

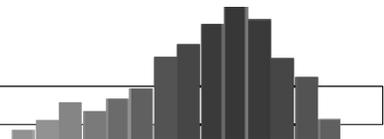
Demographics of the Elderly Population in Virginia

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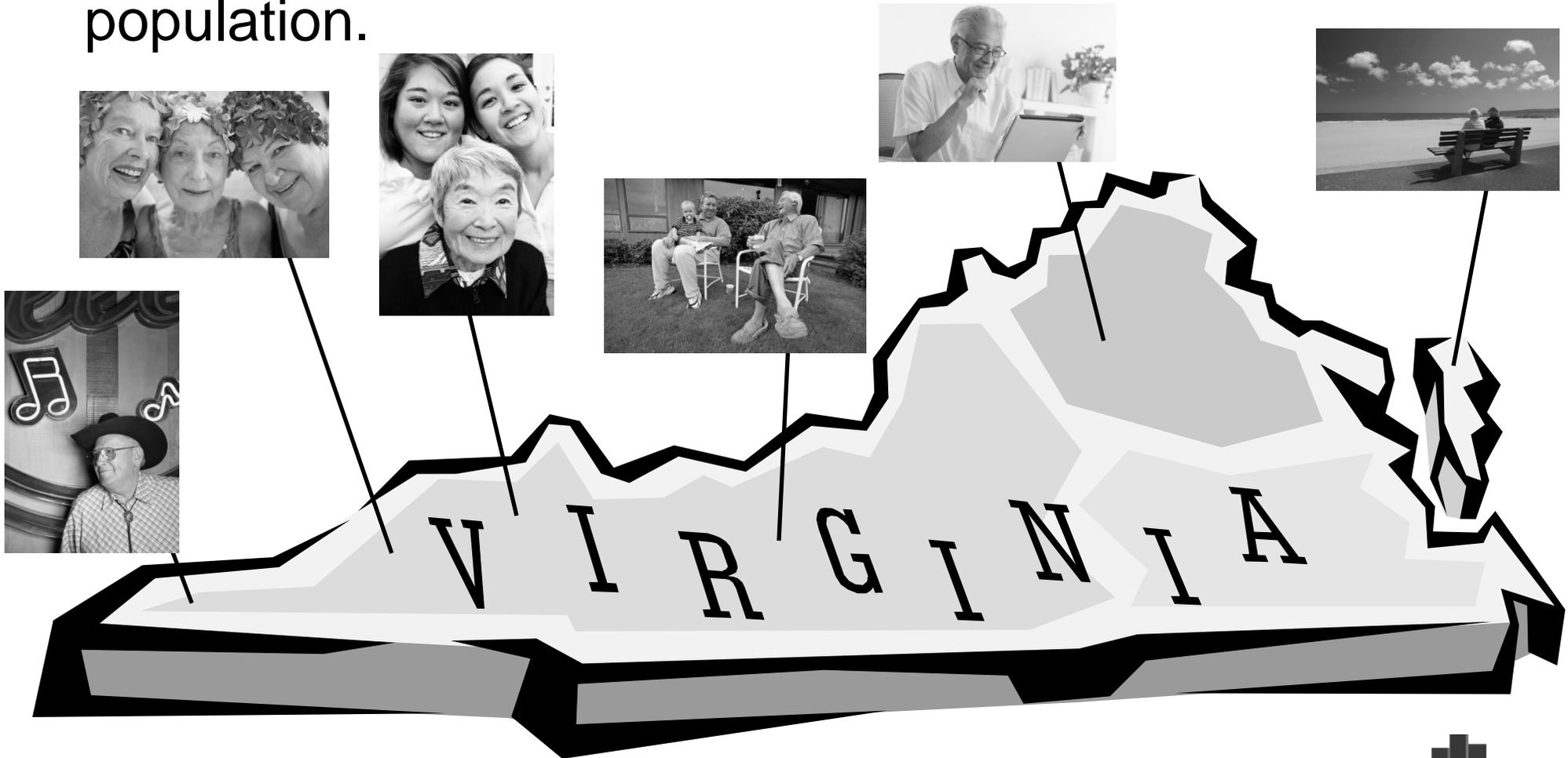
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Virginia's Elderly Population (65+)

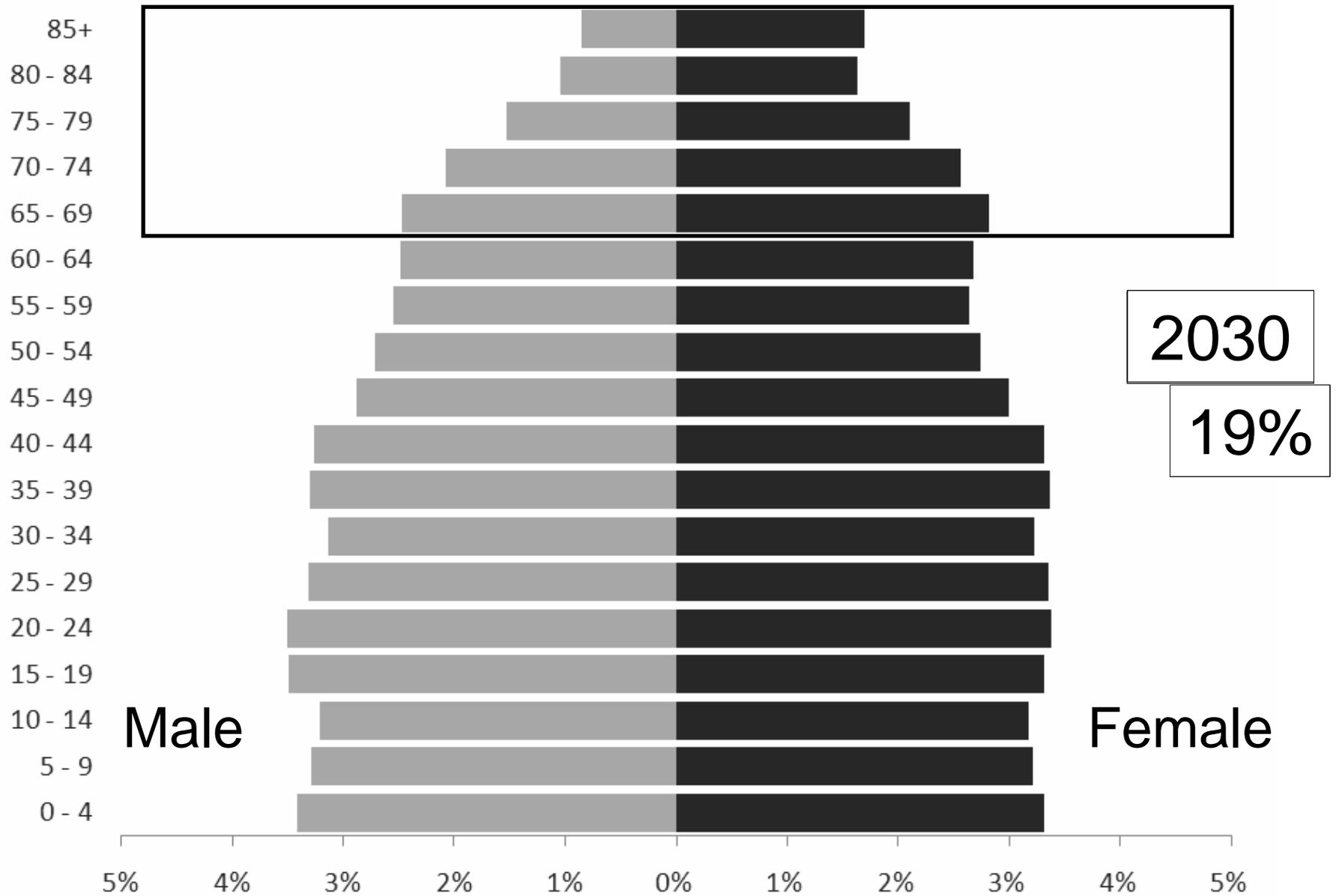
- In Virginia, there are 7.7 million residents.
- Almost 900 thousand of those residents are age 65 and older. They represent 12 percent of the state population.



