21.0	16.0	17.8	23.2	28.5	20.2
40–59	14.8	13.5	15.9	20.1	12.6	10.2
60–79	10.0	11.9	13.5	12.3	6.0	3.2
80 or more	14.1	28.3	18.7	9.6	4.7	1.1
50 or more	31.0	47.5	41.5	28.8	15.6	10.4
90 or more	11.3	23.2	15.5	7.1	3.0	1.1
100	5.6	14.8	6.9	1.6	0.4	0
Mean proportion	36.6	48.0	42.7	37.0	27.1	18.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	44.8	63.5	52.9	41.8	31.3	24.9
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income,**  
**2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Social Security</b>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	9.4	13.8	2.8	5.1	10.5	16.7
1–19	6.6	0.6	0.7	1.8	5.4	27.4
20–39	12.0	1.4	2.1	3.7	15.6	41.5
40–59	14.8	3.4	4.4	15.5	41.8	10.5
60–79	13.8	7.3	11.4	30.8	17.2	1.3
80 or more	43.4	73.5	78.7	43.0	9.5	2.6
50 or more	64.1	82.6	93.4	82.4	46.1	5.8
90 or more	36.3	66.7	68.9	29.7	5.6	1.9
100	23.6	50.5	43.8	14.0	2.7	1.3
Mean proportion	63.5	79.5	87.9	71.5	46.9	23.9
Mean proportion (recipients only)	70.1	92.2	90.4	75.3	52.4	28.6
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	7.8	12.7	3.9	4.6	7.3	10.6
1–19	13.6	1.0	1.0	2.9	11.6	43.5
20–39	21.0	2.4	6.3	16.0	35.6	37.6
40–59	17.4	5.6	11.0	27.8	35.9	5.7
60–79	15.0	10.7	23.8	34.5	6.9	1.4
80 or more	25.2	67.6	54.0	14.0	2.7	1.2
50 or more	48.2	82.0	84.2	63.6	23.0	4.1
90 or more	19.7	60.6	40.7	6.3	1.7	0.7
100	10.6	38.9	18.6	1.6	0.8	0.2
Mean proportion	51.0	77.3	75.8	55.9	37.2	20.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	55.4	88.5	78.9	58.6	40.1	22.8
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—*Continued*

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Social Security (cont.)</b>						
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	21.6	27.2	22.7	14.5	16.4	28.5
1–19	28.4	7.6	17.3	28.7	47.1	56.8
20–39	22.3	16.2	21.1	29.6	28.9	13.9
40–59	13.6	15.9	20.9	18.8	6.4	0.8
60–79	6.8	11.0	12.2	6.3	1.2	0
80 or more	7.4	22.1	5.8	2.1	0.1	0
50 or more	19.9	42.9	28.0	12.4	3.1	0.1
90 or more	5.7	17.6	4.8	0.5	0.1	0
100	3.7	12.0	2.5	0.3	0	0
Mean proportion	28.2	43.0	33.0	27.1	17.5	9.6
Mean proportion (recipients only)	35.9	59.0	42.6	31.7	20.9	13.4
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726
<b>Government employee pensions</b>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	86.5	97.4	96.3	88.8	77.1	69.9
1–19	2.2	1.1	1.4	2.0	2.9	3.9
20–39	3.1	0.2	0.9	3.6	4.8	6.8
40–59	3.6	0.4	0.7	3.0	7.8	7.0
60–79	2.3	0.5	0.5	1.3	2.8	7.2
80 or more	2.2	0.6	0.2	1.2	4.7	5.1
50 or more	6.4	1.3	0.8	3.8	11.7	16.1
90 or more	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.8	2.9	2.5
100	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2
Mean proportion	6.6	1.3	1.4	4.8	12.1	15.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	49.3	48.4	36.2	42.5	52.7	51.5
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

