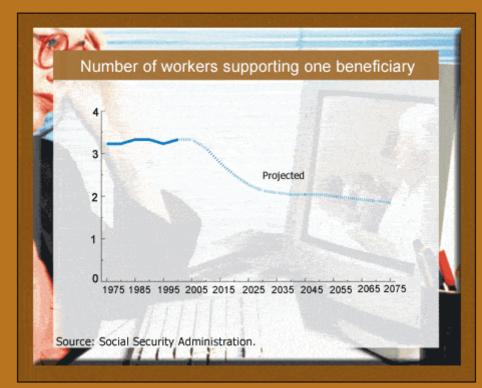
Working in the 21st Century

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The Social Security Administration expects that before the middle of the 21st century there will be only two workers for every Social Security beneficiary; as recently as 1960 there were five workers for every beneficiary.

Of the 45 million people receiving Social Security payments in 2000, about 29 million were retired workers. The remainder were spouses of retirees, spouses and children of disabled and deceased workers, and disabled persons under age 65.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many disabled people work. According to the Census Bureau, among those whose disabilities were classified as not severe, 82 percent of those age 21-64 were working in 1997, little different from those without disabilities. Among the severely disabled, 31 percent were employed.