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Preface

Since 1974, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has provided monthly payments for blind and disabled children under age 18. Certain provisions are used to determine a child's eligibility and payment amount that differ from those applicable to adults. For children living in the same household with one or more parents, the parents' income and resources must be considered, or "deemed," in determining the child's eligibility and payment amount. This report provides data on

- applications by and awards to blind and disabled children;
- SSI payments, income, demographic characteristics, geographic distribution, and disability diagnosis groups of SSI child recipients; and
- type, amounts, and deeming status of parental income.

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Summary and Introduction

In this report, children are defined as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients under age 18. All average SSI payment amounts are based on the amount received in the month of the report, rather than on the amount due in the following month.

In December 2003, almost 960,000 blind and disabled children were receiving SSI payments. They made up 13.9 percent of the more than 6.9 million SSI recipients in December. The December data reflect an increase of almost 45,000 child recipients since June 2003.

To be eligible for SSI payments as a child, an individual must be under age 18 and unmarried and must meet the applicable SSI disability, income, resource, and diagnostic criteria.

The tables present a "snapshot" of selected program and demographic characteristics of children who receive SSI payments. Table 1 is based on 100 percent data. Tables 2–16 are based on 10 percent sample files. The source record for all of the files is the Supplemental Security Record (SSR).

Applications and Awards

In calendar year 2003, the most recent year for which complete data are available, SSA received more than 436,000 SSI applications for children. This represents 20 percent of the more than 2.2 million SSI applications received during that period.

Almost 180,000 children were awarded SSI payments in calendar year 2003. This was nearly 22 percent of the 824,000 persons awarded SSI in that period.

Historically, the percentages of both applications and awards for children have gradually increased. Both rates rose rapidly in the early to mid-1990s, after the *Zebley v. Sullivan* decision. They dropped off somewhat after welfare reform legislation was enacted in 1996, but they now appear to again be representing an increasing share of all applications and awards.

Payments

The average SSI payment to children in December 2003 was \$486. This amount includes federally administered state supplementation, where applicable, but does not include any retroactive payments.

The states with the largest numbers of children receiving SSI were California, New York, Florida, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, and North Carolina. Together they accounted for 52 percent of all child recipients.

Sixty-two percent of the children received an SSI payment of \$552 in December—the maximum monthly amount of federal SSI payable in 2003 to persons with no countable income.

Demographic Characteristics

Age

In December 2003, 16 percent of the children receiving SSI were younger than 5 years old. The remaining 84 percent were fairly evenly distributed by age.

Sex

Child recipients are more likely to be boys than girls, by about three to two. This is generally the same gender pattern found among adult disabled recipients.

Living Arrangements

More than 80 percent of the children lived with their parent(s). Of those with other living arrangements, 13 percent were identified as living in their own household for purposes of determining payments. For the most part, these children lived with other relatives; in hospitals, nursing homes, residential schools, and foster care; or independently. Less than 2 percent were patients in a medical facility where more than half of the cost of their care is covered by the Medicaid program.

Citizenship

Nearly all (99 percent) of the children were U.S. citizens, either by birth or naturalization.

Diagnosis

Almost 64 percent were disabled because of a mental disorder, and the largest proportion of this group (24 percent) were mentally retarded. The only other sizable diagnostic category was diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (10 percent), which included all of the nearly 6,800 blind children on SSI in December 2003.

The incidence of mental retardation as a primary diagnosis increased with age, from 2 percent of those under age 3 to 36 percent of those aged 13–17. The same pattern appeared among those under age 18 with other mental disorders.

The only diagnostic category with a significant difference between sexes was other mental disorders—46 percent of the males versus 29 percent of the females. There was no substantial variation between sexes in the other diagnostic categories.

Adult Recipients Who First Became Eligible for SSI as Children

In addition to the almost 960,000 recipients who are currently considered as children for program purposes, the SSI rolls in December 2003 included 607,000 adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI payments before age 18. Twenty-six percent of these recipients first became eligible during the 1974–1980 period and thus have been receiving SSI for much of their lives.