Table 8.B8

Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Government employee pensions (cont.)</i>						
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	82.1	96.3	91.6	82.3	74.5	70.9
1–19	4.6	1.5	2.4	3.2	4.4	9.9
20–39	4.8	1.0	2.7	5.3	7.1	6.9
40–59	4.5	0.5	2.3	5.0	8.4	5.2
60–79	2.8	0.5	0.7	3.1	3.5	5.1
80 or more	1.2	0.2	0.3	1.1	2.0	2.1
50 or more	5.9	0.8	2.4	6.0	9.9	8.9
90 or more	0.4	0.1	0	0.4	0.8	0.4
100	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.2	0
Mean proportion	7.2	1.2	3.1	7.4	11.1	11.0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	40.0	32.8	36.8	41.9	43.4	37.8
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	87.1	95.3	88.9	86.6	82.2	76.4
1–19	5.5	1.1	4.2	5.0	8.7	12.1
20–39	3.7	1.4	3.6	4.6	4.8	5.0
40–59	2.3	0.7	1.6	1.9	3.5	5.3
60–79	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.7	0.7	1.1
80 or more	0.4	1.0	1.0	0	0	0
50 or more	1.9	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.9
90 or more	0.3	0.7	0.4	0	0	0
100	0.2	0.4	0.4	0	0	0
Mean proportion	3.8	2.1	3.6	4.0	4.6	5.8
Mean proportion (recipients only)	29.5	45.4	32.7	29.9	25.8	24.7
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—*Continued*

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	74.3	94.8	85.6	66.4	56.6	65.2
1–19	10.6	1.7	10.0	16.0	12.4	13.2
20–39	8.1	1.1	2.7	13.4	15.2	8.8
40–59	4.7	0.3	0.7	3.2	13.3	7.3
60–79	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.0	4.4
80 or more	1.0	1.7	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.1
50 or more	4.2	2.2	1.3	1.8	7.1	9.9
90 or more	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.1
100	0.4	1.1	0.2	0	0.4	0
Mean proportion	7.6	2.6	2.8	8.1	14.2	11.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	29.5	49.0	19.4	24.2	32.7	32.8
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	63.7	89.1	70.2	50.9	52.2	61.5
1–19	15.6	5.9	16.5	17.1	16.7	19.3
20–39	12.7	2.9	10.6	23.1	16.5	9.1
40–59	5.6	0.9	1.4	7.4	11.6	5.5
60–79	1.9	0.4	1.0	1.2	2.1	3.9
80 or more	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.5
50 or more	4.7	1.9	1.7	3.7	8.1	7.0
90 or more	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
100	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0
Mean proportion	9.7	2.9	6.3	13.3	14.4	10.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	26.8	26.2	21.2	27.1	30.1	26.7
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

