



*Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)*—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

**Table 1.**  
**Number of OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2004**

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers <sup>a</sup>	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s <sup>b</sup>	Spouses <sup>c</sup>	Children <sup>d</sup>	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s <sup>b</sup>	
Massachusetts	1,063,039	692,170	145,337	93,746	47,673	84,113	943,238	664,796	87,966	774,766
1	116,773	73,271	17,516	10,513	5,141	10,332	99,805	68,320	9,583	81,886
2	115,429	72,182	17,658	10,280	4,650	10,659	99,167	67,981	9,248	80,493
3	103,398	66,702	14,924	9,043	4,149	8,580	90,217	62,907	8,348	74,330
4	109,909	71,510	15,294	9,462	4,924	8,719	96,906	68,067	8,887	79,941
5	92,705	59,009	13,632	7,771	4,071	8,222	82,767	57,625	7,232	65,196
6	110,887	75,295	12,527	10,232	5,475	7,358	102,751	74,526	9,993	84,615
7	107,905	74,597	12,173	9,518	5,225	6,392	100,709	74,199	9,330	84,520
8	68,231	39,622	14,060	5,128	2,408	7,013	54,200	35,049	4,173	44,027
9	104,471	67,793	13,863	9,486	4,615	8,714	93,749	65,732	9,076	76,737
10	133,331	92,189	13,690	12,313	7,015	8,124	122,967	90,391	12,095	103,021
All areas <sup>e</sup>	47,687,693	29,952,474	6,198,271	4,828,972	2,721,657	3,986,319	41,574,348	28,601,332	4,329,336	33,696,001

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.
- b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- d. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- e. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2004**

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI <sup>a</sup>	Aged 65 or older
Massachusetts	168,858	44,174	3,944	120,740	79,345	16,446	1,928	60,970	62,816	47,657
1	18,905	3,236	483	15,186	8,993	981	227	7,783	7,544	3,540
2	21,489	3,796	476	17,217	10,342	1,267	244	8,831	7,838	4,131
3	16,510	4,016	355	12,139	7,604	1,351	167	6,084	6,488	4,357
4	16,629	4,771	416	11,442	7,338	1,558	212	5,566	7,035	5,189
5	17,253	4,215	407	12,631	8,376	1,648	188	6,540	5,856	4,550
6	12,292	3,561	297	8,434	5,644	1,381	143	4,120	4,715	3,826
7	11,568	3,853	324	7,391	5,193	1,452	155	3,585	4,455	4,142
8	29,707	10,283	596	18,828	14,815	4,526	315	9,973	9,582	10,966
9	14,849	4,157	317	10,375	6,869	1,558	154	5,156	5,156	4,465
10	9,656	2,286	273	7,097	4,165	720	117	3,327	4,147	2,491
All areas <sup>b</sup>	6,987,845	1,211,167	75,924	5,700,754	3,224,059	426,925	35,916	2,761,217	2,441,374	1,977,610

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.

b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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