

Table 536. Selected Payments to Individuals by Function: 1970 to 2008

[In billions of dollars (108 represents \$108,000,000,000). The employee benefit system is composed of voluntary and mandatory programs which are employment-based and financed primarily from employment-based contributions]

Source and sector	1970	1980	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All benefits	108	422	1,027	1,492	1,792	1,909	2,077	2,251	2,393	2,559	2,721	2,912	3,082	3,297
Retirement income benefits	51	202	482	661	812	864	920	977	1,023	1,092	1,158	1,265	1,335	1,395
Social security—old-age, survivors, and disability insurance	31	119	244	328	380	401	425	447	464	486	513	544	576	606
Private employer pension and profit sharing	7	35	136	191	253	271	290	311	323	355	376	433	451	461
Public employer retirement plans	12	48	102	142	179	192	205	219	237	252	269	287	308	328
Federal civilian employee retirement ¹	3	16	32	40	47	50	52	53	55	58	62	67	72	74
State and local government retirement	4	15	41	66	91	100	110	121	133	142	151	162	175	188
Military retirement ²	3	13	22	28	32	33	35	36	41	43	46	49	52	55
Railroad retirement	2	5	7	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	10	10
Health benefits	22	99	300	454	550	596	655	705	767	834	901	986	1,044	1,110
Medicare hospital insurance and supplementary medical insurance	7	36	108	179	209	219	243	259	277	305	332	399	428	465
Group health insurance	15	62	191	274	340	376	411	444	488	528	567	585	613	643
Military health insurance ³	—	—	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Other employee benefits	17	51	88	103	113	113	129	156	162	148	147	148	156	180
Unemployment insurance ⁴	4	16	18	22	21	21	32	54	53	36	32	30	33	51
Workers' compensation ⁵	3	13	38	43	47	48	52	53	56	57	56	55	57	58
Group life insurance	3	7	12	16	20	17	17	18	18	18	19	20	21	22
Miscellaneous disability ⁶	1	3	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6
Veterans' benefits ⁷	7	13	16	19	22	23	25	28	30	32	35	37	40	44
Public assistance ⁸	18	70	157	275	318	336	373	413	441	485	515	513	548	611

— Represents or rounds to zero. ¹ Consists of civil service, foreign service, Public Health Service officers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and several small retirement programs. ² Includes the U.S. Coast Guard.

³ Consists of payments for medical services for dependents of active duty military personnel at nonmilitary facilities. ⁴ Consists of state, railroad employee, and federal employee unemployment benefits; special unemployment benefits; and supplemental unemployment benefits. ⁵ Includes payments from private, federal, and state and local workers' compensation funds. ⁶ Includes federal black-lung payments and payments from state and local temporary disability insurance. ⁷ Consists of pension and disability, readjustment, and other veterans' benefits. ⁸ Consists of federal benefits (food stamp benefits, Supplemental Security Income, direct relief, earned income credit, payments to nonprofit institutions, aid to students, and payments for medical services for retired military personnel and their dependents at nonmilitary facilities) and state benefits (medical care, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income, general assistance, energy assistance, emergency assistance, and medical insurance premium payments on behalf of indigents). Financed from state and federal general revenues.

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