

## **APPENDIX A. DATA ON THE ELDERLY**

This appendix presents historical, current, and projected data on the demographic and economic characteristics of the elderly, including information on population, life expectancy, labor force participation, marital status, living arrangements, poverty rates, and income. Data sources are noted at the bottom of each table.

The following definitions may be useful for reading the tables:

1. "Aged" and "elderly" each refer to any person age 65 or older.
2. "OASDI" and "Social Security" are used interchangeably.
3. "Supplemental Security Income" is, at times, abbreviated "SSI."
4. The concepts "unrelated individual" and "unit" are used many times throughout this appendix. "Unrelated individual" refers to any individual living alone. "Unit" refers to an individual living alone, a couple living alone, or a family.

TABLE A-1.—ELDERLY AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELDERLY BY AGE AND SEX, SELECTED YEARS 1940–2050

Age and demographic group	Year											
	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population age 65 and older (in thousands).	9,562	12,743	17,251	20,921	26,149	32,021	35,482	39,728	53,103	69,096	74,642	77,653
Population age 65 and older as a percent of total population.	6.8	8.0	9.5	9.7	11.1	12.3	12.4	12.9	16.0	19.7	20.5	20.7
Population age 75 and older as a percent of total population.	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.8	4.4	5.2	5.9	5.9	6.4	8.8	11.0	11.0
Population age 85 and older as a percent of total population.	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.1	3.2	4.0
Age and sex groupings as a percent of the population age 65 and older:												
Men 65 and older .....	48.4	46.8	44.5	41.5	40.3	40.6	41.8	43.1	44.8	45.5	45.2	45.5
Men 65–74 .....	34.7	32.7	30.1	26.8	26.3	25.7	24.0	25.3	28.7	26.8	22.3	23.0
Men 75–84 .....	11.9	12.2	12.2	12.3	11.3	12.0	14.1	13.5	12.5	14.9	17.1	15.2
Men 85 and older .....	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.7	5.7	7.2
Women 65 and older	51.6	53.2	55.5	58.5	59.7	59.4	58.2	56.9	55.2	54.5	54.8	54.5
Women 65–74 .....	35.8	35.8	35.7	34.7	33.9	31.9	28.3	28.8	31.7	28.9	24.1	24.1
Women 75–84 .....	13.5	14.6	16.3	19.1	19.3	20.0	20.9	18.7	16.3	18.7	20.8	18.3
Women 85 and older	2.4	2.8	3.6	4.7	6.5	7.5	9.0	9.4	7.3	6.9	9.9	12.2

Note.—Population figures are as of July 1, and include total United States plus the outlying areas covered under the Social Security Program and an adjustment for census undercount. Projections are based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2000 OASDI Trustees' Report.

Source: Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

TABLE A-2.—LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MEN AND WOMEN, SELECTED YEARS 1900–2070

Year	Life expectancy at birth		Life expectancy at age 65	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Actual:</b>				
1900 .....	46.4	49.0	11.4	11.7
1910 .....	50.1	53.6	11.4	12.1
1920 .....	54.5	56.3	11.8	12.3
1930 .....	58.0	61.3	11.8	12.9
1940 .....	61.4	65.7	11.9	13.4
1950 .....	65.6	71.1	12.8	15.1
1960 .....	66.7	73.2	12.9	15.9
1970 .....	67.1	74.9	13.1	17.1
1980 .....	69.9	77.5	14.0	18.4
1990 .....	71.8	78.9	15.0	19.0
<b>Projected:</b>				
2000 .....	73.9	79.6	15.9	19.2
2010 .....	75.4	80.4	16.4	19.4
2020 .....	76.4	81.1	16.9	19.8
2030 .....	77.4	82.0	17.5	20.4
2040 .....	78.3	82.7	18.1	21.0
2050 .....	79.1	83.5	18.6	21.5
2060 .....	79.9	84.1	19.1	22.0
2070 .....	80.7	84.8	19.6	22.5

Note.—The life expectancy for any year is the average number of years of life remaining for a person if that person were to experience that year's age-sex-specific death rates throughout the remainder of his or her life. Projections are based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2000 OASDI Trustees' Report.

