

Table 26

1959 Income of California Families
And Unrelated Individuals
By Age and Sex of Family Head

Family Type	Number of families	Median income
All Families	3,991,509	\$6,726
Husband-Wife	3,521,358	7,013
65 and over	381,828	3,681
Other Male Head	102,661	6,118
65 and over	17,857	4,458
Female Head	367,490	3,586
65 and over	60,995	4,121
Unrelated Individuals	1,568,455	2,037
Male	837,122	2,397
65 and over	127,018	1,574
Female	731,333	1,813
65 and over	273,578	1,376

Source: U.S. Census of Population
Calif., 1960, PC(1)6D. Table 139.

The solitary aged with limited financial resources or minimal coverage under social security or private pension plans presents one of the gravest problems faced by the aging population.

3. Longevity and Health Requirements

Not only can the aging person anticipate reduced income, but increasing longevity tends to deplete resources accumulated over the individual's working life.

A male child born in 1950 can expect, other things being equal, to live 65.7 years--a gain of almost 20 years over what he might have hoped for if he were born in 1900.²⁶ A girl child would have fared even better, with a life expectancy in 1950 of 71.3 years at birth--a gain of 23 years over 1900. The child born in the final quarter of this century may have a life span of close to 80 years, and some predict that in the course of the next 30 or 40 years the average individual's life expectancy may go to 125 years.

Women fare better than men in length of life, both in actuality and in expectation. At all ages, males have a higher mortality rate than females. Of all live births, boys