

Alaska

Social Security and SSI Statistics by Congressional District, December 2002

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

Table 1.—OASDI in Alaska, December 2002: Number of beneficiaries and monthly benefit amount for benefits in current-payment status

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)			Number of OASDI beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ¹	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ²	Wives and husbands	Children	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ²	
United States, total	46,444,240	29,190,150	5,543,981	4,967,155	2,832,767	3,910,187	37,854,411	26,125,087	4,169,125	33,162,456
Alaska	58,686	34,257	8,147	4,935	2,976	8,371	45,147	29,674	3,847	36,027

¹ Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

² Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents.

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

Table 2.—SSI in Alaska, December 2002: Number of persons receiving federally administered payments and monthly benefit amount

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ¹	Aged 65 or older
United States, total	6,787,857	1,251,528	77,658	5,458,671	2,951,425	415,574	35,144	2,500,707	2,406,327	1,995,284
Alaska	9,649	1,573	112	7,964	3,832	401	42	3,389	2,967	2,347

¹ Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.



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