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Most of the data in this report are sample estimates based on the Current Population Survey and hence are subject to sampling, response, and processing errors and to errors in the assumptions used to estimate the final figures from the weighted sample. Information regarding the sampling error of these data is given in the publications cited in the source notes of the tables.

Meaning of Symbols	
	Represents zero or rounds to zero.
B	Base less than 75,000.
...	Not applicable.
NA	Not available.
Z	Rounds to less than 0.05.

Social and Economic Characteristics of the Older Population: 1978

INTRODUCTION

This report consolidates data on a variety of social and economic characteristics of the older population. All of these statistics were compiled by the Bureau of the Census or by the National Center for Health Statistics and are now presented in this publication as a convenience to the user. The data which were taken from Bureau of the Census reports were primarily collected in the 1978 Current Population Survey (CPS), although a few tables contain data from other Bureau surveys or for other years.

In the report, most of the material on the "older" population relates to persons 65 years old and over. However, tables in which data are classified by age often show data for persons 55 to 64 years and occasionally for persons 50 to 59 years old. Data for these younger age groups are included to facilitate comparison of characteristics of "elderly" persons with persons just before they enter the elderly age category.

The emphasis on the lower age limit of 65 for the data presented here is partially arbitrary and partially a recognition of factors which, over the years, have combined to make the attainment of 65 a milestone—for example, a time of retirement, Social Security benefits, Medicare coverage, income tax advantages, and reduction in transit fares and admission prices.

Among the social and economic variables considered in this report are family and marital status, institutionalization, nativity and parentage, mobility, residence, educational attainment, voting, labor force participation, occupation and industry, income and earnings, poverty status, housing, health, and crime victimization. A later report will examine the demographic aspects of aging and the older population in a broader perspective.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 1978, there were 24.1 million persons in the United States 65 years and over, as compared with 20.1 million in 1970. Women outnumbered men in 1978 by 4.5 million.
- Most (63 percent) of these older Americans lived in families, 6 percent were institutionalized, and 30 percent lived alone.
- About 6.9 million women and 1.3 million men 65 and over were widowed.
- Nearly half of all Americans 65 years and over never attended high school; only 16 percent attended 1 or more years of college.
- In 1976, 62 percent of persons 65 years and over voted in the Presidential election compared with 49 percent of those 18 to 34 years old.
- One out of every 5 of the men 65 and over and 1 out of every 12 of the women 65 and over were in the labor force in 1978.
- The median income in 1977 of families with the head 65 years and over was \$9,121.
- About 3.2 million persons 65 years and over (or 14 percent of the total) lived in families or as unrelated individuals that had incomes below the poverty level in 1977. About 27 percent of older persons not living in families were poor in 1977.
- Nearly three-fourths (72 percent) of the householders 65 years and over owned their own homes in 1978.

Population

Since the turn of the century, the population 65 years and over has increased nearly 8 times, while the total population increased about 3 times. The earlier extremely high rate of increase in the older population has not continued; between 1970 and 1978, the number of persons 65 years and over increased by 20 percent, from 20.0 to 24.0 million. In 1900, persons 65 years and over constituted about 4 percent of the total population, while in 1978 they made up 11 percent of the total.

The number of women 65 years and over has grown faster than the number of men of this age. The numbers of men and women of this age group were quite similar in the early

years of this century, but women 65 and over now outnumber men by 4.5 million (14.3 million compared to 9.8 million). The number of older women has increased 22 percent since 1970, as compared with a 16 percent increase in the number of men of this age.

In 1978, Blacks 65 years and over numbered around 2 million and made up about 8 percent of all persons 65 and over. Between 1900 and 1978, the Black population 65 and over increased 7 to 8 times. Since 1970, the Black population 65 and over has risen by 28 percent, while the White population of this age increased by about 19 percent.

**Table 1. Population 50 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Sex, and Age:
July 1, 1978, 1974, and 1970**

(In thousands. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Sex and age	All races			White			Black			Spanish origin ¹		
	1978	1974	1970	1978	1974	1970	1978	1974	1970	1978 ²	1974	1970 ³
Both sexes.....	56,547	53,299	49,915	50,961	48,263	45,333	4,909	4,525	4,167	1,551	(NA)	1,165
50 to 59 years.....	23,061	22,265	21,161	20,617	20,061	19,107	2,126	1,970	1,867	807	(NA)	559
60 to 64 years.....	9,432	9,201	8,666	8,544	8,300	7,852	793	822	744	226	(NA)	202
65 to 69 years.....	8,575	7,840	7,023	7,649	7,054	6,338	851	725	626	217	(NA)	164
70 and 71 years.....	2,843	2,503	2,420	2,587	2,297	2,199	231	184	201	53	(NA)	105
72 to 74 years.....	3,516	3,199	3,045	3,227	2,929	2,802	250	236	221	91	(NA)	
75 years and over....	9,120	8,291	7,600	8,337	7,622	7,035	658	588	508	157	(NA)	135
Male.....	25,258	23,938	22,612	22,757	21,659	20,514	2,173	2,019	1,877	721	(NA)	552
50 to 59 years.....	11,063	10,671	10,158	9,928	9,644	9,196	988	912	865	387	(NA)	268
60 to 64 years.....	4,418	4,297	4,049	4,014	3,881	3,669	358	373	339	101	(NA)	96
65 to 69 years.....	3,803	3,474	3,137	3,398	3,126	2,828	365	312	277	100	(NA)	79
70 and 71 years.....	1,215	1,080	1,037	1,103	986	938	98	82	87	27	(NA)	49
72 to 74 years.....	1,469	1,330	1,284	1,337	1,208	1,176	111	106	99	35	(NA)	
75 years and over....	3,290	3,086	2,947	2,977	2,814	2,707	253	234	210	71	(NA)	60
Female.....	31,287	29,358	27,302	28,205	26,604	24,817	2,735	2,506	2,287	829	(NA)	613
50 to 59 years.....	11,998	11,594	11,004	10,689	10,417	9,911	1,138	1,058	1,001	420	(NA)	291
60 to 64 years.....	5,014	4,903	4,618	4,531	4,419	4,183	436	449	405	124	(NA)	106
65 to 69 years.....	4,771	4,366	3,885	4,251	3,928	3,510	486	412	349	118	(NA)	85
70 and 71 years.....	1,628	1,424	1,383	1,484	1,311	1,261	132	102	112	26	(NA)	56
72 to 74 years.....	2,047	1,867	1,760	1,890	1,721	1,627	138	130	122	55	(NA)	
75 years and over....	5,829	5,204	4,652	5,360	4,808	4,325	405	355	298	86	(NA)	75

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

²March 1978. Current Population Survey.

³April 1, 1970.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 721; 1970 Census of Population, Vol. II, 1C, "Persons of Spanish Origin;" and unpublished population estimates for 1978.

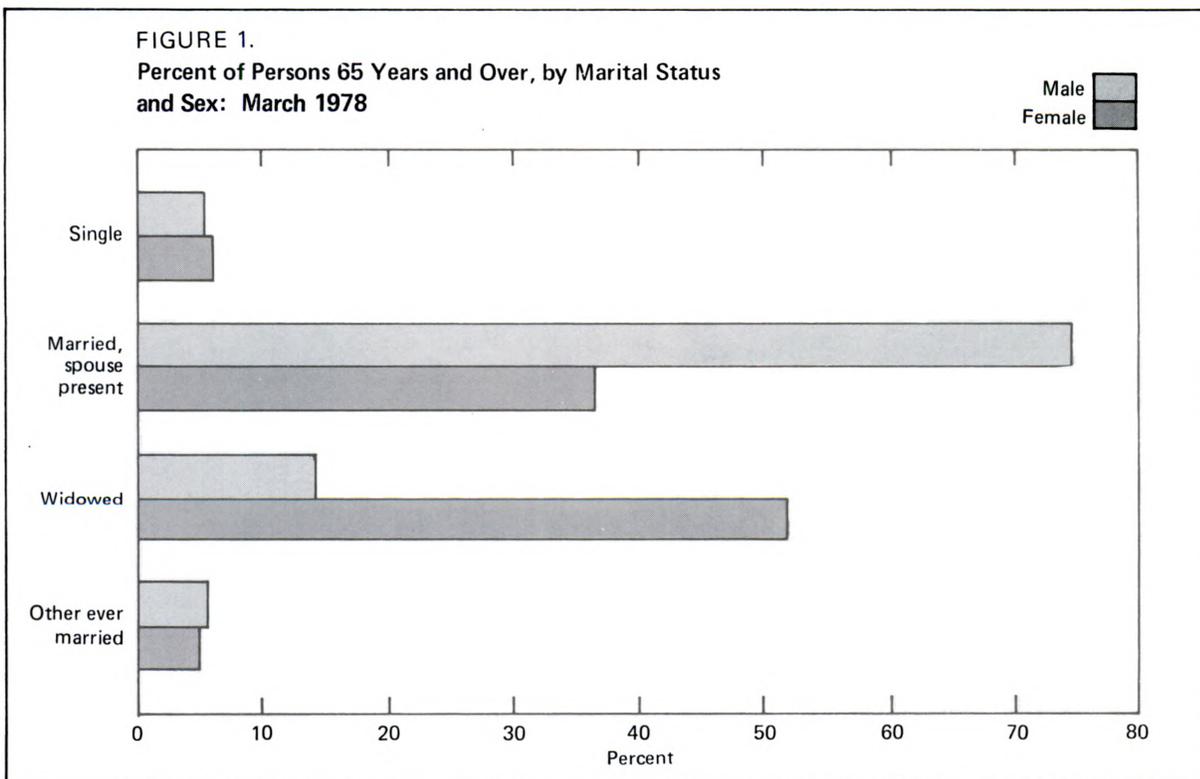
Family, Marital Status, and Fertility

Most persons 65 years and over live in families, frequently one that has dwindled to an older couple with no children or other relatives living with them. However, the proportion of older men and women in families differs greatly. Because the mortality rate is much higher for older men than for older women, fewer older women continue to live in a family setting in their old age. In 1978, for example, 82 percent of men 65 years old and over who were living outside institutions lived in families, and 77 percent maintained their own families. Among women, however, only 57 percent of this age group still lived in families and only 36 percent were wives.

Among Blacks, a somewhat smaller proportion of men of this age were family members (69 percent) and a smaller proportion of women (27 percent) were wives. Black women, however, were much more likely to maintain families without a husband (21 percent) than White women (8 percent).

A large proportion of older persons maintain their own households alone or have only nonrelatives living with them. Such householders are usually persons whose immediate families have dissolved because their children have grown up and left home and their spouse has died. The remaining spouse, more frequently the wife than the husband, continues to maintain a household alone. In 1978, there were 7.0 million such primary individuals 65 years and over in the United States and they comprised 42 percent of all the women and 16 percent of all the men of the older population. The proportion of older persons living without any relative present rises to 49 percent for women 75 and over and 22 percent for men 75 and over.

The most common marital status for older men is to be married and living with their wives—75 percent in 1978; about 37 percent of older women lived with their husbands. For men 65 to 74 years of age, 78 percent were married and living with their wives; for men 75 and over, the proportion



was 68 percent. Although men usually marry at an older age, they die at a younger age than women; on the average, therefore, they spend a greater proportion of their lifetimes in the married state.

Among older women, the major reason for being unmarried is the death of their husband. In 1978, 52 percent of the women 65 years and over and 69 percent of those 75 and

over were widowed. Among men, the corresponding proportions were 14 percent and 23 percent, respectively.

Older women 65 to 74 years old had borne an average of 2.4 children. White women 65 to 74 years had borne fewer children on the average than had Black women of the same age. The figures were about 2.3 children for White women and 2.7 for Black women.

**Table 2. Family Status of Persons 55 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Age, and Sex:
March 1978**

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, and family status	55 years and over			55 to 64 years			65 to 74 years			75 years and over		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
ALL RACES												
Total.....thousands..	42,977	18,939	24,038	20,509	9,769	10,740	14,269	6,080	8,189	8,199	3,090	5,109
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In families.....	75.6	85.7	67.6	84.5	89.1	80.3	71.7	84.9	61.9	60.0	76.6	50.0
Head of family.....	40.8	81.3	8.8	45.4	85.5	8.9	38.9	79.9	8.5	32.4	70.8	9.2
Wife of head.....	27.9	...	49.9	35.0	...	66.8	26.2	...	45.7	13.2	...	21.2
Other family member.....	6.9	4.4	8.8	4.1	3.6	4.6	6.6	5.0	7.7	14.4	5.8	19.6
Primary individual.....	23.0	12.6	31.3	14.1	9.1	18.6	26.8	13.3	36.9	38.9	22.1	49.1
Living alone.....	22.2	11.9	30.3	13.4	8.4	18.0	26.0	12.8	35.8	37.7	21.3	47.6
Secondary individual.....	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.9
In group quarters.....	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2
WHITE												
Total.....thousands..	38,846	17,110	21,736	18,530	8,861	9,669	12,836	5,441	7,395	7,480	2,808	4,672
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In families.....	76.1	87.0	67.5	85.2	90.1	80.7	72.2	86.5	61.6	60.0	77.8	49.3
Head of family.....	40.8	83.0	7.7	45.4	86.6	7.6	39.2	82.6	7.2	32.6	72.6	8.5
Wife of head.....	28.8	...	51.4	36.0	...	69.0	27.1	...	47.1	13.7	...	21.9
Other family member.....	6.4	4.0	8.4	3.9	3.6	4.2	5.9	4.0	7.2	13.7	5.2	18.9
Primary individual.....	22.8	11.8	31.4	13.4	8.2	18.2	26.8	12.6	37.2	39.2	21.7	49.8
Living alone.....	22.1	11.3	30.6	12.8	7.6	17.6	26.1	12.2	36.3	38.3	21.2	48.5
Secondary individual.....	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.9
In group quarters.....	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
BLACK												
Total.....thousands..	3,666	1,597	2,069	1,736	778	958	1,306	575	731	624	244	380
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In families.....	69.7	72.7	67.4	75.5	76.2	74.8	66.8	71.0	63.5	59.9	65.6	56.3
Head of family.....	39.9	64.6	20.7	45.1	73.0	22.4	36.4	57.6	19.8	32.5	54.5	18.2
Wife of head.....	19.7	...	35.0	24.7	...	44.8	18.1	...	32.4	9.3	...	15.3
Other family member.....	10.1	8.1	11.7	5.6	3.2	7.6	12.2	13.4	11.2	18.1	11.1	22.9
Primary individual.....	26.5	20.7	31.0	22.0	20.2	23.5	28.1	19.8	34.5	35.9	24.6	43.2
Living alone.....	24.4	18.8	28.7	20.5	17.9	22.7	25.7	18.3	31.5	32.7	23.4	38.7
Secondary individual.....	3.7	6.6	1.6	2.5	3.6	1.8	5.1	9.2	2.1	4.2	9.8	0.5
In group quarters.....	0.5	1.0	(2)	0.1	0.3	-	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.8	2.0	-
SPANISH ORIGIN¹												
Total.....thousands..	1,098	505	592	580	273	306	361	161	200	157	71	86
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In families.....	82.0	87.1	77.7	87.2	91.9	83.3	78.1	85.1	72.5	71.3	(B)	69.8
Head of family.....	41.3	76.4	11.7	44.7	81.7	11.8	40.2	75.2	12.5	31.8	(B)	9.3
Wife of head.....	24.0	...	44.6	30.7	...	58.2	21.1	...	38.0	6.4	...	11.6
Other family member.....	16.6	10.5	21.8	11.9	10.3	13.4	16.6	9.3	22.5	33.8	(B)	50.0
Primary individual.....	16.0	11.9	19.9	10.9	6.6	14.7	20.5	15.5	25.0	24.8	(B)	26.7
Living alone.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Secondary individual.....	1.9	1.2	2.5	1.9	1.5	2.3	1.4	-	2.5	3.2	(B)	3.5
In group quarters.....	0.6	-	1.2	0.2	-	0.3	1.1	-	2.0	1.3	(B)	2.3

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Table 3. Households With Head 55 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Age: March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Race, Spanish origin, and age of head	All households	Primary families				Primary individuals	
		Total	Husband- wife	Male head, no wife present	Female head, no husband present	Male	Female
ALL RACES							
Head, 55 years and over.....	27,408	17,503	14,851	541	2,111	2,380	7,527
55 to 64 years.....	12,183	9,299	8,071	276	952	888	1,996
65 to 74 years.....	9,383	5,554	4,713	146	695	810	3,020
75 years and over.....	5,842	2,650	2,067	119	464	682	2,511
WHITE							
Head, 55 years and over.....	24,710	15,859	13,748	452	1,659	2,017	6,835
55 to 64 years.....	10,884	8,402	7,439	232	731	723	1,759
65 to 74 years.....	8,462	5,027	4,363	129	535	685	2,750
75 years and over.....	5,364	2,430	1,946	91	393	609	2,326
BLACK							
Head, 55 years and over.....	2,431	1,459	958	73	428	331	642
55 to 64 years.....	1,163	781	528	40	213	157	225
65 to 74 years.....	842	476	315	16	145	114	253
75 years and over.....	426	202	115	17	70	60	164
SPANISH ORIGIN¹							
Head, 55 years and over.....	630	453	364	20	69	59	117
55 to 64 years.....	321	258	210	12	36	18	45
65 to 74 years.....	220	145	116	4	25	25	49
75 years and over.....	89	50	38	4	8	16	23

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 338.