Source: 2006 American Community Survey



Virginia Population Projections

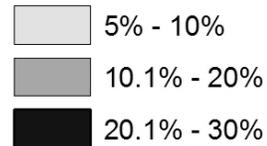


Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Virginia's Elderly Population (65+) by County

Percent of Population
that is 65 and older



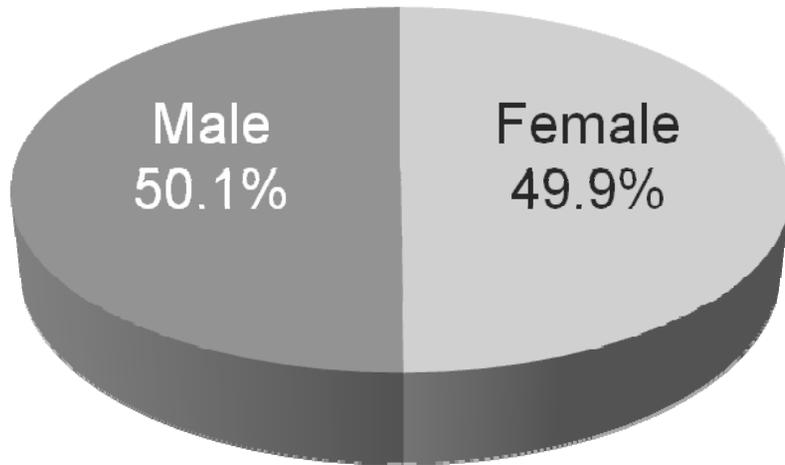
County	Median Age	County	Median Age
Northumberland	52.6	Northampton	44.1
Lancaster	51.7	Richmond	42.3
Middlesex	49.4	Covington	42.2
Highland	48.6	Martinsville	41.2
Mathews	47.7	Bristol	41
Westmoreland	45.1		

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

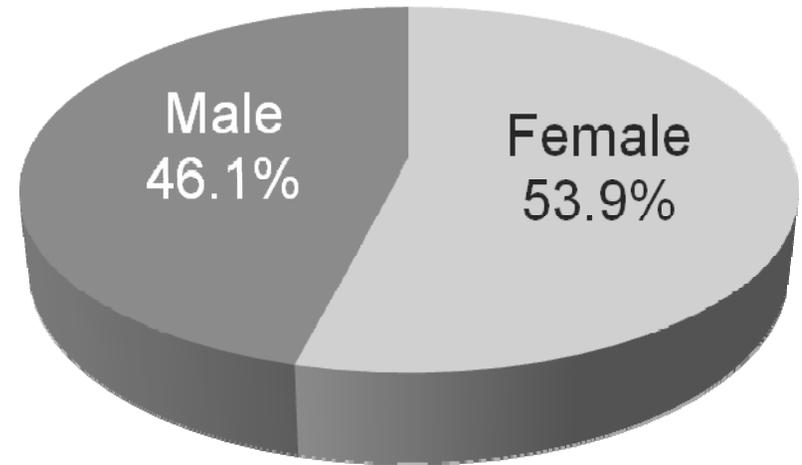


Gender Distribution for Elderly Population (65+)

