

Characteristics of SSI Recipients

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Data sources

Data

- 2008 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Waves 7 and 8
- Matched to SSA administrative records
 - If no match available, use self-reported responses

Variables

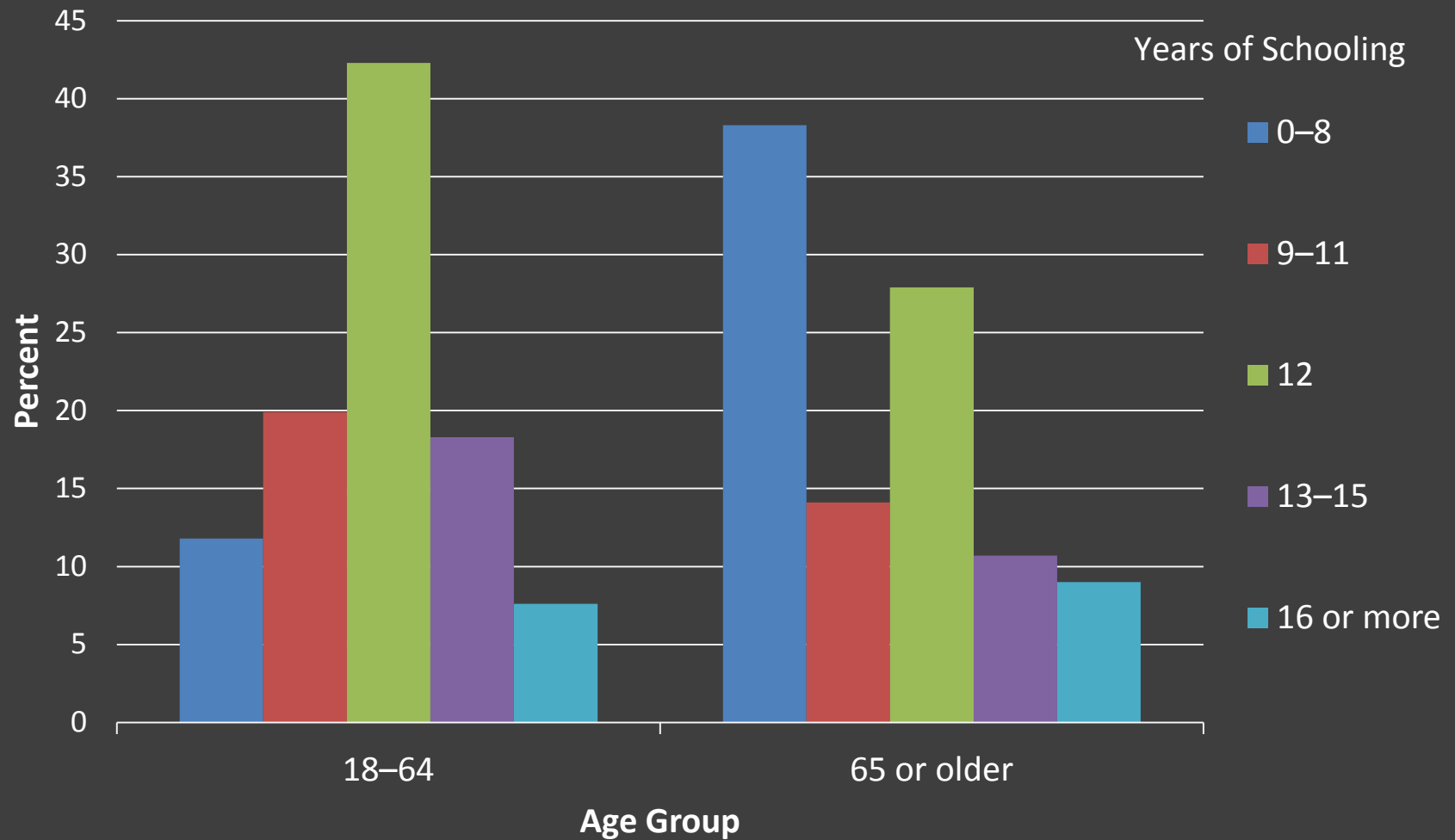
- Income: Sept. 2010-Dec. 2010
- All other variables: December 2010