Income

About 27 percent had income in December 2003, and most of them had only unearned income. The most frequent types of cash unearned income were Social Security benefits (7 percent) or support payments from an absent parent (12 percent). Another 1 percent were receiving income based on need (most commonly from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, formerly known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or AFDC), and 7 percent had some type of in-kind income that was considered for SSI purposes. About 73 percent of the children had no income reported on their record.

Parents in the Household

Almost two-thirds of the children (64 percent) were living with one parent, and 23 percent lived with two parents. Deeming of income from the parent(s) to the child recipient applies to these children. For the 13 percent with no parent in the household, parent-to-child deeming does not apply, and information about parents is not part of the SSI record.

One-Parent Household

Of the 64 percent of SSI recipient children who lived with only one parent, nearly all (95 percent) lived with their mother. Only 5 percent lived with their father.

For 44 percent of the children in a one-parent household, that parent had no reported income (the SSI payment is not considered as income in this analysis). Over one-third of the children (34 percent) lived with a parent who had earned income, and 25 percent lived with a parent who had unearned income. Mother-headed households showed about the same distribution, but father-headed homes were a little more likely to have some income and earnings and a little less likely to have unearned income.

Even in households with income, the amounts were small. Twenty-three percent of the children were in homes with income under \$200 in December 2003. Only 59 percent of them had income of \$600 or more in that month. Children living with a father were more likely to have higher family income.

Two-Parent Household

The 23 percent of SSI children who lived with two parents were relatively better off economically than those living with only one parent. Sixteen percent of the former had parents with no reported income, compared with 44 percent of those living with one parent. Also, for 63 percent of children in two-parent households, the parents had income of \$1,000 per month or more, compared with 22 percent of children in one-parent households.

Mothers in two-parent households were less likely to have income than were single mothers. Sixty-four percent of mothers in two-parent households had no income, compared with 45 percent of single mothers.

Parental Income

Almost three-fifths of all SSI children (55 percent) lived in a household where the parent(s) received some type of income, which averaged \$1,216 in December. About 37 percent of the children had one or both parents with earnings, averaging \$1,582; 22 percent had some type of unearned income, averaging \$342. The most common type of unearned income was public income-maintenance payments. Such payments include TANF payments, Department of Veterans Affairs payments based on need, and payments from other government programs.

Parent-to-Child Deeming

In households where the parent(s) of SSI children receive income, that income must be considered in determining the child's payment amount. This process is called deeming. Certain types of parental

income are excluded from deeming (see 20 CFR 416.1161(a)). This includes public income-maintenance payments and any parental income used to determine the amount of those payments. In addition, allocations and exclusions reduce the amount used in the child's payment computation.

About 63 percent of the children subject to deeming had one or more parents with reported

income in December. After all exclusions and allocations were applied, deemed income affected the payment of only 33 percent of these children. Children living with two parents (40 percent) were more likely to have their payment affected by deemed income than were children living with one parent (29 percent).

Table 1.
Number and percentage distribution of SSI recipients, by age, selected months, 1974–2003

