



Social Security: 2012 Nevada Quick Facts

Nevada's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, Nevada's population was about 2.6 million, with 12% being age 65 and older (320,000 residents).¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 17% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 25%.^{2,3}

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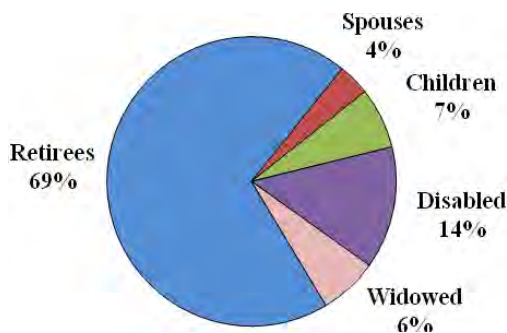
The average personal income in Nevada was \$36,997 in 2010. Nevada ranks 31st in per capita income in the United States.⁴

One in seven Nevada 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, 408,113 lived in Nevada.⁵

In 2010, one in seven Nevada residents received Social Security.¹ While 69% of beneficiaries are retirees, 31% are not: 26,664 are widows and widowers; 55,858 are people with disabilities; 14,487 are spouses; and 27,875 are children.⁵

Nevada Social Security Beneficiaries



Social Security pumps over five billion dollars into Nevada's economy.

In 2010, Nevada residents received 5.4 billion from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Nevada retiree in 2010 was \$14,030—or about \$1,169 a month.⁷

Nearly all Nevada residents age 65+ receive Social Security.

Over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Nevada, 15% of residents do. However, older people are more likely to receive the benefit, with 92 of those ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 90% of older Nevada residents receiving it.¹

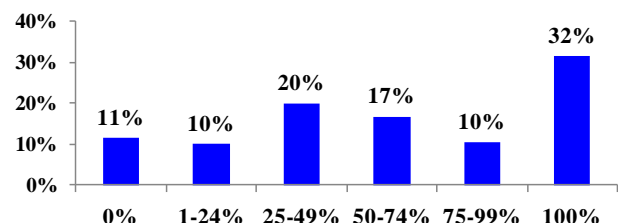
Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 Nevada, 35% of 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 one-third of Nevada residents age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for almost six in ten Nevada residents age 65 and older. One-third of older Nevada residents rely on Social Security as their only source of income.^{9,10}

Income Percentage from Social Security for Nevada Residents 65+



End Notes

- ¹ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:
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- 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:
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- 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 the 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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