Weights adjusted to the noninstitutionalized program population totals from administrative records

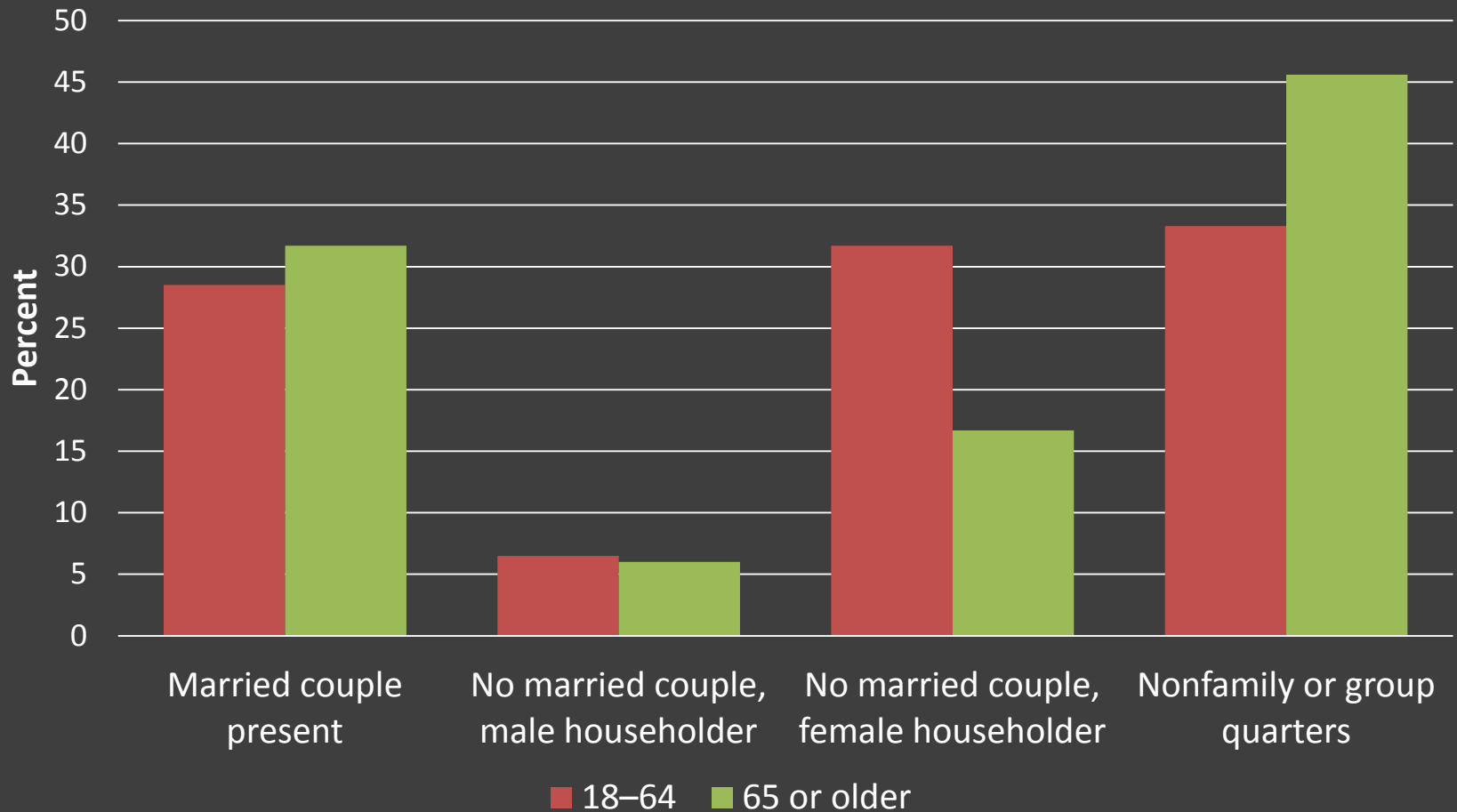
Demographic characteristics of SSI recipients, by age group, December 2010