Month	All ages	Under 18		18–64 ^a		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
December							
1974	3,996,064	^b 70,900	1.8	1,503,155	37.6	2,422,009	60.6
1975	4,314,275	107,026	2.5	1,699,394	39.4	2,507,855	58.1
1976	4,235,939	125,412	3.0	1,713,594	40.5	2,396,933	56.6
1977	4,237,692	147,355	3.5	1,736,879	41.0	2,353,458	55.5
1978	4,216,925	165,899	3.9	1,747,126	41.4	2,303,900	54.6
1979	4,149,575	177,306	4.3	1,726,553	41.6	2,245,716	54.1
1980	4,142,017	190,394	4.6	1,730,847	41.8	2,220,776	53.6
1981	4,018,875	194,890	4.8	1,702,895	42.4	2,121,090	52.8
1982	3,857,590	191,570	5.0	1,655,279	42.9	2,010,741	52.1
1983	3,901,497	198,323	5.1	1,699,774	43.6	2,003,400	51.3
1984	4,029,333	211,587	5.3	1,780,459	44.2	2,037,287	50.6
1985	4,138,021	227,384	5.5	1,879,168	45.4	2,031,469	49.1
1986	4,269,184	241,198	5.6	2,010,458	47.1	2,017,528	47.3
1987	4,384,999	250,902	5.7	2,118,710	48.3	2,015,387	46.0
1988	4,463,869	255,135	5.7	2,202,714	49.3	2,006,020	44.9
1989	4,593,059	264,890	5.8	2,301,926	50.1	2,026,243	44.1
1990	4,817,127	308,589	6.4	2,449,897	50.9	2,058,641	42.7
1991	5,118,470	397,162	7.8	2,641,524	51.6	2,079,784	40.6
1992	5,566,189	556,470	10.0	2,910,016	52.3	2,099,703	37.7
1993	5,984,330	722,678	12.1	3,148,413	52.6	2,113,239	35.3
1994	6,295,786	841,474	13.4	3,335,255	53.0	2,119,057	33.7
1995	6,514,134	917,048	14.1	3,482,256	53.5	2,114,830	32.5
1996	6,613,718	955,174	14.4	3,568,393	54.0	2,090,151	31.6
1997	6,494,985	879,828	13.5	3,561,625	54.8	2,053,532	31.6
1998	6,566,069	887,066	13.5	3,646,020	55.5	2,032,983	31.0
1999	6,556,634	847,063	12.9	3,690,994	56.3	2,018,577	30.8
2000	6,601,686	846,784	12.8	3,744,038	56.7	2,010,864	30.5
2001	6,688,489	881,836	13.2	3,811,494	57.0	1,995,159	29.8
2002	6,787,857	914,821	13.5	3,877,752	57.1	1,995,284	29.4
2003							
June	6,877,549	941,886	13.7	3,940,003	57.3	1,995,660	29.0
December	6,902,364	959,379	13.9	3,953,248	57.3	1,989,737	28.8

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

NOTE: Includes persons who received a federal or state payment.

a. Includes students aged 18–21, who are considered children for program purposes.

b. In December 1974, includes children aged 18–21.

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Table 2.
Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications received, by age, 1973–2003

Year	All ages ^a	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	52,112,230	7,164,790	13.7	35,536,950	68.2	9,410,490	18.1
State conversions ^b	3,406,600	3,650	0.1	1,424,010	41.8	1,978,940	58.1
Federal applications							
1973	284,930	5,030	1.8	82,820	29.1	197,080	69.2
1974	2,060,590	124,300	6.0	1,096,130	53.2	840,160	40.8
1975	1,467,960	100,030	6.8	976,840	66.5	391,090	26.6
1976	1,212,810	84,360	7.0	866,720	71.5	261,730	21.6
1977	1,272,360	95,610	7.5	904,150	71.1	272,600	21.4
1978	1,268,170	99,460	7.8	905,340	71.4	263,370	20.8
1979	1,325,270	108,000	8.1	950,980	71.8	266,290	20.1
1980	1,410,080	113,200	8.0	1,016,750	72.1	280,130	19.9
1981	1,149,290	95,010	8.3	863,670	75.1	190,610	16.6
1982	1,016,080	94,680	9.3	775,240	76.3	146,160	14.4
1983	1,132,220	101,560	9.0	832,540	73.5	198,120	17.5
1984	1,264,480	104,860	8.3	866,420	68.5	293,200	23.2
1985	1,401,400	120,640	8.6	1,047,930	74.8	232,830	16.6
1986	1,465,970	125,270	8.5	1,099,220	75.0	241,480	16.5
1987	1,433,340	124,910	8.7	1,068,890	74.6	239,540	16.7
1988	1,360,870	125,280	9.2	1,008,200	74.1	227,390	16.7
1989	1,392,660	132,080	9.5	1,016,430	73.0	244,150	17.5
1990	1,550,990	163,610	10.5	1,136,160	73.3	251,220	16.2
1991	1,808,690	247,460	13.7	1,315,160	72.7	246,070	13.6
1992	2,086,820	380,350	18.2	1,460,520	70.0	245,950	11.8
1993	2,308,770	503,800	21.8	1,567,730	67.9	237,240	10.3
1994	2,256,640	541,150	24.0	1,512,310	67.0	203,180	9.0
1995	2,062,590	502,940	24.4	1,380,090	66.9	179,560	8.7
1996	1,915,520	462,710	24.2	1,285,630	67.1	167,180	8.7
1997	1,594,630	332,940	20.9	1,130,410	70.9	131,280	8.2
1998	1,626,210	337,300	20.7	1,141,180	70.2	147,730	9.1
1999	1,658,400	350,070	21.1	1,148,740	69.3	159,590	9.6
2000	1,742,630	358,800	20.6	1,224,540	70.3	159,290	9.1
2001	1,859,990	376,170	20.2	1,323,020	71.1	160,800	8.6
2002	2,084,730	413,330	19.8	1,492,740	71.6	178,660	8.6
2003	2,230,540	436,230	19.6	1,616,440	72.5	177,870	8.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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Table 3.
Number and percentage distribution of SSI awards, by age, 1974–2003