Table 4. Families With Head 55 Years and Over, by Age, Race, Spanish Origin of Head, Size of Family, and Family Members by Age: March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, size of family, and age of members	Head, 55 years and over			Head, 55 to 64 years			Head, 65 to 74 years			Head, 75 years and over		
	All families	Husband-wife	Female head	All families	Husband-wife	Female head	All families	Husband-wife	Female head	All families	Husband-wife	Female head
ALL RACES												
Size of Family												
Total families.....	17,516	14,855	2,117	9,304	8,074	953	5,555	4,713	696	2,657	2,068	468
2 persons.....	12,116	10,278	1,455	5,437	4,637	601	4,408	3,802	505	2,271	1,839	349
3 persons.....	3,137	2,663	371	2,107	1,869	189	760	622	111	270	172	71
4 persons.....	1,287	1,093	162	1,003	898	88	206	159	39	78	36	35
5 persons.....	532	443	65	421	369	39	90	63	20	21	11	6
6 persons.....	244	207	36	181	163	18	56	40	15	7	4	3
7 persons or more.....	199	170	29	155	137	18	34	27	7	10	6	4
Age of Member												
Total members.....	45,356	38,125	5,803	26,059	22,626	2,725	13,211	10,977	1,845	6,086	4,522	1,233
Under 18 years.....	3,914	2,955	785	3,031	2,420	508	721	467	216	162	68	61
18 to 64 years.....	27,334	23,127	3,366	22,122	19,513	2,072	4,026	3,129	743	1,186	485	551
65 years and over.....	14,109	12,044	1,652	906	693	145	8,465	7,382	886	4,738	3,969	621
WHITE												
Size of Family												
Total families.....	15,867	13,748	1,664	8,404	7,439	731	5,028	4,363	536	2,435	1,946	397
2 persons.....	11,335	9,791	1,222	5,085	4,413	502	4,123	3,622	414	2,127	1,756	306
3 persons.....	2,762	2,397	278	1,885	1,708	136	648	541	81	229	148	61
4 persons.....	1,053	928	102	861	790	60	138	111	20	54	27	22
5 persons.....	417	365	33	337	307	19	68	49	13	12	9	1
6 persons.....	183	163	19	138	129	9	38	30	7	7	4	3
7 persons or more.....	115	104	10	97	92	5	12	10	1	6	2	4
Age of Member												
Total members.....	39,871	34,404	4,281	22,828	20,319	1,920	11,568	9,884	1,343	5,475	4,201	1,018
Under 18 years.....	2,813	2,297	392	2,324	1,964	277	416	300	86	73	33	29
18 to 64 years.....	24,171	20,908	2,551	19,735	17,750	1,535	3,424	2,735	555	1,012	423	461
65 years and over.....	12,887	11,198	1,337	768	604	108	7,729	6,849	702	4,390	3,745	527
BLACK												
Size of Family												
Total families.....	1,462	959	429	783	528	215	476	315	145	203	116	69
2 persons.....	702	439	216	316	196	95	255	163	79	131	80	42
3 persons.....	326	223	90	192	131	53	98	70	27	36	22	10
4 persons.....	210	143	59	122	90	27	64	44	19	24	9	13
5 persons.....	94	59	30	66	44	19	20	13	7	8	2	4
6 persons.....	56	41	15	39	32	7	17	9	8	-	-	-
7 persons or more.....	72	54	19	47	34	13	21	16	6	4	4	-
Age of Member												
Total members.....	4,866	3,204	1,457	2,794	1,910	775	1,508	989	472	564	305	210
Under 18 years.....	1,003	584	379	639	394	227	288	157	123	76	33	29
18 to 64 years.....	2,746	1,847	781	2,038	1,446	512	546	344	181	162	57	88
65 years and over.....	1,118	772	299	118	69	37	674	488	169	326	215	93
SPANISH ORIGIN¹												
Size of Family												
Total families.....	454	365	69	259	210	36	145	117	25	50	38	8
2 persons.....	223	174	36	102	76	17	86	71	14	35	27	5
3 persons.....	104	82	18	59	47	9	36	27	7	9	8	2
4 persons.....	55	45	8	42	36	6	9	7	1	4	2	1
5 persons.....	32	28	4	22	20	1	7	4	3	1	1	-
6 persons.....	19	16	3	16	13	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
7 persons or more.....	22	21	-	19	19	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
Age of Member												
Total members.....	1,457	1,185	210	917	771	113	417	321	77	123	93	20
Under 18 years.....	287	232	46	225	191	31	56	38	12	6	3	3
18 to 64 years.....	863	699	128	666	559	80	166	121	40	31	19	8
65 years and over.....	307	255	36	27	22	2	194	163	25	86	70	9

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Table 5. Married Couples with Husbands 55 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Age of Husband and Wife: March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, and age of husband	Total	Age of wife									
		Under 25 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 59 years	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 to 69 years	70 to 74 years	75 years and over
ALL RACES											
Husband, 55 years and over...	14,971	6	45	281	3,026	3,695	1,293	1,776	2,288	1,458	1,105
55 to 59 years.....	4,373	3	27	179	2,142	1,673	169	93	67	18	2
60 and 61 years.....	1,523	1	5	34	342	739	215	116	56	12	3
62 to 64 years.....	2,216	-	4	31	295	685	405	537	215	33	13
65 to 69 years.....	2,787	2	7	25	177	406	369	709	896	177	19
70 to 74 years.....	1,964	-	2	9	59	136	87	227	749	582	113
75 years and over.....	2,108	-	-	3	11	56	48	94	305	636	955
WHITE											
Husband, 55 years and over...	13,841	6	35	232	2,752	3,448	1,196	1,644	2,099	1,390	1,039
55 to 59 years.....	4,042	3	22	150	1,980	1,565	159	86	58	17	2
60 and 61 years.....	1,399	1	5	31	306	689	201	109	46	9	2
62 to 64 years.....	2,028	-	4	27	264	648	372	488	184	32	9
65 to 69 years.....	2,575	2	2	18	151	375	342	669	827	170	19
70 to 74 years.....	1,818	-	2	5	45	121	79	204	701	553	108
75 years and over.....	1,979	-	-	1	6	50	43	88	283	609	899
BLACK											
Husband, 55 years and over...	972	-	9	39	217	213	77	116	175	66	58
55 to 59 years.....	273	-	5	25	128	90	9	6	9	1	-
60 and 61 years.....	100	-	-	2	30	40	6	7	10	3	1
62 to 64 years.....	158	-	-	3	27	33	27	42	23	1	1
65 to 69 years.....	195	-	4	6	20	29	24	37	68	7	-
70 to 74 years.....	128	-	-	2	7	14	8	20	44	27	6
75 years and over.....	118	-	-	1	5	7	3	4	21	27	50
SPANISH ORIGIN¹											
Husband, 55 years and over...	381	-	2	18	116	85	32	37	50	30	12
55 to 59 years.....	134	-	1	10	82	27	5	3	4	2	-
60 and 61 years.....	31	-	-	2	11	11	4	2	1	-	-
62 to 64 years.....	48	-	-	4	8	20	6	7	4	-	-
65 to 69 years.....	82	-	1	1	12	19	13	17	15	3	1
70 to 74 years.....	42	-	-	1	3	4	3	5	14	8	4
75 years and over.....	44	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	12	17	7

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 338.

Table 6. Marital Status of Persons 55 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Sex, and Age: March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Race, Spanish origin, and age	Male						Female					
	Total	Single	Married, wife present	Married, wife absent	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married, husband present	Married, husband absent	Widowed	Divorced
ALL RACES												
55 years and over.....	18,939	1,024	14,972	528	1,612	803	24,038	1,347	12,104	585	8,889	1,114
55 to 64 years.....	9,769	529	8,113	280	312	534	10,740	519	7,219	340	1,972	690
65 to 74 years.....	6,080	347	4,751	182	589	212	8,189	538	3,780	179	3,376	317
75 years and over.....	3,090	148	2,108	66	711	57	5,109	290	1,105	66	3,541	107
WHITE												
55 years and over.....	17,110	903	13,840	345	1,354	668	21,736	1,246	11,264	394	7,875	956
55 to 64 years.....	8,861	474	7,469	191	271	455	9,669	462	6,706	214	1,697	589
65 to 74 years.....	5,441	298	4,392	106	471	174	7,395	500	3,517	122	2,985	270
75 years and over.....	2,808	131	1,979	48	612	39	4,672	284	1,041	58	3,193	97
BLACK												
55 years and over.....	1,597	106	972	175	223	122	2,069	97	734	179	905	154
55 to 64 years.....	778	50	531	85	38	74	958	54	433	119	253	99
65 to 74 years.....	575	39	323	72	109	33	731	37	263	52	354	45
75 years and over.....	244	17	118	18	76	15	380	6	58	8	298	10
SPANISH ORIGIN¹												
55 years and over.....	505	21	382	33	41	27	592	32	282	43	193	43
55 to 64 years.....	273	9	213	21	12	17	306	11	186	29	53	27
65 to 74 years.....	161	7	125	9	11	9	200	17	84	12	74	13
75 years and over.....	71	5	44	3	18	1	86	4	12	2	66	3

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 338.

Table 7. Number of Children Ever Born to Women 65 to 69 and 70 to 74 Years, by Race and Spanish Origin: June 1975

(For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, and age	Women ever married (thousands)	Children ever born	
		Number (thousands)	Per 1,000 women ever married
ALL RACES			
65 to 74 years.....	7,142	16,910	2,368
65 to 69 years.....	4,148	9,642	2,324
70 to 74 years.....	2,994	7,268	2,428
WHITE			
65 to 74 years.....	6,471	15,058	2,327
65 to 69 years.....	3,718	8,448	2,272
70 to 74 years.....	2,753	6,610	2,401
BLACK			
65 to 74 years.....	612	1,643	2,685
65 to 69 years.....	394	1,082	2,746
70 to 74 years.....	218	561	2,573
SPANISH ORIGIN¹			
65 to 74 years.....	154	644	4,182
65 to 69 years.....	86	289	3,360
70 to 74 years.....	68	355	(B)

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1975 Current Population Survey data.

Institutional Population

Approximately 1 million persons 65 years old and over lived in long-term care institutions in 1976 (96 percent of these persons were in nursing homes). Few other elderly persons lived in institutions. This figure is about the same as that in 1970 and represents about 6 percent of the population 65 and over.

As a result of differing mortality between the sexes, women not only greatly outnumber men among the older population generally, but particularly among the population living in institutions. In 1976, women outnumbered men in institutions by more than 2 to 1. Of all institutionalized persons, 66 percent were over 65 years old and 41 percent were over 80 years old.

Table 8. Inmates of Long-Term Care Institutions, by Race, Sex, and Age: 1976

Race and sex	Total	65 to 99 years	18 to 64 years	Less than 18 years	Age not reported
NUMBER					
All races.....	1,550,100	1,027,850	334,120	151,530	36,600
Male.....	596,820	322,530	182,420	85,410	6,450
Female.....	947,880	703,150	151,250	64,750	28,730
White.....	1,410,020	970,070	292,750	115,350	31,850
Male.....	524,850	299,040	158,210	63,580	4,010
Female.....	885,170	671,030	134,540	51,760	27,840
Other races.....	134,670	55,610	40,920	34,810	3,330
Male.....	71,970	23,490	24,210	21,820	2,440
Female.....	62,710	32,120	16,710	12,990	890
Not reported.....	5,410	2,170	450	1,380	1,420
PERCENT					
All races.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male.....	38.5	31.4	54.6	56.4	17.6
Female.....	61.1	68.4	45.3	42.7	78.5
White.....	91.0	94.4	87.6	76.1	87.0
Male.....	33.9	29.1	47.4	42.0	11.0
Female.....	57.1	65.3	40.3	34.2	76.1
Other races.....	8.7	5.4	12.2	23.0	9.1
Male.....	4.6	2.3	7.2	14.4	6.7
Female.....	4.0	3.1	5.0	8.6	2.4
Not reported.....	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.9	3.9

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 69.

Table 9. Inmates of Long-Term Care Institutions, by Type of Institution and Age: 1976

Type of facility	Total ¹	65 years old and over		
		Total	65 to 79 years	80 years and over
NUMBER				
Total.....	1,550,100	1,027,850	390,720	637,130
Nursing homes.....	1,182,670	989,340	368,370	620,970
Physically handicapped.....	37,780	2,280	1,360	920
Psychiatric.....	65,400	4,540	3,890	650
Mentally handicapped.....	189,210	5,690	4,370	1,320
All other.....	75,060	26,010	12,740	13,270
PERCENT				
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing homes.....	76.3	96.3	94.3	97.5
Physically handicapped.....	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.1
Psychiatric.....	4.2	0.4	1.0	0.1
Mentally handicapped.....	12.2	0.6	1.1	0.2
All other.....	4.8	2.5	3.3	2.1

¹Total includes persons who did not report on age.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 69.

Nativity and Parentage

The age distribution of the foreign-born population in the United States reflects the immigration policies of the past century. Following World War I, immigration from abroad was sharply curtailed. One result of that change in policy is the present concentration of foreign-born persons in the upper age range. In 1970, about one-third of all foreign-born

persons living in the United States were 65 years or over and they made up about 15 percent of the total population of that age. Since 1970, mortality in particular has tended to reduce these proportions. In 1975, about one-fourth of the foreign-born were 65 and over and they made up approximately 12 percent of the age group.

Table 10. Nativity and Parentage of the Total Population and the Population 65 Years and Over, by Sex: 1970

Nativity and parentage	Total	Male	Female
TOTAL POPULATION			
All ages.....	203,210	98,882	104,328
Median age.....	28.1	26.8	29.3
Persons 65 years and over.....	20,101	8,436	11,665
Percent of all ages.....	9.9	8.5	11.2
NATIVE OF NATIVE PARENTAGE			
All ages.....	169,635	82,989	86,646
Median age.....	24.4	23.5	25.3
Persons 65 years and over.....	13,126	5,440	7,686
Percent of all ages.....	7.7	6.6	8.9
NATIVE OF FOREIGN OR MIXED PARENTAGE			
All ages.....	23,956	11,489	12,467
Median age.....	47.3	46.2	48.2
Persons 65 years and over.....	3,900	1,606	2,293
Percent of all ages.....	16.3	14.0	18.4
FOREIGN BORN			
All ages.....	9,619	4,404	5,216
Median age.....	52.0	52.2	51.9
Persons 65 years and over.....	3,075	1,389	1,686
Percent of all ages.....	32.0	31.5	32.3

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1970 Census of Population, Vol. II, 1A, "National Origin and Language."

Table 11. Country of Origin of the Foreign-Born Population 14 Years and Over and 65 Years and Over, by Age: July 1975

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Country of origin	Total, 14 years and over	65 years and over		
		Total	65 to 74 years	75 years and over
Total, foreign born.....	9,777	2,625	1,339	1,285
China.....	290	61	45	17
Cuba.....	453	61	48	13
France.....	118	20	8	12
Germany.....	871	283	161	122
Greece.....	160	55	20	35
Italy.....	887	406	172	234
Japan.....	212	30	12	18
Korea.....	136	10	6	4
Mexico.....	1,134	135	77	58
Phillipines.....	301	36	32	4
Portugal.....	133	27	19	8
Other foreign born and Not reported.....	5,083	1,501	740	761

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1975 Current Population Survey data.

Mobility and Residence

The majority (62 percent) of Americans 65 and over live in the Nation's metropolitan areas. About equal proportions live in the central cities and the remainders of the metropolitan areas. Not many choose to change residence; only a small proportion move each year. Of the older Americans who moved between 1975 and 1978, nearly one-half remained within the same SMSA while about

one-fourth remained outside SMSA's. In this 3-year period, only about 14 percent of Americans 65 years and over moved to a different house. Within the age group, mobility was greater for those 65 to 74 years (15 percent) than for those 75 and over (12 percent). Men and women were about equally likely to have moved during the period.

Table 12. Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence of Persons 55 Years and Over, by Sex and Age: March 1978

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Residence	Both sexes				Male				Female			
	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over
NUMBER												
Total.....	42,977	20,509	14,269	8,199	18,939	9,769	6,080	3,090	24,038	10,740	8,189	5,109
Metropolitan.....	27,557	13,557	8,984	5,016	12,019	6,471	3,726	1,822	15,536	7,086	5,257	3,193
Central city.....	12,580	5,880	4,234	2,466	5,304	2,732	1,689	883	7,276	3,149	2,545	1,582
Outside central city.....	14,977	7,677	4,750	2,550	6,715	3,739	2,037	939	8,260	3,937	2,712	1,611
Nonmetropolitan.....	15,418	6,951	5,284	3,183	6,920	3,297	2,355	1,268	8,502	3,655	2,930	1,917
PERCENT												
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Metropolitan.....	64.1	66.1	63.0	61.2	63.5	66.2	61.3	59.0	64.6	66.0	64.2	62.5
Central city.....	29.3	28.7	29.7	30.1	28.0	28.0	27.8	28.6	30.3	29.3	31.1	31.0
Outside central city.....	34.8	37.4	33.3	31.1	35.5	38.3	33.5	30.4	34.4	36.7	33.1	31.5
Nonmetropolitan.....	35.9	33.9	37.0	38.8	36.5	33.7	38.7	41.0	35.4	34.0	35.8	37.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 331.

