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## ***Highlights 2003***

### **Size and Scope of the Supplemental Security Income Program**

- About 6.9 million people received federally administered payments in December 2003.
- The average monthly payment in December 2003 was \$417.
- Total payments for the year were more than \$35 billion, including about \$4 billion in federally administered state supplementation.

### **Profile of Recipients**

- The majority were female (58 percent).
- Fourteen percent were under age 18, 57 percent were aged 18–64, and 29 percent were aged 65 or older.
- Most (82 percent) were eligible on the basis of a disability.
- Almost 6 out of 10 were diagnosed with a mental disorder.
- More than half (55 percent) had no income other than their SSI payment.
- For those who had other income, the most common source was Social Security benefits (29 percent).
- About 27 percent lived alone.

### **Recipients Who Work**

- Despite their disabilities, about 324,000 recipients (5.6 percent) were working in December 2003.
- Among working recipients, 57,000 had earnings above the substantial gainful activity level (\$800 in 2003).

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## Preface

Since 1974, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has guaranteed a minimum level of income for needy aged, blind, or disabled individuals. Each year, we issue a report that presents data on the SSI program and the people who receive benefits from it. The report covers such topics as federal benefit rates and total annual payments, federally administered payments, state-administered supplementation, work incentives, applications, outcomes of applications, awards, denials, and suspension of benefits.

The section on federally administered payments now includes a table showing country of origin of the nearly 1.5 million SSI recipients who were born in a foreign country. Finally, in response to numerous inquiries for data at the state level, we have provided state distributions for applications, awards, recipient rates, and receipt of Social Security and SSI on the basis of disability.

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## Notes

Unless otherwise specified—

- All payments are federally administered payments.
- All years are calendar years.

In July 2001, the Social Security Administration made retroactive lump-sum payments to correct an error in the cost-of-living adjustment for 2000 and 2001. The data in this report reflect the federal benefit rate actually used for Supplemental Security Income payments (\$512 for 2000; \$530 for January through June 2001).

Numbers in the text and tables may not add to totals because of rounding.

Monthly data shown in tables are for the end of the given month.

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## Background

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program is a nationwide federal assistance program administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that guarantees a minimum level of income for needy aged, blind, or disabled individuals. In December 2003, 6.9 million individuals received federally administered monthly SSI benefits (including federally administered state supplementary payments) averaging \$417.

### History of the SSI Program

Entitlement programs for the aged, blind, or disabled have their roots in the original Social Security Act of 1935. That act established an old-age social insurance program to be administered by the federal government and an old-age means-tested assistance program to be administered by the states. Similar programs for the blind or disabled were added to the act in later years. Means-tested assistance was intended to supplement the incomes of individuals who were ineligible for Social Security or whose benefits could not provide a basic living.

This means-tested assistance, also known as categorical adult assistance, actually comprised three separate programs—Old-Age Assistance (OAA), Aid to the Blind (AB), and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD). Despite substantial federal financing, those programs were essentially state programs; federal law established only broad guidelines and assistance. Federal financing was open-ended in the sense that the federal government would provide matching funds to support whatever payment levels the states established. Federal law specified no maximum or minimum standards. Consequently, each state was responsible for setting its own standards for determining who would receive assistance and how much they would receive. As a result, eligibility requirements and variations of payment levels differed from state to state.

Beginning in the early 1960s, this state-operated, federally assisted welfare system drew criticism from within and outside of government. Some of the criticism was directed at the crazy-quilt eligibility requirements and payment levels. Other criticism centered on specific requirements, such as lien laws and provisions that

required certain relatives to bear responsibility for the maintenance of needy family members. The disparity in the degree of federal financial support provided to states was also an acknowledged problem.

Responding to these concerns, Congress passed and the President approved the SSI program (Public Law 92-603, enacted October 30, 1972), which reversed the historic federal and state roles with regard to adult assistance. Under the new arrangement, SSI would provide a uniform federal income floor, and optional state programs would supplement that floor. The new program was historic in that it shifted from the states to the federal government the responsibility for determining who would receive assistance and how much assistance they would receive.

### The Basic Plan

The main objective of the SSI program is to provide the basic cash support of needy aged, blind, or disabled individuals. Congress designed the SSI program on the basis of the following principles:

- eligibility requirements and benefit standards that are nationally uniform and eligibility determinations that are based on objective criteria;
  - an assistance source of last resort for the aged, blind, or disabled whose income and resources are below specified levels;
  - incentives and opportunities for recipients who are able to work or to be rehabilitated that would allow them to reduce their dependency on public assistance;
  - an efficient and economical method of administering the program to provide assistance;
  - inducements to encourage states to provide supplementation of the basic federal benefit and protection for former recipients of state adult assistance programs who were converted to the SSI program; and
  - appropriate coordination of the SSI program with the Food Stamp, medical assistance, and other programs.
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## Uniform Standards and Objective Criteria

Prior to the SSI program, eligibility of aged, blind, or disabled individuals for federally funded adult assistance depended on the state in which they lived. Benefit amounts also varied from state to state. The SSI program replaced the state-run programs of assistance with a program having nationally uniform standards and objective eligibility criteria, which include the following:

- A uniform limitation on the dollar amount or value of income and resources that an individual can have and still qualify for federal assistance. The countable income limits for individuals and couples are equal to their respective federal benefit rates and hence are increased annually according to changes in the cost of living. The resource limit is \$2,000 in countable resources for individuals and \$3,000 for couples.
- Sixty-five as the minimum age requirement for assistance based on age.
- A uniform definition of disability and blindness. The definitions for individuals 18 years of age or older are the same as those used for the Social Security Disability Insurance program. To be considered disabled, an individual must have a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that is expected to last (or has lasted) at least 12 continuous months or to result in death and (1) if 18 or older, prevents him or her from doing any substantial gainful activity, or (2) if under 18, results in marked and severe functional limitations.<sup>1</sup> However, individuals for whom addiction to drugs or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of their disabilities are not eligible for benefits.<sup>2</sup> To be considered blind, an individual must have central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens or have tunnel vision of 20 degrees or less.
- Uniform standards for citizenship and residency. To be eligible for SSI, an individual must be a citizen (or national) of the United States, an American Indian born in Canada who is under section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), an American Indian born outside the United States who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe under section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, a noncitizen who was receiving SSI benefits on August 22, 1996, or a qualified alien in one of the following categories:<sup>3</sup>
  - certain noncitizens who are blind or disabled and were lawfully residing in the United States on August 22, 1996;
  - refugees (eligibility limited to the 7-year period after their arrival in the United States);
  - asylees (eligibility limited to the 7-year period after the date they are granted asylum);
  - noncitizens who have had their deportations withheld under section 243(h) of the INA as in effect before April 1, 1997, or who have had their removals withheld under section 241(b)(3) of the INA (eligibility limited to the 7-year period after the date that deportation or removal is withheld);
  - Cuban and Haitian entrants under section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (eligibility limited to the 7-year period after the date they are granted entrant status);
  - Amerasian immigrants admitted pursuant to section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988 and subsequent amendments (eligibility limited to the 7-year period after their arrival in the United States);
  - noncitizen active-duty armed forces personnel, honorably discharged veterans, and their spouses and dependent children; or
  - lawful permanent residents who have earned or can be credited (from their spouses or parents) with 40 qualifying quarters of earnings.

Note that qualified alien status includes noncitizens who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States by a spouse or parent (or a member of the spouse's or parent's family) with whom they live and who have an approved petition, or have a petition pending, setting forth a prima facie case for adjustment of their immigration status.

Finally, certain noncitizens may be eligible for SSI regardless of their immigration status if they have been determined to be victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons in the United States.<sup>4</sup> Such individuals are treated for SSI purposes as refugees, that is, they are eligible for SSI for 7 years after a determination is made that they are trafficking victims.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to having to be a U.S. citizen (or national) or in one of the potentially eligible noncitizen categories, an individual must reside in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or the Northern Mariana Islands—areas referred to here collectively as the United States. An individual also must be physically present in the United States for 30 consecutive days if he or she had been outside the United States for 30 or more consecutive days.

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There are two exceptions to the residency and physical presence requirements:

- Blind or disabled children who are citizens of the United States may continue to be eligible for payments if they are living outside the United States with a parent who is on duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces. This exception also applies to blind and disabled children of military personnel who are born overseas, become blind or disabled overseas, or applied for SSI benefits while overseas.
- Students studying abroad for not more than 1 year may continue to be eligible for payments if the studies are sponsored by a U.S. educational institution but cannot be conducted in the United States.

### **Assistance of Last Resort**

As a means-tested program, SSI takes into account all income and resources that an individual has or can obtain. The amount of an individual's countable income and resources are the measure of his or her need for assistance.

### **Income**

The amount of an individual's income is used to determine both eligibility for, and the amount of, his or her SSI benefit. As countable income increases, an individual's SSI benefit amount decreases. Generally, ineligibility for SSI occurs when countable income equals the federal benefit rate plus the amount of applicable federally administered state supplementary payment (state supplementation is discussed later).

The monthly federal benefit rate is reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of the individual's "countable" income—that is, income minus all applicable exclusions. The result of this computation determines SSI eligibility and the amount of the monthly benefit payable. The benefit rates are adjusted annually (in January) to reflect changes in the cost of living.

When an individual lives in the household of another and receives support and maintenance in kind (that is, generally, room and board) from the householder, the federal SSI benefit rate is reduced by one-third in lieu of counting the actual value of the support and maintenance as unearned income. The value of food, clothing, or shelter-related items the individual receives in kind from persons other than the householder (including in-kind assistance from outside the household in which the individual lives) is counted as unearned income, up to an amount equal to one-third of the applicable federal benefit rate plus \$20.

SSI law defines two kinds of income—earned and unearned. Earned income is wages, net earnings from self-employment, remuneration for work in a sheltered workshop, royalties on published work, and honoraria for services. All other income is unearned. The distinction between earned and unearned income is significant because different exclusions apply to each type of income.

However, not everything an individual receives is considered to be income. Generally, if the item received cannot be used as, or to obtain, food, clothing, or shelter, it will not be considered as income. For example, if someone pays an individual's medical bills or offers free medical care, or if the individual receives money from a social services agency that is a repayment of an amount he or she previously spent, that value is not considered income to the individual. In addition, some items that are considered to be income are excluded when determining the amount of an individual's benefit (see Box 1).

### **Resources**

The amount of an individual's resources is used to determine whether he or she is eligible for SSI in a given month. SSI law states that eligibility is restricted to individuals who have countable resources, determined monthly, that do not exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000 for a couple). The law does not define what resources are but does stipulate what items are not considered resources.

Regulations state that a resource is cash or other liquid asset or any real or personal property that individuals (or their spouses) own and could convert to cash to be used for their support and maintenance. This definition is consistent with the general philosophy of the SSI program that only items that can be used for an individual's food, clothing, or shelter should be used in determining his or her eligibility and benefit amount. Not all resources an individual owns are counted. The value of an item may be totally excluded or counted only to the extent that its value exceeds specified limits (see Box 1).

If an individual disposes of resources at less than fair market value within the 36-month period before applying for SSI or at any time thereafter, the individual may be penalized. The penalty is a loss of benefits for a number of months (up to a 36-month maximum) obtained by dividing the uncompensated value of disposed-of resources by the federal benefit rate plus the maximum state supplementary payment, if any, applicable to the individual's living arrangement. The penalty does not apply if, among other things, the individual can show that the resources were disposed

of exclusively for a purpose other than establishing SSI eligibility.

### Filing for Other Benefits

As the program of last resort, SSI benefits are provided to eligible individuals only to the extent that their needs are not met by other sources. That is, after evaluating all other income and resources, SSI pays what is necessary to bring an individual to the statutorily prescribed income "floor." In keeping with this principle, SSI law requires that SSI applicants file for other payments for which they may be entitled, such as annuities, pensions, retirement or disability benefits, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance benefits.

SSA must provide an individual with written notice of potential eligibility for other benefits and of the requirement to take all appropriate steps to pursue those benefits. The individual has 30 days from receipt of the notice to file for the benefits involved.

### Eligibility Issues for Residents of Public Institutions or Medical Facilities and Personal Needs Allowance

State and local governments—rather than the federal government—traditionally have taken the financial responsibility for residents of their public institutions. The SSI program continues this long-standing public assistance policy. People who are residents of public institutions for a full calendar month are generally ineligible for SSI unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- The public institution is a medical treatment facility and Medicaid pays more than 50 percent of the cost of care, or in the case of a child under age 18, Medicaid, private health insurance, or both pay more than 50 percent of the cost of care;
- The public institution is a publicly operated community residence serving no more than 16 residents;
- The public institution is an emergency shelter for the homeless (payments are limited to no more than 6 months in any 9-month period);

### Box 1. Income and Resource Exclusions

#### Income Exclusions

The principal *earned* income exclusions are

- the first \$65 per month plus one-half of the remainder,
- impairment-related work expenses of the disabled and work expenses of the blind,
- income set aside or being used to pursue a plan for achieving self-support by a disabled or blind individual, and
- infrequent or irregularly received income (\$30 or less a quarter).

The principal *unearned* income exclusions are

- the first \$20 per month,<sup>1</sup>
- income set aside or being used to pursue a plan for achieving self-support by a disabled or blind individual,
- state- or locally funded assistance based on need,
- rent subsidies under programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the value of food stamps, and
- infrequent or irregularly received income (\$60 or less a quarter).

#### Resource Exclusions

The principal resource exclusions are

- the home and land appertaining to it, regardless of value;
- life insurance policies whose total face value does not exceed \$1,500;
- burial funds not in excess of \$1,500 each for an individual and spouse (plus accrued interest);
- household goods and personal effects in which one's equity does not exceed \$2,000;
- an automobile (depending upon its use), otherwise the current market value not in excess of \$4,500;
- property essential to self-support;
- resources set aside to fulfill a plan to achieve self-support; and
- amounts deposited into an individual development account, including matching funds and interest earned on such amounts, under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or the Assets for Independence Act.

1. Any portion of the \$20 amount not used to exclude unearned income may be used to exclude earned income

- The recipient was eligible under section 1619(a) or (b) for the month preceding the first full month in the public institution and is permitted by the institution to retain any benefits (payable for up to 2 months); or
- A physician certifies that the recipient's stay in a medical facility is likely not to exceed 3 months and continued SSI eligibility is needed to maintain and provide for the expenses of the home to which the individual will return.

When individuals enter medical treatment facilities in which more than half of the bill is paid by the Medicaid program, their monthly federal payment standard is generally reduced to \$30, beginning with the first full calendar month they are in the facility. In the case of an individual under age 18, the \$30 payment standard is also applicable if more than half of the bill is paid by private insurance or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance. In these cases, the SSI program provides up to \$30 a month, which is intended to take care of small comfort items not provided by the institution.

### Deeming

In certain situations, the income and resources of others are counted in determining whether an individual's income and resources fall below the levels established by law. This process is called "deeming" and is applied in cases in which an eligible individual lives with an ineligible spouse, an eligible child lives with an ineligible parent, or an eligible noncitizen has a sponsor.<sup>6</sup> In concept, the practice takes into account the responsibility of the ineligible spouse or parent or the sponsor to provide for the basic needs of the eligible individual.

**Spouse-to-Spouse Deeming.** When an eligible individual lives in the same household with a spouse who is not eligible for SSI, the ineligible spouse's income and resources are deemed to be available to the eligible individual. In determining the amount of income and resources available to the eligible individual, all applicable exclusions are used. In addition, a living allowance is provided for the ineligible spouse and for any ineligible children under age 18 living in the household. The allowance reduces the amount of income to be deemed. Spouse-to-spouse deeming is intended to result in the same amount of income being available to the couple as would be available if both members of the couple were aged, blind, or disabled and eligible for SSI.

Deeming does not apply when the eligible individual is not living in the same household as the ineligible spouse. However, if the ineligible spouse's absence is temporary or is due solely to an active-duty assignment

as a member of the U.S. armed forces, deeming continues to apply.

**Parent-to-Child Deeming.** A child under age 18 is subject to deeming from an ineligible natural or adoptive parent (and that parent's spouse, if any) living in the same household. Certain amounts of the parent's income are excluded, living allowances are provided for the parent(s), and an allocation is set aside for each ineligible child under age 18 (under age 21 if a student) who is living in the household. Deeming from an eligible parent to a child continues if the parent is absent from the household but the absence is temporary or is due solely to active-duty assignment as a member of the U.S. armed forces. A child living in a household in which all members are receiving public assistance benefits is not considered to be receiving any support, and deeming does not apply.

**Sponsor-to-Alien Deeming.** The income and resources of noncitizens are deemed to include those of their sponsors. The way the income and resources are deemed and the length of the deeming period depend on whether the sponsor signed a legally enforceable affidavit of support, as required by Public Law 104-208, or the previous version of the affidavit. Generally, individuals who entered the country before 1998 did so under the old version of the affidavit.<sup>7</sup>

Under the old version of the affidavit, deeming of the sponsor's income and resources lasts until the noncitizen has been in the United States for 3 years.<sup>8</sup> Living allowances equal to the federal benefit rate are provided for the sponsor, and allowances equal to one-half of the federal benefit rate are provided for each of the sponsor's dependents. Allowances are also provided for the sponsor and his or her family members in determining deemed resources. These allowances reduce the amount of the sponsor's income and resources deemed to the noncitizen.

For noncitizens admitted into the United States under a legally enforceable affidavit of support, deeming generally applies until the noncitizen becomes a U.S. citizen. Deeming ends before citizenship if the noncitizen has earned, or can be credited with, 40 qualifying quarters of earnings. Children and spouses of workers may be credited with quarters earned by the worker. A quarter otherwise earned after 1996 does not count as one of the required 40 if the noncitizen or worker received federal means-tested public benefits during the relevant period.

Also for this group of noncitizens, deeming does not apply for specified periods if the noncitizens or their children or parents have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty while in the United States or if spon-

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sors left the noncitizens indigent by not providing them with sufficient support.

## **Incentives for Work and Opportunities for Rehabilitation**

SSI benefits provide a basic level of assistance for individuals who are blind or disabled with limited earnings ability because of their impairments. Nonetheless, for recipients who want to work, the SSI program is designed to encourage and support their work attempts to help them achieve greater degrees of independence. The SSI program includes a number of work incentive provisions that enable recipients who are blind or disabled to work and retain benefits or to increase their levels of work activity without the loss of SSI disability status or Medicaid. These incentives provide higher amounts of income or resource exclusions as recognition of the expenses associated with working or as inducements to seek rehabilitation services and support for work efforts.

### **Earned Income Exclusion**

The first \$65 (\$85 if the individual has no income other than earnings) of any monthly earned income plus one-half of remaining earnings are excluded for SSI benefit computation purposes. This general earned income exclusion is intended to help offset expenses incurred when working. It assures that SSI recipients who are working will be rewarded for their efforts by having greater total income than those who do not work.

### **Impairment-Related Work Expense Exclusion**

The cost of certain impairment-related services and items that a disabled (but not blind) individual needs in order to work are excluded from earned income in determining SSI eligibility and benefit amounts.

In calculating these expenses, amounts equal to the costs of certain attendant care services, medical devices, equipment, prostheses, vehicle modifications, residential modifications to accommodate wheelchairs, and similar items and services are deductible from earnings. The costs of routine drugs and routine medical services are not deductible unless they are necessary to control the disabling condition.

### **Work Expenses of the Blind Exclusion**

Any expenses relating to work that a blind individual has are excluded from earned income in determining SSI eligibility and benefit amounts. Unlike an impairment-related work expense, a deductible expense need not be directly related to the worker's blindness; it need only be an ordinary and necessary work expense of the worker.

Some frequently excluded work expenses include transportation to and from work, meals consumed during work hours, job equipment, licenses, income or FICA taxes, and costs of job training.

### **Student Earned Income Exclusion**

The student earned income exclusion is an additional exclusion for an individual who is under age 22 and regularly attending school. It is intended to help defray the cost of educational training. Under current regulations, up to \$1,370 of earned income per month but no more than \$5,520 per year may be excluded.<sup>9</sup>

### **Plans for Achieving Self-Support**

Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) allow a disabled or blind individual to set aside income and resources to get a specific type of job or to start a business. The plans may involve setting aside funds for education or vocational training, to purchase work-related equipment, or to pay for transportation related to the work goal. The income and resources that are set aside are excluded under the SSI income and resources tests.

The individual must have a feasible work goal and a specific savings or spending plan. The individual also must provide a clearly identifiable accounting for the funds that are set aside. The PASS is time limited and must be approved by SSA. The individual must then follow the plan and negotiate revisions as needed. SSA monitors the approved plan by reviewing it periodically to ensure the individual's progress toward attaining the work goal.

### **Special Provisions for Disabled People Who Work**

These work incentives are generally referred to by their section number in the Social Security Act, section 1619. Under section 1619(a), disabled individuals who would cease to be eligible because they earn more than the substantial gainful activity level can receive special cash benefits as long as they

- continue to have the disabling condition,
- have income under the amount that would cause ineligibility for any payment under SSI income counting rules, and
- meet all other nondisability requirements for SSI payment.

In many states, being a recipient of the special benefit permits the individual to be eligible for Medicaid benefits.

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Under section 1619(b), "SSI recipient" status for Medicaid eligibility purposes also is provided to an individual

- whose earnings preclude any SSI payment but are not sufficient to provide a reasonable equivalent of the SSI, social services, and Medicaid benefits that the individual would have in the absence of earnings; and
- whose ability to continue working would be seriously inhibited by the loss of social services and Medicaid benefits.

To qualify for extended Medicaid coverage under section 1619(b), an individual must

- have a disabling condition,
- need Medicaid to work,
- not be able to afford equivalent medical coverage and publicly funded personal or attendant care that would be lost without assistance,
- meet all nondisability requirements for SSI payment other than earnings, and
- have received a regular SSI cash payment in a previous month within the current period of eligibility. (In some states, the individual must have qualified for Medicaid in the month preceding the first month of 1619 eligibility.)

In determining whether individuals' earnings are not sufficient to provide them with the equivalent benefits they would be eligible for if they stopped working, their earnings are compared with a threshold amount for their state of residence. Section 1619(b) status continues if the earnings are below the threshold. If earnings exceed the state threshold, an individualized assessment of the need for Medicaid is made, and 1619(b) status may continue.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation and the Ticket to Work Program**

Since the beginning of the SSI program, SSA has made provision for blind or disabled individuals who are receiving SSI benefits to be referred to state Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies. If the state VR agency does not accept the referral, SSA can refer recipients to an alternate provider to receive vocational rehabilitation services. SSA reimburses the VR agency or alternate provider for services that result in the individual's working at the level of substantial gainful activity for a continuous period of 9 months, and in certain other limited situations.

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 established a Ticket to Work program

under which a disabled beneficiary is able to obtain vocational rehabilitation, employment, and other support services from a qualified private or public provider. Providers of such services in this new setting are referred to as employment networks (ENs). In addition, the Ticket legislation provided for a new procedure for compensating the ENs under an outcome or outcome-milestone payment system. By expanding the pool of providers and giving the providers incentives for achieving success, this program seeks to expand a disabled beneficiary's access to these services for assistance in finding, entering, and retaining employment and reducing his or her dependence on cash benefits. Regulations issued by the Commissioner of Social Security became effective January 2002. Beginning in 2002, the Ticket to Work program was gradually phased in, and it has been in operation nationwide since November 2003.

Individuals receiving SSI benefits who improve medically and are therefore no longer considered disabled or blind can continue to receive SSI benefits if they are actively participating in the Ticket to Work program or another approved VR program and if continuing or completing the program would increase the likelihood that they would be permanently removed from the SSI rolls. SSI benefits and Medicaid generally continue until the rehabilitation services are completed or until the individual ceases to participate in the program.

### **Expedited Reinstatement**

A disabled or blind individual whose eligibility for SSI payments was ended because of earnings can request expedited reinstatement of his or her SSI benefits without filing a new application. To qualify for expedited reinstatement, the individual must make the request within 60 months after the eligibility ended and must have a disabling medical condition that (1) is the same as or related to the disabling medical condition that led to the previous period of eligibility and (2) prevents him or her from performing substantial gainful activity. In determining whether the individual is disabled or blind, the medical review standard is applied. Normal non-medical requirements for SSI eligibility still apply.

An individual requesting expedited reinstatement may receive up to 6 months of provisional benefits while the request is pending. These benefits generally are not considered an overpayment if the request is denied. Provisional benefits may include Medicaid but do not include any state supplementary payments. Provisional benefits may be received as well by the individual's spouse at a couple's rate if the spouse was previously eligible for SSI as a spouse.

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## Administration of the SSI Program

The framers of Supplemental Security Income chose the Social Security Administration to administer the program because the basic system for paying monthly benefits to a large number of individuals was already in place in the form of the Social Security program.

### Application Process

Individuals can make appointments to apply for SSI benefits at any one of the approximately 1,300 SSA field offices around the country or through SSA teleservice centers. The claims process includes the application interview, the obtaining of necessary evidence and documentation, and the adjudication of the claim. Many individuals file for benefits under both the SSI and the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance programs at the same time. Potential claimants initially contact SSA by phone or mail or in person. Field office personnel conduct an interview with the claimant, the claimant's representative, or both.

SSA corroborates information provided by applicants for SSI through independent or collateral sources. Generally, the basic responsibility for obtaining evidence lies with the claimant, although SSA often gives advice on ways to obtain the needed information. Because of the special circumstances of the SSI population (for example, financial need, old age, or illness), SSA makes special efforts to assist claimants in obtaining the necessary proofs.

With regard to disability and blindness claims, SSA makes determinations of all of the nonmedical eligibility factors, and each state's Disability Determination Services (DDS) makes determinations of the medical eligibility factors.

Applicants and recipients are required to report events and changes of circumstances that may affect their SSI eligibility and benefit amounts. Such reports are required, for example, when an individual has a change in the amount of income or resources, changes living arrangements, or leaves the United States. Failure or delay in submitting a required report can result in a penalty being assessed against the individual's SSI benefit.

### Determinations of Eligibility

SSI applications have no retroactivity and become effective in the month after the month of filing or the month after all eligibility requirements are met, whichever is later. Eligibility for benefits is determined on a current monthly basis. SSI recipients are required to have their nonmedical eligibility factors redetermined

periodically, generally every 1 to 6 years depending on their specific situation.

In addition to these nonmedical reviews, medical reviews are conducted on disabled or blind recipients to determine whether they continue to be disabled or blind. For administrative efficiency the medical reviews are done most often on disabled or blind recipients whose medical conditions are considered likely to improve. Medical reviews are required for disabled or blind recipients, for example, under the following circumstances:

- when earnings of recipients exceed the substantial gainful activity level,
- at least once every 3 years for recipients under age 18 whose medical conditions are considered likely to improve,
- within 12 months after birth for recipients whose low birth weight is a contributing factor material to the determination of their disability unless the Commissioner determines that the impairment is not expected to improve within 12 months of the child's birth, and
- within 1 year after attainment of age 18 and using the adult eligibility criteria for recipients whose eligibility for SSI benefits was established under the disabled child eligibility criteria.

### Representative Payees

When SSI recipients are incapable of managing their benefits, SSA appoints representative payees for them, and their SSI benefits are sent to the representative payees. In many cases the representative payee is a spouse, parent, or other close relative who will act in the recipient's best interest. In some cases, an SSA-approved organization may be appointed, and some organizations have been authorized by SSA to collect a fee from the benefit for acting as payee. The fee cannot exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the benefit amount or a specified amount (\$31 a month in 2004, \$59 a month for disabled recipients who also have a drug addiction or alcoholism condition).

Representative payees may use an SSI recipient's benefit only for the use and benefit of the recipient and must account for all benefits received. Representative payees also are required to report any changes that may affect SSI recipients' eligibility and payment amount and may be held liable for certain overpayments that occur.

### Appeal Rights

Recipients must be informed in writing in advance of adverse actions that SSA plans to take and must be



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given the opportunity to request that their benefits continue pending a decision at the first level of appeal.

### **Attorney Fees**

At any time, an individual may appoint a representative in any dealings with the Social Security Administration. If such a representative is an attorney, he or she must be in good standing, have the right to practice law before a court, not be disqualified or suspended from acting as a representative in dealings with Social Security, and not be prohibited by any law from acting as a representative. If the individual is not an attorney, he or she must meet qualifications specified by the Commissioner (for example, be of good character and able to provide valuable service to claimants).

A representative may charge and receive a fee for his or her services, but the Social Security Administration generally decides how much the fee will be. Although the Social Security Act does not establish a maximum fee, most attorneys use an options process that limits their maximum fee to the lesser of 25 percent of the retroactive payment or \$5,300.<sup>10</sup>

### **Advance Payments**

The SSI program has provisions that help respond to the immediate needs of new claimants. These procedures are in addition to state and local programs designed to help those in need pending decisions on their SSI status.

**Emergency Advance Payments.** A new claimant who faces a financial emergency and who has a strong likelihood of being found eligible may receive up to 1 month of SSI benefits—the federal payment amount plus any applicable state supplement. The amount paid is recovered from later SSI payments (in full from the first payment or in increments over no more than a 6-month period, depending on the circumstances). However, if the claim is subsequently not allowed because of not finding disability or blindness, repayment is waived. If the claim is disallowed for other reasons, the amount paid is an overpayment and is processed as such.

**Presumptive Disability or Blindness.** Up to 6 months of payments may be made to an individual applying for benefits on the basis of disability or blindness when the available evidence reflects a high degree of probability that the impairment will meet the definition of disability or blindness and the individual is otherwise eligible. These payments are not considered overpayments if the individual is later determined not to be disabled or blind.

## **State Supplementation**

In designing the SSI program, Congress recognized that states, in many instances, would want to provide a higher level of income maintenance than was available under the federal program. At the same time, states were given the option to either provide no supplementation to the federal assistance payments or supplement those payments on the basis of their views of the needs of their citizens. They were mandated to ensure that their citizens would not receive lower benefits under the federal program than they had under the former state program.

### **Types of State Supplementation**

State supplementation can be optional or mandatory.

#### **Optional State Supplementary Payment Programs.**

For individuals who first became eligible for SSI in 1974 or later, each state could supplement federal payments to whatever extent it found appropriate with respect to the needs of its citizens and the resources of the state. In 2004, 45 states had optional state supplementary payment programs.

Some states provide supplementary payments to all individuals eligible for SSI benefits; others may limit them to certain SSI recipients, such as the blind or residents of domiciliary care facilities, or may extend them to persons ineligible for SSI because of excess income. States' flexibility in setting supplementary payments, however, has been significantly restricted by mandatory passalong provisions (described below).

**Mandatory State Supplementary Payment Programs.** States are required to maintain the December 1973 income levels of individuals who were transferred from the former state adult assistance programs to the SSI program in 1974, except for Texas, which until 1999 had a constitutional bar against mandatory state supplementation.<sup>11</sup> Because of the increases in federal benefits, only a few individuals continue to receive mandatory state supplementary payments.

### **Administration of State Supplementary Payments**

A state may administer its supplementary program or enter into an agreement under which SSA will make eligibility determinations and payments on behalf of the state. Under state administration, the state pays its own program benefits and absorbs the full administrative costs. Under federal administration, states are required to pay SSA a fee of \$8.77 for each supplementary payment issued in fiscal year 2004. Fees are scheduled to rise in succeeding fiscal years.

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States that administer their own supplementary payment programs establish their own eligibility criteria. States with federally administered programs must adhere to SSI eligibility criteria in all aspects except additional income exclusions.

### **Mandatory Passalong**

It was originally the view of Congress that increases in the federal SSI benefit rate would eventually replace state supplementary payments. However, public reaction to states reducing their supplementary payment amounts when SSI payments were increased led Congress to mandate that states pass along SSI benefit increases resulting from cost-of-living adjustments.

To meet the passalong requirement, a state may either maintain each state payment level from year to year (the "payment levels" method), or it may spend the same amount of money, in the aggregate, that it spent for supplementary benefits in the 12-month period preceding the increase in the SSI benefit rate (the "total expenditures" method).

### **Coordination with Other Programs**

SSI benefits are not the only form of assistance available to needy aged, blind, or disabled individuals. Medicaid, food stamps, and temporary state assistance are also important in keeping individuals from sliding further into poverty. SSA plays a limited but important role in helping states with regard to administration of the Medicaid and Food Stamp programs, and provisions in the SSI statute ensure that payments made by states or under the Social Security program are not duplicated by SSI benefits.

### **Windfall Offset**

If a person receives SSI payments and is later determined to be entitled to retroactive Social Security benefits, such retroactive benefits are reduced by the amount of SSI payments the person would not have been eligible for had the Social Security benefits been paid in the month they were due. This process, called the windfall offset, was enacted to prevent windfall payments to individuals when Social Security and SSI payments were paid for the same period.

### **Medicaid Determinations**

Generally, SSI recipients are categorically eligible for Medicaid. A state may use SSI eligibility criteria for determining Medicaid eligibility, or it may use its own criteria as long as the criteria are no more restrictive than the state's January 1972 medical assistance standards. Forty states use SSI criteria, and 11 states use eligibility criteria that are more restrictive than those of the SSI program.

States also may enter into agreements with SSA for SSA to make Medicaid eligibility determinations on their behalf as long as the eligibility requirements of the state's Medicaid plans are the same as those for the SSI program. Under these agreements, SSA determines only when an individual is eligible for Medicaid; SSA does not determine Medicaid ineligibility. SSA has Medicaid determination agreements with 33 states.

Continued Medicaid eligibility is provided in SSI law for certain Social Security beneficiaries who lose SSI eligibility because of either an entitlement to Social Security benefits or an increase in Social Security benefits resulting from

- cost-of-living adjustments,
- actuarial increases in widow(er)s benefits,
- changes in the definition of disability for widow(er)s benefits, or
- increases in disabled adult child benefits.

### **Food Stamp Applications**

SSI recipients in all states, except California, may be eligible for food stamps. Under agreements entered into by the Secretary of Agriculture and SSA, Social Security offices notify Social Security and SSI applicants and recipients of their potential benefits under the Food Stamp program and make food stamp applications available to them.<sup>12</sup>

The law also provides for Social Security offices to take food stamp applications from potentially eligible or eligible SSI households that are not already receiving food stamps and do not have a food stamp application pending. Food stamp applications from SSI households may be taken in connection with initial SSI claims or at the time of a redetermination. Food stamp applicants have the option of applying at Social Security offices or at state food stamp offices if expedited service is required. Social Security offices forward the food stamp applications and any supporting documents to the local food stamp offices within 1 day of taking the application. Eligibility is determined by the food stamp office.

### **Interim Assistance Reimbursement**

SSA may enter into agreements under which states or local governments are reimbursed for basic needs assistance provided during the period that an eligible individual's SSI application for benefits was pending or the individual's SSI benefits were suspended and subsequently reinstated (the interim period). Thirty-nine states have interim assistance agreements with SSA.

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## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Substantial gainful activity (SGA) is used to describe a level of work activity that is both substantial (that is, involves the performance of significant physical or mental duties that are productive) and gainful (that is, performed for remuneration or profit). Generally, earnings from work activity of more than \$800 a month in 2003 were evidence of ability to engage in SGA. Applicants who earned more than \$800 a month would generally not be considered disabled. However, SSI recipients who earned more than \$800 a month could continue to be eligible for SSI. (See the section Incentives for Work and Opportunities for Rehabilitation.) The SGA level of \$800 was increased to \$810 effective January 1, 2004. Increases in the SGA level in subsequent years will be based on increases in the national average wage index.

The definition of disability for individuals under age 18 reflects amendments made by Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Prior law required a medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity to that required for individuals aged 18 or older.

<sup>2</sup> The provision reflects amendments made by Title I of Public Law 104-121, the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, enacted March 29, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> These standards reflect amendments made by Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended by Public Law 104-208, Public Law 105-33, and Public Law 105-306. Prior law permitted SSI eligibility for individuals who were residents of the United States, citizens or nationals of the United States, aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, or aliens permanently residing in the United States under color of law.

<sup>4</sup> Generally defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

<sup>5</sup> Public Law 106-386, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, enacted October 28, 2000.

<sup>6</sup> Deeming also applies to an individual who lives with an essential person (a concept carried over from the former state assistance plans). However, there are fewer than 100 of these cases remaining.

<sup>7</sup> The Immigration and Naturalization Service began using the new, legally enforceable affidavits on December 19, 1997. However, if a potential immigrant had a visa issued before that date, the sponsor would sign an old affidavit even if the affidavit was signed after December 19, 1997.

<sup>8</sup> For a temporary period—January through September 1996—the deeming period was 5 years.

<sup>9</sup> Under current regulations, this exclusion will be increased in subsequent years on the basis of changes in the cost of living.

<sup>10</sup> Fee agreements prior to February 1, 2002, were limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the retroactive payment or \$4,000.

<sup>11</sup> The requirement does not affect West Virginia, since SSI federal benefit rates in 1973 exceeded the applicable income standards under the state's adult assistance programs.

<sup>12</sup> California "cashes out" food stamps, and SSI recipients receive a cash payment in their state supplementary payment in lieu of food stamps.



*Federal Benefit Rates  
and Total Annual Payments*

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## Federal Benefit Rates and Total Annual Payments

**Table 1.**  
**Monthly federal SSI benefit rates, 1974–2004 (in dollars)**

| Starting date             | Individual    |                     | Couple        |                     | Medicaid facility | Essential person increment |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                           | Own household | Another's household | Own household | Another's household |                   |                            |
| January 1974              | 140.00        | 93.34               | 210.00        | 140.00              | 25.00             | 70.00                      |
| July 1974                 | 146.00        | 97.34               | 219.00        | 146.00              | 25.00             | 73.00                      |
| July 1975                 | 157.70        | 105.14              | 236.60        | 157.74              | 25.00             | 78.90                      |
| July 1976                 | 167.80        | 111.87              | 251.80        | 167.87              | 25.00             | 84.00                      |
| July 1977                 | 177.80        | 118.54              | 266.70        | 177.80              | 25.00             | 89.00                      |
| July 1978                 | 189.40        | 126.27              | 284.10        | 189.40              | 25.00             | 94.80                      |
| July 1979                 | 208.20        | 138.80              | 312.30        | 208.20              | 25.00             | 104.20                     |
| July 1980                 | 238.00        | 158.67              | 357.00        | 238.00              | 25.00             | 119.20                     |
| July 1981                 | 264.70        | 176.47              | 397.00        | 264.67              | 25.00             | 132.60                     |
| July 1982                 | 284.30        | 189.54              | 426.40        | 284.27              | 25.00             | 142.50                     |
| July 1983                 | 304.30        | 202.87              | 456.40        | 304.27              | 25.00             | 152.50                     |
| January 1984              | 314.00        | 209.34              | 472.00        | 314.67              | 25.00             | 157.00                     |
| January 1985              | 325.00        | 216.67              | 488.00        | 325.34              | 25.00             | 163.00                     |
| January 1986              | 336.00        | 224.00              | 504.00        | 336.00              | 25.00             | 168.00                     |
| January 1987              | 340.00        | 226.67              | 510.00        | 340.00              | 25.00             | 170.00                     |
| January 1988              | 354.00        | 236.00              | 532.00        | 354.67              | 25.00             | 177.00                     |
| January 1989              | 368.00        | 245.34              | 553.00        | 368.67              | 30.00             | 184.00                     |
| January 1990              | 386.00        | 257.34              | 579.00        | 386.00              | 30.00             | 193.00                     |
| January 1991              | 407.00        | 271.34              | 610.00        | 406.67              | 30.00             | 204.00                     |
| January 1992              | 422.00        | 281.34              | 633.00        | 422.00              | 30.00             | 211.00                     |
| January 1993              | 434.00        | 289.34              | 652.00        | 434.67              | 30.00             | 217.00                     |
| January 1994              | 446.00        | 297.34              | 669.00        | 446.00              | 30.00             | 223.00                     |
| January 1995              | 458.00        | 305.34              | 687.00        | 458.00              | 30.00             | 229.00                     |
| January 1996              | 470.00        | 313.34              | 705.00        | 470.00              | 30.00             | 235.00                     |
| January 1997              | 484.00        | 322.67              | 726.00        | 484.00              | 30.00             | 242.00                     |
| January 1998              | 494.00        | 329.34              | 741.00        | 494.00              | 30.00             | 247.00                     |
| January 1999              | 500.00        | 333.34              | 751.00        | 500.67              | 30.00             | 250.00                     |
| January 2000 <sup>a</sup> | 513.00        | 342.00              | 769.00        | 512.67              | 30.00             | 257.00                     |
| January 2001 <sup>a</sup> | 531.00        | 354.00              | 796.00        | 530.67              | 30.00             | 266.00                     |
| January 2002              | 545.00        | 363.34              | 817.00        | 544.67              | 30.00             | 273.00                     |
| January 2003              | 552.00        | 368.00              | 829.00        | 552.67              | 30.00             | 277.00                     |
| January 2004              | 564.00        | 376.00              | 846.00        | 564.00              | 30.00             | 282.00                     |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Program Management.

a. Data reflect the correction of an error in the consumer price index.