Characteristics	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
Total (N)	1,193,848	4,366,688	1,935,627
Sex			
Male	66.1	42.3	32.5
Female	33.9	57.7	67.5
Race			
White	51.2	61.5	58.1
Black	39.6	29.8	22.5
Other	9.2	8.7	19.4
Ethnicity			
Hispanic	23.8	16.5	29.3
Non-Hispanic	76.2	83.5	70.7

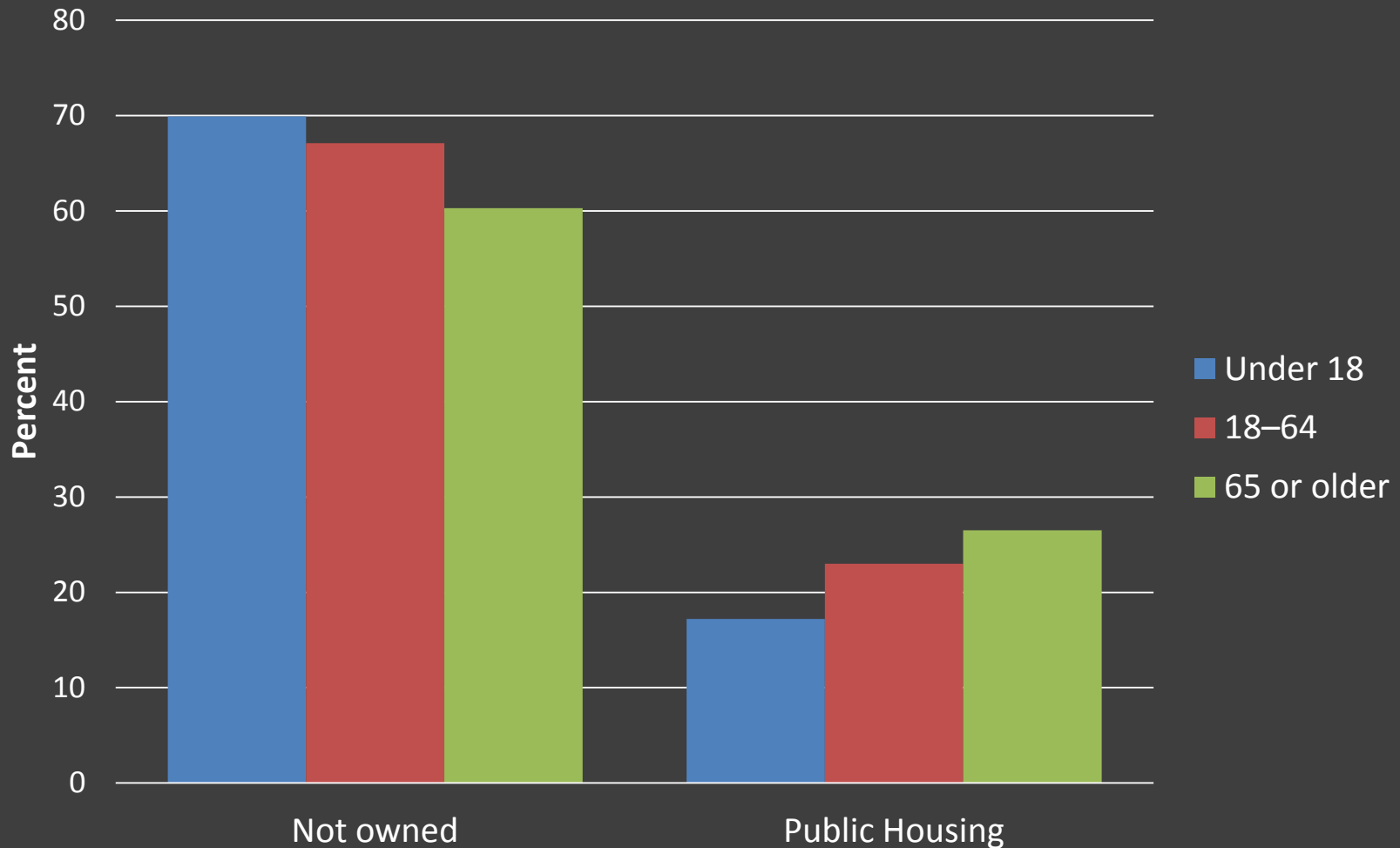
Educational attainment of SSI recipients, by age group, December 2010