Table 13. Mobility of Persons 55 Years Old and Over, by Sex and Age: March 1975 to March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Mobility status	Both sexes				Male				Female			
	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over
Total.....	42,977	20,509	14,269	8,199	18,939	9,769	6,080	3,090	24,038	10,740	8,189	5,109
Same house (nonmovers).....	36,384	16,999	12,167	7,218	16,124	8,157	5,204	2,763	20,259	8,841	6,962	4,456
Central cities of SMSA's.....	10,647	4,869	3,619	2,159	4,518	2,294	1,450	774	6,131	2,576	2,169	1,386
Balance of SMSA's.....	12,732	6,462	4,072	2,198	5,757	3,164	1,758	835	6,975	3,298	2,314	1,363
Outside SMSA's.....	13,003	5,668	4,475	2,860	5,850	2,700	1,996	1,154	7,154	2,968	2,479	1,707
Different house in the U.S. (movers).....	6,462	3,410	2,088	964	2,755	1,565	868	322	3,707	1,845	1,220	642
Within same SMSA.....	2,881	1,551	892	438	1,172	696	337	139	1,709	855	555	299
Within central city ¹	1,298	660	445	193	518	282	170	66	780	378	275	127
Within balance of SMSA.....	1,034	593	276	165	432	285	97	50	602	308	179	115
Central city to balance of SMSA	391	208	131	52	157	90	54	13	235	118	77	40
Balance of SMSA to central city	159	90	40	29	66	39	16	11	93	51	24	18
Between SMSA's.....	894	442	299	153	391	200	134	57	503	242	165	96
Between central cities.....	166	74	53	39	69	26	24	19	97	48	29	20
Between balances of SMSA's.....	346	175	105	66	150	80	43	27	194	94	61	39
Central city to balance of SMSA	251	120	100	31	111	53	52	6	139	66	48	25
Balance of SMSA to central city	132	74	41	17	60	40	15	5	72	34	26	12
From outside SMSA's to SMSA's.....	280	141	90	49	126	75	39	12	152	65	50	37
To central cities.....	111	59	32	20	47	30	11	6	63	29	21	13
To balance of SMSA's.....	169	81	58	30	80	45	29	6	90	37	29	24
From SMSA's to outside SMSA's.....	573	328	194	51	255	145	90	20	318	183	104	31
From central cities.....	280	150	105	25	123	65	49	9	160	86	57	17
From balance of SMSA's.....	293	178	89	26	133	81	41	11	158	97	47	14
Outside SMSA's at both dates.....	1,832	948	612	272	809	448	267	94	1,024	500	345	179
Movers from abroad.....	131	100	15	16	60	47	8	5	72	53	7	12
To central cities of SMSA's.....	67	54	4	9	26	21	3	2	40	33	1	6
To balance of SMSA's.....	54	38	8	8	28	22	4	2	25	14	4	5
To outside SMSA's.....	10	7	3	-	6	4	2	-	6	4	2	-

¹Includes movers between central cities of the same SMSA's.Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 331.

Education

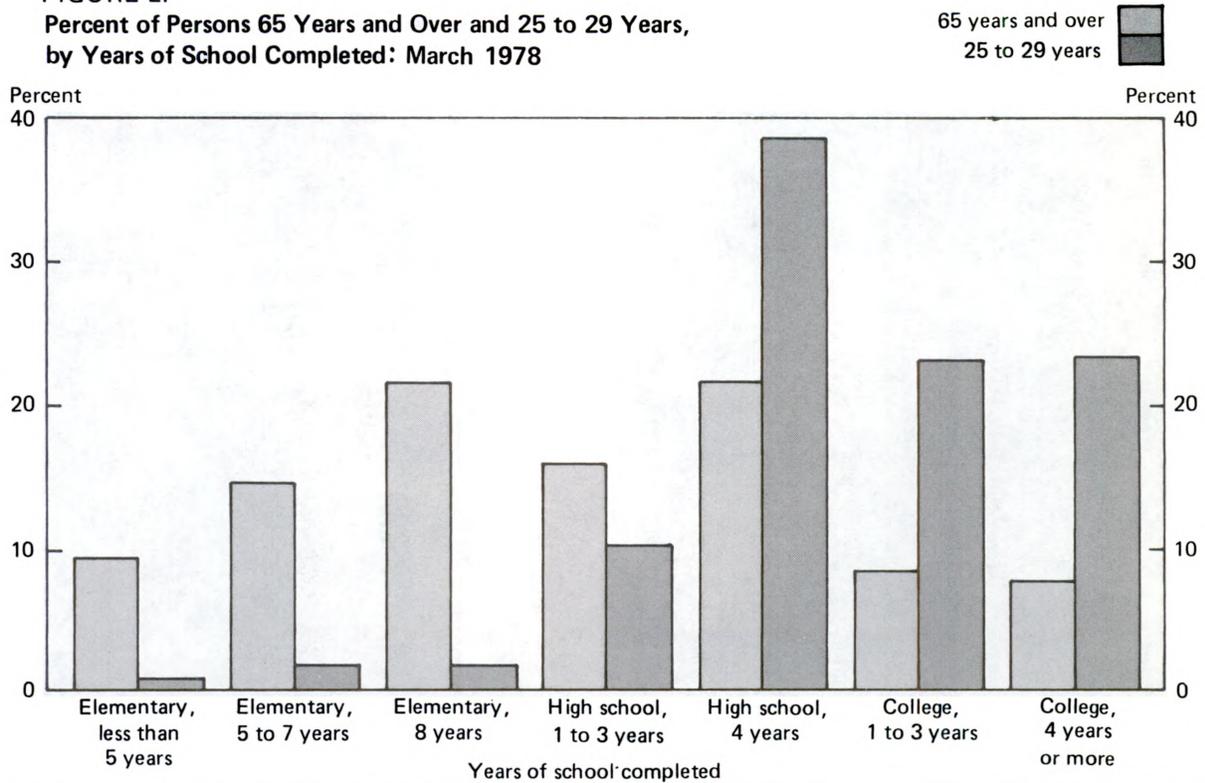
Nearly half of all Americans 65 and over never attended high school. As of 1978, 49 percent of men and 44 percent of women in this age group had stopped their formal schooling by the eighth grade, about one-third attended or completed high school, and about one-sixth attended or completed college. As better educated cohorts reach age 65 in future years, the average educational attainment level of older Americans can be expected to rise.

Nearly three times the proportion of older Blacks (58 percent) as Whites (21 percent) failed to complete ele-

mentary school. Correspondingly, the proportion of older Whites who attended or completed 4 years of college (18 percent) was substantially greater than the proportion of Blacks who did so (6 percent).

On the whole, older men are slightly less likely than older women to have attended high school, but slightly more likely to have attended or completed college. About 40 percent of older women have attended or completed high school, as compared with 34 percent of older men.

FIGURE 2.
Percent of Persons 65 Years and Over and 25 to 29 Years,
by Years of School Completed: March 1978



**Table 14. Years of School Completed by Persons 65 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Sex:
March 1978**

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Years of school completed	All races		White		Black		Spanish origin ¹	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
NUMBER								
Total, 65 years and over.....	9,170	13,298	8,249	12,067	819	1,111	233	286
Elementary: Less than 5 years.....	989	1,163	649	818	307	305	96	136
5 to 7 years.....	1,505	1,838	1,264	1,524	215	289	40	59
8 years.....	1,959	2,867	1,861	2,697	78	158	27	27
High school: 1 to 3 years.....	1,371	2,219	1,280	2,027	84	179	21	20
4 years.....	1,746	3,118	1,649	2,980	82	113	26	26
College: 1 to 3 years.....	740	1,166	707	1,126	33	36	7	8
4 years or more.....	859	926	838	894	21	30	15	9
PERCENT								
Total, 65 years and over.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Elementary: Less than 5 years.....	10.8	8.7	7.9	6.8	37.5	27.5	41.2	47.6
5 to 7 years.....	16.4	13.8	15.3	12.6	26.3	26.0	17.2	20.6
8 years.....	21.4	21.6	22.6	22.4	9.5	14.2	11.6	9.4
High school: 1 to 3 years.....	15.0	16.7	15.5	16.8	10.3	16.1	9.0	7.0
4 years.....	19.0	23.4	20.0	24.7	10.0	10.2	11.2	9.1
College: 1 to 3 years.....	8.1	8.8	8.6	9.3	4.0	3.2	3.0	2.8
4 years or more.....	9.4	7.0	10.2	7.4	2.6	2.7	6.4	3.1

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished Current Population Survey data.

Voting and Registration

Age is clearly one of the most significant variables affecting the likelihood that a person will vote in a Presidential or Congressional election. In the November 1978 Congressional election, for example, the percentage of older Americans who voted was 10 points higher than the percentage for the total voting-age population (56 percent versus 46 percent). In fact, persons 65 years and over outvoted all age groups under 45 years (56 percent versus 53 percent), while persons 75 and over outvoted those under 35 (48 percent versus 31 percent). At ages 65 and over, men outvoted women (63 percent versus 51 percent); at most younger ages, women outvoted men slightly. However, because older women outnumber older men, older women cast 1 million more votes in the 1978 election than did older men.

Over the past eight elections during which the Bureau of the Census has collected voting and registration data in its Current Population Survey, the voting proportion for most population groups has declined. For the total voting-age population, the decline has been around 10 percentage points for both Congressional and Presidential elections. Among older Americans, however, the decline was only 4 percentage points for Presidential elections; for Congressional elections, the decline was 10 points, as for the total electorate. For older Black Americans, the proportion voting in Presidential election years actually rose 9 points between 1964 and 1976, while the proportion for Congressional elections stayed in the 35-to-40-percent range.

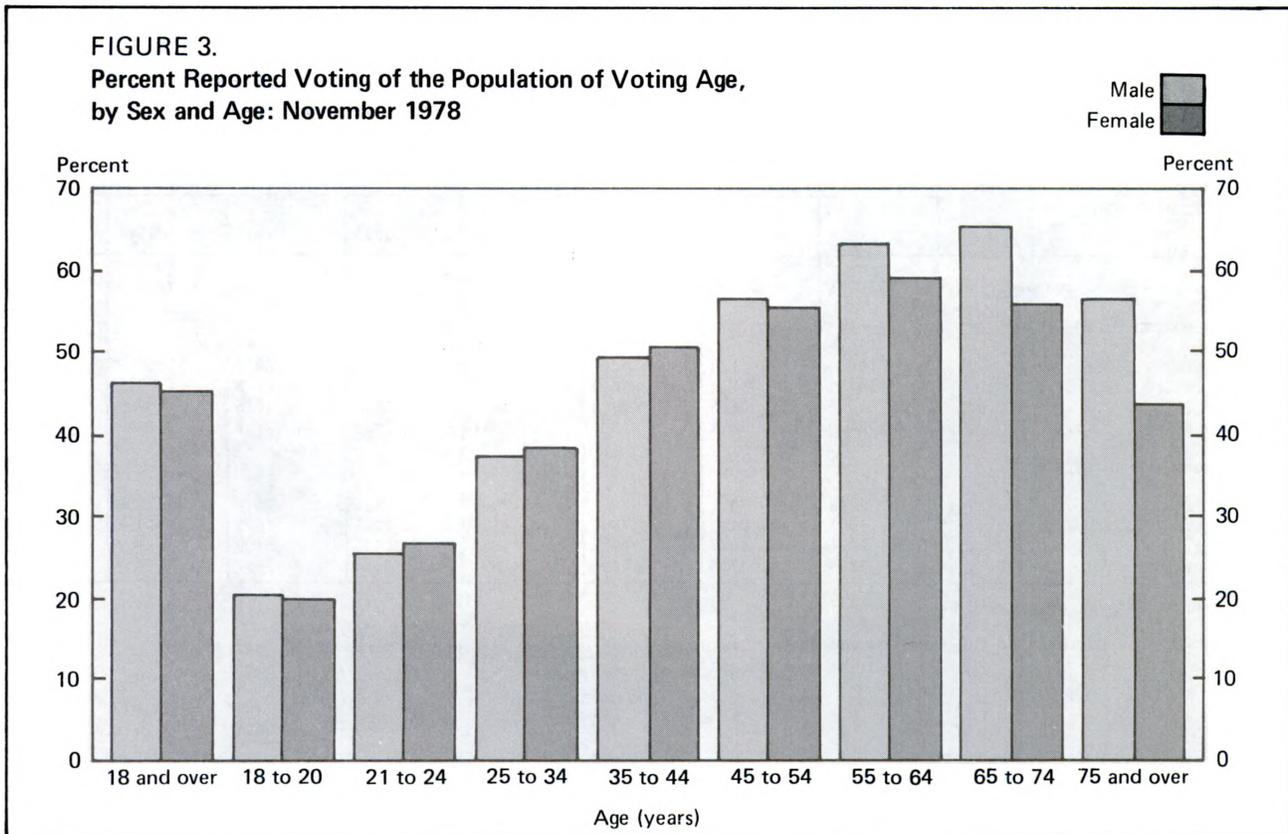


Table 15. Voting and Registration of Persons 65 Years and Over, by Sex and Age: November 1978

(Number in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Sex and age	Total	Reported registered		Reported voted		Reported that they did not vote ¹			
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total	Registered	Not registered	
								Total ²	Do not know and not reported on registration
Both sexes, 65 years and over.....	23,001	16,752	72.8	12,868	55.9	10,133	3,884	6,251	1,286
65 to 69 years.....	8,469	6,449	76.1	5,159	60.9	3,309	1,291	2,020	405
70 to 74 years.....	6,260	4,686	74.9	3,699	59.1	2,562	986	1,576	301
75 years and over.....	8,272	5,617	67.9	4,010	48.5	4,262	1,607	2,655	580
Male, 65 years and over..	9,482	7,361	77.6	5,940	62.6	3,543	1,421	2,121	493
65 to 69 years.....	3,757	2,995	79.7	2,497	66.5	1,260	499	761	161
70 to 74 years.....	2,647	2,081	78.6	1,701	64.3	946	379	566	130
75 years and over.....	3,078	2,285	74.2	1,742	56.6	1,337	543	794	202
Female, 65 years and over	13,518	9,390	69.5	6,927	51.2	6,591	2,462	4,126	792
65 to 69 years.....	4,711	3,453	73.3	2,662	56.5	2,050	791	1,258	243
70 to 74 years.....	3,613	2,605	72.1	1,997	55.3	1,615	607	1,007	171
75 years and over.....	5,194	3,332	64.2	2,268	43.7	2,926	1,064	1,861	378

¹Includes persons who were recorded as "do not know" and "not reported" on voting.²Includes persons who were recorded as "do not know" and "not reported" on registration.Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 332.**Table 16. Voting and Registration of Persons 65 Years and Over, by Race and Spanish Origin: November 1978**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race and Spanish origin	Congressional elections				Presidential elections			
	1978	1974	1970	1966	1976	1972	1968	1964
Total, 65 years and over.....	23,001	20,955	19,141	17,817	22,001	20,074	18,468	17,269
PERCENT REPORTED VOTED								
Total.....	55.9	51.4	57.0	56.1	62.2	63.5	65.8	66.3
White.....	57.2	52.8	58.6	57.9	63.2	64.8	67.4	68.1
Black.....	45.6	38.5	39.3	35.3	54.3	50.6	49.9	45.3
Spanish origin ¹	24.9	28.1	(NA)	(NA)	29.9	26.7	(NA)	(NA)
PERCENT REPORTED REGISTERED								
Total.....	72.8	70.2	73.7	73.9	71.4	75.6	75.6	(NA)
White.....	73.7	71.2	75.0	75.5	72.5	76.5	77.1	(NA)
Black.....	67.6	62.9	61.5	56.2	64.5	67.9	62.7	(NA)
Spanish origin ¹	33.5	37.8	(NA)	(NA)	36.5	34.7	(NA)	(NA)

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 332.

Labor Force Participation, Employment Status, and Occupation and Industry

Service industries employed the largest proportion of older nonagricultural workers in 1978. Approximately 34 percent of employed men 65 years and over and 51 percent of the employed women of that age worked in services such as business and repair services, doctors' offices and hospitals, education, or other professional services. Retail trade employed the next highest proportion of older workers—19 percent of the men and 26 percent of the women.

Manufacturing industries employed the highest proportion (32 percent) of men in the next younger age group (55 to 64 years old); service industries remained the predominant category for women workers of this age.

At age 55 and over, twice the proportion of men as women are in the labor force—48 percent and 23 percent, respectively. Within this broad age range, however, there is a large difference in the worker proportions of younger and older persons. Among men, the worker proportion drops from about 83 percent of those 55 to 59 years old to a figure about one-fourth of that, about 21 percent, for those 65 years and over. A similarly precipitous decline in labor force participation occurs among women, with the proportions

dropping from 49 percent of those 55 to 59 years to about 8 percent of those aged 65 and over. At the older ages, of course, the major reason for persons leaving the labor force is retirement from a job, especially for men. In 1978, about 75 percent of men 55 and over who were not in the labor force had retired. An additional 10 percent (1 million men) were unable to work. Retirement also takes a large number of women out of the labor force at these ages, but since a smaller proportion of women are employed before reaching the usual retirement ages, the extent to which retirement reduces their level of labor force participation is not as great as it is among men.

Among employed persons 55 years and over, the age distributions of men and women are remarkably similar. In 1978, about one-half of both employed men and women of this age range fell in the 55-to-59-year age group; only about 20 percent were 65 and over. Employed men 55 to 59 years old were about equally distributed between white-collar and blue-collar occupations. Employed women of this age were predominantly employed in white-collar occupations (57 percent) and only about 16 percent were engaged in

**Table 17. Major Industry Group of Employed Persons 65 Years and Over and 55 to 64 Years, by Sex:
1978 Annual Average**

(Excludes agricultural and private household workers. Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Industry group	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	65 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	55 to 64 years
Employed, total.....thousands..	2,454	10,616	1,576	6,528	879	4,089
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining.....	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.2
Construction.....	5.8	5.8	8.5	8.8	0.8	1.0
Manufacturing.....	11.4	27.1	12.9	31.5	8.8	19.9
Transportation and public utilities.....	3.9	7.1	5.1	9.4	1.8	3.3
Trade.....	25.9	18.8	25.1	17.4	27.4	21.1
Wholesale.....	4.9	4.0	6.5	5.3	2.0	3.3
Retail.....	21.0	14.8	18.6	12.1	25.5	17.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	7.7	5.9	8.5	5.5	6.3	6.4
Miscellaneous service.....	40.3	27.9	34.4	18.6	50.7	42.8
Business and repair.....	5.9	3.3	7.5	3.8	3.1	2.4
Personal, excluding private household...	6.6	3.0	4.7	1.7	10.1	5.0
Entertainment and recreation.....	1.8	0.8	2.1	0.9	1.4	0.6
Medical, except hospital.....	5.2	3.3	3.9	1.6	7.7	6.0
Hospitals.....	3.4	3.9	1.6	1.4	6.5	7.8
Welfare and religious.....	5.3	1.9	3.9	1.5	7.8	2.7
Education.....	6.6	9.1	4.6	4.9	10.0	15.9
Other professional.....	5.3	2.5	5.9	2.6	4.1	2.4
Forestry and fisheries.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	(2)
Public administration.....	4.6	6.7	4.9	7.6	3.9	5.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

blue-collar occupations. More women than men were employed in service occupations, but more men than women worked in farm occupations. Among the 3 million workers 65 years and over, white-collar occupations clearly predominated for both men and women.

