



Social Security: 2012 Utah Quick Facts



Utah's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, Utah's population was about 2.8 million, with 9% being age 65 and older (261,000 residents).¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 10% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 13%.^{2,3}

Utah ranks 48th in income level among all states.

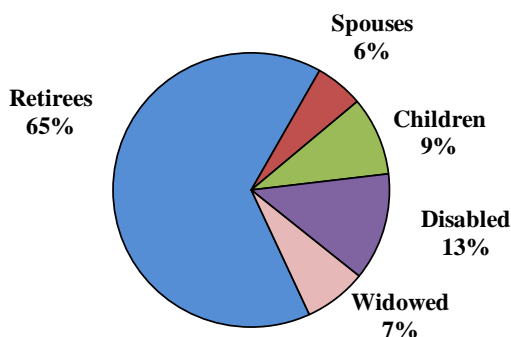
The average personal income in Utah was \$32,595 in 2010. Among the Western states, Utah's per capita income (48th) ranks lower than neighboring Nevada (31th), or California (12th).⁴

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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, 324,136 lived in Utah.⁵

In 2010, one in nine Utah residents received Social Security.¹ While 65% of beneficiaries are retirees, 35% are not: 23,030 are widows and widowers; 41,919 are people with disabilities; 17,561 are spouses; and 29,708 are children.⁵

Utah Social Security Beneficiaries



Social Security pumps more than four billion dollars into Utah's economy.

In 2010, Utah residents received 4.2 billion from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Utah retiree in 2010 was \$14,006—or about \$1,167 a month.⁷

Nearly all Utah residents age 65 or older receive Social Security.

Over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Utah, 12% of residents receive benefits. However, older people are more likely to receive the benefit, with 92% of those ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 87% of older Utah residents receiving it.¹

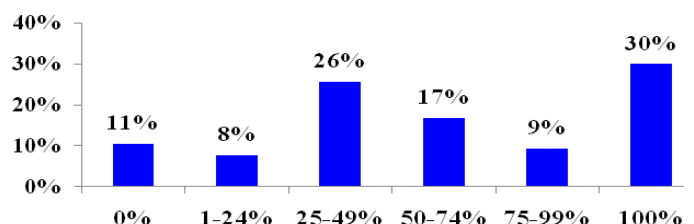
Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 Utah, 29% 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 three in ten Utah residents age 65+.

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

Income Percentage from Social Security for Utah 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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