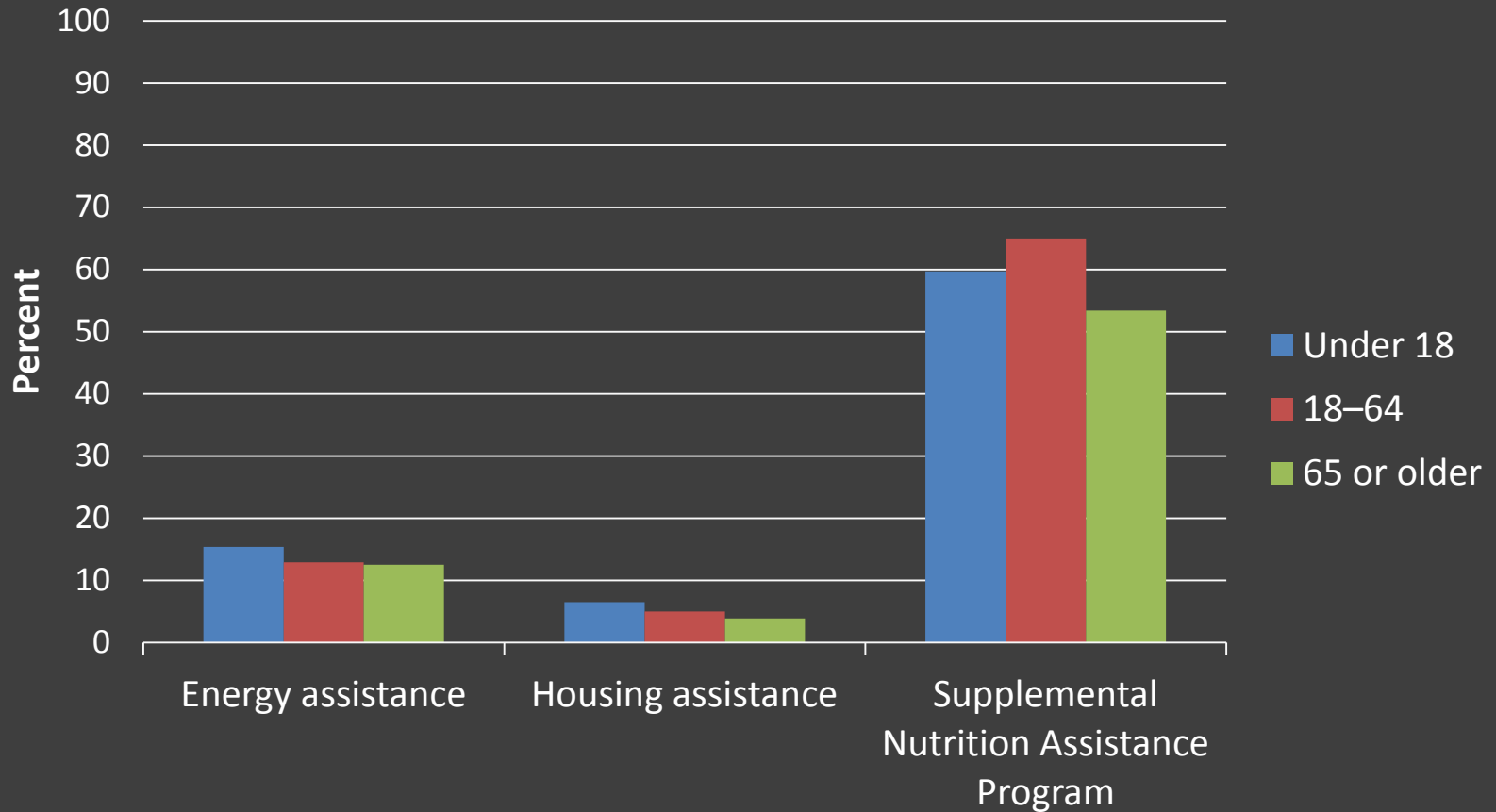
Living situation of SSI recipients, by age group, December 2010



