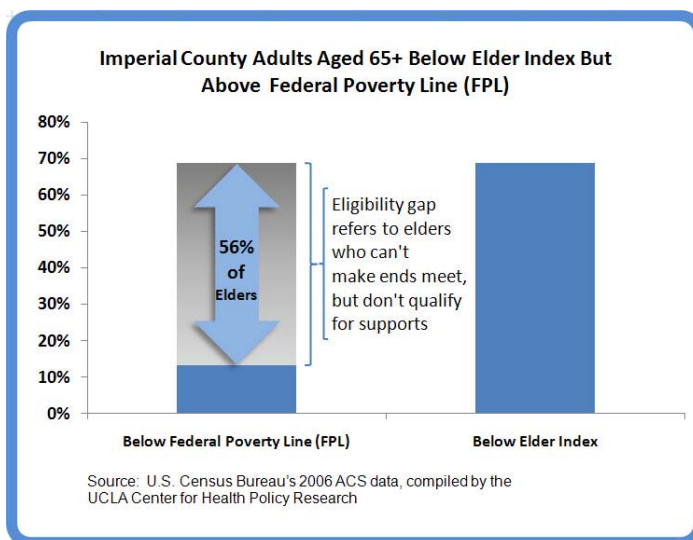


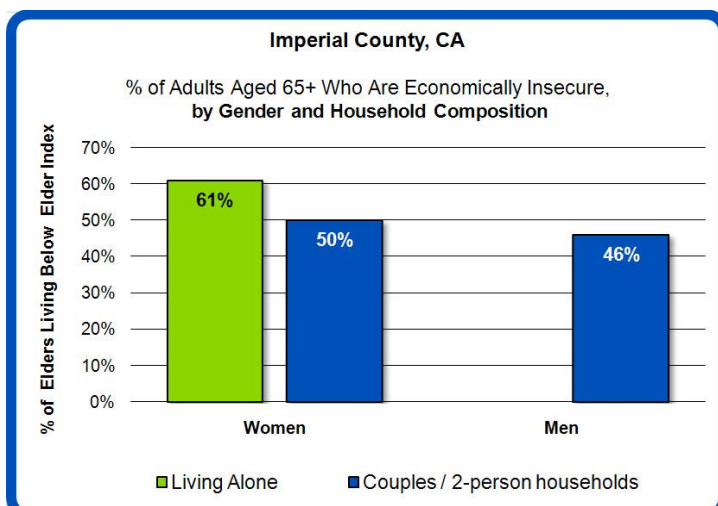
Elders Who Can't Make Ends Meet in Imperial County As Measured by the California Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index

The California Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) measures how much income is needed for a retired adult age 65 and older to adequately meet his or her basic needs including housing, food, out-of-pocket medical expenses, transportation, and other necessary spending. For an elderly renter living alone in Imperial County, the Elder Index is approximately \$23,000/year.



Not Just “Poor” Elders Who Are Struggling in Imperial County

- While costs are low in Imperial County, elder incomes are even lower. **As a result, Imperial County has the highest rate of economic insecurity in the state.**
- 69% of *all* elders age 65+ do not have enough income to meet their most basic needs, as measured by the Elder Index. **That’s over 11,000 elders struggling to make ends meet.**
- In contrast, according to the Federal Poverty Line (FPL), only 14% (2,000) Imperial County elders are considered “poor,” with annual individual incomes below \$10, 210.
- But a large number of other elders (9,000 or 56%) fall into the “**eligibility gap**,” with incomes above the FPL but below the Elder Index. These elders don’t have enough money to cover their most basic needs, but have too much to qualify for many public programs.



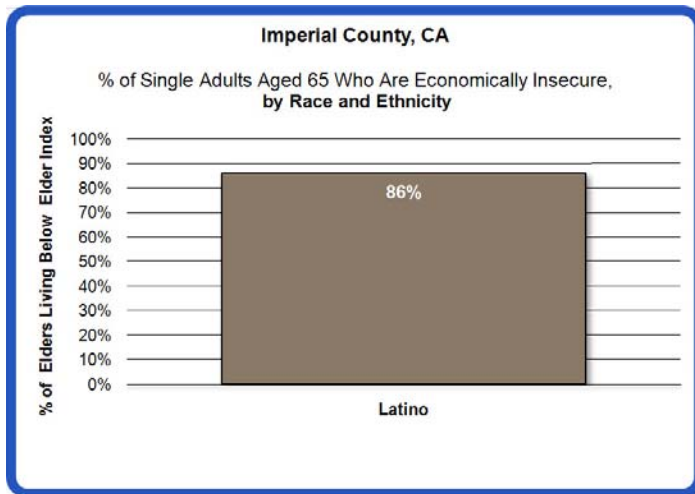
Women Living Alone Are Economically Vulnerable

- Historically, women have earned less than men. Today they still earn, nationally, an average of 78 cents for every dollar a man earns. It’s no wonder that women are particularly vulnerable.
- In the face of increasing costs and fixed incomes, **more than 6 out of 10 elder women living alone in Imperial County cannot make ends meet.**
- And unlike other counties, women who share expenses as part of a couple aren’t doing much better. Half are struggling to afford their basic necessities.

Number of male elders under the Elder Index is less than 1,000 and therefore too small to calculate reliable estimate.

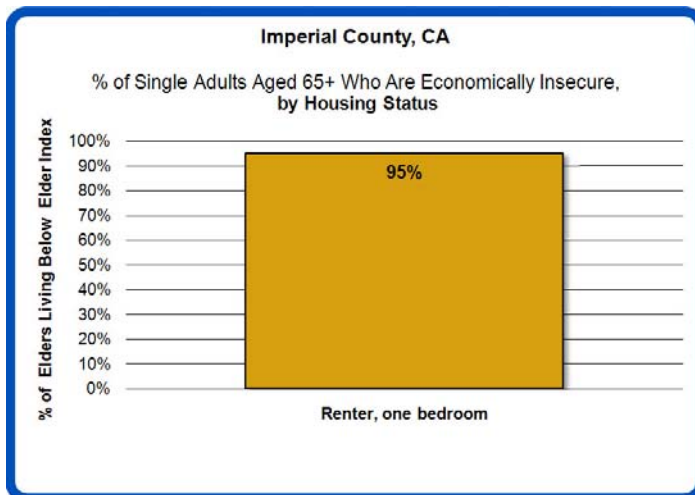
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Almost All Latino Elders Living Alone Are Economically Vulnerable

- Latino elders in rural California counties tend to have very high rates of economic insecurity. **A startling 86% of Latino elders who live alone in Imperial County are trying to survive on incomes below the Elder Index.**
- Number for non-Latino Whites, African Americans, and Asian elders who live alone on incomes below the Elder Index is less than 1,000 and therefore too small to calculate reliable estimates.



Almost All Renters Living Alone Are Economically Vulnerable

- Given the high rates of economic insecurity in Imperial County, it's not surprising that those elders who live alone and rent are the most vulnerable. **But a shocking 95% do not have enough income to meet their basic needs.**
- Number of elder homeowners without mortgages and homeowners with mortgages who live alone with incomes below the Elder Index is less than 1,000 and therefore too small to calculate reliable estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 ACS data, compiled by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. To view the numerical data behind these graphs and access a statewide comparison, [click here](#).

For more information, see *Half A Million Older Californians Living Alone Unable to Make Ends Meet* by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the Insight Center for Community Economic Development at http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/elder_index09feb.html.