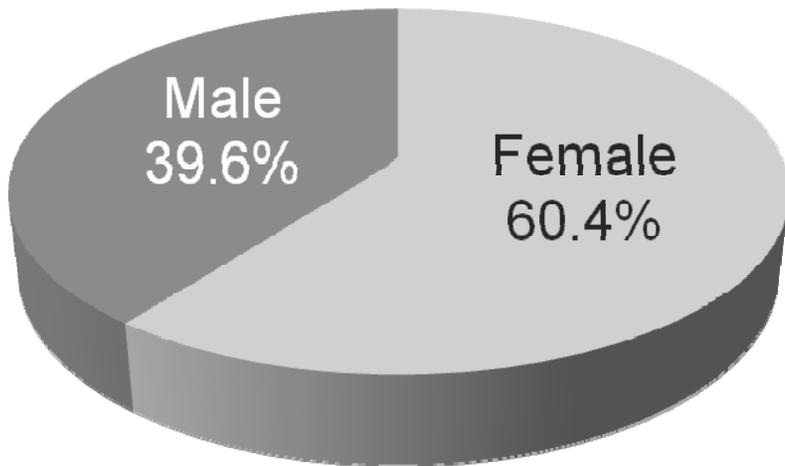
Population under 65



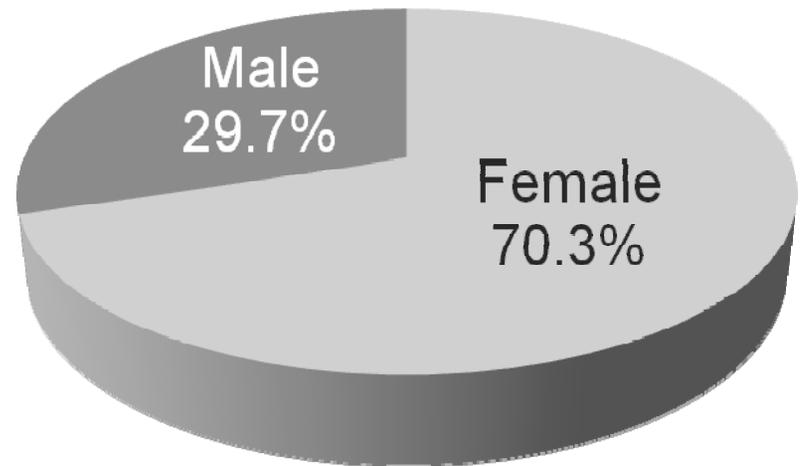
Population ages 65-74



Population ages 75-84



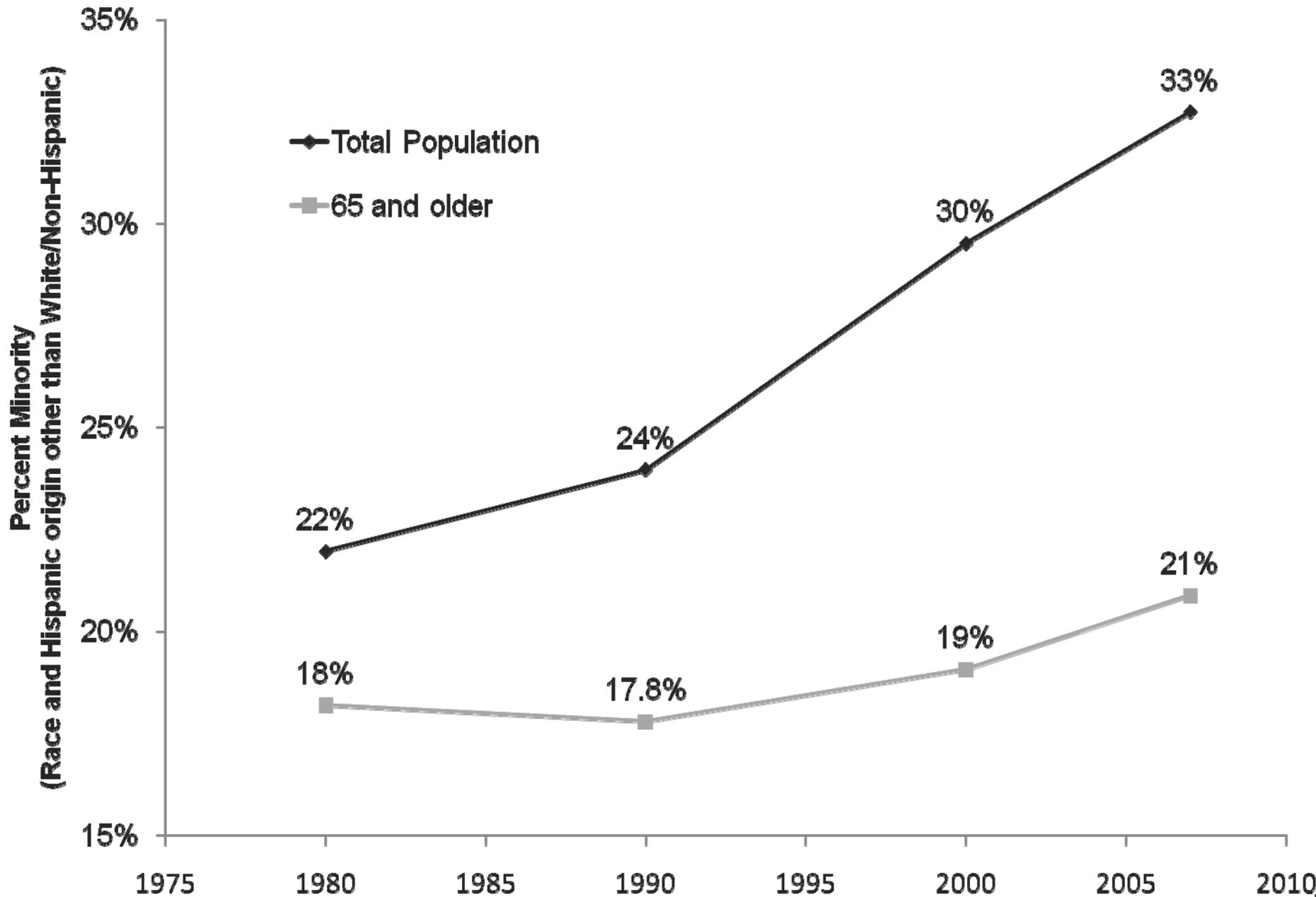
Population age 85+



Source: 2006 American Community Survey



Increase in Minority Population



Source: 2006 American Community Survey



Living arrangements of Elderly Population (65+)

