



Social Security 2014 Rhode Island Quick Facts



Rhode Island's 65+ population is 159,000.

In 2012, Rhode Island's population was about 1.1 million, with 159,000 being age 65 and older residents.¹

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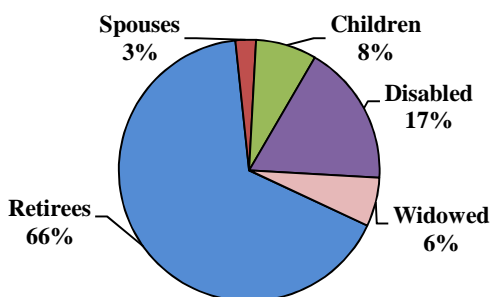
In 2012, Rhode Island residents received \$2.9 billion dollars from Social Security.⁴ Every \$1 dollar of Social Security received in Rhode Island generates \$1.86 of economic output. Spending related to Social Security by beneficiaries, businesses and workers on goods and services generates \$5 billion in economic output for Rhode Island.²

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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 2012, over 56 million Americans received Social Security benefits; of these, 210,975 lived in Rhode Island.³

In 2012, one in five Rhode Island residents received Social Security.¹ While 66% of beneficiaries are retirees, 34% were not: 36,927 were people with disabilities; 12,751 were widows and widowers; 15,965 were children; and 5,319 were spouses.³

Rhode Island Social Security Beneficiaries



Nearly all Rhode Island residents age 65 or older receive Social Security.

Over 18% of all people receive Social Security benefits; in Rhode Island, 20% 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 93% of older Rhode Islanders receiving it.¹

On average, Rhode Island retirees receive about \$1,267 a month from Social Security.

The average yearly Social Security benefit for a Rhode Island retiree in 2012 was \$15,208.⁵

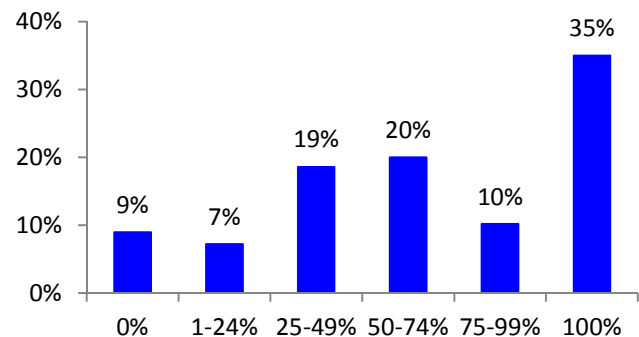
Social Security lifts 60,000 Rhode Island retirees from poverty.

About 44% of the nation's older population would be living in poverty if they were not receiving Social Security. In Rhode Island, 48% 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 one in three Rhode Islanders age 65+.

Social Security makes up 50 percent or more of the income for 65 percent of Rhode Islanders age 65 and older. One in three older Rhode Islanders rely on Social Security as their only source of income.⁷

Income Percentage from Social Security for Rhode Islanders 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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