

## Demographic and Other Statistics for Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Population in 2001</i>				
Proportion of Population Over Age 50	35.8 %	31.0 %	28.6 %	25.2 %
Age Distribution:				
50-61	50.1	50.9	45.5	50.2
62-74	32.3	39.8	32.0	32.2
75 +	17.6	N/A	22.5	17.6
Sex Ratio (women to men, aged 50+)	1.26		1.19	
<i>Distribution of Population by Race and Ethnicity</i>				
White (Non-Hispanic)	76.1	80.2	79.9	81.1
African-American (Non-Hispanic)	21.0	18.7	9.8	8.5
Hispanic (Any race)	N/A	N/A	6.9	6.7
Asian-American (Non-Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	2.8	3.1
Native American (Non-Hispanic)	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.7
<i>Education</i>				
Less than High School	30.1	24.8	22.9	21.8
High School	36.5	28.5	38.3	30.1
Some College	18.7	24.9	21.6	21.5
College and More	14.8	21.9	17.2	26.7
<i>Marital Status</i>				
Married	54.8	77.9	55.2	76.0
Widowed	25.6	6.0	26.1	7.3
Divorced/Separated	13.9	10.3	13.9	11.5
Never-Married	5.8	5.8	4.9	5.3
<i>Distribution of Households by Type</i>				
Married Couples:				
Living as a single unit	42.4	58.1	39.5	50.1
Living with other family	11.6	18.7	14.6	24.5
Living with unrelated persons	N/A	N/A	1.0	1.5
Unmarried:				
Living alone	26.9	13.5	27.1	13.3
Living with other family	16.9	6.0	14.8	6.7
Living with unrelated persons	N/A	N/A	2.9	4.0
<i>Median Annual Income (Family Income)*</i>				
Total	\$30,975	\$37,948	\$33,492	\$44,649
By Age:				
50-61	\$43,746	\$51,752	\$50,500	\$61,361
62-74	\$22,997	\$32,162	\$28,954	\$36,968
75 +	\$16,078	\$27,538	\$19,085	\$26,421
By Marital Status:				
Married	\$45,680	\$47,000	\$48,166	\$52,000
Unmarried	\$15,713	\$18,739	\$20,000	\$25,850
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$34,472	\$41,346	\$35,083	\$47,114
All Minorities	\$19,530	\$28,110	\$27,672	\$35,000
<i>Percent Living in Poverty*</i>				
Total	12.0 %	8.6 %	10.8 %	7.1 %
By Age:				
50-61	N/A	N/A	9.1	6.9
62-74	16.1	N/A	10.7	7.4
75 +	N/A	N/A	14.2	7.4
By Marital Status:				
Married	N/A	N/A	4.9	4.5
Unmarried	21.8	N/A	18.1	15.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	6.6	N/A	8.5	5.6
All Minorities	29.1	N/A	19.9	13.6

\* Income and poverty data are based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

## Current Work Status Among Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001\*

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent in Labor Force</i>	35.8 %	48.3 %	37.4 %	51.5 %
By Age:				
50-61	61.2	77.3	66.8	80.6
62-74	17.8	26.6	20.7	30.8
75 +	N/A	N/A	3.6	8.3
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	51.7	80.1	62.2	79.0
Middle Half	43.0	45.2	40.6	47.8
Bottom Quartile	17.4	N/A	14.5	19.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	34.4	49.2	37.2	51.6
All Minorities	40.3	44.9	38.0	51.5
<i>Of Those in Labor Force</i>				
Percent Employed Full-Time**	74.7	83.9	72.7	84.9
Percent Employed Part-time	24.7	14.3	24.8	12.1
Percent Looking for Work	N/A	N/A	2.6	3.0
<i>Employment Distribution by Industry</i>				
Agriculture	N/A	N/A	1.8	4.0
Construction & Mining	N/A	13.3	1.5	9.9
Manufacturing	17.5	17.3	11.0	18.9
Transportation, Comm., & Public Utilities	N/A	12.5	3.7	10.3
Wholesale & Retail Trades	15.8	20.3	16.5	16.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	N/A	7.3	7.7	6.5
Services	49.5	22.6	52.3	28.6
Government	N/A	N/A	5.5	5.8
<i>Employment Distribution by Occupation</i>				
Managerial/Professional Specialty	32.4	25.8	33.6	35.3
Technical/Sales & Administrative Support	34.1	23.8	38.8	19.3
Service	18.1	N/A	16.6	8.2
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	N/A	N/A	1.6	4.3
Precision Productions, Craft & Repair Operators, Fabricators, & Laborers	14.1	39.5	9.5	32.9

\* Based on CPS data for the reference week in March 1999-2001.

\*\* Full-time workers were employed at least 35 hours per week.

**Work Status in the Previous Year Among  
Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001\***

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent Employed Full-Year, Full-Time**</i>	24.6 %	36.4 %	24.2 %	41.2 %
<i>Percent Employed Full-Year, Part-Time**</i>	6.5	N/A	6.4	4.2
<i>Percent Employed Part-Year, Full/Part-Time**</i>	9.4	12.0	9.9	10.4
<i>Percent Nonworking</i>	59.6	47.6	59.5	44.3
<i>Median Annual Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers</i>	\$25,436	\$42,240	\$28,001	\$43,296
By Age:				
50-61	\$25,436	\$44,000	\$28,952	\$44,462
62-74	N/A	N/A	\$25,344	\$38,000
75 +	N/A	N/A	\$20,680	\$30,000
<i>Race Ratio in Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers (All Minorities Earnings to White Non-Hispanic Earnings)</i>	0.78	0.78	0.84	0.68
<i>Sex Ratio in Earnings for Full-Year, Full-Time Workers (Women's Earnings to Men's Earnings)</i>	0.60		0.65	

\* Based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

\*\* Full-year workers were employed at least 50 weeks in the previous year; full-time workers were employed at least 35 hours per week.

