



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 monthly benefit amount,
December 2003

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)			Number of OASDI beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Wives and husbands	Children	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	
Mississippi	533,381	283,268	97,493	58,024	25,330	69,266	397,750	238,843	43,058	322,862
1	140,524	75,896	27,914	14,036	5,760	16,918	104,943	63,479	10,155	84,551
2	122,168	61,607	22,954	13,822	4,809	18,976	86,121	50,179	9,574	70,988
3	142,086	77,768	23,793	15,744	7,201	17,580	108,186	66,714	11,999	89,291
4	128,603	67,997	22,832	14,422	7,560	15,792	98,498	58,469	11,330	78,032
All areas ^c	47,038,391	29,531,615	5,873,673	4,899,704	2,772,576	3,960,823	39,541,474	27,230,628	4,238,982	33,433,599

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.

c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

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 monthly payment amount, December 2003

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Monthly payment amount (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Mississippi	126,169	17,522	1,135	107,512	49,401	3,038	410	45,952	52,639	33,630
1	28,116	4,463	220	23,433	10,784	749	75	9,959	13,088	8,276
2	43,919	6,031	439	37,449	17,920	1,110	167	16,642	17,419	11,564
3	30,817	4,422	270	26,125	11,699	730	95	10,873	12,970	8,640
4	23,317	2,606	206	20,505	8,996	448	72	8,476	9,162	5,150
All areas ^b	6,902,364	1,232,778	77,082	5,592,504	3,077,818	424,774	35,646	2,617,398	2,421,362	1,989,737

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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