

SECTION 1

Demographic Characteristics



Key Terms and Concepts for Section 1 ¹

Age. Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2011. A married couple's age is defined as the age of the husband—unless he is under age 55 and the wife is 55 or older, in which case it is the age of the wife.

Aged unit. With age 55 as the cutoff, aged units are defined as married couples living together—at least one of whom is 55 or older—and non-married persons 55 or older.

Marital status. Married persons are married and living with their spouse. Nonmarried persons may be divorced, widowed, never married, separated, or married but living apart from their spouse.

Race. The categories White alone, Black alone, and Asian alone reflect respondents who reported only one race. Because of changes to the race category, data on race are not directly comparable to editions prior to 2002. A person's race is his or her reported race. A married couple's race is defined as the race of the husband.

Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. A married couple is of Hispanic origin if the husband is of Hispanic origin.

Family. A family is a group of two or more people (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related sub-family members) are considered as members of one family.

Social Security beneficiary. A beneficiary may be receiving retired-worker benefits, dependents' or survivor benefits, disability benefits, or transitionally insured benefits.

¹ For more information, consult the Glossary at the front of this publication.

Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>All persons</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.6	48.2	43.6	46.0	45.8	43.2	39.1	
Women	51.4	51.8	56.4	54.0	54.2	56.8	60.9	
Race								
White alone	83.0	84.3	86.2	84.7	85.4	87.0	88.0	
Black alone	10.9	10.1	8.7	9.5	9.1	8.2	7.7	
Asian alone	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.1	
Hispanic origin	9.2	7.6	7.3	8.0	7.9	7.0	6.1	
Marital status								
Married	65.5	65.6	55.4	64.3	62.2	56.6	38.5	
Nonmarried	34.5	34.4	44.6	35.7	37.8	43.4	61.5	
Widowed	4.6	8.1	27.2	12.0	19.5	28.4	50.6	
Divorced	16.9	16.2	10.6	15.3	11.5	8.9	5.5	
Never married	9.1	7.1	4.4	5.6	4.4	3.8	3.4	
Living with nonspouse family	36.7	27.3	22.0	23.3	21.2	21.1	21.7	
Persons in family								
1	23.2	24.1	32.0	25.3	27.3	31.1	44.1	
2	46.3	54.1	52.2	56.7	56.6	53.6	42.5	
3 or more	30.6	21.8	15.8	18.0	16.1	15.4	13.4	
Social Security beneficiary	9.0	39.3	84.7	74.8	87.2	89.1	90.9	
Number (thousands)	26,829	10,155	39,179	12,160	9,254	7,088	10,676	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Men</i>								
Race								
White alone	83.9	85.6	87.2	85.4	86.9	87.1	89.8	
Black alone	10.2	9.1	7.7	8.7	7.8	7.8	6.3	
Asian alone	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.0	
Hispanic origin	9.4	7.0	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.1	6.6	
Marital status								
Married	68.8	71.6	70.5	72.7	74.5	74.1	61.1	
Nonmarried	31.2	28.4	29.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	38.9	
Widowed	1.9	3.5	12.6	5.2	7.9	11.7	27.9	
Divorced	15.9	14.9	9.6	13.3	10.5	8.1	4.7	
Never married	9.7	6.9	4.4	5.6	4.2	3.5	3.8	
Living with nonspouse family	37.2	28.2	19.6	23.5	18.4	16.7	17.5	