66% live in family households and
2% live with nonrelatives



20% are females who live alone
and 7% are males living alone



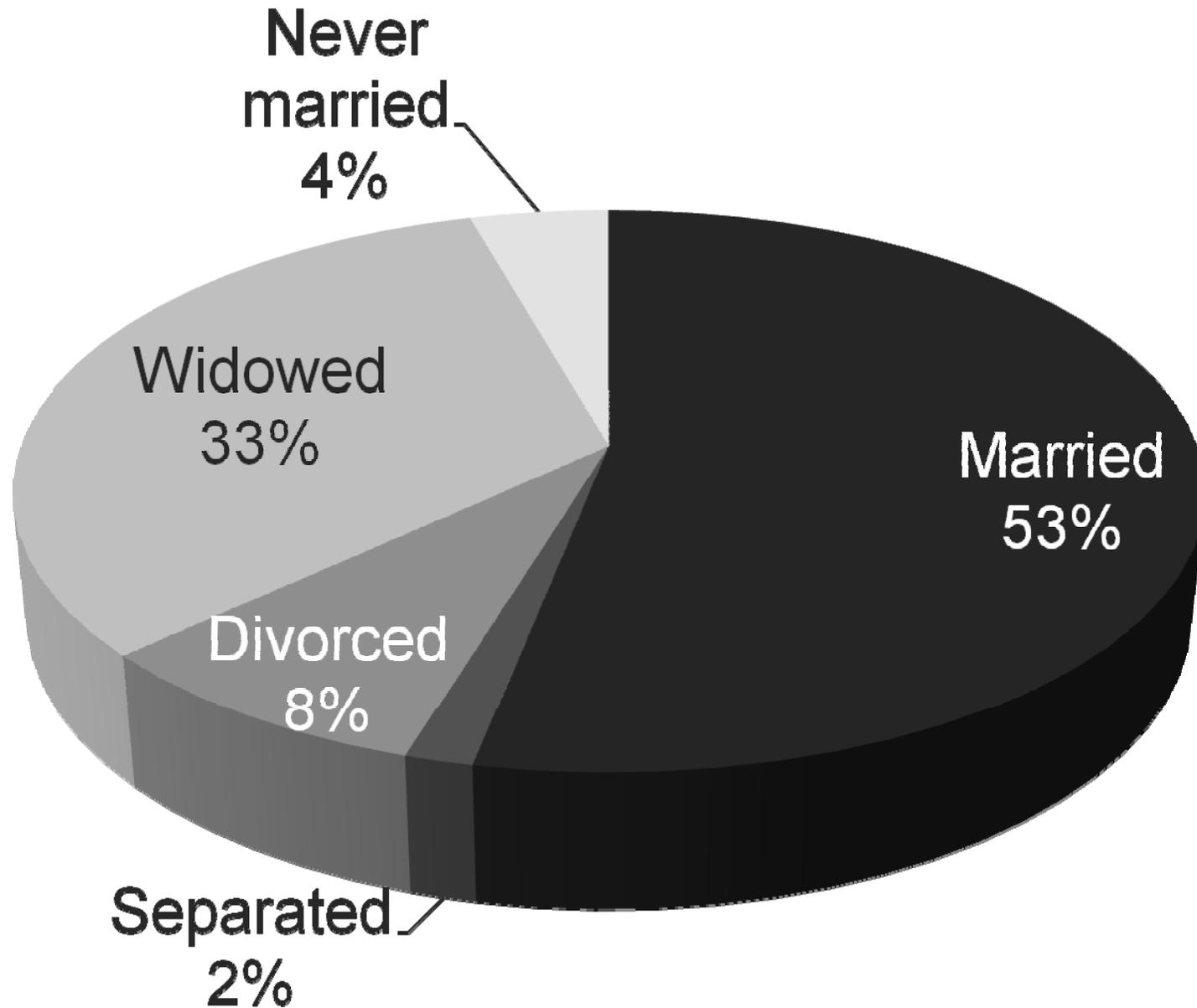
5% live in group
quarters, such as
nursing homes



Source: 2006 American Community Survey



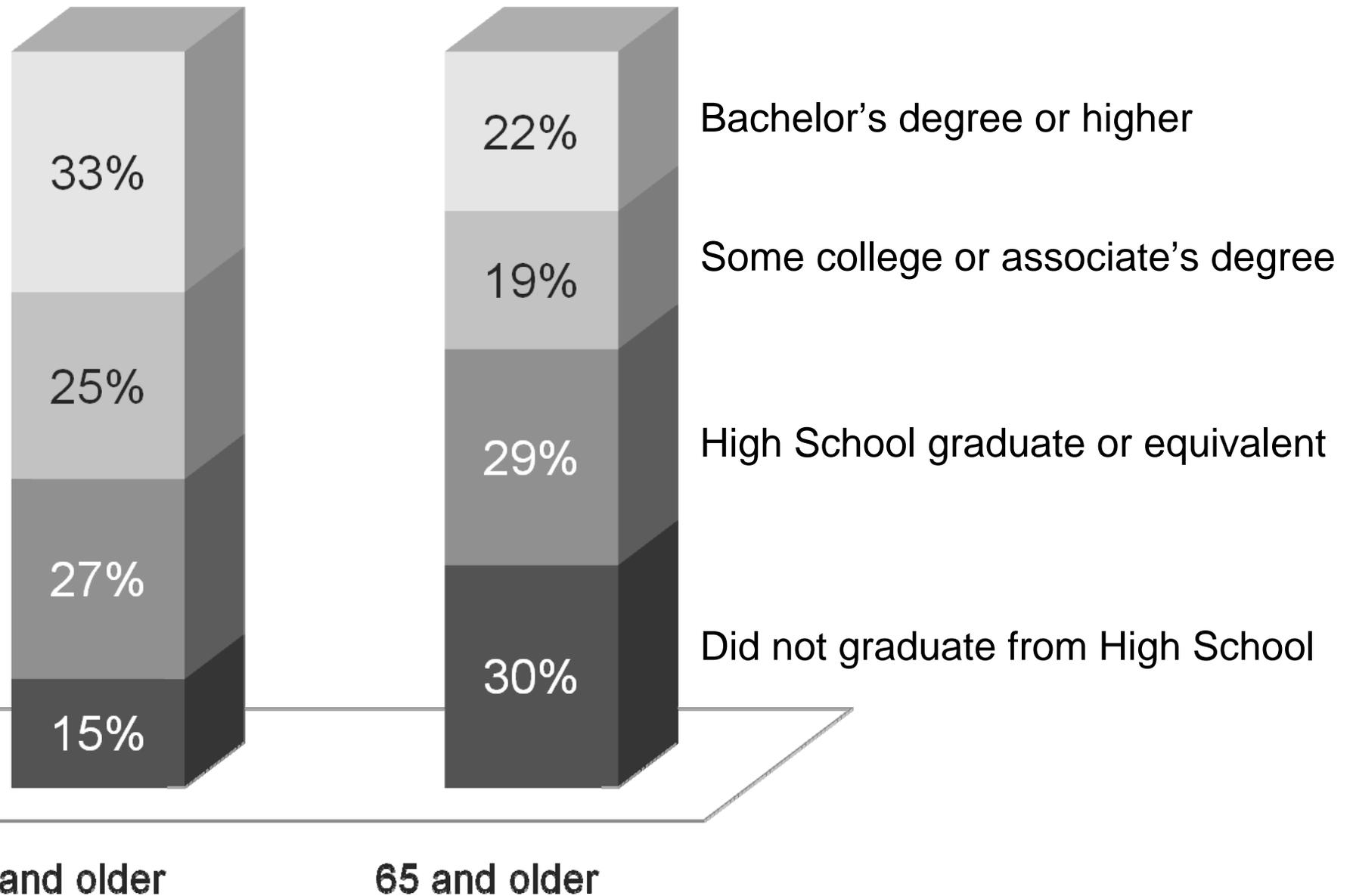
Marital Status of Elderly Population (65+)