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**Federal Benefit Rates and Total Annual Payments**

**Table 2.**  
**Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2003**  
**(in thousands of dollars)**

| Year                              | Total      | Federal SSI | State supplementation  |                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                                   |            |             | Federally administered | State administered |
| <i>All recipients<sup>a</sup></i> |            |             |                        |                    |
| 1974                              | 5,245,719  | 3,833,161   | 1,263,652              | 148,906            |
| 1975                              | 5,878,224  | 4,313,538   | 1,402,534              | 162,152            |
| 1980                              | 7,940,734  | 5,866,354   | 1,848,286              | 226,094            |
| 1985                              | 11,060,476 | 8,777,341   | 1,972,597              | 310,538            |
| 1990                              | 16,598,680 | 12,893,805  | 3,239,154              | 465,721            |
| 1995                              | 27,627,658 | 23,919,430  | 3,117,850              | 590,378            |
| 1996                              | 28,791,924 | 25,264,878  | 2,987,596              | 539,450            |
| 1997                              | 29,052,089 | 25,457,387  | 2,913,181              | 681,521            |
| 1998                              | 30,216,345 | 26,404,793  | 3,003,415              | 808,137            |
| 1999                              | 30,922,953 | 26,805,156  | 3,300,976              | 816,821            |
| 2000                              | 31,564,439 | 27,290,248  | 3,381,451              | 892,740            |
| 2001                              | 33,060,819 | 28,705,503  | 3,460,353              | 894,963            |
| 2002                              | 34,566,844 | 29,898,765  | 3,820,234              | 847,845            |
| 2003                              | 35,604,829 | 30,688,029  | 4,005,249              | 911,551            |
| <i>Aged</i>                       |            |             |                        |                    |
| 1974                              | 2,503,407  | 1,782,742   | 631,292                | 89,373             |
| 1975                              | 2,604,792  | 1,842,980   | 673,535                | 88,277             |
| 1980                              | 2,734,270  | 1,860,194   | 756,829                | 117,247            |
| 1985                              | 3,034,596  | 2,202,557   | 694,114                | 137,925            |
| 1990                              | 3,736,104  | 2,521,382   | 1,038,006              | 176,716            |
| 1995                              | 4,467,146  | 3,374,772   | 864,450                | 227,924            |
| 1996                              | 4,507,202  | 3,449,407   | 833,091                | 224,705            |
| 1997                              | 4,531,973  | 3,479,948   | 823,581                | 228,444            |
| 1998                              | 4,424,877  | 3,327,856   | 838,375                | 258,646            |
| 1999                              | 4,712,333  | 3,524,355   | 921,332                | 266,646            |
| 2000                              | 4,811,048  | 3,595,384   | 942,530                | 283,073            |
| 2001                              | 4,958,644  | 3,708,527   | 955,549                | 294,568            |
| 2002                              | 5,085,554  | 3,751,491   | 1,051,301              | 282,762            |
| 2003                              | 5,147,380  | 3,758,070   | 1,098,805              | 290,505            |
| <i>Blind</i>                      |            |             |                        |                    |
| 1974                              | 130,195    | 91,308      | 34,483                 | 4,404              |
| 1975                              | 130,936    | 92,427      | 34,813                 | 3,696              |
| 1980                              | 190,075    | 131,506     | 54,321                 | 4,248              |
| 1985                              | 264,162    | 195,183     | 64,657                 | 4,322              |
| 1990                              | 334,120    | 238,415     | 90,534                 | 5,171              |
| 1995                              | 375,512    | 298,238     | 69,203                 | 8,071              |
| 1996                              | 371,869    | 298,897     | 65,894                 | 7,077              |
| 1997                              | 374,857    | 302,656     | 65,189                 | 7,012              |
| 1998                              | 366,452    | 291,050     | 67,137                 | 8,265              |
| 1999                              | 390,877    | 309,295     | 73,028                 | 8,554              |
| 2000                              | 394,484    | 312,144     | 73,688                 | 8,636              |
| 2001                              | 407,371    | 323,895     | 74,729                 | 8,747              |
| 2002                              | 426,409    | 335,405     | 81,049                 | 9,955              |
| 2003                              | 419,352    | 325,878     | 83,415                 | 10,058             |

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**Table 2.**

**Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2003**  
**(in thousands of dollars)—Continued**

| Year            | Total      | Federal<br>SSI | State supplementation     |                       |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                 |            |                | Federally<br>administered | State<br>administered |
| <i>Disabled</i> |            |                |                           |                       |
| 1974            | 2,601,936  | 1,959,112      | 597,876                   | 44,948                |
| 1975            | 3,142,476  | 2,378,131      | 694,186                   | 70,159                |
| 1980            | 5,013,948  | 3,874,655      | 1,037,137                 | 102,156               |
| 1985            | 7,754,588  | 6,379,601      | 1,213,826                 | 161,161               |
| 1990            | 12,520,568 | 10,134,007     | 2,110,615                 | 275,946               |
| 1995            | 22,778,547 | 20,246,415     | 2,184,197                 | 347,935               |
| 1996            | 23,905,578 | 21,516,579     | 2,088,610                 | 300,389               |
| 1997            | 24,006,254 | 21,685,421     | 2,024,410                 | 296,423               |
| 1998            | 25,304,721 | 22,785,879     | 2,097,903                 | 420,939               |
| 1999            | 25,719,050 | 22,971,506     | 2,306,615                 | 440,929               |
| 2000            | 26,198,350 | 23,399,442     | 2,365,233                 | 479,635               |
| 2001            | 27,611,303 | 24,695,630     | 2,430,077                 | 485,596               |
| 2002            | 28,996,405 | 25,844,055     | 2,687,884                 | 496,634               |
| 2003            | 29,966,210 | 26,630,775     | 2,823,028                 | 536,782               |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Financial Management, Division of Finance.

a. Includes data on state-administered state supplementation not distributed by category.

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**Table 3.**  
**Recipients, by age, December 1974–2003**

| Year | Total     | Under age 18 |                     | Aged 18–64 |                     | Aged 65 or older |                     |
|------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|      |           | Number       | Percentage of total | Number     | Percentage of total | Number           | Percentage of total |
| 1974 | 3,996,064 | 70,900       | 1.8                 | 1,503,155  | 37.6                | 2,422,009        | 60.6                |
| 1975 | 4,314,275 | 107,026      | 2.5                 | 1,699,394  | 39.4                | 2,507,855        | 58.1                |
| 1976 | 4,235,939 | 125,412      | 3.0                 | 1,713,594  | 40.5                | 2,396,933        | 56.6                |
| 1977 | 4,237,692 | 147,355      | 3.5                 | 1,736,879  | 41.0                | 2,353,458        | 55.5                |
| 1978 | 4,216,925 | 165,899      | 3.9                 | 1,747,126  | 41.4                | 2,303,900        | 54.6                |
| 1979 | 4,149,575 | 177,306      | 4.3                 | 1,726,553  | 41.6                | 2,245,716        | 54.1                |
| 1980 | 4,142,017 | 190,394      | 4.6                 | 1,730,847  | 41.8                | 2,220,776        | 53.6                |
| 1981 | 4,018,875 | 194,890      | 4.8                 | 1,702,895  | 42.4                | 2,121,090        | 52.8                |
| 1982 | 3,857,590 | 191,570      | 5.0                 | 1,655,279  | 42.9                | 2,010,741        | 52.1                |
| 1983 | 3,901,497 | 198,323      | 5.1                 | 1,699,774  | 43.6                | 2,003,400        | 51.3                |
| 1984 | 4,029,333 | 211,587      | 5.3                 | 1,780,459  | 44.2                | 2,037,287        | 50.6                |
| 1985 | 4,138,021 | 227,384      | 5.5                 | 1,879,168  | 45.4                | 2,031,469        | 49.1                |
| 1986 | 4,269,184 | 241,198      | 5.6                 | 2,010,458  | 47.1                | 2,017,528        | 47.3                |
| 1987 | 4,384,999 | 250,902      | 5.7                 | 2,118,710  | 48.3                | 2,015,387        | 46.0                |
| 1988 | 4,463,869 | 255,135      | 5.7                 | 2,202,714  | 49.3                | 2,006,020        | 44.9                |
| 1989 | 4,593,059 | 264,890      | 5.8                 | 2,301,926  | 50.1                | 2,026,243        | 44.1                |
| 1990 | 4,817,127 | 308,589      | 6.4                 | 2,449,897  | 50.9                | 2,058,641        | 42.7                |
| 1991 | 5,118,470 | 397,162      | 7.8                 | 2,641,524  | 51.6                | 2,079,784        | 40.6                |
| 1992 | 5,566,189 | 556,470      | 10.0                | 2,910,016  | 52.3                | 2,099,703        | 37.7                |
| 1993 | 5,984,330 | 722,678      | 12.1                | 3,148,413  | 52.6                | 2,113,239        | 35.3                |
| 1994 | 6,295,786 | 841,474      | 13.4                | 3,335,255  | 53.0                | 2,119,057        | 33.7                |
| 1995 | 6,514,134 | 917,048      | 14.1                | 3,482,256  | 53.5                | 2,114,830        | 32.5                |
| 1996 | 6,613,718 | 955,174      | 14.4                | 3,568,393  | 54.0                | 2,090,151        | 31.6                |
| 1997 | 6,494,985 | 879,828      | 13.5                | 3,561,625  | 54.8                | 2,053,532        | 31.6                |
| 1998 | 6,566,069 | 887,066      | 13.5                | 3,646,020  | 55.5                | 2,032,983        | 31.0                |
| 1999 | 6,556,634 | 847,063      | 12.9                | 3,690,970  | 56.3                | 2,018,601        | 30.8                |
| 2000 | 6,601,686 | 846,784      | 12.8                | 3,744,022  | 56.7                | 2,010,880        | 30.5                |
| 2001 | 6,688,489 | 881,836      | 13.2                | 3,811,494  | 57.0                | 1,995,159        | 29.8                |
| 2002 | 6,787,857 | 914,821      | 13.5                | 3,877,752  | 57.1                | 1,995,284        | 29.4                |
| 2003 | 6,902,364 | 959,379      | 13.9                | 3,953,248  | 57.3                | 1,989,737        | 28.8                |

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

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**Table 4.**  
**By type of payment, sex, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| Type of payment and sex                               | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|   |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| <b>Number</b>   |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| All payments  | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| Male  | 2,926,827 | 374,002   | 34,393 | 2,518,432 | 620,279  | 1,717,487 | 589,061     |
| Female  | 3,975,537 | 858,776   | 42,689 | 3,074,072 | 339,100  | 2,235,761 | 1,400,676   |
| Federal SSI   | 6,614,465 | 1,132,947 | 71,621 | 5,409,897 | 956,263  | 3,811,060 | 1,847,142   |
| Male  | 2,800,534 | 339,042   | 31,863 | 2,429,629 | 618,257  | 1,643,019 | 539,258     |
| Female  | 3,813,931 | 793,905   | 39,758 | 2,980,268 | 338,006  | 2,168,041 | 1,307,884   |
| State supplementation                                 | 2,467,116 | 602,807   | 34,142 | 1,830,167 | 253,095  | 1,310,187 | 903,834     |
| Male  | 1,049,251 | 204,096   | 15,205 | 829,950   | 165,366  | 588,874   | 295,011     |
| Female  | 1,417,865 | 398,711   | 18,937 | 1,000,217 | 87,729   | 721,313   | 608,823     |
| <b>Total payments (thousands of dollars)</b>          |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| All payments  | 3,077,819 | 424,774   | 35,646 | 2,617,398 | 502,763  | 1,886,790 | 688,266     |
| Male  | 1,355,417 | 136,099   | 15,886 | 1,203,432 | 325,704  | 819,878   | 209,835     |
| Female  | 1,722,401 | 288,675   | 19,760 | 1,413,967 | 177,058  | 1,066,912 | 478,431     |
| Federal SSI   | 2,721,097 | 327,311   | 28,316 | 2,365,469 | 484,581  | 1,692,999 | 543,517     |
| Male  | 1,199,903 | 100,399   | 12,620 | 1,086,884 | 313,949  | 727,201   | 158,754     |
| Female  | 1,521,193 | 226,912   | 15,696 | 1,278,585 | 170,632  | 965,798   | 384,763     |
| State supplementation                                 | 356,722   | 97,463    | 7,330  | 251,929   | 18,182   | 193,791   | 144,749     |
| Male  | 155,514   | 35,700    | 3,266  | 116,548   | 11,756   | 92,677    | 51,082      |
| Female  | 201,208   | 61,763    | 4,064  | 135,382   | 6,426    | 101,114   | 93,668      |
| <b>Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)</b> |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| All payments  | 417.16    | 342.28    | 454.84 | 433.16    | 490.63   | 436.37    | 343.77      |
| Male  | 429.87    | 361.80    | 452.76 | 439.69    | 491.19   | 433.72    | 354.20      |
| Female  | 407.83    | 333.81    | 456.51 | 427.84    | 489.59   | 438.39    | 339.40      |
| Federal SSI   | 383.59    | 287.10    | 389.19 | 403.76    | 474.39   | 405.08    | 292.56      |
| Male  | 396.20    | 294.44    | 388.81 | 410.54    | 475.00   | 400.57    | 292.77      |
| Female  | 374.36    | 283.97    | 389.50 | 398.27    | 473.28   | 408.48    | 292.48      |
| State supplementation                                 | 138.38    | 160.02    | 210.51 | 129.89    | 67.07    | 138.18    | 158.59      |
| Male  | 141.23    | 173.33    | 209.17 | 132.08    | 66.36    | 147.03    | 171.67      |
| Female  | 136.27    | 153.22    | 211.58 | 128.08    | 68.41    | 130.99    | 152.28      |

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

a. Averages are not obtained simply by dividing the total dollars by the number of recipients. Averages exclude payments made in the current month for prior-month eligibility, such as back pay for new awards, so that large retroactive payments do not distort the averages.

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**Table 5.**  
**By selected characteristics, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| Characteristic                           | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|  |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| <b>Number</b>                            |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| All recipients                           | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| Sex                                      |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Male                                     | 2,926,827 | 374,002   | 34,393 | 2,518,432 | 620,279  | 1,717,487 | 589,061     |
| Female                                   | 3,975,537 | 858,776   | 42,689 | 3,074,072 | 339,100  | 2,235,761 | 1,400,676   |
| Living arrangement                       |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Own household                            | 5,672,584 | 1,119,294 | 65,362 | 4,487,928 | 127,144  | 3,712,277 | 1,833,163   |
| Another's household                      | 281,140   | 90,329    | 4,093  | 186,718   | 30,103   | 148,438   | 102,599     |
| Parent's household                       | 798,101   | ...       | 5,663  | 792,438   | 787,627  | 10,474    | ...         |
| Medicaid institution                     | 138,381   | 21,161    | 1,891  | 115,329   | 13,650   | 73,221    | 51,510      |
| Unknown                                  | 12,158    | 1,994     | 73     | 10,091    | 855      | 8,838     | 2,465       |
| Citizenship status                       |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Citizen                                  | 6,205,592 | 876,480   | 68,340 | 5,260,772 | 955,086  | 3,727,713 | 1,522,793   |
| Noncitizen                               | 696,772   | 356,298   | 8,742  | 331,732   | 4,293    | 225,535   | 466,944     |
| <b>Average monthly payment (dollars)</b> |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| All recipients                           | 417.16    | 342.28    | 454.84 | 433.16    | 490.63   | 436.37    | 343.77      |
| Sex                                      |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Male                                     | 429.87    | 361.80    | 452.76 | 439.69    | 491.19   | 433.72    | 354.20      |
| Female                                   | 407.83    | 333.81    | 456.51 | 427.84    | 489.59   | 438.39    | 339.40      |
| Living arrangement                       |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Own household                            | 417.10    | 342.83    | 460.62 | 435.02    | 542.44   | 446.61    | 348.85      |
| Another's household                      | 380.16    | 400.27    | 437.63 | 369.09    | 363.79   | 371.33    | 397.63      |
| Parent's household                       | 494.74    | ...       | 536.89 | 494.44    | 494.76   | 492.96    | ...         |
| Medicaid institution                     | 37.36     | 37.33     | 36.87  | 37.37     | 46.65    | 36.63     | 35.85       |
| Unknown                                  | 371.57    | 354.12    | 463.97 | 375.98    | 469.81   | 360.95    | 361.26      |
| Citizenship status                       |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Citizen                                  | 408.59    | 287.91    | 438.08 | 428.35    | 490.47   | 431.76    | 300.85      |
| Noncitizen                               | 471.84    | 457.64    | 556.66 | 486.01    | 515.04   | 489.61    | 463.50      |

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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**Table 6.**  
**Recipients, by type of representative payee, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| Type of payee                   | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                                 |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| All recipients                  | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| Without payee                   | 4,476,912 | 1,186,797 | 57,796 | 3,232,319 | 897      | 2,640,210 | 1,835,805   |
| With payee                      | 2,425,452 | 45,981    | 19,286 | 2,360,185 | 958,482  | 1,313,038 | 153,932     |
| Natural or adoptive parents     | 1,352,958 | 280       | 11,451 | 1,341,227 | 783,897  | 567,338   | 1,723       |
| Spouse                          | 62,595    | 1,839     | 227    | 60,529    | 54       | 54,029    | 8,512       |
| Natural, adoptive, or stepchild | 92,950    | 18,222    | 653    | 74,075    | 265      | 48,851    | 43,834      |
| Grandparent                     | 87,726    | 27        | 614    | 87,085    | 64,999   | 22,676    | 51          |
| Other relative                  | 343,742   | 11,577    | 2,394  | 329,771   | 63,487   | 237,345   | 42,910      |
| Nonmental institution           | 124,903   | 7,151     | 1,316  | 116,436   | 5,867    | 92,723    | 26,313      |
| Mental institution              | 77,056    | 1,373     | 715    | 74,968    | 3,019    | 67,332    | 6,705       |
| Financial organization          | 2,248     | 35        | 14     | 2,199     | 119      | 2,002     | 127         |
| Social agency                   | 126,099   | 2,187     | 1,033  | 122,879   | 20,852   | 95,624    | 9,623       |
| Public official                 | 14,566    | 576       | 91     | 13,899    | 1,294    | 11,008    | 2,264       |
| Other                           | 140,609   | 2,714     | 778    | 137,117   | 14,629   | 114,110   | 11,870      |

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

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**Table 7.**  
**Recipients, by type of income, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| Type of income              | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                             |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| All recipients <sup>a</sup> | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| No other income             | 3,823,904 | 430,664   | 41,848 | 3,351,392 | 719,247  | 2,382,078 | 722,579     |
| Earned income               | 239,396   | 14,313    | 4,320  | 220,763   | 2,325    | 214,140   | 22,931      |
| Unearned income             |           |           |        |           |          |           |             |
| Social Security benefits    | 2,421,362 | 708,499   | 26,891 | 1,685,972 | 67,351   | 1,212,446 | 1,141,565   |
| Veterans' benefits          | 75,028    | 32,332    | 619    | 42,077    | 1,368    | 24,275    | 49,385      |
| Income based on need        | 12,273    | 79        | 33     | 12,161    | 8,187    | 3,998     | 88          |
| Workers' compensation       | 4,990     | 346       | 23     | 4,621     | 17       | 4,126     | 847         |
| Support from absent parents | 121,058   | ...       | 873    | 120,185   | 118,150  | 2,908     | ...         |
| Pensions                    | 59,739    | 39,517    | 439    | 19,783    | 37       | 12,521    | 47,181      |
| Support and maintenance     | 257,745   | 78,205    | 2,479  | 177,061   | 38,231   | 123,616   | 95,898      |
| Asset income <sup>b</sup>   | 244,155   | 87,447    | 3,563  | 153,145   | 15,898   | 110,700   | 117,557     |
| Other <sup>c</sup>          | 76,435    | 13,114    | 846    | 62,475    | 2,962    | 54,641    | 18,832      |

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of unearned income or both earned and unearned income.
- b. Includes income received as rent, interest, dividends, and royalties.
- c. Does not include income deemed from a spouse or parent.

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**Table 8.**  
**Recipients, by receipt of Social Security, type of income, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| Type of income                               | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|  |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| All recipients                               | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| With Social Security                         | 2,421,362 | 708,499   | 26,891 | 1,685,972 | 67,351   | 1,212,446 | 1,141,565   |
| No other income                              | 2,029,154 | 556,451   | 22,426 | 1,450,277 | 58,549   | 1,033,147 | 937,458     |
| Earned income only                           | 96,820    | 10,164    | 1,530  | 85,126    | 291      | 80,707    | 15,822      |
| Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>            | 282,033   | 139,896   | 2,733  | 139,404   | 8,457    | 88,181    | 185,395     |
| Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup> | 13,355    | 1,988     | 202    | 11,165    | 54       | 10,411    | 2,890       |
| Without Social Security                      | 4,481,002 | 524,279   | 50,191 | 3,906,532 | 892,028  | 2,740,802 | 848,172     |
| No other income                              | 3,823,904 | 430,664   | 41,848 | 3,351,392 | 719,247  | 2,382,078 | 722,579     |
| Earned income only                           | 142,576   | 4,149     | 2,790  | 135,637   | 2,034    | 133,433   | 7,109       |
| Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>            | 495,316   | 88,226    | 5,133  | 401,957   | 170,006  | 208,501   | 116,809     |
| Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup> | 19,206    | 1,240     | 420    | 17,546    | 741      | 16,790    | 1,675       |

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

a. Includes recipients with in-kind unearned income.

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**Table 9.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**

| State or area        | Total     | Category  |        |           | Age      |           |             |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                      |           | Aged      | Blind  | Disabled  | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
| All areas            | 6,902,364 | 1,232,778 | 77,082 | 5,592,504 | 959,379  | 3,953,248 | 1,989,737   |
| Alabama              | 163,760   | 21,010    | 1,029  | 141,721   | 27,318   | 97,723    | 38,719      |
| Alaska               | 10,639    | 2,230     | 107    | 8,302     | 1,054    | 6,542     | 3,043       |
| Arizona              | 91,655    | 13,211    | 924    | 77,520    | 15,527   | 53,437    | 22,691      |
| Arkansas             | 86,542    | 11,177    | 873    | 74,492    | 15,356   | 50,312    | 20,874      |
| California           | 1,162,725 | 345,911   | 21,951 | 794,863   | 92,830   | 567,445   | 502,450     |
| Colorado             | 53,988    | 8,537     | 555    | 44,896    | 6,580    | 33,765    | 13,643      |
| Connecticut          | 51,151    | 6,937     | 505    | 43,709    | 6,277    | 32,454    | 12,420      |
| Delaware             | 12,930    | 1,304     | 115    | 11,511    | 2,970    | 7,544     | 2,416       |
| District of Columbia | 20,403    | 2,154     | 175    | 18,074    | 3,923    | 12,044    | 4,436       |
| Florida              | 409,400   | 95,566    | 3,166  | 310,668   | 77,253   | 195,400   | 136,747     |
| Georgia              | 199,733   | 29,689    | 2,175  | 167,869   | 30,768   | 115,048   | 53,917      |
| Hawaii               | 21,753    | 6,532     | 189    | 15,032    | 1,378    | 11,873    | 8,502       |
| Idaho                | 20,258    | 1,716     | 216    | 18,326    | 3,537    | 13,713    | 3,008       |
| Illinois             | 255,445   | 30,895    | 2,426  | 222,124   | 42,616   | 155,426   | 57,403      |
| Indiana              | 93,963    | 6,311     | 999    | 86,653    | 19,019   | 62,319    | 12,625      |
| Iowa                 | 41,869    | 3,837     | 792    | 37,240    | 6,283    | 28,371    | 7,215       |
| Kansas               | 37,805    | 3,475     | 376    | 33,954    | 6,618    | 24,580    | 6,607       |
| Kentucky             | 178,900   | 15,733    | 1,358  | 161,809   | 25,203   | 118,277   | 35,420      |
| Louisiana            | 167,800   | 20,708    | 1,785  | 145,307   | 29,477   | 98,926    | 39,397      |
| Maine                | 31,403    | 2,746     | 223    | 28,434    | 3,196    | 22,554    | 5,653       |
| Maryland             | 90,962    | 15,532    | 711    | 74,719    | 14,039   | 52,123    | 24,800      |
| Massachusetts        | 168,171   | 44,813    | 4,038  | 119,320   | 16,646   | 103,370   | 48,155      |
| Michigan             | 216,727   | 17,629    | 1,818  | 197,280   | 35,563   | 144,790   | 36,374      |
| Minnesota            | 68,971    | 9,804     | 722    | 58,445    | 9,595    | 43,758    | 15,618      |
| Mississippi          | 126,301   | 17,538    | 1,133  | 107,630   | 21,261   | 71,384    | 33,656      |
| Missouri             | 115,069   | 10,606    | 970    | 103,493   | 18,075   | 75,835    | 21,159      |
| Montana              | 14,356    | 1,209     | 132    | 13,015    | 1,803    | 10,079    | 2,474       |
| Nebraska             | 21,875    | 2,186     | 243    | 19,446    | 3,401    | 14,518    | 3,956       |
| Nevada               | 30,815    | 7,883     | 708    | 22,224    | 5,234    | 17,273    | 8,308       |
| New Hampshire        | 12,709    | 926       | 139    | 11,644    | 1,714    | 9,163     | 1,832       |
| New Jersey           | 149,580   | 33,670    | 1,015  | 114,895   | 20,901   | 78,366    | 50,313      |
| New Mexico           | 50,169    | 8,710     | 519    | 40,940    | 6,261    | 28,468    | 15,440      |
| New York             | 624,565   | 134,095   | 3,131  | 487,339   | 68,062   | 333,737   | 222,766     |
| North Carolina       | 194,424   | 28,237    | 1,958  | 164,229   | 33,416   | 109,162   | 51,846      |
| North Dakota         | 8,092     | 1,144     | 80     | 6,868     | 940      | 5,161     | 1,991       |
| Ohio                 | 243,584   | 15,934    | 2,092  | 225,558   | 41,422   | 165,920   | 36,242      |
| Oklahoma             | 75,202    | 8,938     | 812    | 65,452    | 11,594   | 46,976    | 16,632      |
| Oregon               | 57,436    | 7,570     | 649    | 49,217    | 7,505    | 37,555    | 12,376      |
| Pennsylvania         | 310,617   | 32,895    | 2,368  | 275,354   | 50,909   | 195,799   | 63,909      |
| Rhode Island         | 29,196    | 4,155     | 198    | 24,843    | 3,757    | 18,100    | 7,339       |

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**Table 9.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Total   | Category |       |          | Age      |         |             |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|
|                          |         | Aged     | Blind | Disabled | Under 18 | 18–64   | 65 or older |
| South Carolina           | 105,621 | 13,864   | 1,482 | 90,275   | 17,718   | 61,044  | 26,859      |
| South Dakota             | 12,577  | 1,777    | 99    | 10,701   | 1,879    | 7,500   | 3,198       |
| Tennessee                | 161,246 | 18,843   | 1,604 | 140,799  | 21,915   | 101,159 | 38,172      |
| Texas                    | 454,857 | 111,225  | 6,219 | 337,413  | 65,233   | 228,480 | 161,144     |
| Utah                     | 21,357  | 2,131    | 266   | 18,960   | 3,839    | 13,815  | 3,703       |
| Vermont                  | 12,841  | 1,308    | 102   | 11,431   | 1,496    | 8,651   | 2,694       |
| Virginia                 | 133,607 | 22,155   | 1,356 | 110,096  | 20,290   | 76,550  | 36,767      |
| Washington               | 108,977 | 14,179   | 954   | 93,844   | 13,097   | 70,957  | 24,923      |
| West Virginia            | 75,227  | 4,694    | 598   | 69,935   | 8,219    | 54,431  | 12,577      |
| Wisconsin                | 88,736  | 8,818    | 965   | 78,953   | 15,429   | 57,086  | 16,221      |
| Wyoming                  | 5,660   | 482      | 49    | 5,129    | 817      | 3,926   | 917         |
| Outlying area            |         |          |       |          |          |         |             |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 715     | 149      | 13    | 553      | 166      | 359     | 190         |

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

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**Table 10.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**  
**(in dollars)**

| State or area        | Total  | Category |        |          | Age      |        |             |
|----------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|
|                      |        | Aged     | Blind  | Disabled | Under 18 | 18-64  | 65 or older |
| All areas            | 417.16 | 342.28   | 454.84 | 433.16   | 490.63   | 436.37 | 343.77      |
| Alabama              | 362.08 | 175.35   | 351.46 | 389.81   | 483.34   | 388.30 | 210.40      |
| Alaska               | 377.59 | 270.56   | 384.23 | 406.33   | 444.08   | 408.74 | 288.09      |
| Arizona              | 392.13 | 283.80   | 403.06 | 410.50   | 478.32   | 408.50 | 294.64      |
| Arkansas             | 344.49 | 156.16   | 355.23 | 372.66   | 473.40   | 370.74 | 186.80      |
| California           | 553.13 | 502.92   | 609.56 | 573.40   | 596.72   | 587.98 | 505.74      |
| Colorado             | 370.98 | 288.75   | 396.31 | 386.36   | 454.69   | 389.45 | 285.43      |
| Connecticut          | 393.11 | 316.86   | 403.37 | 405.12   | 474.59   | 407.29 | 315.25      |
| Delaware             | 378.01 | 243.47   | 381.90 | 393.34   | 454.48   | 386.72 | 257.40      |
| District of Columbia | 416.59 | 256.21   | 401.94 | 435.91   | 485.05   | 441.73 | 288.14      |
| Florida              | 383.09 | 310.88   | 385.96 | 405.30   | 471.19   | 396.45 | 314.36      |
| Georgia              | 358.36 | 203.50   | 385.75 | 385.49   | 471.17   | 390.47 | 226.27      |
| Hawaii               | 426.96 | 360.21   | 426.94 | 456.01   | 464.17   | 460.85 | 373.76      |
| Idaho                | 370.88 | 203.70   | 384.00 | 386.56   | 457.78   | 382.11 | 220.67      |
| Illinois             | 416.43 | 332.13   | 409.25 | 428.28   | 486.67   | 429.07 | 330.70      |
| Indiana              | 384.74 | 219.68   | 360.29 | 397.12   | 470.83   | 389.36 | 233.67      |
| Iowa                 | 355.42 | 200.44   | 346.36 | 371.70   | 449.91   | 369.51 | 219.26      |
| Kansas               | 371.43 | 234.35   | 394.05 | 385.31   | 464.09   | 380.57 | 246.29      |
| Kentucky             | 381.12 | 184.05   | 386.45 | 400.23   | 486.67   | 404.00 | 230.16      |
| Louisiana            | 377.35 | 193.19   | 372.35 | 403.75   | 486.35   | 405.99 | 224.35      |
| Maine                | 349.41 | 158.51   | 372.25 | 367.56   | 457.40   | 373.14 | 193.65      |
| Maryland             | 395.37 | 308.56   | 397.57 | 413.88   | 464.99   | 417.69 | 302.21      |
| Massachusetts        | 427.02 | 359.39   | 465.90 | 451.22   | 517.24   | 444.48 | 358.35      |
| Michigan             | 413.65 | 283.37   | 402.03 | 425.40   | 485.28   | 426.48 | 292.82      |
| Minnesota            | 385.89 | 297.22   | 399.27 | 400.64   | 464.45   | 396.51 | 308.12      |
| Mississippi          | 356.99 | 170.54   | 354.88 | 387.40   | 481.02   | 389.29 | 210.42      |
| Missouri             | 374.28 | 209.72   | 375.20 | 391.13   | 482.53   | 388.47 | 231.32      |
| Montana              | 363.78 | 182.40   | 372.80 | 380.61   | 458.16   | 385.02 | 208.71      |
| Nebraska             | 357.25 | 216.38   | 368.64 | 372.90   | 461.41   | 368.55 | 226.61      |
| Nevada               | 384.59 | 302.62   | 453.28 | 411.61   | 465.13   | 399.46 | 302.82      |
| New Hampshire        | 364.27 | 240.94   | 361.36 | 374.18   | 440.93   | 374.56 | 241.76      |
| New Jersey           | 404.32 | 347.28   | 398.32 | 421.05   | 480.61   | 421.47 | 345.87      |
| New Mexico           | 364.90 | 235.66   | 385.39 | 392.27   | 480.18   | 398.11 | 257.45      |
| New York             | 449.99 | 379.23   | 425.95 | 469.61   | 505.35   | 478.70 | 390.12      |
| North Carolina       | 344.53 | 183.60   | 362.89 | 371.96   | 458.76   | 369.45 | 218.49      |
| North Dakota         | 328.32 | 195.18   | 380.23 | 349.73   | 445.89   | 351.06 | 213.93      |
| Ohio                 | 406.55 | 259.03   | 391.00 | 417.15   | 483.18   | 417.03 | 271.89      |
| Oklahoma             | 369.27 | 198.68   | 381.62 | 392.39   | 480.37   | 394.24 | 221.08      |
| Oregon               | 384.80 | 283.94   | 401.71 | 400.18   | 468.56   | 399.68 | 289.81      |
| Pennsylvania         | 424.74 | 280.56   | 405.68 | 442.13   | 498.32   | 443.54 | 308.87      |
| Rhode Island         | 418.07 | 305.72   | 385.16 | 437.09   | 532.41   | 433.35 | 321.70      |

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**Table 10.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2003**  
**(in dollars)—Continued**

| State or area            | Total  | Category |        |          | Age      |        |             |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|
|                          |        | Aged     | Blind  | Disabled | Under 18 | 18–64  | 65 or older |
| South Carolina           | 355.81 | 185.21   | 362.86 | 381.95   | 464.58   | 383.55 | 221.49      |
| South Dakota             | 342.68 | 186.74   | 386.28 | 368.35   | 449.23   | 366.98 | 223.51      |
| Tennessee                | 364.01 | 182.14   | 392.17 | 388.07   | 479.28   | 393.50 | 220.49      |
| Texas                    | 348.17 | 240.49   | 379.49 | 383.16   | 469.56   | 385.24 | 246.83      |
| Utah                     | 383.38 | 313.52   | 388.81 | 391.18   | 440.88   | 387.17 | 309.99      |
| Vermont                  | 371.00 | 187.03   | 379.54 | 391.94   | 506.25   | 393.48 | 223.69      |
| Virginia                 | 362.93 | 259.81   | 368.95 | 383.63   | 460.42   | 383.88 | 265.77      |
| Washington               | 411.44 | 360.99   | 404.75 | 419.13   | 474.32   | 419.62 | 355.48      |
| West Virginia            | 390.14 | 179.11   | 385.39 | 404.34   | 477.72   | 412.01 | 238.37      |
| Wisconsin                | 374.26 | 226.68   | 383.85 | 391.71   | 467.43   | 385.91 | 245.67      |
| Wyoming                  | 358.17 | 166.90   | 405.58 | 375.84   | 459.49   | 376.32 | 192.61      |
| Outlying area            |        |          |        |          |          |        |             |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 428.49 | 339.92   | 446.85 | 453.65   | 498.85   | 434.71 | 354.19      |

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

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**Table 11.**  
**Recipients and their average income, by type of income and marital status, December 2003**

| Type of income                    | Eligible individual with no spouse |                          | Eligible individual with eligible spouse |                          |         |                          | Eligible individual with ineligible spouse |                          |         |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|                                   |                                    |                          | Individual                               |                          | Spouse  |                          | Individual                                 |                          | Spouse  |                          |
|                                   | Number                             | Average income (dollars) | Number                                   | Average income (dollars) | Number  | Average income (dollars) | Number                                     | Average income (dollars) | Number  | Average income (dollars) |
| Total <sup>a</sup>                | 6,000,980                          | ...                      | 283,160                                  | ...                      | 283,160 | ...                      | 320,450                                    | ...                      | 320,450 | ...                      |
| No other income                   | 3,374,160                          | ...                      | 148,120                                  | ...                      | 159,280 | ...                      | 197,110                                    | ...                      | 131,530 | ...                      |
| With income                       | 2,626,820                          | 396                      | 135,040                                  | 393                      | 123,880 | 338                      | 123,340                                    | 387                      | 188,920 | 847                      |
| Earned income only                | 132,500                            | 353                      | 1,900                                    | 575                      | 2,370   | 598                      | 4,220                                      | 587                      | 99,050  | 1,161                    |
| Unearned income only              | 2,374,410                          | 388                      | 130,940                                  | 384                      | 118,460 | 323                      | 117,040                                    | 374                      | 77,130  | 398                      |
| Both earned and unearned income   | 119,890                            | 601                      | 2,200                                    | 814                      | 3,050   | 732                      | 2,080                                      | 730                      | 12,720  | 1,122                    |
| With earned income <sup>a</sup>   | 252,390                            | 294                      | 4,100                                    | 498                      | 5,420   | 480                      | 6,300                                      | 531                      | 111,770 | 1,134                    |
| Wages                             | 235,910                            | 302                      | 2,950                                    | 602                      | 4,100   | 571                      | 4,360                                      | 654                      | 90,270  | 1,246                    |
| Self-employment income            | 17,790                             | 166                      | 1,170                                    | 229                      | 1,410   | 191                      | 1,970                                      | 252                      | 22,820  | 627                      |
| With unearned income <sup>a</sup> | 2,494,320                          | 387                      | 133,140                                  | 383                      | 121,510 | 323                      | 119,120                                    | 373                      | 89,890  | 369                      |
| Social Security benefits          | 2,051,690                          | 425                      | 111,470                                  | 428                      | 103,910 | 353                      | 94,100                                     | 424                      | 37,810  | 467                      |
| Veterans' benefits                | 61,910                             | 190                      | 1,100                                    | 253                      | 990     | 164                      | 9,550                                      | 134                      | 10,790  | 389                      |
| Income based on need              | 13,040                             | 244                      | 40                                       | 80                       | 380     | 122                      | 580  | 90                       | 33,080  | 124                      |
| Workers' compensation             | 3,960                              | 333                      | 260                                      | 345                      | 190     | 340                      | 600  | 424                      | 1,410   | 762                      |
| Support from absent parents       | 119,180                            | 201                      | ...                                      | ...                      | ...     | ...                      | ...  | ...                      | ...     | ...                      |
| Pensions                          | 45,830                             | 164                      | 7,200                                    | 133                      | 4,740   | 134                      | 2,220                                      | 154                      | 2,920   | 289                      |
| Support and maintenance           | 211,270                            | 134                      | 15,790                                   | 99                       | 14,530  | 99                       | 14,940                                     | 113                      | 690     | 114                      |
| Asset income <sup>b</sup>         | 201,520                            | 7                        | 15,770                                   | 5                        | 10,910  | 6                        | 11,180                                     | 8                        | 7,200   | 27                       |
| Other <sup>c</sup>                | 67,080                             | 239                      | 2,270                                    | 153                      | 1,890   | 122                      | 3,930                                      | 205                      | 9,430   | 536                      |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income, or both earned and unearned income.
- b. Includes income received as rent, interest, dividends, and royalties.
- c. Does not include income deemed from a spouse or parent.

