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### **Pension, Annuity Income: Differences between Men and Women**

WASHINGTON—Who is more likely to receive income from pensions and annuities: Men or women? Why is there a difference between the two?

Men age 50 and older are considerably more likely than women of the same age to receive pension/annuity income and to receive higher annual amounts of such income, according to an article in the March 2007 *EBRI Notes*, published by the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI).

As the article points out, gender is a strong factor in determining the receipt of pension/annuity income. The reason: Younger women today spend less time in the work force than men of similar ages and tend to have lower-paying jobs, a situation due in part to leave taken from work to provide family care. The article is available at [www.ebri.org](http://www.ebri.org)

Based on the March 2006 Current Population Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, the *EBRI Notes* article provides these comparisons for the population age 50 and over in 2005:

	Men		Women	
	Age 50 and Older	Age 65 and Older	Age 50 and Older	Age 65 and Older
Receive Pension/Annuity Income	25.5%	43.8%	18.4%	29.2%
Average Annual Pension/Annuity Income	\$18,942	\$16,933	\$12,190	\$10,866
Median (midpoint) Annual Pension/Annuity Income	\$14,400	\$12,000	\$7,584	\$6,420

Data for all years 1975–2005 are in Chapter 8 of the *EBRI Databook*, available at: <http://www.ebri.org/pdf/publications/books/databook/DB.Chapter%2008.pdf>

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