Men maintaining families, comprising the majority of men 55 years and over, exhibit employment and labor force characteristics similar to those of all men in the age group. In 1978, about one-half of the men 55 years and over maintaining families were in the labor force, and the vast majority of these were employed. Within the 55-and-over group, younger men are more likely to be active in the labor force (three-fourths of those 55 to 64 in 1978), while the older men are more likely to be retired (62 percent of those 65 and over in 1978). Only about 21 percent of men 65 and over maintaining families were employed in 1978.

Women 55 years and over who maintained families with no husband present in 1978, were less likely to be employed than to be keeping house; 29 percent were employed while 55 percent were keeping house. Only about 5 percent of all women of this age group maintaining families reported being retired. Among women 65 years and over maintaining families, only about 9 percent were employed.

The means of transportation to work of working persons 65 years and over is of interest both because of concerns of energy conservation and because such information indicates accessibility of older persons to means of transportation. In 1975, a majority of working men (about 62 percent) drove alone to work in a private automobile or truck, while nearly one-half of the working women (46 percent) drove to work alone. About one-third of the women used either public transportation or some means other than a private automobile.

**Table 18. Labor Force Status and Major Activity of Persons 55 Years and Over, by Race, Sex, and Age:
1978 Annual Average**

(Numbers in thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Race, sex, and age	Civilian labor force			Not in labor force by major reason			
	Total	Percent of population	Percent unemployed	Total	Keeping house	Unable to work	All other
ALL RACES							
Male, 55 years and over.....	9,126	47.6	2.6	10,061	224	1,010	8,827
55 to 59 years.....	4,404	82.7	2.2	919	18	298	602
60 to 64 years.....	2,760	63.0	2.9	1,621	28	235	1,358
65 years and over.....	1,962	20.7	3.1	7,521	178	477	6,867
Female, 55 years and over....	5,674	23.3	3.3	18,686	15,348	785	2,555
55 to 59 years.....	2,871	49.1	3.3	2,978	2,622	98	259
60 to 64 years.....	1,693	33.9	3.4	3,298	2,826	116	356
65 years and over.....	1,110	8.2	3.3	12,410	9,900	571	1,940
WHITE							
Male, 55 years and over.....	8,277	47.8	2.4	9,042	186	839	8,017
55 to 59 years.....	3,999	83.3	1.9	799	16	250	533
60 to 64 years.....	2,519	63.3	3.0	1,460	22	202	1,236
65 years and over.....	1,759	20.6	2.8	6,783	148	387	6,248
Female, 55 years and over....	5,053	23.0	3.0	16,952	14,081	623	2,248
55 to 59 years.....	2,573	49.1	2.9	2,666	2,371	70	225
60 to 64 years.....	1,514	33.6	3.1	2,994	2,589	92	313
65 years and over.....	966	7.9	3.2	11,292	9,121	461	1,710
BLACK							
Male, 55 years and over.....	737	45.5	4.3	885	32	156	697
55 to 59 years.....	347	75.9	5.1	110	2	46	62
60 to 64 years.....	213	59.8	1.9	143	5	30	108
65 years and over.....	177	21.9	5.5	632	25	80	527
Female, 55 years and over....	564	26.8	6.2	1,543	1,131	152	260
55 to 59 years.....	266	49.8	7.1	269	216	26	27
60 to 64 years.....	163	37.2	6.2	275	211	24	40
65 years and over.....	135	11.9	4.4	999	704	102	193

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Earnings, Vol. 26, No. 1, and unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

Table 19. Major Occupation Group of Employed Persons 55 Years and Over, by Sex and Age: 1978 Annual Average

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Major occupation group	Male						Female					
	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 59 years	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 to 69 years	70 years and over	Total, 55 years and over	55 to 59 years	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 to 69 years	70 years and over
Total.....	8,891	4,308	1,320	1,361	1,119	783	5,486	2,777	807	829	675	398
White-collar workers.....	3,904	1,913	557	608	490	336	3,124	1,639	458	478	338	211
Professional, technical, and kindred workers.....	1,122	549	152	175	151	95	695	355	114	111	69	46
Managers, and administrative, except farm.....	1,523	787	217	232	173	114	431	222	59	61	53	36
Sales workers.....	677	291	105	121	88	72	424	191	47	75	69	42
Clerical and kindred workers.....	580	286	82	80	78	54	1,574	870	238	232	148	86
Blue-collar workers.....	3,447	1,858	557	510	329	193	865	491	128	126	86	34
Craft and kindred workers.....	1,737	993	270	237	153	84	103	55	16	13	15	4
Operative, except transport.....	814	418	150	151	68	27	684	395	98	101	66	24
Transport equipment operatives....	454	244	72	64	49	25	26	16	6	2	2	-
Laborers, except farm.....	441	203	65	58	59	56	54	25	9	10	3	7
Service workers.....	869	327	131	131	164	116	1,382	592	208	211	228	143
Private household workers.....	6	1	3	-	1	1	352	106	42	56	83	65
Service workers, excluding private household.....	862	326	128	130	163	115	1,031	486	166	156	145	78
Farm workers.....	672	210	76	112	136	138	114	54	14	13	23	10
Farmers and farm managers.....	532	165	62	88	103	114	55	25	2	7	12	9
Farm laborers and supervisors....	140	45	14	24	33	24	59	29	12	6	11	1

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

Table 20. Employment Status of Primary Family Heads 55 Years and Over, by Race, Sex, and Age: 1978 Annual Average

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Race, sex, and age	Total	In labor force		Not in labor force				
		Total	Employed	Total	Keeping house	Unable to work	Retired	All other
ALL RACES								
Male heads, 55 years and over.....	15,750	7,976	7,763	7,774	103	752	5,757	1,162
55 to 64 years.....	8,379	6,333	6,181	2,046	28	410	1,189	419
65 years and over.....	7,371	1,643	1,582	5,728	75	342	4,568	743
Female heads, 55 years and over.....	2,231	664	636	1,567	1,234	96	103	135
55 to 64 years.....	996	543	521	453	381	18	12	42
65 years and over.....	1,235	121	115	1,114	853	78	91	93
WHITE								
Male heads, 55 years and over.....	14,478	7,347	7,159	7,132	88	654	5,366	1,023
55 to 64 years.....	7,717	5,849	5,715	1,868	24	359	1,119	366
65 years and over.....	6,761	1,498	1,444	5,264	64	295	4,247	657
Female heads, 55 years and over.....	1,756	531	510	1,225	980	64	84	94
55 to 64 years.....	760	439	421	321	277	8	9	26
65 years and over.....	996	92	89	904	703	56	75	68
BLACK								
Male heads, 55 years and over.....	1,100	539	519	562	12	91	334	123
55 to 64 years.....	574	415	400	160	3	47	60	48
65 years and over.....	526	124	119	402	9	44	274	75
Female heads, 55 years and over.....	440	125	118	315	234	30	14	37
55 years to 64 years.....	221	98	93	123	97	10	2	15
65 years and over.....	219	27	25	192	137	20	12	22

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

Table 21. Means of Transportation to Work of Employed Persons 65 Years and Over, by Sex and Residence: 1975

(In thousands. Persons in households)

Means of transportation to work	Male					Female				
	Total	In SMSA			Outside SMSA	Total	In SMSA			Outside SMSA
		Total	In central city	Outside central city			Total	In central city	Outside central city	
Total.....	1,379	838	382	456	540	819	555	276	279	264
Private automobile or truck.....	990	628	257	372	362	520	348	149	199	171
Drive alone.....	854	542	231	311	312	376	249	112	137	127
Carpool.....	136	86	22	60	50	143	99	37	62	44
Public transportation.....	100	95	69	26	6	116	108	83	25	8
Other means.....	288	115	56	59	173	184	99	43	55	85

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, unpublished data from The Travel-to-Work Supplement to the 1975 Annual Housing Survey, National Sample.

Income and Earnings

Men 65 years and over who earned income in 1977 had a median income of \$5,526, compared with about \$12,243 for men 55 to 64 years old. This difference largely reflects the higher proportion of retirees in the older group. This pattern of age difference in reported income applied to both Whites and Blacks; in each of the two age groups, the median income for Blacks was considerably lower than for Whites.

Although women 65 and over with incomes in 1977 outnumbered men of this age with incomes, the median reported income of the women was considerably lower than for men. Median incomes were approximately \$4,533 for women 55 to 64 years old and \$3,087 for women 65 years and over. For men, reported incomes for the corresponding age groups were \$12,243 and \$5,526, respectively.

Single, widowed, or divorced persons 62 years and over who lived in families reported lower median incomes in 1977 than those living outside of families. Furthermore, family income tended to be lower when the older person was maintaining a family than when he or she lived in the family of a relative. This is because in the latter case the incomes of

the younger relatives are, on the average, higher than those of older persons.

Families maintained by a White woman 65 years and over with no husband present had median family incomes in 1977 that were somewhat higher (\$10,370) than those maintained by a White man whose wife was not in the paid labor force (\$8,672). However, this was not true for Black families. Among Blacks, husband-wife families had higher median incomes than Black families maintained by a woman. In both racial groups, highest family incomes occurred among husband-wife families in which both partners were in the paid labor force.

Unrelated individuals 65 and over in both racial groups also had low median incomes. Their median incomes were less than one-half that of families and also lower than that of the slightly younger single, widowed, or divorced persons 62 years and over referred to above. The median income of unrelated individuals in 1977 was about \$3,829. About 80 percent of such persons reported no income from earnings and were primarily dependent on Social Security income, either exclusively or in combination with sources of income other than earnings.

Table 22. Total Money Income in 1977 of Persons 55 Years and Over, by Race, Sex, and Age

(Persons as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Sex and income	All races			White			Black		
	55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	55 years and over	55 to 64 years	65 years and over
MALE									
Number of persons.....thousands..	18,939	9,769	9,170	17,110	8,861	8,249	1,597	778	819
Number of persons with income.thousands..	18,834	9,689	9,145	17,030	8,798	8,232	1,582	767	815
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$999 or loss.....	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.4	1.9	0.8	2.1	1.6	2.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	1.4	0.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.3	4.6	2.3	6.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	1.9	1.2	2.7	1.6	1.0	2.2	5.2	3.0	7.2
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	4.4	2.5	6.5	3.7	2.0	5.5	11.6	7.8	15.1
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	3.6	1.7	5.6	3.3	1.5	5.2	6.1	3.7	8.5
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	5.0	2.5	7.7	4.7	2.2	7.3	7.9	4.8	10.8
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	5.0	2.6	7.6	4.7	2.2	7.4	7.7	6.0	9.3
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	7.7	4.0	11.7	7.6	3.8	11.7	8.8	6.1	11.3
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	7.3	4.3	10.4	7.1	3.9	10.5	9.5	8.8	10.1
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	6.6	4.7	8.7	6.6	4.4	9.0	7.3	8.7	6.0
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	5.7	5.0	6.5	5.8	4.8	6.8	4.8	6.5	3.2
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	4.5	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.0	3.8	2.3
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	6.4	1.7
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	7.3	8.8	5.7	7.4	8.7	6.1	5.2	9.1	1.6
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	8.8	12.7	4.7	9.1	12.9	5.1	5.2	9.5	1.1
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	10.9	16.5	4.9	11.5	17.3	5.3	4.4	7.4	1.6
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	5.8	9.2	2.2	6.2	9.8	2.4	1.4	2.2	0.6
\$25,000 and over.....	8.6	12.9	4.0	9.3	13.9	4.4	1.3	2.3	0.4
Median income.....dollars..	7,982	12,243	5,526	8,518	1,278	5,805	4,561	6,674	3,463
Mean income.....dollars..	11,564	14,895	8,035	12,089	15,499	8,444	6,166	8,134	4,313
FEMALE									
Number of persons.....thousands..	24,038	10,740	13,298	21,736	9,669	12,067	2,069	958	1,111
Number of persons with income.thousands..	20,197	7,875	12,322	18,202	7,024	11,178	1,816	772	1,044
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$999 or loss.....	6.1	10.3	3.4	5.8	10.1	3.2	8.4	12.6	5.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	7.6	6.1	8.6	7.4	5.8	8.4	9.9	8.0	11.3
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	10.2	7.3	12.1	10.2	7.1	12.1	11.0	8.9	12.5
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	11.2	7.4	13.7	10.2	6.6	12.4	22.2	15.0	27.5
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	8.4	5.3	10.4	8.2	5.1	10.2	10.7	7.3	13.3
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	8.3	5.4	10.2	8.2	5.1	10.2	9.5	8.3	10.3
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	6.6	3.8	8.4	6.7	3.8	8.4	5.7	3.5	7.3
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	8.9	8.3	9.2	9.1	8.3	9.6	6.6	7.4	5.9
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	6.7	7.5	6.3	6.9	7.3	6.6	5.5	9.1	2.8
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	5.0	6.2	4.2	5.2	6.4	4.5	2.2	4.3	0.7
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	4.1	5.4	3.2	4.3	5.7	3.3	2.1	2.9	1.6
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	3.3	5.0	2.2	3.5	5.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	0.5
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	2.3	3.5	1.6	2.5	3.7	1.7	0.8	1.4	0.3
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	3.8	6.6	2.0	4.0	6.9	2.1	1.5	3.2	0.3
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	3.5	5.5	2.2	3.7	5.9	2.4	1.4	2.8	0.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	2.4	4.1	1.3	2.6	4.4	1.5	1.0	2.2	0.1
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2
\$25,000 and over.....	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.6	-	-	-
Median income.....dollars..	3,385	4,533	3,087	3,503	4,770	3,186	2,469	2,871	2,385
Mean income.....dollars..	4,906	5,957	4,234	5,070	6,175	4,375	3,321	4,083	2,757

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 118.

Table 23. Total Money Income in 1977 of Persons 62 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Marital and Family Status, and Age

(In thousands. Couples and persons 62 years old and over as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, marital status, family status, and age	With income													Median income (dollars)	Mean income (dollars)
	Total	Total	\$1 to \$999 or loss	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,499	\$2,500 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over		
ALL RACES															
Married Couples¹															
Total, 62 years and over ¹	9,500	9,485	49	56	102	138	549	619	823	1,565	1,171	1,881	2,532	9,340	12,828
62 to 64 years.....	2,450	2,443	20	23	26	28	75	79	127	242	230	542	1,052	12,965	16,428
65 to 71 years.....	3,819	3,817	16	15	48	53	193	203	274	665	522	821	1,005	9,618	12,794
72 years and over.....	3,232	3,225	12	18	28	57	280	337	422	657	420	518	475	7,242	10,141
Single, Widowed, or Divorced Persons															
Total, 62 years and over.....	12,361	12,204	152	1,052	1,619	1,359	2,572	1,349	1,030	1,165	624	743	540	3,747	5,329
In families.....	3,929	3,798	91	508	660	457	700	340	306	261	141	182	154	3,262	4,788
Male.....	847	827	28	79	115	82	130	71	77	75	42	47	82	3,851	6,412
62 to 64 years.....	175	167	7	17	16	14	15	11	20	21	10	12	25	5,243	7,601
65 to 71 years.....	330	319	10	31	38	18	62	34	33	27	18	20	28	4,000	6,770
72 years and over.....	342	341	11	31	60	50	53	27	24	27	14	14	28	3,344	5,496
Female.....	3,082	2,972	63	429	546	375	570	269	228	186	99	135	72	3,128	4,337
62 to 64 years.....	348	330	4	44	44	39	34	29	45	33	16	25	16	3,962	5,391
65 to 71 years.....	949	911	14	123	130	103	161	108	77	77	37	56	25	3,532	4,684
72 years and over.....	1,786	1,731	45	262	372	233	374	133	106	76	47	53	31	2,901	3,953
Not in families.....	8,432	8,406	61	544	959	902	1,872	1,008	726	904	483	561	386	3,928	5,574
Male.....	1,961	1,958	17	112	199	152	430	209	202	225	132	133	148	4,328	6,527
62 to 64 years.....	322	322	8	19	31	10	49	18	31	40	32	35	49	5,840	8,624
65 to 71 years.....	675	675	5	37	72	51	137	79	57	80	50	50	59	4,459	6,660
72 years and over.....	964	961	4	57	96	91	243	113	114	105	50	48	39	3,953	5,731
Female.....	6,471	6,448	44	432	760	750	1,442	799	524	679	351	429	238	3,859	5,284
62 to 64 years.....	791	784	17	59	63	94	71	79	93	105	61	93	51	5,112	6,500
65 to 71 years.....	2,248	2,241	12	130	238	246	458	304	169	290	142	160	92	4,118	5,522
72 years and over.....	3,431	3,422	15	243	459	410	913	417	262	284	148	175	96	3,641	4,849
WHITE															
Married Couples¹															
Total, 62 years and over.....	8,783	8,776	40	41	76	114	451	547	738	1,440	1,108	1,787	2,434	9,635	13,183
62 to 64 years.....	2,248	2,245	16	16	23	21	60	65	112	219	208	494	1,012	13,497	16,949
65 to 71 years.....	3,520	3,520	15	10	30	43	160	176	241	603	496	790	957	9,933	13,145
72 years and over.....	3,015	3,011	10	16	23	51	231	305	385	618	405	503	465	7,448	10,420
Single, Widowed, or Divorced Persons															
Total, 62 years and over.....	10,812	10,699	126	827	1,217	1,150	2,275	1,226	943	1,088	599	716	532	3,892	5,602
In families.....	3,259	3,168	76	384	476	367	593	292	277	246	129	174	153	3,473	5,142
Male.....	684	670	24	41	80	63	107	57	68	67	34	46	82	4,332	7,141
62 to 64 years.....	163	155	7	16	15	12	14	11	17	19	8	12	25	5,200	7,756
65 to 71 years.....	247	242	6	14	27	15	48	21	29	22	11	20	28	4,542	7,759
72 years and over.....	274	273	11	12	39	37	45	25	22	26	14	14	28	3,850	6,243
Female.....	2,575	2,497	51	342	396	304	486	235	209	179	95	128	71	3,318	4,605
62 to 64 years.....	274	263	4	29	32	26	28	25	35	31	16	22	16	4,513	5,855
65 to 71 years.....	754	727	10	89	84	81	119	82	72	75	35	54	25	3,830	5,090
72 years and over.....	1,547	1,507	37	224	280	197	340	127	102	73	44	53	30	3,045	4,154
Not in families.....	7,553	7,532	51	443	741	783	1,682	935	667	843	469	541	378	4,072	5,795
Male.....	1,631	1,629	15	79	135	122	354	173	174	188	126	118	144	4,632	7,009
62 to 64 years.....	275	275	8	13	27	10	41	12	23	32	32	28	47	6,094	9,111
65 to 71 years.....	528	528	2	23	40	34	108	62	48	60	44	47	59	4,922	7,443
72 years and over.....	829	826	4	43	68	78	205	99	102	96	50	43	37	4,154	6,033
Female.....	5,922	5,903	36	364	605	661	1,327	762	493	654	343	423	234	3,968	5,461
62 to 64 years.....	713	709	12	50	49	86	60	73	79	100	59	91	49	5,315	6,771
65 to 71 years.....	2,033	2,027	12	108	182	205	415	281	162	279	135	158	90	4,326	5,727
72 years and over.....	3,175	3,167	11	206	375	370	852	408	252	275	148	174	95	3,728	4,997