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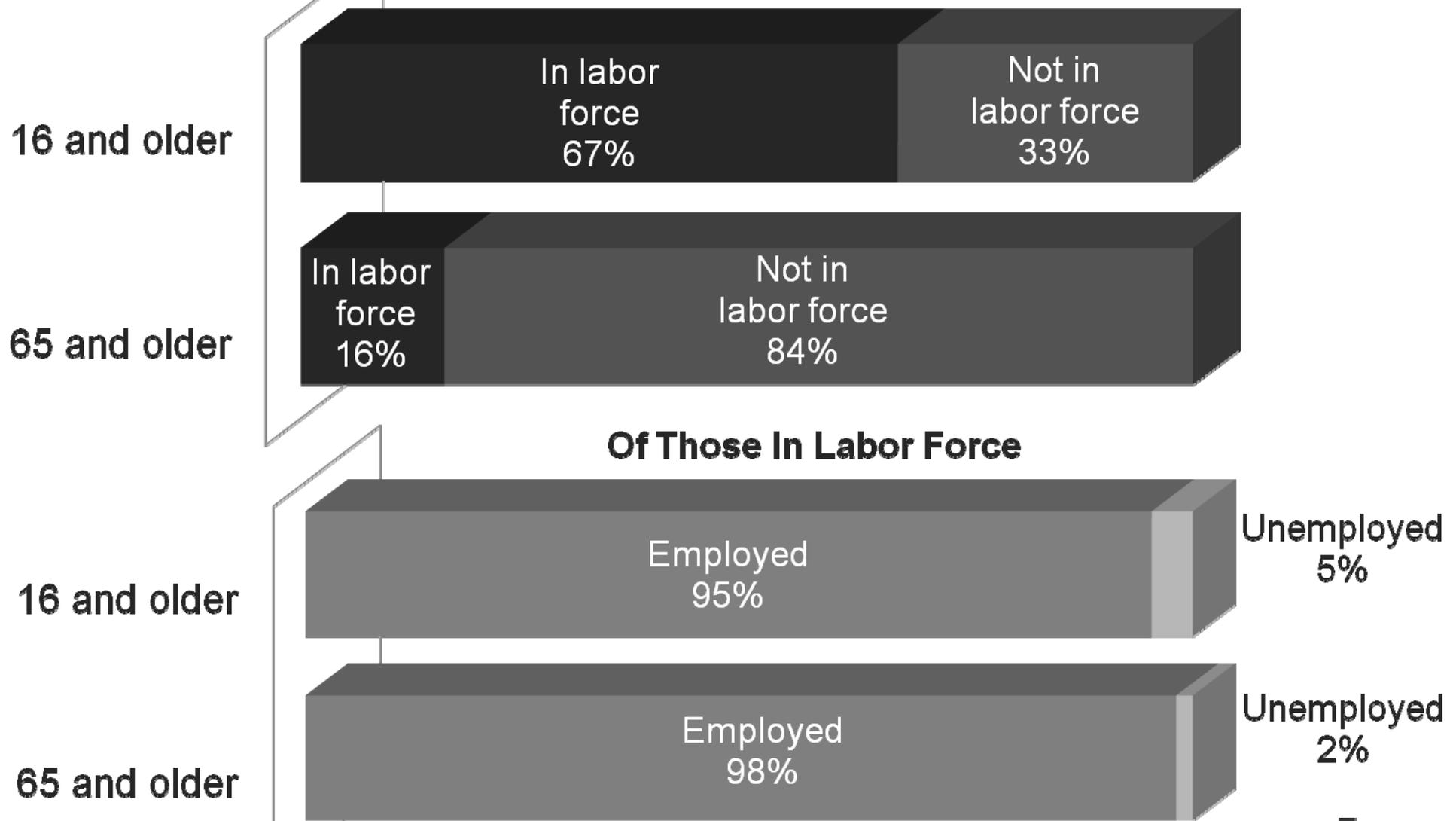
Educational Attainment



Source: 2006 American Community Survey



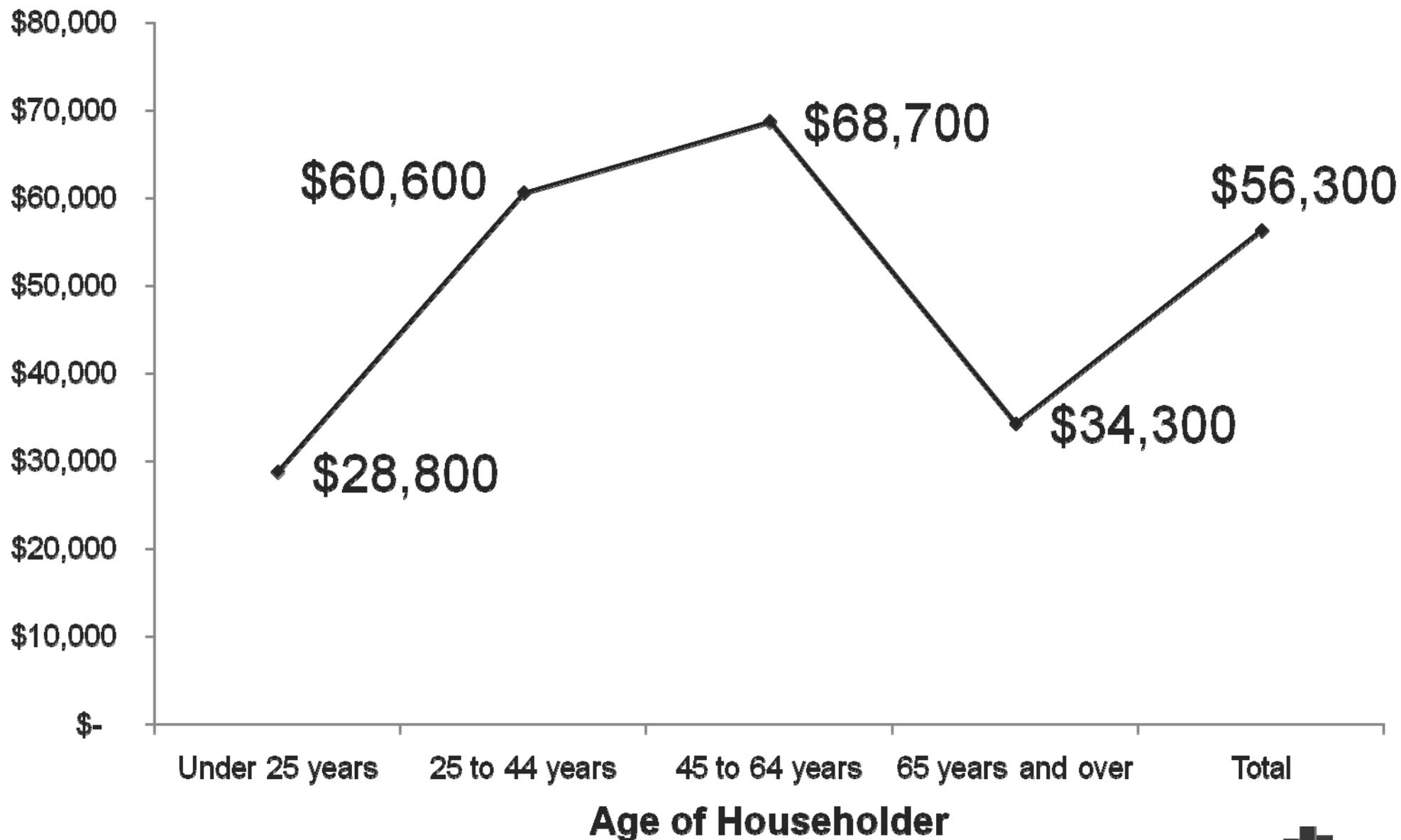
Labor Force Participation and Employment Status of Civilian Population



