

SECTION 1

Demographic Characteristics



Key Terms and Concepts for Section 1 ¹

Age. Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2013. A married couple's age is defined as the age of the husband—unless he is under age 55 and the wife is 55 or older, in which case it is the age of the wife.

Aged unit. With age 55 as the cutoff, aged units are defined as married couples living together—at least one of whom is 55 or older—and non-married persons 55 or older.

Marital status. Married persons are married and living with their spouse. Nonmarried persons may be divorced, widowed, never married, separated, or married but living apart from their spouse.

Race. The categories White alone, Black alone, and Asian alone reflect respondents who reported only one race. Because of changes to the race category, data on race are not directly comparable to editions prior to 2002. A person's race is his or her reported race. A married couple's race is defined as the race of the husband.

Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. A married couple is of Hispanic origin if the husband is of Hispanic origin.

Family. A family is a group of two or more people (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such people (including related sub-family members) are considered as members of one family.

Social Security beneficiary. A beneficiary may be receiving retired-worker benefits, dependents' or survivor benefits, disability benefits, or transitionally insured benefits.

¹ For more information, consult the Glossary at the front of this publication.

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>All persons</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.0	46.4	44.6	47.8	45.8	42.6	40.6	
Women	52.0	53.6	55.4	52.2	54.2	57.4	59.4	
Race								
White alone	81.9	83.1	85.6	84.4	85.0	86.5	87.0	
Black alone	11.2	10.5	9.0	9.5	9.3	8.6	8.3	
Asian alone	4.6	4.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.7	
Hispanic origin	10.1	8.6	7.4	8.2	7.1	7.7	6.4	
Marital status								
Married	64.5	64.8	56.6	65.3	63.4	58.5	37.7	
Nonmarried	35.5	35.2	43.4	34.7	36.6	41.5	62.3	
Widowed	4.5	6.5	25.6	11.5	18.0	26.5	50.4	
Divorced	17.2	17.3	11.1	15.1	12.3	9.2	6.0	
Never married	9.9	8.4	4.4	5.4	4.1	4.0	3.6	
Living with nonspouse family	38.5	27.5	22.3	23.3	20.8	20.5	23.7	
Persons in family								
1	23.4	25.4	31.2	25.1	26.6	30.2	44.3	
2	44.8	52.5	52.5	56.6	57.3	55.0	41.0	
3 or more	31.9	22.1	16.2	18.3	16.1	14.8	14.7	
Social Security beneficiary	9.4	36.2	84.0	73.9	87.9	88.9	90.2	
Number (thousands)	28,278	10,213	43,287	14,437	10,264	7,598	10,988	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Men</i>								
Race								
White alone	83.3	84.7	86.2	85.1	85.5	87.0	88.1	
Black alone	10.3	9.3	8.5	8.9	8.9	7.6	7.8	
Asian alone	4.2	4.5	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.1	
Hispanic origin	10.2	8.4	7.1	8.0	6.0	7.9	6.4	
Marital status								
Married	68.4	69.1	71.4	74.0	76.3	74.8	59.6	
Nonmarried	31.6	30.9	28.6	26.0	23.7	25.2	40.4	