Source: Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

TABLE A-3.—LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES,<sup>1</sup> SELECTED YEARS 1950–99

Sex and age group	Year										
	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1999
<b>Men:</b>											
55–64 .....	86.9	87.9	86.8	84.6	83.0	75.8	72.3	67.9	67.8	66.0	67.9
55–59 .....	NA	92.5	91.6	90.2	89.5	84.4	81.9	79.6	79.9	77.4	78.4
60–64 .....	NA	82.5	81.1	78.0	75.0	65.7	61.0	55.6	55.5	53.2	54.8
60–61 .....	NA	NA	NA	84.8	82.6	75.2	71.8	68.9	68.8	65.6	66.3
62–64 .....	NA	NA	NA	73.2	69.4	58.8	52.8	46.1	46.5	45.0	46.8
65 and older .....	45.8	39.6	33.1	27.9	26.8	21.7	19.1	15.8	16.3	16.8	16.9
<b>Women:</b>											
55–64 .....	27.0	32.5	37.2	41.4	43.0	41.0	41.5	42.0	45.2	49.2	51.5
55–59 .....	NA	35.6	42.2	47.1	50.4	47.9	48.6	50.3	55.3	59.5	61.8
60–64 .....	NA	29.0	31.4	34.0	36.1	33.3	33.3	33.4	35.5	38.0	38.8
60–61 .....	NA	NA	NA	40.4	41.4	39.5	39.8	40.3	42.9	46.1	46.2
62–64 .....	NA	NA	NA	29.5	32.3	29.0	28.6	28.7	30.7	32.6	33.7
65 and older .....	9.7	10.6	10.8	10.0	9.7	8.3	8.1	7.3	8.6	8.8	8.9

<sup>1</sup> Civilian labor force as a percent of civilian noninstitutional population age 16 or older.

NA—Data not available.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE A-4.—MARITAL STATUS OF AGED INDIVIDUALS,<sup>1</sup> SELECTED YEARS 1960–98

[In percent]

Demographic group	1960 <sup>2</sup>		1970 <sup>3</sup>		1980		1990		1998	
	65–74	75 and older	65–74	75 and older	65–74	75 and older	65–74	75 and older	65–74	75 and older
<b>Men:</b>										
Married .....	78.9	59.1	77.6	79.7	81.6	69.4	80.2	69.9	79.2	69.2
Widowed .....	12.7	31.6	11.0	30.4	8.5	24.0	9.2	23.7	8.8	23.7
Divorced .....	1.7	1.5	2.9	1.5	4.4	2.2	6.0	3.1	7.8	3.6
Never married <sup>4</sup> .....	6.7	7.8	8.5	6.6	5.4	4.2	4.1	3.4	4.1	3.4
Total percent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number (in thousands) .....	4,778	2,280	5,333	3,031	6,459	3,234	8,013	4,320	7,992	5,533
<b>Women:</b>										
Married .....	45.6	21.8	45.4	20.8	50.1	23.3	53.2	25.4	54.8	32.9
Widowed .....	44.4	68.3	43.7	70.5	40.3	68.0	36.1	65.6	31.9	60.4
Divorced .....	1.7	1.2	3.0	1.3	4.0	2.3	6.2	3.6	8.9	4.9
Never married <sup>4</sup> .....	8.4	8.6	7.9	7.4	5.6	6.4	4.6	5.4	4.3	5.3
Total percent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number (in thousands) .....	5,529	3,054	6,741	4,608	8,549	5,411	9,966	7,267	9,882	8,677

<sup>1</sup> Civilian noninstitutional population only.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates based on weights derived from the 1960 Decennial Census.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates based on weights derived from the 1970 Decennial Census.

<sup>4</sup> Never married was reported as "single" for 1960.

Note.—Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Series P-20 (various years).

TABLE A-5.—LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ELDERLY,<sup>1</sup> SELECTED YEARS 1970–98

[Civilian noninstitutionalized population, number in thousands]