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 23. Total Money Income in 1977 of Persons 62 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Marital and Family Status, and Age—Continued

(In thousands. Couples and persons 62 years old and over as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, marital status, family status, and age	Total	With income											Median income (dollars)	Mean income (dollars)	
		Total	\$1 to \$999 or loss	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,499	\$2,500 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999			\$15,000 and over
BLACK															
Married Couples¹															
Total, 62 years and over.....	641	639	8	15	26	23	89	66	75	119	57	82	79	6,221	8,214
62 to 64 years.....	173	173	4	7	3	6	13	10	14	21	22	42	30	8,543	10,271
65 to 71 years.....	272	270	1	6	19	10	29	26	30	60	20	27	41	6,329	8,368
72 years and over.....	196	196	2	2	5	7	46	29	31	38	15	13	8	5,246	6,186
Single, Widowed, or Divorced Persons															
Total, 62 years and over.....	1,391	1,362	25	204	372	188	263	113	83	64	21	21	8	2,711	3,345
In families.....	585	560	15	105	168	77	100	42	25	13	9	6	-	2,477	2,997
Male.....	139	134	3	28	28	15	22	14	8	7	8	-	-	2,746	3,395
62 to 64 years.....	12	10	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	72	68	3	15	8	3	14	12	2	4	6	-	-	(B)	(B)
72 years and over.....	55	55	-	13	19	10	8	2	2	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)
Female.....	446	426	11	77	140	62	77	28	18	6	2	6	-	2,445	2,872
62 to 64 years.....	70	62	-	12	12	13	6	3	11	1	-	3	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	178	169	4	34	41	20	42	19	4	3	2	3	-	2,675	3,057
72 years and over.....	199	195	8	31	88	29	29	5	3	2	-	-	-	2,335	2,457
Not in families.....	806	802	11	100	203	111	164	71	58	51	12	15	8	2,893	3,588
Male.....	298	298	2	34	55	25	64	36	28	35	5	11	3	3,516	4,137
62 to 64 years.....	47	47	-	6	3	-	8	6	8	8	-	7	2	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	135	135	2	14	26	16	26	17	9	17	5	2	-	3,354	3,867
72 years and over.....	117	117	-	14	26	9	30	13	12	9	-	2	1	3,318	3,770
Female.....	508	504	8	66	149	86	100	35	30	16	7	4	4	2,669	3,263
62 to 64 years.....	74	72	5	7	15	7	10	6	12	5	1	2	2	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	203	203	-	22	53	41	43	22	7	6	5	-	2	2,812	3,432
72 years and over.....	230	229	3	36	81	37	46	7	10	5	-	2	1	2,462	2,880
SPANISH ORIGIN²															
Married Couples¹															
Total, 62 years and over.....	231	229	3	4	9	9	32	22	25	37	35	26	29	6,495	8,378
62 to 64 years.....	53	52	1	2	1	3	2	6	3	7	7	7	14	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	110	110	2	1	4	3	18	8	9	18	19	14	14	6,933	8,757
72 years and over.....	68	67	-	1	5	2	12	8	13	12	9	5	1	(B)	(B)
Single, Widowed, or Divorced Persons															
Total, 62 years and over.....	301	278	8	38	81	30	60	17	14	15	5	5	5	2,704	3,557
In families.....	158	137	5	25	46	9	26	8	7	8	3	-	-	2,419	3,031
Male.....	28	28	-	3	5	1	5	1	5	6	2	-	-	(B)	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	8	8	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	1	-	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	11	11	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	(B)	(B)
72 years and over.....	9	9	-	2	2	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)
Female.....	130	109	5	22	41	8	21	6	3	2	1	-	-	2,334	2,649
62 to 64 years.....	20	14	-	5	2	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	42	37	2	3	18	4	7	2	-	-	1	-	-	(B)	(B)
72 years and over.....	68	58	3	13	21	4	13	2	1	1	-	-	-	(B)	(B)
Not in families.....	143	141	3	13	35	21	35	10	7	6	2	5	5	2,966	4,068
Male.....	49	48	2	2	15	4	12	4	2	2	1	2	1	(B)	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	5	5	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	15	15	-	1	3	3	5	2	-	-	-	1	1	(B)	(B)
72 years and over.....	28	27	2	1	12	2	5	2	2	1	1	-	-	(B)	(B)
Female.....	94	93	1	10	19	17	22	5	5	5	1	3	4	2,965	4,187
62 to 64 years.....	15	15	-	3	1	3	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)
65 to 71 years.....	37	36	1	2	9	7	7	4	2	2	1	-	2	(B)	(B)
72 years and over.....	43	42	-	5	9	7	14	-	1	1	-	3	2	(B)	(B)

¹Income of couples with at least one member 62 years old or over; if both members 62 and over, age category determined by age of head.

²Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished data from the 1978 Current Population Survey.

Table 24. Total Money Income in 1977 of Persons 65 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Marital Status

(In thousands. Persons 65 years and over as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, and total money income	Male						Female						
	Total	Single	Married		Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married		Widowed	Divorced	
			Total	Wife present					Total	Husband present			
ALL RACES													
Total.....	9,170	495	7,107	6,859	1,300	269	13,298	828	5,130	4,885	6,917	423	
Without income.....	25	7	11	11	7	-	976	14	871	868	85	7	
With income.....	9,145	488	7,096	6,848	1,293	269	12,322	814	4,259	4,017	6,832	416	
\$1 to \$999 or loss.....	87	11	61	57	15	-	417	9	339	331	67	2	
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	173	14	116	104	39	4	1,062	38	785	754	217	22	
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	244	22	174	157	36	12	1,489	40	1,057	1,039	363	29	
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	591	67	383	324	116	24	1,686	99	528	488	1,000	58	
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	510	55	310	300	131	13	1,286	45	338	294	858	46	
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	706	60	458	431	150	37	1,252	70	229	211	909	44	
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	696	39	486	475	143	29	1,033	51	184	160	759	39	
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	1,066	58	840	814	139	28	1,139	78	193	177	814	53	
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	950	40	746	723	136	28	772	67	177	158	493	35	
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	793	11	661	653	89	32	515	40	105	100	346	24	
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	597	27	502	496	52	16	394	56	87	83	233	19	
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	431	8	377	367	41	5	275	53	59	53	155	8	
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	339	14	281	270	36	7	194	23	46	42	119	6	
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	518	13	461	453	36	7	245	36	43	40	168	19	
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	429	17	365	362	42	6	269	55	34	29	172	8	
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	450	16	390	383	37	6	165	35	25	23	104	2	
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	199	7	171	171	21	2	63	8	10	10	43	1	
\$25,000 and over.....	366	10	312	306	33	11	64	12	19	17	32	1	
Median income.....dollars..	5,526	3,689	5,962	6,059	4,112	4,532	3,088	4,716	1,975	1,944	3,502	3,585	
Mean income.....dollars..	8,035	5,641	8,562	8,680	6,272	6,958	4,234	6,492	3,075	3,008	4,668	4,539	
WHITE													
Total.....	8,249	428	6,525	6,371	1,083	213	12,067	784	4,739	4,558	6,178	367	
Without income.....	18	3	9	9	6	-	890	11	810	808	64	4	
With income.....	8,232	425	6,516	6,362	1,077	213	11,177	773	3,928	3,749	6,114	362	
\$1 to \$999 or loss.....	65	9	40	40	15	-	356	9	291	285	55	1	
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	108	11	79	77	14	4	934	36	707	681	174	17	
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	183	22	131	123	22	7	1,353	34	991	978	305	23	
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	451	45	309	277	81	16	1,385	85	485	464	768	47	
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	431	45	278	268	97	12	1,135	43	308	282	749	34	
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	603	53	398	383	119	34	1,137	67	207	196	822	41	
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	613	35	436	428	123	18	941	48	173	157	685	36	
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	965	50	770	758	120	25	1,067	72	181	169	771	44	
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	863	40	680	661	119	24	742	62	173	154	475	32	
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	740	11	627	623	83	20	503	38	101	98	339	24	
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	563	22	480	475	50	10	374	56	81	77	218	18	
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	410	8	359	349	38	5	268	53	57	52	151	8	
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	323	13	269	264	34	7	187	23	44	40	114	6	
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	503	13	450	442	34	6	240	36	43	40	163	19	
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	417	17	357	354	39	5	265	55	32	27	171	8	
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	437	16	379	372	35	6	164	35	25	23	102	2	
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	194	7	165	165	21	2	61	8	10	10	42	1	
\$25,000 and over.....	362	10	309	303	33	11	64	12	19	17	32	1	
Median income.....dollars..	5,808	3,902	6,219	6,266	4,558	4,618	3,187	4,879	1,987	1,964	3,635	3,752	
Mean income.....dollars..	8,444	5,987	8,902	8,961	6,821	7,540	4,375	6,666	3,144	3,069	4,853	4,767	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 24. Total Money Income in 1977 of Persons 65 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Marital Status—Continued

(In thousands. Persons 65 years and over as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin, and total money income	Male						Female					
	Total	Single	Married		Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married		Widowed	Divorced
			Total	Wife present					Total	Husband present		
BLACK												
Total.....	819	56	531	441	185	48	1,111	43	361	301	652	55
Without income.....	4	4	-	-	-	-	66	2	54	53	8	3
With income.....	815	52	531	441	185	48	1,045	41	306	248	644	52
\$1 to \$999 or less.....	22	1	21	17	-	-	55	-	42	40	12	1
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	54	4	35	25	15	-	118	2	74	69	37	5
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	59	-	41	33	14	4	131	6	60	56	58	6
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	123	17	73	45	32	2	286	14	43	24	219	11
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	68	10	30	30	27	1	139	1	28	11	97	12
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	87	6	52	44	26	3	107	3	18	13	84	3
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	77	2	44	42	19	11	76	3	11	10	58	3
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	92	8	62	48	19	3	62	6	12	9	35	9
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	82	-	61	57	16	5	29	6	4	4	18	2
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	50	-	33	29	6	11	8	1	3	2	3	-
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	27	3	17	16	2	5	16	-	6	6	10	-
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	19	-	16	16	3	-	5	-	1	1	4	-
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	14	1	12	6	1	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	12	-	9	9	2	1	3	-	-	-	3	-
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	9	-	8	8	-	1	3	-	2	2	2	-
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	12	-	11	11	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	5	-	5	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
\$25,000 and over.....	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Median income.....dollars..	3,460	(B)	3,676	3,821	3,080	(B)	2,381	(B)	1,792	1,630	2,492	(B)
Mean income.....dollars..	4,313	(B)	4,636	4,887	3,527	(B)	2,757	(B)	2,201	2,123	2,983	(B)
SPANISH ORIGIN¹												
Total.....	232	12	181	169	29	10	286	21	109	96	140	16
Without income.....	4	-	2	2	1	-	29	1	13	13	15	-
With income.....	229	12	178	166	28	10	257	20	96	83	124	16
\$1 to \$999 or less.....	5	-	3	3	2	-	14	-	9	8	5	-
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	7	-	5	5	1	-	31	-	24	21	7	1
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	14	-	12	12	2	-	41	1	29	27	11	-
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	26	3	32	25	6	5	67	7	12	10	42	6
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	21	2	15	15	3	-	25	1	5	3	18	2
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	24	2	17	17	4	-	28	1	9	7	15	3
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	18	2	12	11	3	1	21	3	3	2	15	1
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	21	1	17	16	1	2	11	2	4	3	5	-
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	18	-	14	14	3	-	5	-	1	1	2	2
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	14	-	13	12	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	8	1	6	6	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	8	-	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	7	-	7	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	7	1	6	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	3	-	3	3	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	1
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	3	-	3	3	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
\$25,000 and over.....	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Median income.....dollars..	3,454	(B)	3,604	3,713	(B)	(B)	2,313	(B)	1,776	1,728	2,468	(B)
Mean income.....dollars..	4,881	(B)	5,158	5,276	(B)	(B)	2,907	(B)	2,121	2,041	2,820	(B)

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 118.

Table 25. Total Money Income in 1977 of Families With Heads 65 Years and Over, by Type of Family and Race of Head and Total Money Income of Unrelated Individuals 65 Years and Over, by Race

(In thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race and money income	Families							Unrelated individuals	
	Total	Male head					Female head	Male	Female
		Total	Married, wife present			Other marital status			
			Total	Wife in paid labor force	Wife not in paid labor force				
ALL RACES									
Total.....	8,212	7,048	6,781	1,068	5,713	267	1,164	1,639	5,680
Under \$2,000.....	93	68	58	4	54	10	25	104	416
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	213	160	143	11	132	17	52	311	1,352
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	496	411	406	16	390	6	85	380	1,371
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	599	479	460	24	436	18	120	191	721
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	720	625	614	48	566	12	94	171	431
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	728	659	643	56	587	16	69	107	329
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	654	574	547	42	505	28	79	78	245
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	552	478	474	75	399	4	74	49	175
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	473	442	423	79	345	18	31	51	115
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	739	654	637	104	533	17	84	50	166
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	862	717	697	147	549	22	143	47	169
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	842	694	665	182	483	31	147	44	109
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	485	423	400	122	277	24	61	15	45
\$25,000 and over.....	759	661	616	157	459	46	97	40	34
Median income.....dollars..	9,110	9,156	9,108	13,406	8,468	10,376	8,777	4,123	3,762
Mean income.....dollars..	12,482	12,604	12,524	16,520	11,777	14,643	11,743	6,105	5,101
WHITE									
Total.....	7,463	6,530	6,309	940	5,368	221	933	1,357	5,209
Under \$2,000.....	69	48	47	2	45	1	21	74	353
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	142	121	114	6	108	7	21	220	1,132
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	391	344	339	13	326	6	46	313	1,268
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	506	430	417	22	395	12	76	161	689
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	639	565	556	31	525	9	74	150	414
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	665	616	603	51	551	13	49	88	320
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	602	531	508	33	475	22	72	69	234
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	513	449	445	60	385	4	64	46	172
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	447	419	402	73	329	18	28	49	112
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	700	628	613	97	515	16	72	47	164
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	815	685	668	138	531	17	129	43	167
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	787	654	626	159	467	29	133	42	108
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	466	409	386	113	273	24	57	15	43
\$25,000 and over.....	721	632	586	142	444	45	90	40	34
Median income.....dollars..	9,458	9,386	9,313	13,649	8,672	12,554	10,370	4,441	3,872
Mean income.....dollars..	12,889	12,900	12,778	16,985	12,041	16,384	12,814	6,570	5,267
BLACK									
Total.....	679	464	431	109	322	34	214	251	433
Under \$2,000.....	16	13	10	2	8	2	4	30	63
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	63	36	29	5	24	7	27	76	213
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	97	62	62	3	59	-	35	57	89
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	88	49	42	2	40	6	39	30	29
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	71	52	49	13	37	3	19	20	18
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	62	41	39	5	34	3	20	19	4
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	48	40	37	9	28	3	8	7	7
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	33	24	24	11	13	-	10	3	3
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	26	23	22	6	16	1	3	2	3
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	37	24	22	6	17	1	12	3	-
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	41	28	23	7	16	5	12	1	2
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	49	35	33	19	14	2	14	1	1
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	16	12	12	9	4	-	4	-	2
\$25,000 and over.....	32	25	25	12	13	-	7	-	-
Median income.....dollars..	6,066	6,497	6,573	9,937	5,790	(B)	5,120	3,317	2,621
Mean income.....dollars..	8,363	8,752	8,880	12,840	7,541	(B)	7,519	3,822	3,130

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 118.