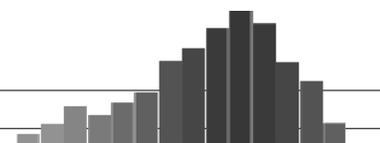
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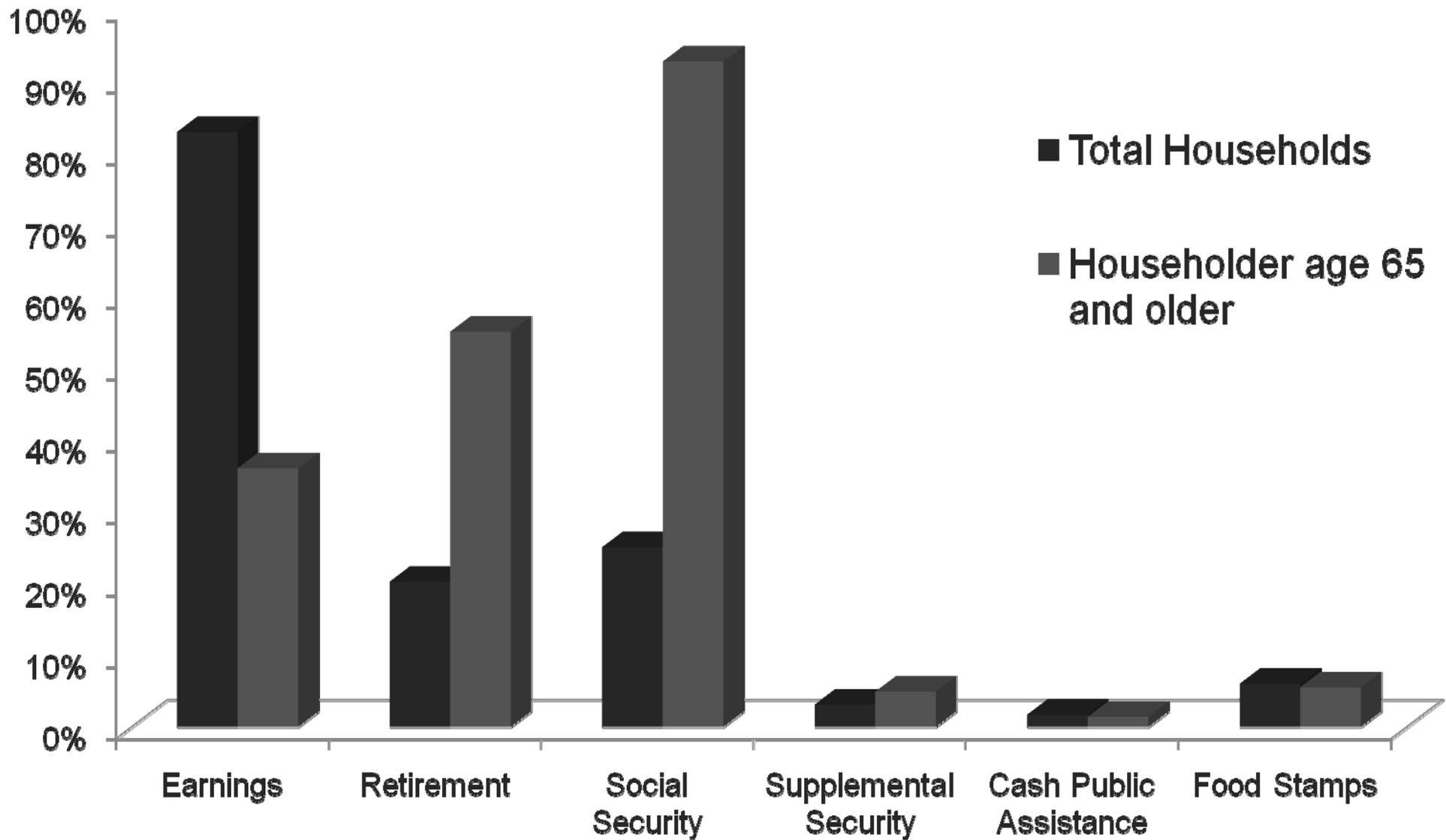
Median Household Income