Living arrangement and year	Total age 65 and older		Widowed men		Widowed women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>In families:</b>						
1970 <sup>2</sup> .....	13,347	70.0	499	37.4	2,386	40.1
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	16,355	67.6	385	28.7	2,194	30.1
1990 .....	19,737	66.8	525	29.9	2,202	26.3
1992 .....	20,351	66.5	536	28.0	2,305	26.8
1995 .....	20,828	66.6	466	26.6	2,363	27.4
1996 .....	21,092	66.6	527	27.1	2,427	28.2
1998 .....	21,443	66.8	516	25.6	2,359	28.1
<b>Living alone:</b>						
1970 <sup>2</sup> .....	5,071	26.6	708	53.1	3,309	55.7
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	7,328	30.3	893	66.5	4,916	67.4
1990 .....	9,176	31.0	1,117	63.6	5,946	71.1
1992 .....	9,523	31.1	1,241	64.7	6,070	70.6
1995 .....	9,862	31.5	1,201	68.4	6,092	70.5
1996 .....	9,841	31.1	1,259	64.8	5,963	69.3
1998 .....	9,923	30.9	1,343	66.6	5,880	70.1
<b>Other:</b>						
1970 <sup>2</sup> .....	645	3.4	124	9.3	251	4.2
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	511	2.1	65	4.8	186	2.5
1990 .....	653	2.2	113	6.4	220	2.6
1992 .....	716	2.3	142	7.4	227	2.6
1995 .....	577	1.8	88	5.0	182	2.1
1996 .....	725	2.3	158	8.1	217	2.5
1998 .....	716	2.2	158	7.8	155	1.9
<b>Total:</b>						
1970 <sup>2</sup> .....	19,061	100.0	1,333	100.0	5,946	100.0
1980 <sup>3</sup> .....	24,194	100.0	1,342	100.0	7,295	100.0
1990 .....	29,566	100.0	1,755	100.0	8,367	100.0
1992 .....	30,590	100.0	1,917	100.0	8,601	100.0
1995 .....	31,267	100.0	1,755	100.0	8,637	100.0
1996 .....	31,658	100.0	1,944	100.0	8,607	100.0
1998 .....	32,082	100.0	2,017	100.0	8,394	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Excludes persons in institutions (nursing homes, etc.). The number of such persons age 65 and older was estimated to be 0.8 million in 1970, and 1.6 million in 1989.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates based on weights derived from the 1970 Decennial Census.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates based on weights derived from the 1980 Decennial Census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Series P-20 (various years).

TABLE A-6.—POVERTY STATUS OF ALL PERSONS AND ELDERLY BY SEX, ETHNICITY, AND LIVING ARRANGEMENT, SELECTED YEARS 1959–98

[Percent below the poverty level]

	Year									
	1959	1966	1970	1973 <sup>1</sup>	1980	1990	1992 <sup>2</sup>	1994	1995	1998
All persons .....	22.4	14.7	12.6	11.1	13.0	13.5	14.8	14.5	13.8	12.7
Persons age 65 and older .....	35.2	28.5	24.5	16.3	15.7	12.2	12.9	11.7	10.5	10.5
Both sexes:										
Living arrangement:										
Living in families .....	NA	NA	14.7	9.4	8.5	5.8	7.1	6.0	5.0	5.7
Unrelated individuals .....	NA	NA	47.1	32.0	30.6	24.7	24.9	23.1	21.4	20.4
Race/ethnicity:										
Black .....	NA	NA	48.0	37.1	38.1	33.8	33.5	27.4	25.4	26.4
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	24.9	30.8	22.5	22.1	22.6	23.5	21.0
White .....	NA	NA	22.5	14.4	13.6	10.1	11.0	10.2	9.0	8.9
Men .....	NA	NA	19.0	12.4	10.9	7.6	8.8	7.2	6.2	7.2
Living arrangement:										
Living in families .....	NA	NA	14.9	9.4	8.2	5.4	6.7	5.1	4.2	5.0
Unrelated individuals .....	NA	NA	38.9	27.1	24.4	17.3	18.4	16.1	14.3	16.3
Race/ethnicity:										
Black .....	NA	NA	41.3	32.4	31.4	27.8	26.9	20.6	15.4	20.6
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	22.0	27.0	18.6	17.4	15.4	16.0	15.6
White .....	NA	NA	17.0	10.4	9.0	5.6	7.1	5.9	5.4	5.9
Women .....	NA	NA	28.5	19.0	19.0	15.4	15.8	14.9	13.6	12.8
Living arrangement:										
Living in families .....	NA	NA	14.5	9.3	8.8	6.3	7.5	7.0	5.9	6.3
Unrelated individuals .....	NA	NA	49.7	33.5	32.3	26.9	26.8	25.3	23.8	21.7

