

# SECTION 1

## Demographic Characteristics



## Key Terms and Concepts for Section 1 <sup>1</sup>

**Age.** Age classification is based on the age of the person at his or her last birthday as of March 2015. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, 2014**

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	48.3	47.8	44.4	47.0	46.1	44.7	38.9	
Women	51.7	52.2	55.6	53.0	53.9	55.3	61.1	
Race								
White alone	81.1	81.9	84.9	83.3	85.0	84.7	87.2	
Black alone	11.8	11.0	9.0	10.1	8.7	9.2	7.7	
Asian alone	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.0	
Hispanic origin	10.8	9.2	7.9	8.9	7.4	7.4	7.3	
Marital status								
Married	64.0	65.5	56.2	64.1	61.4	57.5	38.9	
Nonmarried	36.0	34.5	43.8	35.9	38.6	42.5	61.1	
Widowed	4.1	6.7	24.4	10.9	18.2	26.1	48.8	
Divorced	17.2	16.0	12.2	16.1	13.6	10.1	6.6	
Never married	10.9	8.4	4.8	6.4	4.6	3.9	3.6	
Living with nonspouse family	39.6	27.9	21.8	23.6	19.5	19.6	23.3	
Persons in family								
1	23.4	24.9	32.0	26.2	28.6	31.8	43.9	
2	43.1	52.6	52.3	55.5	57.0	53.9	41.7	
3 or more	33.5	22.5	15.7	18.3	14.4	14.2	14.5	
Social Security beneficiary	9.9	33.4	82.1	72.2	85.6	87.8	88.4	
Number (thousands)	29,434	10,983	45,994	15,728	11,209	8,002	11,054	

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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, 2014—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	82.2	82.9	85.7	84.3	85.9	85.7	87.8	
Black alone	11.0	10.4	8.1	9.4	7.7	8.3	6.3	
Asian alone	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	
Hispanic origin	10.8	9.2	7.7	8.3	7.0	7.5	7.4	
Marital status								
Married	67.1	71.6	70.0	71.8	71.6	73.8	61.8	
Nonmarried	32.9	28.4	30.0	28.2	28.4	26.2	38.2	
Widowed	2.0	3.2	12.0	4.9	9.4	12.3	26.7	
Divorced	15.5	13.1	10.8	14.2	12.1	8.4	5.2	
Never married	11.9	8.6	4.9	6.9	4.5	3.0	3.4	
Living with nonspouse family	40.1	29.2	19.4	22.4	17.7	17.5	18.1	
Persons in family								
1	23.6	22.0	24.0	23.2	22.5	21.2	29.4	
2	41.4	52.4	59.9	57.3	63.3	63.5	57.1	
3 or more	35.0	25.6	16.1	19.5	14.2	15.3	13.4	
Social Security beneficiary	9.0	31.6	81.7	70.7	85.5	90.6	88.8	
Number (thousands)	14,211	5,245	20,439	7,391	5,163	3,580	4,304	

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**Table 1.1**  
**Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—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	80.2	81.1	84.3	82.5	84.3	83.9	86.8	
Black alone	12.5	11.6	9.7	10.7	9.5	9.9	8.5	
Asian alone	5.1	5.1	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.4	3.7	
Hispanic origin	10.8	9.2	8.1	9.3	7.8	7.4	7.3	
Marital status								
Married	61.1	60.0	45.2	57.2	52.7	44.3	24.3	
Nonmarried	38.9	40.0	54.8	42.8	47.3	55.7	75.7	
Widowed	6.2	9.8	34.3	16.1	25.6	37.3	62.8	
Divorced	18.7	18.6	13.3	17.8	14.9	11.5	7.5	
Never married	9.9	8.2	4.8	5.9	4.6	4.6	3.6	
Living with nonspouse family	39.1	26.7	23.7	24.6	21.1	21.2	26.6	
Persons in family								
1	23.2	27.5	38.4	28.9	33.8	40.4	53.1	
2	44.8	52.8	46.2	53.8	51.6	46.2	31.8	
3 or more	32.0	19.7	15.4	17.2	14.6	13.4	15.1	
Social Security beneficiary	10.8	35.0	82.4	73.6	85.8	85.5	88.1	
Number (thousands)	15,223	5,738	25,555	8,337	6,046	4,422	6,750	