Table 26. Total Family Income in 1977 of Family Members 55 Years and Over, by Race, Sex, Age, and Relationship to Family Head

(In thousands. Family members as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, sex, age and relationship to family head	Total	Total family income										Median family income (dollars)	
		Under \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$11,999	\$12,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$16,999	\$17,000 to \$19,999	\$20,000 to \$24,999		\$25,000 and over
ALL RACES													
Male													
Total, 55 years and over...	16,232	187	253	1,258	1,827	2,381	1,268	1,762	951	1,305	1,710	3,329	13,438
Head of family.....	15,399	175	250	1,204	1,746	2,266	1,214	1,671	900	1,231	1,627	3,113	13,348
Relative of head.....	834	10	2	55	83	115	55	90	50	75	83	214	15,178
55 to 59 years.....	4,693	52	34	151	194	346	282	513	344	485	720	1,572	19,607
Head of family.....	4,520	46	34	137	177	325	267	491	335	472	698	1,538	19,823
Relative of head.....	174	5	-	15	18	21	16	21	9	13	22	34	13,575
60 and 61 years.....	1,616	24	10	60	93	177	106	189	121	154	245	438	17,470
Head of family.....	1,571	22	9	60	87	171	100	183	112	152	243	432	17,698
Relative of head.....	44	1	-	-	6	6	6	6	9	2	2	5	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	2,392	39	47	126	209	293	198	287	158	233	276	525	14,946
Head of family.....	2,260	39	47	117	198	276	193	279	148	218	263	482	14,753
Relative of head.....	132	-	-	9	12	17	5	8	9	15	14	42	17,942
65 years and over.....	7,531	72	162	921	1,331	1,565	682	773	328	433	469	794	9,271
Head of family.....	7,048	68	160	890	1,284	1,494	654	718	305	389	423	661	9,023
Relative of head.....	484	4	2	31	47	71	28	55	23	45	45	133	15,355
Female													
Total, 55 years and over...	16,239	203	319	1,479	1,983	2,495	1,354	1,783	959	1,204	1,528	2,935	12,400
Head of family.....	2,117	55	104	316	279	334	175	250	141	168	134	162	9,659
Wife of head.....	11,997	126	192	1,069	1,550	1,909	1,008	1,306	690	844	1,158	2,149	12,274
Other relative of head.....	2,124	21	23	93	154	250	171	229	129	194	234	623	16,810
55 to 59 years.....	4,865	84	100	258	277	500	336	532	369	459	655	1,297	16,865
Head of family.....	574	23	31	71	61	92	55	69	35	48	48	42	10,304
Wife of head.....	4,058	51	64	176	201	381	257	436	324	391	580	1,197	17,944
Other relative.....	233	10	4	11	15	26	23	28	10	21	27	57	14,810
60 and 61 years.....	1,607	18	20	98	163	236	139	192	107	130	181	322	13,853
Head of family.....	170	2	6	15	25	21	14	23	13	15	13	13	12,127
Wife of head.....	1,327	15	14	80	130	194	118	158	78	106	159	277	14,020
Other relative.....	109	-	1	3	8	21	8	11	7	11	6	33	15,551
62 to 64 years.....	2,149	17	40	168	234	342	241	277	133	158	203	337	12,289
Head of family.....	209	5	15	26	29	36	21	14	18	24	10	10	9,267
Wife of head.....	1,788	9	25	136	199	288	205	240	107	122	176	283	12,327
Other relative.....	152	3	-	6	6	17	15	23	8	12	17	44	16,263
65 years and over.....	7,618	84	159	955	1,309	1,417	638	782	350	457	489	979	9,670
Head of family.....	1,164	25	52	204	164	185	85	144	65	83	61	97	9,021
Wife of head.....	4,824	51	89	677	1,020	1,046	428	472	181	225	243	392	8,354
Other relative.....	1,630	8	18	73	125	186	125	167	104	150	184	489	17,147
WHITE													
Male													
Total, 55 years and over...	14,879	150	196	1,058	1,631	2,155	1,146	1,628	898	1,226	1,615	3,177	13,888
Head of family.....	14,203	141	194	1,028	1,574	2,065	1,105	1,558	849	1,158	1,542	2,986	13,754
Relative of head.....	676	9	2	29	56	89	40	70	49	66	72	191	16,591
55 to 59 years.....	4,323	47	28	120	153	299	241	474	324	457	674	1,507	20,105
Head of family.....	4,170	41	28	106	142	279	230	459	315	444	652	1,473	20,233
Relative of head.....	153	5	-	13	11	20	11	15	9	13	22	34	15,099
60 and 61 years.....	1,473	22	8	48	80	144	89	164	112	150	235	420	18,232
Head of family.....	1,434	21	8	48	74	139	85	159	104	148	233	415	18,452
Relative of head.....	39	1	-	-	6	4	4	5	8	2	2	5	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	2,191	31	37	109	190	264	167	262	150	215	260	506	15,419
Head of family.....	2,069	31	37	100	178	248	162	255	141	201	248	466	15,278
Relative of head.....	122	-	-	9	11	16	5	7	9	13	11	40	17,736
65 years and over.....	6,892	50	123	781	1,208	1,448	649	728	312	404	446	744	9,528
Head of family.....	6,530	48	121	774	1,180	1,399	628	685	289	365	409	632	9,262
Relative of head.....	362	3	2	7	28	49	20	43	23	38	37	112	17,444
Female													
Total, 55 years and over...	14,662	158	213	1,179	1,743	2,261	1,228	1,666	889	1,119	1,439	2,771	12,846
Head of family.....	1,663	36	43	184	198	286	149	217	124	150	121	152	11,004
Wife of head.....	11,179	104	156	929	1,419	1,766	932	1,242	651	800	1,113	2,068	12,580
Other relative.....	1,820	18	13	65	124	210	148	207	114	168	203	550	17,166
55 to 59 years.....	4,409	69	68	196	230	429	291	500	342	431	614	1,241	17,478
Head of family.....	441	11	13	37	40	76	50	58	29	44	41	41	11,680
Wife of head.....	3,779	48	54	151	179	330	226	416	305	369	550	1,151	18,331
Other relative.....	189	10	1	8	10	23	15	27	8	18	22	48	15,567
60 and 61 years.....	1,454	8	15	84	143	213	125	180	93	120	175	299	14,190
Head of family.....	128	-	2	10	15	16	13	18	17	11	14	11	12,991
Wife of head.....	1,235	8	11	72	120	177	107	154	70	98	154	264	14,272
Other relative.....	91	-	1	1	8	20	6	7	7	10	6	24	15,427
62 to 64 years.....	1,941	13	19	142	201	301	220	253	125	153	196	319	12,739
Head of family.....	161	4	7	14	20	30	14	12	16	24	9	10	10,742
Wife of head.....	1,658	7	12	122	178	260	192	223	103	118	170	273	12,645
Other relative.....	122	2	-	6	3	11	14	18	5	10	16	36	17,454
65 years and over.....	6,858	68	111	757	1,169	1,318	592	733	329	415	454	912	10,017
Head of family.....	933	21	21	123	123	164	72	129	62	71	57	90	10,356
Wife of head.....	4,507	41	79	584	942	999	407	449	173	215	239	380	8,534
Other relative.....	1,418	6	11	50	103	156	113	155	94	130	159	442	17,429

Table 26. Total Family Income in 1977 of Family Members 55 Years and Over, by Race, Sex, Age, and Relationship to Family Head—Continued

(In thousands. Family members as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, sex, age and relationship to family head	Total	Total family income											Median family income (dollars)
		Under \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$11,999	\$12,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$16,999	\$17,000 to \$19,999	\$20,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 and over	
BLACK													
Male													
Total, 55 years and over....	1,162	25	52	182	181	212	110	115	44	67	71	102	8,733
Head of family.....	1,032	25	52	156	157	187	97	96	43	60	67	90	8,742
Relative of head.....	130	-	-	25	26	26	12	19	1	7	4	11	8,451
55 to 59 years.....	307	3	4	28	40	45	39	29	15	24	36	43	11,667
Head of family.....	289	3	4	26	35	45	34	24	15	24	36	43	11,843
Relative of head.....	18	-	-	1	6	1	4	6	-	-	-	-	(B)
60 and 61 years.....	117	1	2	6	10	32	16	22	8	2	7	11	10,938
Head of family.....	112	1	2	6	10	30	14	21	7	2	7	11	11,000
Relative of head.....	5	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	170	8	10	14	18	27	25	23	7	14	12	12	10,549
Head of family.....	167	8	10	13	18	26	25	23	7	13	12	12	10,554
Relative of head.....	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	(B)
65 years and over.....	568	13	36	134	113	108	30	41	14	27	16	36	6,720
Head of family.....	464	13	36	111	94	86	24	28	14	21	12	25	6,421
Relative of head.....	104	-	-	24	19	22	6	12	-	6	4	11	7,974
Female													
Total, 55 years and over....	1,394	43	102	277	223	221	115	101	62	73	64	113	7,533
Head of family.....	428	19	57	122	75	49	26	27	17	17	11	10	5,360
Wife of head.....	724	21	36	127	118	132	69	56	37	35	34	61	8,142
Other relative of head.....	241	4	10	28	30	39	19	16	8	20	18	44	10,658
55 to 59 years.....	398	15	31	55	44	68	40	28	24	26	30	38	9,217
Head of family.....	127	12	18	31	18	16	5	10	6	4	5	1	5,194
Wife of head.....	237	3	10	20	20	48	30	16	18	19	22	32	11,086
Other relative of head.....	34	-	3	4	6	4	4	1	-	3	3	6	(B)
60 and 61 years.....	131	9	5	11	16	21	14	12	13	10	5	14	10,389
Head of family.....	41	2	4	5	10	5	1	4	6	2	1	2	(B)
Wife of head.....	76	7	2	5	6	14	11	3	7	7	4	9	10,530
Other relative of head.....	14	-	-	1	-	1	2	4	-	1	-	4	(B)
62 to 64 years.....	187	4	21	25	28	40	18	20	7	6	6	12	7,861
Head of family.....	46	1	8	12	8	7	7	1	2	-	1	-	(B)
Wife of head.....	116	2	13	13	17	27	10	15	4	4	3	8	8,148
Other relative of head.....	25	1	-	-	3	6	1	4	1	2	1	4	(B)
65 years and over.....	678	15	45	186	135	92	43	41	18	31	23	49	6,215
Head of family.....	214	4	27	74	39	21	13	12	3	11	4	7	5,081
Wife of head.....	295	9	11	89	75	43	18	22	8	5	5	12	5,832
Other relative of head.....	168	3	7	23	21	28	12	7	7	14	14	30	10,265

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 118.

Table 27. Source of Income in 1977 of Families With Head 65 Years and Over and Unrelated Individuals 65 Years and Over

(In thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Total money income	Total with income	With earnings only	With earnings and other income	Other income only						All other combinations	Reported no money income
				Total	Social Security income only	Public assistance income only	Social Security and property income only	Social Security and pension income only	Social Security, Pension, and property income only		
FAMILIES											
Total.....	8,206	89	3,868	4,248	585	3	1,036	364	1,290	969	6
Under \$2,000.....	87	8	36	43	26	-	4	-	3	10	6
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	213	2	54	156	55	-	28	-	1	72	-
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	496	1	80	415	154	3	61	9	4	184	-
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	599	2	141	455	155	-	128	24	17	132	-
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	720	-	204	516	109	-	181	49	47	130	-
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	728	2	200	525	33	-	140	75	144	133	-
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	654	1	219	434	25	-	142	81	125	61	-
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	552	4	235	313	14	-	83	39	134	44	-
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	473	4	221	249	9	-	56	30	117	38	-
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	739	4	385	349	4	-	79	26	197	43	-
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	862	14	531	317	2	-	53	21	202	38	-
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	842	17	603	223	-	-	35	10	143	36	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	485	13	368	103	-	-	12	-	72	19	-
\$25,000 and over.....	759	17	591	151	-	-	34	-	83	33	-
Median income.....dollars..	9,114	15,304	12,810	7,033	4,370	(B)	6,823	7,311	10,471	5,696	(B)
Median income.....dollars..	12,490	17,484	16,129	9,073	4,578	(B)	8,609	7,792	12,863	7,742	(B)
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS											
Total.....	7,300	68	1,205	6,027	1,237	29	1,823	343	952	1,643	19
Under \$2,000.....	503	10	48	446	196	15	95	4	4	131	19
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	1,663	11	109	1,543	544	11	342	33	5	608	-
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	1,752	7	163	1,583	426	3	482	104	79	488	-
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	912	4	173	735	55	-	340	68	133	139	-
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	602	2	126	474	10	-	155	52	162	94	-
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	436	11	124	301	3	-	99	32	125	42	-
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	323	2	82	240	-	-	84	27	98	31	-
\$8,000 to \$8,999.....	224	1	72	152	-	-	53	8	71	19	-
\$9,000 to \$9,999.....	166	3	37	126	1	-	40	4	59	21	-
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	216	5	65	146	-	-	38	4	76	27	-
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	217	4	77	136	-	-	40	5	69	23	-
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	153	5	67	81	-	-	26	2	41	12	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	59	2	18	40	-	-	21	-	17	2	-
\$25,000 and over.....	74	1	45	28	-	-	7	-	15	6	-
Median income.....dollars..	3,834	(B)	5,872	3,604	2,768	(B)	3,984	4,452	6,754	3,167	(B)
Median income.....dollars..	5,340	(B)	8,133	4,763	2,755	(B)	5,079	4,923	8,261	3,918	(B)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

Poverty Status of Persons and Families

About 1 out of every 7 persons 65 years and over in 1977, or 3.2 million persons, lived in families or as unrelated individuals with low enough incomes to place them below the poverty level. Although the total number of poor people in the United States has not changed much since 1970, the number of elderly poor (those 65 years and over) dropped by about 1.5 million, or from one-fourth of the age group in 1970 to about one-seventh in 1977. One out of every 5 poor persons was Black in 1977.

About the same number of older poor persons (1.6 million) lived in metropolitan as in nonmetropolitan areas, although a higher proportion of older persons in nonmetropolitan areas were poor in 1977. Relatively few (8 percent) of the older poor worked in 1977.

A little more than one-half of the older poor people lived alone and about 37 percent were part of a family; the remainder lived with nonrelatives. Approximately 710,000 families maintained by persons 65 years and over, or 9 percent of all families maintained by persons of this age, were below the poverty level in 1977. About 9 percent of families maintained by a man and 14 percent maintained by a woman fell below the poverty level. Black families were about 5 times as likely to be poor as White families.

The number and kinds of income sources reported were closely associated with whether a family's income fell below the poverty level in 1977. Not surprisingly, the lowest

incidence of family poverty among the elderly occurred where the family had earnings along with other sources of income; only about 4 percent of these families were poor in 1977.

Families without earnings income and families whose major source of income was Social Security, either as their only income source or in conjunction with Supplemental Security income, had a high incidence of poverty. About 31 percent of families with Social Security income only, and 49 percent of those with Social Security and Supplemental Security incomes, were below the poverty level in 1977.

The incidence of poverty varies significantly between race and sex groups. In 1977, poor older Whites outnumbered poor older Blacks in the ratio of 3 to 1, but the proportions among the two groups were reversed; thus, 36 percent of Blacks and 12 percent of Whites were poor. One-half of all Blacks living outside of families were poor in 1977; of those living within families, about one-fourth were poor. Among Whites, the corresponding figures were 20 percent for those outside families and 6 percent for those in families. The contrast between race and sex groups is particularly striking when all older White men are compared with all older Black women. In 1977, 41 percent of Black women 65 years and over lived in poverty, while only 8 percent of White men of this age group were poor.

Table 28. Poverty Status in 1977 of Persons 60 Years and Over, by Age and Selected Characteristics

(In thousands. Persons as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Subject	All income levels						Below poverty level					
	Total, 60 years and over	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 years and over			Total, 60 years and over	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 years and over		
				Total	65 to 71 years	72 years and over				Total	65 to 71 years	72 years and over
ALL RACES												
Family Status and Composition												
Total.....	31,946	3,824	5,654	22,468	10,844	11,624	4,123	332	614	3,177	1,287	1,890
In families.....	22,913	3,222	4,541	15,150	7,921	7,229	1,647	174	297	1,176	553	622
Head.....	12,422	1,741	2,469	8,212	4,261	3,950	1,003	97	197	710	310	400
Wife of head.....	7,940	1,327	1,788	4,824	2,965	1,860	529	70	95	364	204	160
Other family members.....	2,551	153	284	2,114	694	1,419	114	7	5	102	39	62
In subfamilies.....	200	4	44	151	55	96	57	2	19	35	17	19
Unrelated individuals.....	9,033	602	1,113	7,319	2,923	4,395	2,476	158	317	2,001	733	1,268
Living alone.....	8,326	551	974	6,801	2,656	4,145	2,235	143	265	1,827	641	1,187
Living with nonrelatives.....	707	51	139	517	267	250	241	15	52	174	93	81
In households.....	613	45	119	448	228	221	207	13	51	143	75	68
Type of Residence												
Total.....	31,946	3,824	5,654	22,468	10,844	11,624	4,123	332	614	3,177	1,287	1,890
Metropolitan areas.....	20,124	2,494	3,630	14,000	6,854	7,146	2,086	184	309	1,593	691	902
In central cities.....	9,431	1,086	1,646	6,699	3,255	3,443	1,242	127	161	953	436	517
Outside central cities.....	10,693	1,409	1,984	7,301	3,599	3,703	844	57	148	639	254	385
Nonmetropolitan areas.....	11,822	1,330	2,024	8,468	3,990	4,478	2,037	148	305	1,584	596	988
Work Experience												
Total.....	31,946	3,824	5,654	22,468	10,844	11,624	4,123	332	614	3,177	1,287	1,890
Worked last year.....	9,234	2,358	2,824	4,052	2,895	1,157	513	116	150	248	161	87
50 to 52 weeks.....	5,510	1,742	1,828	1,940	1,359	581	244	62	71	111	65	46
49 weeks or less.....	3,724	616	996	2,112	1,536	576	269	54	79	137	96	41
Did not work last year.....	22,712	1,466	2,830	18,417	7,949	10,467	3,610	216	465	2,929	1,126	1,803
Retired.....	9,510	216	808	8,485	3,550	4,935	1,073	22	99	951	350	601
Tenure and Living Arrangements												
Persons in households.....	31,946	3,824	5,654	22,468	10,844	11,624	4,123	332	614	3,177	1,287	1,890
Living with relatives.....	23,078	3,227	4,583	15,268	7,995	7,273	1,719	173	314	1,231	590	641
Owner-occupied units.....	19,148	2,747	3,852	12,550	6,661	5,889	1,184	116	220	847	387	461
Renter-occupied units.....	3,930	480	732	2,718	1,334	1,384	535	57	94	383	203	180
Public.....	237	26	43	168	80	88	64	5	9	50	25	25
Private.....	3,692	454	689	2,550	1,254	1,295	471	52	86	334	179	155
Living with nonrelatives only.....	542	47	96	399	193	206	169	15	35	119	56	63
Owner-occupied units.....	353	31	62	260	118	141	91	8	18	66	31	35
Renter-occupied units.....	190	16	34	140	75	65	78	8	17	53	25	28
Public.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private.....	190	16	34	140	75	65	78	8	17	53	25	28
Living alone.....	8,326	551	974	6,801	2,656	4,145	2,235	143	265	1,827	641	1,187
Owner-occupied units.....	4,979	320	587	4,071	1,569	2,502	1,174	62	147	964	310	654
Renter-occupied units.....	3,347	230	387	2,730	1,087	1,643	1,062	81	118	863	330	532
Public.....	424	10	34	380	136	244	207	7	22	179	63	116
Private.....	2,923	220	353	2,350	952	1,398	854	74	96	684	268	416
WHITE												
Family Status and Composition												
Total.....	28,896	3,460	5,120	20,316	9,709	10,607	3,152	242	484	2,426	923	1,502
In families.....	20,810	2,927	4,132	13,751	7,148	6,603	1,148	122	217	809	364	445
Head.....	11,255	1,562	2,230	7,463	3,849	3,614	683	66	146	472	195	277
Wife of head.....	7,400	1,235	1,658	4,507	2,746	1,762	399	51	68	281	154	126
Other family members.....	2,154	130	244	1,780	553	1,227	65	6	4	56	14	42
In subfamilies.....	157	3	33	120	44	77	37	1	9	28	13	15
Unrelated individuals.....	8,086	533	988	6,566	2,561	4,004	2,004	120	267	1,617	560	1,057
Living alone.....	7,565	488	871	6,206	2,386	3,820	1,859	109	229	1,520	509	1,011
Living with nonrelatives.....	521	45	116	360	176	184	145	11	37	96	51	46
In households.....	445	39	98	307	147	160	123	9	37	76	38	38
Type of Residence												
Total.....	28,896	3,460	5,120	20,316	9,709	10,607	3,152	242	484	2,426	923	1,502
Metropolitan areas.....	18,091	2,248	3,273	12,571	6,091	6,480	1,577	131	250	1,195	495	700
In central cities.....	7,836	884	1,369	5,583	2,674	2,909	832	80	115	638	291	347
Outside central cities.....	10,256	1,364	1,904	6,987	3,417	3,571	744	52	136	557	204	353
Nonmetropolitan areas.....	10,805	1,212	1,847	7,746	3,618	4,128	1,575	111	233	1,231	428	802
Work Experience												
Total.....	28,896	3,460	5,120	20,316	9,709	10,607	3,152	242	484	2,426	923	1,502
Worked last year.....	8,324	2,139	2,563	3,622	2,572	1,049	364	86	109	169	103	65
50 to 52 weeks.....	5,015	1,590	1,669	1,756	1,230	525	188	46	57	85	53	33
49 weeks or less.....	3,309	549	894	1,866	1,342	524	176	40	52	84	51	33
Did not work last year.....	20,572	1,321	2,557	16,695	7,137	9,558	2,788	157	375	2,257	820	1,437
Retired.....	8,740	206	740	7,794	3,239	4,555	846	20	84	742	260	482