TABLE A-6.—POVERTY STATUS OF ALL PERSONS AND ELDERLY BY SEX, ETHNICITY, AND LIVING ARRANGEMENT, SELECTED YEARS 1959–98—  
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[Percent below the poverty level]

	Year									
	1959	1966	1970	1973 <sup>1</sup>	1980	1990	1992 <sup>2</sup>	1994	1995	1998
Race/ethnicity:										
Black .....	NA	NA	53.2	40.5	42.6	37.9	37.8	31.7	31.1	30.2
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	24.7	34.3	25.3	25.4	28.4	28.9	25.3
White .....	NA	NA	26.5	17.2	16.8	13.2	13.7	13.3	11.7	11.1

<sup>1</sup>First year in which Hispanic data are available.

<sup>2</sup>1992 figures are based on 1990 census population controls.

<sup>3</sup>Hispanics may be of any race.

NA—Not available.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Series P-60 (various years).



TABLE A-7.—POVERTY RATES OF THE ELDERLY BY AGE, SEX, AND MARITAL STATUS, 1998

Sex and marital status	Age group			
	65 and older	65-74	75-84	85 and older
<b>Male:</b>				
Married .....	5.1	4.7	5.8	5.7
Widowed .....	10.3	11.2	10.6	8.2
Divorced/separated/never married .....	17.9	18.7	16.2	NA
<b>Male total .....</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Female:</b>				
Married .....	5.4	4.7	6.4	11.6
Widowed .....	16.8	15.6	17.7	17.3
Divorced/separated/never married .....	24.7	23.6	26.0	NA
<b>Female total .....</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>17.5</b>
<b>Total all elderly .....</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>14.2</b>

NA—Not available due to unreliability of estimate; percentage base represents fewer than 250,000 persons.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

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TABLE A-8.—AMOUNT OF INCOME FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN SOCIAL SECURITY,  
AMONG SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES, AGE 65 AND OLDER, 1998

[In percent]

Unit income other than Social Security	All units	Married couples	Nonmarried persons
None .....	13.3	7.3	18.3
Loss or \$1–\$1,999 .....	14.3	8.6	19.1
\$2,000–\$3,999 .....	8.0	5.4	10.3
\$4,000–\$5,999 .....	6.0	4.6	7.1
\$6,000–\$7,999 .....	5.4	4.6	6.1
\$8,000–\$9,999 .....	4.8	4.6	5.0
\$10,000–\$14,999 .....	9.6	10.4	8.9
\$15,000–\$19,999 .....	7.3	8.8	6.2
\$20,000–\$29,999 .....	9.2	11.6	7.2
\$30,000–\$39,999 .....	6.1	8.6	3.9
\$40,000–\$49,999 .....	3.7	5.4	2.3
\$50,000–\$74,999 .....	6.0	9.4	3.2
\$75,000–\$99,999 .....	2.7	4.5	1.2
\$100,000 or more .....	3.5	6.2	1.2
Number (in thousands) .....	22,095	10,072	12,023
Median income other than Social Security	\$9,225	\$17,300	\$4,680
Median Social Security income .....	\$10,737	\$15,225	\$9,000

Note.—Units are families (primary families, related, and unrelated subfamilies) and unrelated individuals with any member age 65 or older.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