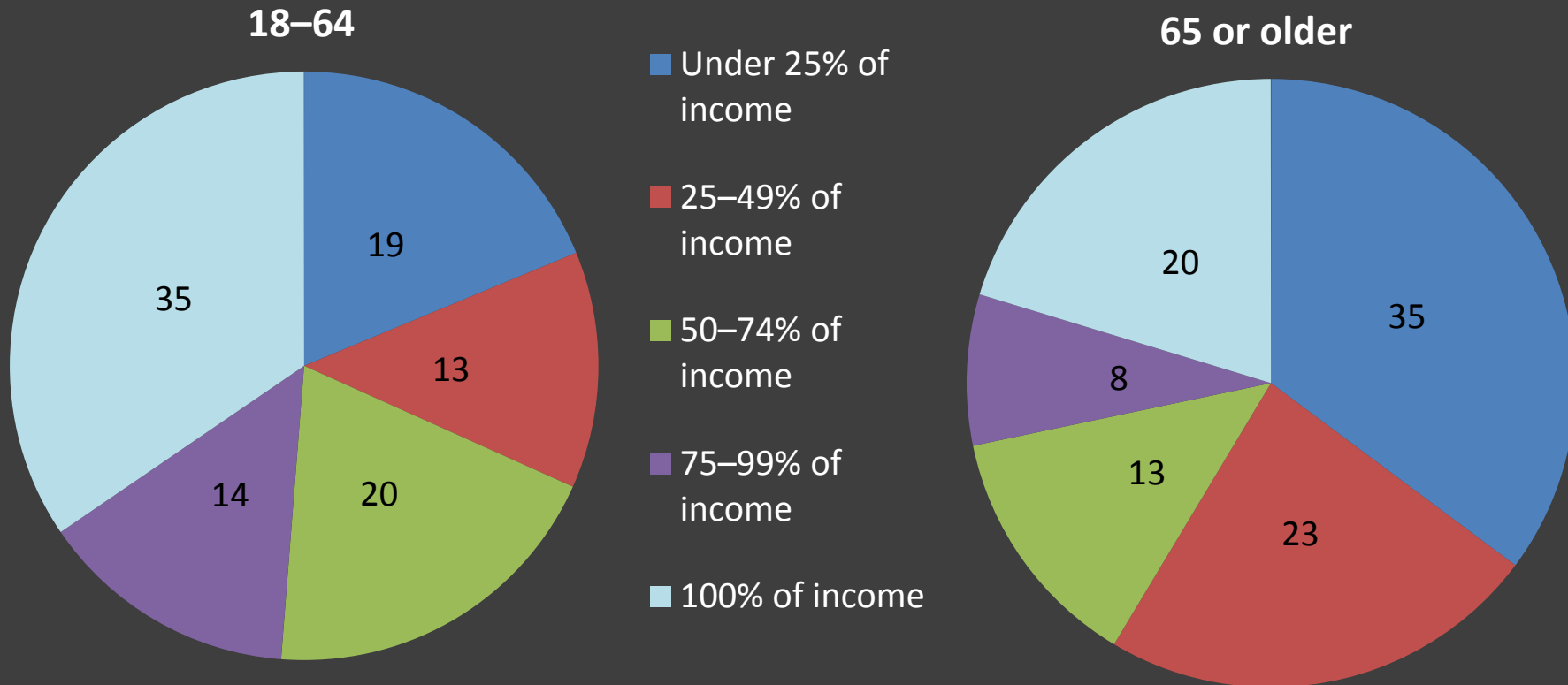
Housing type of SSI recipients, by age group, December 2010



