



Social Security: 2012 New Hampshire Quick Facts

New Hampshire's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, New Hampshire's population was about 1.3 million, with 14% being age 65 and older (183,000 residents).¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 15% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will make up 21%.^{2,3}

New Hampshire has one of the highest per capita incomes among the states.

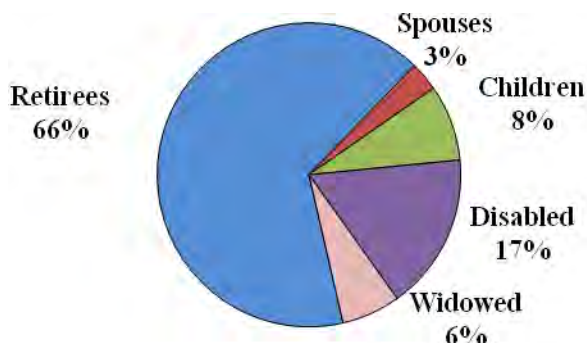
New Hampshire's per capita income ranks 9th among the U.S. states, with an average personal income of \$44,084 in 2010.⁴

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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, 254,752 live in New Hampshire.⁵

In 2010, one in five New Hampshire residents received Social Security.¹ While 66% of beneficiaries are retirees, 34% are not: 15,956 are widows and widowers; 42,504 are people with disabilities; 7,922 are spouses; and 20,650 are children.⁵

New Hampshire Social Security Beneficiaries



Social Security pumps over three billion dollars into New Hampshire's economy.

In 2010, New Hampshire residents received 3.4 billion from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a New Hampshire retiree in 2010 was \$14,542—or about \$1,212 a month.⁷

Nearly all New Hampshire residents age 65 or older receive Social Security.

Nationally, over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; 19% of all New Hampshire residents also receive benefits. However, older people are more likely to receive the benefit, with 92% of those ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 95% of older New Hampshire residents receiving it.¹

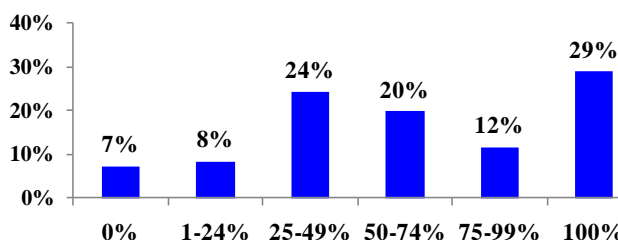
Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 New Hampshire, the same percentage (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 almost three in ten of New Hampshire residents age 65+.

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

Income Percentage from Social Security for New Hampshire 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 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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