TABLE A-9.—TOTAL MONEY INCOME OF ELDERLY UNITS, 1998

Amount of income	All units			Married couples			Nonmarried persons		
	Age 65 and older	Age 65-69	Age 85 and older	Age 65 and older	Age 65-69	Age 85 and older	Age 65 and older	Age 65-69	Age 85 and older
Under \$5,000 .....	3.2	2.8	4.8	1.7	1.8	1.3	4.5	4.2	5.9
\$5,000-\$9,999 .....	14.7	11.4	20.2	2.9	2.3	3.3	24.8	24.2	25.5
\$10,000-\$14,999 .....	15.8	11.3	23.5	7.3	5.9	11.4	23.0	18.9	27.2
\$15,000-\$19,999 .....	12.1	9.6	14.1	10.5	7.9	14.4	13.4	11.9	13.9
\$20,000-\$29,999 .....	17.5	16.6	13.1	21.4	17.9	18.8	14.1	14.7	11.4
\$30,000-\$39,999 .....	11.1	13.1	7.8	15.4	16.0	12.4	7.5	9.2	6.4
\$40,000-\$49,999 .....	6.8	9.3	3.7	9.9	12.3	6.9	4.1	5.1	2.8
\$50,000-\$74,999 .....	9.4	13.0	5.9	14.4	17.6	11.5	5.1	6.5	4.2
\$75,000-\$99,999 .....	4.1	5.2	2.8	6.9	7.4	7.1	1.7	2.1	1.5
\$100,000 or more .....	5.4	7.8	3.9	9.6	10.9	12.9	1.9	3.3	1.2
Total percent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number (in thousands) .....	24,371	6,868	2,603	11,185	4,006	616	13,185	2,862	1,987
Median .....	\$22,041	\$28,948	\$15,402	\$33,577	\$38,720	\$30,954	\$14,453	\$16,269	\$13,132
Mean .....	\$34,379	\$42,154	\$27,546	\$48,391	\$52,907	\$52,930	\$22,493	\$27,106	\$19,675

Note.—Units are families (primary families, related, and unrelated subfamilies) and unrelated individuals with any member age 65 or older. Unit's age is the age of the head of the unit, if age 65 or older. If the head of the unit is under age 65, the unit's age is based on the age of the spouse, if the spouse is age 65 or older; otherwise the unit's age is based on the age of the oldest person age 65 or older in the unit.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

TABLE A-10.—PERCENT OF UNITS<sup>1</sup> WITH ANY MEMBER AGE 65 OR OLDER WITH INCOME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, AND PERCENT OF TOTAL UNIT INCOME FROM EACH SOURCE, BY POVERTY<sup>2</sup> STATUS, 1998

	Percent of units with income from each source			Percent of unit income from each source		
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor
Number of units (in thousands) .....	24,367	3,033	21,334	NA	NA	NA
Number of aged individuals (in thousands) .....	32,394	3,386	29,008	NA	NA	NA
Percent of units .....	100.0	12.4	87.6	NA	NA	NA
Earnings <sup>3</sup> .....	33.5	9.5	37.0	33.1	7.1	33.7
Social Security .....	90.6	77.0	92.6	30.8	66.9	29.9
Pensions .....	44.2	9.0	49.2	16.0	4.2	16.3
Unemployment compensation .....	1.7	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Disability .....	2.1	0.6	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.6
Veterans Administration .....	4.7	1.7	5.1	1.0	0.6	1.0
SSI .....	5.9	20.1	3.9	0.7	8.8	0.5
AFDC, general assistance .....	0.5	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0
Child support, alimony .....	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Interest, dividends <sup>3</sup> .....	65.3	25.7	70.9	16.7	2.0	17.0
Food stamps <sup>4</sup> .....	4.2	20.1	1.9	0.1	2.8	0.0
School lunch <sup>4</sup> .....	3.7	5.1	3.5	0.0	0.4	0.0
Housing assistance <sup>4</sup> .....	5.0	16.7	3.4	0.3	6.2	0.1

<sup>1</sup>Includes both families and unrelated individuals.

<sup>2</sup>Based on census ("Orshansky") poverty levels.

<sup>3</sup>Negative income (i.e., losses) set to zero.

<sup>4</sup>The cash values of food stamps, school lunch, and housing assistance were estimated using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total income for purposes of determining poverty status. Their cash values are included in total income for purposes of calculating the percentage of unit income from these sources.

NA—Not applicable.

Note.—Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

TABLE A-11.—PERCENT OF MARRIED COUPLES WITH ALL MEMBERS AGE 65 OR OLDER WITH INCOME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, AND PERCENT OF TOTAL FAMILY INCOME FROM EACH SOURCE, BY POVERTY STATUS,<sup>1</sup> 1998

	Percent of couples with income from each source			Percent of family income from each source		
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor
Number of married couples (in thousands) .....	6,488	289	6,199	NA	NA	NA
Percent of married couples .....	100.0	4.5	95.5	NA	NA	NA
Earnings <sup>2</sup> .....	23.0	4.7	23.9	15.5	4.0	15.6
Social Security .....	94.8	52.3	96.8	37.6	72.4	37.4
Pensions .....	58.2	20.3	59.9	22.5	13.1	22.5
Unemployment compensation .....	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disability .....	1.2	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.4
Veterans Administration .....	5.6	3.5	5.6	0.8	1.6	0.8
SSI .....	1.4	5.8	1.2	0.2	4.1	0.2
AFDC, general assistance .....	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Child support, alimony .....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest, dividends <sup>2</sup> .....	76.9	40.2	78.6	22.6	1.8	22.7
Food stamps <sup>3</sup> .....	1.0	7.5	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.0
School lunch <sup>3</sup> .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing assistance <sup>3</sup> .....	1.0	3.4	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0

<sup>1</sup>Based on census poverty levels.

