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**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
**December 2008**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
All areas	1,153,844	561.25
Boston	40,212	571.55
Connecticut	7,336	545.63
Maine	3,736	530.81
Massachusetts	20,972	586.66
New Hampshire	2,213	509.81
Rhode Island	4,172	605.60
Vermont	1,783	582.43
New York	101,260	570.13
New Jersey	23,824	547.75
New York	77,436	577.01
Philadelphia	122,896	543.55
Delaware	3,486	530.64
District of Columbia	4,488	557.07
Maryland	16,163	534.36
Pennsylvania	66,304	549.18
Virginia	23,222	530.49
West Virginia	9,233	550.43
Atlanta	287,855	546.75
Alabama	29,280	554.62
Florida	84,349	543.73
Georgia	37,511	545.19
Kentucky	29,715	561.32
Mississippi	22,946	556.22
North Carolina	40,565	536.26
South Carolina	19,630	538.75
Tennessee	23,859	547.47
Chicago	184,547	556.66
Illinois	45,149	559.06
Indiana	23,620	549.29
Michigan	39,095	564.60
Minnesota	12,297	537.04
Ohio	45,911	560.53
Wisconsin	18,475	546.78
Dallas	193,209	548.60
Arkansas	22,914	555.28
Louisiana	32,711	561.76
New Mexico	8,515	555.02
Oklahoma	16,194	545.89
Texas	112,875	543.33
Kansas City	40,637	541.84
Iowa	7,684	525.71
Kansas	7,879	532.85
Missouri	21,293	553.46
Nebraska	3,781	527.55

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**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
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Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
Denver	18,822	513.76
Colorado	7,706	520.05
Montana	2,260	543.41
North Dakota	1,044	495.25
South Dakota	2,199	512.06
Utah	4,803	493.57
Wyoming	810	519.51
San Francisco	133,536	641.15
Arizona	19,023	550.76
California	105,820	666.03
Hawaii	1,606	531.48
Nevada	6,817	535.80
Northern Mariana Islands	270	608.45
Seattle	30,870	540.06
Alaska	1,188	503.52
Idaho	4,728	533.21
Oregon	8,891	541.42
Washington	16,063	544.00

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

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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**Table 18.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients, by monthly payment, December 2008**

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	1,153,844
Percent	100.0
None <sup>a</sup>	0.2
Under 50	2.2
50–99	1.0
100–199	2.6
200–299	3.4
300–399	4.6
400–499	11.4
500–599	10.5
600–636	3.7
637	60.4

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

a. Persons receiving only a federally administered state supplementary payment on December 1, 2008.

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**Table 19.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics, December 2008**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,153,844	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	20,343	1.8
1	31,302	2.7
2	36,916	3.2
3	44,815	3.9
4	50,032	4.3
5	55,538	4.8
6	61,275	5.3
7	68,017	5.9
8	72,676	6.3
9	73,883	6.4
10	75,973	6.6
11	75,659	6.6
12	75,908	6.6
13	77,377	6.7
14	80,734	7.0
15	83,343	7.2
16	84,968	7.4
17	85,085	7.4
Sex		
Male	759,112	65.8
Female	394,732	34.2
Citizenship status		
Citizen	1,151,260	99.8
Noncitizen	2,584	0.2
Living arrangements		
Own household	144,917	12.6
Another's household	48,788	4.2
Parent's household	943,730	81.8
Medicaid institution	16,071	1.4
Unknown	338	0

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

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**Table 20.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and age, December 2008**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3-5	6-12	13-17
	<b>Number</b>				
All recipients under age 18	1,153,844	88,561	150,385	503,391	411,507
Congenital anomalies	60,466	13,701	14,662	21,435	10,668
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,437	761	1,367	2,957	2,352
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,935	86	149	609	1,091
Injuries	6,159	662	1,084	2,394	2,019
Mental disorders					
Retardation	163,160	912	7,036	60,025	95,187
Other	595,823	7,474	62,481	295,474	230,394
Neoplasms	13,035	940	2,703	6,131	3,261
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,784	837	2,011	5,679	4,257
Circulatory system	5,862	1,133	1,544	2,016	1,169
Digestive system	9,105	3,172	2,484	2,499	950
Genitourinary system	3,183	345	507	1,210	1,121
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	8,048	659	1,194	3,141	3,054
Nervous system and sense organs	93,030	6,945	14,743	39,983	31,359
Respiratory system	30,852	2,915	6,770	15,171	5,996
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,636	161	389	754	332
Other	114,556	44,038	26,754	33,389	10,375
Unknown	26,773	3,820	4,507	10,524	7,922
	<b>Percent</b>				
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	5.2	15.5	9.7	4.3	2.6
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Injuries	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5
Mental disorders					
Retardation	14.1	1.0	4.7	11.9	23.1
Other	51.6	8.4	41.5	58.7	56.0
Neoplasms	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.2	0.8
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.0
Circulatory system	0.5	1.3	1.0	0.4	0.3
Digestive system	0.8	3.6	1.7	0.5	0.2
Genitourinary system	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
Nervous system and sense organs	8.1	7.8	9.8	7.9	7.6
Respiratory system	2.7	3.3	4.5	3.0	1.5
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Other	9.9	49.7	17.8	6.6	2.5
Unknown	2.3	4.3	3.0	2.1	1.9

