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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Alabama, benefits were paid to 884,410 persons. This number included 484,310 retired workers, 98,650 widows and widowers, 159,300 disabled workers, 47,110 wives and husbands, and 95,040 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.5 percent of the total

population of the state and 92.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Alabama received an average of \$912 per month; widows and widowers, \$823; disabled workers, \$866; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$451. Average benefits for children were \$458 for children of retired workers, \$590 for children of deceased workers, and \$261 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$723 million. Of this amount, \$466 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$107 million to survivors, and \$150 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Alabama, 163,002 persons—19,218 aged and 143,784 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 36,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 98,836 were aged 18 to 64, and 27,556 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$68.1 million. The average federal payment was \$374 overall: \$179 for aged recipients and \$401 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 434 persons in Alabama received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$26,000.

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In Alabama in 2003, an estimated 2.26 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$56.27 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.98 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Alabama in 2003, an estimated 2.28 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$62.38 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.81 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Alaska, benefits were paid to 63,440 persons. This number included 37,150 retired workers, 5,260 widows and widowers, 9,380 disabled workers, 2,920 wives and husbands, and 8,730 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 9.6 percent of the total population of the

state and 92.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Alaska received an average of \$920 per month; widows and widowers, \$840; disabled workers, \$868; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$419. Average benefits for children were \$418 for children of retired workers, \$605 for children of deceased workers, and \$231 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$52 million. Of this amount, \$36 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$7 million to survivors, and \$9 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Alaska, 10,781 persons—2,170 aged and 8,611 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 3,020 recipients were aged 65 or older, 6,683 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,078 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$4.5 million. The average federal payment was \$387 overall: \$273 for aged recipients and \$416 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 14,980 persons in Alaska received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$4.3 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Alaska receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 70,503.

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In Alaska in 2003, an estimated 377,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$10.43 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.29 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Alaska in 2003, an estimated 404,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$13.03 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$378 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Arizona, benefits were paid to 888,460 persons. This number included 578,590 retired workers, 76,490 widows and widowers, 114,250 disabled workers, 49,760 wives and husbands, and 69,370 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.5 percent of the total

population of the state and 86.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Arizona received an average of \$973 per month; widows and widowers, \$930; disabled workers, \$924; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$482. Average benefits for children were \$467 for children of retired workers, \$605 for children of deceased workers, and \$262 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$794 million. Of this amount, \$590 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$90 million to survivors, and \$114 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Arizona, 94,400 persons—13,169 aged and 81,231 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 22,790 recipients were aged 65 or older, 55,295 were aged 18 to 64, and 16,315 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$41.3 million. The average federal payment was \$406 overall: \$292 for aged recipients and \$424 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 457 persons in Arizona received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$23,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Arizona receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 952,495.

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In Arizona in 2003, an estimated 2.71 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$83.50 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.42 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Arkansas, benefits were paid to 546,080 persons. This number included 310,790 retired workers, 58,020 widows and widowers, 95,960 disabled workers, 28,060 wives and husbands, and 53,240 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 20.1 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.1 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Arkansas received an average of \$888 per month; widows and widowers, \$795; disabled workers, \$846; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$429. Average benefits for children were \$451 for children of retired workers, \$554 for children of deceased workers, and \$249 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$437 million. Of this amount, \$290 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$59 million to survivors, and \$88 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Arkansas, 87,928 persons—10,390 aged and 77,538 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 19,932 recipients were aged 65 or older, 51,675 were aged 18 to 64, and 16,321 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$35.3 million, of which all but \$3,689 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$361 overall: \$160 for aged recipients and \$388 for disabled and blind recipients.

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In California, benefits were paid to 4,411,970 persons. This number included 2,838,010 retired workers, 407,540 widows and widowers, 532,490 disabled workers, 281,740 wives and husbands, and 352,190 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.3 percent of

the total population of the state and 83.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in California received an average of \$957 per month; widows and widowers, \$926; disabled workers, \$910; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$459. Average benefits for children were \$450 for children of retired workers, \$638 for children of deceased workers, and \$276 for children of disabled workers.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In California, 1,183,002 persons—348,333 aged and 834,669 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 508,904 recipients were aged 65 or older, 578,944 were aged 18 to 64, and 95,154 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$688.5 million, of which \$417.2 million was federal SSI and \$271.3 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$559 overall: \$506 for aged recipients and \$581 for disabled and blind recipients.

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In California in 2003, an estimated 17.55 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$674.22 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$19.55 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Colorado, benefits were paid to 571,470 persons. This number included 366,660 retired workers, 55,380 widows and widowers, 69,780 disabled workers, 35,840 wives and husbands, and 43,810 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.4 percent of the total

population of the state and 91.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Colorado received an average of \$935 per month; widows and widowers, \$910; disabled workers, \$887; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$471. Average benefits for children were \$489 for children of retired workers, \$656 for children of deceased workers, and \$277 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$494 million. Of this amount, \$362 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$65 million to survivors, and \$67 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Colorado, 54,131 persons—8,371 aged and 45,760 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 13,567 recipients were aged 65 or older, 33,981 were aged 18 to 64, and 6,583 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$23.1 million. The average federal payment was \$381 overall: \$298 for aged recipients and \$396 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 33,724 persons in Colorado received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$7.4 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Colorado receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 605,961.

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In Colorado in 2003, an estimated 2.37 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$68.68 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$8.52 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Connecticut, benefits were paid to 584,090 persons. This number included 406,450 retired workers, 48,820 widows and widowers, 62,320 disabled workers, 24,820 wives and husbands, and 41,680 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Connecticut received an average of \$1,044 per month; widows and widowers, \$1,002; disabled workers, \$932; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$537. Average benefits for children were \$529 for children of retired workers, \$721 for children of deceased workers, and \$282 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$567 million. Of this amount, \$440 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$63 million to survivors, and \$63 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Connecticut, 51,536 persons—6,767 aged and 44,769 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 12,410 recipients were aged 65 or older, 32,748 were aged 18 to 64, and 6,378 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$22.6 million. The average federal payment was \$404 overall: \$327 for aged recipients and \$416 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 16,343 persons in Connecticut received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$6.7 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Connecticut receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 619,955.