Persons in family								
1	23.5	21.0	22.6	20.5	20.4	21.2	28.7	
2	43.7	54.6	61.2	59.4	63.9	64.3	58.8	
3 or more	32.8	24.4	16.2	20.1	15.7	14.6	12.6	
Social Security beneficiary	9.1	37.8	84.2	75.0	86.6	89.9	90.1	
Number (thousands)	13,050	4,896	17,081	5,600	4,242	3,065	4,174	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Women</i>								
Race								
White alone	82.1	83.0	85.4	84.0	84.2	86.9	86.9	
Black alone	11.6	11.0	9.4	10.1	10.1	8.4	8.7	
Asian alone	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.4	3.1	
Hispanic origin	9.1	8.1	7.4	8.5	8.2	7.0	5.7	
Marital status								
Married	62.5	59.9	43.7	57.2	51.8	43.3	24.0	
Nonmarried	37.5	40.1	56.3	42.8	48.2	56.7	76.0	
Widowed	7.2	12.4	38.6	17.8	29.3	41.1	65.1	
Divorced	17.9	17.4	11.4	17.1	12.4	9.5	6.0	
Never married	8.4	7.3	4.4	5.6	4.5	4.0	3.2	
Living with nonspouse family	36.3	26.4	23.8	23.0	23.5	24.5	24.4	
Persons in family								
1	22.8	26.9	39.2	29.4	33.1	38.6	54.0	
2	48.7	53.8	45.3	54.4	50.5	45.4	32.1	
3 or more	28.5	19.3	15.5	16.1	16.4	16.0	13.9	
Social Security beneficiary	9.0	40.7	85.0	74.6	87.7	88.5	91.4	
Number (thousands)	13,780	5,259	22,098	6,561	5,012	4,023	6,502	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>White alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	49.2	49.0	44.1	46.5	46.6	43.3	39.9	
Women	50.8	51.0	55.9	53.5	53.4	56.7	60.1	
Hispanic origin	10.6	8.3	8.0	8.9	8.8	7.9	6.5	
Marital status								
Married	68.4	67.7	56.9	66.5	63.7	58.4	39.8	
Nonmarried	31.6	32.3	43.1	33.5	36.3	41.6	60.2	
Widowed	4.3	7.7	26.6	11.0	18.6	27.5	49.9	
Divorced	16.6	16.0	10.4	15.0	11.4	8.8	5.3	
Never married	7.7	6.0	4.1	5.3	4.1	3.5	3.1	
Living with nonspouse family	34.5	24.4	19.1	20.2	18.2	18.5	18.9	
Persons in family								
1	22.1	23.4	32.2	24.7	27.4	31.0	45.2	
2	48.7	57.0	54.2	59.9	58.8	55.4	43.3	
3 or more	29.1	19.6	13.6	15.4	13.8	13.6	11.5	
Social Security beneficiary	8.5	40.1	86.2	76.1	88.9	90.3	92.2	
Number (thousands)	22,268	8,556	33,768	10,299	7,905	6,166	9,398	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Black alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	45.5	43.3	38.9	42.3	39.6	41.5	31.7	
Women	54.5	56.7	61.1	57.7	60.4	58.5	68.3	
Hispanic origin	1.9	3.3	2.4	2.8	2.4	0.6	3.0	
Marital status								
Married	42.8	45.1	37.7	44.9	42.6	37.8	22.7	
Nonmarried	57.2	54.9	62.3	55.1	57.4	62.2	77.3	
Widowed	6.6	11.0	33.8	18.2	27.6	38.6	58.5	
Divorced	21.8	21.3	15.0	20.5	17.3	11.7	7.4	
Never married	20.2	15.8	7.9	9.5	8.2	5.8	6.7	
Living with nonspouse family	44.5	41.1	37.6	36.8	35.0	39.7	39.6	
Persons in family								
1	33.6	33.3	36.4	34.8	33.6	34.9	42.4	
2	34.8	36.3	39.2	37.9	42.9	39.9	36.8	
3 or more	31.6	30.4	24.4	27.3	23.6	25.1	20.8	
Social Security beneficiary	14.1	39.9	79.3	69.3	81.5	84.8	87.2	
Number (thousands)	2,924	1,023	3,394	1,153	839	579	824	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Asian alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	44.5	45.1	42.6	43.3	43.6	44.6	38.8	
Women	55.5	54.9	57.4	56.7	56.4	55.4	61.2	
Hispanic origin	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.3	1.3	0	0.5	
Marital status								
Married	73.9	74.0	61.6	67.7	71.6	59.3	42.3	
Nonmarried	26.1	26.0	38.4	32.3	28.4	40.7	57.7	
Widowed	6.4	8.1	26.1	15.8	20.3	26.6	48.0	
