



Social Security: 2014 Hawaii Quick Facts

Hawaii's 65+ population is 211,000.

In 2012, Hawaii's population was about 1.4 million, with 211,000 being age 65 and older residents.¹

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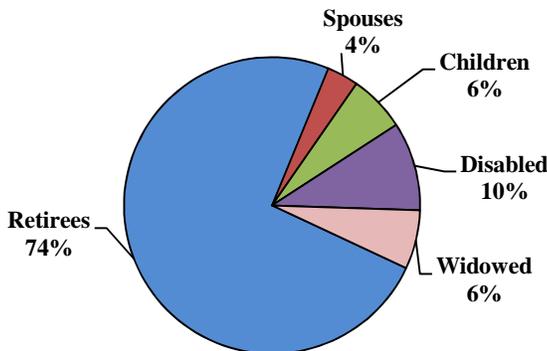
In 2012, Hawaii residents received \$3.3 billion dollars from Social Security.⁴ Every \$1 dollar of Social Security received in Hawaii generates \$1.87 of economic output. Spending related to Social Security by beneficiaries, businesses and workers on goods and services generates \$5.7 billion in economic output for Hawaii.²

One in six Hawaii's 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 2012, over 56 million Americans received Social Security benefits; of these, 240,456 lived in Hawaii.³

In 2012, one in six Hawaii residents received Social Security. While 74% of beneficiaries are retirees, 26% are not: 15,412 are widows and widowers; 23,281 are people with disabilities; 8,310 are spouses; and 14,859 are children.³

Hawaii Social Security Beneficiaries



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

Over 18% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Hawaii, 17% of residents receive benefits. However, older people are more likely to receive Social Security, with 92% ages 65 and over receiving it nationwide, and 87% of older Hawaii residents receiving it.¹

On average, Hawaii retirees receive about \$1,237 a month from Social Security.

The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Hawaii retiree in 2012 was \$14,843.⁵

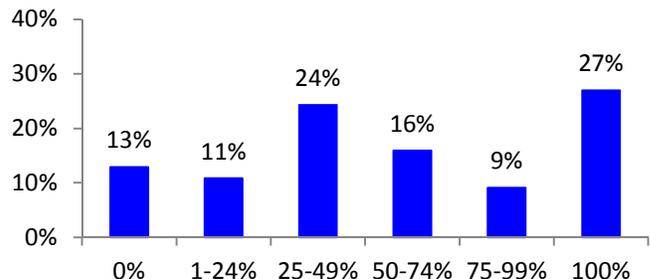
Social Security lifts 49,000 Hawaii retirees from poverty.

About 44% of the nation's older population would be living in poverty if they were not receiving Social Security. In Hawaii, 34% of the state's 65+ population would have incomes below the poverty line if they did not receive Social Security.⁶

Social Security is the only source of income for more than a quarter of Hawaii residents age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for over half of Hawaii residents age 65 and older. More than a quarter of older Hawaii residents rely on Social Security as their only source of income.⁷

Income Percentage from Social Security for Hawaii Residents 65+



End Notes

¹ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2012. Social Security Administration:
http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2012/table01.html

² Social Security's Impact on the National Economy, AARP Public Policy Institute, 2013:
<http://www.aarp.org/work/social-security/info-09-2013/social-security-impact-on-the-national-economy-AARP-ppi-econ-sec.html>

³ OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2012. Social Security Administration:
http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2012/table02.html

⁴ OASDI Estimated Total Benefits Paid, 2013, Social Security Administration:
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2013/5j.html#table5.j1>

⁵ OASDI Number and Total Monthly Benefits for Beneficiaries, age 65 or older, 2013:
<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2013/5j.html#table5.j3>

⁶ Effect of Social Security on Poverty Among the Elderly by State, 2009-2011:
<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=3851>

⁷ 2011 ACS Percent of Income from SS- SPSS calculation by AARP Research:
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/data_main/

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