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In Connecticut in 2003, an estimated 1.96 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$66.29 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$8.22 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Delaware, benefits were paid to 148,860 persons. This number included 96,620 retired workers, 13,290 widows and widowers, 19,880 disabled workers, 6,990 wives and husbands, and 12,080 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.6 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Delaware received an average of \$1,004 per month; widows and widowers, \$957; disabled workers, \$936; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$524. Average benefits for children were \$507 for children of retired workers, \$667 for children of deceased workers, and \$288 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$138 million. Of this amount, \$101 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$16 million to survivors, and \$20 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Delaware, 13,452 persons—1,293 aged and 12,159 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 2,399 recipients were aged 65 or older, 7,947 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,106 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$5.8 million, of which \$5.7 million was federal SSI and \$92,530 was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$391 overall: \$253 for aged recipients and \$406 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Delaware receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 157,915.

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In Delaware in 2003, an estimated 496,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$14.84 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.84 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Delaware in 2003, an estimated 499,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$16.63 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$482 million in Medicare taxes.

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In the District of Columbia, benefits were paid to 71,670 persons. This number included 46,910 retired workers, 6,770 widows and widowers, 9,270 disabled workers, 2,460 wives and husbands, and 6,260 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 13.0 percent of

the total population of the state and 77.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in the District of Columbia received an average of \$819 per month; widows and widowers, \$755; disabled workers, \$824; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$415. Average benefits for children were \$431 for children of retired workers, \$488 for children of deceased workers, and \$268 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$55 million. Of this amount, \$40 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$7 million to survivors, and \$8 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In the District of Columbia, 20,856 persons—2,048 aged and 18,808 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 4,317 recipients were aged 65 or older, 12,304 were aged 18 to 64, and 4,235 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$9.9 million, of which \$9.5 million was federal SSI and \$332,923 was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$430 overall: \$267 for aged recipients and \$448 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in the District of Columbia receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 87,297.

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In Florida, benefits were paid to 3,381,970 persons. This number included 2,294,180 retired workers, 297,870 widows and widowers, 377,030 disabled workers, 178,720 wives and husbands, and 234,170 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.5 percent of

the total population of the state and 85.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Florida received an average of \$951 per month; widows and widowers, \$924; disabled workers, \$895; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$472. Average benefits for children were \$453 for children of retired workers, \$613 for children of deceased workers, and \$267 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$3.0 billion. Of this amount, \$2.3 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$342 million to survivors, and \$364 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Florida, 412,970 persons—94,688 aged and 318,282 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 136,573 recipients were aged 65 or older, 197,811 were aged 18 to 64, and 78,586 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$174.2 million, of which all but \$24,486 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$395 overall: \$318 for aged recipients and \$418 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 14,800 persons in Florida received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$755,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Florida receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 3,657,103.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Florida in 2003, an estimated 8.76 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$226.27 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$28.06 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Florida in 2003, an estimated 8.83 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$266.57 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$7.73 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Georgia, benefits were paid to 1,192,050 persons. This number included 708,670 retired workers, 118,250 widows and widowers, 187,620 disabled workers, 54,720 wives and husbands, and 122,790 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 13.5 percent of the

total population of the state and 91.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Georgia received an average of \$929 per month; widows and widowers, \$836; disabled workers, \$878; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$466. Average benefits for children were \$471 for children of retired workers, \$605 for children of deceased workers, and \$268 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.0 billion. Of this amount, \$689 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$137 million to survivors, and \$178 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Georgia, 199,898 persons—28,209 aged and 171,689 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 52,282 recipients were aged 65 or older, 116,203 were aged 18 to 64, and 31,413 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$82.0 million, of which all but \$12,413 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$372 overall: \$212 for aged recipients and \$398 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Georgia receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,315,618.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Georgia in 2003, an estimated 4.49 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$124.81 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$15.48 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Georgia in 2003, an estimated 4.60 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$149.17 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$4.33 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Hawaii, benefits were paid to 199,240 persons. This number included 141,990 retired workers, 16,210 widows and widowers, 18,050 disabled workers, 9,480 wives and husbands, and 13,510 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.6 percent of the total

population of the state and 87.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Hawaii received an average of \$945 per month; widows and widowers, \$879; disabled workers, \$915; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$444. Average benefits for children were \$464 for children of retired workers, \$627 for children of deceased workers, and \$282 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$176 million. Of this amount, \$139 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$18 million to survivors, and \$18 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Hawaii, 22,251 persons—6,510 aged and 15,741 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 8,520 recipients were aged 65 or older, 12,293 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,438 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$10.3 million, of which \$9.2 million was federal SSI and \$1.1 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$437 overall: \$364 for aged recipients and \$467 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Hawaii receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 214,346.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Hawaii in 2003, an estimated 699,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$19.64 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.43 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Hawaii in 2003, an estimated 720,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$22.36 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$648 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Idaho, benefits were paid to 219,250 persons. This number included 140,330 retired workers, 19,940 widows and widowers, 27,430 disabled workers, 14,130 wives and husbands, and 17,420 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 96.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Idaho received an average of \$931 per month; widows and widowers, \$914; disabled workers, \$879; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$469. Average benefits for children were \$499 for children of retired workers, \$613 for children of deceased workers, and \$234 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$187 million. Of this amount, \$138 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$23 million to survivors, and \$26 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Idaho, 20,993 persons—1,723 aged and 19,270 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 3,058 recipients were aged 65 or older, 14,191 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,744 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$8.9 million. The average federal payment was \$383 overall: \$208 for aged recipients and \$399 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 12,398 persons in Idaho received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$686,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Idaho receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 232,728.

Earnings and Employment Data

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In Idaho in 2003, an estimated 743,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$17.61 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.18 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Idaho in 2003, an estimated 747,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$19.09 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$554 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Illinois, benefits were paid to 1,883,750 persons. This number included 1,221,330 retired workers, 195,560 widows and widowers, 210,030 disabled workers, 100,520 wives and husbands, and 156,300 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.8 percent of

the total population of the state and 90.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Illinois received an average of \$993 per month; widows and widowers, \$960; disabled workers, \$924; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$498. Average benefits for children were \$492 for children of retired workers, \$652 for children of deceased workers, and \$277 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.7 billion. Of this amount, \$1.3 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$240 million to survivors, and \$211 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Illinois, 255,624 persons—30,522 aged and 225,102 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 57,437 recipients were aged 65 or older, 155,020 were aged 18 to 64, and 43,167 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$115.7 million. The average federal payment was \$427 overall: \$339 for aged recipients and \$439 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 30,501 persons in Illinois received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$2.3 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Illinois receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,077,718.

