



**>: More Bang for Your Buck: Profit from Age**

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We should all know by now what is happening in the United States

; our population is aging. Why do you think so many Americans are worried about not being able to count on Social Security?

As the years go by, there will be fewer young workers to support the needs of those Americans who count on social security. This is also compounded by the fact that we are living longer. In other words, the needs of those who will not be working in the future will last longer and cost more money.

Population	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TOTAL	282,125	308,936	335,805	363,584	391,946	419,854

The Social Security program, as well as other government social service programs, must be revamped ? and quickly.

Here is what the population projections for the United States are expected to look like, based on age alone, which is the main factor in one's mortality:

Population	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
0-4	19,218	21,426	22,932	24,272	26,299	28,080
5-19	61,331	61,810	65,955	70,832	75,326	81,067
20-44	104,075	104,444	108,632	114,747	121,659	130,897
45-64	62,440	81,012	83,653	82,280	88,611	93,104
65-84	30,794	34,120	47,363	61,850	64,640	65,844
85	4,267	6,123	7,269	9,603	15,409	20,861

These figures come straight from the U.S. Census Bureau at [Census.gov](http://Census.gov)

. As you can see, by the year 2050 Americans age 65 will account for almost 21% [(65,844 20,861)/419,854] of our population, which is an increase of approximately 9 percentage points from the year 2000 numbers [(30,794 4,267)/282,125].

An increase in the elderly population of about 9 percentage points may or may not seem like a lot to you, but it really is. In real