



Social Security: 2012 Hawai'i Quick Facts

Hawaii's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, Hawaii's population was 1,300,000, with 15% being age 65 and older (196,000) residents.¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 16% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 22%.^{2,3}

Hawaii ranks 17th in income level among the states.

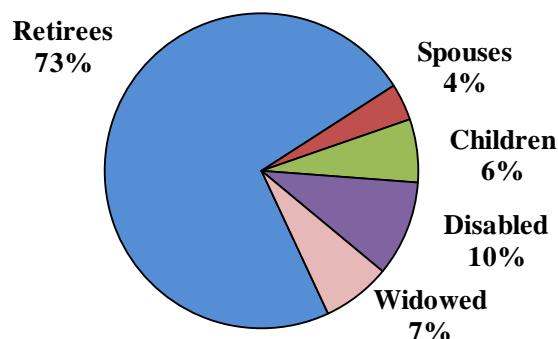
The average personal income in Hawaii was \$41,021 in 2010. Hawaii's per capita income (17th) ranks lower than California (12th) but higher than Oregon (30th) and Arizona (40th).⁴

One in six Hawai'i residents receives Social Security.

The Social Security program not only provides monthly benefits to retired workers, but also to families when the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. In 2010, over 54 million Americans received Social Security benefits; of these, 227,914 lived in Hawaii.⁵

In 2010, one in six Hawai'i residents received Social Security. While 73% of beneficiaries are retirees, 27% are not: 15,525 are widows and widowers; 22,686 are people with disabilities; 8,252 are spouses; and 14,623 are children.⁵

Hawaii Social Security Beneficiaries



Social Security pumps nearly three billion dollars into Hawaii's economy.

In 2010, Hawaii residents received 2.9 billion dollars from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Hawai'i retiree in 2010 was \$13,752—or about \$1,146 a month.⁷

Nearly all Hawai'i residents age 65 or older receive Social Security.

Over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Hawaii, 18% of residents receive benefits. However, older people are more likely to receive Social Security, with 92% ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 88% of older Hawai'i residents receiving it.¹

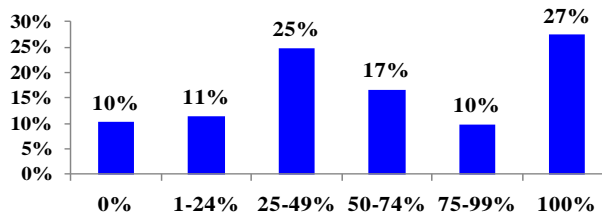
Social Security lifts more than two in ten retirees from poverty.

In 2009, more than one-third (35%) of the nation's older population would be living in poverty if they were not receiving Social Security. In Hawaii, 20% of the state's 65+ population would have incomes below the poverty line if they did not receive Social Security.⁸

Social Security is the only source of income for more than a quarter of Hawaii residents age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for over half of Hawaii's residents age 65 and older. More than a quarter of older Hawai'i residents rely on Social Security as their only source of income.^{9,10}

Income Percentage from Social Security for Hawai'i Residents 65+



End Notes

¹ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:
http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2010/table01.html

² Projections of the Population, By Age and Sex, of States: 1995 to 2025. United States Census Bureau:
<http://www.census.gov/population/projections/state/stpjage.txt>

³ Ranking of States by Projected Percent of Population age 65 and Over: 2000, 2010, and 2030. United States Census Bureau:
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/projectionsagesex.html>

⁴ State Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Factsheet, 2010. U.S. Dept. of Commerce:
<http://www.bea.gov/regional/bearfacts/statebf.cfm>

⁵ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:
http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2010/table02.html

⁶ OASDI Estimated Total Benefits Paid, 2010, Social Security Administration:
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2011/5j.html#table5.j1>

⁷ OASDI Number and Total Monthly Benefits for Beneficiaries, age 65 or older, 2010:
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2011/5j.html#table5.j3>

⁸ AARP analysis from The March 2009 Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement from the Current Population Survey (CPS).

⁹ AARP analysis using data from 2009 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.

¹⁰ For a three-year estimate refer to “Social Security is a Critical Income Source for Older Americans: State-Level Estimates, 2007–2009.” AARP Public Policy Institute:
<http://www.aarp.org/work/social-security/info-09-2011/fs236-ss.html>

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