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Social Security

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In Illinois in 2003, an estimated 6.59 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$194.43 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$24.11 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Illinois in 2003, an estimated 6.79 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$245.42 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$7.12 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

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In Indiana, benefits were paid to 1,038,130 persons. This number included 657,840 retired workers, 105,260 widows and widowers, 134,020 disabled workers, 54,400 wives and husbands, and 86,610 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.8 percent of the total

population of the state and 95.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Indiana received an average of \$1,003 per month; widows and widowers, \$955; disabled workers, \$899; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$507. Average benefits for children were \$526 for children of retired workers, \$660 for children of deceased workers, and \$259 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$950 million. Of this amount, \$692 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$128 million to survivors, and \$131 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Indiana, 96,191 persons—6,106 aged and 90,085 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 12,515 recipients were aged 65 or older, 63,861 were aged 18 to 64, and 19,815 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$42.1 million. The average federal payment was \$398 overall: \$226 for aged recipients and \$409 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 1,140 persons in Indiana received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$297,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Indiana receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,103,317.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Indiana in 2003, an estimated 3.54 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$94.74 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$11.75 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Indiana in 2003, an estimated 3.56 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$104 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.02 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Iowa, benefits were paid to 545,990 persons. This number included 358,340 retired workers, 60,150 widows and widowers, 58,310 disabled workers, 34,490 wives and husbands, and 34,700 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.6 percent of the total

population of the state and 96.1 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Iowa received an average of \$952 per month; widows and widowers, \$925; disabled workers, \$857; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$480. Average benefits for children were \$517 for children of retired workers, \$644 for children of deceased workers, and \$266 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$480 million. Of this amount, \$360 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$67 million to survivors, and \$54 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Iowa, 42,618 persons—3,694 aged and 38,924 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 7,101 recipients were aged 65 or older, 28,977 were aged 18 to 64, and 6,540 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$17.5 million, of which all but \$316,655 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$370 overall: \$210 for aged recipients and \$385 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 4,448 persons in Iowa received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$1.4 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Iowa receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 571,813.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Iowa in 2003, an estimated 1.72 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$43.03 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.34 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Iowa in 2003, an estimated 1.72 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$46.56 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.35 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Kansas, benefits were paid to 447,140 persons. This number included 291,570 retired workers, 45,770 widows and widowers, 51,520 disabled workers, 24,660 wives and husbands, and 33,620 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.4 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Kansas received an average of \$979 per month; widows and widowers, \$956; disabled workers, \$866; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$497. Average benefits for children were \$497 for children of retired workers, \$628 for children of deceased workers, and \$253 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$401 million. Of this amount, \$299 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$54 million to survivors, and \$48 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Kansas, 38,476 persons—3,393 aged and 35,083 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 6,545 recipients were aged 65 or older, 25,130 were aged 18 to 64, and 6,801 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$16.8 million. The average federally administered payment was \$384 overall: \$240 for aged recipients and \$398 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Kansas receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 471,786.

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In Kansas in 2003, an estimated 1.55 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$41.16 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.10 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Kansas in 2003, an estimated 1.56 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$46.30 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.34 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Kentucky, benefits were paid to 784,910 persons. This number included 408,110 retired workers, 92,390 widows and widowers, 152,410 disabled workers, 50,400 wives and husbands, and 81,590 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.9 percent of the total

population of the state and 92.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Kentucky received an average of \$903 per month; widows and widowers, \$814; disabled workers, \$879; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$425. Average benefits for children were \$441 for children of retired workers, \$596 for children of deceased workers, and \$261 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$632 million. Of this amount, \$391 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$95 million to survivors, and \$146 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Kentucky, 179,438 persons—14,872 aged and 164,566 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 34,667 recipients were aged 65 or older, 118,946 were aged 18 to 64, and 25,825 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$75.9 million. The average federal payment was \$392 overall: \$187 for aged recipients and \$411 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 4,406 persons in Kentucky received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$1.4 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Kentucky receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 900,906.

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In Kentucky in 2003, an estimated 2.15 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$52.32 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.49 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Louisiana, benefits were paid to 739,180 persons. This number included 377,770 retired workers, 104,640 widows and widowers, 109,910 disabled workers, 57,750 wives and husbands, and 89,110 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.4 percent of the total

population of the state and 90.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Louisiana received an average of \$888 per month; widows and widowers, \$826; disabled workers, \$887; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$438. Average benefits for children were \$420 for children of retired workers, \$563 for children of deceased workers, and \$253 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$582 million. Of this amount, \$364 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$111 million to survivors, and \$108 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Louisiana, 169,549 persons—19,604 aged and 149,945 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 38,130 recipients were aged 65 or older, 100,522 were aged 18 to 64, and 30,897 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$71.1 million, of which all but \$3,194 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$391 overall: \$198 for aged recipients and \$416 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 4,797 persons in Louisiana received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$38,000.

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Medicare

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In Louisiana in 2003, an estimated 2.29 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$62.82 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.82 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (nondisabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Maine, benefits were paid to 265,470 persons. This number included 160,320 retired workers, 25,390 widows and widowers, 43,580 disabled workers, 13,590 wives and husbands, and 22,590 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 20.2 percent of the total

population of the state and 95.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Maine received an average of \$882 per month; widows and widowers, \$856; disabled workers, \$819; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$444. Average benefits for children were \$451 for children of retired workers, \$630 for children of deceased workers, and \$231 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$214 million. Of this amount, \$148 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$27 million to survivors, and \$39 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Maine, 31,641 persons—2,589 aged and 29,052 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 5,482 recipients were aged 65 or older, 22,885 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,274 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$12.9 million. The average federal payment was \$364 overall: \$165 for aged recipients and \$381 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 32,557 persons in Maine received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$615,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Maine receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 283,372.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Maine in 2003, an estimated 782,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$18.97 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.35 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Maine in 2003, an estimated 814,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$21.80 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$632 million in Medicare taxes.