Table 8.B8

Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Private pensions or annuities (cont.)</i>						
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	74.5	86.7	72.9	69.5	67.6	71.1
1–19	17.6	8.1	16.0	20.8	25.0	22.6
20–39	5.1	2.7	6.2	7.2	5.3	4.8
40–59	2.0	1.7	4.0	1.0	1.8	1.5
60–79	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.4	0.1	0
80 or more	0.1	0.3	0.3	0	0.1	0
50 or more	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.7
90 or more	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0
100	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0
Mean proportion	4.4	2.9	5.6	5.6	4.5	3.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	17.3	22.1	20.8	18.4	13.8	12.0
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726
<i>Income from assets</i>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	47.2	75.2	62.2	41.6	31.0	21.0
1–19	38.3	20.0	32.7	46.4	48.5	45.2
20–39	7.5	1.9	3.4	8.9	12.2	12.3
40–59	4.1	0.4	1.0	2.5	6.5	11.4
60–79	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.7	7.6
80 or more	1.0	2.2	0.1	0.4	0	2.5
50 or more	4.8	2.6	1.1	1.9	4.0	16.2
90 or more	0.6	2.1	0.1	0.3	0	0.4
100	0.5	2.1	0.1	0	0	0.1
Mean proportion	8.1	3.7	2.9	6.3	10.2	19.3
Mean proportion (recipients only)	15.4	15.1	7.8	10.8	14.8	24.4
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Income from assets (cont.)</i>						
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	33.3	64.9	45.9	29.0	24.0	12.3
1–19	52.1	29.6	47.6	61.0	59.7	57.4
20–39	7.8	1.6	5.3	7.8	11.1	11.4
40–59	3.9	1.0	0.8	1.8	3.4	10.5
60–79	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	6.3
80 or more	1.0	2.5	0	0.2	0	2.0
50 or more	4.4	2.9	0.4	0.9	3.4	12.6
90 or more	0.6	2.5	0	0.1	0	0.6
100	0.4	2.5	0	0.1	0	0
Mean proportion	8.7	4.7	3.8	6.2	8.9	17.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	13.1	13.4	7.0	8.7	11.7	20.0
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	47.5	70.5	55.6	47.2	31.2	14.7
1–19	46.5	27.4	40.8	49.5	58.5	69.6
20–39	3.7	1.5	3.0	2.4	5.3	8.7
40–59	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.8	3.7	4.7
60–79	0.4	0	0.4	0	0	2.3
80 or more	0.4	0.6	0	0	1.3	0
50 or more	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	2.5	5.8
90 or more	0.2	0.5	0	0	0.3	0
100	0.1	0.5	0	0	0	0
Mean proportion	3.9	1.8	2.2	2.4	6.1	9.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	7.4	6.0	4.9	4.6	8.9	11.2
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income,**  
**2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<b>Cash public assistance</b>						
<i>Persons in 1-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	95.5	83.8	96.4	98.2	99.5	99.6
1–19	1.3	4.6	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.4
20–39	1.3	3.8	1.5	0.7	0.2	0
40–59	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.6	0	0
60–79	0.2	0.3	0.5	0	0	0
80 or more	1.3	6.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0
50 or more	1.6	7.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0
90 or more	1.3	6.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0
100	1.2	5.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0
Mean proportion	2.1	8.6	1.2	0.6	0.2	0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	46.8	52.7	33.2	33.8	40.8	3.4
Number (thousands)	12,143	2,404	2,769	2,432	2,355	2,183
<i>Persons in 2-person families</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	96.8	89.1	96.9	98.5	98.5	99.3
1–19	1.3	2.5	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.6
20–39	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
40–59	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.2	0	0
60–79	0.1	0.4	0.2	0	0	0
80 or more	0.8	4.9	0	0	0	0
50 or more	0.9	5.4	0.2	0	0	0
90 or more	0.8	4.8	0	0	0	0
100	0.7	4.3	0	0	0	0
Mean proportion	1.3	6.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	0
Mean proportion (recipients only)	42.1	60.2	25.7	16.6	13.8	4.7
Number (thousands)	19,435	3,234	3,727	3,863	4,032	4,578

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B8**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, number of persons in family, and quintile of per-capita family total money income, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	Total	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
<i>Cash public assistance (cont.)</i>						
<i>Persons in families of 3 or more</i>						
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0	88.8	80.8	86.3	91.0	94.3	96.0
1–19	7.6	8.6	10.4	7.8	5.7	4.0
20–39	2.7	6.9	3.2	1.1	0	0
40–59	0.4	1.4	0.1	0	0	0
60–79	0.2	0.9	0	0	0	0
80 or more	0.4	1.4	0	0	0	0
50 or more	0.8	3.0	0	0	0	0
90 or more	0.3	1.3	0	0	0	0
100	0.2	0.6	0	0	0	0
Mean proportion	2.1	5.4	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	18.7	28.1	14.6	11.6	5.6	3.2
Number (thousands)	5,570	1,468	1,038	1,227	1,111	726

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 \$11,057, \$16,072, \$23,357, and \$37,605.

