



## Braving the Future: America's Older Population

*Friday, February 11, 2005, Washington, DC* - America is graying. The baby boom generation is on the threshold of 60; those over 65 are among the fastest growing segments of the U.S. population; and the oldest old, those over 85 increased by 29% between 1990 and 2000. This program documented those trends, disaggregated the demographics of the elderly and near elderly and analyzed their economic security. Experts highlighted recent and future changes in the composition of the elderly and near elderly related to race/ethnicity, sex and marital status, education and employment and discuss their economic well-being after age 65. Sources of income were identified and data on the elderly poor and near poor highlighted.

### **Welcome:**

**Sean Peoples**, Associate Director for Congressional Programs, Population Resource Center

### **Speakers:**

"A Demographic Overview of the Elderly and Near Elderly"

**Victoria Velkoff**, PhD

Chief, Aging Studies Branch, International Programs Center, U.S. Census Bureau

"The Future Financial Security of Older Americans"

**Richard Johnson**, PhD

Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute

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### **Quick Facts:**

"Social Security accounts for 80% of income received by low-income older adults."

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"In combination with declines in the physical demands of work, improving health allows the boomers to work more than their parents."

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"Unmarried seniors are especially likely to live in or near poverty."

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"Many African American and Hispanic seniors, those with limited education, and those ages 85 and over struggle to make ends meet."

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## **Power Point Presentations: (see Presentations page)**

"A Demographic Overview of the Elderly and Near Elderly"

"The Future Financial Security of Older Americans"

"Public School Finance and Bilingual Education: An Introduction "

"Barriers to Educational Opportunities for Hispanics in the United States "

### *In Attendance*

#### The Offices of Senators

Conrad Burns (R-MT)

#### House Committees

Government Reform

#### Government Agencies

Government Accountability Office

Office of Management and Budget

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

White House Conference on Aging

#### Other Organizations

AARP

Abt Associates

Alliance for Aging Research

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

Decision Demographics

National Center for Health Statistics

National Council on the Aging

National Hispanic Council on Aging

Population Reference Bureau