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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, 2014—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	48.9	48.3	44.8	47.5	46.5	45.3	39.2
Women	51.1	51.7	55.2	52.5	53.5	54.7	60.8
Hispanic origin	12.2	10.2	8.5	9.7	7.9	8.1	7.8
Marital status							
Married	66.1	68.1	58.2	66.4	63.9	60.6	40.0
Nonmarried	33.9	31.9	41.8	33.6	36.1	39.4	60.0
Widowed	3.9	6.2	23.9	10.2	17.3	24.7	48.5
Divorced	17.2	15.8	11.8	16.0	13.1	9.6	6.5
Never married	9.6	7.1	4.1	5.4	3.9	3.1	3.2
Living with nonspouse family	37.5	25.0	19.0	20.7	17.3	16.5	20.2
Persons in family							
1	22.7	24.3	31.7	25.5	27.6	31.2	44.8
2	45.6	55.2	54.7	58.5	59.5	56.8	43.1
3 or more	31.7	20.4	13.6	16.1	12.9	11.9	12.1
Social Security beneficiary	9.5	33.3	83.6	73.4	87.1	88.9	90.3
Number (thousands)	23,885	8,997	39,054	13,105	9,532	6,778	9,640

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**Table 1.1**  
**Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—Continued**

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<i>Black alone</i>								
Sex								
Men	45.0	45.2	40.1	43.9	40.7	40.3	32.1	
Women	55.0	54.8	59.9	56.1	59.3	59.7	67.9	
Hispanic origin	3.3	4.7	3.1	3.0	4.0	2.2	3.2	
Marital status								
Married	45.9	42.3	34.6	42.5	34.6	32.1	22.2	
Nonmarried	54.1	57.7	65.4	57.5	65.4	67.9	77.8	
Widowed	6.0	10.3	30.3	15.7	27.3	38.7	54.0	
Divorced	19.8	20.5	18.0	21.6	20.9	14.7	10.6	
Never married	21.4	19.3	11.8	13.5	12.6	10.8	8.5	
Living with nonspouse family	44.0	37.0	34.0	33.2	28.6	36.5	39.5	
Persons in family								
1	33.1	35.5	41.8	38.7	43.9	40.2	46.8	
2	31.8	39.3	35.9	37.3	39.8	36.1	28.7	
3 or more	35.1	25.2	22.2	24.0	16.3	23.7	24.5	
Social Security beneficiary	15.2	39.6	78.2	70.3	83.5	82.8	82.9	
Number (thousands)	3,463	1,211	4,143	1,587	974	735	847	

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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, 2014—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	46.2	46.6	45.6	46.8	44.9	45.8	44.4	
Women	53.8	53.4	54.4	53.2	55.1	54.2	55.6	
Hispanic origin	2.2	0.1	1.7	2.6	0.8	2.3	0.8	
Marital status								
Married	76.8	78.0	64.0	74.3	68.0	57.4	48.1	
Nonmarried	23.2	22.0	36.0	25.7	32.0	42.6	51.9	
Widowed	3.0	5.7	22.0	8.6	19.2	26.5	43.5	
Divorced	8.4	7.0	6.5	7.9	5.5	8.2	4.1	
Never married	5.7	5.4	4.0	6.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	
Living with nonspouse family	62.5	49.7	45.4	49.1	40.3	38.6	50.9	
Persons in family								
1	10.6	10.0	17.6	11.8	17.1	23.1	23.3	
2	32.0	44.1	43.1	46.3	47.6	40.5	35.0	
3 or more	57.4	45.8	39.3	41.9	35.4	36.5	41.8	
Social Security beneficiary	4.2	16.6	63.5	55.1	65.2	78.9	62.6	
Number (thousands)	1,453	548	2,029	723	504	359	443	