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Maryland, benefits were paid to 761,160 persons. This number included 499,620 retired workers, 75,210 widows and widowers, 86,860 disabled workers, 35,200 wives and husbands, and 64,270 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 13.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 87.4 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Maryland received an average of \$962 per month; widows and widowers, \$923; disabled workers, \$926; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$493. Average benefits for children were \$511 for children of retired workers, \$639 for children of deceased workers, and \$287 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$681 million. Of this amount, \$502 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$93 million to survivors, and \$86 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Maryland, 92,776 persons—15,379 aged and 77,397 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 24,695 recipients were aged 65 or older, 53,781 were aged 18 to 64, and 14,300 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$42.2 million, of which all but \$7,455 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$408 overall: \$318 for aged recipients and \$426 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 2,973 persons in Maryland received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$641,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Maryland receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 827,511.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Maryland in 2003, an estimated 3.13 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$105.40 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$13.07 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Maryland in 2003, an estimated 3.18 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$125.44 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.64 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Massachusetts, benefits were paid to 1,066,620 persons. This number included 692,260 retired workers, 96,030 widows and widowers, 146,990 disabled workers, 47,430 wives and husbands, and 83,910 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.6 per-

cent of the total population of the state and 90.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Massachusetts received an average of \$961 per month; widows and widowers, \$933; disabled workers, \$883; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$483. Average benefits for children were \$480 for children of retired workers, \$677 for children of deceased workers, and \$266 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$946 million. Of this amount, \$693 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$113 million to survivors, and \$141 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Massachusetts, 169,205 persons—44,272 aged and 124,933 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 47,777 recipients were aged 65 or older, 104,301 were aged 18 to 64, and 17,127 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$79.6 million, of which \$64.9 million was federal SSI and \$14.7 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$438 overall: \$370 for aged recipients and \$462 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Massachusetts receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,172,766.

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In Massachusetts in 2003, an estimated 3.47 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$112.71 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$13.98 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Massachusetts in 2003, an estimated 3.69 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$149.67 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$4.34 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Michigan, benefits were paid to 1,716,290 persons. This number included 1,059,530 retired workers, 179,870 widows and widowers, 226,060 disabled workers, 99,620 wives and husbands, and 151,210 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.0 percent of the

total population of the state and 95.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Michigan received an average of \$1,029 per month; widows and widowers, \$967; disabled workers, \$950; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$514. Average benefits for children were \$519 for children of retired workers, \$660 for children of deceased workers, and \$277 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.6 billion. Of this amount, \$1.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$221 million to survivors, and \$233 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Michigan, 219,337 persons—17,131 aged and 202,206 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 36,227 recipients were aged 65 or older, 146,604 were aged 18 to 64, and 36,506 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$100.6 million, of which \$98.5 million was federal SSI and \$2.1 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$424 overall: \$292 for aged recipients and \$435 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Michigan receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,868,491.

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In Michigan in 2003, an estimated 5.49 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$160.55 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$19.91 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Minnesota, benefits were paid to 775,050 persons. This number included 517,510 retired workers, 76,260 widows and widowers, 84,830 disabled workers, 44,770 wives and husbands, and 51,680 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.2 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Minnesota received an average of \$955 per month; widows and widowers, \$925; disabled workers, \$879; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$480. Average benefits for children were \$505 for children of retired workers, \$673 for children of deceased workers, and \$260 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$686 million. Of this amount, \$519 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$88 million to survivors, and \$80 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Minnesota, 70,745 persons—9,865 aged and 60,880 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 15,970 recipients were aged 65 or older, 44,793 were aged 18 to 64, and 9,982 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$30.4 million. The average federal payment was \$398 overall: \$312 for aged recipients and \$412 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 40,320 persons in Minnesota received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$7.7 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Minnesota receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 823,088.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Minnesota in 2003, an estimated 3.06 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$91.04 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$11.29 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Minnesota in 2003, an estimated 3.08 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$105.68 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.06 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Mississippi, benefits were paid to 545,710 persons. This number included 289,380 retired workers, 56,860 widows and widowers, 103,870 disabled workers, 25,310 wives and husbands, and 70,290 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 92.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Mississippi received an average of \$875 per month; widows and widowers, \$765; disabled workers, \$835; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$422. Average benefits for children were \$423 for children of retired workers, \$552 for children of deceased workers, and \$244 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$422 million. Of this amount, \$266 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$61 million to survivors, and \$95 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Mississippi, 125,180 persons—16,341 aged and 108,839 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 32,077 recipients were aged 65 or older, 71,253 were aged 18 to 64, and 21,850 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$51.4 million, of which all but \$1,131 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$369 overall: \$173 for aged recipients and \$399 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Mississippi receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 619,300.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Mississippi in 2003, an estimated 1.39 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$31.30 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.88 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Mississippi in 2003, an estimated 1.40 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$33.61 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$975 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Missouri, benefits were paid to 1,046,110 persons. This number included 642,970 retired workers, 102,730 widows and widowers, 153,570 disabled workers, 54,680 wives and husbands, and 92,160 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.2 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Missouri received an average of \$944 per month; widows and widowers, \$891; disabled workers, \$872; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$469. Average benefits for children were \$477 for children of retired workers, \$619 for children of deceased workers, and \$254 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$899 million. Of this amount, \$636 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$118 million to survivors, and \$145 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Missouri, 116,131 persons—10,006 aged and 106,125 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 20,449 recipients were aged 65 or older, 76,973 were aged 18 to 64, and 18,709 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$50.4 million. The average federally administered payment was \$386 overall: \$218 for aged recipients and \$402 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 8,865 persons in Missouri received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$2.2 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Missouri receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,119,566.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Missouri in 2003, an estimated 3.12 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$78.95 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$9.79 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Missouri in 2003, an estimated 3.19 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$90.96 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.64 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Montana, benefits were paid to 165,910 persons. This number included 106,970 retired workers, 16,770 widows and widowers, 19,070 disabled workers, 10,780 wives and husbands, and 12,320 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.9 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Montana received an average of \$916 per month; widows and widowers, \$883; disabled workers, \$863; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$459. Average benefits for children were \$430 for children of retired workers, \$605 for children of deceased workers, and \$249 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$140 million. Of this amount, \$103 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$19 million to survivors, and \$18 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Montana, 14,558 persons—1,173 aged and 13,385 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 2,447 recipients were aged 65 or older, 10,224 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,887 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$5.9 million, of which all but \$77,925 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$377 overall: \$189 for aged recipients and \$393 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Montana receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 174,776.