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	24,682,560	3,001,250	12.2	14,265,430	57.8	7,415,880	30.0
State conversions ^a	3,158,410	2,620	0.1	1,305,060	41.3	1,850,730	58.6
Federal applications							
1974	1,329,870	66,880	5.0	491,170	36.9	771,820	58.0
1975	927,800	62,880	6.8	508,950	54.9	355,970	38.4
1976	674,580	45,030	6.7	403,350	59.8	226,200	33.5
1977	643,480	50,970	7.9	375,950	58.4	216,560	33.7
1978	566,190	47,050	8.3	323,170	57.1	195,970	34.6
1979	517,010	45,810	8.9	292,380	56.6	178,820	34.6
1980	526,790	46,260	8.8	293,740	55.8	186,790	35.5
1981	411,510	39,050	9.5	248,340	60.3	124,120	30.2
1982	342,680	35,670	10.4	202,590	59.1	104,420	30.5
1983	458,610	42,110	9.2	262,660	57.3	153,840	33.5
1984	586,670	45,740	7.8	322,390	55.0	218,540	37.3
1985	527,800	46,590	8.8	324,070	61.4	157,140	29.8
1986	603,580	51,020	8.5	391,600	64.9	160,960	26.7
1987	589,440	48,480	8.2	373,320	63.3	167,640	28.4
1988	578,370	47,560	8.2	361,070	62.4	169,740	29.3
1989	629,460	51,520	8.2	388,120	61.7	189,820	30.2
1990	718,310	76,070	10.6	446,940	62.2	195,300	27.2
1991	822,890	126,190	15.3	504,860	61.4	191,840	23.3
1992	1,049,260	221,080	21.1	636,300	60.6	191,880	18.3
1993	1,054,170	236,220	22.4	630,030	59.8	187,920	17.8
1994	944,830	203,190	21.5	580,640	61.5	161,000	17.0
1995	893,460	177,550	19.9	571,080	63.9	144,830	16.2
1996	797,970	144,270	18.1	526,690	66.0	127,010	15.9
1997	673,340	116,280	17.3	461,260	68.5	95,800	14.2
1998	739,410	135,600	18.3	489,240	66.2	114,570	15.5
1999	757,270	139,400	18.4	493,960	65.2	123,910	16.4
2000	747,010	144,540	19.3	483,020	64.7	119,450	16.0
2001	770,340	156,900	20.4	502,590	65.2	110,850	14.4
2002	818,050	169,130	20.7	533,470	65.2	115,450	14.1
2003	824,000	179,590	21.8	537,420	65.2	106,990	13.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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Table 4.
Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications and awards for children,
by selected characteristics, 2003