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**Table 1.1**  
**Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—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	48.3	47.5	43.1	44.2	43.6	45.3	39.1
Women	51.7	52.5	56.9	55.8	56.4	54.7	60.9
Race							
White alone	91.6	90.9	91.5	91.1	89.8	92.4	93.2
Black alone	3.6	5.7	3.6	3.4	4.7	2.7	3.4
Asian alone	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.5
Marital status							
Married	59.6	60.6	51.3	58.7	54.1	52.9	34.5
Nonmarried	40.4	39.4	48.7	41.3	45.9	47.1	65.5
Widowed	4.7	7.3	23.5	10.6	19.7	26.5	47.6
Divorced	16.0	14.1	11.6	13.9	13.6	8.7	7.6
Never married	13.4	11.9	7.8	9.4	5.3	7.3	7.8
Living with nonspouse family	56.9	51.5	45.0	44.8	44.1	42.5	48.0
Persons in family							
1	19.3	18.3	23.8	20.6	22.2	23.9	30.8
2	31.6	39.1	41.0	42.6	42.4	44.1	34.6
3 or more	49.1	42.7	35.2	36.8	35.4	32.0	34.6
Social Security beneficiary	8.8	28.4	70.4	61.2	73.8	77.6	77.6
Number (thousands)	3,173	1,008	3,636	1,395	834	595	812

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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, 2014—Continued**

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<b>Beneficiary</b>								
Sex								
Men	43.7	45.3	44.2	46.0	46.0	46.2	39.1	
Women	56.3	54.7	55.8	54.0	54.0	53.8	60.9	
Race								
White alone	77.3	81.7	86.5	84.6	86.5	85.8	89.0	
Black alone	18.0	13.1	8.6	9.8	8.5	8.7	7.2	
Asian alone	2.1	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.0	2.8	
Hispanic origin	9.5	7.8	6.8	7.5	6.4	6.6	6.4	
Marital status								
Married	46.0	59.8	55.4	63.5	61.5	57.6	38.5	
Nonmarried	54.0	40.2	44.6	36.5	38.5	42.4	61.5	
Widowed	10.4	10.2	26.3	12.3	18.5	26.5	49.8	
Divorced	21.9	18.6	12.0	16.3	13.7	10.3	6.5	
Never married	17.1	7.8	4.1	5.5	4.1	3.2	3.0	
Living with nonspouse family	32.5	24.0	19.1	20.7	16.8	17.3	20.8	
Persons in family								
1	37.3	30.4	33.7	27.8	29.7	32.6	45.5	
2	37.8	51.4	53.1	56.6	58.3	55.3	42.2	
3 or more	25.0	18.1	13.2	15.6	12.0	12.1	12.3	
Number (thousands)	2,923	3,667	37,756	11,358	9,600	7,025	9,774	

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**Table 1.1**  
**Percentage with characteristic, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—Continued**

Characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<b>Nonbeneficiary</b>								
Sex								
Men	48.8	49.0	45.3	49.6	46.7	34.4	37.5	
Women	51.2	51.0	54.7	50.4	53.3	65.6	62.5	
Race								
White alone	81.6	82.0	77.8	79.9	76.3	76.6	73.3	
Black alone	11.1	10.0	11.0	10.8	10.0	12.9	11.3	
Asian alone	5.2	6.2	9.0	7.4	10.9	7.7	12.9	
Hispanic origin	10.9	9.9	13.0	12.4	13.6	13.6	14.2	
Marital status								
Married	66.0	68.4	60.0	65.6	60.7	56.5	42.4	
Nonmarried	34.0	31.6	40.0	34.4	39.3	43.5	57.6	
Widowed	3.5	4.9	15.9	7.0	16.1	23.0	40.4	
Divorced	16.7	14.7	13.2	15.8	13.3	8.9	7.8	
Never married	10.2	8.8	8.2	8.5	7.2	8.9	8.0	
Living with nonspouse family	40.4	29.9	34.2	31.0	35.9	35.7	42.0	
Persons in family								
1	21.9	22.1	24.1	22.3	22.2	26.2	31.3	
2	43.7	53.2	48.5	52.5	49.1	44.1	37.6	
3 or more	34.4	24.7	27.4	25.3	28.6	29.7	31.2	
Number (thousands)	26,512	7,315	8,238	4,370	1,609	977	1,281	