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

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**Table 21.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2008**

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	1,153,844	100.0	759,112	100.0	394,732	100.0
Congenital anomalies	60,466	5.2	32,519	4.3	27,947	7.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	7,437	0.6	3,910	0.5	3,527	0.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,935	0.2	987	0.1	948	0.2
Injuries	6,159	0.5	3,574	0.5	2,585	0.7
Mental disorders						
Retardation	163,160	14.1	101,325	13.3	61,835	15.7
Other	595,823	51.6	437,390	57.6	158,433	40.1
Neoplasms	13,035	1.1	7,225	1.0	5,810	1.5
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,784	1.1	7,182	0.9	5,602	1.4
Circulatory system	5,862	0.5	3,153	0.4	2,709	0.7
Digestive system	9,105	0.8	4,955	0.7	4,150	1.1
Genitourinary system	3,183	0.3	1,885	0.2	1,298	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	8,048	0.7	3,921	0.5	4,127	1.0
Nervous system and sense organs	93,030	8.1	51,985	6.8	41,045	10.4
Respiratory system	30,852	2.7	19,722	2.6	11,130	2.8
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,636	0.1	856	0.1	780	0.2
Other	114,556	9.9	62,422	8.2	52,134	13.2
Unknown	26,773	2.3	16,101	2.1	10,672	2.7

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

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**Table 22.**  
**Adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18, by year of first eligibility and age in December 2008**

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2008					
		18–21	22–25	26–29	30–39	40–49	50 or older <sup>a</sup>
Total							
Number	805,943	248,573	164,566	124,705	172,573	87,230	8,296
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974–1976	8.3	...	...	...	8.8	50.3	100.0
1977–1980	8.7	...	...	2.1	21.0	35.8	...
1981–1984	8.2	...	2.4	16.6	17.7	12.2	...
1985–1989	13.6	4.8	21.6	19.0	21.5	1.7	...
1990–1994	32.6	35.1	42.6	44.0	29.3	...	...
1995–1999	15.6	25.8	22.1	18.0	1.8	...	...
2000–2004	10.2	25.2	11.4	0.4	...	...	...
2005–2008	2.8	9.1	...	...	...	...	...

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Those under age 18 in 1974 would be no older than 52 in 2008.

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**Table 23.**  
**Recipients and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2008**

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	1,153,844	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income <sup>a</sup>	818,893	71.0	...
With income <sup>b</sup>	334,951	29.0	226
Earned income only	1,813	0.2	421
Unearned income only	332,153	28.8	224
Both earned and unearned income	985	0.1	608
With unearned income <sup>c</sup>	333,138	28.9	224
Social Security	83,236	7.2	220
Veterans' benefits	1,055	0.1	90
Income based on need	17,156	1.5	231
Support from absent parents	147,913	12.8	213
Asset income	7,178	0.6	4
Other	3,814	0.3	395
In-kind income	105,234	9.1	182

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The percentage of children receiving the full federal benefit rate, as shown in Table 18, is smaller than the percentage of those with no income, as shown here, because of the effect of parental deemed income in the payment computation.
- b. Does not include income deemed from parents in the household.
- c. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 24.**  
**Recipients, by number of parents in the household, December 2008**

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,153,844	100.0
No parents <sup>a</sup>	142,850	12.4
One parent	768,820	66.6
Two parents	242,174	21.0

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

NOTE: The total of children with one or two parents in the household differs slightly from the number of children living in a parent's household in Table 19. This is because the data in Table 19 represent only households in which a parent is the head of the household, whereas the data in this table include children living with parents who are not the head of the household.

- a. Children with no parents in the household reside independently, with other relatives or nonrelatives, or in institutions or in foster care. Deeming does not apply in these situations.