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

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**Table 8.B9**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and ratio of family total money income to the poverty threshold, 2008**

Proportion of family income	All persons					Men					Women				
	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more
<i>Earnings</i>															
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
0	88.0	88.1	84.7	80.3	48.8	84.7	87.1	81.9	79.4	47.2	89.4	88.6	86.1	80.9	50.4
1–19	2.8	2.9	3.6	4.5	7.5	2.4	2.4	3.9	4.6	7.9	2.9	3.1	3.5	4.4	7.1
20–39	1.4	2.8	3.7	4.1	8.4	1.2	3.8	4.8	4.3	8.8	1.5	2.3	3.1	4.1	7.9
40–59	1.2	2.3	2.3	3.5	9.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	4.1	10.4	0.7	2.2	2.2	3.2	9.4
60–79	0.7	1.1	2.1	3.3	12.1	0.8	1.6	1.6	3.1	12.4	0.7	0.8	2.3	3.5	11.8
80 or more	5.8	2.9	3.5	4.3	13.4	8.5	2.7	5.0	4.6	13.3	4.8	3.1	2.8	4.0	13.4
50 or more	7.0	5.5	6.2	9.1	30.8	10.0	5.6	7.1	9.4	31.2	5.7	5.4	5.8	8.9	30.4
90 or more	5.3	2.6	2.9	3.5	7.7	8.5	2.4	4.0	3.7	7.6	4.0	2.6	2.4	3.4	7.8
100	4.2	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.5	6.2	1.4	2.8	2.4	2.6	3.4	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.3
Mean proportion	7.5	5.9	7.4	9.8	28.9	10.7	6.3	9.0	10.2	29.4	6.2	5.6	6.5	9.5	28.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	62.8	49.2	48.1	49.4	56.4	69.8	49.0	49.9	49.3	55.7	58.6	49.3	47.0	49.5	57.2
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406
<i>Retirement benefits</i>															
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
0	17.3	6.5	5.3	5.3	7.3	21.1	6.8	6.9	5.5	7.7	15.8	6.3	4.4	5.3	6.9
1–19	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.1	11.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.2	11.7	0.3	0.8	0.7	1.1	12.0
20–39	1.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	16.1	2.5	2.7	3.5	4.1	16.3	1.6	2.8	3.0	4.0	15.8
40–59	4.1	4.0	5.1	6.1	13.9	3.4	5.0	4.6	6.5	14.1	4.3	3.5	5.4	5.9	13.6
60–79	6.1	8.4	8.2	10.8	14.1	5.0	10.0	8.2	10.0	13.8	6.5	7.6	8.1	11.3	14.4
80 or more	70.2	77.6	77.4	72.6	36.8	67.4	74.8	75.5	72.8	36.4	71.4	78.9	78.3	72.6	37.3
50 or more	78.8	88.3	89.6	86.9	57.4	75.0	87.9	87.1	86.6	56.7	80.4	88.6	90.8	87.1	58.1
90 or more	64.6	71.7	71.1	64.6	29.3	62.8	68.6	70.7	65.3	28.9	65.4	73.2	71.3	64.2	29.7
100	48.6	48.7	46.4	33.3	9.7	46.7	49.4	48.2	34.4	9.8	49.4	48.4	45.5	32.6	9.6
Mean proportion	76.0	85.2	85.6	82.8	58.2	72.5	84.1	83.9	82.7	57.7	77.4	85.7	86.4	82.9	58.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	91.9	91.1	90.3	87.5	62.8	91.9	90.2	90.1	87.5	62.5	91.9	91.5	90.4	87.5	63.0
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406

