

California, 2011

Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index

Elder Index Per Year, Annual Comparisons, and Basic Monthly Expenses for Selected Household Types

Elder Index Per Year[†]

	Elder Person			Elder Couple		
	Owner w/o mortgage	Owner w/mortgage	Renter, one bedroom	Owner w/o mortgage	Owner w/mortgage	Renter, one bedroom
Income Needed to Meet Basic Needs (based on monthly expenses shown below*)	\$17,893	\$32,488	\$23,317	\$27,272	\$41,867	\$32,696

Annual Comparison Amounts

Federal Poverty Guideline (2011 DHHS)	\$10,890	\$10,890	\$10,890	\$14,710	\$14,710	\$14,710
% of Federal Poverty [Elder Index divided by (/) Federal Poverty Guideline]	164%	298%	214%	185%	285%	222%
SSI Payment Maximum, California 2011	\$9,965	\$9,965	\$9,965	\$16,886	\$16,886	\$16,886
SSI Income Gap [SSI Payment Maximum minus (-) Elder Index]	-\$7,928	-\$22,523	-\$13,352	-\$10,385	-\$24,981	-\$15,810
Median Social Security Payment 2011	\$12,523	\$12,523	\$12,523	\$20,483	\$20,483	\$20,483
Soc Sec Income Gap [Average Social Security Payment minus (-) Elder Index]	-\$5,370	-\$19,965	-\$10,794	-\$6,789	-\$21,384	-\$12,213

*Basic Monthly Expenses Used to Calculate Elder Index

	Elder Person			Elder Couple		
	Owner w/o mortgage	Owner w/mortgage	Renter, one bedroom	Owner w/o mortgage	Owner w/mortgage	Renter, one bedroom
Monthly Expenses						
Housing	\$412	\$1,629	\$864	\$412	\$1,629	\$864
Food	257	257	257	479	479	479
Transportation	239	239	239	335	335	335
Health Care (Good Health)	334	334	334	667	667	667
Miscellaneous @ 20%	249	249	249	379	379	379
Elder Index Per Month	\$1,491	\$2,707	\$1,943	\$2,273	\$3,489	\$2,725

†Note: Annual total may not equal the sum of monthly totals due to rounding.

For the complete report, methodology or other counties visit:

<http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/elder-index2011>

For more information about the California Elder Economic Security Initiative™ program visit:

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



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