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**Table 12.**  
**Recipients as a percentage of resident population, by state, December 2003**

| State                | Resident population <sup>a</sup> | Recipients             |                                   |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                      |                                  | Number                 | Percentage of resident population |
| United States        | 290,809,777                      | <sup>b</sup> 6,902,364 | 2.4                               |
| Alabama              | 4,500,752                        | 163,760                | 3.6                               |
| Alaska               | 648,818                          | 10,639                 | 1.6                               |
| Arizona              | 5,580,811                        | 91,655                 | 1.6                               |
| Arkansas             | 2,725,714                        | 86,542                 | 3.2                               |
| California           | 35,484,453                       | 1,162,725              | 3.3                               |
| Colorado             | 4,550,688                        | 53,988                 | 1.2                               |
| Connecticut          | 3,483,372                        | 51,151                 | 1.5                               |
| Delaware             | 817,491                          | 12,930                 | 1.6                               |
| District of Columbia | 563,384                          | 20,403                 | 3.6                               |
| Florida              | 17,019,068                       | 409,400                | 2.4                               |
| Georgia              | 8,684,715                        | 199,733                | 2.3                               |
| Hawaii               | 1,257,608                        | 21,753                 | 1.7                               |
| Idaho                | 1,366,332                        | 20,258                 | 1.5                               |
| Illinois             | 12,653,544                       | 255,445                | 2.0                               |
| Indiana              | 6,195,643                        | 93,963                 | 1.5                               |
| Iowa                 | 2,944,062                        | 41,869                 | 1.4                               |
| Kansas               | 2,723,507                        | 37,805                 | 1.4                               |
| Kentucky             | 4,117,827                        | 178,900                | 4.3                               |
| Louisiana            | 4,496,334                        | 167,800                | 3.7                               |
| Maine                | 1,305,728                        | 31,403                 | 2.4                               |
| Maryland             | 5,508,909                        | 90,962                 | 1.7                               |
| Massachusetts        | 6,433,422                        | 168,171                | 2.6                               |
| Michigan             | 10,079,985                       | 216,727                | 2.2                               |
| Minnesota            | 5,059,375                        | 68,971                 | 1.4                               |
| Mississippi          | 2,881,281                        | 126,301                | 4.4                               |
| Missouri             | 5,704,484                        | 115,069                | 2.0                               |
| Montana              | 917,621                          | 14,356                 | 1.6                               |
| Nebraska             | 1,739,291                        | 21,875                 | 1.3                               |
| Nevada               | 2,241,154                        | 30,815                 | 1.4                               |
| New Hampshire        | 1,287,687                        | 12,709                 | 1.0                               |
| New Jersey           | 8,638,396                        | 149,580                | 1.7                               |
| New Mexico           | 1,874,614                        | 50,169                 | 2.7                               |
| New York             | 19,190,115                       | 624,565                | 3.3                               |
| North Carolina       | 8,407,248                        | 194,424                | 2.3                               |
| North Dakota         | 633,837                          | 8,092                  | 1.3                               |
| Ohio                 | 11,435,798                       | 243,584                | 2.1                               |
| Oklahoma             | 3,511,532                        | 75,202                 | 2.1                               |
| Oregon               | 3,559,596                        | 57,436                 | 1.6                               |
| Pennsylvania         | 12,365,455                       | 310,617                | 2.5                               |
| Rhode Island         | 1,076,164                        | 29,196                 | 2.7                               |

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**Table 12.**  
**Recipients as a percentage of resident population, by state, December 2003—Continued**

| State          | Resident population <sup>a</sup> | Recipients |                                   |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
|                |                                  | Number     | Percentage of resident population |
| South Carolina | 4,147,152                        | 105,621    | 2.5                               |
| South Dakota   | 764,309                          | 12,577     | 1.6                               |
| Tennessee      | 5,841,748                        | 161,246    | 2.8                               |
| Texas          | 22,118,509                       | 454,857    | 2.1                               |
| Utah           | 2,351,467                        | 21,357     | 0.9                               |
| Vermont        | 619,107                          | 12,841     | 2.1                               |
| Virginia       | 7,386,330                        | 133,607    | 1.8                               |
| Washington     | 6,131,445                        | 108,977    | 1.8                               |
| West Virginia  | 1,810,354                        | 75,227     | 4.2                               |
| Wisconsin      | 5,472,299                        | 88,736     | 1.6                               |
| Wyoming        | 501,242                          | 5,660      | 1.1                               |

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau and Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

a. Population estimates for the United States as of July 1, 2003, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

b. Includes 715 recipients in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**Table 13.**  
**Foreign-born recipients, by region, country of origin, and eligibility category, December 2003**

| Region and country of origin | Total     | Aged    | Blind and disabled |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| All areas                    | 1,460,557 | 702,472 | 758,085            |
| North America                | 180,552   | 26,059  | 154,493            |
| U.S. territories             | 171,869   | 23,480  | 148,389            |
| Puerto Rico                  | 167,108   | 22,816  | 144,292            |
| Other <sup>a</sup>           | 4,761     | 664     | 4,097              |
| Other                        | 8,683     | 2,579   | 6,104              |
| Latin America                | 538,211   | 271,283 | 266,928            |
| Mexico                       | 233,683   | 116,394 | 117,289            |
| Cuba                         | 92,948    | 49,235  | 43,713             |
| Dominican Republic           | 61,591    | 22,392  | 39,199             |
| Other                        | 149,989   | 83,262  | 66,727             |
| Africa                       | 18,161    | 7,452   | 10,709             |
| Somalia                      | 3,442     | 1,462   | 1,980              |
| Cape Verde Islands           | 1,345     | 856     | 489                |
| Ethiopia                     | 2,502     | 827     | 1,675              |
| Other                        | 10,872    | 4,307   | 6,565              |
| Asia                         | 464,876   | 276,087 | 188,789            |
| Vietnam                      | 98,928    | 42,166  | 56,762             |
| China                        | 70,941    | 60,641  | 10,300             |
| Laos                         | 32,916    | 6,887   | 26,029             |
| Philippines                  | 69,885    | 57,401  | 12,484             |
| Other                        | 192,206   | 108,992 | 83,214             |
| Middle East                  | 35,360    | 16,220  | 19,140             |
| Lebanon                      | 8,647     | 4,026   | 4,621              |
| Syria                        | 6,396     | 2,862   | 3,534              |
| Turkey                       | 3,957     | 2,568   | 1,389              |
| Other                        | 16,360    | 6,764   | 9,596              |
| Former Soviet Republics      | 130,633   | 68,137  | 62,496             |
| Europe                       | 85,288    | 34,190  | 51,098             |
| Portugal                     | 8,212     | 4,735   | 3,477              |
| Italy                        | 7,199     | 3,128   | 4,071              |
| United Kingdom               | 8,403     | 2,800   | 5,603              |
| Poland                       | 7,606     | 4,371   | 3,235              |
| Former Yugoslavia            | 11,800    | 4,398   | 7,402              |
| Other                        | 42,068    | 14,758  | 27,310             |
| Other or unknown areas       | 7,476     | 3,044   | 4,432              |

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

NOTE: Foreign-born means born in an area not served by the Supplemental Security Income program.

a. Includes American Samoa, Guam, and Virgin Islands.

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**Table 14.**  
**By eligibility category, selected months 1974–2003**

| Month         | Number                         |         |       |          | Total payments<br>(thousands of dollars) |        |       |          | Average monthly payment<br>(dollars) |        |        |          |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|----------|--|--------|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
|               | All<br>recipients <sup>a</sup> | Aged    | Blind | Disabled | All<br>recipients <sup>a</sup>           | Aged   | Blind | Disabled | All<br>recipients <sup>a</sup>       | Aged   | Blind  | Disabled |
| January 1974  | 358,293                        | 251,926 | 8,502 | 96,926   | 14,884                                   | 9,237  | 517   | 5,102    | 41.54                                | 36.66  | 60.86  | 52.64    |
| December 1980 | 249,474                        | 134,555 | 3,649 | 104,367  | 19,920                                   | 10,435 | 356   | 8,995    | 79.85                                | 77.55  | 97.45  | 86.18    |
| December 1985 | 254,656                        | 114,721 | 3,032 | 128,683  | 24,971                                   | 10,314 | 358   | 13,777   | 98.06                                | 89.90  | 117.95 | 107.06   |
| December 1986 | 279,297                        | 123,291 | 3,123 | 143,981  | 29,586                                   | 12,584 | 374   | 16,017   | 105.93                               | 102.07 | 119.69 | 111.24   |
| December 1987 | 271,656                        | 111,116 | 3,114 | 146,598  | 30,112                                   | 11,860 | 392   | 17,253   | 110.85                               | 106.74 | 125.92 | 117.69   |
| December 1988 | 270,084                        | 112,742 | 3,094 | 152,915  | 33,382                                   | 13,294 | 399   | 19,172   | 123.60                               | 117.91 | 128.83 | 125.37   |
| December 1989 | 274,537                        | 111,053 | 3,081 | 159,149  | 35,937                                   | 13,770 | 428   | 21,211   | 130.90                               | 124.00 | 138.84 | 133.28   |
| December 1990 | 285,530                        | 115,890 | 3,042 | 166,598  | 39,274                                   | 13,770 | 451   | 23,274   | 137.50                               | 118.82 | 148.20 | 139.70   |
| December 1991 | 307,891                        | 119,960 | 3,595 | 182,990  | 46,324                                   | 13,770 | 610   | 27,544   | 150.46                               | 114.79 | 169.97 | 150.52   |
| December 1992 | 312,807                        | 117,826 | 3,552 | 190,045  | 46,652                                   | 18,103 | 627   | 27,358   | 149.14                               | 153.64 | 176.86 | 143.95   |
| December 1993 | 313,538                        | 115,447 | 3,602 | 193,056  | 47,455                                   | 18,411 | 658   | 27,837   | 151.35                               | 159.48 | 182.69 | 144.19   |
| December 1994 | 322,039                        | 115,545 | 3,506 | 201,245  | 49,644                                   | 19,501 | 666   | 28,922   | 154.15                               | 168.71 | 189.49 | 143.35   |
| December 1995 | 299,603                        | 114,451 | 3,577 | 179,542  | 43,011                                   | 17,619 | 673   | 24,138   | 143.36                               | 154.26 | 188.05 | 134.44   |
| December 1996 | 310,211                        | 114,587 | 3,414 | 186,955  | 47,248                                   | 19,326 | 586   | 26,720   | 152.31                               | 168.65 | 171.65 | 142.92   |
| December 1997 | 656,970                        | 130,652 | 4,543 | 281,274  | 65,580                                   | 19,218 | 562   | 24,721   | 99.82                                | 147.09 | 123.70 | 87.88    |
| December 1998 | 660,685                        | 138,225 | 4,635 | 310,000  | 68,035                                   | 21,951 | 710   | 35,433   | 102.97                               | 158.80 | 153.18 | 114.30   |
| December 1999 | 674,837                        | 139,420 | 4,647 | 322,879  | 73,350                                   | 23,302 | 739   | 39,041   | 108.70                               | 167.14 | 159.15 | 120.92   |
| December 2000 | 682,867                        | 144,644 | 4,645 | 325,916  | 75,767                                   | 24,226 | 719   | 40,443   | 110.95                               | 167.49 | 154.79 | 124.09   |
| December 2001 | 689,163                        | 143,654 | 4,564 | 333,294  | 75,142                                   | 23,490 | 725   | 40,760   | 109.03                               | 163.52 | 158.85 | 122.29   |
| December 2002 | 552,567                        | 138,851 | 4,527 | 332,044  | 70,241                                   | 23,361 | 742   | 41,110   | 127.12                               | 168.24 | 163.91 | 123.81   |
| December 2003 | 547,965                        | 134,084 | 4,574 | 332,059  | 67,695                                   | 22,291 | 736   | 39,622   | 123.54                               | 166.24 | 160.91 | 119.32   |
| 2003          |                                |         |       |          |  |        |       |          |                                      |        |        |          |
| January       | 559,123                        | 138,159 | 4,304 | 337,984  | 68,234                                   | 21,411 | 712   | 40,986   | 122.04                               | 154.97 | 165.43 | 121.27   |
| February      | 559,856                        | 137,750 | 4,330 | 340,036  | 68,134                                   | 21,380 | 722   | 41,054   | 121.70                               | 155.21 | 166.74 | 120.74   |
| March         | 554,581                        | 134,108 | 4,322 | 337,704  | 67,932                                   | 21,298 | 720   | 41,041   | 122.49                               | 158.81 | 166.59 | 121.53   |
| April         | 569,523                        | 138,758 | 4,380 | 347,311  | 68,505                                   | 21,400 | 719   | 41,281   | 120.28                               | 154.22 | 164.16 | 118.86   |
| May           | 551,227                        | 135,470 | 4,490 | 332,316  | 68,819                                   | 22,667 | 730   | 40,350   | 124.85                               | 167.32 | 162.58 | 121.42   |
| June          | 551,494                        | 135,355 | 4,484 | 332,970  | 69,306                                   | 22,856 | 745   | 40,647   | 125.67                               | 168.86 | 166.14 | 120.07   |
| July          | 566,886                        | 137,452 | 4,340 | 345,957  | 68,039                                   | 21,382 | 724   | 40,937   | 120.02                               | 155.60 | 166.82 | 118.33   |
| August        | 551,541                        | 134,945 | 4,476 | 333,163  | 68,776                                   | 22,611 | 748   | 40,457   | 124.70                               | 167.56 | 167.11 | 121.43   |
| September     | 551,469                        | 133,854 | 4,488 | 334,156  | 68,589                                   | 22,623 | 751   | 40,186   | 124.38                               | 169.01 | 167.34 | 120.26   |
| October       | 567,990                        | 137,171 | 4,337 | 347,299  | 67,515                                   | 21,168 | 716   | 40,546   | 118.87                               | 154.32 | 165.09 | 116.74   |
| November      | 551,885                        | 134,621 | 4,467 | 333,761  | 68,799                                   | 22,546 | 739   | 40,532   | 124.66                               | 167.48 | 165.44 | 121.44   |
| December      | 547,965                        | 134,084 | 4,574 | 332,059  | 67,695                                   | 22,291 | 736   | 39,622   | 123.54                               | 166.24 | 160.91 | 119.32   |

SOURCE: Data reported to the Social Security Administration by the 31 states that administer their own supplementary program.

NOTES: All data are subject to revision.

Excludes optional supplementation data for Missouri and North Dakota.

a. Includes data not distributed by category.

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## State-Administered Supplementation

**Table 15.**  
**By eligibility category and state, December 2003**

| State                     | Number                      |         |       |          | Total payments<br>(thousands of dollars) |        |       |          | Average monthly payment<br>(dollars) |        |        |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|----------|--|--------|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
|                           | All recipients <sup>a</sup> | Aged    | Blind | Disabled | All recipients <sup>a</sup>              | Aged   | Blind | Disabled | All recipients <sup>a</sup>          | Aged   | Blind  | Disabled |
| All applicable states     | 547,965                     | 134,084 | 4,574 | 332,059  | 67,695                                   | 22,291 | 736   | 39,622   | 123.54                               | 166.24 | 160.91 | 119.32   |
| Alabama                   | 508                         | 187     | 8     | 313      | 28                                       | 10     | ...   | 18       | 56.02                                | 55.99  | ...    | 56.08    |
| Alaska                    | 15,817                      | 4,998   | 86    | 10,733   | 4,749                                    | 1,371  | 27    | 3,351    | 300.24                               | 274.34 | 312.65 | 312.68   |
| Arizona                   | 457                         | ...     | ...   | 457      | 23                                       | ...    | ...   | 23       | 50.00                                | ...    | ...    | 50.00    |
| Colorado                  | 31,836                      | 24,572  | 12    | 7,252    | 6,563                                    | 5,410  | 3     | 1,150    | 206.17                               | 220.18 | 240.83 | 158.62   |
| Connecticut               | 17,257                      | 5,224   | 101   | 11,932   | 6,718                                    | 2,402  | 42    | 4,274    | 389.26                               | 459.86 | 412.08 | 358.16   |
| Florida                   | 15,234                      | 6,477   | 8     | 8,749    | 772                                      | 288    | ...   | 484      | 50.62                                | 44.39  | ...    | 55.24    |
| Idaho                     | 11,800                      | 2,096   | 25    | 9,679    | 643                                      | 90     | 2     | 551      | 54.44                                | 42.75  | 64.52  | 56.95    |
| Illinois                  | 31,590                      | 7,002   | 132   | 24,456   | 2,271                                    | 614    | 13    | 1,644    | 71.76                                | 87.68  | 96.15  | 67.20    |
| Indiana                   | 1,140                       | 525     | 6     | 609      | 297                                      | 107    | ...   | 190      | 260.53                               | 203.81 | ...    | 310.34   |
| Iowa                      | 4,365                       | 1,042   | ...   | 3,323    | 1,398                                    | --     | --    | --       | 320.27                               | --     | --     | --       |
| Kentucky                  | 4,638                       | 1,829   | 25    | 2,784    | 1,488                                    | 569    | 5     | 914      | 320.85                               | 311.34 | 189.72 | 328.27   |
| Louisiana                 | 5,071                       | --      | --    | --       | 40                                       | --     | --    | --       | 7.84                                 | -3.00  | -3.00  | -3.00    |
| Maine                     | 32,557                      | 4,856   | 95    | 27,606   | 615                                      | 135    | 2     | 478      | 18.89                                | 27.72  | 23.47  | 17.32    |
| Maryland                  | 2,973                       | --      | --    | --       | 641                                      | --     | --    | --       | 215.61                               | -3.00  | -3.00  | -3.00    |
| Michigan                  | 65,337                      | --      | --    | --       | 2,719                                    | --     | --    | --       | 41.61                                | -3.00  | -3.00  | -3.00    |
| Minnesota                 | 38,579                      | 7,935   | 167   | 30,477   | 7,027                                    | 801    | 23    | 6,203    | 182.15                               | 101.00 | 135.95 | 203.53   |
| Missouri                  | 8,981                       | 2,909   | 877   | 5,195    | 2,229                                    | 719    | 331   | 1,179    | 248.10                               | 247.04 | 376.92 | 226.96   |
| Nebraska                  | 5,574                       | 1,327   | 47    | 4,200    | 519                                      | 113    | ...   | 406      | 93.16                                | 85.25  | ...    | 96.36    |
| New Hampshire             | 16,784                      | 8,174   | 339   | 8,271    | 873                                      | 146    | 58    | 669      | 51.99                                | 17.82  | 170.57 | 80.90    |
| New Mexico                | 177                         | --      | --    | --       | 18                                       | --     | --    | --       | 100.00                               | --     | --     | --       |
| North Carolina            | 23,715                      | 12,452  | 101   | 11,162   | 10,673                                   | 5,142  | 57    | 5,474    | 450.04                               | 412.94 | 563.02 | 490.40   |
| North Dakota <sup>b</sup> | 355                         | c       | c     | 203      | 160                                      | c      | c     | 91       | 449.43                               | c      | c      | 444.33   |
| Oklahoma                  | 74,633                      | 19,849  | 490   | 54,294   | 3,115                                    | 715    | 21    | 2,379    | 41.74                                | 36.01  | 43.49  | 43.82    |
| Oregon <sup>b</sup>       | 16,972                      | 4,710   | 706   | 11,556   | 1,681                                    | 1,480  | 30    | 171      | 99.03                                | 314.16 | 41.84  | 14.84    |
| South Carolina            | 3,040                       | 1,443   | 10    | 1,587    | 949                                      | 438    | 3     | 508      | 312.15                               | 303.23 | 347.50 | 320.04   |
| South Dakota              | 3,690                       | --      | --    | --       | 230                                      | --     | --    | --       | 62.34                                | -3.00  | -3.00  | -3.00    |
| Texas                     | 10,680                      | 2,942   | 135   | 7,603    | 87                                       | 43     | ...   | 44       | 8.14                                 | 14.60  | ...    | 5.67     |
| Virginia                  | 6,347                       | 2,751   | 12    | 3,584    | 1,580                                    | 647    | 3     | 930      | 249.05                               | 235.24 | 278.42 | 259.54   |
| Washington                | 20                          | c       | c     | 14       | 10                                       | c      | c     | 10       | 513.00                               | c      | c      | 719.00   |
| Wisconsin                 | 95,069                      | 10,566  | 1,158 | 83,345   | 9,525                                    | 981    | 112   | 8,432    | 100.19                               | 92.84  | 96.72  | 101.17   |
| Wyoming                   | 2,769                       | 62      | 32    | 2,675    | 55                                       | d      | d     | 54       | 20.00                                | e      | e      | 20.00    |

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NOTES: All data are subject to revision.

Excludes optional supplementation data for Missouri and North Dakota.

... = not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Includes data not distributed by category.

b. Estimated data.

c. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

d. Less than \$500.

e. Not computed on base of less than \$500.

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SSI, or Both*

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**Table 16.**  
**Persons receiving both Social Security and SSI, by type of Social Security benefit and SSI eligibility category, December 2003**

| Type of Social Security benefit               | All Social Security beneficiaries <sup>a</sup> | Number receiving SSI |         |                    | Percentage of all Social Security beneficiaries |      |                    |
|---|--|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---|------|--------------------|
|   |  | Total                | Aged    | Blind and disabled | Total   | Aged | Blind and disabled |
| Total   | 47,053,140                                     | 2,427,370            | 700,520 | 1,726,850          | 5.2   | 1.5  | 3.7                |
| Retirement                                    | 32,650,150                                     | 1,038,190            | 564,230 | 473,960            | 3.2   | 1.7  | 1.5                |
| Worker aged 65 or older                       | 26,960,220                                     | 780,420              | 504,430 | 275,990            | 2.9   | 1.9  | 1.0                |
| Men   | 13,922,820                                     | 306,570              | 191,360 | 115,210            | 2.2   | 1.4  | 0.8                |
| Women   | 13,037,400                                     | 473,850              | 313,070 | 160,780            | 3.6   | 2.4  | 1.2                |
| Worker aged 62–64                             | 2,587,310                                      | 30,530               | 0       | 30,530             | 1.2   | 0    | 1.2                |
| Men   | 1,331,110                                      | 19,550               | 0       | 19,550             | 1.5   | 0    | 1.5                |
| Women   | 1,256,200                                      | 10,980               | 0       | 10,980             | 0.9   | 0    | 0.9                |
| Wives and husbands                            | 2,622,130                                      | 127,020              | 59,780  | 67,240             | 4.8   | 2.3  | 2.6                |
| Aged 65 or older                              | 2,307,550                                      | 115,140              | 59,780  | 55,360             | 5.0   | 2.6  | 2.4                |
| Aged 62–64                                    | 269,730  | 10,760               | 0       | 10,760             | 4.0   | 0    | 4.0                |
| Under age 62 with children                    | 44,850   | 1,120                | 0       | 1,120              | 2.5   | 0    | 2.5                |
| Disabled adult children                       | 192,750  | 96,360               | b       | b                  | 50.0  | b    | b                  |
| Aged 65 or older                              | 1,040  | 380                  | b       | b                  | 36.5  | b    | b                  |
| Aged 18–64                                    | 191,710  | 95,980               | 0       | 95,980             | 50.1  | 0    | 50.1               |
| Children under age 18 and students aged 18–19 | 287,740  | 3,860                | 0       | 3,860              | 1.3   | 0    | 1.3                |
| Survivors                                     | 6,804,720                                      | 457,780              | 135,340 | 322,440            | 6.7   | 2.0  | 4.7                |
| Nondisabled widow(er)s                        | 4,499,900                                      | 235,300              | 132,360 | 102,940            | 5.2   | 2.9  | 2.3                |
| Aged 65 or older                              | 4,047,720                                      | 228,260              | 132,360 | 95,900             | 5.6   | 3.3  | 2.4                |
| Aged 60–64                                    | 452,180  | 7,040                | 0       | 7,040              | 1.6   | 0    | 1.6                |
| Disabled widow(er)s                           | 207,630  | 36,860               | 0       | 36,860             | 17.8  | 0    | 17.8               |
| Widowed mothers and fathers                   | 188,320  | 4,910                | b       | b                  | 2.6   | b    | b                  |
| Parents                                       | 2,190  | 120                  | b       | b                  | 5.5   | b    | b                  |
| Disabled adult children                       | 500,970  | 158,950              | 2,860   | 156,090            | 31.7  | 0.6  | 31.2               |
| Aged 65 or older                              | 66,000   | 22,050               | 2,860   | 19,190             | 33.4  | 4.3  | 29.1               |
| Aged 18–64                                    | 434,970  | 136,900              | 0       | 136,900            | 31.5  | 0    | 31.5               |
| Children under age 18 and students aged 18–19 | 1,405,710                                      | 21,640               | 0       | 21,640             | 1.5   | 0    | 1.5                |

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## Recipients of Social Security, SSI, or Both

**Table 16.**

**Persons receiving both Social Security and SSI, by type of Social Security benefit and SSI eligibility category, December 2003—Continued**

| Type of Social Security benefit               | All Social Security beneficiaries <sup>a</sup> | Number receiving SSI |      |                    | Percentage of all Social Security beneficiaries |      |                    |
|---|--|----------------------|------|--------------------|---|------|--------------------|
|   |  | Total                | Aged | Blind and disabled | Total   | Aged | Blind and disabled |
| Disability                                    | 7,598,270                                      | 931,400              | 950  | 930,450            | 12.3  | 0    | 12.2               |
| Worker under age 65                           | 5,867,460                                      | 832,520              | 0    | 832,520            | 14.2  | 0    | 14.2               |
| Men   | 3,225,850                                      | 367,510              | 0    | 367,510            | 11.4  | 0    | 11.4               |
| Women   | 2,641,610                                      | 465,010              | 0    | 465,010            | 17.6  | 0    | 17.6               |
| Wives and husbands                            | 151,500  | 10,310               | 950  | 9,360              | 6.8   | 0.6  | 6.2                |
| Aged 65 or older                              | 23,590   | 3,160                | 950  | 2,210              | 13.4  | 4.0  | 9.4                |
| Aged 62–64                                    | 31,370   | 1,660                | 0    | 1,660              | 5.3   | 0    | 5.3                |
| Under age 62 with children                    | 96,540   | 5,490                | 0    | 5,490              | 5.7   | 0    | 5.7                |
| Disabled adult children aged 18–64            | 63,480   | 44,280               | 0    | 44,280             | 69.8  | 0    | 69.8               |
| Children under age 18 and students aged 18–19 | 1,515,830                                      | 44,290               | 0    | 44,290             | 2.9   | 0    | 2.9                |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 10 percent sample.

NOTE: Social Security is the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

b. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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**Table 17.**

**Persons aged 18–64 receiving benefits on the basis of disability and their total and average monthly payments, December 1996–2003**

| Year | Number    |                      |           |                              | Total payments<br>(millions of dollars) |          |                              | Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup><br>(dollars) |          |                              |
|------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---|----------|------------------------------|---|----------|------------------------------|
|      | Total     | Social Security only | SSI only  | Both Social Security and SSI | Social Security only                    | SSI only | Both Social Security and SSI | Social Security only                              | SSI only | Both Social Security and SSI |
| 1996 | 7,689,664 | 4,122,152            | 2,559,750 | 1,007,762                    | 3,072                                   | 1,222    | 584                          | 744.60  | 456.00   | 546.90                       |
| 1997 | 7,811,748 | 4,250,155            | 2,550,105 | 1,011,488                    | 3,245                                   | 1,257    | 604                          | 762.80  | 458.10   | 557.10                       |
| 1998 | 8,086,259 | 4,440,264            | 2,618,615 | 1,027,380                    | 3,444                                   | 1,313    | 622                          | 775.00  | 467.90   | 564.30                       |
| 1999 | 8,399,309 | 4,703,774            | 2,650,586 | 1,044,949                    | 3,691                                   | 1,346    | 643                          | 784.10  | 477.60   | 576.70                       |
| 2000 | 8,599,465 | 4,850,835            | 2,690,446 | 1,058,184                    | 3,975                                   | 1,408    | 675                          | 818.80  | 489.00   | 594.90                       |
| 2001 | 8,791,338 | 4,979,844            | 2,732,020 | 1,079,474                    | 4,299                                   | 1,491    | 719                          | 862.60  | 506.80   | 615.20                       |
| 2002 | 9,106,014 | 5,228,262            | 2,768,782 | 1,108,970                    | 4,629                                   | 1,544    | 747                          | 884.60  | 522.50   | 625.20                       |
| 2003 | 9,445,573 | 5,492,325            | 2,811,647 | 1,141,601                    | 5,024                                   | 1,603    | 790                          | 914.10  | 533.50   | 638.20                       |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Disabled Beneficiaries and Dependents Master Beneficiary Record file and the Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

NOTE: Social Security counts include disabled workers, disabled widow(er)s, and disabled adult children. SSI counts include recipients of federal SSI, federally administered state supplementation, or both.

a. Averages are not obtained simply by dividing the total dollars by the number of recipients. Averages exclude payments made in the current month for prior-month eligibility, such as back pay for new awards, so that large retroactive payments do not distort the averages.

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**Recipients of Social Security, SSI, or Both**

**Table 18.**  
**Persons aged 18–64 receiving both Social Security and SSI on the basis of disability and their average monthly Social Security benefit, by state or other area and type of beneficiary, December 2003**

| State or area          | Number of SSI recipients with Social Security disability |         |            |                | Average monthly Social Security benefit (dollars) |         |            |                |
|------------------------|--|---------|------------|----------------|---|---------|------------|----------------|
|                        | Total  | Workers | Widow(er)s | Adult children | Total   | Workers | Widow(er)s | Adult children |
| All areas <sup>a</sup> | 1,141,601  | 833,216 | 34,100     | 274,200        | 443.17  | 458.39  | 431.46     | 398.37         |
| Alabama                | 31,928   | 22,503  | 1,208      | 8,217          | 425.71  | 449.03  | 418.46     | 362.93         |
| Alaska                 | 1,731  | 1,388   | 41         | 302            | 415.34  | 428.26  | 399.32     | 358.16         |
| Arizona                | 14,436   | 11,081  | 348        | 3,007          | 420.24  | 436.79  | 416.06     | 359.75         |
| Arkansas               | 17,701   | 12,864  | 675        | 4,162          | 427.94  | 450.52  | 432.23     | 357.44         |
| California             | 176,253  | 135,339 | 3,683      | 37,231         | 522.81  | 531.77  | 505.99     | 491.91         |
| Colorado               | 10,832   | 8,550   | 190        | 2,092          | 425.38  | 439.06  | 389.83     | 372.72         |
| Connecticut            | 8,540  | 6,176   | 261        | 2,103          | 417.70  | 438.80  | 408.48     | 356.88         |
| Delaware               | 2,424  | 1,803   | 42         | 579            | 431.61  | 435.95  | 447.62     | 416.93         |
| District of Columbia   | 2,156  | 1,652   | 82         | 422            | 431.12  | 450.40  | 426.16     | 356.61         |
| Florida                | 57,437   | 43,637  | 1,496      | 12,304         | 421.02  | 436.80  | 425.56     | 364.52         |
| Georgia                | 34,505   | 23,979  | 1,420      | 9,106          | 431.30  | 454.55  | 425.64     | 370.95         |
| Hawaii                 | 2,922  | 1,856   | 82         | 984            | 469.43  | 472.25  | 403.28     | 469.63         |
| Idaho                  | 4,607  | 3,618   | 85         | 904            | 423.59  | 433.33  | 441.29     | 382.92         |
| Illinois               | 31,590   | 22,994  | 1,022      | 7,574          | 407.21  | 422.10  | 415.08     | 360.93         |
| Indiana                | 19,263   | 15,031  | 444        | 3,788          | 412.18  | 422.13  | 428.29     | 370.82         |
| Iowa                   | 10,409   | 7,837   | 198        | 2,374          | 416.39  | 426.49  | 425.29     | 382.30         |
| Kansas                 | 8,539  | 6,546   | 172        | 1,821          | 417.97  | 429.14  | 422.56     | 377.35         |
| Kentucky               | 32,068   | 23,117  | 1,475      | 7,476          | 417.27  | 441.18  | 404.39     | 345.89         |
| Louisiana              | 25,189   | 15,960  | 1,303      | 7,926          | 409.69  | 439.39  | 423.53     | 347.63         |
| Maine                  | 8,365  | 6,265   | 182        | 1,918          | 426.14  | 444.50  | 433.97     | 365.42         |
| Maryland               | 12,788   | 9,242   | 346        | 3,200          | 425.55  | 441.72  | 428.78     | 378.50         |
| Massachusetts          | 32,573   | 25,101  | 763        | 6,709          | 469.45  | 491.80  | 439.06     | 389.29         |
| Michigan               | 39,741   | 26,894  | 1,017      | 11,830         | 428.23  | 425.58  | 424.97     | 434.54         |
| Minnesota              | 13,089   | 9,835   | 187        | 3,067          | 410.91  | 424.14  | 401.90     | 369.02         |
| Mississippi            | 22,408   | 15,292  | 1,055      | 6,061          | 420.47  | 450.84  | 419.22     | 344.07         |
| Missouri               | 24,853   | 18,521  | 732        | 5,600          | 412.19  | 426.96  | 411.74     | 363.38         |
| Montana                | 3,438  | 2,527   | 85         | 826            | 427.71  | 434.92  | 395.73     | 408.95         |
| Nebraska               | 5,530  | 4,152   | 77         | 1,301          | 419.23  | 432.38  | 410.39     | 377.78         |
| Nevada                 | 4,716  | 3,921   | 82         | 713            | 442.51  | 454.09  | 456.06     | 377.28         |
| New Hampshire          | 3,143  | 2,403   | 50         | 690            | 429.43  | 444.60  | 442.92     | 375.58         |
| New Jersey             | 22,036   | 15,975  | 582        | 5,479          | 446.25  | 459.63  | 430.21     | 408.94         |
| New Mexico             | 8,133  | 5,892   | 264        | 1,977          | 412.35  | 435.00  | 407.30     | 345.52         |
| New York               | 84,920   | 58,670  | 2,554      | 23,696         | 482.19  | 485.12  | 440.91     | 479.39         |
| North Carolina         | 38,161   | 27,588  | 1,278      | 9,295          | 424.71  | 444.33  | 418.99     | 367.27         |
| North Dakota           | 2,056  | 1,377   | 45         | 634            | 409.12  | 427.01  | 408.84     | 370.29         |
| Ohio                   | 40,603   | 30,092  | 1,305      | 9,206          | 401.24  | 412.54  | 413.69     | 362.51         |
| Oklahoma               | 13,506   | 9,836   | 484        | 3,186          | 410.86  | 425.79  | 422.35     | 363.01         |
| Oregon                 | 11,810   | 9,329   | 214        | 2,267          | 424.96  | 434.90  | 424.76     | 384.05         |
| Pennsylvania           | 50,576   | 35,846  | 1,615      | 13,115         | 441.13  | 454.43  | 438.55     | 405.12         |
| Rhode Island           | 6,170  | 4,780   | 104        | 1,286          | 464.13  | 481.94  | 440.98     | 399.83         |

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**Table 18.**

**Persons aged 18–64 receiving both Social Security and SSI on the basis of disability and their average monthly Social Security benefit, by state or other area and type of beneficiary, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Number of SSI recipients with Social Security disability |         |            |                | Average monthly Social Security benefit (dollars) |         |            |                |
|--------------------------|--|---------|------------|----------------|---|---------|------------|----------------|
|                          | Total  | Workers | Widow(er)s | Adult children | Total   | Workers | Widow(er)s | Adult children |
| South Carolina           | 19,022   | 12,778  | 838        | 5,406          | 420.50  | 443.01  | 410.60     | 368.84         |
| South Dakota             | 2,844  | 1,970   | 70         | 804            | 405.32  | 417.47  | 378.90     | 377.86         |
| Tennessee                | 30,991   | 21,822  | 1,276      | 7,893          | 421.77  | 443.79  | 412.09     | 362.47         |
| Texas                    | 63,320   | 45,763  | 2,382      | 15,175         | 418.50  | 439.29  | 418.32     | 355.83         |
| Utah                     | 4,127  | 3,136   | 73         | 918            | 412.67  | 425.08  | 420.82     | 369.63         |
| Vermont                  | 3,591  | 2,570   | 85         | 936            | 456.93  | 467.92  | 458.25     | 426.63         |
| Virginia                 | 24,102   | 16,954  | 850        | 6,298          | 421.16  | 441.98  | 424.14     | 364.71         |
| Washington               | 18,460   | 14,736  | 312        | 3,412          | 421.73  | 431.03  | 419.09     | 381.84         |
| West Virginia            | 13,387   | 8,809   | 610        | 3,968          | 408.71  | 435.17  | 418.26     | 348.49         |
| Wisconsin                | 19,193   | 14,151  | 337        | 4,705          | 417.51  | 427.17  | 426.00     | 387.85         |
| Wyoming                  | 1,334  | 1,058   | 19         | 257            | 420.10  | 432.44  | 397.00     | 371.02         |
| Outlying area            |  |         |            |                |   |         |            |                |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 85   | b       | b          | b              | 336.60  | b       | b          | b              |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Disabled Beneficiaries and Dependents Master Beneficiary Record file and the Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

NOTE: SSI counts include recipients of federal SSI, federally administered state supplementation, or both. They do not include beneficiaries whose own Social Security number is not on the Master Beneficiary Record. Social Security beneficiaries who are entitled to both a primary and a secondary benefit are counted only once in this table.

- a. Includes data not distributed by category.
- b. Data not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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**Table 19.**  
**By eligibility category, December 1982–2003**

| Year | Total   |                                  | Aged    |                                  | Blind and disabled |                                  |
|------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|      | Number  | Percentage of all SSI recipients | Number  | Percentage of all SSI recipients | Number             | Percentage of all SSI recipients |
| 1982 | 127,900 | 3.3                              | 91,900  | 5.9                              | 36,000             | 1.6                              |
| 1983 | 151,200 | 3.9                              | 106,600 | 7.0                              | 44,600             | 1.9                              |
| 1984 | 181,100 | 4.5                              | 127,600 | 8.3                              | 53,500             | 2.1                              |
| 1985 | 210,800 | 5.1                              | 146,500 | 9.7                              | 64,300             | 2.4                              |
| 1986 | 244,300 | 5.7                              | 165,300 | 11.2                             | 79,000             | 2.8                              |
| 1987 | 282,500 | 6.4                              | 188,000 | 12.9                             | 94,500             | 3.2                              |
| 1988 | 320,300 | 7.2                              | 213,900 | 14.9                             | 106,400            | 3.5                              |
| 1989 | 370,300 | 8.1                              | 245,700 | 17.1                             | 124,600            | 4.0                              |
| 1990 | 435,600 | 9.0                              | 282,400 | 19.4                             | 153,200            | 4.6                              |
| 1991 | 519,660 | 10.2                             | 329,690 | 22.5                             | 189,970            | 5.2                              |
| 1992 | 601,430 | 10.8                             | 372,930 | 25.4                             | 228,500            | 5.6                              |
| 1993 | 683,150 | 11.4                             | 416,420 | 28.2                             | 266,730            | 5.9                              |
| 1994 | 738,140 | 11.7                             | 440,000 | 30.0                             | 298,140            | 6.2                              |
| 1995 | 785,410 | 12.1                             | 459,220 | 31.8                             | 326,190            | 6.3                              |
| 1996 | 724,990 | 11.0                             | 417,360 | 29.5                             | 307,630            | 5.9                              |
| 1997 | 650,830 | 10.0                             | 367,200 | 27.0                             | 283,630            | 5.5                              |
| 1998 | 669,630 | 10.2                             | 364,980 | 27.4                             | 304,650            | 5.8                              |
| 1999 | 684,930 | 10.4                             | 368,330 | 28.2                             | 316,600            | 6.0                              |
| 2000 | 692,590 | 10.5                             | 364,470 | 28.3                             | 328,120            | 6.2                              |
| 2001 | 695,650 | 10.4                             | 364,550 | 28.9                             | 331,100            | 6.1                              |
| 2002 | 703,515 | 10.4                             | 364,827 | 29.1                             | 338,688            | 6.1                              |
| 2003 | 696,772 | 10.1                             | 356,298 | 28.9                             | 340,474            | 6.0                              |

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

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**Table 20.**  
**Distribution of recipients, by selected characteristics and citizenship status, December 2003**

| Characteristic                             | Citizens  |         | Noncitizens |         |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
|  | Number    | Percent | Number      | Percent |
| Total                                      | 6,205,592 | 100.0   | 696,772     | 100.0   |
| Age  |           |         |             |         |
| Under 18                                   | 955,086   | 15.4    | 4,293       | 0.6     |
| 18–29                                      | 711,949   | 11.5    | 16,557      | 2.4     |
| 30–39                                      | 672,712   | 10.8    | 24,144      | 3.5     |
| 40–49                                      | 979,708   | 15.8    | 45,617      | 6.5     |
| 50–59                                      | 945,807   | 15.2    | 80,707      | 11.6    |
| 60–64                                      | 417,537   | 6.7     | 58,510      | 8.4     |
| 65–74                                      | 785,091   | 12.7    | 227,149     | 32.6    |
| 75 or older                                | 737,702   | 11.9    | 239,795     | 34.4    |
| Sex  |           |         |             |         |
| Male                                       | 2,667,470 | 43.0    | 259,357     | 37.2    |
| Female                                     | 3,538,122 | 57.0    | 437,415     | 62.8    |
| Living arrangement                         |           |         |             |         |
| Own household                              | 5,070,054 | 81.7    | 614,560     | 88.2    |
| Another's household                        | 213,954   | 3.4     | 66,881      | 9.6     |
| Parent's household                         | 793,360   | 12.8    | 4,102       | 0.6     |
| Medicaid institution                       | 128,224   | 2.1     | 11,229      | 1.6     |
| Income                                     |           |         |             |         |
| Social Security                            | 2,247,446 | 36.2    | 173,916     | 25.0    |
| Worker beneficiary                         | 1,511,689 | 24.4    | 128,480     | 18.4    |
| Auxiliary beneficiary                      | 735,757   | 11.9    | 45,436      | 6.5     |
| Earnings                                   | 263,084   | 4.2     | 8,873       | 1.3     |
| SSI payment                                |           |         |             |         |
| Federal SSI only                           | 4,163,734 | 67.1    | 271,514     | 39.0    |
| State supplementation only                 | 256,595   | 4.1     | 31,304      | 4.5     |
| Both federal SSI and state supplementation | 1,785,263 | 28.8    | 393,954     | 56.5    |

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

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**Table 21.**  
**By state or other area and eligibility category, December 2003**

| State or area        | Total   | Aged    | Blind and disabled |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| All areas            | 696,772 | 356,298 | 340,474            |
| Alabama              | 720     | 392     | 328                |
| Alaska               | 898     | 371     | 527                |
| Arizona              | 9,481   | 4,360   | 5,121              |
| Arkansas             | 519     | 254     | 265                |
| California           | 258,822 | 130,536 | 128,286            |
| Colorado             | 5,045   | 2,625   | 2,420              |
| Connecticut          | 4,390   | 2,328   | 2,062              |
| Delaware             | 371     | 245     | 126                |
| District of Columbia | 724     | 343     | 381                |
| Florida              | 68,992  | 37,957  | 31,035             |
| Georgia              | 6,084   | 3,680   | 2,404              |
| Hawaii               | 3,014   | 2,013   | 1,001              |
| Idaho                | 807     | 353     | 454                |
| Illinois             | 20,677  | 10,744  | 9,933              |
| Indiana              | 1,241   | 701     | 540                |
| Iowa                 | 1,243   | 483     | 760                |
| Kansas               | 1,410   | 643     | 767                |
| Kentucky             | 1,201   | 576     | 625                |
| Louisiana            | 2,289   | 1,153   | 1,136              |
| Maine                | 565     | 141     | 424                |
| Maryland             | 6,681   | 4,651   | 2,030              |
| Massachusetts        | 22,784  | 12,978  | 9,806              |
| Michigan             | 9,616   | 4,104   | 5,512              |
| Minnesota            | 8,676   | 2,923   | 5,753              |
| Mississippi          | 417     | 199     | 218                |
| Missouri             | 2,549   | 1,172   | 1,377              |
| Montana              | 147     | 53      | 94                 |
| Nebraska             | 970     | 384     | 586                |
| Nevada               | 3,572   | 2,395   | 1,177              |
| New Hampshire        | 492     | 220     | 272                |
| New Jersey           | 21,222  | 12,645  | 8,577              |
| New Mexico           | 4,359   | 1,929   | 2,430              |
| New York             | 105,682 | 51,357  | 54,325             |
| North Carolina       | 3,463   | 1,831   | 1,632              |
| North Dakota         | 192     | 71      | 121                |
| Ohio                 | 4,795   | 2,619   | 2,176              |
| Oklahoma             | 1,425   | 834     | 591                |
| Oregon               | 5,032   | 2,459   | 2,573              |
| Pennsylvania         | 12,090  | 5,328   | 6,762              |
| Rhode Island         | 3,666   | 1,410   | 2,256              |

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**Table 21.**  
**By state or other area and eligibility category, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Total  | Aged   | Blind and disabled |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| South Carolina           | 747    | 415    | 332                |
| South Dakota             | 198    | 78     | 120                |
| Tennessee                | 1,580  | 848    | 732                |
| Texas                    | 59,909 | 32,242 | 27,667             |
| Utah                     | 1,570  | 728    | 842                |
| Vermont                  | 203    | 63     | 140                |
| Virginia                 | 6,670  | 4,318  | 2,352              |
| Washington               | 14,907 | 6,407  | 8,500              |
| West Virginia            | 135    | 79     | 56                 |
| Wisconsin                | 4,448  | 1,614  | 2,834              |
| Wyoming                  | 57     | 30     | 27                 |
| Outlying area            |        |        |                    |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 25     | 16     | 9                  |

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

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**Table 22.**  
**By region and country of origin, December 2003**

| Region and country of origin | Total   | Aged    | Blind and disabled |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| All areas                    | 696,772 | 356,298 | 340,474            |
| Latin America                | 328,033 | 165,109 | 162,924            |
| Mexico                       | 157,086 | 79,526  | 77,560             |
| Cuba                         | 50,453  | 25,388  | 25,065             |
| Dominican Republic           | 39,618  | 14,796  | 24,822             |
| Other                        | 80,876  | 45,399  | 35,477             |
| Africa                       | 11,434  | 4,942   | 6,492              |
| Somalia                      | 3,121   | 1,323   | 1,798              |
| Cape Verde Islands           | 926     | 609     | 317                |
| Ethiopia                     | 1,771   | 634     | 1,137              |
| Other                        | 5,616   | 2,376   | 3,240              |
| Asia                         | 223,245 | 118,875 | 104,370            |
| Vietnam                      | 48,912  | 19,597  | 29,315             |
| China                        | 31,161  | 26,131  | 5,030              |
| Laos                         | 23,227  | 4,844   | 18,383             |
| Philippines                  | 20,293  | 15,625  | 4,668              |
| Other                        | 99,652  | 52,678  | 46,974             |
| Middle East                  | 13,186  | 6,518   | 6,668              |
| Lebanon                      | 3,167   | 1,568   | 1,599              |
| Syria                        | 2,487   | 1,193   | 1,294              |
| Turkey                       | 1,558   | 1,084   | 474                |
| Other                        | 5,974   | 2,673   | 3,301              |
| Former Soviet Republics      | 68,846  | 37,431  | 31,415             |
| Europe                       | 36,911  | 16,583  | 20,328             |
| Portugal                     | 4,516   | 2,686   | 1,830              |
| Former Yugoslavia            | 9,674   | 3,496   | 6,178              |
| Great Britain                | 3,738   | 1,543   | 2,195              |
| Poland                       | 3,270   | 1,808   | 1,462              |
| Other                        | 15,713  | 7,050   | 8,663              |
| Other areas                  | 6,541   | 2,439   | 4,102              |
| Unknown                      | 8,576   | 4,401   | 4,175              |

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

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**Table 23.**

**By number of months between date of U.S. residency and date of SSI application and eligibility category, December 2003**

| Months            | Total   | Aged    | Blind and disabled |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| All recipients    | 696,772 | 356,298 | 340,474            |
| 0-11 <sup>a</sup> | 104,861 | 58,147  | 46,714             |
| 12-23             | 34,005  | 13,747  | 20,258             |
| 24-35             | 29,147  | 12,296  | 16,851             |
| 36-47             | 69,758  | 45,792  | 23,966             |
| 48-59             | 39,060  | 19,975  | 19,085             |
| 60-71             | 54,297  | 33,239  | 21,058             |
| 72-83             | 37,924  | 20,220  | 17,704             |
| 84-119            | 88,095  | 44,212  | 43,883             |
| 120 and over      | 234,968 | 107,034 | 127,934            |
| Converted cases   | 2,358   | 565     | 1,793              |
| Unknown           | 2,299   | 1,071   | 1,228              |

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

a. Includes an estimated 3,701 persons whose records indicate that they applied in the same month that their residence began.

