

Table 526. Selected Payments to Individuals by Function: 1970 to 2007

[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	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All benefits	108	422	1,027	1,492	1,696	1,786	1,908	2,067	2,244	2,383	2,532	2,693	2,833	2,994
Retirement income benefits	51	202	482	661	775	813	863	918	974	1,020	1,068	1,132	1,192	1,254
Social Security Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance	31	119	244	328	369	380	401	425	447	463	485	513	544	576
Private employer pension and profit sharing	7	35	136	191	236	253	270	289	309	320	332	352	361	369
Public employer retirement plans	12	48	102	142	169	180	192	204	219	236	251	267	287	309
Federal civilian employee retirement ¹	3	16	32	40	46	47	50	52	53	55	58	62	67	72
State and local government retirement	4	15	41	66	84	92	100	110	121	132	141	150	162	175
Military retirement ²	3	13	22	28	32	32	33	35	36	41	43	46	49	52
Railroad retirement	2	5	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	10
Health benefits	22	99	300	454	517	545	597	645	702	761	832	901	981	1,041
Medicare hospital insurance and supplementary medical insurance	7	36	108	179	206	209	220	244	261	278	303	332	395	424
Group health insurance	15	62	191	274	310	335	376	400	439	481	527	567	584	614
Military health insurance ³	—	—	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
Other employee benefits	17	51	88	103	106	112	113	130	157	161	147	147	148	153
Unemployment insurance ⁴	4	16	18	22	20	21	20	32	54	53	36	32	30	33
Workers' compensation ⁵	3	13	38	43	44	46	48	52	54	55	56	56	55	55
Group life insurance	3	7	12	16	18	20	17	17	18	19	18	20	20	21
Miscellaneous disability ⁶	1	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
Veterans' benefits ⁷	7	13	16	19	21	22	23	25	28	30	32	35	38	40
Public assistance ⁸	18	70	157	275	299	318	336	374	412	441	485	514	512	547

— 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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