Widowed	2.1	3.2	12.1	5.2	7.5	10.4	28.7	
Divorced	15.2	16.0	9.6	12.8	10.1	7.8	5.6	
Never married	10.7	9.3	4.5	5.4	4.3	4.6	3.4	
Living with nonspouse family	39.4	26.6	19.7	22.3	18.3	17.1	18.9	
Persons in family								
1	23.3	24.9	22.8	21.1	19.5	20.3	30.8	
2	42.1	51.9	60.6	59.5	64.3	64.9	55.4	
3 or more	34.6	23.2	16.6	19.5	16.2	14.8	13.8	
Social Security beneficiary	9.3	35.5	83.0	72.7	87.7	89.4	89.4	
Number (thousands)	13,584	4,739	19,298	6,900	4,704	3,233	4,460	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Women</i>								
Race								
White alone	80.7	81.8	85.1	83.9	84.5	86.1	86.2	
Black alone	12.2	11.5	9.4	10.1	9.6	9.2	8.6	
Asian alone	4.9	5.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.2	4.0	
Hispanic origin	10.0	8.8	7.6	8.4	8.0	7.6	6.5	
Marital status								
Married	60.9	61.1	44.8	57.3	52.4	46.4	22.7	
Nonmarried	39.1	38.9	55.2	42.7	47.6	53.6	77.3	
Widowed	6.7	9.5	36.4	17.2	27.0	38.5	65.3	
Divorced	19.1	18.5	12.2	17.2	14.1	10.3	6.2	
Never married	9.2	7.7	4.3	5.4	4.0	3.5	3.8	
Living with nonspouse family	37.6	28.2	24.5	24.3	23.0	23.0	27.0	
Persons in family								
1	23.4	25.8	38.0	28.8	32.7	37.5	53.4	
2	47.2	53.1	46.0	54.1	51.3	47.7	31.2	
3 or more	29.4	21.1	16.0	17.2	16.0	14.8	15.4	
Social Security beneficiary	9.6	36.9	84.8	75.0	88.0	88.6	90.8	
Number (thousands)	14,694	5,474	23,990	7,537	5,561	4,364	6,528	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>White alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.8	47.3	44.9	48.1	46.1	42.8	41.1	
Women	51.2	52.7	55.1	51.9	53.9	57.2	58.9	
Hispanic origin	11.3	9.4	7.9	8.8	7.6	8.0	6.9	
Marital status								
Married	67.1	67.1	58.5	67.8	65.8	60.0	38.9	
Nonmarried	32.9	32.9	41.5	32.2	34.2	40.0	61.1	
Widowed	4.2	5.8	25.1	10.7	17.2	26.1	50.0	
Divorced	17.1	17.3	10.7	14.8	11.5	8.9	5.9	
Never married	8.5	7.6	3.9	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.3	
Living with nonspouse family	36.1	23.9	19.4	20.1	18.1	18.0	20.5	
Persons in family								
1	22.6	25.3	31.2	24.3	25.9	30.2	45.4	
2	47.2	55.7	54.9	59.9	60.2	57.1	42.3	
3 or more	30.2	19.0	13.9	15.7	13.9	12.7	12.3	
Social Security beneficiary	9.0	37.1	85.5	75.3	89.2	90.2	91.7	
Number (thousands)	23,171	8,489	37,039	12,191	8,720	6,572	9,555	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
Black alone							
Sex							
Men	43.8	41.1	41.9	44.9	44.0	38.0	38.2
Women	56.2	58.9	58.1	55.1	56.0	62.0	61.8
Hispanic origin	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.6	2.7	5.6	3.5
Marital status							
Married	43.0	44.7	38.9	44.3	40.8	43.5	25.3
Nonmarried	57.0	55.3	61.1	55.7	59.2	56.5	74.7
Widowed	6.9	11.1	30.6	17.2	25.7	30.2	56.0
Divorced	20.9	22.4	16.1	20.2	20.4	13.4	7.5
Never married	20.4	14.7	8.9	11.3	7.9	7.5	7.2
Living with nonspouse family	44.8	39.8	38.0	38.2	35.1	35.3	42.8
Persons in family							
1	33.6	32.8	37.3	35.1	37.9	35.8	41.0
2	33.7	36.7	36.1	36.2	36.2	38.5	34.3
3 or more	32.7	30.4	26.6	28.7	25.9	25.7	24.7
Social Security beneficiary	14.2	36.6	78.1	70.0	82.6	82.6	82.5
Number (thousands)	3,180	1,072	3,893	1,375	956	650	912

