

Debt Among Near-Retirement U.S. Households

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(Percent holding debt and
 median debt by type,
 1992 v. 2016; households
 with heads ages 55-64)

Type of debt	Percent w/debt (%)		Median debt* (\$000)	
	1992	2016	1992	2016
Primary home	39	42	73	111
Other residence	6	6	42	100
Credit card	44	44	1.7	2.3
Education	11	22	5.5	19
Vehicle	30	34	11.4	17.2

*Among those with debt; in 2016 dollars.
 Source: Survey of Consumer Finances;
 cited in "The Risk of Financial Hardship
 in Retirement: A Cohort Analysis,"
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