Source: 2006 American Community Survey

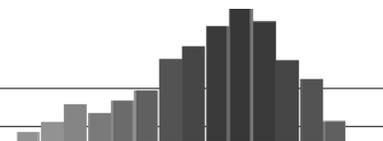


Source of Household Income



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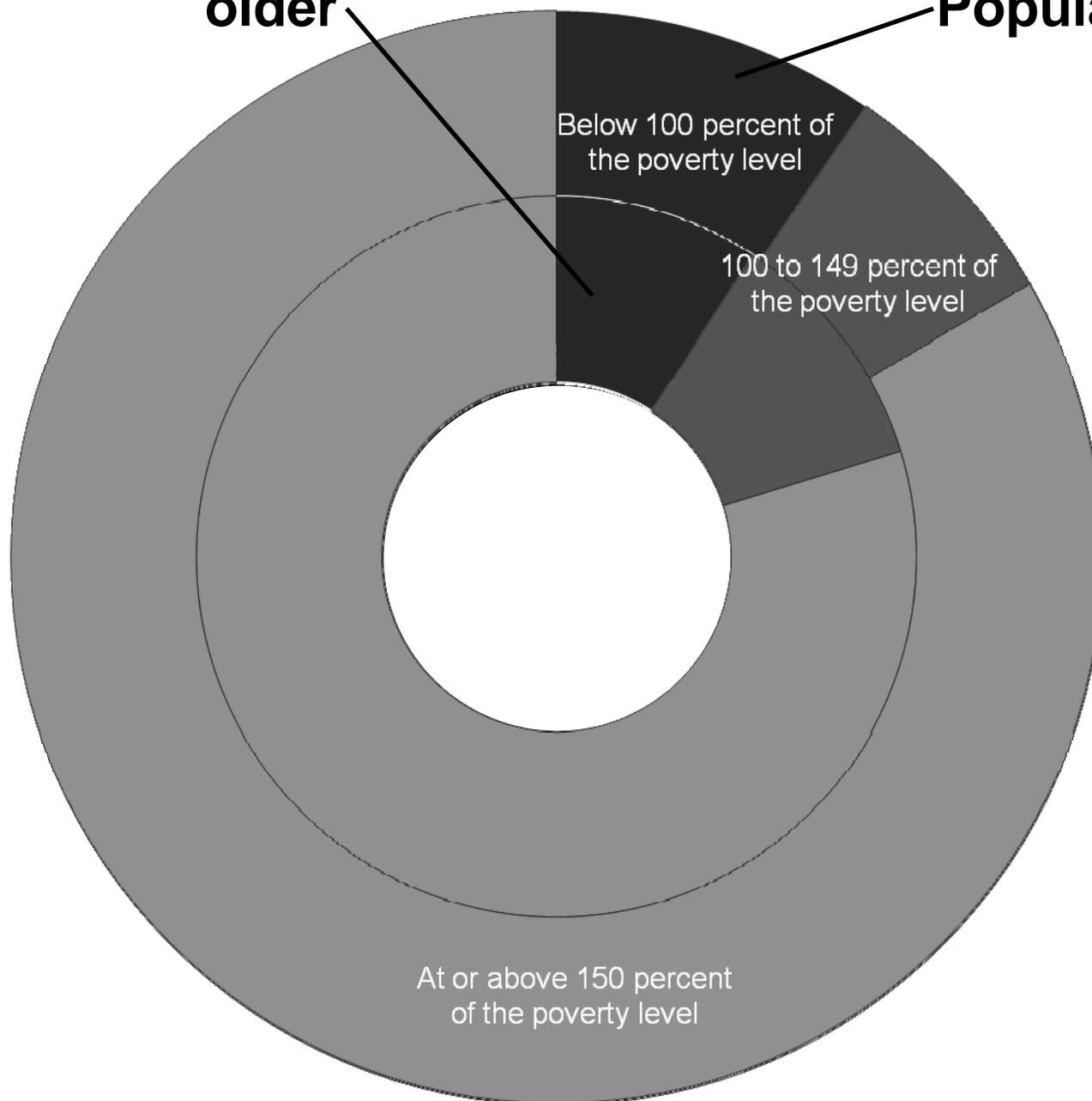
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Poverty

