

# Poverty and Low-Income Status<sup>1</sup> of Persons 60+, by Age: 1989

## United States, All Persons for Whom Poverty or Low-Income Status Is Determined

(Data based on a sample)

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AGE	ABOVE POVERTY LEVEL	BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	TOTAL	ABOVE LOW- INCOME LEVEL	BELOW LOW- INCOME LEVEL	TOTAL
<b>NUMBER</b>						
TOTAL, 65+	25,782,062	3,780,585	29,562,647	24,879,990	4,682,698	29,562,688
<b>TOTAL, 60+</b>	<b>35,293,402</b>	<b>4,822,173</b>	<b>40,115,575</b>	<b>34,264,857</b>	<b>5,850,889</b>	<b>40,115,746</b>
60-64	9,511,340	1,041,588	10,552,928	9,384,867	1,168,191	10,553,058
65-74	16,075,188	1,857,468	17,932,656	15,614,884	2,317,813	17,932,697
75-84	7,875,601	1,466,796	9,342,397	7,538,642	1,803,755	9,342,397
85+	1,831,273	456,321	2,287,594	1,726,464	561,130	2,287,594
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY POVERTY AND LOW-INCOME STATUS</b>						
TOTAL, 60+	88.0	12.0	100.0	85.4	14.6	100.0
60-64	90.1	9.9	100.0	88.9	11.1	100.0
65-74	89.6	10.4	100.0	87.1	12.9	100.0
75-84	84.3	15.7	100.0	80.7	19.3	100.0
85+	80.1	19.9	100.0	75.5	24.5	100.0
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE</b>						
TOTAL, 60+	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
60-64	26.9	21.6	26.3	27.4	20.0	26.3
65-74	45.5	38.5	44.7	45.6	39.6	44.7
75-84	22.3	30.4	23.3	22.0	30.8	23.3
85+	5.2	9.5	5.7	5.0	9.6	5.7

<sup>1</sup> Both poverty and low-income status are determined for the same population—all persons except institutionalized persons, persons in military group quarters and in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years old. Both sets of thresholds are adjusted annually for changes in the cost of living. The differences between the low-income and poverty thresholds are as follows: Both sets of thresholds have variations for family size. However, the poverty definition adjusts each family size category by number of children (from one to eight or more); the low-income definition does not. Furthermore, the poverty definition includes separate thresholds for householders under 65 and those 65+ for one-person and two-person families, while the low-income definition has no such age breaks.

Source of data: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Special Tabulation on Aging, STP 14, Tables P370, P374, P378, P382, P403, P407, P411, and P415. See technical documentation for more detailed definitions.

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