



Fast Facts from EBRI

Contact: John MacDonald, EBRI, (202) 775-6349, macdonald@ebri.org
FFE #46, March 29, 2007

Pension, Annuity Income: Differences by Economic Sector

WASHINGTON—Who is more likely to receive income from pensions and annuities: An individual who has worked in a private-sector job or one who has worked in the public sector? How large are the differences?

Among individuals age 50 and older, fewer received pension/annuity income from a public-sector plan than from a private-sector plan in 2005. But the amount of income an individual received from a public-sector plan was considerably larger than that received by a private-sector recipient. The differences held up for both men and women, according to an article in the March 2007 *EBRI Notes*, published by the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI). The article is available at www.ebri.org

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

	Men Age 50 and Older		Women Age 50 and Older	
	Private Sector	Public Sector	Private Sector	Public Sector
Receive Pension/Annuity Income	15.7%	8.6%	10.3%	7.1%
Average Annual Pension/Annuity Income	\$13,920	\$26,682	\$8,209	\$16,611
Median (midpoint) Annual Pension/Annuity Income	\$10,548	\$22,800	\$4,800	\$12,300

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>

Fast Facts from EBRI is issued occasionally by the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute to highlight benefits information that may be of current interest. Established in 1978, EBRI is an independent nonprofit organization committed exclusively to data dissemination, policy research, and education on economic security and employee benefits. EBRI does not take policy positions and does not lobby.