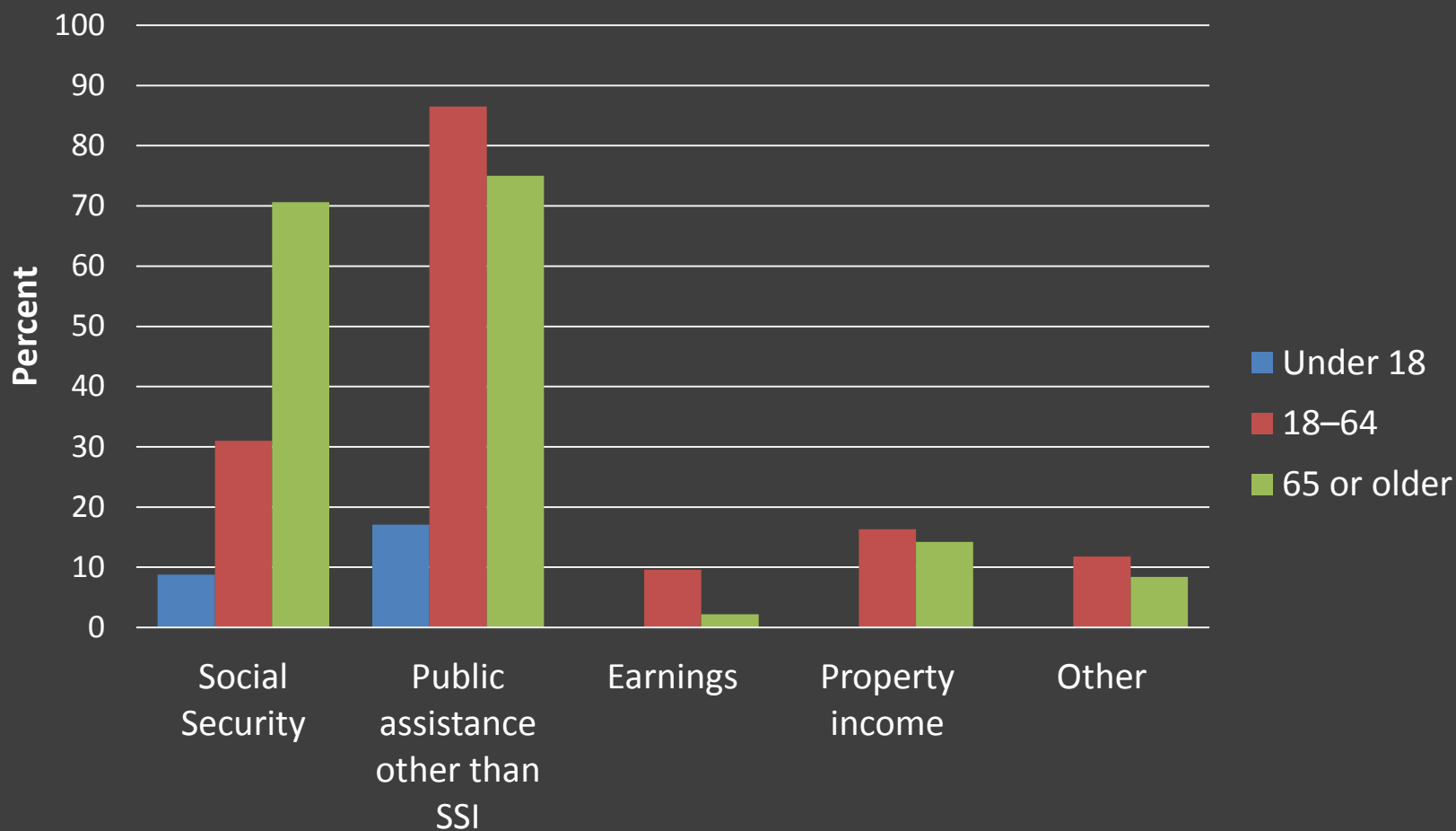
Household receipt of other benefits among SSI recipients, by age group, December 2010



