



## Social Security: 2012 South Dakota Quick Facts

### South Dakota's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, South Dakota's population was about 820,000, with 15% being age 65 and older (120,000 residents).<sup>1</sup> In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 16% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 23%.<sup>2</sup>

### South Dakota ranks 25<sup>th</sup> in per capita income level among the states.

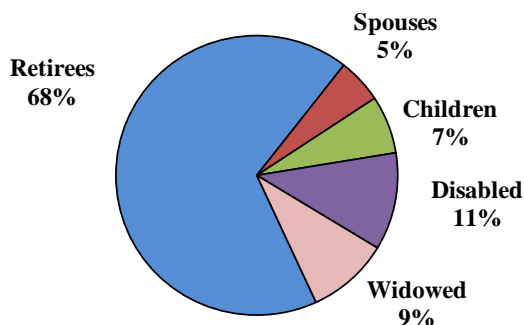
The average personal income in South Dakota was \$38,865 in 2010. Among the Midwest states South Dakota's per capita income (25<sup>th</sup>) ranks higher than Iowa (28<sup>th</sup>), but lower than Minnesota (13<sup>th</sup>), and North Dakota (18<sup>th</sup>).<sup>4</sup>

### One in five South Dakota 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, 153,508 lived in South Dakota.<sup>5</sup>

In 2010, one in five South Dakota residents received Social Security.<sup>1</sup> While 68% of beneficiaries are retirees, 32% are not: 13,839 are widows and widowers; 17,722 are people with disabilities; 7,308 are spouses; and 10,166 are children.<sup>5</sup>

**South Dakota Social Security Beneficiaries**



### Social Security pumps nearly two billion dollars into South Dakota's economy.

In 2010, South Dakota residents received an estimated 1.9 billion dollars from Social Security.<sup>6</sup> The average yearly Social Security benefit for a South Dakota retiree in 2010 was \$12,827—or about \$1,069 a month.<sup>7</sup>

### Nearly all South Dakota residents age 65 or older receive Social Security.

Over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in South Dakota, 19% of residents also receive benefits. However, older people are more likely to receive Social Security, with 92% of those ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 96% of older South Dakotans receiving it.<sup>1</sup>

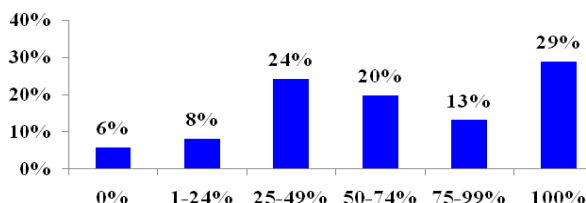
### Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 South Dakota, 31% of the state's 65+ population would have incomes below the poverty line if they did not received Social Security.<sup>8</sup>

### Social Security is the only source of income for about three in ten South Dakotans age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for three in five of South Dakotans age 65 and older. About three in ten older South Dakotans rely on Social Security as their only source of income.<sup>9,10</sup>

**Income Percentage from Social Security for South Dakotans 65+**



## End Notes

<sup>1</sup> OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:  
[http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi\\_sc/2010/table01.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2010/table01.html)

<sup>2</sup> 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>

<sup>3</sup> 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>

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

<sup>5</sup> OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:  
[http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi\\_sc/2010/table02.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2010/table02.html)

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

<sup>7</sup> 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>

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

<sup>9</sup> AARP analysis using data from the 2009 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.

<sup>10</sup> 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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