

Table VIII.5.—Family income below the poverty line,¹ with and without Social Security benefits, by age, sex, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, and living arrangements: Percent of aged units 65 or older who receive Social Security benefits, 1998

Family poverty status	Beneficiaries aged 65 or older																			
	All units				Married couples				Nonmarried persons											
									Total				Men				Women			
	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older
	All units																			
Number (in thousands)	22,257	11,136	8,546	2,575	9,248	5,559	3,225	463	13,009	5,577	5,321	2,111	3,152	1,518	1,170	463	9,857	4,059	4,151	1,648
Percent—																				
Below poverty line	10.4	9.1	11.5	12.3	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.2	15.5	15.4	16.1	14.3	11.2	12.5	10.5	8.5	16.9	16.4	17.7	15.9
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	39.0	33.5	43.3	49.1	34.1	28.8	41.0	48.7	42.6	38.1	44.7	49.1	38.5	36.3	39.8	42.3	43.9	38.8	46.1	51.1
Total below poverty without Social Security	49.4	42.6	54.8	61.3	37.3	31.7	44.8	51.9	58.1	53.5	60.8	63.4	49.7	48.8	50.3	50.8	60.8	55.2	63.8	67.0
	White																			
Number (in thousands)	19,794	9,765	7,745	2,284	8,514	5,098	2,996	420	11,280	4,667	4,749	1,864	2,680	1,259	1,036	385	8,600	3,407	3,713	1,480
Percent—																				
Below poverty line	8.8	7.3	10.0	11.1	2.7	2.4	3.1	3.5	13.4	12.6	14.3	12.8	9.4	11.2	8.3	6.5	14.6	13.2	16.0	14.4
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	39.3	33.3	43.9	49.4	33.8	28.7	40.8	46.7	43.4	38.3	45.8	50.0	37.7	34.8	40.0	40.7	45.2	39.5	47.5	52.4
Total below poverty without Social Security	48.1	40.5	53.9	60.5	36.5	31.0	43.9	50.2	56.8	50.9	60.2	62.8	47.1	46.0	48.4	47.3	59.8	52.7	63.5	66.8
	Black																			
Number (in thousands)	2,016	1,104	670	242	529	340	158	31	1,487	764	512	211	404	221	125	57	1,083	543	387	154
Percent—																				
Below poverty line	26.7	26.0	28.6	24.9	11.8	10.9	16.0	(2)	32.1	32.8	32.5	28.6	23.2	19.5	28.9	(2)	35.4	38.2	33.6	30.0
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	39.7	37.1	39.3	52.4	40.6	32.3	49.4	(2)	39.3	39.2	36.2	47.5	46.9	47.9	36.2	(2)	36.5	35.7	36.2	40.2
Total below poverty without Social Security	66.4	63.1	67.9	77.3	52.4	43.3	65.4	(2)	71.4	72.0	68.6	76.0	70.1	67.4	65.1	(2)	71.9	73.8	69.8	70.2
	Hispanic origin ³																			
Number (in thousands)	1,032	635	313	84	396	261	122	13	637	374	191	72	198	120	50	28	439	253	141	44
Percent—																				
Below poverty line	20.0	20.5	20.5	13.7	11.9	12.1	9.7	(2)	25.0	26.3	27.4	(2)	17.5	15.7	(2)	(2)	28.4	31.4	28.2	(2)
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	38.0	36.3	41.8	36.1	47.5	45.2	52.0	(2)	32.0	30.1	35.3	(2)	31.8	35.5	(2)	(2)	32.1	27.6	38.7	(2)
Total below poverty without Social Security	57.9	56.8	62.3	49.8	59.4	57.3	61.7	(2)	57.0	56.5	62.7	(2)	49.2	51.2	(2)	(2)	60.5	59.0	66.9	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table VIII.5.—Family income below the poverty line,¹ with and without Social Security benefits, by age, sex, marital status, race, Hispanic origin, and living arrangements: Percent of aged units 65 or older who receive Social Security benefits, 1998—*Continued*

Family poverty status	Beneficiaries aged 65 or older																			
	All units				Married couples				Nonmarried persons											
									Total				Men				Women			
	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older	Total	65-74	75-84	85 or older
	Live with other family members																			
Number (in thousands)	4,697	2,469	1,613	616	1,418	981	373	64	3,279	1,488	1,240	552	766	343	295	128	2,513	1,145	945	424
Percent—								(²)												
Below poverty line	7.0	7.5	7.1	4.6	5.2	4.8	5.3	(²)	7.8	9.3	7.6	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.3	8.8	10.7	8.7	3.7
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	21.9	20.3	21.7	28.6	17.2	15.4	20.5	(²)	23.9	23.6	22.0	29.0	24.0	27.3	20.0	24.2	23.9	22.5	22.6	30.5
Total below poverty without Social Security	28.9	27.9	28.7	33.2	22.4	20.2	25.8	(²)	31.7	32.9	29.6	32.9	28.4	32.0	24.1	28.6	32.7	33.2	31.3	34.2
	Live with no family members																			
Number (in thousands)	17,559	8,667	6,934	1,959	7,830	4,578	2,852	400	9,730	4,089	4,081	1,559	2,386	1,175	875	336	7,344	2,914	3,206	1,224
Percent—																				
Below poverty line	11.3	9.6	12.5	14.7	2.9	2.5	3.6	1.9	18.1	17.5	18.7	17.9	13.4	14.8	12.7	10.0	19.6	18.6	20.3	20.1
Kept out of poverty by Social Security	43.6	37.2	48.4	55.5	37.1	31.7	43.7	52.6	48.9	43.4	51.6	56.3	43.2	38.9	46.5	49.2	50.8	45.2	53.0	58.2
Total below poverty without Social Security	54.9	46.8	60.8	70.2	40.0	34.2	47.3	54.5	67.0	60.9	70.3	74.2	56.5	53.7	59.2	59.3	70.4	63.8	73.3	78.3

¹ The money income of families containing aged units is compared with the official poverty lines of families in 1998.

² Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.

³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.