Divorced	7.4	7.6	4.3	8.4	1.7	1.8	2.9	
Never married	6.4	6.7	3.8	3.3	2.0	5.6	5.3	
Living with nonspouse family	59.8	49.4	48.5	48.7	49.3	43.0	51.2	
Persons in family								
1	12.6	16.1	17.8	16.8	13.9	21.4	21.4	
2	32.8	38.4	39.1	38.6	41.7	42.1	34.6	
3 or more	54.6	45.5	43.1	44.7	44.3	36.5	44.1	
Social Security beneficiary	5.1	21.2	62.8	58.5	64.2	66.8	64.5	
Number (thousands)	1,145	379	1,454	496	384	246	328	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Hispanic origin</i>								
Sex								
Men	49.5	44.6	43.1	42.9	43.6	43.7	42.4	
Women	50.5	55.4	56.9	57.1	56.4	56.3	57.6	
Race								
White alone	95.2	91.8	95.1	94.0	95.4	98.0	94.0	
Black alone	2.2	4.4	2.8	3.2	2.8	0.7	3.8	
Asian alone	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.7	0	0.3	
Marital status								
Married	59.7	59.2	47.5	56.7	49.7	47.6	31.2	
Nonmarried	40.3	40.8	52.5	43.3	50.3	52.4	68.8	
Widowed	5.7	11.6	27.5	15.6	20.3	30.8	51.1	
Divorced	16.8	13.5	10.9	15.2	11.6	8.1	5.9	
Never married	10.2	8.6	8.4	5.9	12.9	8.9	6.5	
Living with nonspouse family	60.6	52.2	46.3	45.9	43.8	44.9	51.0	
Persons in family								
1	17.8	20.3	24.5	22.0	24.5	24.7	28.2	
2	30.2	34.1	39.0	40.8	40.3	38.2	35.4	
3 or more	51.9	45.6	36.5	37.2	35.2	37.2	36.5	
Social Security beneficiary	9.4	36.7	71.9	61.5	74.6	77.3	80.3	
Number (thousands)	2,482	772	2,857	977	733	498	649	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Beneficiary</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.7	46.4	43.4	46.2	45.5	43.6	38.8	
Women	51.3	53.6	56.6	53.8	54.5	56.4	61.2	
Race								
White alone	77.8	86.1	87.7	86.2	87.1	88.2	89.3	
Black alone	17.0	10.2	8.1	8.8	8.5	7.8	7.4	
Asian alone	2.4	2.0	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.2	
Hispanic origin	9.6	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.1	5.4	
Marital status								
Married	48.2	63.6	55.1	64.8	62.4	57.3	38.5	
Nonmarried	51.8	36.4	44.9	35.2	37.6	42.7	61.5	
Widowed	11.6	11.1	28.8	12.9	20.0	28.6	51.2	
Divorced	22.4	16.1	10.3	15.1	11.4	9.2	5.7	
Never married	13.8	5.9	3.7	5.0	3.8	2.9	2.8	
Living with nonspouse family	33.3	24.5	19.6	20.8	18.8	18.7	19.8	
Persons in family								
1	34.7	25.8	33.2	25.9	28.2	31.8	45.2	
2	40.5	55.4	53.2	58.5	58.0	55.0	43.2	
3 or more	24.8	18.8	13.5	15.6	13.8	13.2	11.6	
Number (thousands)	2,426	3,990	33,177	9,092	8,069	6,313	9,704	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Nonbeneficiary</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.6	49.4	44.9	45.7	48.1	40.1	42.4	
Women	51.4	50.6	55.1	54.3	51.9	59.9	57.6	
Race								
White alone	83.5	83.1	77.9	80.3	74.2	76.8	75.4	
Black alone	10.3	10.0	11.7	11.5	13.1	11.3	10.9	
Asian alone	4.5	4.8	9.0	6.7	11.6	10.5	12.0	
Hispanic origin	9.2	7.9	13.4	12.2	15.7	14.6	13.1	
Marital status								
Married	67.3	66.9	57.1	63.0	60.6	51.1	38.8	
Nonmarried	32.7	33.1	42.9	37.0	39.4	48.9	61.2	
Widowed	4.0	6.2	18.5	9.5	16.0	26.5	43.9	
Divorced	16.4	16.2	12.2	16.2	12.4	6.3	3.8	
Never married	8.6	7.8	8.5	7.4	8.5	11.5	9.7	
Living with nonspouse family	37.1	29.1	35.0	30.6	37.4	40.8	41.0	
Persons in family								
1	22.0	22.9	24.9	23.5	21.0	25.2	33.6	
2	46.8	53.3	46.8	51.5	47.2	42.1	35.4	
3 or more	31.2	23.8	28.3	25.0	31.8	32.7	31.0	
Number (thousands)	24,403	6,165	6,002	3,068	1,185	775	972	