Characteristic	Applications		Awards	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	436,230	100.0	179,590	100.0
Age				
Under 5	145,730	33.4	71,010	39.5
5–12	208,490	47.8	77,510	43.2
13–17	82,010	18.8	31,070	17.3
Sex				
Male	273,230	62.6	116,190	64.7
Female	163,000	37.4	63,400	35.3
Citizenship status				
Citizen	434,370	99.6	178,950	99.6
Noncitizen	1,860	0.4	640	0.4
Living arrangements ^a				
Own household	...	...	19,250	10.7
Another's household	...	...	9,440	5.3
Parent's household	...	...	145,740	81.2
Medicaid institution	...	...	5,160	2.9
Diagnostic group ^a				
Congenital anomalies	...	...	8,220	4.6
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	...	...	1,070	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	...	...	170	0.1
Injuries	...	...	990	0.6
Mental disorders				
Retardation	...	...	26,110	14.5
Other	...	...	91,160	50.8
Neoplasms	...	...	2,830	1.6
Diseases of the—				
Blood and blood-forming organs	...	...	1,320	0.7
Circulatory system	...	...	1,010	0.6
Digestive system	...	...	1,420	0.8
Genitourinary system	...	...	580	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	...	...	1,180	0.7
Nervous system and sense organs	...	...	11,000	6.1
Respiratory system	...	...	4,300	2.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	...	...	170	0.1
Other	...	...	24,470	13.6
Unknown	...	...	3,590	2.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Determined at award.

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Table 5.
Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment,
by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2003

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment ^a (dollars)
All areas	959,310	485.64
Boston	33,020	497.03
Connecticut	6,350	464.65
Maine	3,200	454.06
Massachusetts	16,420	513.86
New Hampshire	1,710	434.42
Rhode Island	3,730	542.10
Vermont	1,610	500.66
New York	88,150	495.64
New Jersey	20,310	480.45
New York	67,840	500.19
Philadelphia	102,140	478.50
Delaware	3,080	454.60
District of Columbia	4,140	483.67
Maryland	14,160	459.91
Pennsylvania	51,310	493.19
Virginia	20,910	461.78
West Virginia	8,540	468.17
Atlanta	257,240	468.09
Alabama	26,630	482.60
Florida	78,200	466.62
Georgia	30,660	464.97
Kentucky	25,450	482.62
Mississippi	21,310	473.80
North Carolina	34,960	451.07
South Carolina	17,530	459.96
Tennessee	22,500	471.23
Chicago	162,470	473.68
Illinois	43,010	483.49
Indiana	18,930	464.41
Michigan	35,170	479.95
Minnesota	9,530	453.14
Ohio	40,720	473.26
Wisconsin	15,110	456.90
Dallas	127,520	472.80
Arkansas	15,170	467.04
Louisiana	29,180	486.14
New Mexico	6,570	478.27
Oklahoma	11,400	482.69
Texas	65,200	465.89
Kansas City	33,950	466.85
Iowa	6,090	440.68
Kansas	6,440	457.92
Missouri	17,990	478.91
Nebraska	3,430	466.79
Denver	16,110	443.17
Colorado	6,780	436.07
Montana	1,740	463.65
North Dakota	880	457.34
South Dakota	1,890	448.29
Utah	3,930	440.19
Wyoming	890	445.46

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Table 5.
Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment,
by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2003—Continued

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment ^a (dollars)
San Francisco	114,260	570.07
Arizona	14,760	477.45
California	92,790	592.16
Hawaii	1,350	472.20
Nevada	5,140	463.69
Northern Mariana Islands	220	549.64
Seattle	24,450	454.52
Alaska	1,050	440.74
Idaho	3,590	456.08
Oregon	7,210	447.75
Washington	12,600	459.09

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: The data in this table represent recipients who received SSI payments in December 2003. These numbers differ from those in Table 1, which is based on universe counts.

