

Merced County, CA 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*)	\$18,037	\$29,304	\$21,646	\$28,359	\$39,626	\$31,967

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]	166%	269%	199%	193%	269%	217%
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]	-\$8,073	-\$19,340	-\$11,681	-\$11,473	-\$22,740	-\$15,081
Median Social Security Payment 2011	\$11,799	\$11,799	\$11,799	\$19,655	\$19,655	\$19,655
Soc Sec Income Gap [Average Social Security Payment minus (-) Elder Index]	-\$6,238	-\$17,505	-\$9,847	-\$8,704	-\$19,971	-\$12,312

*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	\$358	\$1,296	\$658	\$358	\$1,296	\$658
Food	253	253	253	472	472	472
Transportation	239	239	239	335	335	335
Health Care (Good Health)	403	403	403	805	805	805
Miscellaneous @ 20%	251	251	251	394	394	394
Elder Index Per Month	\$1,503	\$2,442	\$1,804	\$2,363	\$3,302	\$2,664

†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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