

Percent of Persons age 65 and older relying on Social Security for 90% or more of their family income

State	2006	2007	2008	Three-Year Average		
				Average Percent	Standard Error	90% Confidence Interval +/- *
Alabama	27.8	22.1	29.2	26.4	2.4	3.9
Alaska**	12.8	11.8	6.8	10.4	8.9	14.7
Arizona	20.7	19.4	17.5	19.2	2.2	3.7
Arkansas	31.1	39.3	32.9	34.4	3.0	4.9
California	17.4	19.7	18.2	18.4	1.0	1.6
Colorado	19.2	21.9	22.9	21.3	2.7	4.5
Connecticut	20.0	14.5	16.2	16.9	2.8	4.6
Delaware**	19.8	22.6	21.7	21.4	5.6	9.2
District of Columbia**	23.5	16.2	18.3	19.3	7.4	12.2
Florida	24.7	24.2	26.1	25.0	1.1	1.8
Georgia	25.2	25.8	28.0	26.3	2.0	3.3
Hawaii**	14.5	10.2	15.6	13.4	4.6	7.6
Idaho	25.6	26.2	21.8	24.5	4.2	6.9
Illinois	25.0	20.7	16.6	20.8	1.6	2.6
Indiana	25.0	27.6	27.9	26.8	2.1	3.5
Iowa	19.3	23.6	21.3	21.4	3.0	4.9
Kansas	18.2	20.5	23.7	20.8	3.2	5.3
Kentucky	33.3	27.2	28.3	29.6	2.5	4.1
Louisiana	29.5	33.5	39.9	34.3	2.5	4.0
Maine	22.0	22.9	21.7	22.2	4.2	7.0
Maryland	15.5	17.3	20.8	17.9	2.4	3.9
Massachusetts	22.1	21.3	24.0	22.5	2.0	3.3
Michigan	20.0	19.0	24.5	21.2	1.7	2.7
Minnesota	21.6	21.3	18.8	20.6	2.3	3.9
Mississippi	35.5	29.9	32.3	32.6	3.1	5.1
Missouri	22.1	23.1	25.0	23.4	2.1	3.5
Montana	34.0	25.8	31.8	30.5	5.1	8.5
Nebraska	22.8	22.1	15.1	20.0	4.0	6.6
Nevada	20.0	20.2	24.8	21.6	3.4	5.6
New Hampshire	24.1	19.7	20.8	21.6	4.6	7.6
New Jersey	20.9	24.8	20.6	22.1	1.8	2.9
New Mexico	24.5	22.0	21.5	22.7	3.8	6.3
New York	23.7	24.5	22.4	23.5	1.2	1.9
North Carolina	29.9	27.5	30.5	29.3	1.7	2.8
North Dakota**	25.3	19.7	19.4	21.5	6.6	10.9
Ohio	19.3	23.1	23.4	22.0	1.6	2.6
Oklahoma	21.3	28.0	24.0	24.4	2.7	4.4
Oregon	20.0	24.5	21.3	21.9	2.7	4.5
Pennsylvania	21.2	23.4	24.2	22.9	1.4	2.3
Rhode Island**	21.9	20.5	16.4	19.6	5.1	8.4
South Carolina	31.9	22.7	33.8	29.5	2.5	4.0
South Dakota**	28.5	21.5	18.3	22.8	5.5	9.0
Tennessee	29.5	25.5	27.5	27.5	2.0	3.3
Texas	26.9	26.7	25.3	26.3	1.2	1.9
Utah	25.2	18.9	15.2	19.8	4.0	6.6
Vermont**	26.0	28.1	20.2	24.8	6.4	10.5

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Virginia	19.0	17.7	19.2	18.7	2.0	3.4
Washington	18.9	21.2	23.9	21.3	2.2	3.7
West Virginia	25.7	23.6	29.8	26.4	3.8	6.2
Wisconsin	27.5	24.6	24.2	25.4	2.3	3.7
Wyoming**	27.0	26.1	28.8	27.3	7.1	11.7

*The 90% confidence interval describes the reliability of the estimate; the larger the confidence interval in relation to the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. The confidence interval is equal to the average percent plus or minus the percentage points listed. For example, the 90% confidence interval for Alabama would be 22.5 to 30.2 percent.

**Three-year average for this state should be used with caution. The 90% confidence interval is equal to or greater than 40 percent of the estimate.