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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Table 6.
Percentage distribution of children receiving federal SSI payments, by monthly payment, December 2003

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	959,310
Percent	100.0
None ^a	0.3
Under 50	2.5
50–99	1.3
100–199	3.3
200–299	4.4
300–399	9.9
400–499	10.3
500–551	5.7
552	62.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons receiving only a state supplementary payment on December 1, 2003.

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Table 7.
Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,
by selected characteristics, December 2003

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	959,310	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	18,080	1.9
1	27,740	2.9
2	31,210	3.3
3	37,350	3.9
4	40,280	4.2
5	45,720	4.8
6	47,240	4.9
7	49,140	5.1
8	54,000	5.6
9	60,660	6.3
10	64,770	6.8
11	68,440	7.1
12	72,690	7.6
13	73,100	7.6
14	72,440	7.6
15	70,670	7.4
16	65,390	6.8
17	60,390	6.3
Sex		
Male	619,450	64.6
Female	339,860	35.4
Citizenship status		
Citizen	955,280	99.6
Noncitizen	4,030	0.4
Living arrangements		
Own household	128,140	13.4
Another's household	30,020	3.1
Parent's household	787,600	82.1
Medicaid institution	13,550	1.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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Table 8.
Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,
by diagnostic group and age, December 2003

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3–5	6–12	13–17
	Number				
All recipients under age 18	959,310	77,030	123,350	416,940	341,990
Congenital anomalies	47,460	11,890	10,820	17,450	7,300
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,340	700	1,080	2,330	2,230
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,540	110	180	1,370	880
Injuries	5,190	420	950	2,090	1,730
Mental disorders					
Retardation	228,150	1,820	10,780	91,460	124,090
Other	384,750	6,380	43,610	193,760	141,000
Neoplasms	9,370	770	2,240	4,070	2,290
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,200	810	1,980	5,600	3,810
Circulatory system	5,000	1,170	1,120	1,790	920
Digestive system	4,910	1,680	1,430	1,170	630
Genitourinary system	2,690	370	350	920	1,050
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,760	620	970	2,920	3,250
Nervous system and sense organs	93,230	6,440	13,950	42,960	29,880
Respiratory system	25,630	3,750	7,110	10,270	4,500
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	920	100	210	450	160
Other	86,290	36,540	21,400	21,780	6,570
Unknown	36,880	3,460	5,170	16,550	11,700
	Percent				
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	4.9	15.4	8.8	4.2	2.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Injuries	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5
Mental disorders					
Retardation	23.8	2.4	8.7	21.9	36.3
Other	40.1	8.3	35.4	46.5	41.2
Neoplasms	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	0.7
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.1
Circulatory system	0.5	1.5	0.9	0.4	0.3
Digestive system	0.5	2.2	1.2	0.3	0.2
Genitourinary system	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0
Nervous system and sense organs	9.7	8.4	11.3	10.3	8.7
Respiratory system	2.7	4.9	5.8	2.5	1.3
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Other	9.0	47.4	17.3	5.2	1.9
Unknown	3.8	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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Table 9.
Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,
by diagnostic group and sex, December 2003

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	959,310	100.0	619,450	100.0	339,860	100.0
Congenital anomalies	47,460	4.9	25,240	4.1	22,220	6.5
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,340	0.7	2,960	0.5	3,380	1.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,540	0.3	1,250	0.2	1,290	0.4
Injuries	5,190	0.5	3,150	0.5	2,040	0.6
Mental disorders						
Retardation	228,150	23.8	140,630	22.7	87,520	25.8
Other	384,750	40.1	284,690	46.0	100,060	29.4
Neoplasms	9,370	1.0	5,060	0.8	4,310	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,200	1.3	6,940	1.1	5,260	1.5
Circulatory system	5,000	0.5	2,500	0.4	2,500	0.7
Digestive system	4,910	0.5	2,610	0.4	2,300	0.7
Genitourinary system	2,690	0.3	1,560	0.3	1,130	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,760	0.8	3,780	0.6	3,980	1.2
Nervous system and sense organs	93,230	9.7	52,090	8.4	41,140	12.1
Respiratory system	25,630	2.7	16,050	2.6	9,580	2.8
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	920	0.1	490	0.1	430	0.1
Other	86,290	9.0	47,710	7.7	38,580	11.4
Unknown	36,880	3.8	22,740	3.7	14,140	4.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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Table 10.
Number and percentage distribution of adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18,
by year of first eligibility and age in December 2003