Earnings and Employment Data

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In Montana in 2003, an estimated 535,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$11.41 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.42 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Montana in 2003, an estimated 539,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$12.40 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$360 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Nebraska, benefits were paid to 290,580 persons. This number included 190,650 retired workers, 29,720 widows and widowers, 31,910 disabled workers, 18,070 wives and husbands, and 20,230 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.6 percent of the total

population of the state and 94.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Nebraska received an average of \$937 per month; widows and widowers, \$927; disabled workers, \$847; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$475. Average benefits for children were \$510 for children of retired workers, \$648 for children of deceased workers, and \$240 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$251 million. Of this amount, \$188 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$34 million to survivors, and \$29 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Nebraska, 22,100 persons—2,090 aged and 20,010 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 3,898 recipients were aged 65 or older, 14,864 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,338 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$9.2 million. The average federal payment was \$368 overall: \$220 for aged recipients and \$383 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 5,574 persons in Nebraska received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$519,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Nebraska receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 303,768.

Earnings and Employment Data

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In Nebraska in 2003, an estimated 1.05 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$26.17 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.24 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Nebraska in 2003, an estimated 1.05 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$28.90 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$838 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (nondisabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Nevada, benefits were paid to 340,680 persons. This number included 230,990 retired workers, 26,440 widows and widowers, 43,030 disabled workers, 15,120 wives and husbands, and 25,100 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.5 percent of the total

population of the state and 91.0 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Nevada received an average of \$962 per month; widows and widowers, \$939; disabled workers, \$960; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$473. Average benefits for children were \$471 for children of retired workers, \$671 for children of deceased workers, and \$271 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$308 million. Of this amount, \$231 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$32 million to survivors, and \$44 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Nevada, 32,129 persons—8,159 aged and 23,970 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 8,623 recipients were aged 65 or older, 17,909 were aged 18 to 64, and 5,597 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$13.8 million, of which \$13.4 million was federal SSI and \$470,048 was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$396 overall: \$312 for aged recipients and \$425 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Nevada receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 362,393.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Nevada in 2003, an estimated 1.15 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$30.22 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.75 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Nevada in 2003, an estimated 1.21 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$37.10 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.08 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In New Hampshire, benefits were paid to 219,080 persons. This number included 143,580 retired workers, 18,050 widows and widowers, 30,090 disabled workers, 8,850 wives and husbands, and 18,510 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.6 percent of

the total population of the state and 96.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New Hampshire received an average of \$978 per month; widows and widowers, \$948; disabled workers, \$897; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$505. Average benefits for children were \$513 for children of retired workers, \$681 for children of deceased workers, and \$282 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$198 million. Of this amount, \$146 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$22 million to survivors, and \$30 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In New Hampshire, 13,029 persons—903 aged and 12,126 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 1,825 recipients were aged 65 or older, 9,502 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,702 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$5.7 million. The average federal payment was \$377 overall: \$251 for aged recipients and \$386 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 16,784 persons in New Hampshire received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$873,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in New Hampshire receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 227,230.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In New Hampshire in 2003, an estimated 821,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$24.55 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.04 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In New Hampshire in 2003, an estimated 832,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$29.09 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$844 million in Medicare taxes.

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In New Jersey, benefits were paid to 1,370,440 persons. This number included 939,010 retired workers, 123,960 widows and widowers, 148,650 disabled workers, 57,990 wives and husbands, and 100,810 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of

the total population of the state and 91.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New Jersey received an average of \$1,054 per month; widows and widowers, \$993; disabled workers, \$976; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$509. Average benefits for children were \$516 for children of retired workers, \$705 for children of deceased workers, and \$310 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.3 billion. Of this amount, \$1.0 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$158 million to survivors, and \$158 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In New Jersey, 150,151 persons—33,447 aged and 116,704 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 50,322 recipients were aged 65 or older, 78,665 were aged 18 to 64, and 21,164 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$68.2 million, of which \$60.8 million was federal SSI and \$7.4 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$415 overall: \$355 for aged recipients and \$432 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in New Jersey receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,472,964.

Earnings and Employment Data

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In New Jersey in 2003, an estimated 4.79 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$168.24 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$20.86 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In New Jersey in 2003, an estimated 4.82 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$214.60 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.22 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In New Mexico, benefits were paid to 303,610 persons. This number included 180,860 retired workers, 29,700 widows and widowers, 42,150 disabled workers, 21,530 wives and husbands, and 29,370 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.9 percent of the

total population of the state and 89.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New Mexico received an average of \$892 per month; widows and widowers, \$825; disabled workers, \$861; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$421. Average benefits for children were \$408 for children of retired workers, \$520 for children of deceased workers, and \$249 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$243 million. Of this amount, \$172 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$32 million to survivors, and \$39 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In New Mexico, 51,656 persons—8,605 aged and 43,051 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 15,572 recipients were aged 65 or older, 29,461 were aged 18 to 64, and 6,623 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$21.1 million. The average federal payment was \$377 overall: \$242 for aged recipients and \$404 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 177 persons in New Mexico received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$18,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in New Mexico receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 334,943.

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In New Mexico in 2003, an estimated 911,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$22.12 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.74 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In New York, benefits were paid to 3,045,290 persons. This number included 1,985,530 retired workers, 277,600 widows and widowers, 383,800 disabled workers, 149,780 wives and husbands, and 248,580 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of

the total population of the state and 87.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New York received an average of \$1,011 per month; widows and widowers, \$947; disabled workers, \$943; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$480. Average benefits for children were \$490 for children of retired workers, \$666 for children of deceased workers, and \$273 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$2.8 billion. Of this amount, \$2.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$336 million to survivors, and \$392 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In New York, 626,593 persons—131,604 aged and 494,989 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 222,438 recipients were aged 65 or older, 334,873 were aged 18 to 64, and 69,282 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$309.1 million, of which \$260.7 million was federal SSI and \$48.3 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$461 overall: \$386 for aged recipients and \$481 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in New York receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 3,473,868.

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In New York in 2003, an estimated 9.98 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$313.56 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$38.88 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In New York in 2003, an estimated 10.02 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$406.51 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$11.79 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In North Carolina, benefits were paid to 1,467,400 persons. This number included 910,400 retired workers, 131,150 widows and widowers, 236,680 disabled workers, 59,010 wives and husbands, and 130,160 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.2 percent of the total population of the state

and 94.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in North Carolina received an average of \$934 per month; widows and widowers, \$828; disabled workers, \$877; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children were \$480 for children of retired workers, \$606 for children of deceased workers, and \$263 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.3 billion. Of this amount, \$883 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$145 million to survivors, and \$224 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In North Carolina, 195,654 persons—26,557 aged and 169,097 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 49,920 recipients were aged 65 or older, 110,939 were aged 18 to 64, and 34,795 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$78.0 million. The average federal payment was \$359 overall: \$188 for aged recipients and \$385 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 24,056 persons in North Carolina received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$10.8 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in North Carolina receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,580,800.