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*Recipients Under Age 65*

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**Table 24.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group, 1995–2003**

| Diagnostic group                                     | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002      | 2003      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total  | 4,345,820 | 4,375,650 | 4,441,420 | 4,533,060 | 4,538,033 | 4,590,806 | 4,693,315 | 4,792,526 | 4,912,627 |
| Congenital anomalies                                 | 71,070    | 73,510    | 56,987    | 58,440    | 57,094    | 58,593    | 62,730    | 65,999    | 70,084    |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic<br>diseases | 177,260   | 187,200   | 168,685   | 179,273   | 186,317   | 178,184   | 172,371   | 164,994   | 160,047   |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases                 | 74,830    | 74,630    | 68,707    | 73,426    | 73,538    | 73,510    | 73,513    | 72,499    | 71,676    |
| Injuries   | 120,700   | 119,860   | 92,586    | 95,321    | 97,762    | 100,046   | 103,284   | 105,313   | 107,051   |
| Mental disorders <sup>a</sup>                        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Retardation  | 1,223,540 | 1,244,420 | 1,032,435 | 1,067,247 | 1,062,530 | 1,059,769 | 1,085,032 | 1,093,759 | 1,099,557 |
| Other  | 1,357,490 | 1,332,010 | 1,165,248 | 1,232,642 | 1,294,064 | 1,419,469 | 1,523,835 | 1,629,652 | 1,743,224 |
| Neoplasms  | 64,580    | 64,860    | 54,804    | 53,526    | 51,326    | 51,491    | 51,802    | 52,699    | 53,376    |
| Diseases of the—                                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Blood and blood-<br>forming organs                   | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | 27,009    | 27,475    |
| Circulatory system                                   | 215,740   | 215,350   | 181,068   | 185,267   | 186,909   | 188,069   | 188,982   | 189,017   | 188,745   |
| Digestive system                                     | 28,180    | 28,630    | 29,009    | 30,310    | 31,940    | 34,017    | 36,197    | 38,518    | 40,400    |
| Genitourinary<br>system                              | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | 43,994    | 44,694    |
| Musculoskeletal<br>system and<br>connective tissue   | 309,980   | 318,720   | 281,514   | 300,895   | 318,388   | 334,879   | 354,108   | 373,402   | 390,646   |
| Nervous system<br>and sense organs                   | 440,780   | 441,670   | 344,870   | 356,266   | 365,529   | 371,211   | 384,411   | 393,439   | 400,302   |
| Respiratory system                                   | 114,200   | 117,470   | 104,506   | 108,122   | 107,046   | 107,490   | 109,004   | 109,609   | 110,694   |
| Skin and subcu-<br>taneous tissue                    | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | b         | 6,855     | 7,082     |
| Other  | 147,470   | 157,320   | 150,011   | 178,692   | 193,372   | 153,846   | 164,129   | 85,625    | 94,310    |
| Unknown <sup>c</sup>                                 | 0         | 0         | 710,990   | 613,633   | 512,218   | 460,232   | 383,917   | 340,143   | 303,264   |

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

- a. Beginning in 2000, approximately 60,000 persons previously shown under Other Diagnoses are shown under Other Mental Disorders.
- b. Before 2002, diagnosis was reported under Other.
- c. Before 1997, diagnosis was imputed where missing.

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**Table 25.**  
**By diagnostic group and age, December 2003**

| Diagnostic group                                     | All ages      | Under 5 | 5-12    | 13-17   | 18-21   | 22-29   | 30-39   | 40-49     | 50-59     | 60-64   |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|  | <i>Number</i> |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |         |
| Total  | 4,912,627     | 155,150 | 462,417 | 341,812 | 256,519 | 471,987 | 696,856 | 1,025,325 | 1,026,514 | 476,047 |
| Congenital anomalies                                 | 70,084        | 19,729  | 21,112  | 7,233   | 7,561   | 6,253   | 4,186   | 2,292     | 1,243     | 475     |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic<br>diseases | 160,047       | 1,547   | 2,965   | 2,049   | 1,642   | 4,879   | 15,192  | 38,201    | 62,085    | 31,487  |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases                 | 71,676        | 249     | 1,489   | 943     | 533     | 2,450   | 15,417  | 28,519    | 17,519    | 4,557   |
| Injuries   | 107,051       | 1,088   | 2,334   | 1,736   | 3,759   | 11,441  | 19,555  | 27,792    | 26,110    | 13,236  |
| Mental disorders                                     |               |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |         |
| Retardation  | 1,099,557     | 8,019   | 96,681  | 125,832 | 113,273 | 197,704 | 225,734 | 194,376   | 106,438   | 31,500  |
| Other  | 1,743,224     | 31,542  | 214,139 | 141,854 | 75,952  | 150,254 | 257,249 | 426,769   | 336,015   | 109,450 |
| Neoplasms  | 53,376        | 2,233   | 4,985   | 2,356   | 2,067   | 2,936   | 4,385   | 10,850    | 15,645    | 7,919   |
| Diseases of the—                                     |               |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |         |
| Blood and blood-<br>forming organs                   | 27,475        | 2,065   | 6,412   | 4,141   | 2,720   | 4,003   | 3,274   | 2,677     | 1,579     | 604     |
| Circulatory system                                   | 188,745       | 1,926   | 1,879   | 934     | 1,276   | 3,830   | 9,434   | 30,826    | 78,471    | 60,169  |
| Digestive system                                     | 40,400        | 2,766   | 1,528   | 697     | 626     | 1,605   | 3,836   | 11,576    | 13,028    | 4,738   |
| Genitourinary<br>system                              | 44,694        | 527     | 1,174   | 1,029   | 1,458   | 4,522   | 8,598   | 12,323    | 11,222    | 3,841   |
| Musculoskeletal<br>system and<br>connective tissue   | 390,646       | 1,206   | 3,400   | 3,196   | 3,066   | 8,343   | 28,354  | 82,472    | 155,066   | 105,543 |
| Nervous system<br>and sense organs                   | 400,302       | 15,532  | 47,543  | 30,066  | 34,322  | 56,640  | 63,982  | 66,869    | 58,982    | 26,366  |
| Respiratory system                                   | 110,694       | 9,227   | 12,546  | 4,639   | 1,466   | 2,283   | 5,236   | 16,094    | 35,004    | 24,199  |
| Skin and subcu-<br>taneous tissue                    | 7,082         | 232     | 466     | 281     | 194     | 534     | 1,042   | 1,859     | 1,727     | 747     |
| Other  | 94,310        | 50,802  | 28,654  | 6,722   | 2,545   | 1,858   | 1,020   | 1,186     | 1,045     | 478     |
| Unknown  | 303,264       | 6,460   | 15,110  | 8,104   | 4,059   | 12,452  | 30,362  | 70,644    | 105,335   | 50,738  |

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**Table 25.**  
**By diagnostic group and age, December 2003—Continued**

| Diagnostic group                                     | All ages | Under 5 | 5–12   | 13–17  | 18–21  | 22–29  | 30–39  | 40–49  | 50–59  | 60–64  |
|--|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <i>Average monthly payment (dollars)</i>             |          |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total  | 445.61   | 475.59  | 500.79 | 492.66 | 493.06 | 456.44 | 424.20 | 426.83 | 437.17 | 402.24 |
| Congenital anomalies                                 | 476.15   | 486.42  | 492.51 | 484.02 | 501.23 | 466.04 | 412.88 | 361.67 | 362.47 | 343.71 |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic<br>diseases | 421.98   | 486.04  | 480.83 | 468.40 | 466.12 | 422.33 | 418.44 | 434.65 | 426.72 | 384.82 |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases                 | 435.72   | 519.84  | 490.30 | 466.43 | 482.61 | 442.33 | 421.93 | 436.52 | 447.03 | 396.28 |
| Injuries   | 408.63   | 487.11  | 484.90 | 457.77 | 457.89 | 414.96 | 388.57 | 394.86 | 421.58 | 396.02 |
| Mental disorders                                     |          |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Retardation  | 447.05   | 513.83  | 509.41 | 498.78 | 498.33 | 467.17 | 420.88 | 402.81 | 392.57 | 366.61 |
| Other  | 462.24   | 503.51  | 503.28 | 494.51 | 491.40 | 448.26 | 434.25 | 449.09 | 464.79 | 436.91 |
| Neoplasms  | 403.79   | 476.96  | 476.69 | 458.26 | 443.54 | 397.17 | 383.18 | 391.23 | 392.11 | 365.09 |
| Diseases of the—                                     |          |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Blood and blood-<br>forming organs                   | 467.01   | 507.46  | 498.49 | 486.83 | 487.56 | 455.68 | 428.48 | 418.65 | 422.56 | 384.04 |
| Circulatory system                                   | 406.75   | 476.83  | 480.86 | 469.16 | 460.56 | 417.61 | 392.32 | 409.26 | 419.29 | 384.05 |
| Digestive system                                     | 428.90   | 479.64  | 487.64 | 464.84 | 455.19 | 383.33 | 389.36 | 424.46 | 437.94 | 405.39 |
| Genitourinary<br>system                              | 418.56   | 468.68  | 491.60 | 473.95 | 459.30 | 414.11 | 402.82 | 420.19 | 423.11 | 381.25 |
| Musculoskeletal<br>system and<br>connective tissue   | 405.72   | 488.56  | 494.83 | 480.26 | 487.31 | 423.90 | 383.23 | 397.28 | 419.76 | 387.88 |
| Nervous system<br>and sense organs                   | 439.79   | 489.25  | 492.28 | 478.96 | 492.65 | 461.69 | 411.58 | 401.45 | 409.45 | 389.43 |
| Respiratory system                                   | 438.62   | 508.94  | 497.83 | 486.45 | 472.35 | 447.44 | 432.95 | 439.54 | 429.17 | 383.37 |
| Skin and subcu-<br>taneous tissue                    | 426.14   | 519.06  | 505.01 | 473.06 | 503.32 | 411.19 | 403.07 | 414.10 | 424.53 | 387.68 |
| Other  | 460.50   | 439.07  | 496.07 | 483.71 | 494.53 | 467.35 | 419.64 | 404.32 | 423.89 | 375.55 |
| Unknown  | 458.89   | 443.04  | 482.38 | 477.67 | 477.56 | 485.71 | 482.71 | 436.42 | 469.34 | 438.13 |

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

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## Recipients Under Age 65

**Table 26.**  
**By diagnostic group, age, and sex, December 2003**

| Diagnostic group                                     | All ages  |         |      |        | Under age 18 |         |      |        | Aged 18–64 |         |      |        |
|--|-----------|---------|------|--------|--------------|---------|------|--------|------------|---------|------|--------|
|  | Number    | Percent |      |        | Number       | Percent |      |        | Number     | Percent |      |        |
|  |           | Total   | Male | Female |              | Total   | Male | Female |            | Total   | Male | Female |
| Total  | 4,912,627 | 100.0   | 47.6 | 52.4   | 959,379      | 100.0   | 64.7 | 35.3   | 3,953,248  | 100.0   | 43.4 | 56.6   |
| Congenital anomalies                                 | 70,084    | 100.0   | 51.8 | 48.2   | 48,074       | 100.0   | 53.5 | 46.5   | 22,010     | 100.0   | 48.1 | 51.9   |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic<br>diseases | 160,047   | 100.0   | 23.9 | 76.1   | 6,561        | 100.0   | 52.6 | 47.4   | 153,486    | 100.0   | 22.7 | 77.3   |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases                 | 71,676    | 100.0   | 57.4 | 42.6   | 2,681        | 100.0   | 49.9 | 50.1   | 68,995     | 100.0   | 57.6 | 42.4   |
| Injuries   | 107,051   | 100.0   | 61.2 | 38.8   | 5,158        | 100.0   | 59.3 | 40.7   | 101,893    | 100.0   | 61.3 | 38.7   |
| Mental disorders                                     |           |         |      |        |              |         |      |        |            |         |      |        |
| Retardation  | 1,099,557 | 100.0   | 52.0 | 48.0   | 230,532      | 100.0   | 61.6 | 38.4   | 869,025    | 100.0   | 49.4 | 50.6   |
| Other  | 1,743,224 | 100.0   | 49.3 | 50.7   | 387,535      | 100.0   | 73.7 | 26.3   | 1,355,689  | 100.0   | 42.3 | 57.7   |
| Neoplasms  | 53,376    | 100.0   | 42.4 | 57.6   | 9,574        | 100.0   | 55.6 | 44.4   | 43,802     | 100.0   | 39.5 | 60.5   |
| Diseases of the—                                     |           |         |      |        |              |         |      |        |            |         |      |        |
| Blood and blood-<br>forming organs                   | 27,475    | 100.0   | 48.7 | 51.3   | 12,618       | 100.0   | 57.4 | 42.6   | 14,857     | 100.0   | 41.4 | 58.6   |
| Circulatory system                                   | 188,745   | 100.0   | 45.9 | 54.1   | 4,739        | 100.0   | 54.5 | 45.5   | 184,006    | 100.0   | 45.6 | 54.4   |
| Digestive system                                     | 40,400    | 100.0   | 47.5 | 52.5   | 4,991        | 100.0   | 54.9 | 45.1   | 35,409     | 100.0   | 46.5 | 53.5   |
| Genitourinary<br>system                              | 44,694    | 100.0   | 48.1 | 51.9   | 2,730        | 100.0   | 58.9 | 41.1   | 41,964     | 100.0   | 47.4 | 52.6   |
| Musculoskeletal<br>system and<br>connective tissue   | 390,646   | 100.0   | 34.4 | 65.6   | 7,802        | 100.0   | 48.0 | 52.0   | 382,844    | 100.0   | 34.1 | 65.9   |
| Nervous system<br>and sense organs                   | 400,302   | 100.0   | 47.7 | 52.3   | 93,141       | 100.0   | 55.9 | 44.1   | 307,161    | 100.0   | 45.2 | 54.8   |
| Respiratory system                                   | 110,694   | 100.0   | 40.8 | 59.2   | 26,412       | 100.0   | 64.3 | 35.7   | 84,282     | 100.0   | 33.5 | 66.5   |
| Skin and subcu-<br>taneous tissue                    | 7,082     | 100.0   | 35.1 | 64.9   | 979          | 100.0   | 50.2 | 49.8   | 6,103      | 100.0   | 32.7 | 67.3   |
| Other  | 94,310    | 100.0   | 55.4 | 44.6   | 86,178       | 100.0   | 55.8 | 44.2   | 8,132      | 100.0   | 51.2 | 48.8   |
| Unknown  | 303,264   | 100.0   | 45.5 | 54.5   | 29,674       | 100.0   | 61.1 | 38.9   | 273,590    | 100.0   | 43.9 | 56.1   |

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

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**Table 27.**  
**Percentage of recipients with a representative payee, by diagnostic group and age, December 2003**

| Diagnostic group                               | All ages  |                       | Under age 18 |                       | Aged 18–64 |                       |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
|  | Number    | Percentage with payee | Number       | Percentage with payee | Number     | Percentage with payee |
| Total  | 4,912,627 | 46.2                  | 959,379      | 99.9                  | 3,953,248  | 33.2                  |
| Congenital anomalies                           | 70,084    | 85.7                  | 48,074       | 100.0                 | 22,010     | 54.6                  |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | 160,047   | 7.4                   | 6,561        | 99.9                  | 153,486    | 3.4                   |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 71,676    | 12.7                  | 2,681        | 99.8                  | 68,995     | 9.3                   |
| Injuries                                       | 107,051   | 19.6                  | 5,158        | 99.9                  | 101,893    | 15.6                  |
| Mental disorders                               |           |                       |              |                       |            |                       |
| Retardation                                    | 1,099,557 | 72.8                  | 230,532      | 99.9                  | 869,025    | 65.6                  |
| Other  | 1,743,224 | 49.6                  | 387,535      | 99.9                  | 1,355,689  | 35.3                  |
| Neoplasms                                      | 53,376    | 23.4                  | 9,574        | 99.9                  | 43,802     | 6.6                   |
| Diseases of the—                               |           |                       |              |                       |            |                       |
| Blood and blood-forming organs                 | 27,475    | 54.0                  | 12,618       | 99.9                  | 14,857     | 15.0                  |
| Circulatory system                             | 188,745   | 10.3                  | 4,739        | 99.9                  | 184,006    | 8.0                   |
| Digestive system                               | 40,400    | 19.0                  | 4,991        | 99.9                  | 35,409     | 7.6                   |
| Genitourinary system                           | 44,694    | 10.3                  | 2,730        | 99.8                  | 41,964     | 4.5                   |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue   | 390,646   | 5.0                   | 7,802        | 99.8                  | 382,844    | 3.0                   |
| Nervous system and sense organs                | 400,302   | 43.1                  | 93,141       | 99.9                  | 307,161    | 25.8                  |
| Respiratory system                             | 110,694   | 27.1                  | 26,412       | 100.0                 | 84,282     | 4.3                   |
| Skin and subcutaneous tissue                   | 7,082     | 18.0                  | 979          | 100.0                 | 6,103      | 4.9                   |
| Other  | 94,310    | 95.2                  | 86,178       | 100.0                 | 8,132      | 44.2                  |
| Unknown  | 303,264   | 43.5                  | 29,674       | 99.9                  | 273,590    | 37.4                  |

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## Recipients Under Age 65

**Table 28.**  
**Percentage distribution, by state or other area and diagnostic group, December 2003**

| State or area        | Total     |         | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases | Injuries | Mental disorders |             |       | Neoplasms |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
|                      | Number    | Percent |                      |  |                                   |          | Total            | Retardation | Other |           |
| All areas            | 4,912,627 | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.3  | 1.5                               | 2.2      | 57.9             | 22.4        | 35.5  | 1.1       |
| Alabama              | 125,041   | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 3.6  | 0.8                               | 2.4      | 54.7             | 27.5        | 27.1  | 1.0       |
| Alaska               | 7,596     | 100.0   | 1.8                  | 2.9  | 1.1                               | 3.3      | 54.0             | 15.0        | 39.0  | 1.3       |
| Arizona              | 68,964    | 100.0   | 2.0                  | 3.0  | 0.7                               | 2.5      | 58.6             | 19.4        | 39.2  | 1.0       |
| Arkansas             | 65,668    | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.7  | 0.7                               | 2.5      | 55.6             | 30.9        | 24.7  | 1.2       |
| California           | 660,275   | 100.0   | 1.6                  | 2.8  | 1.7                               | 2.7      | 54.9             | 14.9        | 40.1  | 1.2       |
| Colorado             | 40,345    | 100.0   | 2.1                  | 2.8  | 1.1                               | 3.0      | 52.1             | 18.8        | 33.2  | 1.2       |
| Connecticut          | 38,731    | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 3.1  | 2.7                               | 1.8      | 58.9             | 17.9        | 41.0  | 0.9       |
| Delaware             | 10,514    | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 2.9  | 2.2                               | 2.0      | 59.0             | 24.4        | 34.6  | 1.0       |
| District of Columbia | 15,967    | 100.0   | 0.6                  | 2.4  | 4.2                               | 1.9      | 60.9             | 22.6        | 38.3  | 0.7       |
| Florida              | 272,653   | 100.0   | 1.5                  | 3.0  | 2.4                               | 2.5      | 57.7             | 19.5        | 38.2  | 1.3       |
| Georgia              | 145,816   | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.8  | 1.8                               | 2.2      | 53.5             | 27.1        | 26.4  | 1.2       |
| Hawaii               | 13,251    | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 2.8  | 0.9                               | 2.4      | 62.8             | 16.3        | 46.5  | 1.0       |
| Idaho                | 17,250    | 100.0   | 2.0                  | 3.0  | 0.5                               | 2.2      | 61.2             | 21.5        | 39.7  | 1.0       |
| Illinois             | 198,042   | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 3.2  | 1.3                               | 1.7      | 64.6             | 25.2        | 39.4  | 0.9       |
| Indiana              | 81,338    | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 4.0  | 0.6                               | 1.8      | 62.4             | 30.4        | 32.0  | 1.0       |
| Iowa                 | 34,654    | 100.0   | 1.6                  | 3.4  | 0.4                               | 1.8      | 63.2             | 28.6        | 34.6  | 1.0       |
| Kansas               | 31,198    | 100.0   | 1.7                  | 4.1  | 0.6                               | 2.3      | 61.0             | 26.4        | 34.6  | 1.0       |
| Kentucky             | 143,480   | 100.0   | 1.0                  | 3.2  | 0.4                               | 1.7      | 63.1             | 26.4        | 36.6  | 0.9       |
| Louisiana            | 128,403   | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 3.6  | 1.2                               | 2.3      | 53.1             | 30.1        | 22.9  | 1.1       |
| Maine                | 25,750    | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 3.1  | 0.5                               | 1.9      | 62.6             | 19.9        | 42.7  | 0.9       |
| Maryland             | 66,162    | 100.0   | 1.3                  | 2.9  | 2.9                               | 2.2      | 55.8             | 23.3        | 32.5  | 1.1       |
| Massachusetts        | 120,016   | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 2.2  | 2.2                               | 1.9      | 62.4             | 13.3        | 49.1  | 0.9       |
| Michigan             | 180,353   | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 3.5  | 0.7                               | 1.8      | 62.7             | 25.1        | 37.6  | 0.9       |
| Minnesota            | 53,353    | 100.0   | 1.5                  | 2.1  | 0.7                               | 2.3      | 67.0             | 21.6        | 45.5  | 0.8       |
| Mississippi          | 92,645    | 100.0   | 1.0                  | 3.9  | 0.8                               | 2.1      | 56.0             | 26.2        | 29.8  | 1.0       |
| Missouri             | 93,910    | 100.0   | 1.5                  | 4.1  | 0.8                               | 2.5      | 57.4             | 25.8        | 31.7  | 1.0       |
| Montana              | 11,882    | 100.0   | 2.0                  | 3.0  | 0.5                               | 3.2      | 54.0             | 20.9        | 33.1  | 1.3       |
| Nebraska             | 17,919    | 100.0   | 2.3                  | 3.5  | 0.8                               | 2.8      | 56.3             | 26.5        | 29.9  | 1.1       |
| Nevada               | 22,507    | 100.0   | 2.4                  | 2.9  | 1.5                               | 2.4      | 52.9             | 16.4        | 36.5  | 1.4       |
| New Hampshire        | 10,877    | 100.0   | 1.8                  | 2.2  | 0.6                               | 2.0      | 66.4             | 19.8        | 46.6  | 0.8       |
| New Jersey           | 99,267    | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 2.6  | 2.5                               | 2.0      | 56.0             | 19.2        | 36.8  | 1.3       |
| New Mexico           | 34,729    | 100.0   | 1.9                  | 3.6  | 0.7                               | 3.4      | 50.8             | 18.7        | 32.1  | 1.2       |
| New York             | 401,799   | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 2.9  | 3.5                               | 1.8      | 55.4             | 17.6        | 37.8  | 1.2       |
| North Carolina       | 142,578   | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.6  | 1.4                               | 2.1      | 58.1             | 30.7        | 27.4  | 1.0       |
| North Dakota         | 6,101     | 100.0   | 2.6                  | 2.3  | 0.4                               | 2.6      | 60.6             | 28.3        | 32.3  | 1.0       |
| Ohio                 | 207,342   | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 3.4  | 0.6                               | 1.4      | 66.6             | 27.6        | 39.1  | 0.8       |
| Oklahoma             | 58,570    | 100.0   | 1.5                  | 4.0  | 0.6                               | 2.2      | 56.5             | 29.7        | 26.8  | 1.2       |
| Oregon               | 45,060    | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.2  | 0.8                               | 2.7      | 56.5             | 18.6        | 38.0  | 1.1       |
| Pennsylvania         | 246,708   | 100.0   | 1.1                  | 3.2  | 1.3                               | 1.8      | 60.6             | 22.7        | 37.9  | 0.9       |
| Rhode Island         | 21,857    | 100.0   | 1.0                  | 2.4  | 1.4                               | 1.7      | 64.7             | 21.1        | 43.6  | 1.0       |

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**Table 28.**  
**Percentage distribution, by state or other area and diagnostic group, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area        | Diseases of the—               |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              | Other | Unknown |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
|                      | Blood and blood-forming organs | Circulatory system | Digestive system | Genitourinary system | Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue | Nervous system and sense organs | Respiratory system | Skin and subcutaneous tissue |       |         |
| All areas            | 0.6                            | 3.8                | 0.8              | 0.9                  | 8.0  | 8.1                             | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 1.9   | 6.2     |
| Alabama              | 0.9                            | 4.4                | 0.8              | 0.9                  | 8.5  | 7.9                             | 3.0                | 0.2                          | 3.3   | 6.5     |
| Alaska               | 0.2                            | 3.2                | 1.0              | 0.6                  | 11.6   | 10.3                            | 1.7                | 0.2                          | 2.1   | 4.8     |
| Arizona              | 0.3                            | 2.9                | 0.9              | 1.0                  | 8.8  | 9.3                             | 1.8                | 0.1                          | 2.7   | 4.4     |
| Arkansas             | 0.7                            | 4.6                | 0.9              | 0.7                  | 9.8  | 8.7                             | 2.5                | 0.2                          | 2.4   | 4.4     |
| California           | 0.3                            | 3.9                | 1.0              | 1.1                  | 10.0   | 9.3                             | 1.7                | 0.1                          | 1.4   | 6.3     |
| Colorado             | 0.2                            | 2.8                | 1.2              | 0.9                  | 10.7   | 11.6                            | 2.1                | 0.2                          | 2.4   | 5.6     |
| Connecticut          | 0.5                            | 3.4                | 0.7              | 0.8                  | 7.3  | 8.3                             | 2.2                | 0.2                          | 1.5   | 6.8     |
| Delaware             | 0.7                            | 3.1                | 0.8              | 0.9                  | 7.7  | 8.1                             | 2.8                | 0.1                          | 2.4   | 4.8     |
| District of Columbia | 0.9                            | 3.7                | 0.5              | 1.8                  | 6.2  | 6.9                             | 1.7                | 0.2                          | 1.5   | 5.8     |
| Florida              | 0.8                            | 4.2                | 0.9              | 0.9                  | 6.1  | 7.0                             | 2.4                | 0.2                          | 2.0   | 6.9     |
| Georgia              | 1.1                            | 4.6                | 0.9              | 1.2                  | 7.3  | 8.0                             | 2.6                | 0.2                          | 2.5   | 7.7     |
| Hawaii               | 0.2                            | 4.0                | 0.8              | 1.3                  | 7.3  | 7.9                             | 2.1                | 0.2                          | 1.2   | 4.1     |
| Idaho                | 0.2                            | 2.4                | 0.9              | 0.5                  | 7.7  | 9.7                             | 1.5                | 0.1                          | 1.7   | 5.3     |
| Illinois             | 0.6                            | 3.2                | 0.5              | 0.9                  | 5.0  | 7.3                             | 2.2                | 0.1                          | 1.9   | 5.5     |
| Indiana              | 0.4                            | 3.1                | 0.8              | 0.7                  | 5.7  | 8.5                             | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 1.9   | 5.3     |
| Iowa                 | 0.3                            | 2.5                | 0.7              | 0.7                  | 7.6  | 9.2                             | 1.9                | 0.1                          | 1.8   | 3.8     |
| Kansas               | 0.4                            | 2.7                | 0.8              | 0.7                  | 7.1  | 9.3                             | 2.0                | 0.1                          | 1.9   | 4.4     |
| Kentucky             | 0.2                            | 3.7                | 0.6              | 0.5                  | 8.6  | 6.5                             | 3.0                | 0.1                          | 1.7   | 4.9     |
| Louisiana            | 1.1                            | 5.6                | 0.7              | 1.1                  | 8.5  | 8.1                             | 2.4                | 0.3                          | 2.6   | 7.2     |
| Maine                | 0.1                            | 3.0                | 0.7              | 0.4                  | 10.6   | 6.7                             | 1.9                | 0.2                          | 1.0   | 5.1     |
| Maryland             | 0.8                            | 4.1                | 0.7              | 1.2                  | 5.8  | 8.4                             | 2.0                | 0.1                          | 2.3   | 8.4     |
| Massachusetts        | 0.3                            | 2.8                | 0.7              | 0.5                  | 7.9  | 7.7                             | 2.1                | 0.1                          | 1.1   | 5.9     |
| Michigan             | 0.5                            | 3.5                | 0.6              | 0.8                  | 6.4  | 7.2                             | 2.0                | 0.1                          | 1.8   | 6.2     |
| Minnesota            | 0.3                            | 2.1                | 0.6              | 0.7                  | 5.4  | 9.0                             | 1.1                | 0.1                          | 2.5   | 3.7     |
| Mississippi          | 1.1                            | 5.0                | 0.6              | 1.0                  | 6.3  | 7.4                             | 2.9                | 0.2                          | 3.5   | 7.3     |
| Missouri             | 0.6                            | 3.5                | 0.8              | 0.8                  | 8.4  | 8.0                             | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 1.8   | 6.3     |
| Montana              | 0.2                            | 2.7                | 1.1              | 0.9                  | 11.6   | 11.2                            | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 1.8   | 4.1     |
| Nebraska             | 0.4                            | 2.9                | 1.0              | 0.7                  | 8.7  | 10.5                            | 1.8                | 0.2                          | 2.0   | 4.8     |
| Nevada               | 0.5                            | 4.1                | 1.3              | 1.0                  | 9.5  | 10.0                            | 2.5                | 0.1                          | 2.4   | 5.2     |
| New Hampshire        | 0.2                            | 2.5                | 0.7              | 0.4                  | 6.6  | 8.9                             | 1.5                | 0.1                          | 1.2   | 4.3     |
| New Jersey           | 0.7                            | 4.2                | 0.8              | 1.2                  | 7.2  | 9.1                             | 3.0                | 0.1                          | 3.0   | 4.9     |
| New Mexico           | 0.2                            | 3.0                | 1.2              | 1.2                  | 12.9   | 10.2                            | 2.0                | 0.2                          | 2.0   | 5.3     |
| New York             | 0.6                            | 4.9                | 0.7              | 0.9                  | 8.4  | 7.3                             | 2.9                | 0.1                          | 1.2   | 7.2     |
| North Carolina       | 0.7                            | 3.9                | 0.9              | 0.9                  | 7.5  | 7.4                             | 2.4                | 0.2                          | 2.0   | 6.4     |
| North Dakota         | 0.1                            | 3.0                | 1.0              | 0.8                  | 8.2  | 11.2                            | 1.5                | 0.1                          | 1.5   | 3.2     |
| Ohio                 | 0.4                            | 2.6                | 0.6              | 0.7                  | 4.7  | 6.4                             | 1.9                | 0.1                          | 1.4   | 7.1     |
| Oklahoma             | 0.4                            | 4.0                | 0.9              | 0.8                  | 9.1  | 9.7                             | 2.6                | 0.2                          | 1.8   | 4.4     |
| Oregon               | 0.2                            | 2.8                | 1.0              | 0.7                  | 9.8  | 9.9                             | 1.9                | 0.1                          | 2.6   | 5.3     |
| Pennsylvania         | 0.4                            | 3.5                | 0.8              | 0.7                  | 8.0  | 6.7                             | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 1.4   | 7.2     |
| Rhode Island         | 0.4                            | 3.0                | 0.8              | 0.5                  | 7.6  | 6.5                             | 2.1                | 0.1                          | 1.5   | 5.4     |

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**Table 28.**  
**Percentage distribution, by state or other area and diagnostic group, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area    | Total   |         | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases | Injuries | Mental disorders |             |       | Neoplasms |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
|                  | Number  | Percent |                      |  |                                   |          | Total            | Retardation | Other |           |
| South Carolina   | 78,762  | 100.0   | 1.3                  | 3.1  | 1.1                               | 2.3      | 57.1             | 29.1        | 28.0  | 1.1       |
| South Dakota     | 9,379   | 100.0   | 2.3                  | 2.6  | 0.5                               | 2.6      | 56.6             | 23.6        | 32.9  | 0.9       |
| Tennessee        | 123,074 | 100.0   | 1.2                  | 2.9  | 0.7                               | 1.9      | 61.4             | 29.1        | 32.3  | 1.0       |
| Texas            | 293,713 | 100.0   | 2.2                  | 4.6  | 1.5                               | 2.6      | 48.7             | 19.4        | 29.4  | 1.5       |
| Utah             | 17,654  | 100.0   | 3.1                  | 2.7  | 0.4                               | 2.1      | 59.7             | 23.8        | 35.9  | 1.0       |
| Vermont          | 10,147  | 100.0   | 1.5                  | 3.3  | 0.8                               | 2.0      | 61.9             | 19.1        | 42.9  | 0.7       |
| Virginia         | 96,840  | 100.0   | 1.4                  | 3.2  | 1.1                               | 2.0      | 58.0             | 27.7        | 30.3  | 1.2       |
| Washington       | 84,054  | 100.0   | 1.6                  | 2.9  | 0.9                               | 2.2      | 60.0             | 17.4        | 42.7  | 1.0       |
| West Virginia    | 62,650  | 100.0   | 1.0                  | 4.1  | 0.4                               | 2.2      | 59.4             | 31.5        | 27.9  | 0.9       |
| Wisconsin        | 72,515  | 100.0   | 2.1                  | 3.2  | 0.6                               | 1.9      | 62.1             | 23.7        | 38.4  | 0.8       |
| Wyoming          | 4,743   | 100.0   | 2.1                  | 2.8  | 0.5                               | 2.9      | 57.2             | 23.0        | 34.2  | 1.4       |
| Outlying area    |         |         |                      |  |                                   |          |                  |             |       |           |
| Northern Mariana | 525     | 100.0   | 5.7                  | 1.7  | 1.0                               | 3.0      | 34.1             | 13.3        | 20.8  | 0.8       |

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**Table 28.**  
**Percentage distribution, by state or other area and diagnostic group, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Diseases of the—               |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              | Other | Unknown |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
|                          | Blood and blood-forming organs | Circulatory system | Digestive system | Genitourinary system | Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue | Nervous system and sense organs | Respiratory system | Skin and subcutaneous tissue |       |         |
| South Carolina           | 1.3                            | 4.5                | 0.8              | 1.1                  | 6.6  | 8.0                             | 2.8                | 0.2                          | 2.4   | 6.2     |
| South Dakota             | 0.2                            | 2.9                | 1.1              | 0.9                  | 10.5   | 11.4                            | 2.4                | 0.1                          | 1.9   | 3.2     |
| Tennessee                | 0.5                            | 3.7                | 0.7              | 0.7                  | 7.7  | 6.8                             | 2.4                | 0.1                          | 2.0   | 6.4     |
| Texas                    | 0.6                            | 5.1                | 1.2              | 1.4                  | 10.2   | 10.8                            | 2.0                | 0.2                          | 2.7   | 4.7     |
| Utah                     | 0.1                            | 1.7                | 0.7              | 0.7                  | 6.2  | 11.5                            | 1.6                | 0.1                          | 2.8   | 5.5     |
| Vermont                  | 0.1                            | 2.3                | 0.9              | 0.4                  | 9.3  | 8.1                             | 1.9                | 0.1                          | 0.7   | 6.0     |
| Virginia                 | 0.7                            | 3.9                | 0.7              | 1.1                  | 7.9  | 7.7                             | 2.3                | 0.1                          | 2.1   | 6.7     |
| Washington               | 0.3                            | 2.6                | 1.0              | 0.6                  | 8.6  | 8.6                             | 1.7                | 0.2                          | 1.8   | 6.0     |
| West Virginia            | 0.1                            | 3.7                | 0.7              | 0.5                  | 8.6  | 6.6                             | 2.9                | 0.2                          | 1.1   | 7.6     |
| Wisconsin                | 0.5                            | 2.4                | 0.7              | 0.8                  | 6.0  | 9.1                             | 1.6                | 0.1                          | 2.5   | 5.4     |
| Wyoming                  | 0.1                            | 2.9                | 0.9              | 0.5                  | 9.0  | 11.5                            | 2.8                | 0.2                          | 2.0   | 3.0     |
| Outlying area            |                                |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              |       |         |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 1.1                            | 5.5                | 0.4              | 4.6                  | 7.2  | 20.4                            | 2.3                | 1.5                          | 7.4   | 3.2     |

