
Highlights and Trends

Social Security (OASDI)

Employment and Earnings

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| Workers in OASDI covered employment, 2001 | 153.5 million |
| Average earnings, 2001 | \$32,939 |
| Earnings required in 2002 for— | |
| 1 quarter of coverage | \$870 |
| Maximum of 4 quarters of coverage | \$3,480 |
| Earnings test exempt amounts for 2002 | |
| Under full retirement age for entire year | \$11,280 |
| For months before attainment of full retirement age in 2002 | \$30,000 |
| Beginning with month of attainment of full retirement age in 2002 | Earnings test eliminated |

Program Data

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| Cost-of-living adjustment for December 2001 | 2.6 percent |
| Average monthly benefit, December 2001 | |
| Retired workers | \$874 |
| Widows and widowers, nondisabled | \$841 |
| Disabled workers | \$814 |
| Number of beneficiaries, December 2001 | |
| Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance | 45.9 million |
| Old-Age Insurance | 32.0 million |
| Retired workers | 28.8 million |
| Survivors Insurance | 6.9 million |
| Widows and widowers, nondisabled | 4.6 million |
| Disability Insurance | 6.9 million |
| Disabled workers | 5.3 million |
| Benefit payments, 2001 | |
| Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance | \$431.9 billion |
| Old-Age and Survivors Insurance | 372.3 billion |
| Disability Insurance | 59.6 billion |
| Administrative expenses, 2001 | |
| Old-Age and Survivors Insurance | \$2.0 billion |
| As a percentage of total benefits paid | 0.5 percent |
| Disability Insurance | \$1.7 billion |
| As a percentage of total benefits paid | 2.9 percent |

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Program Trends

- In December 2001, 45.9 million persons were receiving Social Security benefits, an increase of 463,000 (1.0 percent) since December 2000. Seventy percent were retired workers and their spouses and children, and 15 percent were survivors of deceased workers. Fifteen percent were disabled workers and their spouses and children.
- Seventy-one percent of the 28.8 million retired workers received reduced benefits because of entitlement prior to full retirement age. Relatively more women (75 percent) than men (68 percent) received reduced benefits.
- The number of persons aged 65 or older receiving Social Security benefits rose from 31.7 million in 1996 to 32.9 million in 2001 (4.0 percent). Beneficiaries aged 85 or older increased at a greater rate during the 5-year period (11.5 percent) from 3,672,000 in 1996 to 4,095,000 in 2001. In 2001, 39,100 centenarians were receiving Social Security.
- More than 19 million women aged 65 or older were receiving benefits in December 2001. Seven million (36.8 percent) were entitled solely to a retired-worker benefit, and 5.6 million (29.2 percent) were dually entitled to a retired-worker benefit and a wife's or widow's benefit. About 6.5 million (34.0 percent) were receiving wife's or widow's benefits only.
- Almost 3 million children under age 18 were receiving benefits, including 1,346,000 children of deceased workers, 1,385,400 children of disabled workers, and 262,500 children of retired workers.
- In December 2001, 6,215,000 beneficiaries were receiving payments on the basis of disability—5,274,200 disabled workers, 736,500 disabled adult children, and 204,200 disabled widows and widowers. In addition, 156,900 spouses and 1,424,200 minor and student children of disabled workers were receiving benefits.
- The leading causes of disability for disabled workers were mental disorders other than mental retardation (28 percent), and musculoskeletal conditions (24 percent). About 10 percent had circulatory conditions and an additional 10 percent had diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.
- Average monthly benefits for December 2001, including the 2.6 percent COLA increase, were \$874 for retired workers, \$814 for disabled workers, and \$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers. Among retired workers, benefits averaged \$985 for men and \$756 for women. For disabled workers, average benefits were \$914 for men and \$688 for women.
- Average monthly family benefits for December 2001 were \$1,569 for a widowed mother or father and children; \$1,369 for a disabled worker, wife, and children; and \$1,712 for a retired worker, wife, and children.
- Total OASDI benefit payments for calendar year 2001 were \$431.9 billion. Payments from the OASI trust fund were \$372.3 billion—an increase of 5.6 percent from the \$352.7 billion paid in 2000.
- Benefit payments from the DI trust fund, from which benefits are paid to disabled workers, their spouses, and children, increased by 8.4 percent from \$55.0 billion in 2000 to \$59.6 billion in 2001.
- OASDI benefit awards in calendar year 2001 totaled 4,162,000, including 1,779,200 to retired workers, 425,200 to their spouses and children and 839,700 to survivors of insured workers. Benefits were awarded to 691,300 disabled workers and 426,500 of their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Federal benefit rate change, effective January 2002