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In North Carolina in 2003, an estimated 4.51 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$119.33 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$14.80 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In North Carolina in 2003, an estimated 4.53 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$133.52 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.87 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In North Dakota, benefits were paid to 114,720 persons. This number included 71,820 retired workers, 15,650 widows and widowers, 10,820 disabled workers, 9,330 wives and husbands, and 7,100 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.0 percent of the

total population of the state and 94.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in North Dakota received an average of \$891 per month; widows and widowers, \$869; disabled workers, \$840; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$447. Average benefits for children were \$489 for children of retired workers, \$582 for children of deceased workers, and \$274 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$94 million. Of this amount, \$68 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$16 million to survivors, and \$10 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In North Dakota, 7,966 persons—1,048 aged and 6,918 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 1,894 recipients were aged 65 or older, 5,135 were aged 18 to 64, and 937 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$2.9 million. The average federal payment was \$337 overall: \$199 for aged recipients and \$358 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 355 persons in North Dakota received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$160,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in North Dakota receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 119,070.

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In North Dakota in 2003, an estimated 380,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$8.83 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.10 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In North Dakota in 2003, an estimated 383,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$9.37 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$272 million in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Ohio, benefits were paid to 1,950,740 persons. This number included 1,199,320 retired workers, 236,870 widows and widowers, 230,860 disabled workers, 134,780 wives and husbands, and 148,910 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.0 percent of

the total population of the state and 92.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Ohio received an average of \$970 per month; widows and widowers, \$933; disabled workers, \$876; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$489. Average benefits for children were \$501 for children of retired workers, \$636 for children of deceased workers, and \$263 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1.7 billion. Of this amount, \$1.2 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$268 million to survivors, and \$219 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Ohio, 245,401 persons—15,421 aged and 229,980 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 36,069 recipients were aged 65 or older, 167,931 were aged 18 to 64, and 41,401 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$111.5 million, of which all but \$2,399 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$418 overall: \$268 for aged recipients and \$428 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Ohio receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,126,880.

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In Ohio in 2003, an estimated 5.96 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$156.38 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$19.39 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Ohio in 2003, an estimated 6.43 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$196.52 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.70 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Oklahoma, benefits were paid to 623,160 persons. This number included 381,090 retired workers, 68,000 widows and widowers, 84,630 disabled workers, 36,180 wives and husbands, and 53,260 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.1 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Oklahoma received an average of \$916 per month; widows and widowers, \$869; disabled workers, \$880; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$449. Average benefits for children were \$477 for children of retired workers, \$589 for children of deceased workers, and \$257 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$523 million. Of this amount, \$367 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$75 million to survivors, and \$80 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Oklahoma, 77,100 persons—8,431 aged and 68,669 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 16,054 recipients were aged 65 or older, 48,675 were aged 18 to 64, and 12,371 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$32.4 million. The average federal payment was \$382 overall: \$205 for aged recipients and \$404 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 76,939 persons in Oklahoma received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$3.2 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Oklahoma receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 672,504.

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In Oklahoma in 2003, an estimated 1.82 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$42.70 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.30 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Oklahoma in 2003, an estimated 1.84 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$46.42 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.35 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Oregon, benefits were paid to 611,490 persons. This number included 406,330 retired workers, 57,330 widows and widowers, 73,750 disabled workers, 34,460 wives and husbands, and 39,620 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.8 percent of the total

population of the state and 95.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Oregon received an average of \$964 per month; widows and widowers, \$944; disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$482. Average benefits for children were \$501 for children of retired workers, \$653 for children of deceased workers, and \$283 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$548 million. Of this amount, \$411 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$67 million to survivors, and \$70 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Oregon, 58,842 persons—7,565 aged and 51,277 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 12,521 recipients were aged 65 or older, 38,446 were aged 18 to 64, and 7,875 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$25.6 million. The average federal payment was \$395 overall: \$289 for aged recipients and \$411 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 16,972 persons in Oregon received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$1.7 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Oregon receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 649,944.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Oregon in 2003, an estimated 1.89 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$50.89 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.31 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Oregon in 2003, an estimated 1.90 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$56.20 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.63 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Pennsylvania, benefits were paid to 2,405,080 persons. This number included 1,556,970 retired workers, 266,100 widows and widowers, 275,950 disabled workers, 133,490 wives and husbands, and 172,570 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.3 percent of

the total population of the state and 93.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Pennsylvania received an average of \$982 per month; widows and widowers, \$945; disabled workers, \$910; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$496. Average benefits for children were \$509 for children of retired workers, \$658 for children of deceased workers, and \$266 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$2.2 billion. Of this amount, \$1.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$306 million to survivors, and \$271 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Pennsylvania, 316,917 persons—31,745 aged and 285,172 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 63,349 recipients were aged 65 or older, 199,599 were aged 18 to 64, and 53,969 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$149.1 million, of which \$136.2 million was federal SSI and \$12.8 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$437 overall: \$288 for aged recipients and \$454 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Pennsylvania receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,623,804.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Pennsylvania in 2003, an estimated 6.76 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$194.16 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$24.08 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Pennsylvania in 2003, an estimated 6.81 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$225.50 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.54 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Rhode Island, benefits were paid to 191,710 persons. This number included 127,350 retired workers, 15,260 widows and widowers, 27,730 disabled workers, 6,480 wives and husbands, and 14,890 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.8 percent of the

total population of the state and 92.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Rhode Island received an average of \$955 per month; widows and widowers, \$931; disabled workers, \$877; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$471. Average benefits for children were \$461 for children of retired workers, \$664 for children of deceased workers, and \$256 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$170 million. Of this amount, \$125 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$19 million to survivors, and \$26 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Rhode Island, 29,703 persons—4,015 aged and 25,688 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 7,245 recipients were aged 65 or older, 18,549 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,909 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$14.2 million, of which \$12.1 million was federal SSI and \$2.1 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$430 overall: \$313 for aged recipients and \$448 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Rhode Island receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 210,144.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Rhode Island in 2003, an estimated 613,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$18.20 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.26 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Rhode Island in 2003, an estimated 621,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$20.67 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$599 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (nondisabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In South Carolina, benefits were paid to 750,970 persons. This number included 453,910 retired workers, 69,510 widows and widowers, 123,460 disabled workers, 30,770 wives and husbands, and 73,320 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.0 percent of the

total population of the state and 93.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in South Carolina received an average of \$931 per month; widows and widowers, \$820; disabled workers, \$884; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$468. Average benefits for children were \$490 for children of retired workers, \$597 for children of deceased workers, and \$270 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$636 million. Of this amount, \$440 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$78 million to survivors, and \$118 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In South Carolina, 105,223 persons—12,880 aged and 92,343 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 25,630 recipients were aged 65 or older, 61,520 were aged 18 to 64, and 18,073 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$42.6 million. The average federal payment was \$369 overall: \$190 for aged recipients and \$394 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 2,981 persons in South Carolina received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$937,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in South Carolina receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 814,375.