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Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Asian alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	44.5	43.3	43.2	47.2	44.2	45.8	34.6	
Women	55.5	56.7	56.8	52.8	55.8	54.2	65.4	
Hispanic origin	2.7	2.5	1.5	0.9	2.0	1.8	1.5	
Marital status								
Married	73.9	73.5	61.3	70.5	71.9	62.8	35.8	
Nonmarried	26.1	26.5	38.7	29.5	28.1	37.2	64.2	
Widowed	3.1	7.9	23.7	11.5	16.0	23.7	49.8	
Divorced	8.6	6.1	5.7	7.1	5.4	6.9	3.0	
Never married	8.6	7.0	3.9	5.7	1.2	3.8	4.1	
Living with nonspouse family	62.8	57.5	47.8	49.2	42.6	46.0	52.1	
Persons in family								
1	11.2	9.5	16.8	12.9	12.3	15.6	28.0	
2	31.7	39.2	41.2	44.2	48.8	44.3	26.8	
3 or more	57.2	51.3	42.0	42.9	38.9	40.1	45.2	
Social Security beneficiary	3.2	21.7	66.2	55.9	72.5	71.0	72.0	
Number (thousands)	1,291	488	1,669	594	417	254	404	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Hispanic origin</i>								
Sex								
Men	48.7	45.2	42.9	46.6	38.8	43.3	40.5	
Women	51.3	54.8	57.1	53.4	61.2	56.7	59.5	
Race								
White alone	91.4	90.5	90.5	89.9	90.6	89.2	92.5	
Black alone	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.1	3.6	6.2	4.5	
Asian alone	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.9	
Marital status								
Married	56.3	58.0	52.0	59.7	56.5	49.7	36.4	
Nonmarried	43.7	42.0	48.0	40.3	43.5	50.3	63.6	
Widowed	5.0	9.2	24.9	13.1	19.4	27.1	48.5	
Divorced	17.1	14.1	11.8	12.9	13.8	12.9	7.0	
Never married	12.0	9.7	6.5	8.0	5.7	6.5	4.8	
Living with nonspouse family	56.4	48.6	42.3	44.3	40.2	40.5	42.5	
Persons in family								
1	21.3	23.6	24.5	21.9	23.3	23.1	31.5	
2	30.6	35.2	40.9	40.0	42.6	44.1	38.0	
3 or more	48.1	41.2	34.5	38.1	34.1	32.8	30.5	
Social Security beneficiary	9.0	32.5	73.4	64.9	79.9	76.3	78.7	
Number (thousands)	2,859	877	3,213	1,187	729	588	708	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Beneficiary								
Sex								
Men	47.3	45.5	44.1	47.0	45.7	42.8	40.2	
Women	52.7	54.5	55.9	53.0	54.3	57.2	59.8	
Race								
White alone	78.5	85.1	87.1	86.1	86.2	87.8	88.4	
Black alone	16.9	10.6	8.4	9.0	8.8	8.0	7.6	
Asian alone	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.4	2.7	2.9	
Hispanic origin	9.7	7.7	6.5	7.2	6.5	6.6	5.6	
Marital status								
Married	47.1	62.4	55.8	64.6	63.5	58.7	37.4	
Nonmarried	52.9	37.6	44.2	35.4	36.5	41.3	62.6	
Widowed	11.1	9.0	27.5	12.9	18.4	27.3	51.7	
Divorced	23.2	18.8	10.8	15.2	12.6	8.9	5.7	
Never married	13.8	7.2	3.9	5.1	3.7	3.4	3.1	
Living with nonspouse family	33.6	22.5	20.0	20.9	18.4	18.3	21.7	
Persons in family								
1	36.4	28.7	32.8	26.5	27.4	31.2	45.8	
2	38.8	54.1	53.1	57.5	58.9	55.9	41.2	
3 or more	24.8	17.2	14.0	16.0	13.7	12.9	13.0	
Number (thousands)	2,665	3,702	36,355	10,669	9,018	6,756	9,913	