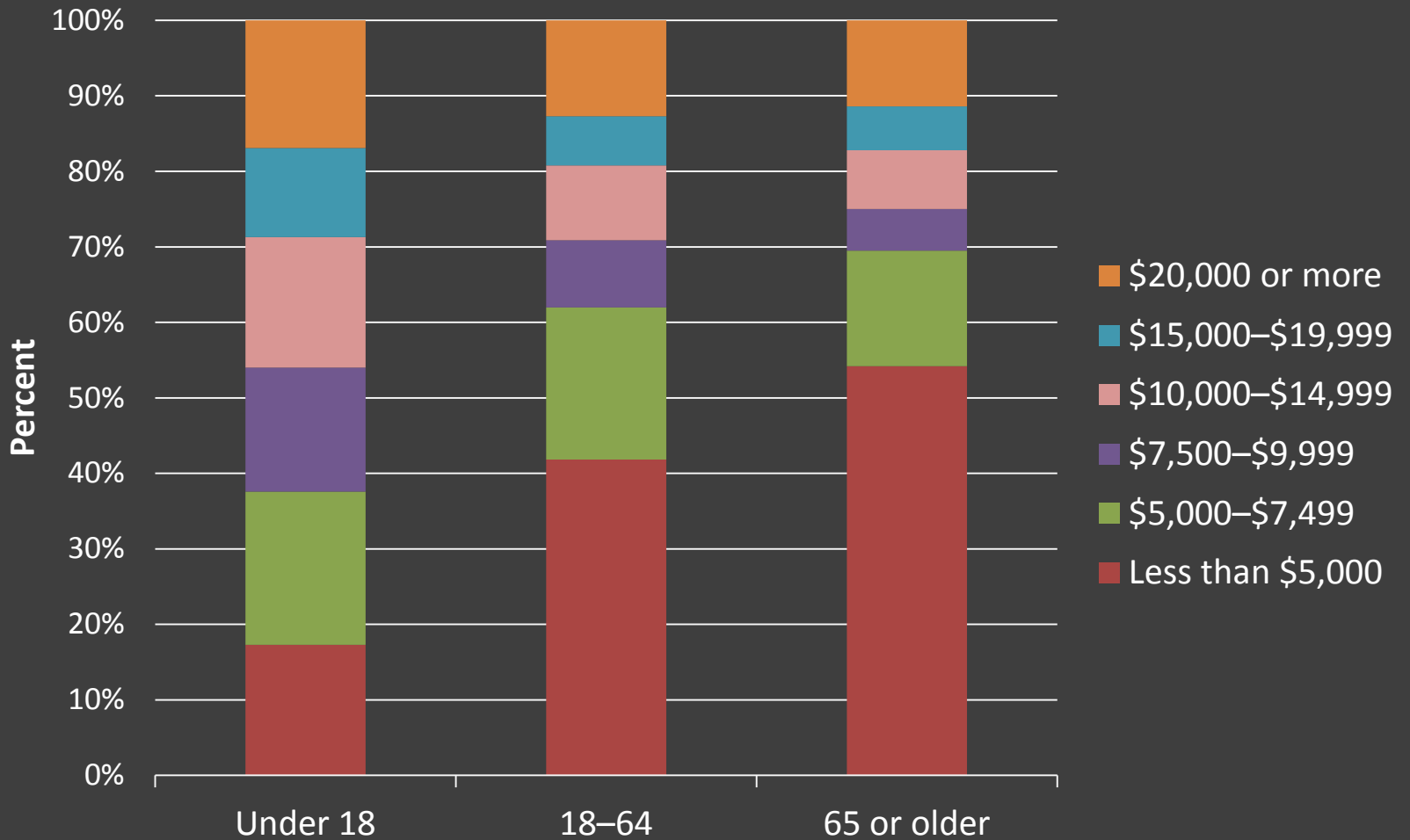
SSI payments as a percentage of personal income, by age group, Sept.-Dec. 2010