Note: Standard errors of three-year averages are based on formulas 2, 15, and 16 in Appendix G of "March 2009: Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement" available at <http://www.census.gov/aprd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar09.pdf>.

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute estimates from the March 2007-2009, Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Contact Selena Caldera, scaldera@aarp.org for more information.

Percent of Persons age 65 and older relying on Social Security for 50% or more of their family income

State				Three-Year Average		
	2006	2007	2008	Average Percent	Standard Error	90% Confidence Interval +/- *
Alabama	57.4	54.4	50.8	54.2	1.91	3.1
Alaska	39.7	44.5	35.4	39.9	7.82	12.9
Arizona	46.8	47.8	42.1	45.6	1.93	3.2
Arkansas	51.1	65.0	58.7	58.3	2.51	4.1
California	41.5	41.9	38.3	40.6	0.86	1.4
Colorado	44.6	43.7	42.6	43.6	2.41	4.0
Connecticut	52.2	42.9	51.2	48.8	2.41	4.0
Delaware	46.8	49.4	46.7	47.6	4.80	7.9
District of Columbia	37.2	29.4	31.8	32.8	7.02	11.6
Florida	52.2	53.0	50.9	52.0	0.91	1.5
Georgia	49.3	49.4	51.2	50.0	1.75	2.9
Hawaii	32.1	28.7	30.7	30.5	4.24	7.0
Idaho	49.8	54.0	50.9	51.6	3.60	5.9
Illinois	55.3	47.2	50.2	50.9	1.34	2.2
Indiana	53.4	59.7	57.8	57.0	1.73	2.9
Iowa	54.2	56.5	58.7	56.5	2.42	4.0
Kansas	48.6	48.4	53.0	50.0	2.75	4.5
Kentucky	56.7	59.2	58.1	58.0	2.05	3.4
Louisiana	62.0	60.3	62.9	61.8	1.94	3.2
Maine	59.5	53.1	52.9	55.1	3.41	5.6
Maryland	35.2	35.2	37.8	36.1	2.19	3.6
Massachusetts	49.9	44.8	45.5	46.7	1.76	2.9
Michigan	50.4	56.4	55.7	54.2	1.36	2.2
Minnesota	48.9	52.2	49.6	50.2	2.00	3.3
Mississippi	57.0	55.8	56.8	56.6	2.60	4.3
Missouri	53.6	57.6	56.6	55.9	1.72	2.8
Montana	66.0	58.3	63.1	62.5	3.99	6.6
Nebraska	59.1	52.4	52.7	54.7	3.34	5.5
Nevada	43.3	46.1	45.1	44.8	2.98	4.9
New Hampshire	53.4	46.5	47.3	49.1	3.98	6.5
New Jersey	46.2	49.0	45.6	46.9	1.54	2.5
New Mexico	50.5	47.8	48.7	49.0	3.30	5.4
New York	48.3	48.0	47.5	47.9	1.03	1.7
North Carolina	55.8	54.5	58.5	56.3	1.44	2.4
North Dakota	58.4	49.4	50.0	52.6	5.51	9.1
Ohio	50.4	53.8	55.2	53.1	1.31	2.2
Oklahoma	53.9	52.5	53.9	53.4	2.23	3.7
Oregon	55.6	55.3	51.0	54.0	2.22	3.7
Pennsylvania	53.1	56.7	57.8	55.8	1.13	1.9
Rhode Island	44.0	48.5	46.3	46.3	4.49	7.4
South Carolina	58.9	52.1	59.0	56.7	2.01	3.3
South Dakota	56.1	46.4	40.5	47.7	4.70	7.7
Tennessee	49.1	54.9	59.5	54.5	1.71	2.8
Texas	53.1	48.5	47.8	49.8	1.00	1.6
Utah	57.0	43.8	38.6	46.5	3.41	5.6
Vermont	52.5	56.8	52.7	54.0	5.38	8.9

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Virginia	48.1	43.4	40.2	43.9	1.76	2.9
Washington	48.3	48.4	46.7	47.8	1.89	3.1
West Virginia	64.2	59.7	62.0	61.9	2.85	4.7
Wisconsin	57.0	55.8	58.4	57.1	1.84	3.0
Wyoming	56.8	50.5	53.8	53.7	5.99	9.9

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