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**Table 8.B9**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and ratio of family total money income to the poverty threshold, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	All persons					Men					Women				
	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more
<i>Social Security</i>															
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
0	19.9	8.0	6.6	7.4	10.4	23.1	8.7	8.4	7.4	11.0	18.7	7.7	5.8	7.4	9.9
1–19	0.8	1.4	1.1	2.0	20.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.7	20.6	0.6	1.6	1.0	2.1	19.9
20–39	2.5	3.0	4.3	5.3	26.1	2.5	2.8	4.1	5.3	26.5	2.5	3.2	4.4	5.2	25.8
40–59	4.8	5.5	7.0	9.3	20.9	3.9	6.4	6.1	8.8	20.0	5.1	5.1	7.4	9.6	21.6
60–79	7.1	10.2	11.9	19.5	13.4	5.9	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.2	7.6	9.4	11.9	21.1	13.5
80 or more	65.0	71.8	69.0	56.6	9.0	63.5	69.3	68.2	59.7	8.7	65.6	73.0	69.4	54.5	9.3
50 or more	74.9	85.4	86.0	81.6	31.3	72.1	85.5	84.7	82.3	30.5	76.1	85.4	86.7	81.2	31.9
90 or more	59.1	64.7	59.6	45.6	5.3	58.5	62.7	61.4	47.5	5.0	59.4	65.6	58.6	44.3	5.6
100	45.0	42.7	38.2	22.2	2.3	44.4	43.4	41.4	22.4	2.1	45.2	42.4	36.6	22.0	2.6
Mean proportion	72.0	81.5	80.8	74.6	38.0	69.5	80.8	80.1	75.5	37.3	73.0	81.8	81.2	74.0	38.7
Mean proportion (recipients only)	89.9	88.6	86.5	80.5	42.4	90.4	88.5	87.4	81.5	41.9	89.8	88.6	86.1	79.9	42.9
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406
<i>Government employee pensions</i>															
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
0	97.7	96.4	95.1	92.7	78.4	98.2	97.8	95.5	94.2	79.2	97.5	95.8	94.8	91.7	77.6
1–19	0.7	1.9	1.3	2.2	5.2	0.5	1.4	1.2	2.0	5.1	0.8	2.1	1.4	2.3	5.4
20–39	0.1	1.0	1.7	2.3	5.6	0.1	0.6	1.4	1.8	5.2	0.1	1.2	1.8	2.5	6.0
40–59	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.5	5.5	0	0	1.3	1.1	5.1	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.9	5.8
60–79	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.6	3.3	0.4	0	0.5	0.3	3.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.8	3.3
80 or more	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.8	2.0	0.8	0.3	0	0.6	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.9	1.8
50 or more	1.3	0.6	1.0	2.2	7.7	1.2	0.3	0.5	1.5	7.6	1.3	0.7	1.2	2.7	7.7
90 or more	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.3	0	0.3	0.9	0.4	0	0.1	0.6	0.8
100	0.5	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.3	0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0	0	0.4	0.2
Mean proportion	1.2	0.9	1.8	2.8	9.0	1.1	0.5	1.5	2.0	8.8	1.3	1.1	1.9	3.3	9.2
Mean proportion (recipients only)	54.5	26.2	36.3	38.5	41.7	63.9	23.0	34.1	35.5	42.3	51.7	27.0	37.3	39.9	41.2
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406