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

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**Table 29.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2003 (in dollars)**

| State or area        | Total  | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases | Injuries | Mental disorders |             |        | Neoplasms |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
|                      |        |                      |  |                                   |          | Total            | Retardation | Other  |           |
| All areas            | 445.61 | 476.15               | 421.98   | 435.72                            | 408.63   | 454.65           | 447.05      | 462.24 | 403.79    |
| Alabama              | 410.23 | 463.28               | 372.93   | 375.17                            | 357.77   | 429.05           | 440.61      | 417.48 | 357.15    |
| Alaska               | 407.08 | 463.30               | 427.78   | 417.19                            | 388.64   | 404.60           | 398.36      | 410.83 | 393.31    |
| Arizona              | 424.22 | 469.16               | 409.80   | 381.20                            | 382.62   | 434.90           | 442.89      | 426.91 | 387.55    |
| Arkansas             | 393.97 | 452.46               | 366.71   | 345.64                            | 351.68   | 416.00           | 422.66      | 409.33 | 352.76    |
| California           | 584.50 | 593.54               | 553.27   | 537.34                            | 541.78   | 600.53           | 601.47      | 599.59 | 519.86    |
| Colorado             | 397.97 | 446.04               | 382.10   | 353.45                            | 368.24   | 406.75           | 409.97      | 403.53 | 373.31    |
| Connecticut          | 416.81 | 455.70               | 435.41   | 440.34                            | 374.20   | 411.99           | 404.30      | 419.68 | 382.98    |
| Delaware             | 403.97 | 427.48               | 386.92   | 399.26                            | 368.40   | 415.99           | 417.58      | 414.40 | 346.49    |
| District of Columbia | 452.99 | 431.18               | 439.45   | 438.51                            | 430.80   | 454.90           | 428.54      | 481.25 | 381.24    |
| Florida              | 417.70 | 443.78               | 382.99   | 394.35                            | 367.98   | 432.96           | 434.41      | 431.51 | 370.22    |
| Georgia              | 406.71 | 450.27               | 380.04   | 385.67                            | 365.02   | 422.34           | 429.87      | 414.80 | 368.86    |
| Hawaii               | 461.41 | 457.37               | 436.61   | 399.22                            | 429.10   | 476.03           | 483.78      | 468.27 | 417.59    |
| Idaho                | 390.60 | 447.14               | 367.32   | 374.41                            | 336.61   | 397.40           | 397.46      | 397.33 | 361.22    |
| Illinois             | 439.74 | 455.49               | 439.26   | 419.84                            | 402.14   | 446.66           | 444.73      | 448.59 | 405.02    |
| Indiana              | 406.13 | 441.52               | 395.03   | 360.02                            | 365.33   | 415.59           | 419.45      | 411.72 | 367.02    |
| Iowa                 | 380.40 | 410.17               | 392.22   | 351.31                            | 341.75   | 386.81           | 379.56      | 394.06 | 342.44    |
| Kansas               | 393.07 | 432.41               | 384.19   | 326.70                            | 355.79   | 400.53           | 397.98      | 403.08 | 358.03    |
| Kentucky             | 418.34 | 454.73               | 397.87   | 342.69                            | 368.05   | 435.54           | 441.31      | 429.77 | 371.31    |
| Louisiana            | 425.73 | 462.64               | 411.33   | 390.40                            | 380.70   | 443.05           | 443.65      | 442.44 | 391.33    |
| Maine                | 384.63 | 428.74               | 381.98   | 344.79                            | 365.24   | 392.19           | 391.32      | 393.05 | 336.98    |
| Maryland             | 424.75 | 436.12               | 415.51   | 418.49                            | 383.28   | 434.10           | 434.76      | 433.44 | 386.25    |
| Massachusetts        | 452.77 | 475.96               | 449.25   | 474.28                            | 417.84   | 444.84           | 430.21      | 459.47 | 439.87    |
| Michigan             | 437.59 | 462.45               | 431.91   | 397.25                            | 415.22   | 446.53           | 448.96      | 444.09 | 395.22    |
| Minnesota            | 405.96 | 439.18               | 413.21   | 409.03                            | 385.18   | 404.80           | 395.07      | 414.52 | 394.55    |
| Mississippi          | 411.17 | 458.82               | 384.69   | 362.22                            | 357.53   | 426.76           | 428.01      | 425.50 | 367.53    |
| Missouri             | 403.82 | 448.00               | 384.39   | 349.50                            | 366.05   | 414.93           | 416.72      | 413.13 | 369.98    |
| Montana              | 392.15 | 440.08               | 386.42   | 309.52                            | 363.81   | 396.08           | 395.22      | 396.93 | 347.14    |
| Nebraska             | 382.04 | 434.40               | 379.31   | 356.16                            | 338.34   | 389.79           | 397.90      | 381.67 | 353.06    |
| Nevada               | 411.79 | 445.55               | 384.81   | 371.74                            | 349.55   | 426.09           | 430.86      | 421.31 | 376.35    |
| New Hampshire        | 383.05 | 440.57               | 373.95   | 373.03                            | 346.12   | 384.65           | 380.55      | 388.74 | 357.36    |
| New Jersey           | 432.84 | 456.78               | 429.17   | 429.33                            | 399.21   | 438.49           | 437.54      | 439.43 | 396.59    |
| New Mexico           | 413.22 | 456.62               | 394.18   | 372.30                            | 378.40   | 427.20           | 428.12      | 426.28 | 376.69    |
| New York             | 483.20 | 487.00               | 468.75   | 485.48                            | 438.67   | 487.82           | 471.75      | 503.88 | 442.47    |
| North Carolina       | 390.32 | 438.54               | 361.14   | 347.52                            | 346.36   | 404.85           | 405.93      | 403.77 | 345.09    |
| North Dakota         | 360.89 | 420.26               | 387.36   | 365.96                            | 360.16   | 357.33           | 340.41      | 374.25 | 367.87    |
| Ohio                 | 428.85 | 439.83               | 426.10   | 380.92                            | 372.04   | 437.12           | 437.62      | 436.61 | 380.59    |
| Oklahoma             | 411.45 | 457.55               | 388.18   | 370.63                            | 377.79   | 425.47           | 434.76      | 416.18 | 384.12    |
| Oregon               | 408.12 | 447.06               | 390.77   | 345.13                            | 387.93   | 413.34           | 414.94      | 411.73 | 392.28    |
| Pennsylvania         | 454.51 | 466.69               | 436.04   | 437.39                            | 417.61   | 462.94           | 454.32      | 471.55 | 414.34    |
| Rhode Island         | 449.62 | 499.89               | 424.84   | 430.75                            | 405.40   | 457.35           | 457.91      | 456.79 | 383.45    |

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**Table 29.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2003 (in dollars)—Continued**

| State or area        | Diseases of the—               |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              | Other  | Unknown |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------|
|                      | Blood and blood-forming organs | Circulatory system | Digestive system | Genitourinary system | Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue | Nervous system and sense organs | Respiratory system | Skin and subcutaneous tissue |        |         |
| All areas            | 467.01                         | 406.75             | 428.90           | 418.56               | 405.72                                       | 439.79                          | 438.62             | 426.14                       | 460.50 | 458.89  |
| Alabama              | 455.24                         | 349.60             | 394.85           | 375.46               | 329.41                                       | 405.83                          | 419.23             | 371.80                       | 476.08 | 410.81  |
| Alaska               | 381.94                         | 374.54             | 407.67           | 395.00               | 388.86                                       | 407.77                          | 389.69             | 409.13                       | 391.90 | 465.45  |
| Arizona              | 436.38                         | 386.39             | 414.44           | 394.13               | 382.35                                       | 426.40                          | 419.02             | 383.86                       | 472.22 | 432.44  |
| Arkansas             | 441.72                         | 332.24             | 366.80           | 347.49               | 316.67                                       | 389.35                          | 366.33             | 428.90                       | 465.39 | 380.23  |
| California           | 600.96                         | 542.21             | 551.46           | 535.56               | 538.06                                       | 577.16                          | 573.32             | 568.09                       | 572.23 | 632.83  |
| Colorado             | 405.29                         | 366.50             | 387.14           | 365.19               | 366.52                                       | 400.16                          | 378.26             | 425.65                       | 360.11 | 445.53  |
| Connecticut          | 440.74                         | 402.23             | 397.76           | 423.77               | 403.30                                       | 411.48                          | 448.57             | 369.97                       | 424.75 | 441.49  |
| Delaware             | 425.89                         | 365.31             | 384.33           | 358.59               | 367.13                                       | 409.04                          | 405.08             | 311.69                       | 406.70 | 375.98  |
| District of Columbia | 478.76                         | 408.40             | 430.19           | 438.91               | 426.21                                       | 442.19                          | 451.78             | 462.04                       | 439.32 | 471.33  |
| Florida              | 449.19                         | 371.40             | 393.82           | 387.31               | 356.27                                       | 409.05                          | 407.86             | 372.53                       | 432.47 | 433.89  |
| Georgia              | 446.06                         | 357.14             | 383.40           | 375.35               | 343.11                                       | 412.60                          | 397.99             | 365.83                       | 431.21 | 407.66  |
| Hawaii               | 436.57                         | 411.40             | 444.00           | 436.66               | 444.70                                       | 451.32                          | 435.25             | 484.05                       | 431.96 | 486.62  |
| Idaho                | 423.69                         | 355.29             | 369.74           | 412.68               | 355.30                                       | 381.62                          | 359.46             | 467.55                       | 425.10 | 413.75  |
| Illinois             | 465.16                         | 406.91             | 411.22           | 418.48               | 409.10                                       | 423.67                          | 441.90             | 435.65                       | 459.16 | 435.97  |
| Indiana              | 455.55                         | 360.93             | 374.35           | 384.63               | 354.45                                       | 388.77                          | 395.46             | 406.44                       | 449.21 | 422.58  |
| Iowa                 | 434.99                         | 338.69             | 375.87           | 350.24               | 361.65                                       | 365.25                          | 383.31             | 423.68                       | 411.26 | 357.31  |
| Kansas               | 453.30                         | 351.11             | 385.84           | 395.66               | 345.59                                       | 398.24                          | 360.70             | 392.82                       | 417.22 | 405.51  |
| Kentucky             | 441.03                         | 361.22             | 386.94           | 369.95               | 360.40                                       | 410.89                          | 403.13             | 383.45                       | 469.20 | 403.38  |
| Louisiana            | 466.24                         | 377.44             | 387.43           | 386.98               | 381.68                                       | 413.29                          | 436.73             | 404.84                       | 475.01 | 410.81  |
| Maine                | 394.75                         | 350.36             | 355.02           | 382.92               | 347.93                                       | 383.32                          | 373.65             | 374.45                       | 425.07 | 397.34  |
| Maryland             | 442.48                         | 389.35             | 404.34           | 414.20               | 386.89                                       | 417.33                          | 417.59             | 405.18                       | 379.89 | 449.37  |
| Massachusetts        | 486.55                         | 432.52             | 440.20           | 443.77               | 422.98                                       | 454.30                          | 467.48             | 426.41                       | 465.56 | 490.46  |
| Michigan             | 464.25                         | 407.83             | 419.51           | 418.48               | 395.80                                       | 426.44                          | 431.15             | 424.97                       | 467.70 | 435.99  |
| Minnesota            | 430.04                         | 376.49             | 398.26           | 399.36               | 385.59                                       | 402.80                          | 413.47             | 383.13                       | 436.07 | 394.47  |
| Mississippi          | 454.05                         | 355.14             | 388.47           | 376.15               | 333.62                                       | 405.58                          | 423.88             | 369.30                       | 466.22 | 406.33  |
| Missouri             | 445.08                         | 360.71             | 393.15           | 388.23               | 349.90                                       | 404.72                          | 384.65             | 413.08                       | 445.55 | 423.00  |
| Montana              | 438.42                         | 354.08             | 423.41           | 392.06               | 384.08                                       | 395.19                          | 375.28             | 354.40                       | 427.44 | 388.25  |
| Nebraska             | 426.99                         | 348.72             | 367.89           | 349.70               | 332.70                                       | 396.45                          | 366.43             | 411.82                       | 415.41 | 382.78  |
| Nevada               | 424.66                         | 371.30             | 396.41           | 393.34               | 369.28                                       | 421.92                          | 390.31             | 336.17                       | 424.38 | 435.05  |
| New Hampshire        | 413.29                         | 344.58             | 361.18           | 336.11               | 351.55                                       | 382.63                          | 365.90             | 388.67                       | 423.56 | 409.08  |
| New Jersey           | 460.81                         | 403.36             | 416.48           | 414.96               | 401.11                                       | 425.69                          | 455.55             | 442.37                       | 451.70 | 446.93  |
| New Mexico           | 445.32                         | 373.63             | 395.04           | 398.61               | 370.78                                       | 410.66                          | 418.51             | 384.25                       | 475.63 | 426.70  |
| New York             | 489.94                         | 463.65             | 463.83           | 456.26               | 452.07                                       | 463.45                          | 497.39             | 477.98                       | 466.28 | 495.39  |
| North Carolina       | 426.35                         | 340.21             | 379.13           | 356.88               | 332.04                                       | 388.33                          | 383.80             | 378.07                       | 423.70 | 390.64  |
| North Dakota         | 396.00                         | 349.90             | 361.02           | 370.45               | 362.75                                       | 357.72                          | 335.48             | 244.50                       | 385.79 | 352.02  |
| Ohio                 | 449.62                         | 385.62             | 406.56           | 389.97               | 396.89                                       | 406.81                          | 414.42             | 429.79                       | 459.06 | 431.53  |
| Oklahoma             | 440.47                         | 365.44             | 394.05           | 376.49               | 369.41                                       | 411.70                          | 392.13             | 386.28                       | 476.19 | 383.33  |
| Oregon               | 421.10                         | 383.38             | 417.01           | 367.90               | 376.31                                       | 405.99                          | 399.80             | 366.89                       | 437.82 | 449.93  |
| Pennsylvania         | 478.36                         | 418.13             | 434.60           | 431.92               | 418.49                                       | 429.74                          | 453.28             | 450.03                       | 463.44 | 471.86  |
| Rhode Island         | 474.68                         | 419.32             | 442.04           | 402.88               | 404.79                                       | 437.03                          | 471.86             | 388.19                       | 502.47 | 468.21  |

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Recipients Under Age 65

**Table 29.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2003 (in dollars)—Continued**

| State or area            | Total  | Congenital anomalies | Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | Infectious and parasitic diseases | Injuries | Mental disorders |             |        | Neoplasms |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
|                          |        |                      |  |                                   |          | Total            | Retardation | Other  |           |
| South Carolina           | 402.58 | 447.95               | 379.80   | 380.58                            | 372.52   | 417.04           | 422.68      | 411.39 | 353.06    |
| South Dakota             | 378.08 | 397.22               | 399.72   | 335.52                            | 377.45   | 379.76           | 367.40      | 392.11 | 349.79    |
| Tennessee                | 407.15 | 455.07               | 378.65   | 360.75                            | 359.40   | 422.68           | 433.35      | 412.00 | 369.07    |
| Texas                    | 404.17 | 467.03               | 381.09   | 388.79                            | 370.35   | 417.79           | 409.88      | 425.69 | 367.23    |
| Utah                     | 395.15 | 444.55               | 394.89   | 388.96                            | 357.08   | 399.85           | 402.09      | 397.61 | 374.23    |
| Vermont                  | 408.63 | 465.36               | 408.05   | 322.14                            | 361.19   | 415.02           | 407.47      | 422.57 | 387.07    |
| Virginia                 | 399.83 | 435.82               | 369.57   | 374.28                            | 346.30   | 413.90           | 412.71      | 415.08 | 368.15    |
| Washington               | 425.58 | 450.63               | 409.54   | 380.53                            | 395.44   | 427.50           | 423.83      | 431.16 | 375.66    |
| West Virginia            | 422.11 | 448.73               | 399.12   | 349.54                            | 388.25   | 436.99           | 438.37      | 435.60 | 368.25    |
| Wisconsin                | 400.96 | 445.13               | 397.66   | 369.43                            | 380.75   | 407.30           | 407.16      | 407.44 | 368.14    |
| Wyoming                  | 385.10 | 452.84               | 386.56   | 344.60                            | 359.62   | 389.27           | 385.16      | 393.37 | 335.06    |
| Outlying area            |        |                      |  |                                   |          |                  |             |        |           |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 469.30 | 526.37               | 380.56   | 491.40                            | 443.19   | 471.51           | 499.67      | 443.35 | 422.00    |

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**Table 29.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2003 (in dollars)—Continued**

| State or area            | Diseases of the—               |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              | Other  | Unknown |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------|
|                          | Blood and blood-forming organs | Circulatory system | Digestive system | Genitourinary system | Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue | Nervous system and sense organs | Respiratory system | Skin and subcutaneous tissue |        |         |
| South Carolina           | 443.01                         | 355.46             | 394.18           | 378.27               | 337.95                                       | 399.51                          | 406.94             | 365.52                       | 445.62 | 380.18  |
| South Dakota             | 364.10                         | 352.48             | 413.56           | 397.27               | 358.16                                       | 367.44                          | 409.91             | 386.00                       | 383.66 | 379.08  |
| Tennessee                | 462.40                         | 351.23             | 381.27           | 376.75               | 343.98                                       | 403.75                          | 387.15             | 374.94                       | 445.12 | 403.28  |
| Texas                    | 448.53                         | 365.12             | 401.11           | 376.85               | 360.16                                       | 407.99                          | 400.49             | 393.61                       | 444.08 | 386.30  |
| Utah                     | 445.00                         | 359.90             | 397.97           | 395.01               | 366.12                                       | 394.09                          | 377.17             | 417.24                       | 394.50 | 388.46  |
| Vermont                  | 406.86                         | 385.47             | 397.31           | 375.85               | 361.51                                       | 413.44                          | 394.61             | 469.80                       | 508.87 | 399.83  |
| Virginia                 | 421.73                         | 362.75             | 366.46           | 376.93               | 349.98                                       | 395.08                          | 392.88             | 366.80                       | 409.35 | 400.81  |
| Washington               | 425.69                         | 389.43             | 409.10           | 400.32               | 409.16                                       | 423.79                          | 413.96             | 424.53                       | 452.49 | 460.90  |
| West Virginia            | 410.67                         | 375.11             | 402.42           | 372.53               | 381.61                                       | 413.45                          | 402.06             | 418.20                       | 445.76 | 419.51  |
| Wisconsin                | 453.38                         | 367.01             | 387.09           | 374.43               | 355.05                                       | 396.90                          | 396.88             | 423.05                       | 435.38 | 386.40  |
| Wyoming                  | 442.86                         | 312.95             | 430.04           | 307.77               | 339.18                                       | 401.69                          | 391.59             | 339.13                       | 419.73 | 411.42  |
| Outlying area            |                                |                    |                  |                      |  |                                 |                    |                              |        |         |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 481.33                         | 438.31             | 533.50           | 454.42               | 452.03                                       | 470.07                          | 491.75             | 368.63                       | 532.72 | 469.41  |

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

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*Recipients Who Work*

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**Table 30.**  
**By selected months, 1976–2003**

| Month     | All blind and disabled recipients <sup>a</sup> | Blind and disabled recipients who work |                            |                              | Total as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients |
|-----------|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|           |  | Total                                  | Receiving SSI <sup>b</sup> | Section 1619(b) participants |  |
| December  |  |  |                            |                              |  |
| 1976      | 2,088,242                                      | 70,719                                 | 70,719                     | ...                          | 3.4  |
| 1977      | 2,186,771                                      | 83,697                                 | 83,697                     | ...                          | 3.8  |
| 1978      | 2,249,025                                      | 87,697                                 | 87,697                     | ...                          | 3.9  |
| 1979      | 2,277,859                                      | 92,270                                 | 92,270                     | ...                          | 4.1  |
| 1980      | 2,334,241                                      | 99,276                                 | 99,276                     | ...                          | 4.3  |
| 1981      | 2,340,785                                      | 102,632                                | 102,632                    | ...                          | 4.4  |
| 1982      | 2,314,364                                      | 107,803                                | 102,288                    | 5,515                        | 4.7  |
| 1983      | 2,391,262                                      | 113,899                                | 108,734                    | 5,165                        | 4.8  |
| 1984      | 2,499,046                                      | --                                     | --                         | --                           | --   |
| 1985      | 2,633,552                                      | --                                     | --                         | --                           | --   |
| 1986      | 2,795,756                                      | --                                     | --                         | --                           | --   |
| 1987      | 2,945,244                                      | 172,855                                | 157,223                    | 15,632                       | 5.9  |
| 1988      | 3,046,074                                      | 189,144                                | 173,519                    | 15,625                       | 6.2  |
| 1989      | 3,172,270                                      | 205,837                                | 187,583                    | 18,254                       | 6.5  |
| 1990      | 3,386,603                                      | 219,932                                | 196,415                    | 23,517                       | 6.5  |
| 1991      | 3,681,050                                      | 229,619                                | 202,355                    | 27,264                       | 6.2  |
| 1992      | 4,126,816                                      | 248,917                                | 217,268                    | 31,649                       | 6.0  |
| 1993      | 4,544,777                                      | 265,649                                | 230,350                    | 35,299                       | 5.8  |
| 1994      | 4,870,564                                      | 282,476                                | 241,793                    | 40,683                       | 5.8  |
| 1995      | 5,115,014                                      | 298,635                                | 251,633                    | 47,002                       | 5.8  |
| 1996      | 5,252,991                                      | 308,300                                | 256,395                    | 51,905                       | 5.9  |
| 1997      | 5,189,724                                      | 319,855                                | 262,766                    | 57,089                       | 6.2  |
| 1998      | 5,293,829                                      | 326,475                                | 266,933                    | 59,542                       | 6.2  |
| 1999      | 5,317,861                                      | 340,618                                | 271,353                    | 69,265                       | 6.4  |
| 2000      | 5,395,935                                      | 360,427                                | 276,855                    | 83,572                       | 6.7  |
| 2001      | 5,500,481                                      | 346,110                                | 269,655                    | 76,455                       | 6.3  |
| 2002      | 5,618,506                                      | 340,910                                | 258,733                    | 82,177                       | 6.1  |
| 2003      | 5,740,683                                      | 323,682                                | 252,585                    | 71,097                       | 5.6  |
| 2001      |  |  |                            |                              |  |
| March     | 5,423,974                                      | 352,940                                | 274,283                    | 78,657                       | 6.5  |
| June      | 5,448,865                                      | 353,336                                | 275,435                    | 77,901                       | 6.5  |
| September | 5,493,302                                      | 353,207                                | 274,664                    | 78,543                       | 6.4  |
| December  | 5,500,481                                      | 346,110                                | 269,655                    | 76,455                       | 6.3  |
| 2002      |  |  |                            |                              |  |
| March     | 5,538,532                                      | 339,430                                | 266,835                    | 72,595                       | 6.1  |
| June      | 5,573,711                                      | 342,946                                | 265,597                    | 77,349                       | 6.2  |
| September | 5,620,838                                      | 348,244                                | 265,871                    | 82,373                       | 6.2  |
| December  | 5,618,506                                      | 340,910                                | 258,733                    | 82,177                       | 6.1  |

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## Recipients Who Work

**Table 30.**  
**By selected months, 1976–2003—Continued**

| Month     | All blind and disabled recipients <sup>a</sup> | Blind and disabled recipients who work |                            |                              | Total as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients |
|-----------|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|           |  | Total                                  | Receiving SSI <sup>b</sup> | Section 1619(b) participants |  |
| 2003      |  |  |                            |                              |  |
| March     | 5,657,353                                      | 334,378                                | 259,820                    | 74,558                       | 5.9  |
| June      | 5,705,871                                      | 329,740                                | 257,724                    | 72,016                       | 5.8  |
| September | 5,749,384                                      | 329,195                                | 255,619                    | 73,576                       | 5.7  |
| December  | 5,740,683                                      | 323,682                                | 252,585                    | 71,097                       | 5.6  |

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

NOTE: . . . = not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

b. Includes section 1619(a) participants.

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**Table 31.**  
**Recipients participating in section 1619(a) or section 1619(b), selected months, 1982–2003**

| Month     | Section 1619(a) |                                     | Section 1619(b) <sup>a</sup> |                                     |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           | Number          | Percentage change from prior period | Number                       | Percentage change from prior period |
| December  |                 |                                     |                              |                                     |
| 1982      | 287             | ...                                 | 5,515                        | ...                                 |
| 1983      | 392             | 36.6                                | 5,165                        | -6.3                                |
| 1984      | --              | --                                  | --                           | --                                  |
| 1985      | --              | --                                  | --                           | --                                  |
| 1986      | --              | --                                  | --                           | --                                  |
| 1987      | 14,559          | b                                   | 15,632                       | b                                   |
| 1988      | 19,920          | 36.8                                | 15,625                       | 0                                   |
| 1989      | 25,655          | 28.8                                | 18,254                       | 16.8                                |
| 1990      | 13,994          | -45.5                               | 23,517                       | 28.8                                |
| 1991      | 15,531          | 11.0                                | 27,264                       | 15.9                                |
| 1992      | 17,603          | 13.3                                | 31,649                       | 16.1                                |
| 1993      | 20,028          | 13.8                                | 35,299                       | 11.5                                |
| 1994      | 24,315          | 21.4                                | 40,683                       | 15.3                                |
| 1995      | 28,060          | 15.4                                | 47,002                       | 15.5                                |
| 1996      | 31,085          | 10.8                                | 51,905                       | 10.4                                |
| 1997      | 34,673          | 11.5                                | 57,089                       | 10.0                                |
| 1998      | 37,271          | 7.5                                 | 59,542                       | 4.3                                 |
| 1999      | 25,528          | -31.5                               | 69,265                       | 16.3                                |
| 2000      | 27,542          | 7.9                                 | 83,572                       | 20.7                                |
| 2001      | 22,100          | -19.8                               | 76,455                       | -8.5                                |
| 2002      | 17,271          | -21.9                               | 82,177                       | 7.5                                 |
| 2003      | 17,132          | -0.8                                | 71,097                       | -13.5                               |
| 2001      |                 |                                     |                              |                                     |
| March     | 26,775          | -2.8                                | 78,657                       | -5.9                                |
| June      | 25,394          | -5.2                                | 77,901                       | -1.0                                |
| September | 25,194          | -0.8                                | 78,543                       | 0.8                                 |
| December  | 22,100          | -12.3                               | 76,455                       | -2.7                                |
| 2002      |                 |                                     |                              |                                     |
| March     | 21,417          | -3.1                                | 72,595                       | -5.0                                |
| June      | 20,922          | -2.3                                | 77,349                       | 6.5                                 |
| September | 20,275          | -3.1                                | 82,373                       | 6.5                                 |
| December  | 17,271          | -14.8                               | 82,177                       | -0.2                                |
| 2003      |                 |                                     |                              |                                     |
| March     | 16,771          | -2.9                                | 74,558                       | -9.3                                |
| June      | 16,539          | -1.4                                | 72,016                       | -3.4                                |
| September | 16,562          | 0.1                                 | 73,576                       | 2.2                                 |
| December  | 17,132          | 3.4                                 | 71,097                       | -3.4                                |

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

NOTES: When the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level is periodically raised, SSI recipients with earnings below the increased SGA level become eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This change in status is reflected in the decreases in 1619(a) participants in 1990, June 2001, December 2001, December 2002, and December 2003.

... = not applicable; -- = not available..

a. Includes blind participants. Of the 71,097 participants in December 2003, 1,183 were blind.

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**Table 32.**  
**By state or other area, December 2003**

| State or area          | Total   | Section 1619(a)<br>participants | Section 1619(b)<br>participants | Other blind and disabled<br>recipients who work |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| All areas <sup>a</sup> | 323,682 | 17,130                          | 71,089                          | 235,447   |
| Alabama                | 3,714   | 219                             | 902                             | 2,593   |
| Alaska                 | 574     | 29                              | 154                             | 391   |
| Arizona                | 3,423   | 209                             | 879                             | 2,335   |
| Arkansas               | 3,405   | 149                             | 739                             | 2,517   |
| California             | 42,178  | 3,568                           | 6,497                           | 32,113  |
| Colorado               | 3,931   | 143                             | 807                             | 2,981   |
| Connecticut            | 3,842   | 166                             | 1,058                           | 2,618   |
| Delaware               | 804     | 36                              | 242                             | 526   |
| District of Columbia   | 663     | 57                              | 219                             | 387   |
| Florida                | 11,080  | 690                             | 3,174                           | 7,216   |
| Georgia                | 6,990   | 319                             | 1,454                           | 5,217   |
| Hawaii                 | 746     | 41                              | 150                             | 555   |
| Idaho                  | 1,674   | 69                              | 423                             | 1,182   |
| Illinois               | 12,999  | 738                             | 2,711                           | 9,550   |
| Indiana                | 5,713   | 244                             | 1,427                           | 4,042   |
| Iowa                   | 6,567   | 197                             | 1,487                           | 4,883   |
| Kansas                 | 3,920   | 142                             | 935                             | 2,843   |
| Kentucky               | 4,593   | 210                             | 1,125                           | 3,258   |
| Louisiana              | 5,454   | 375                             | 1,424                           | 3,655   |
| Maine                  | 2,206   | 100                             | 643                             | 1,463   |
| Maryland               | 5,602   | 274                             | 1,219                           | 4,109   |
| Massachusetts          | 9,671   | 618                             | 2,876                           | 6,177   |
| Michigan               | 13,947  | 598                             | 3,143                           | 10,206  |
| Minnesota              | 9,222   | 278                             | 2,044                           | 6,900   |
| Mississippi            | 3,054   | 203                             | 783                             | 2,068   |
| Missouri               | 7,163   | 263                             | 1,709                           | 5,191   |
| Montana                | 1,694   | 50                              | 373                             | 1,271   |
| Nebraska               | 2,934   | 98                              | 587                             | 2,249   |
| Nevada                 | 1,329   | 66                              | 302                             | 961   |
| New Hampshire          | 1,248   | 50                              | 330                             | 868   |
| New Jersey             | 7,605   | 327                             | 1,694                           | 5,584   |
| New Mexico             | 2,142   | 105                             | 586                             | 1,451   |
| New York               | 29,742  | 1,665                           | 5,979                           | 22,098  |
| North Carolina         | 7,674   | 284                             | 1,576                           | 5,814   |
| North Dakota           | 1,332   | 26                              | 286                             | 1,020   |
| Ohio                   | 16,582  | 722                             | 3,058                           | 12,802  |
| Oklahoma               | 3,579   | 139                             | 566                             | 2,874   |
| Oregon                 | 3,826   | 123                             | 919                             | 2,784   |
| Pennsylvania           | 15,481  | 914                             | 3,623                           | 10,944  |
| Rhode Island           | 1,668   | 85                              | 368                             | 1,215   |

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**Table 32.**  
**By state or other area, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Total  | Section 1619(a)<br>participants | Section 1619(b)<br>participants | Other blind and disabled<br>recipients who work |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| South Carolina           | 4,786  | 162                             | 831                             | 3,793   |
| South Dakota             | 2,089  | 54                              | 472                             | 1,563   |
| Tennessee                | 5,242  | 255                             | 1,177                           | 3,810   |
| Texas                    | 13,594 | 713                             | 3,302                           | 9,579   |
| Utah                     | 2,112  | 81                              | 422                             | 1,609   |
| Vermont                  | 1,071  | 52                              | 351                             | 668   |
| Virginia                 | 6,260  | 315                             | 1,441                           | 4,504   |
| Washington               | 5,594  | 407                             | 1,627                           | 3,560   |
| West Virginia            | 1,976  | 124                             | 454                             | 1,398   |
| Wisconsin                | 10,211 | 349                             | 2,360                           | 7,502   |
| Wyoming                  | 760    | 29                              | 181                             | 550   |
| Outlying area            |        |                                 |                                 |   |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 16     | b                               | b                               | b   |

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

a. Includes data not distributed by category.

b. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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## Recipients Who Work

**Table 33.**  
**Recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by state or other area, December 2003**

| State or area        | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup> | Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|----------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| All areas            | 1,705  | 7,604                                   | 3,074                     |
| Alabama              | 26   | 167                                     | 29                        |
| Alaska               | 4  | 6                                       | 3                         |
| Arizona              | 19   | 92                                      | 32                        |
| Arkansas             | 19   | 84                                      | 31                        |
| California           | 511  | 719                                     | 447                       |
| Colorado             | 11   | 35                                      | 36                        |
| Connecticut          | 9  | 171                                     | 23                        |
| Delaware             | 0  | 41                                      | 9                         |
| District of Columbia | b  | b                                       | 4                         |
| Florida              | 61   | 357                                     | 99                        |
| Georgia              | 28   | 256                                     | 60                        |
| Hawaii               | 9  | 7                                       | 9                         |
| Idaho                | 17   | 20                                      | 9                         |
| Illinois             | 21   | 283                                     | 71                        |
| Indiana              | 6  | 134                                     | 42                        |
| Iowa                 | 26   | 49                                      | 73                        |
| Kansas               | 23   | 308                                     | 34                        |
| Kentucky             | 49   | 108                                     | 48                        |
| Louisiana            | 3  | 136                                     | 53                        |
| Maine                | 34   | 38                                      | 16                        |
| Maryland             | 16   | 200                                     | 49                        |
| Massachusetts        | 86   | 210                                     | 260                       |
| Michigan             | 57   | 191                                     | 90                        |
| Minnesota            | 40   | 162                                     | 66                        |
| Mississippi          | 7  | 40                                      | 50                        |
| Missouri             | 17   | 157                                     | 57                        |
| Montana              | 32   | 10                                      | 10                        |
| Nebraska             | 12   | 31                                      | 22                        |
| Nevada               | 9  | 19                                      | 13                        |
| New Hampshire        | 7  | 30                                      | 11                        |
| New Jersey           | 16   | 205                                     | 42                        |
| New Mexico           | b  | 80                                      | 19                        |
| New York             | 111  | 609                                     | 227                       |
| North Carolina       | 110  | 361                                     | 117                       |
| North Dakota         | 7  | 11                                      | 3                         |
| Ohio                 | 38   | 131                                     | 110                       |
| Oklahoma             | 5  | 80                                      | 23                        |
| Oregon               | 24   | 42                                      | 35                        |
| Pennsylvania         | 18   | 370                                     | 145                       |
| Rhode Island         | 8  | 9                                       | 17                        |

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**Table 33.**  
**Recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by state or other area, December 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup> | Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE) | Blind work expenses (BWE) |
|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| South Carolina           | 11   | 80                                      | 38                        |
| South Dakota             | 14   | 16                                      | 6                         |
| Tennessee                | 15   | 158                                     | 54                        |
| Texas                    | 31   | 333                                     | 200                       |
| Utah                     | 4  | 59                                      | 21                        |
| Vermont                  | 18   | 7                                       | 6                         |
| Virginia                 | 15   | 555                                     | 78                        |
| Washington               | 36   | 109                                     | 58                        |
| West Virginia            | 6  | 33                                      | 22                        |
| Wisconsin                | 54   | 288                                     | 93                        |
| Wyoming                  | b  | 5                                       | b                         |
| Outlying area            |  |   |                           |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 0  | b                                       | b                         |

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

- a. Includes 324 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.
- b. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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*Noninstitutionalized  
Recipients: Survey of Income  
and Program Participation*

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## Notes

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a household survey of the noninstitutionalized resident population of the United States conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey was designed to improve the measurement of the economic situation of persons, families, and households in the United States and to provide a tool for managing and evaluating government transfer and service programs.

The 2001 SIPP panel consists of 9 interviews, or waves, each of which gathered 4 months of retrospective data. The initial sample includes approximately 36,700 households, divided into 4 rotation groups. The SIPP has been matched to Social Security Administration's (SSA) administrative records for respondents who provided their Social Security number. The administrative records provide data on the receipt and amount of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security benefits for all months covered by the SIPP panel. For SIPP respondents who did not provide their Social Security number, benefit receipt and amounts are taken from the SIPP. All other characteristics and income amounts are taken from the SIPP.

The tables in this section use data from wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP. SSI recipients are identified as of reference month 4 of the wave 2 interviews, which corresponds to May, June, July, or August 2001 depending on the rotation group. Sample cases are weighted using SIPP person weights. In this year's tables, the weights are adjusted by age group so that the weighted total number of SSI recipients matches the estimated number of noninstitutionalized SSI recipients in SSA administrative records. Recipient characteristics, such as age, sex, race, education, marital status, living arrangements, and health insurance, reflect reference month 4. Income and poverty data are based on all 4 months included in the wave 2 interviews, and thus cover a 4-month period between February 2001 and August 2001 depending on the rotation group. The poverty thresholds are provided in the SIPP for the 4 months covered in wave 2 and are adjusted for family size and composition.

The use of a single wave, or 4 months, of data for income and poverty estimates is a significant change from previous years, in which annual income and poverty data were reported. The single wave approach, and particularly the use of wave 2, was followed for several reasons: Social Security numbers for matching to SSA administrative records were collected in wave 2; the sample in the 2001 SIPP panel was cut between waves 1 and 2; and sample attrition is less of a concern early in a panel.

In tabulations of Medicaid coverage for SSI recipients, the SIPP Medicaid variable has been recoded to reflect the fact that SSI recipients in certain states, sometimes referred to as Section 1634 states, are automatically covered by Medicaid. Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia provide automatic Medicaid coverage for SSI recipients, accounting for approximately 78 percent of all SSI recipients.

SIPP and SSA counts of disabled and aged beneficiaries differ because the SIPP excludes people living in institutions or outside the continental United States. In addition, the match rate between the SIPP and SSA records is not perfect; thus, self-reported benefit information must be used for individuals who could not be matched to SSA records. Furthermore, the SIPP estimates are based on a sample and therefore are subject to sampling error. Standard errors can be used to measure this sampling variability and to determine the statistical significance of the estimates. Various sources of nonsampling error also may be important.

Because the SIPP uses a complex sample design, it is inappropriate to calculate standard errors assuming a simple random sample. Doing so will result in estimated standard errors that are biased downward. Readers interested in information about SIPP variance estimates are referred to the *Survey of Income and Program Participation Users' Guide*, available on the SIPP Internet site at <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/usrguide/sipp2001.pdf>. The *Users' Guide* provides information on direct calculation of standard errors for SIPP estimates. It also provides detailed instructions for calculating standard errors using generalized variance parameters.

Because of concerns about sampling variability and statistical reliability, distributions for which the base is fewer than 150,000 weighted cases are not shown. In addition, individual cells that contain less than 1.0 percent of a distribution are rounded to zero. Therefore, some distributions will not sum to the total.