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In South Carolina in 2003, an estimated 2.16 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$54.29 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$6.73 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In South Carolina in 2003, an estimated 2.17 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$59.35 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.72 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In South Dakota, benefits were paid to 139,770 persons. This number included 90,220 retired workers, 15,560 widows and widowers, 13,960 disabled workers, 9,820 wives and husbands, and 10,210 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.0 percent of the

total population of the state and 96.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in South Dakota received an average of \$878 per month; widows and widowers, \$859; disabled workers, \$835; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$441. Average benefits for children were \$421 for children of retired workers, \$567 for children of deceased workers, and \$254 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$113 million. Of this amount, \$84 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$17 million to survivors, and \$13 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In South Dakota, 12,469 persons—1,727 aged and 10,742 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 3,152 recipients were aged 65 or older, 7,495 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,822 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$4.8 million, of which all but \$286 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$353 overall: \$192 for aged recipients and \$378 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 3,641 persons in South Dakota received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$190,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in South Dakota receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 147,040.

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In South Dakota in 2003, an estimated 478,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$10.64 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.32 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In South Dakota in 2003, an estimated 482,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$11.43 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$331 million in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (nondisabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Tennessee, benefits were paid to 1,069,600 persons. This number included 627,080 retired workers, 112,330 widows and widowers, 171,850 disabled workers, 55,900 wives and husbands, and 102,440 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.0 percent of

the total population of the state and 94.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Tennessee received an average of \$929 per month; widows and widowers, \$843; disabled workers, \$862; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$459. Average benefits for children were \$472 for children of retired workers, \$593 for children of deceased workers, and \$255 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$896 million. Of this amount, \$612 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$123 million to survivors, and \$160 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Tennessee, 160,521 persons—17,482 aged and 143,039 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 36,447 recipients were aged 65 or older, 101,866 were aged 18 to 64, and 22,208 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$67.4 million, of which all but \$1,434 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$377 overall: \$187 for aged recipients and \$400 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Tennessee receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,167,500.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 154.5 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI)) program. They earned \$4.4 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$541 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI trust funds.

In Tennessee in 2003, an estimated 3.14 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$80.95 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$10.04 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Tennessee in 2003, an estimated 3.16 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$93.66 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.72 billion in Medicare taxes.

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Texas, benefits were paid to 2,864,870 persons. This number included 1,714,830 retired workers, 334,150 widows and widowers, 347,010 disabled workers, 203,650 wives and husbands, and 265,230 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.7 percent of

the total population of the state and 89.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Texas received an average of \$930 per month; widows and widowers, \$870; disabled workers, \$884; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$452. Average benefits for children were \$424 for children of retired workers, \$604 for children of deceased workers, and \$257 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$2.4 billion. Of this amount, \$1.7 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$375 million to survivors, and \$333 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Texas, 472,347 persons—109,119 aged and 363,228 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 159,603 recipients were aged 65 or older, 238,539 were aged 18 to 64, and 74,205 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$186.1 million. The average federal payment was \$362 overall: \$247 for aged recipients and \$397 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 10,371 persons in Texas received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$51,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Texas receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 3,153,367.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Texas in 2003, an estimated 10.61 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$286.36 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$35.51 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Texas in 2003, an estimated 11.14 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$350.45 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$10.16 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Utah, benefits were paid to 262,330 persons. This number included 171,520 retired workers, 22,770 widows and widowers, 27,120 disabled workers, 17,420 wives and husbands, and 23,500 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 11.0 percent of the total

population of the state and 91.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Utah received an average of \$959 per month; widows and widowers, \$954; disabled workers, \$886; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$498. Average benefits for children were \$494 for children of retired workers, \$642 for children of deceased workers, and \$267 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$231 million. Of this amount, \$174 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$30 million to survivors, and \$26 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Utah, 21,646 persons—2,147 aged and 19,499 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 3,799 recipients were aged 65 or older, 13,999 were aged 18 to 64, and 3,848 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$9.6 million, of which all but \$8,812 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$394 overall: \$324 for aged recipients and \$402 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Utah receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 277,430.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Utah in 2003, an estimated 1.22 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$30.05 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.73 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

Nationally, in 2003, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 158.1 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance, or HI) program. They earned \$5.3 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$153 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Utah in 2003, an estimated 1.23 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$34.52 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.00 billion in Medicare taxes.

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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Vermont, benefits were paid to 110,180 persons. This number included 70,220 retired workers, 10,040 widows and widowers, 15,210 disabled workers, 5,710 wives and husbands, and 9,000 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 95.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Vermont received an average of \$945 per month; widows and widowers, \$897; disabled workers, \$848; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$452. Average benefits for children were \$455 for children of retired workers, \$640 for children of deceased workers, and \$243 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$95 million. Of this amount, \$69 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$11 million to survivors, and \$14 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Vermont, 12,915 persons—1,219 aged and 11,696 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 2,588 recipients were aged 65 or older, 8,831 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,496 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$5.6 million, of which \$4.8 million was federal SSI and \$758,713 was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$387 overall: \$198 for aged recipients and \$407 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Vermont receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 117,058.

Earnings and Employment Data

Social Security

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In Vermont in 2003, an estimated 419,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$10.32 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.28 billion in Social Security taxes.

Medicare

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In Vermont in 2003, an estimated 420,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$11.43 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$331 million in Medicare taxes.

