



Social Security: 2012 Wyoming Quick Facts



Wyoming's 65+ population is expanding.

In 2010, Wyoming's population was about 548,000, with 13% being age 65 and older (69,000) residents.¹ In 2015, the 65+ population will make up 17% of the state's population, and in 2030, it will be 26%.^{2,3}

Wyoming ranks 6th in per capita income level among the states.

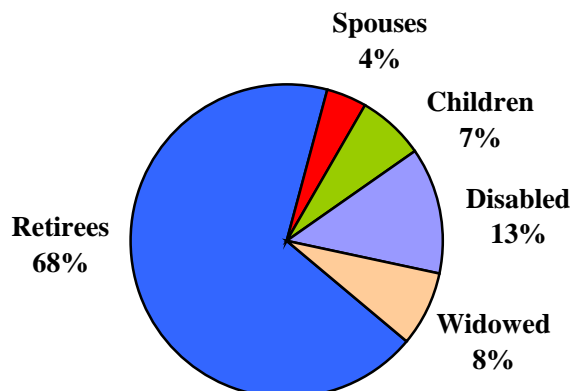
The average personal income in Wyoming was \$47,851 in 2010. Wyoming's per capita income (6th) ranks higher than any other Western state.⁴

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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 91,019 lived in Wyoming.⁵

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Wyoming Social Security Beneficiaries



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

In 2010, Wyoming residents received 1.2 billion dollars from Social Security.⁶ The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Wyoming retiree in 2010 was \$13,911—or about \$1,159 a month.⁷

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

Over 17% of people nationally receive Social Security benefits, the same percentage (17%) as in Wyoming. However, older people are more likely to receive the benefit, with 92% of those ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 94% of older Wyoming residents receiving it.¹

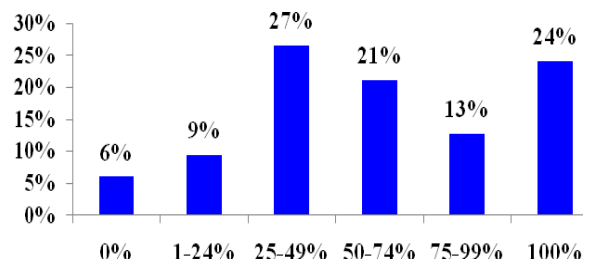
Social Security lifts more than one-third of retirees from poverty.

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 Wyoming, 39% of state's 65+ population would have incomes below the poverty line if they did not receive Social Security.⁸

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Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for over half of Wyomingites age 65 and older. A quarter of older Wyomingites rely on Social Security as their only source of income.^{9,10}

Income Percentage from Social Security for Wyomingites 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:
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- ⁵ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2010. Social Security Administration:
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<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:

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