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Table 1.1
Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Nonbeneficiary								
Sex								
Men	48.1	46.9	47.3	50.0	46.6	40.8	43.9	
Women	51.9	53.1	52.7	50.0	53.4	59.2	56.1	
Race								
White alone	82.3	82.0	77.7	79.8	75.6	76.2	73.6	
Black alone	10.7	10.4	12.3	10.9	13.3	13.4	14.9	
Asian alone	4.9	5.9	8.1	6.9	9.2	8.8	10.5	
Hispanic origin	10.2	9.1	12.3	11.0	11.8	16.6	14.0	
Marital status								
Married	66.3	66.2	61.0	67.4	62.0	56.9	40.6	
Nonmarried	33.7	33.8	39.0	32.6	38.0	43.1	59.4	
Widowed	3.8	5.1	15.3	7.5	15.6	19.9	38.9	
Divorced	16.6	16.5	12.6	14.7	10.1	11.9	8.6	
Never married	9.5	9.1	7.1	6.3	7.1	9.1	8.4	
Living with nonspouse family	39.0	30.3	34.4	30.1	38.7	37.7	42.2	
Persons in family								
1	22.0	23.5	22.7	21.1	21.2	22.4	30.2	
2	45.4	51.6	49.5	54.1	45.6	47.8	39.0	
3 or more	32.6	24.8	27.8	24.7	33.2	29.8	30.8	
Number (thousands)	25,613	6,511	6,932	3,769	1,247	842	1,075	

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Table 1.2
Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012

Wife characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>All husbands</i>								
Wife age								
Under 55	38.7	13.8	4.2	7.0	3.8	2.3	0.9	
55–61	52.8	46.6	10.3	20.1	7.4	3.1	1.7	
62–64	5.4	29.0	13.0	25.3	10.0	3.7	1.9	
65 or older	3.1	10.6	72.5	47.6	78.8	91.0	95.4	
65–69	2.3	9.3	27.2	40.2	34.7	12.6	5.1	
70–74	0.5	1.1	20.4	6.4	37.1	36.1	10.5	
75–79	0.2	0.1	14.4	0.7	6.2	37.3	31.1	
80 or older	0.1	0.2	10.5	0.2	0.8	4.9	48.8	
Wife race								
White alone	85.0	84.7	87.4	86.3	87.4	87.5	89.3	
Black alone	7.2	7.0	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.5	5.7	
Asian alone	5.7	6.4	5.0	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.0	
Wife Hispanic origin	9.7	7.6	7.2	8.3	6.6	6.9	6.1	
Wife Social Security beneficiary	7.7	19.9	67.9	47.6	72.7	83.2	86.7	
Number (thousands)	9,287	3,273	13,770	5,108	3,587	2,419	2,656	
<i>White alone husbands</i>								
Wife race								
White alone	97.2	96.9	98.3	97.6	98.3	98.8	99.1	
Black alone	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	
Asian alone	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	
Wife Hispanic origin	10.5	7.6	7.7	9.1	7.1	6.9	6.7	
Number (thousands)	7,958	2,815	12,090	4,444	3,150	2,116	2,381	
<i>Black alone husbands</i>								
Wife race								
White alone	6.7	5.9	4.9	6.6	4.5	5.5	1.2	
Black alone	92.2	92.9	93.4	92.0	93.1	94.5	95.8	
Asian alone	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.2	1.8	0.0	1.2	
Wife Hispanic origin	3.3	5.7	2.0	2.6	1.9	2.5	0.0	
Number (thousands)	701	237	915	355	240	164	156	

