

## **Study: Many Wis. seniors can't cover basic costs**

Associated Press

11:28 AM CDT, July 8, 2008

MADISON, Wis.

A new study finds many senior citizens in Wisconsin don't earn enough money to meet their basic living expenses.

The report is part of a national effort led by Wider Opportunities for Women to raise awareness and shape public policy to improve seniors' economic well-being.

The Wisconsin study determined that a single person over age 65 needs at least \$19,810 a year to meet basic living expenses. But it found that the average income of a woman over age 65 is just \$15,395. The average for a male senior citizen is just \$18,223.

Wider Opportunities for Woman program director Ramsey Alwin says the numbers show that both public and private solutions are needed to bridge the gap.