Table 28. Poverty Status in 1977 of Persons 60 Years and Over, by Age and Selected Characteristics—Continued

(In thousands. Persons as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Subject	All income levels						Below poverty level					
	Total, 60 years and over	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 years and over			Total, 60 years and over	60 and 61 years	62 to 64 years	65 years and over		
				Total	65 to 71 years	72 years and over				Total	65 to 71 years	72 years and over
WHITE--Continued												
Tenure and Living Arrangements												
Persons in households.....	28,896	3,460	5,120	20,316	9,709	10,607	3,152	242	484	2,426	923	1,502
Living with relatives.....	20,926	2,936	4,168	13,822	7,188	6,634	1,196	126	229	841	386	455
Owner-occupied units.....	17,630	2,542	3,555	11,533	6,096	5,436	863	90	165	608	270	339
Renter-occupied units.....	3,296	393	613	2,290	1,092	1,198	334	37	64	233	117	116
Public.....	138	14	28	96	42	54	26	1	3	22	11	11
Private.....	3,158	379	585	2,194	1,050	1,144	307	35	61	211	106	105
Living with nonrelatives only.....	4,066	36	81	288	135	153	97	7	26	64	28	35
Owner-occupied units.....	285	26	56	202	92	110	59	4	15	40	19	21
Renter-occupied units.....	121	11	24	86	43	43	38	3	11	24	9	15
Public.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private.....	121	11	24	86	43	43	38	3	11	24	9	15
Living alone.....	7,565	488	871	6,206	2,386	3,820	1,859	109	229	1,520	509	1,011
Owner-occupied units.....	4,624	301	536	3,787	1,458	2,329	1,011	54	129	828	266	562
Renter-occupied units.....	2,941	187	335	2,419	928	1,491	848	55	100	692	243	449
Public.....	330	5	25	300	94	207	148	2	17	129	41	89
Private.....	2,611	182	311	2,119	834	1,285	699	54	83	563	202	360
BLACK												
Family Status and Composition												
Total.....	2,721	313	478	1,930	1,036	894	909	81	127	701	345	355
In families.....	1,850	248	356	1,246	698	548	461	44	79	338	181	157
Head.....	1,045	153	213	679	380	299	291	27	50	214	111	103
Wife of head.....	487	76	116	295	198	97	122	16	27	79	46	33
Other family members.....	319	19	28	272	119	153	48	1	2	45	24	21
In subfamilies.....	21	2	-	19	10	9	5	2	-	4	4	-
Unrelated individuals.....	871	65	122	684	338	346	448	38	48	362	164	198
Living alone.....	699	59	100	540	251	288	363	34	34	295	125	170
Living with nonrelatives.....	172	6	22	144	86	58	85	4	14	67	39	28
In households.....	155	6	20	129	76	53	73	4	13	57	33	23
Type of Residence												
Total.....	2,721	313	478	1,930	1,036	894	909	81	127	701	345	355
Metropolitan areas.....	1,801	210	313	1,279	697	581	487	48	58	382	193	189
In central cities.....	1,450	181	248	1,021	546	475	392	42	47	303	145	159
Outside central cities.....	352	29	65	258	151	107	95	6	11	78	48	30
Nonmetropolitan areas.....	920	103	165	651	338	313	422	33	69	319	152	167
Work Experience												
Total.....	2,721	313	478	1,930	1,036	894	909	81	127	701	345	355
Worked last year.....	823	187	237	400	304	96	140	26	40	74	56	18
50 to 52 weeks.....	451	128	151	171	120	51	50	14	13	23	12	10
49 weeks or less.....	373	59	85	229	184	45	91	13	27	51	43	8
Did not work last year.....	1,897	126	242	1,530	732	798	768	55	87	626	290	337
Retired.....	663	8	60	594	278	317	206	2	16	187	83	104
Tenure and Living Arrangements												
Persons in households.....	2,721	313	478	1,930	1,036	894	909	81	127	701	345	355
Living with relatives.....	1,899	249	363	1,287	730	557	486	44	84	357	195	162
Owner-occupied units.....	1,333	166	270	897	506	391	290	24	54	213	112	100
Renter-occupied units.....	566	83	93	390	224	166	195	20	30	145	83	62
Public.....	95	12	15	68	38	30	38	4	6	28	14	14
Private.....	471	71	78	322	186	136	158	16	24	117	69	48
Living with nonrelatives only.....	124	5	15	103	55	48	60	3	9	48	25	23
Owner-occupied units.....	60	5	5	49	23	26	26	3	3	19	9	10
Renter-occupied units.....	64	-	10	54	32	22	35	-	6	29	16	13
Public.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private.....	64	-	10	54	32	22	35	-	6	29	16	13
Living alone.....	699	59	100	540	251	288	363	34	34	295	125	170
Owner-occupied units.....	314	18	49	246	98	148	154	8	18	128	38	90
Renter-occupied units.....	385	40	51	294	153	140	209	26	16	167	87	80
Public.....	90	5	10	76	40	35	56	5	5	46	22	25
Private.....	294	35	41	218	113	105	153	21	12	121	65	56

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 119, and unpublished 1978 Current Population Survey data.

FIGURE 4.
Percent of Persons 65 Years and Over Below Poverty Level
in 1977, by Family Status

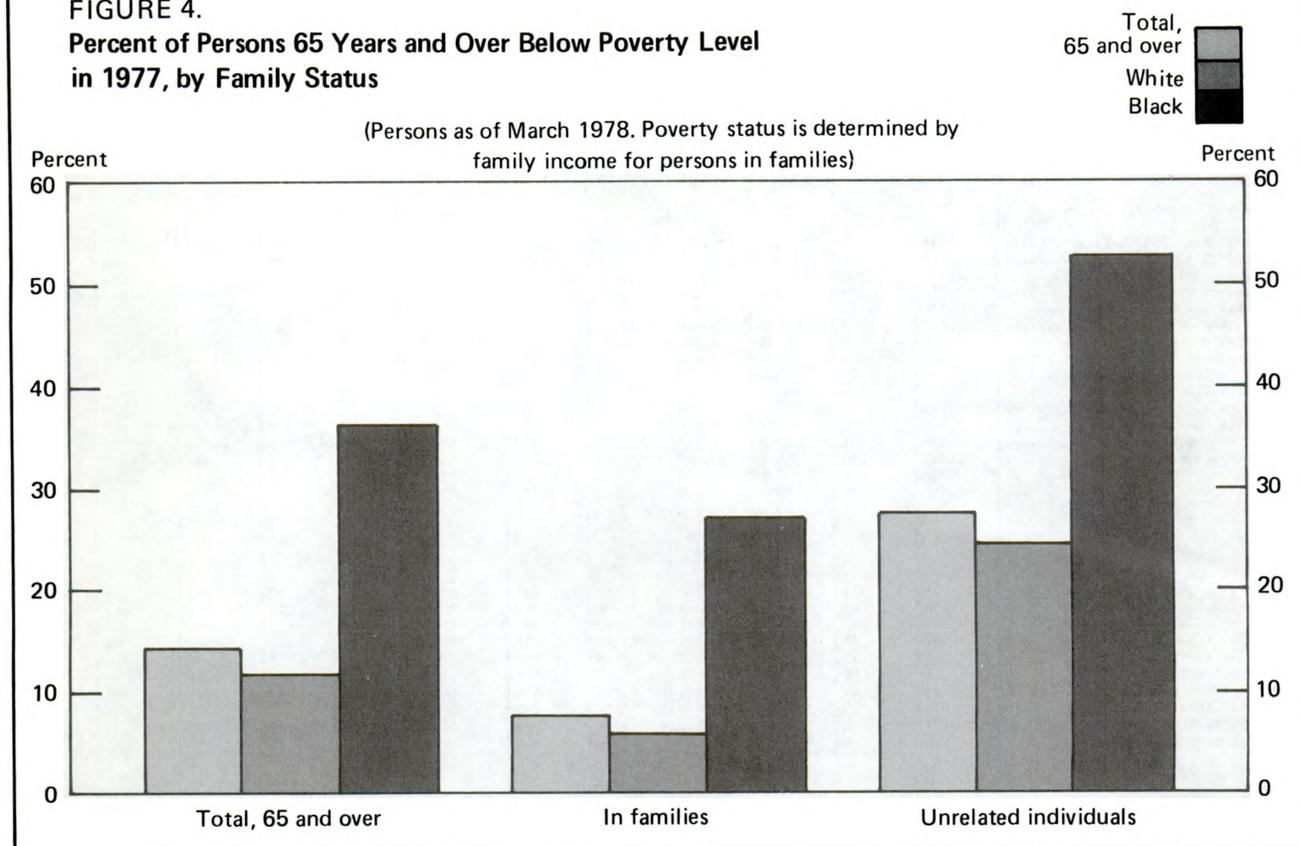


Table 29. Poverty Status of Persons of All Ages and Persons 65 Years and Over:
1970 to 1977

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March of following year. Numbers exclude unrelated individuals under 14 years old, inmates of institutions, and members of the Armed Forces living in barracks)

Year	All persons below poverty level		Persons 65 years and over below poverty level	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1977.....	24,720	11.6	3,177	14.1
1976.....	24,975	11.8	3,313	15.0
1975.....	25,877	12.3	3,317	15.3
1974 ^r	23,370	11.2	3,085	14.6
1974.....	24,260	11.6	3,308	15.7
1973.....	22,973	11.1	3,354	16.3
1972.....	24,460	11.9	3,738	18.6
1971.....	25,559	12.5	4,273	21.6
1970.....	25,420	12.6	4,709	24.5

^rBased on revised methodology. See Current Population Report, Series P-60, No. 115 for explanation.

¹Beginning with March 1970 CPS, data based on 1970 census population controls.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 119.

Table 30. Persons 65 Years and Over Below the Poverty Level in 1977, by Race, Spanish Origin, and Sex

(Numbers in thousands. Persons as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Race, Spanish origin and sex	Number below poverty level						Poverty rate					
	Total	In families				Unrelated individuals	Total	In families				Unrelated individuals
		Total	Head	Wife	Other family members			Total	Head	Wife	Other family members	
ALL RACES												
Both sexes.....	3,177	1,176	710	364	102	2,001	14.1	7.8	8.6	7.5	4.8	27.3
Male.....	961	575	551	(X)	24	386	10.5	7.6	7.8	(X)	5.0	23.5
Female.....	2,216	601	159	364	77	1,615	16.7	7.9	13.7	7.5	4.7	28.4
WHITE												
Both sexes.....	2,426	809	472	281	56	1,617	11.9	5.9	6.3	6.2	3.1	24.6
Male.....	686	414	403	(X)	11	273	8.3	6.0	6.2	(X)	3.0	20.1
Female.....	1,739	395	70	281	45	1,344	14.9	5.8	7.5	6.2	3.2	25.8
BLACK												
Both sexes.....	701	338	214	79	45	362	36.3	27.1	31.5	26.9	16.4	53.0
Male.....	243	144	132	(X)	12	99	29.7	25.4	28.4	(X)	11.5	39.4
Female.....	457	194	82	79	33	263	41.2	28.6	38.3	26.8	19.6	60.8
SPANISH ORIGIN¹												
Both sexes....	113	51	35	10	6	62	21.9	12.9	18.1	11.4	5.3	50.3
Male.....	55	31	29	(X)	2	24	23.7	16.4	17.7	(X)	(B)	54.9
Female.....	58	21	7	10	4	38	20.4	10.2	19.9	11.4	4.4	47.8

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 119.**Table 31. Source of Income in 1977 of Families With Heads 65 Years and Over and of Unrelated Individuals 65 Years and Over, by Race and Poverty Status**

(Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1978. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Source of income	All races			White			Black		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
FAMILIES									
Head, 65 years and over....	8,212	710	8.6	7,463	472	6.3	679	214	31.5
With earnings only.....	89	13	14.6	69	5	(B)	19	7	(B)
With earnings and other income...	3,868	164	4.2	3,448	90	2.6	383	68	17.7
With other income only.....	4,248	527	12.4	3,940	371	9.4	276	139	50.2
Social Security income only....	585	180	30.8	516	142	27.5	62	31	(B)
Public Assistance income only..	3	3	(B)	1	1	(B)	2	2	(B)
Supplemental Security income only.....	41	37	(B)	21	19	(B)	18	17	(B)
Social Security and Supplemental Security income only.....	227	112	49.4	155	65	42.1	70	47	(B)
All other combinations.....	3,392	195	5.7	3,246	143	4.4	125	42	71.2
No income.....	6	6	(B)	6	6	(B)	-	-	(B)
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS									
Total, 65 years and over...	7,319	2,001	27.3	6,566	1,617	24.6	684	362	53.0
With earnings only.....	68	20	(B)	56	20	(B)	12	-	(B)
With earnings and other income...	1,205	127	10.5	1,078	99	9.2	115	28	24.4
With other income only.....	6,027	1,836	30.5	5,415	1,481	27.3	556	333	59.9
Social Security income only....	1,237	702	56.8	1,061	578	54.4	163	113	69.2
Public Assistance income only..	29	26	(B)	16	16	(B)	13	11	(B)
Supplemental Security income only.....	113	100	88.5	76	68	88.9	37	32	(B)
Social Security and Supplemental Security income only.....	558	332	59.5	408	227	55.7	143	103	72.0
All other combinations.....	4,089	675	16.5	3,854	593	15.4	202	75	37.1
No income.....	19	19	(B)	17	17	(B)	1	1	(B)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 119.