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2003			
		18-21	22-29	30-39	40 or older ^a
Total					
Number	606,620	188,180	232,860	133,330	52,250
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974-1976	12.6	...	1.1	27.8	70.6
1977-1980	13.6	...	10.3	32.5	28.3
1981-1984	12.5	4.8	16.4	21.2	1.1
1985-1989	16.8	20.2	18.2	16.3	...
1990-1994	30.5	42.0	44.2	2.2	...
1995-1999	11.1	23.7	9.7	...	...
2000-2003	2.9	9.4	...	...	...

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Those under age 18 in 1974 would be no older than 47 in 2003.

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Table 11.
Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments
and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2003

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	959,310	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income ^a	698,840	72.8	...
With income ^b	260,470	27.2	202
Earned income only	1,760	0.2	337
Unearned income only	257,640	26.9	199
Both earned and unearned income	1,070	0.1	522
With unearned income ^c	258,710	27.0	199
Social Security	67,400	7.0	191
Veterans'	1,510	0.2	79
Income based on need	7,760	0.8	245
Support from absent parents	116,530	12.1	200
Asset income	16,330	1.7	1
Other	4,960	0.5	664
In-kind income	68,350	7.1	148

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The percentage of children receiving the full federal benefit rate, as shown in Table 6, is smaller than the percentage of those with no income, as shown here, because of the effect of parental deemed income in the payment computation.
- b. Does not include income deemed from parents in the household.
- c. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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Table 12.
Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,
by number of parents in the household, December 2003

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	959,310	100.0
No parents ^a	121,090	12.6
One parent	618,030	64.4
Two parents	220,190	23.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: The total of children with one or two parents in the household differs slightly from the number of children living in a parent's household in Table 7. This is because the data in Table 7 represent only households in which a parent is the head of the household, whereas the data in this table include children living with parents who are not the head of the household.

a. Children with no parents in the household reside independently, with other relatives or nonrelatives, or in institutions or foster care. Deeming does not apply in these situations.