<sup>2</sup>Negative income (i.e., losses) set to zero.

<sup>3</sup>The cash values of food stamps, school lunch, and housing assistance were estimated using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total income for purposes of determining poverty status. Their cash values are included in total income for purposes of calculating the percentage of family income from these sources.

NA—Not applicable.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

TABLE A-12.—PERCENT OF UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS<sup>1</sup> AGE 65 OR OLDER WITH INCOME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, AND PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME FROM EACH SOURCE, BY POVERTY STATUS,<sup>2</sup> 1998

	Percent of individuals with income from each source			Percent of individual income from each source		
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor
Number of individuals (in thousands) .....	10,564	2,150	8,413	NA	NA	NA
Percent of individuals .....	100.0	20.4	79.6	NA	NA	NA
Earnings <sup>3</sup> .....	12.9	3.4	15.3	13.1	1.3	13.9
Social Security .....	92.1	81.8	94.7	43.0	72.4	40.9
Pensions .....	38.2	7.2	46.1	18.2	3.1	19.2
Unemployment compensation .....	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1
Disability .....	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.5
Veterans Administration .....	3.9	1.3	4.6	1.6	0.5	1.7
SSI .....	6.0	22.4	1.8	1.0	10.2	0.3
AFDC, general assistance .....	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Child support, alimony .....	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.2
Interest, dividends <sup>3</sup> .....	60.0	24.2	69.1	21.0	2.0	22.3
Food stamps <sup>4</sup> .....	5.1	18.9	1.6	0.1	1.8	0.0
School lunch <sup>4</sup> .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing assistance <sup>4</sup> .....	9.6	20.8	6.8	1.0	8.4	0.5

<sup>1</sup> Elderly living alone.

<sup>2</sup> Based on census ("Orshansky") poverty levels.

<sup>3</sup> Negative income (i.e., losses) set to zero.

<sup>4</sup> The cash values of food stamps, school lunch, and housing assistance were estimated using their market values. Their cash values are excluded from total income for purposes of determining poverty status. Their cash values are included in total income for purposes of calculating the percentage of individuals' income from these sources.

NA—Not applicable.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

TABLE A-13.—RECEIPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, FOOD STAMPS, AND COMBINATIONS THEREOF, AMONG UNITS<sup>1</sup> WITH AN AGED HEAD CLASSIFIED BY FAMILY MONEY INCOME AS A PERCENT OF THE POVERTY THRESHOLD, 1998

Type of benefit	Less than 100 percent of poverty threshold		100–149.9 percent of poverty threshold	
	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Number (in thousands)	Percent
Social Security <sup>2</sup> .....	2,247	77.9	3,303	95.5
SSI .....	582	20.2	254	7.3
Food stamps .....	570	19.8	208	6.0
Social Security only <sup>3</sup> .....	1,628	56.4	2,972	86.0
SSI only <sup>3</sup> .....	85	3.0	30	0.9
Food stamps only <sup>3</sup> .....	30	1.0	4	0.1
Social Security and food stamps <sup>4</sup> .....	214	7.4	128	3.7
Social Security and SSI <sup>4</sup> .....	170	5.9	147	4.3
SSI and food stamps <sup>4</sup> .....	92	3.2	21	0.6
Social Security, SSI, and food stamps	234	8.1	55	1.6
No Social Security, SSI, or food stamps	431	14.9	100	2.9
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>2,884</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes unrelated individuals and elderly individuals living alone.

<sup>2</sup> Includes railroad retirement.

<sup>3</sup> Family receives only the one type of income specified but not the other two. The family could be receiving other types of income.

<sup>4</sup> Family receives only the two types of income specified but not the third. The family could be receiving other sources of income than the three mentioned.

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service based on March 1999 Current Population Survey.