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Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B9**  
**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and ratio of family total money income to the poverty threshold, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	All persons					Men					Women				
	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more
<i>Private pensions or annuities</i>															
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
0	94.6	90.9	86.2	77.0	59.5	95.8	91.6	90.3	77.1	58.4	94.1	90.6	84.1	77.0	60.6
1–19	1.7	5.6	9.6	13.5	17.5	1.5	4.4	5.7	14.1	17.7	1.7	6.1	11.5	13.1	17.2
20–39	1.4	1.4	2.5	7.1	13.5	1.4	1.9	2.7	6.2	13.9	1.4	1.2	2.4	7.6	13.1
40–59	0.3	1.1	1.0	1.4	6.8	0.4	1.1	0.7	1.4	7.3	0.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	6.5
60–79	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	2.1	0.2	0	0.6	0.8	2.2	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.9
80 or more	1.6	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9	0	0.3	0.5	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.7
50 or more	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	5.4	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.5	5.7	2.6	1.6	1.4	1.2	5.1
90 or more	1.4	0.6	0	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	0	0.3	0.2	1.7	0.5	0	0.4	0.3
100	1.0	0.2	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.1	0	0	0
Mean proportion	2.5	2.3	2.6	4.9	10.9	1.5	2.3	2.0	4.9	11.3	2.9	2.3	2.9	4.9	10.5
Mean proportion (recipients only)	47.2	25.3	18.8	21.4	26.9	36.7	28.1	21.1	21.4	27.1	50.2	24.2	18.1	21.4	26.7
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406
<i>Income from assets</i>															
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
0	74.1	68.6	63.3	50.9	27.7	71.7	72.7	66.4	53.4	27.4	75.0	66.7	61.7	49.3	28.0
1–19	18.9	29.0	31.6	43.0	54.6	19.4	25.3	29.1	42.3	55.4	18.6	30.8	32.9	43.5	53.9
20–39	1.7	1.5	3.9	4.3	9.3	1.8	1.6	2.6	2.9	9.0	1.7	1.4	4.5	5.2	9.7
40–59	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.2	5.1	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.9	5.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.4	5.2
60–79	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.5	0.4	0	0.8	0.3	2.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	2.6
80 or more	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	5.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	3.6	0	0	0.2	0.7
50 or more	4.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	5.4	6.3	0.5	1.5	0.7	5.3	4.0	0.8	0.3	1.0	5.5
90 or more	4.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	5.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	3.5	0	0	0.1	0.1
100	4.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	5.9	0.4	0.3	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0
Mean proportion	6.0	1.8	2.9	3.8	10.0	7.8	1.3	2.8	3.1	9.9	5.3	2.0	2.9	4.2	10.1
Mean proportion (recipients only)	23.1	5.6	7.8	7.7	13.9	27.5	4.9	8.3	6.8	13.7	21.1	5.9	7.6	8.2	14.0
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406

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## Relative Importance of Family Income Sources for Persons 65 or Older

**Table 8.B9**

**Percentage distribution, by source of family income, sex, and ratio of family total money income to the poverty threshold, 2008—Continued**

Proportion of family income	All persons					Men					Women				
	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more	Under 1.00	1.00–1.24	1.25–1.49	1.50–1.99	2.00 or more
<b>Cash public assistance</b>															
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
0	84.3	88.2	93.7	94.4	97.6	86.0	88.4	94.9	94.2	98.2	83.5	88.1	93.0	94.6	97.1
1–19	4.5	2.9	2.6	2.0	1.9	4.6	2.9	2.0	2.0	1.4	4.5	2.9	2.9	2.0	2.3
20–39	3.4	3.8	1.4	2.1	0.4	2.6	4.5	1.3	2.3	0.3	3.8	3.5	1.5	1.9	0.5
40–59	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.6	0	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.1
60–79	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.1	0	1.0	0.3	0	0.1	0	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0
80 or more	5.5	3.3	1.5	0.8	0	5.0	3.1	1.4	0.9	0	5.7	3.5	1.5	0.7	0
50 or more	7.1	4.2	1.7	0.9	0	6.6	3.4	1.5	1.0	0	7.3	4.5	1.8	0.9	0
90 or more	5.4	3.2	1.5	0.8	0	4.8	2.9	1.4	0.9	0	5.7	3.3	1.5	0.7	0
100	4.9	2.6	1.5	0.6	0	4.2	2.5	1.4	0.7	0	5.2	2.7	1.5	0.5	0
Mean proportion	8.2	5.6	2.5	2.0	0.3	7.2	5.2	2.2	2.1	0.2	8.6	5.8	2.7	1.9	0.4
Mean proportion (recipients only)	52.2	47.6	39.8	35.4	13.0	51.5	44.5	42.6	36.3	12.9	52.4	49.0	38.8	34.8	13.1
Number (thousands)	3,234	2,355	2,560	5,075	23,923	936	745	847	1,993	11,517	2,299	1,610	1,713	3,082	12,406

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 2008.

The relative importance of a source of income may not accurately reflect the resources available to elderly persons or elderly aged units. The survey on which these data are based does not include some potentially important resources as income, including lump-sum pension payments and capital gains. In addition, these statistics do not take into consideration noncash benefits that supplement money income (housing and energy subsidies or food stamps) or the amount of savings available to supplement monthly income. Consult the Frequently Asked Questions for further information.