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Table 13.**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2003**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
			Mother only		Father only	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	618,030	100.0	585,370	100.0	32,660	100.0
No parental income	274,530	44.4	262,580	44.9	11,950	36.6
Parental income ^a	343,500	55.6	322,790	55.1	20,710	63.4
Earned income	209,550	33.9	195,410	33.4	14,140	43.3
Unearned income	156,350	25.3	148,540	25.4	7,810	23.9
Total income (dollars)						
None	274,530	44.4	262,580	44.9	11,950	36.6
Under 200	79,500	12.9	77,310	13.2	2,190	6.7
200–399	27,150	4.4	25,910	4.4	1,240	3.8
400–599	32,970	5.3	31,170	5.3	1,800	5.5
600–999	62,590	10.1	58,850	10.1	3,740	11.5
1,000 or more	141,290	22.9	129,550	22.1	11,740	35.9
Earned income (dollars)						
None	408,480	66.1	389,960	66.6	18,520	56.7
Under 200	4,200	0.7	3,900	0.7	300	0.9
200–399	8,520	1.4	8,090	1.4	430	1.3
400–599	16,110	2.6	15,510	2.6	600	1.8
600–999	45,720	7.4	43,780	7.5	1,940	5.9
1,000 or more	135,000	21.8	124,130	21.2	10,870	33.3
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	461,680	74.7	436,830	74.6	24,850	76.1
Under 200	92,580	15.0	89,930	15.4	2,650	8.1
200–399	22,230	3.6	21,200	3.6	1,030	3.2
400–599	19,580	3.2	18,160	3.1	1,420	4.3
600–999	17,800	2.9	15,780	2.7	2,020	6.2
1,000 or more	4,160	0.7	3,470	0.6	690	2.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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Table 14.**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2003**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	220,190	100.0	220,190	100.0	220,190	100.0
No parental income	36,150	16.4	139,790	63.5	61,880	28.1
Parental income ^a	184,040	83.6	80,400	36.5	158,310	71.9
Earned income	149,440	67.9	51,500	23.4	124,560	56.6
Unearned income	58,540	26.6	33,470	15.2	44,650	20.3
Total income (dollars)						
None	36,150	16.4	139,790	63.5	61,880	28.1
Under 200	8,820	4.0	20,450	9.3	9,500	4.3
200–399	6,620	3.0	7,180	3.3	5,220	2.4
400–599	8,540	3.9	8,700	4.0	9,260	4.2
600–999	22,500	10.2	14,600	6.6	22,750	10.3
1,000 or more	137,560	62.5	29,470	13.4	111,580	50.7
Earned income (dollars)						
None	70,750	32.1	168,690	76.6	95,630	43.4
Under 200	1,570	0.7	2,510	1.1	1,650	0.7
200–399	2,500	1.1	3,690	1.7	2,180	1.0
400–599	4,290	1.9	4,940	2.2	3,740	1.7
600–999	14,130	6.4	11,870	5.4	11,410	5.2
1,000 or more	126,950	57.7	28,490	12.9	105,580	47.9
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	161,650	73.4	186,720	84.8	175,540	79.7
Under 200	17,610	8.0	21,800	9.9	14,960	6.8
200–399	8,850	4.0	3,970	1.8	4,900	2.2
400–599	9,100	4.1	4,050	1.8	6,730	3.1
600–999	14,690	6.7	3,020	1.4	12,450	5.7
1,000 or more	8,290	3.8	630	0.3	5,610	2.5

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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Table 15.**Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2003**

Type of income	All children with parental income		Children with parental income from—			
	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Mother		Father	
			Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total ^a	527,540	1,216	403,190	886	179,020	1,588
Earned income	358,990	1,582	246,910	1,257	138,700	1,858
Unearned income ^b	214,890	342	182,010	258	52,460	505
Social Security	57,970	539	44,670	419	20,240	619
Other pensions	3,990	455	2,020	416	2,310	421
Public income-maintenance	107,090	133	102,240	122	12,460	146
Asset income	20,800	35	15,730	26	7,800	40
Other	37,670	676	25,070	583	13,060	832

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income.
- b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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Table 16.**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2003**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	838,220	100.0	618,030	73.7	220,190	26.3
<i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i>						
Subtotal	666,100	100.0	519,990	100.0	146,110	100.0
No parental income	310,680	46.6	274,530	52.8	36,150	24.7
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	107,090	16.1	90,980	17.5	16,110	11.0
Income less than deeming allocations ^a	20,930	3.1	14,760	2.8	6,170	4.2
Income less than exclusions ^b	227,400	34.1	139,720	26.9	87,680	60.0
<i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i>						
Subtotal	172,120	100.0	98,040	100.0	74,080	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	131,440	76.4	75,930	77.4	55,510	74.9
Unearned income only	19,210	11.2	14,020	14.3	5,190	7.0
Both earned and unearned income	17,690	10.3	5,950	6.1	11,740	15.8
Manually computed deemed income	3,780	2.2	2,140	2.2	1,640	2.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Includes allocations for ineligible children and SSI-eligible aliens sponsored by parents.

b. Includes \$65 and one-half of the remaining earned income exclusion, \$20 general income exclusion, and parental living allowance.

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