**Social Security Receipt Among  
Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001\***

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent Receiving Benefits</i>	53.2 %	49.4 %	50.1 %	44.4 %
By Age:				
50-61	11.6	N/A	7.0	6.7
62-74	86.3	85.7	79.3	76.1
75 +	97.2	97.0	93.0	91.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	30.3	24.2	24.8	22.2
Middle Half	47.0	54.3	49.6	50.4
Bottom Quartile	73.4	66.3	68.9	62.3
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	53.7	49.7	52.4	46.0
All Minorities	51.5	48.2	40.9	37.5
<i>Median Annual Benefits</i>				
Total	\$7,543	\$10,300	\$7,532	\$10,930
By Age:				
50-61	\$8,022	N/A	\$7,146	\$10,332
62-74	\$6,814	\$10,193	\$6,906	\$11,178
75 +	\$8,574	\$10,236	\$8,406	\$10,692
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	\$8,009	\$12,870	\$7,643	\$12,408
Middle Half	\$8,009	\$11,114	\$7,370	\$11,586
Bottom Quartile	\$7,080	\$8,132	\$7,701	\$8,930
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$7,962	\$10,507	\$7,746	\$11,326
All Minorities	\$6,307	\$8,427	\$6,769	\$9,043

\* Based on 1999-2001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000. Data include Social Security pensions and survivor benefits as well as permanent disability payments made by the Social Security Administration.

## Pensions and Coverage among Women and Men Aged 50 and Older, 1999-2001

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<b>A. Pensions and Other Retirement Income*</b>				
<i>Percent Receiving Retirement Income</i>	17.4 %	26.6 %	18.4 %	27.8 %
By Age:				
50-61	N/A	13.3	6.5	11.1
62-74	26.1	38.7	26.0	42.4
75 +	23.4	N/A	31.1	47.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	N/A	27.5	13.6	23.1
Middle Half	18.1	33.3	21.2	35.1
Bottom Quartile	15.1	N/A	17.4	15.3
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	18.7	27.6	20.1	30.2
All Minorities	N/A	N/A	11.9	17.4
<i>Median Annual Benefits</i>				
Total	\$5,069	\$15,588	\$6,204	\$12,408
By Age:				
50-61	N/A	\$23,000	\$9,312	\$18,691
62-74	\$3,876	\$15,984	\$6,390	\$12,408
75 +	N/A	N/A	\$5,056	\$8,999
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	N/A	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$23,782
Middle Half	\$9,456	\$14,400	\$7,618	\$11,640
Bottom Quartile	\$2,039	N/A	\$3,132	\$3,722
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	\$5,000	\$15,984	\$6,132	\$12,408
All Minorities	N/A	N/A	\$6,336	\$11,000

\* Includes veteran's pensions, survivor pensions, and any other pension and retirement income (excluding Social Security Income).  
Based on 1999-20001 CPS data for calendar years 1998-2000.

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<b>B. Pensions**</b>				
<i>Percent of Workers Whose Employers Offer Pension Plans***</i>	59.6 %	53.9 %	58.3 %	58.9 %
By Age:				
50-61	65.1	59.4	62.2	64.2
62-74	N/A	N/A	46.8	45.6
75 +	N/A	N/A	35.4	30.6
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	65.9	63.5	67.4	70.7
Middle Half	65.1	52.5	58.2	53.4
Bottom Quartile	N/A	N/A	32.2	24.3
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	60.6	55.2	59.6	60.5
All Minorities	56.8	N/A	53.4	52.0
<i>Percent of Workers Who Participate</i>	51.0	47.1	48.7	52.4
By Age:				
50-61	56.9	53.8	54.0	59.0
62-74	N/A	N/A	32.3	35.4
75 +	N/A	N/A	19.3	18.9
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	62.6	60.0	60.2	65.9
Middle Half	53.9	44.6	47.7	45.6
Bottom Quartile	N/A	N/A	18.6	14.9
By Race:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	51.2	48.6	49.5	53.8
All Minorities	50.3	N/A	45.1	45.7

\*\* In CPS, the questions on pensions were asked only to those who were employed in the previous year.

\*\*\*This question does not evaluate whether an employee is eligible to participate in the plan.

An employer may offer a plan that a respondent does not qualify for.

**Health Insurance Coverage Among Women and  
Men Aged 50 and Older, 2000-2001\***

	South Carolina		United States	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
<i>Percent with Any Type of Health Insurance</i>	94.7 %	88.5 %	92.3 %	93.0 %
<i>Percent with Public Insurance</i>	53.0	50.7	53.1	47.8
<i>Percent with Private Insurance</i>	68.7	67.1	68.9	73.5
Percent with Employer-Based Insurance	53.0	56.4	50.1	59.4
Percent with Individually-Purchased Insurance	19.4	16.2	20.9	17.3
<i>Of Those with Private Insurance</i>				
Percent in Own Name	71.8	87.2	72.4	87.8
Percent as Dependent	30.5	17.7	31.3	17.5
<i>Percent Insured by Any Type</i>				
By Age:				
50-61	90.6	80.0	86.2	88.6
62-74	97.8	95.0	95.6	96.2
75 +	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.3
By Family Income Level:				
Top Quartile	93.5	94.5	94.6	96.7
Middle Half	95.5	93.5	92.3	92.9
Bottom Quartile	94.2	73.3	90.5	87.4
By Race/Ethnicity:				
White (Non-Hispanic)	96.0	89.8	94.1	94.9
All Minorities	91.1	83.6	85.2	84.6

\* Based on 2000-2001 CPS data for the calendar years 1999-2000.