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Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Virginia, benefits were paid to 1,114,210 persons. This number included 693,350 retired workers, 111,370 widows and widowers, 155,830 disabled workers, 58,240 wives and husbands, and 95,420 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.9 percent of the total

population of the state and 91.1 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Virginia received an average of \$940 per month; widows and widowers, \$860; disabled workers, \$898; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$474. Average benefits for children were \$492 for children of retired workers, \$645 for children of deceased workers, and \$273 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$960 million. Of this amount, \$683 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$125 million to survivors, and \$152 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Virginia, 134,531 persons—21,275 aged and 113,256 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 35,778 recipients were aged 65 or older, 77,710 were aged 18 to 64, and 21,043 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$54.7 million. The average federal payment was \$375 overall: \$269 for aged recipients and \$395 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 6,301 persons in Virginia received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$1.7 million.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Virginia receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,199,166.

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In Washington, benefits were paid to 913,040 persons. This number included 599,710 retired workers, 82,920 widows and widowers, 114,140 disabled workers, 52,750 wives and husbands, and 63,520 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 93.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Washington received an average of \$993 per month; widows and widowers, \$964; disabled workers, \$906; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$505. Average benefits for children were \$518 for children of retired workers, \$679 for children of deceased workers, and \$288 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$838 million. Of this amount, \$626 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$101 million to survivors, and \$111 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Washington, 111,895 persons—14,275 aged and 97,620 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 25,474 recipients were aged 65 or older, 72,661 were aged 18 to 64, and 13,760 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$52.5 million. The average federally administered payment was \$423 overall: \$369 for aged recipients and \$431 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 20 persons in Washington received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$10,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Washington receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 994,443.

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In Washington in 2003, an estimated 3.31 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$100.53 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$12.47 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In West Virginia, benefits were paid to 407,460 persons. This number included 205,770 retired workers, 54,610 widows and widowers, 76,340 disabled workers, 31,890 wives and husbands, and 38,850 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 22.6 percent of the

total population of the state and 92.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in West Virginia received an average of \$943 per month; widows and widowers, \$858; disabled workers, \$936; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$443. Average benefits for children were \$447 for children of retired workers, \$616 for children of deceased workers, and \$268 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$343 million. Of this amount, \$209 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$57 million to survivors, and \$78 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In West Virginia, 75,982 persons—4,481 aged and 71,501 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 12,415 recipients were aged 65 or older, 55,304 were aged 18 to 64, and 8,263 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$32.9 million. The average federal payment was \$401 overall: \$181 for aged recipients and \$415 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in West Virginia receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 459,186.

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In West Virginia in 2003, an estimated 882,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$20.85 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.59 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In West Virginia in 2003, an estimated 890,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$22.64 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$656 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Wisconsin, benefits were paid to 937,490 persons. This number included 629,930 retired workers, 89,810 widows and widowers, 103,460 disabled workers, 49,000 wives and husbands, and 65,290 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.1 percent of the total

population of the state and 96.8 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Wisconsin received an average of \$979 per month; widows and widowers, \$952; disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$493. Average benefits for children were \$525 for children of retired workers, \$659 for children of deceased workers, and \$260 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$850 million. Of this amount, \$644 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$106 million to survivors, and \$100 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Wisconsin, 90,026 persons—8,564 aged and 81,462 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 16,054 recipients were aged 65 or older, 58,128 were aged 18 to 64, and 15,844 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$37.7 million. The average federal payment was \$386 overall: \$235 for aged recipients and \$402 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 95,173 persons in Wisconsin received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$9.6 million.

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In Wyoming, benefits were paid to 82,510 persons. This number included 54,890 retired workers, 7,340 widows and widowers, 9,370 disabled workers, 4,720 wives and husbands, and 6,190 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total

population of the state and 94.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$73 million. Of this amount, \$55 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$9 million to survivors, and \$9 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Wyoming, 5,645 persons—439 aged and 5,206 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 866 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,945 were aged 18 to 64, and 834 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$2.3 million. The average federal payment was \$368 overall: \$168 for aged recipients and \$385 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 2,769 persons in Wyoming received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$56,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Wyoming receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 85,947.

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In Wyoming in 2003, an estimated 309,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$7.42 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$921 million in Social Security taxes.

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In Wyoming in 2003, an estimated 311,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$8.08 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$234 million in Medicare taxes.

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In American Samoa, benefits were paid to 5,890 persons. This number included 1,640 retired workers, 610 widows and widowers, 1,250 disabled workers, 300 wives and husbands, and 2,090 children.

Retired workers in American Samoa received an average of \$556 per month; widows and widowers, \$546; disabled workers, \$695; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$197. Average benefits for children were \$285 for children of retired workers, \$398 for children of deceased workers, and \$177 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$3 million. Of this amount, \$1 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$1 million to survivors, and \$1 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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For 2003, earnings and employment data for American Samoa are not available.

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In Guam, benefits were paid to 12,500 persons. This number included 6,710 retired workers, 1,110 widows and widowers, 1,130 disabled workers, 1,240 wives and husbands, and 2,310 children.

Retired workers in Guam received an average of \$650 per month; widows and widowers, \$629; disabled workers, \$776; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$288. Average benefits for children were \$311 for children of retired workers, \$493 for children of deceased workers, and \$249 for children of disabled workers.

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In the Northern Mariana Islands, benefits were paid to 2,210 persons. This number included 1,020 retired workers, 240 widows and widowers, 130 disabled workers, 110 wives and husbands, and 710 children.

Retired workers in the Northern Mariana Islands received an average of \$548 per month; widows and

widowers, \$392; disabled workers, \$438; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$191. Average benefits for children were \$181 for children of retired workers, \$422 for children of deceased workers, and \$150 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1 million.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In the Northern Mariana Islands, 735 persons—133 aged and 602 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of

173 recipients were aged 65 or older, 381 were aged 18 to 64, and 181 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$0.4 million. The average federal payment was \$441 overall: \$342 for aged recipients and \$463 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in the Northern Mariana Islands receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,752.

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In Puerto Rico, benefits were paid to 704,880 persons. This number included 327,620 retired workers, 81,610 widows and widowers, 134,540 disabled workers, 63,480 wives and husbands, and 97,630 children.

Retired workers in Puerto Rico received an average of \$635 per month; widows and widowers, \$555; dis-

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Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$404 million. Of this amount, \$229 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$61 million to survivors, and \$114 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In the Virgin Islands, benefits were paid to 15,730 persons. This number included 10,070 retired workers, 1,240 widows and widowers, 1,300 disabled workers, 1,110 wives and husbands, and 2,010 children.

Retired workers in the Virgin Islands received an average of \$824 per month; widows and widowers, \$706; disabled workers, \$908; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$374. Average benefits for children were \$381 for children of retired workers, \$540 for children of deceased workers, and \$291 for children of disabled workers.

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