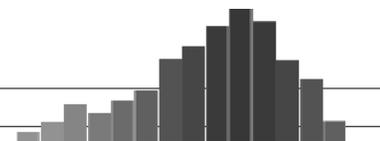
65 and older

Total Population

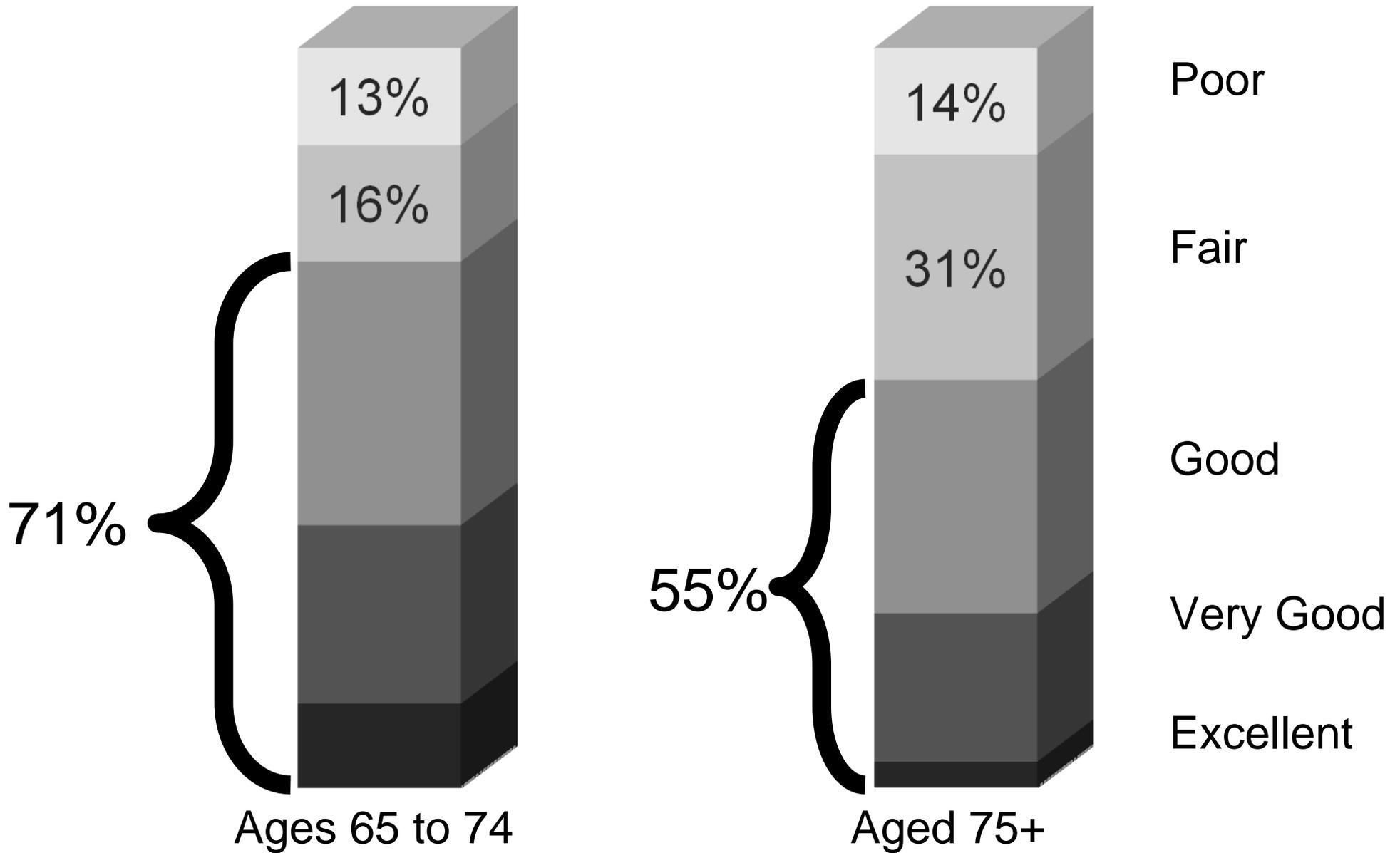


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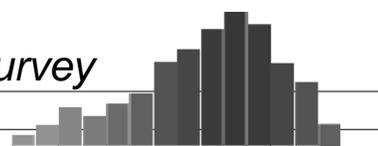
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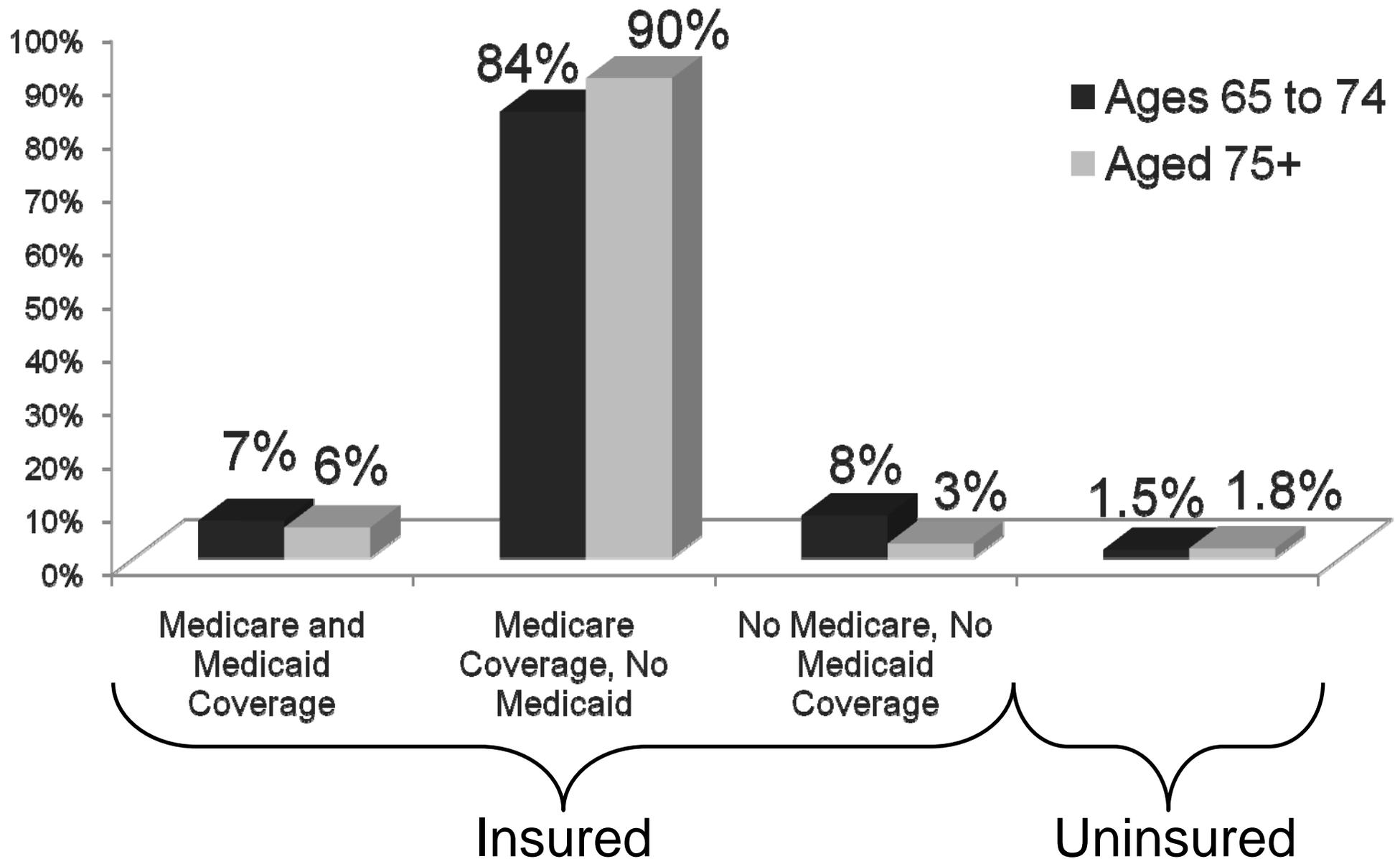
Health Status of Elderly Population (65+)



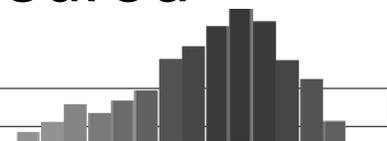
Source: 2007 Current Population Survey



Insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid Coverage

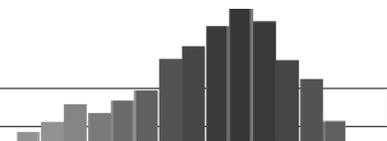


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Prospective Research

- Analysis of Virginia’s elderly population at local levels
 - In December 2008, the Census Bureau will release new American Community Survey data for all areas with populations of 20,000 or more.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis
 - Provides spatial interpretation of data using maps at various geographic levels.
 - Gives users a new visual representation of their data.
- In-depth research on specific topics related to the needs of Virginia’s aging population:
 - Health
 - Public assistance
 - Insurance coverage



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