## Demographic Characteristics of Aged Persons

**Table 1.2**

**Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014**

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	38.8	14.5	3.8	6.8	2.8	1.2	1.7	
55–61	51.2	44.5	10.9	21.3	8.2	3.8	1.2	
62–64	5.6	29.6	11.6	23.3	8.6	3.0	1.1	
65 or older	4.4	11.4	73.6	48.6	80.4	92.0	95.9	
65–69	3.3	9.1	28.1	42.5	35.5	12.2	4.7	
70–74	0.7	1.7	21.1	4.9	39.8	39.2	9.7	
75–79	0.3	0.6	13.2	0.8	4.4	35.6	27.7	
80 or older	0.1	0.0	11.2	0.3	0.7	4.9	53.8	
Wife race								
White alone	82.9	84.3	86.9	84.5	87.8	88.5	88.6	
Black alone	8.3	7.6	5.7	7.0	4.9	5.3	4.7	
Asian alone	6.7	6.3	5.9	6.5	5.7	5.2	5.4	
Wife Hispanic origin	10.7	8.6	7.7	8.7	7.1	7.8	6.7	
Wife Social Security beneficiary	8.9	20.2	67.2	47.8	72.7	81.8	83.9	
Number (thousands)	9,537	3,757	14,305	5,307	3,695	2,641	2,661	
<i>White alone husbands</i>								
Wife race								
White alone	97.1	97.8	97.8	96.9	98.3	98.3	98.6	
Black alone	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Asian alone	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.2	0.8	
Wife Hispanic origin	11.9	9.2	8.3	9.8	7.5	7.9	7.0	
Number (thousands)	7,976	3,201	12,545	4,570	3,256	2,352	2,368	
<i>Black alone husbands</i>								
Wife race								
White alone	6.9	3.0	3.3	3.0	4.0	1.7	5.0	
Black alone	90.3	96.1	95.8	95.0	96.0	98.0	95.0	
Asian alone	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Wife Hispanic origin	3.7	6.4	1.8	0.9	2.3	4.1	1.1	
Number (thousands)	842	283	830	378	187	140	125	

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**Table 1.2****Percentage of wives with characteristic, by husband's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—Continued**

Wife characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<b>Asian alone husbands</b>								
Wife race								
White alone	5.5	3.2	4.7	3.4	5.2	4.6	6.7	
Black alone	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	
Asian alone	93.1	96.8	94.8	96.5	94.1	94.7	92.2	
Wife Hispanic origin	1.2	0.8	2.0	0.0	1.3	7.4	2.4	
Number (thousands)	536	215	723	280	190	115	137	
<b>Hispanic origin husbands</b>								
Wife race								
White alone	94.1	92.2	95.3	97.1	92.8	94.2	95.5	
Black alone	1.9	5.2	1.3	0.8	2.2	1.7	0.8	
Asian alone	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.5	4.0	0.8	
Wife Hispanic origin	85.4	87.0	87.4	86.7	88.3	87.2	88.3	
Number (thousands)	970	304	1,044	438	242	190	174	
<b>Beneficiary husbands</b>								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	31.0	35.8	77.4	59.0	79.8	87.8	92.6	
Number (thousands)	649	1,065	11,573	3,682	3,169	2,376	2,347	
<b>Nonbeneficiary husbands</b>								
Wife Social Security beneficiary	7.3	14.0	24.0	22.5	29.8	27.5	18.6	
Number (thousands)	8,888	2,692	2,732	1,626	526	265	315	