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**Table 34.**  
**Household and family characteristics, by age, 2001**

| Characteristic  | Number    |          |           |             | Percentage of all recipients |          |       |             |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
|   | Total     | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older | Total                        | Under 18 | 18-64 | 65 or older |
| All recipients  | 6,312,331 | 846,010  | 3,566,871 | 1,899,450   | 100.0                        | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0       |
| Household type  |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Family  |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Married couple present                                  | 2,050,836 | 324,892  | 1,130,394 | 595,550     | 32.5                         | 38.4     | 31.7  | 31.4        |
| No married couple, male householder                     | 336,529   | 73,461   | 169,056   | 94,012      | 5.3                          | 8.7      | 4.7   | 5.0         |
| No married couple, female householder                   | 1,788,543 | 442,526  | 1,015,678 | 330,339     | 28.3                         | 52.3     | 28.5  | 17.4        |
| Nonfamily   |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Male householder  | 733,761   | 0        | 541,849   | 186,781     | 11.6                         | 0        | 15.2  | 9.8         |
| Female householder                                      | 1,343,660 | 0        | 679,711   | 663,950     | 21.3                         | 0        | 19.1  | 35.0        |
| Group quarters  | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0                            | 0        | 0     | 0           |
| Ownership status of living quarters                     |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Owned   | 2,560,789 | 320,969  | 1,448,204 | 791,616     | 40.6                         | 37.9     | 40.6  | 41.7        |
| Not owned   | 3,751,542 | 525,041  | 2,118,667 | 1,107,834   | 59.4                         | 62.1     | 59.4  | 58.3        |
| Residence in public housing                             | 886,810   | 85,098   | 466,911   | 334,801     | 14.1                         | 10.1     | 13.1  | 17.6        |
| Household receipt of <sup>a</sup> —                     |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Energy assistance                                       | 689,114   | 114,386  | 395,148   | 179,580     | 10.9                         | 13.5     | 11.1  | 9.5         |
| Housing assistance                                      | 618,388   | 98,819   | 366,094   | 153,475     | 9.8                          | 11.7     | 10.3  | 8.1         |
| Food stamps   | 2,517,307 | 276,567  | 1,515,509 | 725,231     | 39.9                         | 32.7     | 42.5  | 38.2        |
| Household size  |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| 1 person  | 1,747,279 | 0        | 912,499   | 834,780     | 27.7                         | 0        | 25.6  | 44.0        |
| 2 persons   | 1,577,400 | 69,789   | 983,215   | 524,397     | 25.0                         | 8.3      | 27.6  | 27.6        |
| 3-4 persons   | 1,907,309 | 443,327  | 1,119,103 | 344,880     | 30.2                         | 52.4     | 31.4  | 18.2        |
| 5 or more persons                                       | 1,080,343 | 332,895  | 552,055   | 195,393     | 17.1                         | 39.4     | 15.5  | 10.3        |
| Family size   |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| 1 person  | 2,217,882 | 24,731   | 1,307,373 | 885,779     | 35.1                         | 2.9      | 36.7  | 46.6        |
| 2 persons   | 1,386,177 | 80,707   | 795,559   | 509,910     | 22.0                         | 9.5      | 22.3  | 26.9        |
| 3-4 persons   | 1,733,093 | 439,204  | 981,220   | 312,670     | 27.5                         | 51.9     | 27.5  | 16.5        |
| 5 or more persons                                       | 975,179   | 301,369  | 482,720   | 191,091     | 15.5                         | 35.6     | 13.5  | 10.1        |
| Under age 18 in family                                  |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| None  | 4,160,923 | 0        | 2,556,855 | 1,604,068   | 65.9                         | 0        | 71.7  | 84.5        |
| 1 person  | 868,077   | 206,313  | 503,154   | 158,610     | 13.8                         | 24.4     | 14.1  | 8.4         |
| 2-3 persons   | 616,413   | 306,848  | 247,177   | 62,389      | 9.8                          | 36.3     | 6.9   | 3.3         |
| 4 persons   | 597,337   | 299,848  | 226,714   | 70,774      | 9.5                          | 35.4     | 6.4   | 3.7         |
| 5 or more persons                                       | 69,582    | 33,002   | 0         | 0           | 1.1                          | 3.9      | 0     | 0           |
| Total household income in wave 2 <sup>b</sup> (dollars) |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Less than 2,500   | 1,438,812 | 42,062   | 789,988   | 606,762     | 22.8                         | 5.0      | 22.2  | 31.9        |
| 2,500-4,999   | 1,537,968 | 176,836  | 799,026   | 562,107     | 24.4                         | 20.9     | 22.4  | 29.6        |
| 5,000-7,499   | 924,569   | 130,921  | 568,301   | 225,348     | 14.7                         | 15.5     | 15.9  | 11.9        |
| 7,500-9,999   | 609,524   | 165,653  | 354,630   | 89,241      | 9.7                          | 19.6     | 9.9   | 4.7         |
| 10,000-14,999   | 781,942   | 178,878  | 485,317   | 117,746     | 12.4                         | 21.1     | 13.6  | 6.2         |
| 15,000-19,999   | 419,743   | 66,822   | 227,310   | 125,611     | 6.7                          | 7.9      | 6.4   | 6.6         |
| 20,000 or more  | 599,773   | 84,839   | 342,300   | 172,635     | 9.5                          | 10.0     | 9.6   | 9.1         |

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**Noninstitutionalized Recipients: SIPP**

**Table 34.**  
**Household and family characteristics, by age, 2001—Continued**

| Characteristic  | Number    |          |           |             | Percentage of all recipients |          |       |             |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
|   | Total     | Under 18 | 18–64     | 65 or older | Total                        | Under 18 | 18–64 | 65 or older |
| Total family income<br>in wave 2 <sup>b</sup> (dollars) |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Less than 2,500   | 1,705,177 | 74,383   | 1,006,698 | 624,096     | 27.0                         | 8.8      | 28.2  | 32.9        |
| 2,500–4,999   | 1,648,954 | 203,925  | 868,823   | 576,207     | 26.1                         | 24.1     | 24.4  | 30.3        |
| 5,000–7,499   | 893,280   | 125,414  | 545,581   | 222,284     | 14.2                         | 14.8     | 15.3  | 11.7        |
| 7,500–9,999   | 502,946   | 137,580  | 284,200   | 81,166      | 8.0                          | 16.3     | 8.0   | 4.3         |
| 10,000–14,999   | 674,492   | 169,630  | 391,633   | 113,229     | 10.7                         | 20.1     | 11.0  | 6.0         |
| 15,000–19,999   | 392,367   | 71,723   | 195,166   | 125,478     | 6.2                          | 8.5      | 5.5   | 6.6         |
| 20,000 or more  | 495,115   | 63,356   | 274,770   | 156,990     | 7.8                          | 7.5      | 7.7   | 8.3         |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

NOTES: Individuals receiving SSI benefits in reference month 4 of wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP are identified using SSA administrative data for those who provided a valid Social Security number and using self-reported SIPP data for those who did not provide a valid number. The unweighted sample size is 1,729 cases for all SSI recipients: 209 cases aged 17 or younger, 1,061 cases aged 18 to 64, and 459 cases aged 65 or older.

Cells that contain less than 1.0 percent of all beneficiaries are rounded to zero because of concerns about sampling variability. Therefore, some distributions will not add to the total.

A family is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. A household includes related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household.

- a. Individuals may be counted in more than one category.
- b. Data are based on the sum of the 4 months included in wave 2. This represents a change from tables for previous years, in which annual income data were reported.

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**Table 35.**  
**Personal characteristics, by age, 2001**

| Characteristic                       | Number    |          |           |             | Percentage of all recipients |          |       |             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
|                                      | Total     | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older | Total                        | Under 18 | 18-64 | 65 or older |
| All recipients                       | 6,312,331 | 846,010  | 3,566,871 | 1,899,450   | 100.0                        | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0       |
| <b>Sex</b>                           |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Male                                 | 2,602,535 | 570,699  | 1,521,334 | 510,501     | 41.2                         | 67.5     | 42.7  | 26.9        |
| Female                               | 3,709,797 | 275,311  | 2,045,537 | 1,388,949   | 58.8                         | 32.5     | 57.4  | 73.1        |
| <b>Race</b>                          |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| White                                | 3,777,325 | 462,956  | 2,256,509 | 1,057,860   | 59.8                         | 54.7     | 63.3  | 55.7        |
| Black                                | 1,985,433 | 362,501  | 1,094,838 | 528,093     | 31.5                         | 42.9     | 30.7  | 27.8        |
| American Indian, Alaska Native       | 136,997   | 0        | 101,933   | 28,482      | 2.2                          | 0        | 2.9   | 1.5         |
| Asian, Pacific Islander              | 412,576   | 13,970   | 113,591   | 285,015     | 6.5                          | 1.7      | 3.2   | 15.0        |
| <b>Ethnicity</b>                     |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Hispanic                             | 1,130,540 | 163,063  | 505,272   | 462,205     | 17.9                         | 19.3     | 14.2  | 24.3        |
| Non-Hispanic                         | 5,181,791 | 682,948  | 3,061,599 | 1,437,245   | 82.1                         | 80.7     | 85.8  | 75.7        |
| <b>Marital status</b>                |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Married                              | 1,229,275 | 0        | 725,869   | 500,362     | 19.5                         | 0        | 20.4  | 26.3        |
| Widowed                              | 1,101,608 | 0        | 267,004   | 834,604     | 17.5                         | 0        | 7.5   | 43.9        |
| Divorced or separated                | 1,466,350 | 0        | 1,067,215 | 399,135     | 23.2                         | 0        | 29.9  | 21.0        |
| Never married                        | 2,515,098 | 842,966  | 1,506,784 | 165,349     | 39.8                         | 99.6     | 42.2  | 8.7         |
| <b>Years of education</b>            |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| 0-8                                  | 1,822,723 | 63,992   | 732,636   | 1,026,095   | 28.9                         | 7.6      | 20.5  | 54.0        |
| 9-11                                 | 1,317,979 | 134,339  | 873,871   | 309,769     | 20.9                         | 15.9     | 24.5  | 16.3        |
| 12                                   | 1,658,740 | 8,804    | 1,298,073 | 351,863     | 26.3                         | 1.0      | 36.4  | 18.5        |
| 13-15                                | 638,113   | 0        | 506,594   | 131,519     | 10.1                         | 0        | 14.2  | 6.9         |
| 16 or more                           | 235,901   | 0        | 155,697   | 80,204      | 3.7                          | 0        | 4.4   | 4.2         |
| Unknown                              | 638,875   | 638,875  | 0         | 0           | 10.1                         | 75.5     | 0     | 0           |
| <b>Relationship to householder</b>   |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Householder                          | 3,222,949 | 0        | 1,951,121 | 1,268,298   | 51.1                         | 0        | 54.7  | 66.8        |
| Spouse                               | 483,091   | 0        | 277,424   | 205,667     | 7.7                          | 0        | 7.8   | 10.8        |
| Child                                | 1,432,897 | 680,730  | 752,167   | 0           | 22.7                         | 80.5     | 21.1  | 0           |
| Grandchild                           | 110,373   | 80,595   | 0         | 0           | 1.8                          | 9.5      | 0     | 0           |
| Parent                               | 299,272   | 0        | 85,170    | 214,102     | 4.7                          | 0        | 2.4   | 11.3        |
| Sibling                              | 152,473   | 0        | 127,647   | 21,146      | 2.4                          | 0        | 3.6   | 1.1         |
| Other relative                       | 303,450   | 44,583   | 92,833    | 166,033     | 4.8                          | 5.3      | 2.6   | 8.7         |
| Other nonrelative                    | 307,827   | 32,892   | 250,732   | 24,203      | 4.9                          | 3.9      | 7.0   | 1.3         |
| <b>Health insurance <sup>a</sup></b> |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Medicaid                             | 6,034,853 | 785,914  | 3,392,202 | 1,856,737   | 95.6                         | 92.9     | 95.1  | 97.8        |
| Medicare                             | 2,149,989 | 0        | 840,439   | 1,309,551   | 34.1                         | 0        | 23.6  | 68.9        |
| Private                              | 917,150   | 295,644  | 404,832   | 216,674     | 14.5                         | 35.0     | 11.4  | 11.4        |
| None                                 | 143,675   | 37,026   | 99,713    | 6,937       | 2.3                          | 4.4      | 2.8   | 0.4         |
| <b>Type of child to mother</b>       |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Natural                              | 1,445,272 | 680,675  | 759,282   | 0           | 22.9                         | 80.5     | 21.3  | 0           |
| Stepchild                            | 0         | 17,218   | 0         | 0           | 0                            | 2.0      | 0     | 0           |
| Adopted                              | 0         | 0        | 36,351    | 0           | 0                            | 0        | 1.0   | 0           |
| Mother not present                   | 4,804,157 | 142,883  | 2,767,138 | 1,894,135   | 76.1                         | 16.9     | 77.6  | 99.7        |

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**Noninstitutionalized Recipients: SIPP**

**Table 35.**  
**Personal characteristics, by age, 2001—Continued**

| Characteristic   | Number    |          |           |             | Percentage of all recipients |          |       |             |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
|  | Total     | Under 18 | 18–64     | 65 or older | Total                        | Under 18 | 18–64 | 65 or older |
| Type of child to father                                |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Natural  | 672,373   | 275,737  | 396,635   | 0           | 10.7                         | 32.6     | 11.1  | 0           |
| Stepchild  | 101,441   | 54,297   | 47,144    | 0           | 1.6                          | 6.4      | 1.3   | 0           |
| Adopted  | 0         | 11,287   | 40,184    | 0           | 0                            | 1.3      | 1.1   | 0           |
| Father not present                                     | 5,487,046 | 504,689  | 3,082,907 | 1,899,450   | 86.9                         | 59.7     | 86.4  | 100.0       |
| Source of income <sup>a</sup>                          |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Social Security  | 2,360,000 | 70,923   | 1,066,337 | 1,222,740   | 37.4                         | 8.4      | 29.9  | 64.4        |
| Public assistance other than SSI                       | 5,112,543 | 191,560  | 3,246,761 | 1,674,223   | 81.0                         | 22.6     | 91.0  | 88.1        |
| Earnings   | 448,762   | 37,692   | 375,112   | 35,958      | 7.1                          | 4.5      | 10.5  | 1.9         |
| Property income  | 611,559   | 23,214   | 347,456   | 240,889     | 9.7                          | 2.7      | 9.7   | 12.7        |
| Other  | 551,520   | 12,049   | 329,164   | 210,307     | 8.7                          | 1.4      | 9.2   | 11.1        |
| Total personal income in wave 2 <sup>b</sup> (dollars) |           |          |           |             |                              |          |       |             |
| Less than 500  | 121,057   | 51,629   | 58,815    | 0           | 1.9                          | 6.1      | 1.7   | 0           |
| 500–999  | 165,356   | 76,295   | 79,365    | 0           | 2.6                          | 9.0      | 2.2   | 0           |
| 1,000–1,499  | 314,177   | 75,100   | 157,142   | 81,936      | 5.0                          | 8.9      | 4.4   | 4.3         |
| 1,500–1,999  | 555,995   | 153,351  | 237,747   | 164,896     | 8.8                          | 18.1     | 6.7   | 8.7         |
| 2,000–2,499  | 3,060,380 | 403,358  | 1,714,716 | 942,305     | 48.5                         | 47.7     | 48.1  | 49.6        |
| 2,500–2,999  | 853,097   | 20,063   | 429,732   | 403,303     | 13.5                         | 2.4      | 12.1  | 21.2        |
| 3,000–3,499  | 327,554   | 24,292   | 230,194   | 73,068      | 5.2                          | 2.9      | 6.5   | 3.9         |
| 3,500–3,999  | 144,939   | 8,861    | 106,654   | 29,424      | 2.3                          | 1.1      | 3.0   | 1.6         |
| 4,000–4,499  | 202,451   | 11,406   | 142,622   | 48,422      | 3.2                          | 1.4      | 4.0   | 2.6         |
| 4,500–4,999  | 97,237    | 0        | 53,408    | 36,304      | 1.5                          | 0        | 1.5   | 1.9         |
| 5,000 or more  | 470,088   | 14,130   | 356,476   | 99,482      | 7.5                          | 1.7      | 10.0  | 5.2         |

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**Table 36.**  
**SSI payments as a percentage of personal income, by selected characteristics, 2001**

| Characteristic               | Number    | Percentage of all recipients | Percentage distribution |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                              |           |                              | Total                   | Under 25% of income | 25–49% of income | 50–74% of income | 75–99% of income | 100% of income |
| All recipients               | 6,312,331 | 100.0                        | 100.0                   | 19.3                | 15.5             | 9.7              | 9.0              | 46.5           |
| Sex                          |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Male                         | 2,602,535 | 41.2                         | 100.0                   | 18.3                | 11.8             | 7.9              | 9.7              | 52.2           |
| Female                       | 3,709,797 | 58.8                         | 100.0                   | 20.0                | 18.1             | 11.0             | 8.5              | 42.4           |
| Age                          |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Under 18                     | 846,010   | 13.4                         | 100.0                   | 0                   | 1.4              | 7.1              | 5.5              | 85.4           |
| 18–64                        | 3,566,871 | 56.5                         | 100.0                   | 16.6                | 14.7             | 10.8             | 10.8             | 47.1           |
| 65 or older                  | 1,899,450 | 30.1                         | 100.0                   | 32.8                | 23.3             | 8.8              | 7.0              | 28.1           |
| Race                         |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| White                        | 3,777,325 | 59.8                         | 100.0                   | 20.4                | 15.2             | 10.2             | 9.5              | 44.8           |
| Black                        | 1,985,433 | 31.5                         | 100.0                   | 18.4                | 16.6             | 9.7              | 8.4              | 46.8           |
| American Indian, Alaska      | 136,997   | 2.2                          | 100.0                   | a                   | a                | a                | a                | a              |
| Asian, Pacific Islander      | 412,576   | 6.5                          | 100.0                   | 11.3                | 12.8             | 5.3              | 9.5              | 61.1           |
| Ethnicity                    |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Hispanic                     | 1,130,540 | 17.9                         | 100.0                   | 14.6                | 15.4             | 11.0             | 7.6              | 51.4           |
| Non-Hispanic                 | 5,181,791 | 82.1                         | 100.0                   | 20.3                | 15.6             | 9.4              | 9.3              | 45.4           |
| Marital status               |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Married                      | 1,229,275 | 19.5                         | 100.0                   | 19.1                | 16.8             | 7.3              | 10.5             | 46.3           |
| Widowed                      | 1,101,608 | 17.5                         | 100.0                   | 35.3                | 20.9             | 10.0             | 7.6              | 26.3           |
| Divorced or separated        | 1,466,350 | 23.2                         | 100.0                   | 22.3                | 16.9             | 10.1             | 9.9              | 40.9           |
| Never married                | 2,515,098 | 39.8                         | 100.0                   | 10.7                | 11.8             | 10.5             | 8.4              | 58.7           |
| Years of education           |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| 0–8                          | 1,822,723 | 28.9                         | 100.0                   | 23.4                | 18.5             | 10.2             | 8.0              | 39.9           |
| 9–11                         | 1,317,979 | 20.9                         | 100.0                   | 18.3                | 14.4             | 11.2             | 9.8              | 46.4           |
| 12                           | 1,658,740 | 26.3                         | 100.0                   | 19.3                | 17.7             | 10.4             | 10.0             | 42.7           |
| 13–15                        | 638,113   | 10.1                         | 100.0                   | 27.7                | 19.3             | 10.3             | 13.7             | 29.0           |
| 16 or more                   | 235,901   | 3.7                          | 100.0                   | 21.0                | 14.2             | 7.0              | 10.2             | 47.7           |
| Unknown                      | 638,875   | 10.1                         | 100.0                   | 0                   | 0                | 3.9              | 2.5              | 92.3           |
| Living arrangement           |           |                              |                         |                     |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Lives alone                  | 1,747,279 | 27.7                         | 100.0                   | 28.4                | 21.0             | 9.1              | 10.0             | 31.5           |
| Lives with relatives         | 4,281,752 | 67.8                         | 100.0                   | 15.3                | 12.8             | 10.3             | 8.5              | 53.1           |
| Lives only with nonrelatives | 283,301   | 4.5                          | 100.0                   | 23.3                | 23.4             | 5.8              | 9.5              | 38.2           |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

NOTES: Individuals receiving SSI benefits in reference month 4 of wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP are identified using SSA administrative data for those who provided a valid Social Security number and using self-reported SIPP data for those who did not provide a valid number. The unweighted sample size is 1,729 cases for all SSI recipients: 209 cases aged 17 or younger, 1,061 cases aged 18 to 64, and 459 cases aged 65 or older.

Cells that contain less than 1.0 percent of all beneficiaries are rounded to zero because of concerns about sampling variability. Therefore, some distributions will not add to the total.

Personal income data are based on the 4 months included in wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP. This represents a change from tables for previous years, in which annual income data were reported.

a. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates. Distributions for which the base is fewer than 150,000 weighted cases are not shown.

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## Noninstitutionalized Recipients: SIPP

**Table 37.**  
**Percentage distribution of family income, by selected characteristics and source, 2001**

| Characteristic                 | Total | Social Security | Public assistance            |       | Earnings | Other <sup>a</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------|
|                                |       |                 | Supplemental Security Income | Other |          |                    |
| All recipients                 | 100.0 | 23.2            | 44.4                         | 2.1   | 24.3     | 5.9                |
| Sex                            |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| Male                           | 100.0 | 20.3            | 44.0                         | 2.0   | 27.1     | 6.5                |
| Female                         | 100.0 | 25.2            | 44.7                         | 2.2   | 22.4     | 5.5                |
| Age                            |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| Under 18                       | 100.0 | 5.6             | 40.5                         | 3.0   | 44.7     | 6.2                |
| 18–64                          | 100.0 | 19.7            | 48.7                         | 2.4   | 22.5     | 6.7                |
| 65 or older                    | 100.0 | 37.5            | 38.2                         | 1.1   | 18.8     | 4.3                |
| Race                           |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| White                          | 100.0 | 24.6            | 42.2                         | 1.8   | 25.2     | 6.1                |
| Black                          | 100.0 | 22.7            | 48.1                         | 2.7   | 20.7     | 5.9                |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 100.0 | b               | b                            | b     | b        | b                  |
| Asian, Pacific Islander        | 100.0 | 11.7            | 46.2                         | 1.7   | 35.1     | 5.3                |
| Ethnicity                      |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| Hispanic                       | 100.0 | 20.8            | 40.6                         | 1.2   | 32.7     | 4.7                |
| Non-Hispanic                   | 100.0 | 23.7            | 45.3                         | 2.3   | 22.5     | 6.2                |
| Marital status                 |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| Married                        | 100.0 | 20.5            | 42.6                         | 2.3   | 29.3     | 5.3                |
| Widowed                        | 100.0 | 37.8            | 35.8                         | 1.7   | 19.7     | 5.0                |
| Divorced or separated          | 100.0 | 25.8            | 53.6                         | 2.1   | 12.7     | 5.9                |
| Never married                  | 100.0 | 16.5            | 43.8                         | 2.3   | 30.8     | 6.7                |
| Years of education             |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| 0–8                            | 100.0 | 30.1            | 44.2                         | 1.3   | 20.2     | 4.2                |
| 9–11                           | 100.0 | 21.9            | 50.0                         | 2.8   | 19.4     | 5.8                |
| 12                             | 100.0 | 21.5            | 42.7                         | 2.0   | 26.8     | 7.0                |
| 13–15                          | 100.0 | 28.6            | 45.7                         | 3.3   | 15.0     | 7.4                |
| 16 or more                     | 100.0 | 21.3            | 36.4                         | 0     | 31.7     | 10.0               |
| Unknown                        | 100.0 | 5.5             | 39.8                         | 2.9   | 46.5     | 5.3                |
| Living arrangement             |       |                 |                              |       |          |                    |
| Lives alone                    | 100.0 | 36.4            | 56.7                         | 1.3   | 1.7      | 3.9                |
| Lives with relatives           | 100.0 | 18.0            | 38.4                         | 2.5   | 34.4     | 6.8                |
| Lives only with nonrelatives   | 100.0 | 19.1            | 60.9                         | 1.8   | 12.9     | 5.4                |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

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Cells that contain less than 1.0 percent of all beneficiaries are rounded to zero because of concerns about sampling variability. Therefore, some distributions will not add to the total.

Family income data are based on the 4 months included in wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP. This represents a change from tables for previous years, in which annual income data were reported.

- a. Very few SSI recipients have property income. Because of concerns about the statistical reliability of the estimates, the property income data have been collapsed into Other.
- b. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates. Distributions for which the base is fewer than 150,000 weighted cases are not shown.

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**Table 38.**  
**Percentage distribution, by poverty status and selected characteristics, 2001**

| Characteristic                    | Total     | Family income relative to poverty threshold |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
|                                   |           | Under 100%                                  |           |        | 100–124% | 125–149% | 150–199% | 200–299% | 300%<br>or more |
|                                   |           | Subtotal                                    | Under 50% | 50–99% |          |          |          |          |                 |
| All recipients                    | 6,312,331 | 46.3  | 4.7       | 41.5   | 11.9     | 8.2      | 10.4     | 11.5     | 11.7            |
| <b>Sex</b>                        |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| Male                              | 2,602,535 | 40.9  | 5.8       | 35.1   | 10.9     | 9.3      | 11.4     | 12.8     | 14.6            |
| Female                            | 3,709,797 | 50.0  | 4.0       | 46.0   | 12.6     | 7.5      | 9.8      | 10.5     | 9.7             |
| <b>Age</b>                        |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| Under 18                          | 846,010   | 35.6  | 13.1      | 22.5   | 14.4     | 8.5      | 13.6     | 18.0     | 9.9             |
| 18–64                             | 3,566,871 | 48.0  | 4.8       | 43.2   | 8.9      | 8.7      | 10.7     | 12.4     | 11.3            |
| 65 or older                       | 1,899,450 | 47.8  | 0         | 46.8   | 16.4     | 7.2      | 8.6      | 6.8      | 13.3            |
| <b>Race</b>                       |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| White                             | 3,777,325 | 44.5  | 3.2       | 41.3   | 11.3     | 7.4      | 11.2     | 13.4     | 12.2            |
| Black                             | 1,985,433 | 52.1  | 7.9       | 44.2   | 13.7     | 8.9      | 9.6      | 7.4      | 8.4             |
| American Indian, Alaska<br>Native | 136,997   | a   | a         | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a               |
| Asian, Pacific Islander           | 412,576   | 25.0  | 2.1       | 23.0   | 11.6     | 14.5     | 9.3      | 14.5     | 25.2            |
| <b>Ethnicity</b>                  |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| Hispanic                          | 1,130,540 | 36.5  | 2.7       | 33.8   | 15.7     | 9.7      | 10.5     | 13.3     | 14.2            |
| Non-Hispanic                      | 5,181,791 | 48.4  | 5.2       | 43.2   | 11.1     | 7.9      | 10.4     | 11.0     | 11.2            |
| <b>Marital status</b>             |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| Married                           | 1,229,275 | 38.6  | 4.1       | 34.5   | 9.5      | 11.0     | 13.5     | 13.4     | 14.1            |
| Widowed                           | 1,101,608 | 51.9  | 2.4       | 49.5   | 16.6     | 5.5      | 6.7      | 6.1      | 13.1            |
| Divorced or separated             | 1,466,350 | 61.8  | 2.7       | 59.1   | 10.6     | 6.4      | 7.7      | 6.6      | 6.9             |
| Never married                     | 2,515,098 | 38.5  | 7.3       | 31.2   | 11.9     | 9.1      | 12.2     | 15.7     | 12.7            |
| <b>Years of education</b>         |           |   |           |        |          |          |          |          |                 |
| 0–8                               | 1,822,723 | 51.4  | 3.2       | 48.2   | 14.1     | 7.7      | 6.8      | 10.9     | 9.2             |
| 9–11                              | 1,317,979 | 52.3  | 7.6       | 44.7   | 12.2     | 7.9      | 8.6      | 10.6     | 8.3             |
| 12                                | 1,658,740 | 38.3  | 2.2       | 36.1   | 10.6     | 9.0      | 14.4     | 11.4     | 16.2            |
| 13–15                             | 638,113   | 52.0  | 3.4       | 48.5   | 6.7      | 10.6     | 10.8     | 11.2     | 8.8             |
| 16 or more                        | 235,901   | 37.1  | 0         | 37.1   | 8.1      | 2.2      | 12.9     | 7.6      | 32.0            |
| Unknown                           | 638,875   | 37.4  | 13.0      | 24.4   | 15.2     | 8.3      | 13.0     | 16.8     | 9.4             |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

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Cells that contain less than 1.0 percent of all beneficiaries are rounded to zero because of concerns about sampling variability. Therefore, some distributions will not add to the total.

Family income data and poverty thresholds are based on the 4 months included in wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP. This represents a change from tables for previous years, in which annual income and poverty data were reported.

a. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates. Distributions for which the base is fewer than 150,000 weighted cases are not shown.

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**Table 39.**  
**Percentage distribution, by poverty status before and after SSI payments and age, 2001**

| Family income relative to poverty threshold before SSI payments | Total     |         | Family income relative to poverty threshold after SSI payments |        |          |          |          |          |              |
|---|-----------|---------|--|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
|   |           |         | Under 50%  | 50–99% | 100–124% | 125–149% | 150–199% | 200–299% | 300% or more |
|   | Number    | Percent |  |        |          |          |          |          |              |
| All recipients  | 6,312,331 | 100.0   | 4.7  | 41.5   | 11.9     | 8.2      | 10.4     | 11.5     | 11.7         |
| Under 50%   | 2,500,450 | 39.6    | 12.0   | 69.5   | 12.4     | 3.9      | 2.0      | 0        | 0            |
| 50–99%  | 1,610,763 | 25.5    | 0  | 54.9   | 24.3     | 14.9     | 5.3      | 0        | 0            |
| 100–124%  | 323,190   | 5.1     | 0  | 0      | 16.0     | 34.1     | 47.2     | 2.1      | 0.6          |
| 125–149%  | 342,495   | 5.4     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 20.8     | 61.9     | 12.5     | 4.7          |
| 150–199%  | 454,042   | 7.2     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 35.1     | 62.2     | 2.8          |
| 200–299%  | 516,824   | 8.2     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 72.2     | 27.8         |
| 300% or more  | 564,568   | 8.9     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 100.0        |
| Under age 18  | 846,010   | 100.0   | 13.1   | 22.5   | 14.4     | 8.5      | 13.6     | 18.0     | 9.9          |
| Under 50%   | 295,561   | 34.9    | 37.6   | 46.8   | 7.7      | 6.9      | 0        | 1.0      | 0            |
| 50–99%  | 183,259   | 21.7    | 0  | 28.2   | 53.9     | 14.6     | 1.6      | 1.7      | 0            |
| 100–124%  | 59,230    | 7.0     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 125–149%  | 58,403    | 6.9     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 150–199%  | 109,982   | 13.0    | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 200–299%  | 86,198    | 10.2    | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 300% or more  | 53,378    | 6.3     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| Aged 18–64  | 3,566,871 | 100.0   | 4.8  | 43.2   | 9.0      | 8.7      | 10.7     | 12.4     | 11.3         |
| Under 50%   | 1,568,142 | 44.0    | 10.9   | 73.9   | 10.2     | 3.1      | 1.7      | 0        | 0            |
| 50–99%  | 729,627   | 20.5    | 0  | 52.5   | 19.0     | 21.1     | 6.4      | 1.1      | 0            |
| 100–124%  | 194,178   | 5.4     | 0  | 0      | 10.3     | 33.8     | 53.0     | 1.9      | 1.1          |
| 125–149%  | 211,415   | 5.9     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 20.1     | 57.2     | 17.1     | 5.6          |
| 150–199%  | 260,466   | 7.3     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 32.3     | 62.9     | 4.8          |
| 200–299%  | 300,040   | 8.4     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 75.5     | 24.6         |
| 300% or more  | 303,004   | 8.5     | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 100.0        |
| Aged 65 or older  | 1,899,450 | 100.0   | 0  | 46.8   | 16.4     | 7.2      | 8.6      | 6.8      | 13.3         |
| Under 50%   | 636,747   | 33.5    | 2.8  | 69.2   | 20.0     | 4.4      | 3.6      | 0        | 0            |
| 50–99%  | 697,877   | 36.7    | 0  | 64.4   | 22.0     | 8.5      | 5.2      | 0        | 0            |
| 100–124%  | 69,782    | 3.7     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 125–149%  | 72,677    | 3.8     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 150–199%  | 83,594    | 4.4     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 200–299%  | 130,586   | 6.9     | a  | a      | a        | a        | a        | a        | a            |
| 300% or more  | 208,186   | 11.0    | 0  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 100.0        |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

NOTES: Individuals receiving SSI benefits in reference month 4 of wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP are identified using SSA administrative data for those who provided a valid Social Security number and using self-reported SIPP data for those who did not provide a valid number. The unweighted sample size is 1,729 cases for all SSI recipients: 209 cases aged 17 or younger, 1,061 cases aged 18 to 64, and 459 cases aged 65 or older.

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**Table 40.**  
**Poverty gap before and after SSI payments, by selected characteristics, 2001**

| Characteristic                 | Aggregate poverty gap (thousands of dollars) |           | Percentage reduction<br>in poverty gap |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
|                                | Before SSI                                   | After SSI |  |
| Total                          | 10,423,016                                   | 3,367,341 | 67.7                                   |
| Sex                            |  |           |  |
| Male                           | 4,211,772                                    | 1,352,452 | 67.9                                   |
| Female                         | 6,211,244                                    | 2,014,889 | 67.6                                   |
| Age                            |  |           |  |
| Under 18                       | 1,667,352                                    | 670,326   | 59.8                                   |
| 18–64                          | 6,392,095                                    | 2,083,051 | 67.4                                   |
| 65 or older                    | 2,363,570                                    | 613,963   | 74.0                                   |
| Race                           |  |           |  |
| White                          | 5,504,834                                    | 1,686,697 | 69.4                                   |
| Black                          | 3,945,563                                    | 1,408,965 | 64.3                                   |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 329,572                                      | 137,258   | 58.4                                   |
| Asian, Pacific Islander        | 643,048                                      | 134,421   | 79.1                                   |
| Ethnicity                      |  |           |  |
| Hispanic                       | 1,621,332                                    | 432,816   | 73.3                                   |
| Non-Hispanic                   | 8,801,684                                    | 2,934,525 | 66.7                                   |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), wave 2, reference month 4.

NOTES: When a beneficiary's family income is below the poverty threshold, the difference between the poverty threshold and family income is referred to as the poverty gap. The smallest individual poverty gap is zero if family income is equal to or greater than the poverty threshold. The largest poverty gap is equal to the poverty threshold for those with no family income at all. The aggregate poverty gap is the sum of the individual poverty gaps for all SSI beneficiaries.

Individuals receiving SSI benefits in reference month 4 of wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP are identified using SSA administrative data for those who provided a valid Social Security number and using self-reported SIPP data for those who did not provide a valid number. The unweighted sample size is 1,729 cases for all SSI recipients: 209 cases aged 17 or younger, 1,061 cases aged 18 to 64, and 459 cases aged 65 or older.

Family income data and poverty thresholds are based on the 4 months included in wave 2 of the 2001 SIPP. This represents a change from tables for previous years, in which annual income and poverty data were reported.

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## *Applications*

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**Table 41.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2003**

| Year                           | All ages <sup>a</sup> | Under 18  | 18–64      | 65 or older |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Total                          | 52,112,230            | 7,164,790 | 35,536,950 | 9,410,490   |
| State conversions <sup>b</sup> | 3,406,600             | 3,650     | 1,424,010  | 1,978,940   |
| Federal applications           |                       |           |            |             |
| 1973                           | 284,930               | 5,030     | 82,820     | 197,080     |
| 1974                           | 2,060,590             | 124,300   | 1,096,130  | 840,160     |
| 1975                           | 1,467,960             | 100,030   | 976,840    | 391,090     |
| 1976                           | 1,212,810             | 84,360    | 866,720    | 261,730     |
| 1977                           | 1,272,360             | 95,610    | 904,150    | 272,600     |
| 1978                           | 1,268,170             | 99,460    | 905,340    | 263,370     |
| 1979                           | 1,325,270             | 108,000   | 950,980    | 266,290     |
| 1980                           | 1,410,080             | 113,200   | 1,016,750  | 280,130     |
| 1981                           | 1,149,290             | 95,010    | 863,670    | 190,610     |
| 1982                           | 1,016,080             | 94,680    | 775,240    | 146,160     |
| 1983                           | 1,132,220             | 101,560   | 832,540    | 198,120     |
| 1984                           | 1,264,480             | 104,860   | 866,420    | 293,200     |
| 1985                           | 1,401,400             | 120,640   | 1,047,930  | 232,830     |
| 1986                           | 1,465,970             | 125,270   | 1,099,220  | 241,480     |
| 1987                           | 1,433,340             | 124,910   | 1,068,890  | 239,540     |
| 1988                           | 1,360,870             | 125,280   | 1,008,200  | 227,390     |
| 1989                           | 1,392,660             | 132,080   | 1,016,430  | 244,150     |
| 1990                           | 1,550,990             | 163,610   | 1,136,160  | 251,220     |
| 1991                           | 1,808,690             | 247,460   | 1,315,160  | 246,070     |
| 1992                           | 2,086,820             | 380,350   | 1,460,520  | 245,950     |
| 1993                           | 2,308,770             | 503,800   | 1,567,730  | 237,240     |
| 1994                           | 2,256,640             | 541,150   | 1,512,310  | 203,180     |
| 1995                           | 2,062,590             | 502,940   | 1,380,090  | 179,560     |
| 1996                           | 1,915,520             | 462,710   | 1,285,630  | 167,180     |
| 1997                           | 1,594,630             | 332,940   | 1,130,410  | 131,280     |
| 1998                           | 1,626,210             | 337,300   | 1,141,180  | 147,730     |
| 1999                           | 1,658,400             | 350,070   | 1,148,740  | 159,590     |
| 2000                           | 1,742,630             | 358,800   | 1,224,540  | 159,290     |
| 2001                           | 1,859,990             | 376,170   | 1,323,020  | 160,800     |
| 2002                           | 2,084,730             | 413,330   | 1,492,740  | 178,660     |
| 2003                           | 2,230,540             | 436,230   | 1,616,440  | 177,870     |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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**Table 42.**  
**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic            | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total <sup>a</sup>        | 502,940 | 462,710 | 332,940 | 337,300 | 350,070 | 358,800 | 376,170 | 413,330 | 436,230 |
| Age                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Under 5                   | 162,340 | 154,970 | 122,280 | 121,410 | 124,030 | 124,520 | 131,730 | 141,190 | 145,730 |
| 5–12                      | 245,990 | 226,150 | 154,110 | 159,630 | 166,880 | 172,420 | 178,790 | 195,760 | 208,490 |
| 13–17                     | 94,610  | 81,590  | 56,550  | 56,260  | 59,160  | 61,860  | 65,650  | 76,380  | 82,010  |
| Sex                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Male                      | 318,940 | 290,610 | 207,840 | 209,590 | 219,700 | 224,270 | 233,730 | 257,880 | 273,230 |
| Female                    | 184,000 | 172,100 | 125,100 | 127,710 | 130,370 | 134,530 | 142,440 | 155,450 | 163,000 |
| Citizenship status        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Citizen                   | 500,000 | 460,020 | 331,530 | 335,140 | 347,760 | 356,730 | 374,060 | 411,120 | 434,370 |
| Noncitizen                | 2,940   | 2,690   | 1,410   | 2,160   | 2,310   | 2,070   | 2,110   | 2,210   | 1,860   |
| SSA administrative region |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Boston                    | 17,030  | 14,820  | 11,450  | 11,800  | 11,630  | 12,510  | 11,810  | 13,010  | 13,200  |
| New York                  | 56,230  | 51,120  | 35,500  | 35,110  | 33,640  | 33,270  | 33,980  | 35,430  | 36,070  |
| Philadelphia              | 46,190  | 45,080  | 33,140  | 33,830  | 35,560  | 34,860  | 37,720  | 41,100  | 43,130  |
| Atlanta                   | 130,060 | 117,260 | 85,550  | 86,950  | 91,330  | 98,260  | 105,210 | 115,970 | 119,010 |
| Chicago                   | 96,280  | 88,910  | 62,870  | 63,310  | 64,880  | 67,130  | 69,550  | 76,090  | 83,350  |
| Dallas                    | 72,930  | 65,240  | 46,030  | 44,500  | 48,470  | 48,950  | 50,900  | 58,660  | 66,000  |
| Kansas City               | 23,920  | 21,680  | 15,000  | 14,890  | 16,040  | 14,280  | 15,570  | 16,930  | 16,180  |
| Denver                    | 9,710   | 9,110   | 6,660   | 5,980   | 5,950   | 6,110   | 6,190   | 6,660   | 7,220   |
| San Francisco             | 38,960  | 38,730  | 29,950  | 33,050  | 34,120  | 34,270  | 35,720  | 39,140  | 41,740  |
| Seattle                   | 11,060  | 10,140  | 6,540   | 7,650   | 8,300   | 9,040   | 9,380   | 10,260  | 10,240  |
| Unknown                   | 570     | 620     | 250     | 230     | 150     | 120     | 140     | 80      | 90      |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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**Table 43.**  
**Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic            | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      | 2000      | 2001      | 2002      | 2003      |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total <sup>a</sup>        | 1,380,090 | 1,285,630 | 1,130,410 | 1,141,180 | 1,148,740 | 1,224,540 | 1,323,020 | 1,492,740 | 1,616,440 |
| Age                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 18–21                     | 95,680    | 93,050    | 80,090    | 80,920    | 84,520    | 88,570    | 100,860   | 110,930   | 116,220   |
| 22–29                     | 191,360   | 169,750   | 137,950   | 135,000   | 130,390   | 136,900   | 147,580   | 169,870   | 182,500   |
| 30–39                     | 369,810   | 332,740   | 279,870   | 272,260   | 265,820   | 271,980   | 282,170   | 308,820   | 317,400   |
| 40–49                     | 346,920   | 340,490   | 312,200   | 318,350   | 327,880   | 356,800   | 387,270   | 439,250   | 474,740   |
| 50–59                     | 287,770   | 271,000   | 252,320   | 259,970   | 264,660   | 290,360   | 320,390   | 367,860   | 416,860   |
| 60–64                     | 88,550    | 78,600    | 67,980    | 74,680    | 75,470    | 79,930    | 84,750    | 96,010    | 108,720   |
| Sex                       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Men                       | 690,980   | 632,440   | 550,960   | 550,360   | 551,620   | 591,580   | 643,540   | 733,980   | 797,690   |
| Women                     | 689,110   | 653,190   | 579,450   | 590,820   | 597,120   | 632,960   | 679,480   | 758,760   | 818,750   |
| Citizenship status        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Citizen                   | 1,297,050 | 1,220,060 | 1,088,560 | 1,071,380 | 1,077,840 | 1,155,200 | 1,252,960 | 1,419,220 | 1,542,720 |
| Noncitizen                | 83,040    | 65,570    | 41,850    | 69,800    | 70,900    | 69,340    | 70,060    | 73,520    | 73,720    |
| SSA administrative region |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Boston                    | 64,630    | 60,890    | 51,440    | 49,710    | 48,660    | 48,640    | 52,510    | 56,290    | 64,840    |
| New York                  | 139,090   | 129,690   | 113,410   | 113,010   | 109,720   | 108,600   | 118,010   | 122,190   | 122,470   |
| Philadelphia              | 128,670   | 121,870   | 109,790   | 109,940   | 111,800   | 115,410   | 125,330   | 141,400   | 155,980   |
| Atlanta                   | 334,140   | 320,790   | 283,700   | 283,130   | 284,450   | 315,360   | 341,060   | 378,350   | 398,060   |
| Chicago                   | 220,430   | 190,920   | 169,170   | 169,140   | 168,610   | 188,600   | 208,580   | 243,720   | 272,570   |
| Dallas                    | 168,640   | 160,280   | 140,000   | 141,490   | 146,920   | 158,610   | 172,400   | 203,390   | 225,520   |
| Kansas City               | 61,920    | 60,040    | 55,450    | 52,280    | 54,230    | 59,350    | 64,640    | 73,510    | 77,320    |
| Denver                    | 29,930    | 28,800    | 25,110    | 24,890    | 25,000    | 27,020    | 28,670    | 32,580    | 35,960    |
| San Francisco             | 189,030   | 170,910   | 146,370   | 159,830   | 158,750   | 157,690   | 163,670   | 188,260   | 206,850   |
| Seattle                   | 42,000    | 39,590    | 35,050    | 36,800    | 39,850    | 44,420    | 47,170    | 51,860    | 55,500    |
| Unknown                   | 1,610     | 1,850     | 920       | 960       | 750       | 840       | 980       | 1,190     | 1,370     |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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## Applications

