Update to Figure 15

Figure 15 has been updated to include all of the components of the “Government Income” category in Figure 13. In addition to Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, disability benefits, and welfare, the revised figure also includes veteran’s benefits, worker’s compensation, unemployment insurance, and survivor’s benefits. Given their relatively small contributions, worker’s compensation, unemployment insurance, welfare, and survivor’s benefits have been combined into one “Other” category. Retirement income, which may include income from government pension plans, also includes income from private retirement accounts, such as IRAs or 401(k)s. Because it is classified as “Other Income,” and not “Government Income” in Figure 13, “Retirement” has been removed from the figure below.

Breakdown of Average Prime-Age Male and Spouse Income from Government Sources in 2014


Note: Other includes worker’s comp, unemployment insurance, welfare, and survivor’s benefits.