



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

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2004

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Spouses ^c	Children ^d	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	
Alaska	62,772	37,076	9,113	5,114	2,986	8,483	51,693	34,094	4,299	38,749
All areas ^e	47,687,693	29,952,474	6,198,271	4,828,972	2,721,657	3,986,319	41,574,348	28,601,332	4,329,336	33,696,001

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.
- b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- d. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- e. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

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

Table 2.
Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2004

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Alaska	10,792	2,164	99	8,529	4,528	591	38	3,897	3,700	3,012
All areas ^b	6,987,845	1,211,167	75,924	5,700,754	3,224,059	426,925	35,916	2,761,217	2,441,374	1,977,610

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

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

b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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