



Social Security 2012 Vermont Quick Facts



Vermont's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, Vermont's population was about 622,000, with 15% being age 65 and older (92,000 residents).¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 17% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 24%.^{2,3}

Vermont ranks 19th in income level among the states.

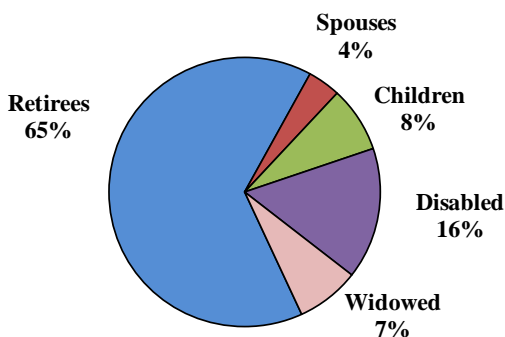
The average personal income in Vermont was \$40,283 in 2010. Vermont's per capita income (19th) ranks higher than Maine (29th), but lower than any other northeastern state.⁴

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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, 128,619 lived in Vermont.⁵

In 2010, one in five Vermont residents received Social Security.¹ While 65% of beneficiaries were retirees, 35% were not: 20,774 were people with disabilities; 9,296 were widows and widowers; 9,945 were children; and 4,764 were spouses.⁵

Vermont Social Security Beneficiaries



Social Security pumps over one billion dollars into Vermont's economy.

In 2010, Vermont residents received 1.6 billion dollars from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Vermont retiree in 2010 was \$13,889—or about \$1,157 a month.⁷

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

Over 17% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Vermont, 21% 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 96% of older Vermonters receiving it.¹

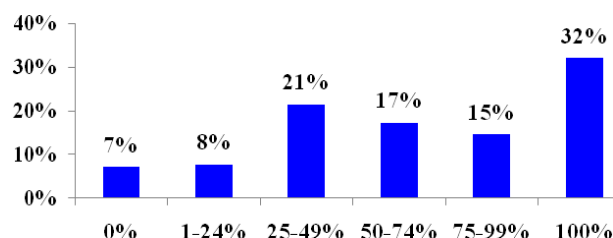
Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 Vermont, 38% 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 one-third of Vermont residents age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for two in three Vermont residents' age 65+. One-third of older Vermont residents rely on Social Security as their only source of income.^{9,10}

Income Percentage from Social Security for Vermont 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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