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WEALTH OF TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD WITH HEAD AGE 55-64

Source of wealth	Amount in dollars ^a	Percent of total
Financial assets	\$16,600	2%
401(k)/IRAs ^b	40,100	5
Defined benefit	134,400	17
Social Security	466,500	60
Primary house	93,100	12
Business assets	9,300	1
Other non-financial assets	16,000	2
Total	776,000	100

^a The amounts are for the mean of the middle 10 percent based on net worth.

^b Includes thrift savings/other defined contribution plans.

SOURCE: Authors' calculations based on the U.S. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. *Survey of Consumer Finances*, 2016.

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