Table 1.2
Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010

Wife characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>All husbands</i>								
Wife age								
Under 55	39.6	13.2	3.7	7.5	3.1	1.3	0.7	
55–61	52.3	46.9	9.6	19.4	7.8	3.7	1.4	
62–64	5.1	30.3	12.5	27.0	9.4	3.8	0.8	
65 or older	2.9	9.7	74.2	46.0	79.7	91.3	97.1	
65–69	2.3	8.1	26.5	39.6	37.5	12.4	4.6	
70–74	0.3	1.3	20.8	5.1	36.5	39.7	9.5	
75–79	0.2	0.2	14.2	0.7	4.6	34.9	29.1	
80 or older	0.1	0.1	12.7	0.5	1.1	4.2	53.9	
Wife race								
White alone	86.2	86.3	87.8	85.8	86.8	88.9	91.1	
Black alone	7.0	6.9	6.1	7.2	6.5	5.7	4.4	
Asian alone	5.2	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.6	4.4	3.6	
Wife Hispanic origin	9.1	7.4	6.5	7.1	6.8	6.4	5.2	
Wife Social Security beneficiary	7.2	20.6	70.8	50.2	75.1	82.4	87.8	
Number (thousands)	8,974	3,506	12,049	4,070	3,158	2,271	2,550	
<i>White alone husbands</i>								
Wife race								
White alone	98.1	97.2	98.5	97.8	98.3	99.0	99.2	
Black alone	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Asian alone	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.3	
Wife Hispanic origin	10.1	8.0	6.9	7.7	7.3	7.0	5.2	
Number (thousands)	7,765	3,058	10,627	3,519	2,765	2,018	2,325	

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Table 1.2

Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Wife characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Black alone husbands								
Wife race								
White alone	4.8	3.3	3.4	5.2	1.1	4.8	1.4	
Black alone	93.3	95.6	94.1	92.2	95.4	94.0	96.7	
Asian alone	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.5	2.0	0	0.6	
Wife Hispanic origin	1.9	2.6	3.3	3.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	
Number (thousands)	658	244	752	296	206	136	114	
Asian alone husbands								
Wife race								
White alone	5.4	10.8	1.8	2.9	2.2	0.4	0	
Black alone	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Asian alone	92.9	89.0	97.9	96.7	97.6	98.8	100.0	
Wife Hispanic origin	1.6	0.2	0.4	0	0	0.4	2.0	
Number (thousands)	407	145	488	174	142	88	85	
Hispanic origin husbands								
Wife race								
White alone	96.9	91.5	95.5	94.2	96.8	99.1	92.6	
Black alone	1.0	3.3	2.4	2.5	0.8	0.7	6.1	
Asian alone	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	0	1.3	
Wife Hispanic origin	86.2	84.1	88.1	88.9	83.9	92.6	88.3	
Number (thousands)	778	242	736	276	199	132	130	
Beneficiary husbands								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	27.2	33.4	79.5	61.2	82.2	87.5	93.2	
Number (thousands)	669	1,304	10,187	3,043	2,756	2,061	2,327	
Nonbeneficiary husbands								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	5.6	13.0	23.0	17.7	26.8	32.6	31.5	
Number (thousands)	8,305	2,202	1,862	1,027	402	209	223	

