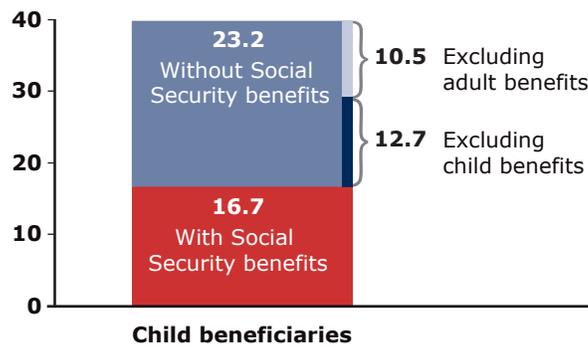


Child Beneficiaries^a & Poverty

- At the end of 2009, 3.2 million children received Social Security benefits, about 6 percent of all beneficiaries.^b
- Social Security benefits lifted at least 1.3 million children out of poverty in 2005.^c
- Without Social Security benefits, more than twice as many children living in Social Security beneficiary families would be poor.
- Social Security is a major source of income for children in beneficiary families.

Poverty Rates with and Without Social Security Benefits, 2004

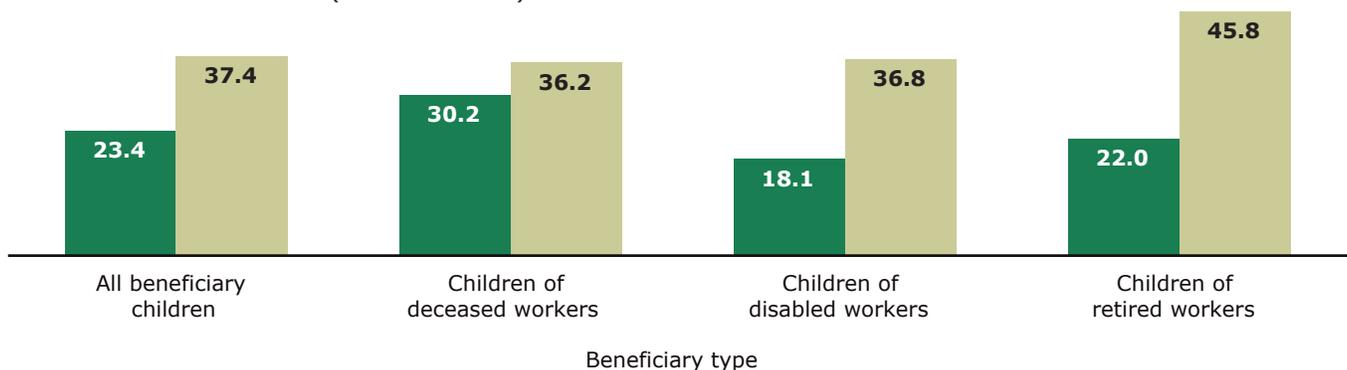
Percentage



SOURCE: Tamborini, Christopher R., and Emily Cupito, *Social Insurance and Children: The Impact of Social Security and Family Context on the Economic Security of Child Beneficiaries*, paper presented at APPAM Conference, October 26, 2010.

Average Percentage of Family Income from Social Security, 2004

- Income from child benefits
- Income from all benefits (adult and child)



SOURCE: Tamborini, Christopher R., Emily Cupito, and Dave Shoffner. 2011. "A Profile of Social Security Child Beneficiaries and their Families: Sociodemographic and Economic Characteristics." *Social Security Bulletin*, 71(1): 1-15.

a. Minor children of insured workers, excludes disabled adult children and students.

b. Social Security Administration, *Annual Statistical Supplement, 2010*, Table 5.A6.

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