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**Table 25.**  
**Recipients with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2008**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
			Mother only		Father only	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	768,820	100.0	724,661	100.0	44,159	100.0
No parental income	358,320	46.6	341,551	47.1	16,769	38.0
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	410,500	53.4	383,110	52.9	27,390	62.0
Earned income	267,554	34.8	248,819	34.3	18,735	42.4
Unearned income	164,807	21.4	155,000	21.4	9,807	22.2
Total income (dollars)						
None	358,320	46.6	341,551	47.1	16,769	38.0
Under 200	64,645	8.4	62,705	8.7	1,940	4.4
200–399	32,335	4.2	30,762	4.2	1,573	3.6
400–599	34,825	4.5	32,898	4.5	1,927	4.4
600–999	84,750	11.0	79,363	11.0	5,387	12.2
1,000 or more	193,945	25.2	177,382	24.5	16,563	37.5
Earned income (dollars)						
None	501,266	65.2	475,842	65.7	25,424	57.6
Under 200	5,070	0.7	4,791	0.7	279	0.6
200–399	10,283	1.3	9,839	1.4	444	1.0
400–599	17,723	2.3	16,933	2.3	790	1.8
600–999	52,207	6.8	50,005	6.9	2,202	5.0
1,000 or more	182,271	23.7	167,251	23.1	15,020	34.0
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	604,013	78.6	569,661	78.6	34,352	77.8
Under 200	73,939	9.6	71,665	9.9	2,274	5.1
200–399	26,649	3.5	25,278	3.5	1,371	3.1
400–599	19,965	2.6	18,642	2.6	1,323	3.0
600–999	35,412	4.6	32,031	4.4	3,381	7.7
1,000 or more	8,842	1.2	7,384	1.0	1,458	3.3

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

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 26.**  
**Recipients with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income,**  
**December 2008**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	242,174	100.0	242,174	100.0	242,174	100.0
No parental income	44,943	18.6	156,123	64.5	77,581	32.0
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	197,231	81.4	86,051	35.5	164,593	68.0
Earned income	161,826	66.8	59,273	24.5	130,706	54.0
Unearned income	56,219	23.2	30,387	12.5	41,510	17.1
Total income (dollars)						
None	44,943	18.6	156,123	64.5	77,581	32.0
Under 200	6,840	2.8	15,241	6.3	7,502	3.1
200-399	6,395	2.6	7,401	3.1	5,092	2.1
400-599	7,516	3.1	8,080	3.3	7,578	3.1
600-999	22,446	9.3	16,962	7.0	22,725	9.4
1,000 or more	154,034	63.6	38,367	15.8	121,696	50.3
Earned income (dollars)						
None	80,348	33.2	182,901	75.5	111,468	46.0
Under 200	1,660	0.7	2,415	1.0	1,599	0.7
200-399	2,619	1.1	3,637	1.5	2,288	0.9
400-599	4,398	1.8	5,091	2.1	3,702	1.5
600-999	13,085	5.4	11,679	4.8	10,486	4.3
1,000 or more	140,064	57.8	36,451	15.1	112,631	46.5
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	185,955	76.8	211,787	87.5	200,664	82.9
Under 200	11,316	4.7	15,330	6.3	9,648	4.0
200-399	7,897	3.3	4,405	1.8	4,494	1.9
400-599	6,969	2.9	3,407	1.4	4,823	2.0
600-999	17,054	7.0	5,766	2.4	13,722	5.7
1,000 or more	12,983	5.4	1,479	0.6	8,823	3.6

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

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 27.**  
**Recipients with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2008**

Type of income	All children with parental income		Children with parental income from—			
	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Mother		Father	
			Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total <sup>a</sup>	607,731	1,354	469,161	1,038	191,983	1,749
Earned income	429,380	1,683	308,092	1,363	149,441	2,026
Unearned income <sup>b</sup>	221,026	454	185,387	363	51,317	643
Social Security	84,448	659	66,271	560	25,024	740
Other pensions	4,493	437	2,596	354	2,356	443
Public income-maintenance	87,513	145	82,798	133	10,218	166
Asset income	11,798	56	9,103	39	3,697	84
Other	43,304	677	31,303	570	12,468	918

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

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income.
- b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 28.**  
**Recipients subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2008**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,010,994	100.0	768,820	76.0	242,174	24.0
<b><i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	828,043	100.0	657,608	100.0	170,435	100.0
No parental income	403,263	48.7	358,320	54.5	44,943	26.4
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	87,513	10.6	75,406	11.5	12,107	7.1
Income less than deeming allocations <sup>a</sup>	36,942	4.5	27,735	4.2	9,207	5.4
Income less than exclusions <sup>b</sup>	300,325	36.3	196,147	29.8	104,178	61.1
<b><i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	182,951	100.0	111,212	100.0	71,739	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	137,487	75.1	81,870	73.6	55,617	77.5
Unearned income only	27,503	15.0	21,732	19.5	5,771	8.0
Both earned and unearned income	15,230	8.3	5,462	4.9	9,768	13.6
Manually computed deemed income	2,731	1.5	2,148	1.9	583	0.8

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

a. Includes allocations for ineligible children and SSI-eligible aliens sponsored by parents.

b. Includes the general income exclusion (\$20), the earned income exclusion (\$65 plus one-half of the remaining earned income), and the parental living allowance.

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