**Table 44.**  
**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic            | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total <sup>a</sup>        | 179,560 | 167,180 | 131,280 | 147,730 | 159,590 | 159,290 | 160,800 | 178,660 | 177,870 |
| Age                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 65–69                     | 102,760 | 92,710  | 74,540  | 81,600  | 87,720  | 87,310  | 88,290  | 95,280  | 95,970  |
| 70–74                     | 32,300  | 32,270  | 23,900  | 28,860  | 31,820  | 32,040  | 33,070  | 39,080  | 37,890  |
| 75 or older               | 44,500  | 42,200  | 32,840  | 37,270  | 40,050  | 39,940  | 39,440  | 44,300  | 44,010  |
| Sex                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Men                       | 64,980  | 61,540  | 47,300  | 54,420  | 59,870  | 60,070  | 60,800  | 69,090  | 69,380  |
| Women                     | 114,580 | 105,640 | 83,980  | 93,310  | 99,720  | 99,220  | 100,000 | 109,570 | 108,490 |
| Citizenship status        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Citizen                   | 131,300 | 122,530 | 104,950 | 98,940  | 106,730 | 109,440 | 109,010 | 116,770 | 118,630 |
| Noncitizen                | 48,260  | 44,650  | 26,330  | 48,790  | 52,860  | 49,850  | 51,790  | 61,890  | 59,240  |
| SSA administrative region |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Boston                    | 6,390   | 6,610   | 5,480   | 6,250   | 6,280   | 6,090   | 5,940   | 6,090   | 6,910   |
| New York                  | 23,730  | 23,180  | 17,740  | 21,320  | 22,300  | 22,720  | 24,200  | 25,800  | 25,300  |
| Philadelphia              | 13,310  | 12,230  | 9,310   | 10,510  | 11,890  | 11,620  | 11,010  | 11,280  | 11,290  |
| Atlanta                   | 41,990  | 37,500  | 29,800  | 30,340  | 32,130  | 31,580  | 31,100  | 35,680  | 32,660  |
| Chicago                   | 16,430  | 12,610  | 10,030  | 11,190  | 12,260  | 12,690  | 12,380  | 12,120  | 13,050  |
| Dallas                    | 22,260  | 20,220  | 17,110  | 18,220  | 19,830  | 19,520  | 21,250  | 23,400  | 22,770  |
| Kansas City               | 4,360   | 3,860   | 3,140   | 2,990   | 2,880   | 3,380   | 2,990   | 2,940   | 2,950   |
| Denver                    | 2,650   | 2,540   | 2,060   | 2,080   | 2,370   | 2,550   | 2,360   | 2,620   | 2,780   |
| San Francisco             | 44,810  | 44,640  | 33,810  | 41,450  | 45,550  | 45,090  | 45,760  | 54,880  | 55,710  |
| Seattle                   | 3,580   | 3,670   | 2,760   | 3,330   | 4,090   | 4,040   | 3,800   | 3,840   | 4,450   |
| Unknown                   | 50      | 120     | 40      | 50      | 10      | 10      | 10      | 10      | 0       |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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**Table 45.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2003**

| State or area        | Total     | Under 18 | 18-64     | 65 or older |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| All areas            | 2,230,540 | 436,230  | 1,616,440 | 177,870     |
| Alabama              | 51,210    | 13,240   | 36,280    | 1,690       |
| Alaska               | 5,130     | 470      | 3,640     | 1,020       |
| Arizona              | 33,470    | 5,530    | 26,190    | 1,750       |
| Arkansas             | 33,230    | 8,060    | 24,150    | 1,020       |
| California           | 250,590   | 33,390   | 166,170   | 51,030      |
| Colorado             | 21,050    | 3,040    | 16,440    | 1,570       |
| Connecticut          | 16,790    | 2,570    | 13,150    | 1,070       |
| Delaware             | 5,100     | 1,240    | 3,640     | 220         |
| District of Columbia | 5,810     | 1,260    | 4,240     | 310         |
| Florida              | 146,140   | 32,740   | 97,190    | 16,210      |
| Georgia              | 73,250    | 15,970   | 53,590    | 3,690       |
| Hawaii               | 5,040     | 590      | 3,540     | 910         |
| Idaho                | 8,750     | 1,690    | 6,780     | 280         |
| Illinois             | 88,820    | 21,200   | 62,900    | 4,720       |
| Indiana              | 46,380    | 10,280   | 35,210    | 890         |
| Iowa                 | 18,300    | 2,780    | 14,890    | 630         |
| Kansas               | 18,780    | 3,110    | 15,040    | 630         |
| Kentucky             | 53,390    | 10,180   | 41,420    | 1,790       |
| Louisiana            | 58,190    | 15,760   | 40,230    | 2,200       |
| Maine                | 8,870     | 1,260    | 7,230     | 380         |
| Maryland             | 37,090    | 5,970    | 29,110    | 2,010       |
| Massachusetts        | 43,090    | 6,460    | 32,140    | 4,490       |
| Michigan             | 72,280    | 17,300   | 52,750    | 2,230       |
| Minnesota            | 24,330    | 4,560    | 18,360    | 1,410       |
| Mississippi          | 46,760    | 11,830   | 33,350    | 1,580       |
| Missouri             | 47,580    | 8,430    | 37,970    | 1,180       |
| Montana              | 5,570     | 990      | 4,390     | 190         |
| Nebraska             | 11,790    | 1,860    | 9,420     | 510         |
| Nevada               | 15,040    | 2,170    | 10,900    | 1,970       |
| New Hampshire        | 5,090     | 650      | 4,330     | 110         |
| New Jersey           | 46,150    | 9,050    | 31,310    | 5,790       |
| New Mexico           | 14,540    | 2,480    | 11,040    | 1,020       |
| New York             | 137,690   | 27,020   | 91,160    | 19,510      |
| North Carolina       | 80,040    | 15,880   | 60,400    | 3,760       |
| North Dakota         | 3,080     | 380      | 2,540     | 160         |
| Ohio                 | 99,530    | 21,650   | 75,300    | 2,580       |
| Oklahoma             | 28,680    | 5,690    | 21,900    | 1,090       |
| Oregon               | 21,010    | 2,560    | 17,390    | 1,060       |
| Pennsylvania         | 96,320    | 22,430   | 68,270    | 5,620       |
| Rhode Island         | 7,700     | 1,680    | 5,290     | 730         |

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## Applications

**Table 45.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Total   | Under 18 | 18–64   | 65 or older |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|
| South Carolina           | 37,900  | 8,570    | 27,830  | 1,500       |
| South Dakota             | 4,540   | 740      | 3,450   | 350         |
| Tennessee                | 61,040  | 10,600   | 48,000  | 2,440       |
| Texas                    | 179,650 | 34,010   | 128,200 | 17,440      |
| Utah                     | 9,110   | 1,710    | 7,000   | 400         |
| Vermont                  | 3,410   | 580      | 2,700   | 130         |
| Virginia                 | 43,830  | 8,690    | 32,640  | 2,500       |
| Washington               | 35,300  | 5,520    | 27,690  | 2,090       |
| West Virginia            | 22,250  | 3,540    | 18,080  | 630         |
| Wisconsin                | 37,630  | 8,360    | 28,050  | 1,220       |
| Wyoming                  | 2,610   | 360      | 2,140   | 110         |
| Outlying area            |         |          |         |             |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 160     | 60       | 50      | 50          |
| Unknown                  | 1,460   | 90       | 1,370   | 0           |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 46.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2003**

| Year                           | All ages <sup>a</sup> | Under 18  | 18–64      | 65 or older |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Total                          | 35,944,110            | 5,695,910 | 23,095,300 | 7,152,900   |
| State conversions <sup>b</sup> | 3,406,600             | 3,650     | 1,424,010  | 1,978,940   |
| Federal applications           |                       |           |            |             |
| 1973                           | 282,270               | 4,970     | 81,850     | 195,450     |
| 1974                           | 1,997,130             | 122,170   | 1,061,670  | 813,290     |
| 1975                           | 1,300,670             | 93,480    | 859,400    | 347,790     |
| 1976                           | 973,420               | 75,950    | 684,750    | 212,720     |
| 1977                           | 941,300               | 82,180    | 658,930    | 200,190     |
| 1978                           | 896,610               | 84,360    | 629,240    | 183,010     |
| 1979                           | 914,350               | 90,170    | 639,040    | 185,140     |
| 1980                           | 936,350               | 91,700    | 654,580    | 190,070     |
| 1981                           | 722,170               | 75,390    | 528,580    | 118,200     |
| 1982                           | 604,290               | 72,760    | 449,350    | 82,180      |
| 1983                           | 643,870               | 78,830    | 465,190    | 99,850      |
| 1984                           | 735,850               | 81,580    | 485,400    | 168,870     |
| 1985                           | 859,290               | 92,560    | 627,390    | 139,340     |
| 1986                           | 930,260               | 98,590    | 687,520    | 144,150     |
| 1987                           | 891,320               | 96,940    | 652,920    | 141,460     |
| 1988                           | 835,650               | 95,380    | 603,060    | 137,210     |
| 1989                           | 855,140               | 100,470   | 606,990    | 147,680     |
| 1990                           | 981,590               | 127,430   | 696,700    | 157,460     |
| 1991                           | 1,199,860             | 207,940   | 835,810    | 156,110     |
| 1992                           | 1,455,720             | 339,210   | 954,900    | 161,610     |
| 1993                           | 1,620,200             | 439,860   | 1,027,300  | 153,040     |
| 1994                           | 1,568,700             | 460,050   | 979,480    | 129,170     |
| 1995                           | 1,385,000             | 407,220   | 863,230    | 114,550     |
| 1996                           | 1,242,710             | 359,030   | 778,990    | 104,690     |
| 1997                           | 980,380               | 254,320   | 645,750    | 80,310      |
| 1998                           | 982,570               | 249,810   | 642,260    | 90,500      |
| 1999                           | 993,590               | 256,080   | 638,450    | 99,060      |
| 2000                           | 1,034,360             | 258,000   | 677,230    | 99,130      |
| 2001                           | 1,125,740             | 273,350   | 751,380    | 101,010     |
| 2002                           | 1,275,550             | 301,690   | 861,610    | 112,250     |
| 2003                           | 1,371,600             | 320,790   | 942,340    | 108,470     |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: Data include only the first application for each person.

- Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. These reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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## *Awards*

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**Table 47.**  
**All awards, by age of awardee, 1974–2003**

| Year                           | All ages   | Under 18  | 18–64      | 65 or older |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Total                          | 24,682,560 | 3,001,250 | 14,265,430 | 7,415,880   |
| State conversions <sup>a</sup> | 3,158,410  | 2,620     | 1,305,060  | 1,850,730   |
| Federal applications           |            |           |            |             |
| 1974                           | 1,329,870  | 66,880    | 491,170    | 771,820     |
| 1975                           | 927,800    | 62,880    | 508,950    | 355,970     |
| 1976                           | 674,580    | 45,030    | 403,350    | 226,200     |
| 1977                           | 643,480    | 50,970    | 375,950    | 216,560     |
| 1978                           | 566,190    | 47,050    | 323,170    | 195,970     |
| 1979                           | 517,010    | 45,810    | 292,380    | 178,820     |
| 1980                           | 526,790    | 46,260    | 293,740    | 186,790     |
| 1981                           | 411,510    | 39,050    | 248,340    | 124,120     |
| 1982                           | 342,680    | 35,670    | 202,590    | 104,420     |
| 1983                           | 458,610    | 42,110    | 262,660    | 153,840     |
| 1984                           | 586,670    | 45,740    | 322,390    | 218,540     |
| 1985                           | 527,800    | 46,590    | 324,070    | 157,140     |
| 1986                           | 603,580    | 51,020    | 391,600    | 160,960     |
| 1987                           | 589,440    | 48,480    | 373,320    | 167,640     |
| 1988                           | 578,370    | 47,560    | 361,070    | 169,740     |
| 1989                           | 629,460    | 51,520    | 388,120    | 189,820     |
| 1990                           | 718,310    | 76,070    | 446,940    | 195,300     |
| 1991                           | 822,890    | 126,190   | 504,860    | 191,840     |
| 1992                           | 1,049,260  | 221,080   | 636,300    | 191,880     |
| 1993                           | 1,054,170  | 236,220   | 630,030    | 187,920     |
| 1994                           | 944,830    | 203,190   | 580,640    | 161,000     |
| 1995                           | 893,460    | 177,550   | 571,080    | 144,830     |
| 1996                           | 797,970    | 144,270   | 526,690    | 127,010     |
| 1997                           | 673,340    | 116,280   | 461,260    | 95,800      |
| 1998                           | 739,410    | 135,600   | 489,240    | 114,570     |
| 1999                           | 757,270    | 139,400   | 493,960    | 123,910     |
| 2000                           | 747,010    | 144,540   | 483,020    | 119,450     |
| 2001                           | 770,340    | 156,900   | 502,590    | 110,850     |
| 2002                           | 818,050    | 169,130   | 533,470    | 115,450     |
| 2003                           | 824,000    | 179,590   | 537,420    | 106,990     |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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## Awards

**Table 48.**  
**Awards for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic                                     | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total  | 177,550 | 144,270 | 116,280 | 135,600 | 139,400 | 144,540 | 156,900 | 169,130 | 179,590 |
| Age  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Under 5  | 69,210  | 63,440  | 54,490  | 58,770  | 60,070  | 62,500  | 64,860  | 68,020  | 71,010  |
| 5–12   | 74,600  | 56,670  | 44,290  | 55,960  | 57,500  | 60,170  | 66,980  | 71,910  | 77,510  |
| 13–17  | 33,740  | 24,160  | 17,500  | 20,870  | 21,830  | 21,870  | 25,060  | 29,200  | 31,070  |
| Sex  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Male   | 113,160 | 90,110  | 71,780  | 85,140  | 87,830  | 90,960  | 98,910  | 108,540 | 116,190 |
| Female   | 64,390  | 54,160  | 44,500  | 50,460  | 51,570  | 53,580  | 57,990  | 60,590  | 63,400  |
| Citizenship status                                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Citizen  | 176,150 | 143,180 | 115,480 | 134,530 | 138,240 | 143,650 | 155,940 | 168,350 | 178,950 |
| Noncitizen   | 1,400   | 1,090   | 800     | 1,070   | 1,160   | 890     | 960     | 780     | 640     |
| Diagnostic group                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Congenital anomalies                               | 7,320   | 6,970   | 5,970   | 6,580   | 6,230   | 7,050   | 7,010   | 7,400   | 8,220   |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic disorders | 1,310   | 990     | 830     | 980     | 940     | 1,070   | 910     | 900     | 1,070   |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases               | 670     | 470     | 380     | 280     | 360     | 250     | 280     | 340     | 170     |
| Injuries   | 960     | 1,050   | 1,100   | 1,000   | 1,080   | 980     | 1,090   | 1,010   | 990     |
| Mental disorders                                   | 112,620 | 84,880  | 62,480  | 75,760  | 81,900  | 84,580  | 95,410  | 107,430 |         |
| Mental retardation                                 | 54,570  | 42,260  | 29,680  | 31,280  | 29,110  | 26,940  | 26,470  | 27,150  | 26,110  |
| Other  | 58,050  | 42,620  | 32,800  | 44,480  | 52,790  | 57,640  | 68,940  | 80,280  | 91,160  |
| Neoplasms  | 3,100   | 2,900   | 2,500   | 2,720   | 2,650   | 2,610   | 3,000   | 2,850   | 2,830   |
| Diseases of the—                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Blood and blood-forming<br>organs                  | 1,650   | 1,520   | 1,220   | 1,590   | 1,340   | 1,290   | 1,470   | 1,260   | 1,320   |
| Circulatory system                                 | 1,070   | 940     | 830     | 800     | 840     | 950     | 770     | 960     | 1,010   |
| Digestive system                                   | 600     | 500     | 680     | 810     | 720     | 960     | 1,340   | 1,090   | 1,420   |
| Genitourinary system                               | 620     | 490     | 480     | 510     | 520     | 530     | 550     | 510     | 580     |
| Musculoskeletal system<br>and connective tissue    | 1,510   | 1,310   | 1,250   | 1,390   | 1,200   | 1,430   | 1,650   | 1,470   | 1,180   |
| Nervous system and<br>sense organs                 | 14,070  | 12,250  | 10,370  | 11,210  | 10,820  | 10,940  | 10,800  | 11,740  | 11,000  |
| Respiratory system                                 | 4,830   | 4,460   | 4,170   | 4,050   | 4,140   | 4,520   | 4,550   | 4,470   | 4,300   |
| Skin and subcutaneous<br>tissue                    | 190     | 50      | 130     | 110     | 100     | 170     | 140     | 160     | 170     |
| Other  | 16,930  | 17,420  | 16,590  | 18,860  | 20,640  | 22,250  | 23,120  | 23,330  | 24,470  |
| Unknown  | 10,100  | 8,070   | 7,300   | 8,950   | 5,920   | 4,960   | 4,810   | 4,210   | 3,590   |
| SSA administrative region                          |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Boston   | 7,250   | 5,060   | 4,840   | 5,070   | 5,570   | 6,130   | 6,040   | 5,880   | 6,040   |
| New York   | 17,450  | 14,750  | 10,870  | 11,030  | 13,130  | 12,830  | 13,040  | 13,990  | 15,260  |
| Philadelphia                                       | 18,970  | 15,250  | 11,730  | 14,640  | 14,370  | 14,920  | 18,450  | 18,310  | 19,600  |
| Atlanta  | 44,110  | 35,130  | 29,190  | 36,470  | 37,640  | 38,930  | 42,210  | 42,570  | 44,970  |
| Chicago  | 36,240  | 28,290  | 21,890  | 24,570  | 22,580  | 24,330  | 25,580  | 28,300  | 30,190  |
| Dallas   | 19,710  | 14,930  | 12,570  | 16,280  | 16,680  | 16,930  | 19,340  | 25,100  | 28,080  |
| Kansas City  | 7,690   | 6,390   | 4,140   | 4,850   | 6,240   | 5,640   | 5,790   | 6,790   | 6,130   |
| Denver   | 4,580   | 3,480   | 2,760   | 2,740   | 2,650   | 2,650   | 3,070   | 3,110   | 3,310   |
| San Francisco                                      | 16,920  | 16,470  | 14,750  | 16,350  | 16,670  | 17,840  | 18,260  | 20,040  | 20,720  |
| Seattle  | 4,620   | 4,520   | 3,540   | 3,600   | 3,870   | 4,340   | 5,120   | 5,040   | 5,290   |
| Unknown  | 10      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

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**Table 49.**  
**Awards for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic                                     | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total  | 571,080 | 526,690 | 461,260 | 489,240 | 493,960 | 483,020 | 502,590 | 533,470 | 537,420 |
| Age  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 18–21  | 34,530  | 33,340  | 30,080  | 33,470  | 34,680  | 36,640  | 41,210  | 43,410  | 44,360  |
| 22–29  | 57,510  | 50,890  | 42,440  | 44,030  | 42,520  | 39,890  | 44,200  | 47,540  | 49,490  |
| 30–39  | 127,640 | 115,150 | 96,000  | 97,280  | 95,550  | 90,260  | 90,780  | 91,950  | 91,240  |
| 40–49  | 136,670 | 129,900 | 118,050 | 125,560 | 131,170 | 128,240 | 133,130 | 144,500 | 144,340 |
| 50–59  | 158,620 | 149,550 | 134,340 | 142,900 | 143,850 | 142,660 | 149,120 | 158,610 | 162,420 |
| 60–64  | 56,110  | 47,860  | 40,350  | 46,000  | 46,190  | 45,330  | 44,150  | 47,460  | 45,570  |
| Sex  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Men  | 282,690 | 260,010 | 221,440 | 232,670 | 234,380 | 234,920 | 244,570 | 262,830 | 264,010 |
| Women  | 288,390 | 266,680 | 239,820 | 256,570 | 259,580 | 248,100 | 258,020 | 270,640 | 273,410 |
| Citizenship status                                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Citizen  | 533,190 | 494,700 | 441,840 | 450,100 | 457,690 | 447,620 | 469,470 | 499,440 | 506,610 |
| Noncitizen   | 37,890  | 31,990  | 19,420  | 39,140  | 36,270  | 35,400  | 33,120  | 34,030  | 30,810  |
| Diagnostic group                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Congenital anomalies                               | 850     | 940     | 880     | 640     | 900     | 1,160   | 1,700   | 1,790   | 2,060   |
| Endocrine, nutritional,<br>and metabolic disorders | 29,950  | 28,650  | 26,460  | 27,040  | 28,070  | 14,000  | 15,030  | 15,320  | 15,700  |
| Infectious and parasitic<br>diseases               | 25,740  | 23,210  | 16,630  | 14,790  | 14,000  | 13,440  | 12,560  | 11,950  | 11,360  |
| Injuries   | 15,760  | 15,850  | 13,470  | 14,780  | 15,390  | 16,030  | 16,680  | 18,930  | 17,120  |
| Mental disorders                                   | 206,300 | 177,110 | 150,240 | 162,020 | 172,840 | 181,960 | 193,120 | 204,260 |         |
| Mental retardation                                 | 47,790  | 40,630  | 34,840  | 34,320  | 34,820  | 35,030  | 35,530  | 35,290  | 34,250  |
| Other  | 158,510 | 136,480 | 115,400 | 127,700 | 138,020 | 146,930 | 157,590 | 168,970 | 171,650 |
| Neoplasms  | 27,220  | 26,490  | 25,230  | 25,370  | 25,820  | 26,500  | 26,950  | 27,660  | 28,520  |
| Diseases of the—                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Blood and blood-forming<br>organs                  | 1,070   | 1,330   | 1,140   | 1,240   | 1,430   | 1,310   | 1,670   | 1,590   | 1,570   |
| Circulatory system                                 | 47,260  | 44,320  | 39,980  | 40,200  | 40,090  | 42,110  | 45,110  | 47,240  | 46,440  |
| Digestive system                                   | 7,590   | 7,300   | 7,030   | 7,610   | 9,020   | 9,180   | 10,140  | 11,080  | 11,720  |
| Genitourinary system                               | 9,140   | 8,640   | 9,050   | 8,970   | 8,970   | 9,650   | 9,490   | 9,820   | 10,480  |
| Musculoskeletal system<br>and connective tissue    | 63,670  | 61,160  | 53,640  | 58,530  | 63,370  | 69,980  | 75,190  | 84,140  | 86,570  |
| Nervous system and<br>sense organs                 | 32,070  | 30,620  | 25,780  | 29,100  | 29,990  | 30,000  | 32,510  | 34,530  | 35,120  |
| Respiratory system                                 | 18,650  | 18,760  | 15,530  | 16,540  | 16,580  | 17,080  | 17,450  | 18,520  | 18,710  |
| Skin and subcutaneous<br>tissue                    | 1,040   | 910     | 970     | 820     | 860     | 840     | 1,090   | 1,000   | 940     |
| Other  | 490     | 420     | 460     | 430     | 590     | 530     | 740     | 1,010   | 990     |
| Unknown  | 84,280  | 80,980  | 74,770  | 81,160  | 66,040  | 49,250  | 43,160  | 44,630  | 44,220  |

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## Awards

**Table 49.**  
**Awards for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003—Continued**

| Characteristic            | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SSA administrative region |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Boston                    | 31,930  | 29,020  | 24,790  | 24,430  | 24,330  | 24,040  | 24,190  | 24,750  | 26,110  |
| New York                  | 59,330  | 55,340  | 44,250  | 49,590  | 52,730  | 49,010  | 48,710  | 47,260  | 43,750  |
| Philadelphia              | 57,250  | 49,990  | 47,690  | 50,520  | 50,730  | 50,400  | 52,420  | 52,760  | 54,380  |
| Atlanta                   | 142,770 | 134,410 | 120,370 | 122,820 | 119,640 | 117,890 | 121,830 | 123,340 | 127,330 |
| Chicago                   | 87,770  | 77,550  | 68,530  | 72,100  | 68,290  | 64,910  | 70,040  | 77,110  | 78,750  |
| Dallas                    | 66,680  | 60,690  | 54,430  | 54,800  | 57,210  | 55,200  | 63,770  | 76,950  | 75,430  |
| Kansas City               | 23,360  | 21,440  | 17,590  | 19,310  | 20,080  | 21,340  | 20,510  | 22,110  | 21,270  |
| Denver                    | 11,930  | 11,040  | 9,180   | 9,370   | 8,820   | 8,900   | 9,310   | 10,230  | 9,940   |
| San Francisco             | 71,460  | 69,180  | 58,700  | 70,370  | 74,470  | 72,520  | 72,940  | 79,080  | 80,840  |
| Seattle                   | 18,580  | 18,020  | 15,730  | 15,930  | 17,660  | 18,810  | 18,870  | 19,880  | 19,610  |
| Unknown                   | 20      | 10      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 10      |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 50.**  
**Awards for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 1995–2003**

| Characteristic            | 1995    | 1996    | 1997   | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total                     | 144,830 | 127,010 | 95,800 | 114,570 | 123,910 | 119,450 | 110,850 | 115,450 | 106,990 |
| Age                       |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 65                        | 52,250  | 41,390  | 34,820 | 34,590  | 35,610  | 34,470  | 32,840  | 32,460  | 31,260  |
| 66–69                     | 33,440  | 30,730  | 22,110 | 29,270  | 32,310  | 31,360  | 29,530  | 31,370  | 28,760  |
| 70–74                     | 24,420  | 23,740  | 15,120 | 20,870  | 24,650  | 23,120  | 21,570  | 23,280  | 21,160  |
| 75–79                     | 14,410  | 13,020  | 9,850  | 13,830  | 15,420  | 14,250  | 12,680  | 13,740  | 12,580  |
| 80 or older               | 20,310  | 18,130  | 13,900 | 16,010  | 15,920  | 16,250  | 14,230  | 14,600  | 13,230  |
| Sex                       |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Men                       | 50,820  | 44,590  | 32,980 | 40,860  | 44,500  | 43,120  | 40,000  | 42,530  | 40,020  |
| Women                     | 94,010  | 82,420  | 62,820 | 73,710  | 79,410  | 76,330  | 70,850  | 72,920  | 66,970  |
| Citizenship status        |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Citizen                   | 105,120 | 90,350  | 80,340 | 79,860  | 84,460  | 84,080  | 78,670  | 81,030  | 78,840  |
| Noncitizen                | 39,710  | 36,660  | 15,460 | 34,710  | 39,450  | 35,370  | 32,180  | 34,420  | 28,150  |
| SSA administrative region |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Boston                    | 5,360   | 5,110   | 4,020  | 5,090   | 5,010   | 4,980   | 4,220   | 3,970   | 4,450   |
| New York                  | 19,710  | 17,820  | 13,120 | 17,130  | 18,100  | 17,200  | 16,380  | 15,520  | 14,800  |
| Philadelphia              | 11,100  | 9,750   | 7,750  | 8,300   | 9,330   | 9,130   | 8,570   | 7,960   | 7,660   |
| Atlanta                   | 31,550  | 26,340  | 20,920 | 22,040  | 22,280  | 22,640  | 20,300  | 22,820  | 19,130  |
| Chicago                   | 13,670  | 10,260  | 7,890  | 9,160   | 9,780   | 9,500   | 8,580   | 8,170   | 8,000   |
| Dallas                    | 18,230  | 15,320  | 12,840 | 13,470  | 15,600  | 13,720  | 13,780  | 14,770  | 13,170  |
| Kansas City               | 3,280   | 2,680   | 2,150  | 2,100   | 2,110   | 2,450   | 2,130   | 1,980   | 1,880   |
| Denver                    | 1,980   | 2,060   | 1,680  | 1,530   | 1,740   | 1,820   | 1,510   | 1,790   | 1,590   |
| San Francisco             | 36,840  | 34,620  | 23,340 | 32,900  | 36,650  | 34,990  | 32,390  | 35,480  | 33,270  |
| Seattle                   | 3,110   | 3,050   | 2,090  | 2,850   | 3,310   | 3,020   | 2,990   | 2,990   | 3,040   |

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## Awards

**Table 51.**  
**All awards, by state or other area and age of awardee, 2003**

| State or area        | Total   | Under 18 | 18-64   | 65 or older |
|----------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|
| All areas            | 824,000 | 179,590  | 537,420 | 106,990     |
| Alabama              | 18,970  | 4,190    | 13,620  | 1,160       |
| Alaska               | 2,050   | 200      | 1,040   | 810         |
| Arizona              | 13,600  | 2,790    | 9,700   | 1,110       |
| Arkansas             | 12,180  | 3,120    | 8,500   | 560         |
| California           | 112,560 | 16,590   | 65,520  | 30,450      |
| Colorado             | 7,000   | 1,350    | 4,760   | 890         |
| Connecticut          | 6,490   | 1,000    | 4,660   | 830         |
| Delaware             | 2,130   | 380      | 1,570   | 180         |
| District of Columbia | 2,620   | 690      | 1,690   | 240         |
| Florida              | 54,740  | 14,330   | 31,650  | 8,760       |
| Georgia              | 24,610  | 5,120    | 17,150  | 2,340       |
| Hawaii               | 2,630   | 200      | 1,690   | 740         |
| Idaho                | 3,360   | 1,080    | 2,120   | 160         |
| Illinois             | 29,790  | 8,250    | 19,020  | 2,520       |
| Indiana              | 14,810  | 4,030    | 10,200  | 580         |
| Iowa                 | 5,100   | 1,150    | 3,520   | 430         |
| Kansas               | 5,680   | 1,310    | 4,000   | 370         |
| Kentucky             | 20,390  | 4,870    | 14,260  | 1,260       |
| Louisiana            | 19,420  | 5,440    | 12,520  | 1,460       |
| Maine                | 4,090   | 650      | 3,160   | 280         |
| Maryland             | 11,960  | 2,350    | 8,300   | 1,310       |
| Massachusetts        | 18,780  | 2,970    | 13,140  | 2,670       |
| Michigan             | 24,760  | 5,960    | 17,200  | 1,600       |
| Minnesota            | 9,380   | 2,370    | 6,150   | 860         |
| Mississippi          | 13,200  | 3,450    | 8,850   | 900         |
| Missouri             | 15,140  | 3,030    | 11,270  | 840         |
| Montana              | 1,810   | 370      | 1,290   | 150         |
| Nebraska             | 3,360   | 640      | 2,480   | 240         |
| Nevada               | 5,910   | 1,110    | 3,870   | 930         |
| New Hampshire        | 2,300   | 300      | 1,910   | 90          |
| New Jersey           | 19,400  | 4,470    | 11,570  | 3,360       |
| New Mexico           | 5,890   | 1,270    | 4,010   | 610         |
| New York             | 54,410  | 10,790   | 32,180  | 11,440      |
| North Carolina       | 27,540  | 6,400    | 18,760  | 2,380       |
| North Dakota         | 970     | 150      | 750     | 70          |
| Ohio                 | 27,390  | 7,060    | 18,680  | 1,650       |
| Oklahoma             | 9,910   | 2,210    | 6,910   | 790         |
| Oregon               | 7,600   | 1,320    | 5,600   | 680         |
| Pennsylvania         | 39,580  | 10,760   | 25,100  | 3,720       |
| Rhode Island         | 3,380   | 780      | 2,120   | 480         |

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**Table 51.**  
**All awards, by state or other area and age of awardee, 2003—Continued**

| State or area            | Total  | Under 18 | 18–64  | 65 or older |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|
| South Carolina           | 12,990 | 3,100    | 8,980  | 910         |
| South Dakota             | 1,310  | 290      | 820    | 200         |
| Tennessee                | 18,990 | 3,510    | 14,060 | 1,420       |
| Texas                    | 69,280 | 16,040   | 43,490 | 9,750       |
| Utah                     | 2,930  | 940      | 1,770  | 220         |
| Vermont                  | 1,560  | 340      | 1,120  | 100         |
| Virginia                 | 17,190 | 3,770    | 11,650 | 1,770       |
| Washington               | 14,930 | 2,690    | 10,850 | 1,390       |
| West Virginia            | 8,160  | 1,650    | 6,070  | 440         |
| Wisconsin                | 10,820 | 2,520    | 7,510  | 790         |
| Wyoming                  | 820    | 210      | 550    | 60          |
| Outlying area            |        |          |        |             |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 130    | 30       | 60     | 40          |

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## Awards

**Table 52.**  
**All persons awarded SSI, by year of first award and age, 1974–2003**

| Year                           | All ages   | Under 18  | 18–64      | 65 or older |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Total                          | 22,370,940 | 2,834,480 | 12,875,600 | 6,660,860   |
| State conversions <sup>a</sup> | 3,158,410  | 2,620     | 1,305,060  | 1,850,730   |
| Federal applications           |            |           |            |             |
| 1974                           | 1,317,640  | 66,250    | 485,860    | 765,530     |
| 1975                           | 913,620    | 62,340    | 502,830    | 348,450     |
| 1976                           | 640,570    | 44,090    | 386,940    | 209,540     |
| 1977                           | 578,270    | 47,830    | 344,910    | 185,530     |
| 1978                           | 494,740    | 43,830    | 288,420    | 162,490     |
| 1979                           | 446,420    | 42,270    | 257,080    | 147,070     |
| 1980                           | 451,240    | 42,450    | 254,810    | 153,980     |
| 1981                           | 348,250    | 35,480    | 213,610    | 99,160      |
| 1982                           | 283,240    | 31,750    | 171,680    | 79,810      |
| 1983                           | 361,060    | 37,970    | 217,450    | 105,640     |
| 1984                           | 480,420    | 41,480    | 272,030    | 166,910     |
| 1985                           | 444,310    | 41,680    | 277,490    | 125,140     |
| 1986                           | 521,270    | 46,340    | 343,800    | 131,130     |
| 1987                           | 508,530    | 43,750    | 327,910    | 136,870     |
| 1988                           | 501,740    | 43,540    | 317,210    | 140,990     |
| 1989                           | 546,650    | 46,830    | 341,480    | 158,340     |
| 1990                           | 634,480    | 70,640    | 398,330    | 165,510     |
| 1991                           | 739,810    | 119,340   | 454,580    | 165,890     |
| 1992                           | 960,900    | 214,160   | 580,580    | 166,160     |
| 1993                           | 969,060    | 229,610   | 577,260    | 162,190     |
| 1994                           | 863,940    | 196,810   | 529,790    | 137,340     |
| 1995                           | 812,760    | 171,110   | 518,090    | 123,560     |
| 1996                           | 725,020    | 138,550   | 478,070    | 108,400     |
| 1997                           | 601,260    | 111,210   | 409,700    | 80,350      |
| 1998                           | 656,600    | 128,640   | 430,960    | 97,000      |
| 1999                           | 666,430    | 131,190   | 430,370    | 104,870     |
| 2000                           | 651,560    | 134,380   | 416,290    | 100,890     |
| 2001                           | 668,710    | 145,040   | 429,400    | 94,270      |
| 2002                           | 710,640    | 156,590   | 456,050    | 98,000      |
| 2003                           | 713,390    | 166,710   | 457,560    | 89,120      |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: Data include only the first award for each person.

a. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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*Outcomes of Applications  
for Disability Benefits*

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## Notes

The tables in this section provide data on the outcomes of applications for SSI benefits based on blindness or disability. The data on applications are derived from the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) Disability Research File (DRF) maintained by the Office of Disability Programs. Each year the DRF is updated with information about applications for disability benefits that is then used to determine the outcome of those applications. The outcome data in these tables are reported by year of filing and include decisions made through the administrative appeals process.

Table 53 shows the total number of applications filed in a year, the number that are pending a final decision, the number denied for nonmedical reasons before a medical decision is made (technical denials), the outcome of applications for which a medical allowance or denial was made, and award and allowance rates. Applications for which a medical allowance or denial decision was made but which were subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons are shown under the medical decision header as subsequent denials. The most common nonmedical reason for denying a claim is excess income.

The allowance rate is calculated by dividing the number of medical allowances (including subsequent technical denials) by the total number of medical decisions made for a 1-year cohort. The award rate is a broader program measure that is calculated as the number of allowances minus subsequent denials divided by total applications (minus pending claims) filed for a given year.

Claims that remain pending after 6 years are probably the result of imperfect data rather than excessive delays in the decisionmaking process. It is highly probable that decisions have been rendered on most of the older claims. For more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change as decisions are made on pending claims.

Tables 54–56 show the allowance rate for SSI only and the SSI portion of concurrent (a claim for both Social Security and SSI disability benefits) applications, one for each level in the administrative decisionmaking process, that is, initial, reconsideration, and hearing or higher level.

Beginning with fiscal year 2000, the proportion of claims awarded at each level of the process changed as a result of the Prototype Process being tested in 10 states. Under this test, the reconsideration step of the appeals process was eliminated for applications filed October 1, 1999, or later. Elimination of the reconsideration level in these states results in a decrease in the aggregate proportion of claims awarded at this step.

This section also includes one table that shows the reason for medical allowance and one that shows reason for medical denial (Tables 57 and 58). The reasons are derived from the sequential evaluation process used by decisionmakers. SSA maintains a list of impairments that are considered disabling under its regulations. An applicant can be found to be disabled if he or she

- has a listed impairment,
- has a severe impairment that is equal to a listed impairment,
- has a severe impairment when medical and vocational factors are considered, or
- had previously established entitlement to a disability benefit.

