



# Income security schemes of Chinese elderly: situations, gaps, and policy-reorientations

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- Income security schemes for Chinese elderly
- Current situations of income security of Chinese elderly
- Gaps between older persons needs and policies in mainland China
- Discussions on future policy-reorientation

# 1 Income Security Schemes for Chinese Elderly

## Income security schemes and its indicators

**Income level**

**Pensions**

**Valued service for elderly**

A  
V  
E  
R  
A  
G  
E  
  
I  
N  
C  
O  
M  
E

**Major income sources**

C  
O  
V  
E  
R  
A  
G  
E

**Level**

**Care's services**

**incomes**

**Labor &  
business**

**Amount  
of money**

**situations**

**Needs**

## 2 Current situations of income security of Chinese elderly

- Income sources by age
- Income sources by gender
- Income sources by marital status
- Income sources by residence
- Dynamic changes of average level by gender and residence
- Average level by occupation in urban regions

# Income sources of Chinese elderly by age 2010 (%)

Major income sources	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Labor	48.1	34.6	18.1	10.1	4.0	2.5
Pensions	23.3	24.6	26.6	25.1	22.3	17.3
Support from other family members	24.3	35.1	48.2	57.1	65.5	71.4
Lowest security	2.3	3.5	4.8	5.4	5.9	6.4
Property income	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Others	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.09	2.1	2.1

Data sources: National population census in 2010

# Composition of income sources of Chinese elderly by gender in 2000 and 2010 (%)

Income sources	2010			2000		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Labor	29.1	36.6	21.9	33.0	42.7	23.7
Pensions	24.1	28.9	19.6	19.6	26.7	12.9
Support from other family members	40.7	28.2	52.6	43.8	27.0	59.8
Lowest security	3.9	4.1	3.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
Property income	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Others	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7

Data sources: National population census in 2000 and 2010

# Composition of income sources of Chinese elderly by marital status 2010 (%)

Major income sources	Marital Status			
	Single	Married	Divorce	Widowed
Total	100	100	100	100
Labor	35.9	34.5	26.8	14.4
Pensions	5.3	27.4	34.5	16.5
Support from other family members	17.6	33.6	27.4	61.3
Lowest security	34.1	2.5	8.1	5.5
Property income	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
Others	6.9	1.6	2.6	2.1

Data sources: National population census in 2010

# Composition of income sources of Chinese elderly by gender and residence 2010 (%)

Major income sources	Urban			Town			Village		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Labor	6.6	9.7	3.7	22.3	29.2	15.7	41.2	50.5	32.1
Pensions	66.3	74.2	59.0	26.3	35.2	17.8	4.6	7.2	2.1
Support from other family members	22.4	12.1	31.9	44.5	28.7	59.4	47.7	35.1	59.9

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