

**Table 44.**  
**Social Security as a percentage of personal income, by selected characteristics,**  
**December 1999**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total or subtotal	Percentage distribution					
			Total	Under 25% of income	25–49% of income	50–74% of income	75–99% of income	100% of income
<i>All disabled beneficiaries</i>								
Total	6,145,121	100.0	100.0	25.3	16.5	17.4	25.3	15.4
Age								
Under 25	148,086	2.4	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	477,184	7.8	100.0	30.7	22.3	14.6	23.5	9.0
35–44	1,167,284	19.0	100.0	25.0	10.4	18.2	27.6	18.8
45–54	1,887,162	30.7	100.0	23.7	17.6	15.3	25.3	18.2
55 or older	2,465,405	40.1	100.0	25.1	17.4	19.2	24.6	13.8
Sex								
Men	3,632,828	59.1	100.0	23.6	18.4	17.4	24.7	15.9
Women	2,512,293	40.9	100.0	27.8	13.9	17.4	26.3	14.7
Race								
White	4,830,983	78.6	100.0	25.0	16.4	17.6	26.1	15.0
Black	1,134,631	18.5	100.0	21.1	17.8	18.5	23.5	19.1
American Indian, Alaska Native	125,652	2.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	53,855	0.9	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity								
Non-Hispanic	5,709,753	92.9	100.0	25.3	16.8	17.2	25.3	15.4
Hispanic	435,368	7.1	100.0	25.0	13.5	19.6	26.3	15.7
Marital status								
Married	2,796,830	45.5	100.0	25.5	17.6	16.0	25.5	15.5
Widowed	338,715	5.5	100.0	22.3	11.2	24.8	21.9	19.9
Divorced or separated	1,399,011	22.8	100.0	29.0	16.1	15.6	25.0	14.3
Never married	1,610,564	26.2	100.0	22.4	16.2	19.9	26.1	15.3
Years of education								
0–8	954,373	15.5	100.0	23.4	13.8	20.7	25.5	16.6
9–11	1,108,516	18.0	100.0	15.9	11.8	18.7	29.0	24.7
12	2,127,622	34.6	100.0	25.0	18.2	16.1	27.2	13.6
13–15	1,369,984	22.3	100.0	29.4	19.7	16.3	23.1	11.6
16 or more	584,626	9.5	100.0	37.8	16.8	17.3	16.6	11.6
Living arrangement								
Lives alone	1,536,534	25.0	100.0	23.9	16.7	19.5	24.5	15.3
Lives with relatives	4,342,941	70.7	100.0	25.9	16.4	16.5	25.5	15.8
Lives only with nonrelatives	265,646	4.3	100.0	23.9	18.0	20.7	27.7	9.7

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## Individual Income

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**December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total or subtotal	Percentage distribution					
			Total	Under 25% of income	25–49% of income	50–74% of income	75–99% of income	100% of income
<b>Disabled workers</b>								
Subtotal	5,444,977	100.0	100.0	24.9	17.2	16.0	26.1	15.8
<b>Age</b>								
Under 25	23,969	0.4	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	349,104	6.4	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	942,263	17.3	100.0	23.3	11.0	15.9	31.2	18.6
45–54	1,798,631	33.0	100.0	23.5	17.3	15.1	26.2	18.0
55 or older	2,331,009	42.8	100.0	25.2	18.1	17.8	24.4	14.5
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	3,273,514	60.1	100.0	23.6	19.1	16.3	25.2	15.9
Women	2,171,462	39.9	100.0	26.9	14.4	15.5	27.5	15.7
<b>Race</b>								
White	4,310,471	79.2	100.0	25.4	16.5	15.8	26.7	15.6
Black	989,124	18.2	100.0	18.6	20.5	18.0	24.4	18.6
American Indian, Alaska Native	91,527	1.7	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	53,855	1.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Non-Hispanic	5,102,349	93.7	100.0	25.2	17.2	16.1	25.8	15.8
Hispanic	342,627	6.3	100.0	20.8	17.1	13.4	31.8	16.9
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	2,786,121	51.2	100.0	25.6	17.6	15.8	25.4	15.6
Widowed	271,608	5.0	100.0	16.7	11.3	25.0	23.8	23.2
Divorced or separated	1,395,685	25.6	100.0	29.1	16.2	15.6	24.8	14.3
Never married	991,562	18.2	100.0	19.1	19.1	14.4	30.7	16.7
<b>Years of education</b>								
0–8	653,094	12.0	100.0	21.8	16.1	13.8	28.3	20.1
9–11	996,712	18.3	100.0	16.7	9.7	20.2	28.9	24.4
12	1,909,447	35.1	100.0	24.5	19.2	13.9	28.1	14.3
13–15	1,326,309	24.4	100.0	28.3	20.3	16.6	23.8	11.0
16 or more	559,415	10.3	100.0	36.4	17.5	16.7	17.3	12.1
<b>Living arrangement</b>								
Lives alone	1,389,283	25.5	100.0	23.5	17.3	18.2	24.9	16.1
Lives with relatives	3,825,476	70.3	100.0	25.2	17.4	15.0	26.4	16.0
Lives only with nonrelatives	230,218	4.2	100.0	27.6	13.0	18.6	29.7	11.2

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Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total or subtotal	Percentage distribution					
			Total	Under 25% of income	25–49% of income	50–74% of income	75–99% of income	100% of income
<b>Disabled adult children</b>								
Subtotal	625,172	100.0	100.0	27.3	11.6	29.5	18.6	13.0
<b>Age</b>								
Under 25	124,116	19.9	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	128,081	20.5	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	225,021	36.0	100.0	31.9	8.1	27.9	12.6	19.5
45–54	81,113	13.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
55 or older	66,841	10.7	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	359,313	57.5	100.0	23.8	12.3	28.1	20.2	15.6
Women	265,858	42.5	100.0	32.1	10.5	31.5	16.5	9.4
<b>Race</b>								
White	459,014	73.4	100.0	19.0	15.7	34.1	20.8	10.4
Black	137,833	22.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
American Indian, Alaska Native	28,324	4.5	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	0	0.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Non-Hispanic	542,930	86.8	100.0	24.5	13.3	27.7	21.5	13.0
Hispanic	82,241	13.2	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	6,169	1.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Widowed	0	0.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Divorced or separated	0	0.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Never married	619,002	99.0	100.0	27.6	11.7	28.8	18.8	13.1
<b>Years of education</b>								
0–8	258,918	41.4	100.0	26.0	7.6	38.2	17.7	10.6
9–11	102,967	16.5	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
12	202,057	32.3	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
13–15	43,675	7.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
16 or more	17,555	2.8	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Living arrangement</b>								
Lives alone	106,292	17.0	100.0	a	a	a	a	a
Lives with relatives	486,585	77.8	100.0	29.4	9.3	28.0	18.3	15.1
Lives only with nonrelatives	32,294	5.2	100.0	a	a	a	a	a

SOURCE: 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) matched to SSA administrative records.

NOTE: Individuals receiving disability benefits in December 1999 are identified using SSA administrative data. The unweighted sample size is 793 cases for disabled workers and 87 cases for disabled adult children. Disabled widow(er)s are not shown separately because the unweighted sample size is less than 30 cases, which is deemed too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

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