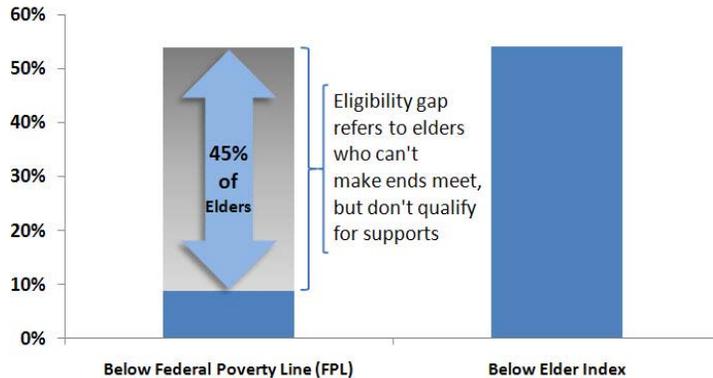


Elders Who Can't Make Ends Meet in Los Angeles County As Measured by the California Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index

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 L.A. County, the Elder Index is approximately \$24,000/year.

Los Angeles County Adults Aged 65+ Below Elder Index
But Above Federal Poverty Line (FPL)

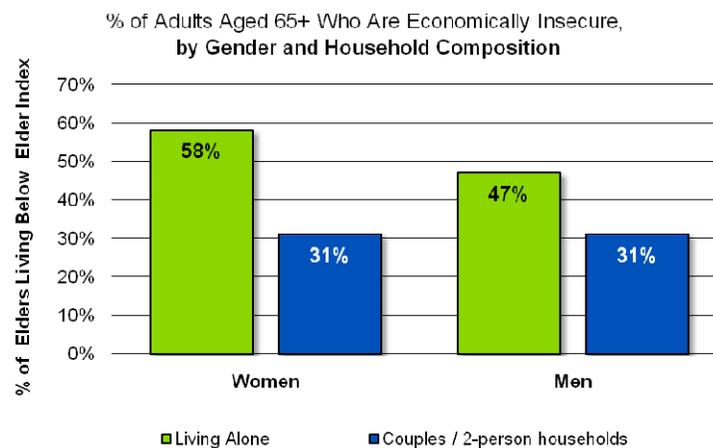


Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 ACS data, compiled by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Not Just “Poor” Elders Who Are Struggling in L.A. County

- 54% 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 312,000 elders struggling to make ends meet in L.A. County.**
- In contrast, according to the Federal Poverty Line (FPL), only 9% (52,000) of L.A. County elders are considered “poor,” with annual individual incomes below \$10,210.
- But a large number of other elders (260,000 or 45%) 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.

Los Angeles County (excluding Los Angeles City), CA

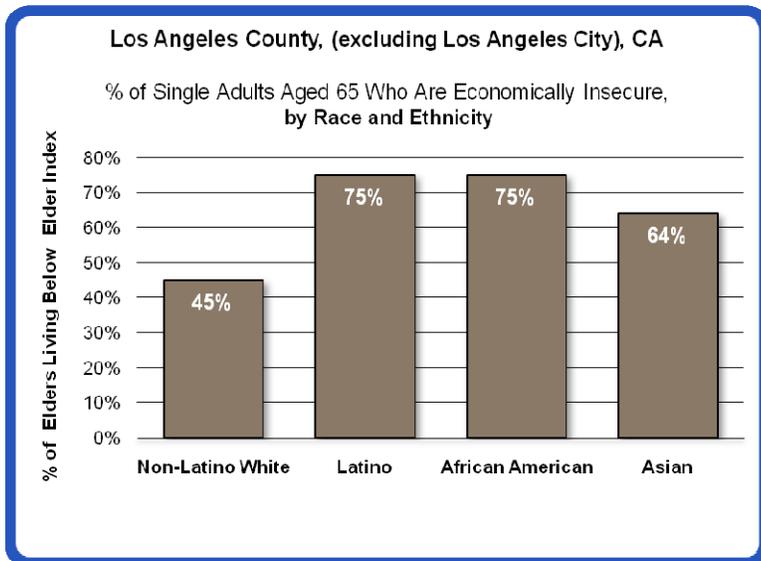


Women Living Alone More Economically Vulnerable Than Men

- 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 living alone are particularly vulnerable.
- In the face of increasing costs and fixed incomes, **almost six out of ten elder women living alone in Los Angeles County are struggling to make ends meet.**
- And men living alone are doing only slightly better: almost half have incomes that are below the Elder Index.

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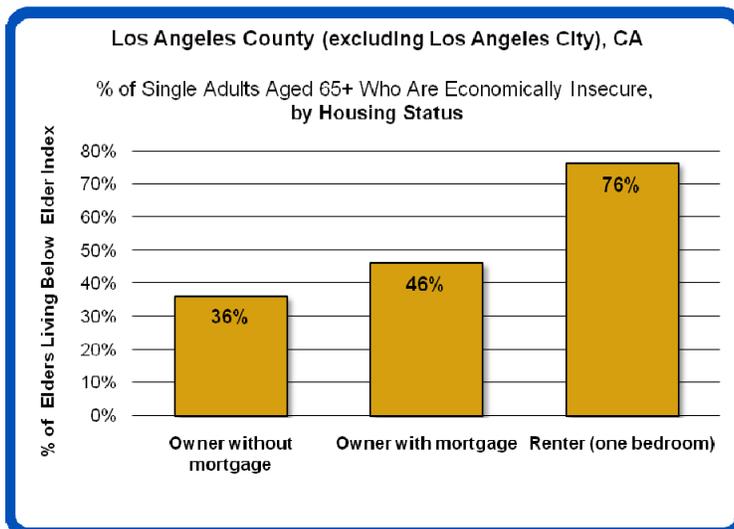
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Race Makes a Difference

- Elders of all races/ethnicities are struggling in high cost L.A. County. Almost half of non-Latino Whites have incomes below the Elder Index.
- Elders of color, who typically earned less than Whites throughout their working lives and who often don't have pensions and 401Ks to supplement their Social Security income, are struggling the most:
 - **Over 7 out of 10 Latinos**
 - **Over 7 out of 10 African Americans**
 - **Over 6 out of 10 Asian elders**

...living alone in L.A. County are trying to make ends meet with incomes below the Elder Index.



Renters Living Alone Are the Most Economically Vulnerable

- Three-fourths of elder renters living alone in L.A. County are trying to survive on incomes below the Elder Index.
- Almost half of elders living alone who own their home, but are still paying off a mortgage are unable to meet their basic needs.
- Even elders who own their homes outright are struggling in high cost L.A. County. More than one-third cannot make ends meet.

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.