

Humboldt County, CA
Characteristics of Adults Age 65+ with Incomes Below the 2007
Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index)

Adults Age 65+, All Living Arrangements
(Includes: living alone, couples; single elder and couples living with others)

	Total Above and Below Elder Index	Below Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Above FPL and Below Elder Index	Total Below Elder Index (Economically Insecure)
California				
Number	3,736,000	295,000	1,465,000	1,760,000
Percent of total	100.0%	7.9%	39.2%	47.1%
Humboldt				
Number	16,000	1,000	5,000	6,000
Percent of total	100.0%	7.1%	28.5%	35.6%

Economically Insecure (Below Elder Index) Adults Age 65+ in Humboldt County**

		Living Alone (1 person households)	Couples (2 person households)
Total:	% of all elders in each living arrangement with incomes below the Elder Index # of all elders in each living arrangement with incomes below the Elder Index	43.9% 3,000	#
Housing Type:	Owner with mortgage (Annual Elder Index*: Single = \$25,955 ; Couple = \$35,956)	#	#
	Owner without mortgage (Annual Elder Index*: Single = \$16,985 ; Couple = \$26,986)	#	#
	Renter, one bedroom (Annual Elder Index*: Single = \$19,176 ; Couple = \$29,177)	73.7% 1,000	#
Gender:	Women	47.6% 2,000	#
	Men	#	#
Age:	65-74	47.7% 1,000	#
	75+	40.8% 1,000	#
Race/Ethnicity:	White (non-Latino)	43.5% 2,000	#
	Latino (any race)	#	#
	African American	#	#
	Asian	#	#

note: numbers may not sum to total due to rounding

*Elder Index Amount for Humboldt County Only

**Numbers for single elders and couples living with others on separate sheet

= Number is below 1,000, too small to calculate reliable estimates

Data from U.S. Census 2006 ACS

For more information about the Elder Economic Security Initiative visit:

<http://www.insightccd.org/communities/cfess/cal-eesi.html>

For complete report, methodology, or other counties visit:

http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/elder_index09feb.html



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Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index

The Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index is the basic income needed to make ends meet for persons age 65 and older. It reflects actual costs at the county level for housing, health care, food, transportation, and other costs in different housing types.

Source: http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/elder_index08feb.html

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Officially called the Federal Poverty Guideline (also called the Federal Poverty Level or FPL), it is used by many public programs to calculate eligibility. In 2007, the Federal Poverty Level for one adult age 65+, living anywhere in the country was \$10,210 per year.

Source: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>

Above FPL and Below the Elder Index

Persons age 65 and older whose income is in the gap above the Federal Poverty Level and below the Elder Index. These elders often do not qualify for public supports and do not have enough to cover their basic expenses. The Elder Index demonstrates that many older Americans who are not "poor", as defined by the FPL, still do not have enough income to meet their basic needs.

Living Alone (1 person households)

A person age 65 and over who is in a one person household.

Couples (2 person households)

Couples are a two person household where one or both are age 65 or older and married.

Total Below Elder Index (Economically Insecure)

All persons age 65 and older in all living arrangements, except nursing homes, whose income is below the Elder Index (Economically Insecure). The Elder Index measures how much income is needed for retired adults age 65+ to meet basic needs in each county of California.

Economically Insecure (Below Elder Index) Adults Age 65+ by Subgroup Total

These data provide the percent and number of older adults who are economically insecure (below the Elder Index) in each living arrangement. Within each of the four living arrangements, data is provided for those who are economically insecure according to their housing status, gender, age, and race and ethnicity. For example, under the section Gender: the table shows among women 65+ who live alone, the percent and number who are economically insecure. It also shows among men 65+ who live alone, the percent and number who are economically insecure. In cases where the results are fewer than 1,000 people below the elder index for a particular subgroup, the number is too small to calculate a reliable estimate and therefore not included.

Data for these tables are based on the U.S. Census 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) and the California Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index adjusted to 2006.

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