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| Cost-of-living adjustment | 2.6 percent |
| Monthly amount for— | |
| Individual living in his or her own household | \$545 |
| Couple with both members eligible | \$817 |

Program Data

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| Total | |
| Benefits paid in 2001 | \$33.1 billion |
| Number of recipients, December 2001 | 6.8 million |
| Average benefit, December 2001 | \$400.06 |
| Federally administered payments | |
| Benefits paid in 2001 | \$32.2 billion |
| Number of recipients, December 2001 | 6.7 million |
| Average benefit, December 2001 | \$393.96 |
| Federal SSI payments | |
| Benefits paid in 2001 | \$28.7 billion |
| Number of recipients, December 2001 | 6.4 million |
| Average benefit, December 2001 | \$366.31 |
| Federally administered state supplementation | |
| Benefits paid in 2001 | \$3.5 billion |
| Number of recipients, December 2001 | ¹ 2.5 million |
| Average benefit, December 2001 | \$112.65 |
| State-administered supplementation | |
| Benefits paid in 2001 | \$0.9 billion |
| Number of recipients, December 2001 | ² 0.7 million |
| Average benefit, December 2001 | \$109.03 |

¹ Includes 2.2 million persons receiving federal SSI and state supplementation and 0.3 million persons receiving state supplementation only.

² Includes 87,059 persons receiving state supplementation only.

Supplemental Security Income

Program Trends

- In December 2001, 6,688,500 persons received federally administered SSI payments—86,800 more than the previous year. Of the total, 1,995,200 (30 percent) were aged 65 or older; 3,811,500 (57 percent) were blind or disabled aged 18-64; and 881,800 (13 percent) were blind or disabled under age 18.
- The number of blind or disabled aged 18-64 rose by 67,500 (1.8 percent) between December 2000 and December 2001, while the number under age 18 increased by 35,100 (4.1 percent).
- During 2001, 770,500 persons were awarded federally administered payments, a increase of 3.1 percent from the previous year. Of the 2001 awards, 502,800 went to blind or disabled recipients aged 18-64, 157,000 to those blind or disabled under age 18, and 110,800 to recipients aged 65 or older.
- Total SSI payments were \$33.1 billion in 2001, up 4.7 percent from 2000. Federal SSI payments in 2001 were \$28.7 billion (an increase of 5.2 percent over the previous year). Federally administered state supplementation totaled \$3.5 billion and state-administered supplementation \$895.0 million, increasing by 2.3 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively from the previous year's totals.
- In 2001, the leading causes of disability among the blind or disabled between the ages of 18 and 64, and those under age 18 were mental disorders and mental retardation. Among disabled recipients between the ages of 18 and 64, 25 percent had mental retardation as the primary diagnosis, and 35 percent were diagnosed with another mental disorder. These conditions were also the most frequent diagnoses for blind or disabled under age 18.

Health Care

Medicare

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| Hospital Insurance (Part A) | |
| Total benefits paid in calendar year 2001 | \$141.2 billion |
| Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B) | |
| Total benefits paid in calendar year 2001 | \$99.7 billion |
| Number of enrollees in July 2001, (one or both of Parts A and B) | 40.0 million |
| Aged | 34.4 million |
| Disabled | 5.5 million |
| Administrative costs, 2001 | |
| Hospital Insurance | \$2.2 billion |
| As a percentage of total benefits paid | 1.6 percent |
| Supplementary Medical Insurance | \$1.7 billion |
| As a percentage of total benefits paid | 1.7 percent |