Table 1.3
Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010

Husband characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>All wives</i>								
Husband age								
Under 55	13.0	4.0	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.6	
55–61	54.5	14.6	2.7	5.6	1.1	1.0	0.4	
62–64	19.1	33.7	3.5	7.6	1.7	0.5	0.2	
65 or older	13.4	47.8	92.6	85.2	96.5	98.1	97.9	
65–69	9.2	34.9	19.4	43.0	8.0	1.7	1.4	
70–74	2.9	9.5	26.1	31.6	44.4	8.3	2.2	
75–79	1.0	2.7	21.5	7.5	34.7	45.5	6.1	
80 or older	0.4	0.6	25.7	3.2	9.4	42.5	88.1	
Husband race								
White alone	87.0	86.8	89.4	88.6	88.0	91.6	91.3	
Black alone	7.0	7.2	5.6	6.1	5.7	4.9	4.9	
Asian alone	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.7	2.9	2.6	
Husband Hispanic origin	7.8	6.7	6.0	6.8	5.8	5.7	4.7	
Husband Social Security beneficiary	21.4	52.2	83.8	75.8	87.9	87.5	91.9	
Number (thousands)	8,611	3,151	9,652	3,752	2,598	1,743	1,559	
<i>White alone wives</i>								
Husband race								
White alone	98.5	98.0	99.1	98.7	99.1	99.6	99.2	
Black alone	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
Asian alone	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	
Husband Hispanic origin	8.7	7.3	6.4	7.3	6.4	6.2	4.7	
Number (thousands)	7,465	2,733	8,601	3,328	2,272	1,583	1,417	

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.3
Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2010—Continued

Husband characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Black alone wives								
Husband race								
White alone	2.8	2.5	1.5	0.2	3.2	0.8	a	
Black alone	95.7	97.5	97.2	98.5	94.0	99.2	a	
Asian alone	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	a	
Husband Hispanic origin	1.1	0	2.6	2.6	1.3	1.8	a	
Number (thousands)	593	218	530	221	152	83	73	
Asian alone wives								
Husband race								
White alone	15.4	16.8	12.7	12.6	9.1	a	a	
Black alone	0.6	1.7	1.0	2.5	0	a	a	
Asian alone	82.1	80.3	85.0	84.3	90.5	a	a	
Husband Hispanic origin	0.6	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	a	a	
Number (thousands)	439	135	408	162	133	59	54	
Hispanic origin wives								
Husband race								
White alone	96.4	92.2	94.6	94.3	93.8	97.1	a	
Black alone	0.6	2.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	1.4	a	
Asian alone	1.3	0.8	0.1	0	0.2	0	a	
Husband Hispanic origin	82.8	81.0	83.0	81.0	80.9	90.3	a	
Number (thousands)	703	216	621	277	165	106	72	
Beneficiary wives								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	55.3	73.4	92.3	87.0	94.3	93.6	98.2	
Number (thousands)	499	1,232	8,088	2,846	2,283	1,556	1,405	
Nonbeneficiary wives								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	19.3	38.7	39.8	40.7	41.5	36.9	34.3	
Number (thousands)	8,112	1,919	1,563	906	316	187	154	

a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.