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Table 1.2

Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—*Continued*

Wife characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Asian alone husbands								
Wife race								
White alone	5.5	5.3	3.4	4.9	4.2	1.7	0.0	
Black alone	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Asian alone	93.2	92.6	95.3	93.7	95.6	94.9	99.6	
Wife Hispanic origin	2.1	3.3	1.4	1.1	0.0	5.3	0.0	
Number (thousands)	440	176	581	237	153	100	90	
Hispanic origin husbands								
Wife race								
White alone	93.1	89.4	94.0	94.2	95.0	89.5	97.0	
Black alone	2.2	3.7	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.4	1.4	
Asian alone	1.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	
Wife Hispanic origin	83.1	83.2	86.0	87.4	87.0	82.2	85.6	
Number (thousands)	870	243	947	392	213	176	165	
Beneficiary husbands								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	23.8	32.9	77.2	57.5	79.8	89.0	93.2	
Number (thousands)	689	1,085	11,434	3,679	3,159	2,185	2,411	
Nonbeneficiary husbands								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	6.4	13.4	22.5	22.0	20.0	29.7	23.2	
Number (thousands)	8,599	2,188	2,336	1,430	428	234	245	

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Table 1.3
Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012

Husband characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older				
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older
<i>All wives</i>							
Husband age							
Under 55	12.4	3.0	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.3
55–61	54.8	15.0	2.6	4.9	1.7	0.7	0.6
62–64	17.0	28.4	3.2	7.0	1.2	0.1	0.4
65 or older	15.8	53.6	92.9	86.6	96.3	98.1	97.7
65–69	11.5	38.7	22.6	47.6	11.2	1.8	0.6
70–74	3.0	10.8	26.3	28.8	45.6	10.9	1.8
75–79	0.8	2.7	20.5	7.1	30.0	44.6	7.9
80 or older	0.5	1.5	23.6	3.1	9.5	40.8	87.3
Husband race							
White alone	85.8	86.5	89.2	88.4	89.0	90.4	90.5
Black alone	7.8	7.2	5.9	6.3	5.4	6.2	5.2
Asian alone	4.8	4.8	3.5	3.5	4.4	2.4	3.0
Husband Hispanic origin	7.8	7.5	6.7	7.6	6.4	5.6	6.1
Husband Social Security beneficiary	20.9	51.6	83.0	75.4	87.3	88.5	89.0
Number (thousands)	8,955	3,343	10,748	4,321	2,916	2,027	1,484
<i>White alone wives</i>							
Husband race							
White alone	98.4	98.4	98.9	98.4	98.9	99.3	99.5
Black alone	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Asian alone	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Husband Hispanic origin	8.6	8.1	7.0	7.9	6.8	6.0	6.4
Number (thousands)	7,602	2,877	9,572	3,822	2,587	1,828	1,336
<i>Black alone wives</i>							
Husband race							
White alone	2.7	4.0	0.9	0.7	1.8	0.0	a
Black alone	96.6	95.1	99.0	99.3	98.2	100.0	a
Asian alone	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	a
Husband Hispanic origin	2.4	3.6	2.7	3.5	2.5	1.1	a
Number (thousands)	666	242	598	255	150	119	74

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Table 1.3**Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2012—Continued**

Husband characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
Asian alone wives								
Husband race								
White alone	19.8	18.6	17.5	18.6	17.3	a	a	
Black alone	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	a	a	
Asian alone	78.8	80.6	80.6	80.2	82.1	a	a	
Husband Hispanic origin	0.4	1.1	1.4	2.8	0.4	a	a	
Number (thousands)	515	182	442	182	147	59	54	
Hispanic origin wives								
Husband race								
White alone	91.9	92.3	93.4	91.8	94.2	96.0	94.0	
Black alone	2.8	4.5	1.6	2.2	1.2	0.0	2.2	
Asian alone	1.6	0.1	1.1	0.8	1.1	2.7	0.0	
Husband Hispanic origin	80.2	81.5	85.6	88.8	81.7	79.4	90.8	
Number (thousands)	740	265	724	317	199	116	92	
Beneficiary wives								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	49.9	69.9	91.8	85.9	94.1	95.6	96.9	
Number (thousands)	567	1,224	8,855	3,210	2,570	1,782	1,292	
Nonbeneficiary wives								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	19.0	41.0	41.7	45.2	36.7	37.4	35.9	
Number (thousands)	8,388	2,120	1,893	1,111	346	244	192	

a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.