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**Table 1.3**  
**Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014**

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	12.7	3.9	1.5	2.0	0.8	1.4	1.3
55–61	52.5	15.5	3.6	6.6	2.2	1.3	0.8
62–64	17.9	32.3	3.7	7.1	2.0	1.1	0.1
65 or older	16.8	48.3	91.2	84.3	95.0	96.2	97.8
65–69	12.2	35.9	22.3	47.4	8.1	2.2	1.1
70–74	3.2	9.2	25.7	27.5	46.2	8.2	1.6
75–79	1.1	2.3	21.0	6.8	32.6	48.1	8.0
80 or older	0.4	0.9	22.1	2.6	8.1	37.7	87.2
Husband race							
White alone	84.3	87.0	88.8	87.2	89.3	90.2	90.5
Black alone	8.3	6.6	5.4	6.6	4.8	5.0	3.7
Asian alone	5.6	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.6
Husband Hispanic origin	9.3	8.4	6.6	7.0	6.1	6.3	6.6
Husband Social Security beneficiary	20.5	45.2	80.3	71.8	85.7	86.7	86.9
Number (thousands)	9,305	3,442	11,550	4,767	3,183	1,957	1,642
<i>White alone wives</i>							
Husband race							
White alone	98.2	99.0	98.8	98.5	98.9	99.1	99.1
Black alone	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0
Asian alone	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5
Husband Hispanic origin	10.6	9.1	7.1	7.6	6.5	6.8	6.9
Number (thousands)	7,805	2,927	10,198	4,126	2,833	1,753	1,485
<i>Black alone wives</i>							
Husband race							
White alone	3.4	2.8	2.0	2.5	1.1	1.7	a
Black alone	96.1	95.8	97.2	96.9	97.7	98.3	a
Asian alone	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.0	a
Husband Hispanic origin	2.0	7.0	1.6	2.1	0.0	0.6	a
Number (thousands)	748	230	606	297	150	96	63

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**Table 1.3**  
**Percentage of husbands with characteristic, by wife's race, Hispanic origin, Social Security beneficiary status, and age, 2014—Continued**

Husband characteristic	Aged 55–61	Aged 62–64	Aged 65 or older					
			Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80 or older	
<b>Asian alone wives</b>								
Husband race								
White alone	12.8	21.1	15.6	14.2	17.5	21.1	10.6	
Black alone	1.6	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Asian alone	84.1	78.9	82.9	83.8	82.5	75.6	89.4	
Husband Hispanic origin	0.4	0.3	1.7	2.1	1.6	2.3	0.0	
Number (thousands)	580	213	576	258	152	90	76	
<b>Hispanic origin wives</b>								
Husband race								
White alone	92.8	92.6	93.3	93.6	91.0	98.3	90.8	
Black alone	3.5	4.8	1.7	1.6	2.3	0.4	2.6	
Asian alone	1.0	0.0	1.6	2.2	1.2	0.0	1.8	
Husband Hispanic origin	79.8	83.6	82.0	78.1	83.3	87.7	86.8	
Number (thousands)	922	307	821	381	209	125	106	
<b>Beneficiary wives</b>								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	46.3	65.7	90.5	83.7	92.9	95.6	96.7	
Number (thousands)	695	1,128	9,342	3,527	2,732	1,669	1,414	
<b>Nonbeneficiary wives</b>								
Husband Social Security beneficiary	18.5	35.2	37.4	38.0	42.4	35.3	26.3	
Number (thousands)	8,610	2,314	2,208	1,240	451	288	228	

a. Fewer than 75,000 weighted cases.