Table 32. Poverty Status in 1975 of Family Members and Unrelated Individuals 65 Years and Over, for the United States, Regions, Divisions, and States

(Number in thousands. Family members and unrelated individuals as of Spring 1976. For meaning of symbols see text)

Region, division, and State	All persons			Family heads			Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below current poverty level		Total	Below current poverty level		Total	Below current poverty level	
		Number	Rate		Number	Rate		Number	Rate
United States.....	21,721	3,049	14.0	8,160	662	8.1	6,721	1,976	29.4
Northeast.....	5,351	497	9.3	1,991	83	4.2	1,613	364	22.6
New England.....	1,312	110	8.4	480	12	2.6	400	90	22.5
Maine.....	121	18	14.7	43	2	(B)	41	14	(B)
New Hampshire.....	84	8	9.9	30	1	(B)	27	7	(B)
Vermont.....	49	8	(B)	17	1	(B)	19	6	(B)
Massachusetts.....	634	38	5.9	232	2	0.9	191	33	17.5
Rhode Island.....	109	15	13.6	38	2	(B)	34	12	(B)
Connecticut.....	314	24	7.8	120	4	3.5	88	17	19.8
Middle Atlantic.....	4,039	387	9.6	1,511	71	4.7	1,214	274	22.6
New York.....	1,948	176	9.1	697	30	4.3	640	129	20.2
New Jersey.....	749	61	8.2	291	13	4.4	180	38	21.3
Pennsylvania.....	1,342	149	11.1	523	28	5.3	394	107	27.1
North Central.....	5,864	679	11.6	2,141	110	5.1	1,920	495	25.8
East North Central.....	3,921	398	10.2	1,427	60	4.2	1,264	300	23.7
Ohio.....	1,028	116	11.3	387	21	5.5	320	84	26.1
Indiana.....	511	56	11.0	190	9	4.5	171	43	25.0
Illinois.....	1,108	112	10.2	390	16	4.1	366	83	22.6
Michigan.....	787	71	9.0	289	11	3.9	238	54	22.8
Wisconsin.....	487	42	8.6	171	3	1.6	169	37	21.6
West North Central.....	1,943	280	14.4	714	50	7.0	656	195	29.7
Minnesota.....	414	53	12.8	152	10	6.4	143	36	25.2
Iowa.....	343	43	12.6	121	6	4.8	121	33	27.1
Missouri.....	582	98	16.9	213	19	9.0	193	68	35.2
North Dakota.....	69	11	(B)	27	2	(B)	22	7	(B)
South Dakota.....	81	14	17.1	32	3	(B)	24	8	(B)
Nebraska.....	183	28	15.4	62	5	(B)	68	20	(B)
Kansas.....	271	33	12.2	107	6	5.4	86	22	26.0
South.....	7,018	1,539	21.9	2,746	399	14.5	2,076	894	43.1
South Atlantic.....	3,566	638	17.9	1,401	174	12.4	1,003	367	36.6
Delaware.....	49	6	(B)	17	1	(B)	15	4	(B)
Maryland.....	332	38	11.4	128	7	5.4	90	27	30.0
District of Columbia.....	68	9	(B)	23	2	(B)	25	6	(B)
Virginia.....	416	76	18.2	158	21	13.4	121	43	35.7
West Virginia.....	209	41	19.4	85	10	11.5	71	27	38.2
North Carolina.....	488	120	24.7	206	35	16.9	124	64	51.7
South Carolina.....	227	61	26.8	93	20	21.5	59	28	47.8
Georgia.....	421	134	31.9	161	42	26.1	139	70	50.2
Florida.....	1,356	153	11.3	530	36	6.8	360	97	26.9
East South Central.....	1,411	402	28.5	566	104	18.3	409	223	54.5
Kentucky.....	359	81	22.6	142	21	14.9	98	44	45.6
Tennessee.....	436	113	26.0	186	34	18.3	121	58	47.8
Alabama.....	370	117	31.6	140	26	18.3	115	69	60.2
Mississippi.....	246	91	37.0	98	23	23.0	76	52	68.3
West South Central.....	2,042	499	24.4	779	121	15.6	664	304	45.8
Arkansas.....	264	77	29.1	111	21	18.6	71	42	(B)
Louisiana.....	336	99	29.3	129	27	20.6	107	56	52.3
Oklahoma.....	321	71	22.1	126	19	14.7	102	46	44.8
Texas.....	1,121	253	22.5	412	56	13.5	384	160	41.7
West.....	3,488	334	9.6	1,282	70	5.5	1,112	223	20.0
Mountain.....	828	114	13.7	320	25	7.7	252	75	29.8
Montana.....	72	10	(B)	27	2	(B)	25	7	(B)
Idaho.....	77	12	15.1	32	3	(B)	23	7	(B)
Wyoming.....	32	4	(B)	13	1	(B)	11	3	(B)
Colorado.....	197	28	14.1	71	4	(B)	64	21	(B)
New Mexico.....	90	18	19.5	37	6	(B)	27	8	(B)
Arizona.....	225	27	12.2	89	7	7.7	61	18	(B)
Utah.....	89	12	13.3	35	2	(B)	27	9	(B)
Nevada.....	45	3	(B)	16	-	(B)	14	3	(B)
Pacific.....	2,660	221	8.3	962	45	4.7	860	148	17.2
Washington.....	351	34	9.8	128	5	3.6	118	27	23.0
Oregon.....	251	28	11.4	93	4	4.5	80	22	27.7
California.....	1,990	151	7.6	716	35	4.9	647	94	14.5
Alaska.....	9	-	(B)	3	-	(B)	2	-	(B)
Hawaii.....	59	6	(B)	21	1	(B)	12	4	(B)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 119.

Housing

In 1978, 15 million households were maintained by persons 65 years old and over. Approximately 3 out of every 4 of these were owner-occupied households. Sixty-two percent of the owner-occupied households were families and 38 percent were older men or women living alone or with nonrelatives only (primary individuals). Among the primary individuals 65 and over, women outnumbered men by 4 million. Most women who are primary individuals are widows living alone after the death of their husbands.

Older householders residing in the urban portions of standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's) were less likely to own their homes (63 percent) than those living in rural areas (84 percent), although the number owning their homes in urban parts of SMSA's (8.3 million) was nearly double that in rural areas (4.3 million).

In 1976, 45 percent of all households maintained by a person 65 years and over consisted of an older couple with no nonrelatives living in the household. Eighty-three percent owned their homes.

Table 33. Households With Head 55 Years and Over, by Race, Spanish Origin, Tenure, Type, and Age of Head: March 1978

(In thousands. Noninstitutional population)

Race, Spanish origin, and age of head	All households	Owner households				Renter households			
		Total	Primary families	Primary individuals		Total	Primary families	Primary individuals	
				Male	Female			Male	Female
ALL RACES									
Head, 55 years and over..	27,408	20,441	14,628	1,276	4,538	6,967	2,875	1,104	2,989
55 to 64 years.....	12,183	9,457	7,868	411	1,178	2,726	1,431	477	818
65 to 74 years.....	9,383	6,942	4,650	427	1,865	2,441	904	383	1,155
75 years and over.....	5,842	4,042	2,110	438	1,495	1,800	540	244	1,016
WHITE									
Head, 55 years and over..	24,710	18,833	13,490	1,141	4,202	5,878	2,369	876	2,633
55 to 64 years.....	10,884	8,689	7,256	359	1,074	2,196	1,146	364	685
65 to 74 years.....	8,462	6,399	4,285	383	1,731	2,063	742	302	1,019
75 years and over.....	5,364	3,745	1,949	399	1,397	1,619	481	210	929
BLACK									
Head, 55 years and over..	2,431	1,427	1,010	118	300	1,004	449	213	342
55 to 64 years.....	1,163	682	535	51	96	481	246	106	129
65 to 74 years.....	842	489	329	40	121	353	147	74	132
75 years and over.....	426	256	146	27	83	170	56	33	81
SPANISH ORIGIN¹									
Head, 55 years and over	630	365	300	18	46	266	153	41	71
55 to 64 years.....	321	188	172	3	14	133	86	15	31
65 to 74 years.....	220	123	94	8	20	97	51	17	29
75 years and over.....	89	54	34	7	12	36	16	9	11

¹Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, No. 338.

Table 34. Households With Head 65 Years and Over, by Tenure and Type of Household, for Regions: 1976

(Numbers in thousands)

Tenure and household composition	Number					Percent				
	United States	Northeast	North Central	South	West	United States	Northeast	North Central	South	West
ALL OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS										
Total.....	14,840	3,422	4,059	4,877	2,481	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Owner occupied.....	10,477	2,082	3,025	3,648	1,720	70.6	60.8	74.5	74.8	69.3
Two-or-more person households....	6,875	1,419	1,939	2,383	1,133	46.3	41.5	47.8	48.9	45.7
Male head, wife present, no nonrelatives.....	5,530	1,094	1,586	1,871	979	37.3	32.0	39.1	38.4	39.5
Other male head.....	378	101	96	132	49	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.0
Female head.....	967	224	257	380	105	6.5	6.5	6.3	7.8	4.2
One-person households.....	3,602	663	1,086	1,265	587	24.3	19.4	26.8	25.9	23.7
Renter occupied.....	4,363	1,340	1,034	1,229	761	29.4	39.2	25.5	25.2	30.7
Two-or-more person households....	1,606	549	325	488	244	10.8	16.0	8.0	10.0	9.8
Male head, wife present, no nonrelatives.....	1,127	392	233	318	184	7.6	11.5	5.7	6.5	7.4
Other male.....	88	30	14	24	21	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.9
Female head.....	391	127	78	146	39	2.6	3.7	1.9	3.0	1.6
One-person households.....	2,757	791	709	741	517	18.6	23.1	17.5	15.2	20.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Housing Reports, Series H-150-76, Part A.**Table 35. Households With Head 65 Years and Over, by Tenure and Type of Household, for Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas: 1976**

(Numbers in thousands)

Tenure and household composition	Total	Urban			Rural				
		Total	Inside SMSA's	Outside SMSA's	Total	Nonfarm	Farm	Inside SMSA's	Outside SMSA's
All occupied housing units.....	14,840	10,579	8,272	2,306	4,261	3,582	677	1,041	3,221
Percent distribution.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Owner occupied.....	70.6	65.4	63.3	72.8	83.5	82.3	90.3	85.1	83.0
Two-or-more person households.....	46.3	42.4	41.7	45.0	56.0	53.5	69.4	58.1	55.4
Male head, wife present, no nonrelatives.....	37.3	33.7	32.7	36.9	46.2	44.2	57.0	47.8	45.7
Other male head.....	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.8	3.1	2.8	4.7	3.2	3.1
Female head.....	6.5	6.4	6.7	5.3	6.7	6.5	7.7	7.1	6.6
One-person households.....	24.3	23.0	21.6	27.8	27.5	28.8	20.8	27.0	27.7
Renter occupied.....	29.4	34.6	36.7	27.2	16.5	17.7	9.7	14.9	17.0
Two-or-more person households.....	10.8	12.2	13.4	7.9	7.4	7.6	5.9	7.4	7.4
Male head, wife present, no nonrelatives.....	7.6	8.6	9.5	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.2
Other male head.....	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.4
Female head.....	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.1	1.7	1.9	0.6	1.5	1.7
One-person households.....	18.6	22.4	23.3	19.3	9.1	10.1	3.8	7.5	9.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Housing Reports, Series H-150-76, Part E.

Health and Health Services

Persons 65 years and over are less likely than the general population to suffer an injury but are considerably more likely to have a limitation of activity because of a health or physical condition. They also have a higher average number of restricted activity days and more days of bed disability. In 1977, about 43 percent of the population 65 and over had an activity limitation, compared with 13 percent of the total population. However, 35 percent of the total population, compared with 21 percent of persons 65 years and over, were injured during the year.

Persons 65 and over experienced an average of about 9 days of restricted activity each quarter in 1977. On the average, they stayed in bed 3 or 4 days during the quarter.

On the average, 7 out of every 10 persons 65 years and over had visited a physician during the previous 6 months and 1 out of every 4 had visited a dentist. This population group made an average of about 6.5 visits to a physician and 1.3 visits to a dentist during 1977. About 6 percent had not

visited a physician and about 45 percent had not visited a dentist in at least 5 years.

By far the major cause of death in 1976 of persons 65 years and over was diseases of the heart. Among the 10 leading causes, diseases of the heart accounted for nearly as many deaths as did the remaining nine causes combined. The second leading cause was malignant neoplasms, followed by cerebrovascular diseases. Accidents ranked seventh as a cause of death.

Persons 65 years and over in 1976 could expect, on the average, another 16 years of life. For men, the expectation is nearer 14 years and for women 18 years. There is no significant difference in the life expectancies for Blacks and for Whites who were 65 years old in 1976. However, assuming that the death rates in 1976 apply throughout the lifetime of a newborn group of individuals, Blacks and other races born in 1976 had a shorter life expectancy than Whites born in that year—68.3 years and 73.5 years, respectively.

Table 36. Selected Health Indicators for Total Population and Population 65 Years and Over, by Sex: 1977

(Civilian noninstitutional population)

Indicator	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	All ages	65 years and over	All ages	65 years and over	All ages	65 years and over
Total population..thousands..	212,153	22,266	102,384	9,197	109,769	13,070
Percent with activity limitation...	13.5	43.0	13.9	47.7	13.1	39.7
In major activity.....	10.4	37.3	10.9	43.8	9.9	32.8
Days of restricted activity per person per year.....	17.8	36.5	15.8	33.0	19.6	38.9
Days of bed disability per person per year.....	6.9	14.5	5.8	12.7	7.9	15.8
Persons injured per 100 persons per year.....	34.8	21.4	41.3	18.7	28.8	23.3
Days of bed disability with injury per 100 persons per year.....	89.4	192.9	87.6	155.1	91.1	219.5

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, No. 126.

Table 37. Mean Days of Disability Per Person Per Quarter for All Persons 65 Years and Over, by Type of Disability and Sex: 1977

(Noninstitutional population)

Type of disability and sex	Quarter			
	January-March	April-June	July-September	October-December
BOTH SEXES, 65 YEARS AND OVER				
Mean days of restricted activity.....	9.4	8.8	9.3	8.9
Mean days of bed disability.....	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.5
Mean days lost from work.....	(*)	(*)	1.5	1.3
MALE, 65 YEARS AND OVER				
Mean days of restricted activity.....	8.8	6.6	9.1	8.5
Mean days of bed disability.....	3.8	2.7	3.2	2.9
Mean days lost from work.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
FEMALE, 65 YEARS AND OVER				
Mean days of restricted activity.....	9.9	10.4	9.4	9.2
Mean days of bed disability.....	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.9
Mean days lost from work.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (more than 30 percent relative standard error).

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, No. 126.

Table 38. Time Interval Since Last Physician and Dental Visit and Visits Per Person Per Year, by Sex, for Persons 65 Years and Over: 1977

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Time interval since last visit	Physician visit			Dental visit		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
Persons 65 years and over¹						
thousands..	22,266	9,197	13,070	22,266	9,197	13,070
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 6 months.....	69.9	67.9	71.4	23.6	22.8	24.1
6 to 11 months.....	9.7	9.7	9.7	7.8	7.8	7.8
1 year.....	6.5	6.8	6.4	7.9	7.8	8.0
2 to 4 years.....	7.8	8.7	7.1	14.1	14.3	14.0
5 years or more.....	5.5	6.2	5.1	45.2	45.6	44.9
Never.....	-	-	-	0.6	0.9	0.4
Visits per person per year.....	6.5	6.4	6.6	1.3	1.3	1.3

¹Includes a small number of persons not reporting on timing of last visit.

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, No. 126.

Table 39. Death Rates for the Ten Leading Causes of Death, for Persons 65 Years and Over, by Age: 1976

(Deaths per 100,000 population)

Cause of death (by rank)	Total, 65 years and over			
	65 to 74 years	75 to 84 years	85 years and over	
All causes.....	5,428.9	3,127.6	7,331.6	15,486.9
Diseases of the heart.....	2,393.5	1,286.9	3,263.7	7,384.3
Malignant neoplasms.....	979.0	786.3	1,248.6	1,441.5
Cerebrovascular diseases.....	694.6	280.1	1,014.0	2,586.8
Influenza or pneumonia.....	211.1	70.1	289.3	959.2
Arteriosclerosis.....	122.2	25.8	152.5	714.3
Diabetes mellitus.....	108.1	70.0	155.8	219.2
Accidents.....	104.5	62.2	134.5	306.7
Motor vehicles.....	25.2	21.7	32.3	26.0
All other.....	79.3	40.4	102.2	280.7
Bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma.....	76.8	60.7	101.4	108.5
Cirrhosis of liver.....	36.5	42.6	29.3	18.0
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	25.0	15.2	34.1	64.6
All other causes.....	677.5	427.8	908.6	1,683.8

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, National Center for Health Statistics, Monthly Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 26, No. 12, Supplement 2, March 1978.

Table 40. Average Number of Years of Life Remaining at Age 65 and at Birth, by Race and Sex: 1976

Sex	All races		White		Black and other races	
	At age 65	At birth	At age 65	At birth	At age 65	At birth
Both sexes.....	16.0	72.8	16.1	73.5	15.8	68.3
Male.....	13.7	69.0	13.7	69.7	13.8	64.1
Female.....	18.0	76.7	18.1	77.3	17.6	72.6

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, Monthly Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 26, No. 12, Supplement (2), March 1978

Crime Victimization

The population 65 and over suffered from crimes against the person at only about one-fourth the rate during 1977 as did the population 12 years and over—about 30 crimes per 1,000 population compared with about 130 per 1,000. For each of the two age groups, larceny was by far the most frequent crime (about 75 percent).

In crimes against households, those households maintained by a person 65 years and over were victimized to a lesser extent than households in general for each of the three crimes considered. Burglary and household larceny accounted for the great majority of crimes against households and motor vehicle theft accounted for a minor portion.

Table 41. Victimization From Selected Crimes Against Persons, for the Population 12 Years and Over and 65 Years and Over, by Race: 1977

(Rate per 1,000 population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Crime	Persons 12 years old and over			Persons 65 years old and over		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
Crimes of violence.....	33.9	33.0	41.9	7.5	7.0	13.4
Rape and attempted rape.....	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.1	-
Robbery and attempted robbery....	6.2	5.4	13.0	3.4	3.0	7.9
With injury.....	2.2	1.9	5.2	1.9	1.8	3.4
Without injury.....	4.0	3.5	7.9	1.4	1.1	4.4
Assault.....	26.8	26.8	27.9	4.0	3.9	5.6
Aggravated.....	10.0	9.6	13.9	1.2	1.0	2.7
Simple.....	16.8	17.2	14.0	2.8	2.8	2.8
Personal larceny.....	97.3	98.2	90.0	23.6	23.1	26.9

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, National Criminal Justice Information and Statistical Service, unpublished data from the National Crime Survey.

Table 42. Victimization From Selected Crimes Against Households, for Households With Heads 12 Years and Over and 65 Years and Over: 1977

(Rate per 1,000 households)

Crime	Head, 12 years and over	Head, 65 years and over
Total households.....thousands..	76,412	15,168
Burglary.....	88.5	49.7
Household larceny.....	123.3	57.4
Motor vehicle theft.....	17.0	3.8

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, National Criminal Justice Information and Statistical Services, unpublished data from the National Crime Survey.

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