Medicaid

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| Medical service expenditures in fiscal year 1998 | \$142.3 billion |
| Number of unduplicated recipients, fiscal year 1998 | 40.7 million |
| Average 1998 vendor payment per unduplicated recipient | |
| Persons aged 65 or older | \$10,242 |
| Permanently and totally disabled persons | \$9,095 |
| Dependent children under age 21 | \$1,203 |
| Average 1998 vendor payment for medical services | |
| Nursing facility services | \$19,379 |
| Inpatient general hospital care | \$5,031 |
| Prescribed drugs | \$699 |
| Physicians services | \$327 |

Unemployment Insurance

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| 2001 | |
| Total payments | \$31.6 billion |
| Average— | |
| Weekly benefit amount (regular programs) | \$238 |
| Duration of benefits | 13.8 weeks |
| Weekly insured unemployment | 3.0 million |
| Covered employment | 127.9 billion |

Workers' Compensation

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| 2000 | |
| Benefit payments | |
| Total | \$45.9 billion |
| Compensation payments | 25.9 billion |
| Medical and hospitalization | 20.0 billion |
| Benefits paid by— | |
| Private insurance carriers | 25.7 billion |
| State and federal funds | 10.4 billion |
| Employers' self-insurance | 9.8 billion |
| Covered workers per month | 126.6 million |
| Costs as a percentage of covered payroll | 1.25 percent |

Temporary Disability Insurance

Programs in effect in—
 California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico, and the railroad industry.

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| | Average weekly benefit, 1999 | |
| | State fund | Private plans |
| California* | \$234 | \$396 |
| New York | \$186 | \$149 |

*Accounts for half of the workers participating in TDI.

Black Lung Benefits

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| Basic benefit, miner or widow | \$518.50 |
| Maximum family benefit | \$1,037.00 |
| Part B (claims filed before July 1, 1973) | |
| Number of monthly benefits to miners, widows, and dependents, December 2001 | 79,500 |
| Total benefits paid, calendar year 2001 | \$470.4 million |
| Part C (claims filed July 1, 1973 or later) | |
| Total benefits paid, fiscal year 2001 | |
| Disability and survivors benefits | \$336.8 million |
| Medical benefits | \$60.1 million |

Veterans' Benefits

Disability compensation or pension, 2001

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| Number of veterans with— | |
| Service-connected disability | 2,321,000 |
| Non-service-connected disability | 348,000 |
| Monthly payment in 2002 for— | |
| Service-connected disability | |
| 10 percent disability | \$103 |
| Total disability | \$2,163 |
| Non-service-connected disability (maximum payment) | |
| Without dependent | \$796 |
| With one dependent and in need of aid and attendance | \$1,575 |

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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| Total payments, 2001 | \$10.1 billion |
| Average monthly number of— | |
| Recipients | 5.4 million |
| Families | 2.1 million |
| Average monthly payment | |
| Per recipient | \$157 |
| Per family | \$401 |

Food Stamps

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| Monthly benefits, beginning October 1, 2002 | |
| Four-person household with no income | \$465 |
| Standard deduction (one-person to four-person households) | \$134 |
| Fiscal year 2001 | |
| Average number of participants | 17.3 million |
| Total benefits | \$15.6 billion |

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

In fiscal year 2000 the Department of Health and Human Services issued—

- \$1.06 billion in block grants to the 50 states and the District of Columbia;
- \$11.0 million in direct block grants to 128 Indian tribes and tribal organizations;
- \$1.5 million in block grants to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, America Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
- \$20.6 million in leveraging incentive awards to 37 states, 29 tribes;
- \$5.5 million for Residential Emergency Assistance Challenge (REACH) program awards to 5 states; \$845,000 to 6 Indian tribes and tribal organizations;
- \$732 million in emergency contingency funds to 50 states and the District of Columbia, and \$12.3 million to 128 Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Poverty

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| 2001 weighted average poverty thresholds | |
| Individual, aged 65 or older | \$8,494 |
| Couple, householder aged 65 or older | \$10,715 |
| Family of four | \$18,104 |
| Percentage of population with income below poverty level, 2000 | |
| All ages | 11.3 percent |
| Children under age 18 living in families | 15.7 percent |
| Persons aged 65 or older | 10.2 percent |