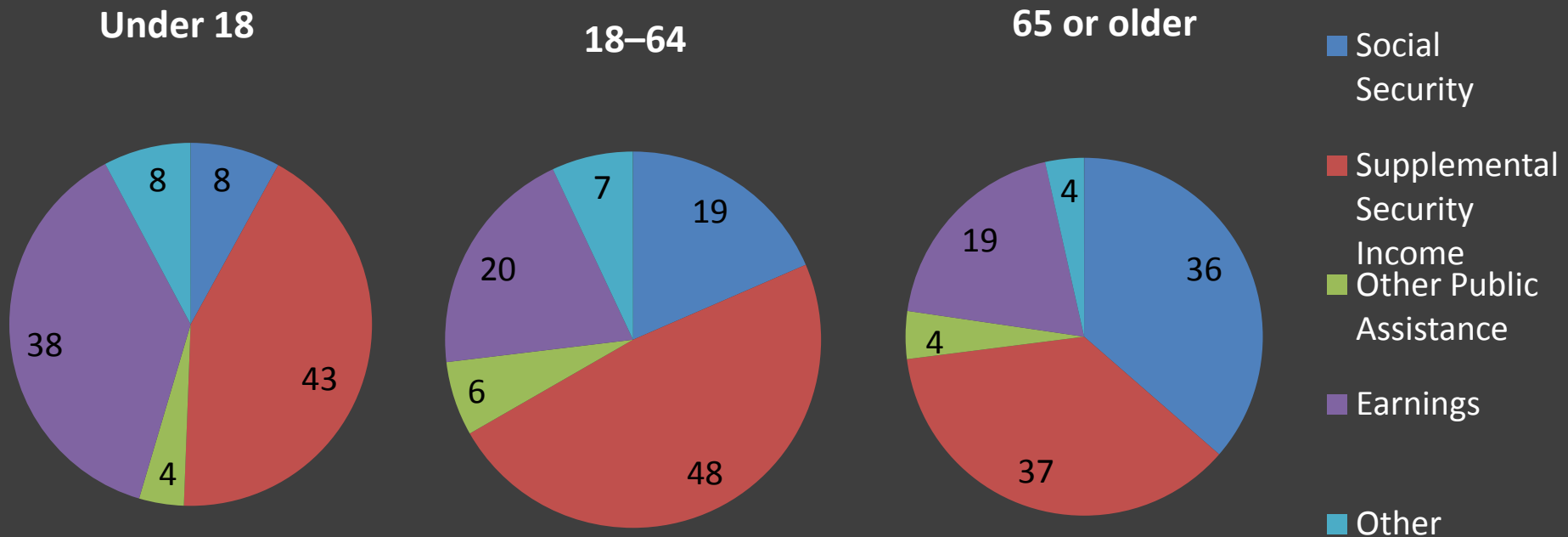
Other sources of personal income among SSI recipients, by age group, Sept.-Dec. 2010



Total family income of SSI recipients, by age group, Sept.-Dec. 2010



Percentage distribution of family income for SSI recipients, by income source, by age group, Sept.-Dec. 2010



SSI payments account for

- 43 percent of a child's family income
- 48 percent of an 18 to 64 year old's family income
- 37 percent of the 65 and older's family income

Family income relative to poverty threshold, Sept.-Dec. 2010

	Under 100%	100-149%	150% or more
Not Including SSI	65.3	11.8	23
Including SSI	42.8	21.8	35.4

- Including SSI reduces poverty by 1/3
- Does not measure behavioral impact of SSI
- Poverty is reduced from
 - 58 percent to 32 percent for children
 - 67 percent to 44 percent for adults
 - 67 percent to 48 percent for aged

Thank you

- This note should be released soon
- Prior version using 2002 data also available
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