An applicant can be denied benefits if he or she

- has an impairment that is not expected to last 12 months;
  - has an impairment that is not considered severe;
  - is able to perform his or her usual type of work;
  - is able to perform another type of work; or
  - provides insufficient medical evidence, fails to cooperate, fails to follow prescribed treatment, does not want to continue development of the claim, or returns to substantial work before disability can be established.
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**Table 53.**  
**Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | Total     | Pending final decision | Technical denials <sup>a</sup> | Medical decisions |                                    |            |                                 | Award rate <sup>b</sup><br>(percent) | Allowance rate <sup>c</sup><br>(percent) |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                              |           |                        |                                | Denials           |                                    | Allowances |                                 |                                      |  |
|                              |           |                        |                                | Medical           | Subsequent nonmedical <sup>d</sup> | Awards     | Subsequent denials <sup>e</sup> |                                      |  |
| <i>All ages <sup>f</sup></i> |           |                        |                                |                   |                                    |            |                                 |                                      |  |
| 1992                         | 1,828,951 | 0                      | 134,438                        | 741,839           | 1,556                              | 860,875    | 90,243                          | 47.1                                 | 56.1                                     |
| 1993                         | 2,048,945 | 0                      | 141,214                        | 937,757           | 1,600                              | 878,932    | 89,442                          | 42.9                                 | 50.8                                     |
| 1994                         | 2,014,499 | 0                      | 123,175                        | 1,041,522         | 1,681                              | 770,815    | 77,306                          | 38.3                                 | 44.8                                     |
| 1995                         | 1,845,212 | 0                      | 103,335                        | 995,374           | 1,343                              | 683,662    | 61,498                          | 37.1                                 | 42.8                                     |
| 1996                         | 1,786,770 | 2,645                  | 113,027                        | 936,140           | 1,886                              | 671,521    | 61,551                          | 37.6                                 | 43.9                                     |
| 1997                         | 1,505,145 | 3,015                  | 97,320                         | 736,519           | 2,072                              | 605,492    | 60,727                          | 40.3                                 | 47.4                                     |
| 1998                         | 1,520,538 | 4,602                  | 95,990                         | 698,134           | 3,828                              | 655,151    | 62,833                          | 43.2                                 | 50.6                                     |
| 1999                         | 1,528,217 | 8,079                  | 105,819                        | 683,597           | 4,001                              | 662,302    | 64,419                          | 43.6                                 | 51.4                                     |
| 2000                         | 1,612,826 | 23,155                 | 156,525                        | 676,141           | 3,816                              | 684,244    | 68,945                          | 43.0                                 | 52.6                                     |
| 2001                         | 1,748,974 | 85,113                 | 205,290                        | 692,196           | 3,134                              | 695,069    | 68,172                          | 41.8                                 | 52.3                                     |
| 2002                         | 1,935,631 | 237,788                | 279,693                        | 728,841           | 2,609                              | 629,193    | 57,507                          | 37.1                                 | 48.4                                     |
| <i>Under age 18</i>          |           |                        |                                |                   |                                    |            |                                 |                                      |  |
| 1992                         | 376,812   | 0                      | 16,695                         | 148,221           | 103                                | 204,083    | 7,710                           | 54.2                                 | 58.8                                     |
| 1993                         | 500,676   | 0                      | 18,788                         | 240,668           | 135                                | 232,344    | 8,741                           | 46.4                                 | 50.0                                     |
| 1994                         | 530,538   | 0                      | 16,897                         | 311,142           | 147                                | 194,650    | 7,702                           | 36.7                                 | 39.4                                     |
| 1995                         | 491,638   | 0                      | 14,364                         | 306,307           | 92                                 | 163,887    | 6,988                           | 33.3                                 | 35.8                                     |
| 1996                         | 457,057   | 197                    | 13,532                         | 291,085           | 86                                 | 144,653    | 7,504                           | 31.7                                 | 34.3                                     |
| 1997                         | 334,975   | 188                    | 10,906                         | 195,570           | 69                                 | 121,411    | 6,831                           | 36.3                                 | 39.6                                     |
| 1998                         | 338,592   | 314                    | 10,904                         | 182,345           | 74                                 | 137,590    | 7,365                           | 40.7                                 | 44.3                                     |
| 1999                         | 345,067   | 567                    | 11,898                         | 181,998           | 68                                 | 142,724    | 7,812                           | 41.4                                 | 45.3                                     |
| 2000                         | 355,477   | 1,984                  | 15,775                         | 178,217           | 64                                 | 151,475    | 7,962                           | 42.9                                 | 47.2                                     |
| 2001                         | 375,944   | 8,419                  | 18,917                         | 176,863           | 59                                 | 163,666    | 8,020                           | 44.5                                 | 49.2                                     |
| 2002                         | 408,260   | 24,395                 | 22,893                         | 183,769           | 52                                 | 169,152    | 7,999                           | 44.1                                 | 49.1                                     |

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**Table 53.**

**Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | Total     | Pending final decision | Technical denials <sup>a</sup> | Medical decisions |                                    |            |                                 | Award rate <sup>b</sup> (percent) | Allowance rate <sup>c</sup> (percent) |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   |           |                        |                                | Denials           |                                    | Allowances |                                 |                                   |                                       |
|                   |           |                        |                                | Medical           | Subsequent nonmedical <sup>d</sup> | Awards     | Subsequent denials <sup>e</sup> |                                   |                                       |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |           |                        |                                |                   |                                    |            |                                 |                                   |                                       |
| 1992              | 1,451,417 | 0                      | 117,675                        | 593,455           | 1,451                              | 656,374    | 82,462                          | 45.2                              | 55.4                                  |
| 1993              | 1,547,527 | 0                      | 122,364                        | 696,934           | 1,463                              | 646,157    | 80,609                          | 41.8                              | 51.0                                  |
| 1994              | 1,482,503 | 0                      | 106,181                        | 730,012           | 1,529                              | 575,346    | 69,435                          | 38.8                              | 46.8                                  |
| 1995              | 1,351,903 | 0                      | 88,839                         | 688,618           | 1,244                              | 518,862    | 54,340                          | 38.4                              | 45.4                                  |
| 1996              | 1,277,604 | 2,444                  | 87,869                         | 644,414           | 1,534                              | 487,853    | 53,490                          | 38.3                              | 45.6                                  |
| 1997              | 1,135,602 | 2,821                  | 78,303                         | 539,865           | 1,454                              | 460,302    | 52,857                          | 40.6                              | 48.7                                  |
| 1998              | 1,133,015 | 4,282                  | 76,709                         | 513,732           | 1,858                              | 482,548    | 53,886                          | 42.8                              | 51.0                                  |
| 1999              | 1,133,722 | 7,501                  | 83,733                         | 500,272           | 1,540                              | 485,234    | 55,442                          | 43.1                              | 51.9                                  |
| 2000              | 1,208,866 | 21,151                 | 127,968                        | 496,900           | 1,417                              | 501,414    | 60,016                          | 42.2                              | 53.0                                  |
| 2001              | 1,322,450 | 76,613                 | 169,179                        | 514,444           | 1,144                              | 501,774    | 59,296                          | 40.3                              | 52.1                                  |
| 2002              | 1,464,892 | 213,043                | 230,840                        | 544,165           | 782                                | 427,429    | 48,633                          | 34.1                              | 46.6                                  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2003. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

- a. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons so no decision was made on severity of impairment.
- b. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.
- c. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.
- d. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- e. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- f. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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**Table 54.**  
**Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by age, year of application,**  
**and program, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | All decisions |            |  | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |  | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |  |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|--|--|------------|--|--|------------|--|
|                              | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) |
| <i>All ages <sup>b</sup></i> |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 1,694,513     | 686,962    | 40.5                                     | 946,348                                | 399,334    | 42.2                                     | 748,165  | 287,628    | 38.4                                     |
| 1993                         | 1,907,731     | 687,630    | 36.0                                     | 1,106,624                              | 409,102    | 37.0                                     | 801,107  | 278,528    | 34.8                                     |
| 1994                         | 1,891,324     | 577,721    | 30.5                                     | 1,105,532                              | 335,756    | 30.4                                     | 785,792  | 241,965    | 30.8                                     |
| 1995                         | 1,741,877     | 507,742    | 29.1                                     | 1,037,201                              | 291,168    | 28.1                                     | 704,676  | 216,574    | 30.7                                     |
| 1996                         | 1,673,743     | 508,931    | 30.4                                     | 1,000,530                              | 296,655    | 29.6                                     | 673,213  | 212,276    | 31.5                                     |
| 1997                         | 1,407,825     | 459,297    | 32.6                                     | 820,527                                | 260,354    | 31.7                                     | 587,298  | 198,943    | 33.9                                     |
| 1998                         | 1,424,548     | 520,690    | 36.6                                     | 843,671                                | 304,856    | 36.1                                     | 580,877  | 215,834    | 37.2                                     |
| 1999                         | 1,422,398     | 531,498    | 37.4                                     | 843,031                                | 312,871    | 37.1                                     | 579,367  | 218,627    | 37.7                                     |
| 2000                         | 1,456,301     | 556,990    | 38.2                                     | 845,623                                | 321,029    | 38.0                                     | 610,678  | 235,961    | 38.6                                     |
| 2001                         | 1,543,548     | 593,569    | 38.5                                     | 878,572                                | 341,520    | 38.9                                     | 664,976  | 252,049    | 37.9                                     |
| 2002                         | 1,655,618     | 607,015    | 36.7                                     | 922,985                                | 349,447    | 37.9                                     | 732,633  | 257,568    | 35.2                                     |
| <i>Under age 18</i>          |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 360,117       | 194,494    | 54.0                                     | 329,316                                | 176,929    | 53.7                                     | 30,801   | 17,565     | 57.0                                     |
| 1993                         | 481,888       | 218,724    | 45.4                                     | 443,778                                | 200,206    | 45.1                                     | 38,110   | 18,518     | 48.6                                     |
| 1994                         | 513,641       | 177,660    | 34.6                                     | 475,233                                | 164,436    | 34.6                                     | 38,408   | 13,224     | 34.4                                     |
| 1995                         | 477,274       | 149,140    | 31.2                                     | 443,367                                | 138,959    | 31.3                                     | 33,907   | 10,181     | 30.0                                     |
| 1996                         | 443,525       | 133,375    | 30.1                                     | 413,379                                | 124,846    | 30.2                                     | 30,146   | 8,529      | 28.3                                     |
| 1997                         | 324,069       | 112,387    | 34.7                                     | 302,540                                | 105,366    | 34.8                                     | 21,529   | 7,021      | 32.6                                     |
| 1998                         | 327,688       | 129,729    | 39.6                                     | 306,164                                | 121,371    | 39.6                                     | 21,524   | 8,358      | 38.8                                     |
| 1999                         | 333,169       | 135,117    | 40.6                                     | 310,763                                | 126,253    | 40.6                                     | 22,406   | 8,864      | 39.6                                     |
| 2000                         | 339,702       | 143,267    | 42.2                                     | 316,328                                | 133,426    | 42.2                                     | 23,374   | 9,841      | 42.1                                     |
| 2001                         | 357,010       | 157,464    | 44.1                                     | 333,824                                | 147,551    | 44.2                                     | 23,186   | 9,913      | 42.8                                     |
| 2002                         | 385,325       | 168,406    | 43.7                                     | 362,305                                | 159,017    | 43.9                                     | 23,020   | 9,389      | 40.8                                     |

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**Table 54.**  
**Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by age, year of application,**  
**and program, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | All decisions |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |               |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |
| 1992              | 1,333,742     | 492,046    | 36.9                                  | 616,523                                | 222,077    | 36.0                                  | 717,219  | 269,969    | 37.6                                  |
| 1993              | 1,425,163     | 468,477    | 32.9                                  | 662,298                                | 208,554    | 31.5                                  | 762,865  | 259,923    | 34.1                                  |
| 1994              | 1,376,322     | 399,267    | 29.0                                  | 629,051                                | 170,618    | 27.1                                  | 747,271  | 228,649    | 30.6                                  |
| 1995              | 1,263,064     | 357,732    | 28.3                                  | 592,390                                | 151,417    | 25.6                                  | 670,674  | 206,315    | 30.8                                  |
| 1996              | 1,189,735     | 338,209    | 28.4                                  | 555,158                                | 142,505    | 25.7                                  | 634,577  | 195,704    | 30.8                                  |
| 1997              | 1,057,299     | 324,213    | 30.7                                  | 498,637                                | 139,003    | 27.9                                  | 558,662  | 185,210    | 33.2                                  |
| 1998              | 1,056,306     | 356,592    | 33.8                                  | 506,024                                | 157,861    | 31.2                                  | 550,282  | 198,731    | 36.1                                  |
| 1999              | 1,049,989     | 362,246    | 34.5                                  | 502,870                                | 162,036    | 32.2                                  | 547,119  | 200,210    | 36.6                                  |
| 2000              | 1,080,898     | 382,587    | 35.4                                  | 503,636                                | 166,188    | 33.0                                  | 577,262  | 216,399    | 37.5                                  |
| 2001              | 1,153,153     | 406,698    | 35.3                                  | 521,841                                | 174,697    | 33.5                                  | 631,312  | 232,001    | 36.7                                  |
| 2002              | 1,233,774     | 406,125    | 32.9                                  | 535,876                                | 169,333    | 31.6                                  | 697,898  | 236,792    | 33.9                                  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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**Table 55.**  
**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application,**  
**and program, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | All decisions |            |  | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |  | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |  |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|--|--|------------|--|--|------------|--|
|                              | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) |
| <i>All ages <sup>b</sup></i> |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 479,152       | 74,500     | 15.5                                     | 234,057                                | 38,371     | 16.4                                     | 245,095  | 36,129     | 14.7                                     |
| 1993                         | 557,384       | 75,559     | 13.6                                     | 280,174                                | 38,663     | 13.8                                     | 277,210  | 36,896     | 13.3                                     |
| 1994                         | 571,602       | 73,734     | 12.9                                     | 290,341                                | 36,826     | 12.7                                     | 281,261  | 36,908     | 13.1                                     |
| 1995                         | 522,987       | 66,780     | 12.8                                     | 275,013                                | 33,432     | 12.2                                     | 247,974  | 33,348     | 13.4                                     |
| 1996                         | 480,593       | 65,357     | 13.6                                     | 249,224                                | 32,511     | 13.0                                     | 231,369  | 32,846     | 14.2                                     |
| 1997                         | 409,396       | 62,509     | 15.3                                     | 208,993                                | 31,881     | 15.3                                     | 200,403  | 30,628     | 15.3                                     |
| 1998                         | 390,212       | 61,279     | 15.7                                     | 203,132                                | 31,819     | 15.7                                     | 187,080  | 29,460     | 15.7                                     |
| 1999                         | 382,196       | 55,646     | 14.6                                     | 197,671                                | 28,503     | 14.4                                     | 184,525  | 27,143     | 14.7                                     |
| 2000                         | 382,757       | 53,194     | 13.9                                     | 192,285                                | 26,459     | 13.8                                     | 190,472  | 26,735     | 14.0                                     |
| 2001                         | 403,402       | 52,041     | 12.9                                     | 197,161                                | 25,075     | 12.7                                     | 206,241  | 26,966     | 13.1                                     |
| 2002                         | 393,638       | 39,937     | 10.1                                     | 187,438                                | 20,025     | 10.7                                     | 206,200  | 19,912     | 9.7                                      |
| <i>Under age 18</i>          |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 49,099        | 9,570      | 19.5                                     | 44,562                                 | 8,590      | 19.3                                     | 4,537  | 980        | 21.6                                     |
| 1993                         | 75,816        | 11,440     | 15.1                                     | 69,176                                 | 10,355     | 15.0                                     | 6,640  | 1,085      | 16.3                                     |
| 1994                         | 91,854        | 11,475     | 12.5                                     | 83,789                                 | 10,461     | 12.5                                     | 8,065  | 1,014      | 12.6                                     |
| 1995                         | 86,651        | 10,459     | 12.1                                     | 79,397                                 | 9,625      | 12.1                                     | 7,254  | 834        | 11.5                                     |
| 1996                         | 74,836        | 9,646      | 12.9                                     | 68,797                                 | 8,863      | 12.9                                     | 6,039  | 783        | 13.0                                     |
| 1997                         | 51,365        | 8,583      | 16.7                                     | 47,131                                 | 7,883      | 16.7                                     | 4,234  | 700        | 16.5                                     |
| 1998                         | 49,909        | 8,042      | 16.1                                     | 45,989                                 | 7,417      | 16.1                                     | 3,920  | 625        | 15.9                                     |
| 1999                         | 49,456        | 7,476      | 15.1                                     | 45,465                                 | 6,839      | 15.0                                     | 3,991  | 637        | 16.0                                     |
| 2000                         | 48,361        | 7,514      | 15.5                                     | 44,462                                 | 6,951      | 15.6                                     | 3,899  | 563        | 14.4                                     |
| 2001                         | 49,211        | 7,475      | 15.2                                     | 45,507                                 | 6,973      | 15.3                                     | 3,704  | 502        | 13.6                                     |
| 2002                         | 48,697        | 6,512      | 13.4                                     | 45,412                                 | 6,100      | 13.4                                     | 3,285  | 412        | 12.5                                     |

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**Table 55.**  
**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application,**  
**and program, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | All decisions |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |               |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |
| 1992              | 429,944       | 64,891     | 15.1                                  | 189,409                                | 29,744     | 15.7                                  | 240,535  | 35,147     | 14.6                                  |
| 1993              | 481,434       | 64,074     | 13.3                                  | 210,882                                | 28,268     | 13.4                                  | 270,552  | 35,806     | 13.2                                  |
| 1994              | 479,439       | 62,150     | 13.0                                  | 206,253                                | 26,260     | 12.7                                  | 273,186  | 35,890     | 13.1                                  |
| 1995              | 435,988       | 56,205     | 12.9                                  | 195,281                                | 23,695     | 12.1                                  | 240,707  | 32,510     | 13.5                                  |
| 1996              | 403,309       | 54,199     | 13.4                                  | 178,404                                | 22,458     | 12.6                                  | 224,905  | 31,741     | 14.1                                  |
| 1997              | 355,514       | 52,601     | 14.8                                  | 159,694                                | 22,951     | 14.4                                  | 195,820  | 29,650     | 15.1                                  |
| 1998              | 337,411       | 51,772     | 15.3                                  | 154,436                                | 23,052     | 14.9                                  | 182,975  | 28,720     | 15.7                                  |
| 1999              | 330,830       | 47,265     | 14.3                                  | 150,460                                | 20,866     | 13.9                                  | 180,370  | 26,399     | 14.6                                  |
| 2000              | 332,767       | 44,919     | 13.5                                  | 146,383                                | 18,877     | 12.9                                  | 186,384  | 26,042     | 14.0                                  |
| 2001              | 352,675       | 43,843     | 12.4                                  | 150,368                                | 17,551     | 11.7                                  | 202,307  | 26,292     | 13.0                                  |
| 2002              | 343,338       | 32,647     | 9.5                                   | 140,650                                | 13,329     | 9.5                                   | 202,688  | 19,318     | 9.5                                   |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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**Table 56.**  
**Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application,**  
**and program, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | All decisions |            |  | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |  | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |  |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|--|--|------------|--|--|------------|--|
|                              | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup><br>(percent) |
| <i>All ages <sup>b</sup></i> |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 280,751       | 189,656    | 67.6                                     | 128,789                                | 79,307     | 61.6                                     | 151,962  | 110,349    | 72.6                                     |
| 1993                         | 327,271       | 205,185    | 62.7                                     | 153,126                                | 85,195     | 55.6                                     | 174,145  | 119,990    | 68.9                                     |
| 1994                         | 333,326       | 196,666    | 59.0                                     | 156,581                                | 80,556     | 51.4                                     | 176,745  | 116,110    | 65.7                                     |
| 1995                         | 300,958       | 170,638    | 56.7                                     | 145,570                                | 70,360     | 48.3                                     | 155,388  | 100,278    | 64.5                                     |
| 1996                         | 269,327       | 158,784    | 59.0                                     | 127,583                                | 64,262     | 50.4                                     | 141,744  | 94,522     | 66.7                                     |
| 1997                         | 235,716       | 144,413    | 61.3                                     | 110,852                                | 59,444     | 53.6                                     | 124,864  | 84,969     | 68.0                                     |
| 1998                         | 220,143       | 136,015    | 61.8                                     | 105,430                                | 57,333     | 54.4                                     | 114,713  | 78,682     | 68.6                                     |
| 1999                         | 223,424       | 139,577    | 62.5                                     | 107,237                                | 58,587     | 54.6                                     | 116,187  | 80,990     | 69.7                                     |
| 2000                         | 228,103       | 143,005    | 62.7                                     | 107,900                                | 58,249     | 54.0                                     | 120,203  | 84,756     | 70.5                                     |
| 2001                         | 186,360       | 117,631    | 63.1                                     | 86,124                                 | 46,075     | 53.5                                     | 100,236  | 71,556     | 71.4                                     |
| 2002                         | 62,024        | 39,748     | 64.1                                     | 28,918                                 | 15,447     | 53.4                                     | 33,106   | 24,301     | 73.4                                     |
| <i>Under age 18</i>          |               |            |  |  |            |  |  |            |  |
| 1992                         | 19,988        | 7,729      | 38.7                                     | 17,979                                 | 6,890      | 38.3                                     | 2,009  | 839        | 41.8                                     |
| 1993                         | 31,658        | 10,921     | 34.5                                     | 28,625                                 | 9,784      | 34.2                                     | 3,033  | 1,137      | 37.5                                     |
| 1994                         | 38,751        | 13,217     | 34.1                                     | 34,869                                 | 11,855     | 34.0                                     | 3,882  | 1,362      | 35.1                                     |
| 1995                         | 35,856        | 11,276     | 31.4                                     | 32,428                                 | 10,123     | 31.2                                     | 3,428  | 1,153      | 33.6                                     |
| 1996                         | 27,908        | 9,136      | 32.7                                     | 25,411                                 | 8,279      | 32.6                                     | 2,497  | 857        | 34.3                                     |
| 1997                         | 19,361        | 7,272      | 37.6                                     | 17,547                                 | 6,568      | 37.4                                     | 1,814  | 704        | 38.8                                     |
| 1998                         | 18,590        | 7,184      | 38.6                                     | 16,915                                 | 6,491      | 38.4                                     | 1,675  | 693        | 41.4                                     |
| 1999                         | 20,336        | 7,943      | 39.1                                     | 18,476                                 | 7,169      | 38.8                                     | 1,860  | 774        | 41.6                                     |
| 2000                         | 22,594        | 8,656      | 38.3                                     | 20,557                                 | 7,789      | 37.9                                     | 2,037  | 867        | 42.6                                     |
| 2001                         | 17,685        | 6,747      | 38.2                                     | 16,251                                 | 6,164      | 37.9                                     | 1,434  | 583        | 40.7                                     |
| 2002                         | 5,670         | 2,233      | 39.4                                     | 5,256                                  | 2,060      | 39.2                                     | 414  | 173        | 41.8                                     |

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**Table 56.**

**Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | All decisions |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for SSI only |            |                                       | Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI |            |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | Total         | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total                                  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) | Total  | Allowances | Allowance rate <sup>a</sup> (percent) |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |               |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |  |            |                                       |
| 1992              | 260,727       | 181,899    | 69.8                                  | 110,785                                | 72,398     | 65.4                                  | 149,942  | 109,501    | 73.0                                  |
| 1993              | 295,551       | 194,215    | 65.7                                  | 124,445                                | 75,368     | 60.6                                  | 171,106  | 118,847    | 69.5                                  |
| 1994              | 294,438       | 183,364    | 62.3                                  | 121,581                                | 68,621     | 56.4                                  | 172,857  | 114,743    | 66.4                                  |
| 1995              | 264,954       | 159,265    | 60.1                                  | 113,002                                | 60,147     | 53.2                                  | 151,952  | 99,118     | 65.2                                  |
| 1996              | 240,615       | 148,935    | 61.9                                  | 101,466                                | 55,364     | 54.6                                  | 139,149  | 93,571     | 67.2                                  |
| 1997              | 215,400       | 136,345    | 63.3                                  | 92,415                                 | 52,134     | 56.4                                  | 122,985  | 84,211     | 68.5                                  |
| 1998              | 200,596       | 128,070    | 63.8                                  | 87,607                                 | 50,125     | 57.2                                  | 112,989  | 77,945     | 69.0                                  |
| 1999              | 202,492       | 131,165    | 64.8                                  | 88,210                                 | 50,989     | 57.8                                  | 114,282  | 80,176     | 70.2                                  |
| 2000              | 204,940       | 133,924    | 65.3                                  | 86,822                                 | 50,075     | 57.7                                  | 118,118  | 83,849     | 71.0                                  |
| 2001              | 168,208       | 110,529    | 65.7                                  | 69,447                                 | 39,586     | 57.0                                  | 98,761   | 70,943     | 71.8                                  |
| 2002              | 56,072        | 37,290     | 66.5                                  | 23,401                                 | 13,179     | 56.3                                  | 32,671   | 24,111     | 73.8                                  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through September 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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**Table 57.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application,**  
**and reason for allowance, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | Total   |         | Meets level<br>of severity<br>of listings <sup>a</sup> | Under age 18 only                                       |  | Aged 18 or older only                      |  | Other <sup>a,b</sup> |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------|
|                              |         |         |  | Medically<br>equals level<br>of severity<br>of listings | Functionally<br>equals level<br>of severity<br>of listings | Equals level<br>of severity<br>of listings | Medical and<br>vocational<br>factors<br>considered |                      |
|                              | Number  | Percent |  |   |  |  |  |                      |
| <b>All ages <sup>c</sup></b> |         |         |  |   |  |  |  |                      |
| 1992                         | 951,118 | 100.0   | 36.6   | 1.5   | 1.3  | 7.5  | 18.6   | 34.4                 |
| 1993                         | 968,374 | 100.0   | 36.5   | 1.5   | 1.6  | 5.5  | 17.4   | 37.6                 |
| 1994                         | 848,121 | 100.0   | 36.8   | 1.5   | 2.1  | 4.4  | 18.1   | 37.1                 |
| 1995                         | 745,160 | 100.0   | 35.8   | 1.6   | 2.5  | 4.3  | 18.6   | 37.2                 |
| 1996                         | 733,072 | 100.0   | 35.9   | 1.8   | 3.3  | 4.4  | 17.4   | 37.1                 |
| 1997                         | 666,219 | 100.0   | 37.6   | 1.8   | 4.3  | 4.7  | 18.4   | 33.3                 |
| 1998                         | 717,984 | 100.0   | 38.3   | 1.9   | 4.8  | 4.2  | 20.1   | 30.7                 |
| 1999                         | 726,721 | 100.0   | 36.8   | 2.0   | 5.3  | 4.0  | 20.9   | 31.0                 |
| 2000                         | 753,189 | 100.0   | 35.5   | 2.0   | 6.1  | 4.2  | 21.7   | 30.5                 |
| 2001                         | 763,241 | 100.0   | 35.7   | 1.8   | 7.2  | 4.3  | 22.5   | 28.4                 |
| 2002                         | 686,700 | 100.0   | 38.8   | 2.0   | 9.4  | 4.3  | 24.4   | 21.0                 |
| <b>Under age 18</b>          |         |         |  |   |  |  |  |                      |
| 1992                         | 211,793 | 100.0   | 48.3   | 6.9   | 5.9  | ...  | ...  | 38.9                 |
| 1993                         | 241,085 | 100.0   | 44.9   | 5.9   | 6.4  | ...  | ...  | 42.7                 |
| 1994                         | 202,352 | 100.0   | 45.6   | 6.5   | 8.6  | ...  | ...  | 39.3                 |
| 1995                         | 170,875 | 100.0   | 44.8   | 7.0   | 11.0   | ...  | ...  | 37.2                 |
| 1996                         | 152,157 | 100.0   | 52.7   | 8.7   | 16.0   | ...  | ...  | 22.6                 |
| 1997                         | 128,242 | 100.0   | 55.8   | 9.2   | 22.2   | ...  | ...  | 12.8                 |
| 1998                         | 144,955 | 100.0   | 55.6   | 9.6   | 23.6   | ...  | ...  | 11.1                 |
| 1999                         | 150,536 | 100.0   | 53.2   | 9.8   | 25.8   | ...  | ...  | 11.2                 |
| 2000                         | 159,437 | 100.0   | 50.3   | 9.2   | 29.0   | ...  | ...  | 11.4                 |
| 2001                         | 171,686 | 100.0   | 47.8   | 8.2   | 32.2   | ...  | ...  | 11.8                 |
| 2002                         | 177,151 | 100.0   | 45.9   | 7.8   | 36.6   | ...  | ...  | 9.7                  |

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**Table 57.**

**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | Total   |         | Meets level of severity of listings <sup>a</sup> | Under age 18 only                              |   | Aged 18 or older only                |   | Other <sup>a,b</sup> |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
|                   |         |         |  | Medically equals level of severity of listings | Functionally equals level of severity of listings | Equals level of severity of listings | Medical and vocational factors considered |                      |
|                   | Number  | Percent |  |  |   |                                      |   |                      |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |         |         |  |  |   |                                      |   |                      |
| 1992              | 738,836 | 100.0   | 33.3   | ...  | ...   | 9.7                                  | 23.9                                      | 33.2                 |
| 1993              | 726,766 | 100.0   | 33.7   | ...  | ...   | 7.3                                  | 23.1                                      | 35.9                 |
| 1994              | 644,781 | 100.0   | 34.0   | ...  | ...   | 5.8                                  | 23.8                                      | 36.4                 |
| 1995              | 573,202 | 100.0   | 33.2   | ...  | ...   | 5.6                                  | 24.1                                      | 37.2                 |
| 1996              | 541,343 | 100.0   | 33.7   | ...  | ...   | 5.9                                  | 23.3                                      | 37.1                 |
| 1997              | 513,159 | 100.0   | 34.5   | ...  | ...   | 6.1                                  | 22.6                                      | 36.8                 |
| 1998              | 536,434 | 100.0   | 35.6   | ...  | ...   | 5.5                                  | 23.9                                      | 34.9                 |
| 1999              | 540,676 | 100.0   | 34.1   | ...  | ...   | 5.3                                  | 25.2                                      | 35.4                 |
| 2000              | 561,430 | 100.0   | 33.0   | ...  | ...   | 5.6                                  | 26.7                                      | 34.6                 |
| 2001              | 561,070 | 100.0   | 33.7   | ...  | ...   | 5.8                                  | 28.6                                      | 31.8                 |
| 2002              | 476,062 | 100.0   | 38.7   | ...  | ...   | 6.1                                  | 33.0                                      | 22.1                 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2003. Data for the hearing level or above are current through September 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes all age groups.

b. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. For final determinations made in or before August 1996 for applicants under age 18, also includes applications allowed because individual functional assessment showed impairment of comparable severity.

c. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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**Table 58.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical denials, by age, year of application,**  
**and reason for denial, 1992–2002**

| Year                         | Total     |         | Impairment did not or is not expected to last 12 months | Impairment is not severe | Impairment does not cause severe functional limitations <sup>a</sup> | Able to do usual past work <sup>b</sup> | Able to do other type of work <sup>b</sup> | Other <sup>c</sup> |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---|--------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|
|                              | Number    | Percent |   |                          |  |   |  |                    |
| <b>All ages <sup>d</sup></b> |           |         |   |                          |  |   |  |                    |
| 1992                         | 743,395   | 100.0   | 7.3   | 22.1                     | ...  | 17.5                                    | 26.3                                       | 26.9               |
| 1993                         | 939,357   | 100.0   | 6.6   | 21.2                     | ...  | 15.4                                    | 24.8                                       | 31.9               |
| 1994                         | 1,043,203 | 100.0   | 6.2   | 20.7                     | ...  | 13.6                                    | 23.3                                       | 36.1               |
| 1995                         | 996,717   | 100.0   | 6.2   | 19.7                     | ...  | 12.4                                    | 22.4                                       | 39.2               |
| 1996                         | 938,026   | 100.0   | 6.4   | 20.6                     | 5.8  | 12.1                                    | 22.9                                       | 32.2               |
| 1997                         | 738,591   | 100.0   | 6.9   | 16.7                     | 16.3   | 13.0                                    | 25.1                                       | 22.1               |
| 1998                         | 701,962   | 100.0   | 6.9   | 15.0                     | 18.3   | 14.6                                    | 25.3                                       | 19.9               |
| 1999                         | 687,598   | 100.0   | 6.7   | 14.0                     | 19.2   | 15.5                                    | 24.4                                       | 20.2               |
| 2000                         | 679,957   | 100.0   | 6.5   | 13.4                     | 18.9   | 15.6                                    | 23.9                                       | 21.7               |
| 2001                         | 695,330   | 100.0   | 6.1   | 12.8                     | 17.9   | 15.5                                    | 24.1                                       | 23.7               |
| 2002                         | 731,450   | 100.0   | 5.8   | 12.6                     | 17.8   | 15.7                                    | 24.2                                       | 23.9               |
| <b>Under age 18</b>          |           |         |   |                          |  |   |  |                    |
| 1992                         | 148,324   | 100.0   | 1.5   | 22.7                     | ...  | ...                                     | ...  | 75.8               |
| 1993                         | 240,803   | 100.0   | 1.3   | 21.8                     | ...  | ...                                     | ...  | 76.9               |
| 1994                         | 311,289   | 100.0   | 1.4   | 22.4                     | ...  | ...                                     | ...  | 76.2               |
| 1995                         | 306,399   | 100.0   | 1.3   | 21.8                     | ...  | ...                                     | ...  | 76.9               |
| 1996                         | 291,171   | 100.0   | 1.4   | 26.9                     | 18.7   | ...                                     | ...  | 53.0               |
| 1997                         | 195,639   | 100.0   | 1.6   | 19.1                     | 61.3   | ...                                     | ...  | 18.0               |
| 1998                         | 182,419   | 100.0   | 1.3   | 14.5                     | 70.6   | ...                                     | ...  | 13.7               |
| 1999                         | 182,066   | 100.0   | 1.1   | 13.3                     | 72.4   | ...                                     | ...  | 13.2               |
| 2000                         | 178,281   | 100.0   | 1.1   | 13.3                     | 72.0   | ...                                     | ...  | 13.6               |
| 2001                         | 176,922   | 100.0   | 1.1   | 13.8                     | 70.2   | ...                                     | ...  | 14.9               |
| 2002                         | 183,821   | 100.0   | 1.0   | 13.4                     | 70.8   | ...                                     | ...  | 14.8               |

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**Table 58.**

**Percentage distribution of final medical denials, by age, year of application, and reason for denial, 1992–2002—Continued**

| Year              | Total   |         | Impairment did not or is not expected to last 12 months | Impairment is not severe | Impairment does not cause severe functional limitations <sup>a</sup> | Able to do usual past work <sup>b</sup> | Able to do other type of work <sup>b</sup> | Other <sup>c</sup> |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---|--------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|
|                   | Number  | Percent |   |                          |  |   |  |                    |
| <b>Aged 18–64</b> |         |         |   |                          |  |   |  |                    |
| 1992              | 594,906 | 100.0   | 8.8   | 21.9                     | ...  | 21.8                                    | 32.8                                       | 14.7               |
| 1993              | 698,397 | 100.0   | 8.4   | 21.0                     | ...  | 20.7                                    | 33.4                                       | 16.4               |
| 1994              | 731,541 | 100.0   | 8.3   | 20.0                     | ...  | 19.4                                    | 33.2                                       | 19.1               |
| 1995              | 689,862 | 100.0   | 8.4   | 18.8                     | ...  | 17.9                                    | 32.4                                       | 22.5               |
| 1996              | 645,948 | 100.0   | 8.7   | 17.8                     | ...  | 17.5                                    | 33.2                                       | 22.8               |
| 1997              | 541,319 | 100.0   | 8.8   | 15.8                     | ...  | 17.7                                    | 34.2                                       | 23.5               |
| 1998              | 515,590 | 100.0   | 8.9   | 15.0                     | ...  | 19.7                                    | 34.4                                       | 22.0               |
| 1999              | 501,812 | 100.0   | 8.7   | 14.1                     | ...  | 21.0                                    | 33.5                                       | 22.8               |
| 2000              | 498,317 | 100.0   | 8.4   | 13.3                     | ...  | 21.1                                    | 32.6                                       | 24.6               |
| 2001              | 515,588 | 100.0   | 7.8   | 12.4                     | ...  | 20.8                                    | 32.4                                       | 26.6               |
| 2002              | 544,947 | 100.0   | 7.5   | 12.2                     | ...  | 20.9                                    | 32.4                                       | 26.9               |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

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Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

... = not applicable.

a. Used only for applicants under age 18. Category effective for final determinations made August 1996 or later.

b. Used only for applicants aged 18 or older.

c. Applicant provided insufficient evidence, failed to cooperate, failed to follow prescribed treatment, did not want to continue development of the claim, or returned to substantial work before disability could be established. For final determinations made August 1996 or before for applicants under age 18, also includes claims denied because individual functional assessment showed impairment not of comparable severity.

d. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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## *Suspensions*

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**Table 59.**  
**Suspensions, by age of recipient and reason for suspension, 1995–2003**

| Year                    | Total     | Excess income | Death   | In Medicaid facility | Whereabouts unknown | Excess resources | Presumptive disability | No representative payee | In public institution | Failed to furnish report | Outside United States | In transition | No longer disabled | Other  |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| <i>All ages</i>         |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 1,108,600 | 582,500       | 203,300 | 49,500               | 65,300              | 37,400           | 4,300                  | 42,800                  | 38,800                | 11,000                   | 19,300                | 10,300        | 17,300             | 26,800 |
| 1996                    | 1,243,200 | 570,200       | 211,300 | 47,100               | 72,700              | 37,600           | 2,900                  | 41,600                  | 61,500                | 14,000                   | 23,200                | 11,300        | 117,000            | 32,800 |
| 1997                    | 1,259,500 | 525,700       | 194,700 | 45,300               | 87,000              | 35,500           | 2,000                  | 37,500                  | 54,800                | 21,000                   | 19,800                | 18,500        | 193,800            | 23,900 |
| 1998                    | 1,140,100 | 524,200       | 201,100 | 49,500               | 90,900              | 37,000           | 2,200                  | 34,400                  | 50,000                | 28,200                   | 18,800                | 15,300        | 81,500             | 7,000  |
| 1999                    | 1,203,600 | 552,100       | 195,300 | 46,300               | 88,600              | 43,700           | 2,200                  | 37,300                  | 59,000                | 37,700                   | 21,100                | 3,300         | 108,800            | 8,200  |
| 2000                    | 1,220,200 | 562,200       | 203,400 | 49,400               | 94,000              | 39,000           | 2,000                  | 37,200                  | 59,100                | 50,200                   | 22,700                | ...           | 90,600             | 10,400 |
| 2001                    | 1,238,800 | 575,900       | 193,500 | 50,000               | 106,600             | 48,400           | 2,700                  | 37,100                  | 64,300                | 51,900                   | 19,600                | 7,400         | 67,500             | 13,900 |
| 2002                    | 1,295,200 | 596,400       | 202,700 | 50,000               | 105,200             | 46,800           | 2,800                  | 33,200                  | 64,900                | 53,600                   | 21,600                | 6,600         | 90,600             | 20,800 |
| 2003                    | 1,257,900 | 579,700       | 194,500 | 45,100               | 119,900             | 47,000           | 2,500                  | 32,700                  | 64,700                | 45,600                   | 22,100                | 7,500         | 74,800             | 21,800 |
| <i>Under age 18</i>     |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 173,600   | 106,700       | 6,900   | a                    | 10,400              | 7,900            | 1,900                  | 17,300                  | 4,100                 | 4,300                    | a                     | 1,600         | 5,900              | 5,200  |
| 1996                    | 198,000   | 124,100       | 6,600   | 1,100                | 10,800              | 9,200            | 1,200                  | 17,900                  | 6,600                 | 5,600                    | 1,100                 | 2,000         | 6,800              | 5,000  |
| 1997                    | 336,500   | 104,000       | 4,600   | 900                  | 15,800              | 7,300            | 700                    | 17,400                  | 6,100                 | 8,200                    | 900                   | 3,900         | 160,600            | 6,100  |
| 1998                    | 198,700   | 98,200        | 5,400   | 1,000                | 13,800              | 7,200            | 700                    | 14,100                  | 4,200                 | 10,000                   | 600                   | 3,000         | 39,100             | 1,400  |
| 1999                    | 231,500   | 106,300       | 5,000   | 900                  | 16,700              | 7,300            | 1,000                  | 14,300                  | 4,600                 | 15,200                   | a                     | a             | 57,800             | 1,300  |
| 2000                    | 224,100   | 112,700       | 6,400   | 1,000                | 18,300              | 6,600            | a                      | 15,800                  | 3,300                 | 19,400                   | a                     | ...           | 38,200             | 1,300  |
| 2001                    | 203,200   | 107,400       | 5,100   | 900                  | 17,500              | 9,100            | 700                    | 14,800                  | 3,300                 | 17,800                   | a                     | a             | 24,700             | 1,000  |
| 2002                    | 233,800   | 116,100       | 5,700   | 900                  | 22,000              | 9,800            | 700                    | 13,300                  | 4,500                 | 22,200                   | 600                   | ...           | 36,900             | 1,100  |
| 2003                    | 218,300   | 115,500       | 4,000   | 800                  | 23,900              | 9,300            | a                      | 13,700                  | 4,300                 | 19,600                   | a                     | a             | 24,900             | 1,000  |
| <i>Aged 18–64</i>       |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 636,600   | 382,400       | 81,000  | 14,500               | 36,400              | 17,400           | 2,400                  | 23,800                  | 34,000                | 5,100                    | 4,500                 | 5,900         | 11,400             | 17,800 |
| 1996                    | 756,900   | 371,400       | 87,100  | 13,000               | 40,100              | 16,900           | 1,700                  | 20,900                  | 53,400                | 6,600                    | 4,500                 | 6,500         | 110,200            | 24,600 |
| 1997                    | 652,100   | 355,300       | 79,300  | 12,800               | 48,200              | 17,100           | 1,300                  | 18,000                  | 47,600                | 9,900                    | 5,400                 | 10,600        | 33,200             | 13,400 |
| 1998                    | 662,200   | 358,000       | 77,200  | 14,700               | 53,600              | 18,600           | 1,500                  | 18,500                  | 44,800                | 14,500                   | 5,900                 | 8,100         | 42,400             | 4,400  |
| 1999                    | 697,700   | 375,200       | 78,600  | 10,400               | 52,800              | 22,400           | 1,200                  | 21,100                  | 53,300                | 17,500                   | 6,000                 | 2,100         | 51,000             | 6,100  |
| 2000                    | 719,600   | 385,100       | 84,500  | 12,600               | 53,700              | 19,600           | 1,500                  | 19,400                  | 54,500                | 24,400                   | 4,300                 | ...           | 52,400             | 7,600  |
| 2001                    | 760,200   | 403,000       | 81,900  | 14,700               | 64,300              | 24,200           | 2,000                  | 20,600                  | 60,100                | 26,300                   | 4,200                 | 4,900         | 42,800             | 11,200 |
| 2002                    | 793,100   | 421,800       | 88,200  | 14,200               | 59,900              | 22,900           | 2,100                  | 18,800                  | 59,100                | 25,500                   | 4,200                 | 4,100         | 53,700             | 18,600 |
| 2003                    | 772,700   | 403,900       | 87,200  | 12,800               | 69,100              | 23,000           | 2,000                  | 17,000                  | 59,400                | 19,500                   | 4,800                 | 5,100         | 49,800             | 19,100 |
| <i>Aged 65 or older</i> |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 298,400   | 93,400        | 115,400 | 34,000               | 18,500              | 12,100           | ...                    | 1,700                   | 700                   | 1,600                    | 14,400                | 2,800         | ...                | 3,800  |
| 1996                    | 288,300   | 74,700        | 117,600 | 33,000               | 21,800              | 11,500           | ...                    | 2,800                   | 1,500                 | 1,800                    | 17,600                | 2,800         | ...                | 3,200  |
| 1997                    | 270,900   | 66,400        | 110,800 | 31,600               | 23,000              | 11,100           | ...                    | 2,100                   | 1,100                 | 2,900                    | 13,500                | 4,000         | ...                | 4,400  |
| 1998                    | 279,200   | 68,000        | 118,500 | 33,800               | 23,500              | 11,200           | ...                    | 1,800                   | 1,000                 | 3,700                    | 12,300                | 4,200         | ...                | 1,200  |
| 1999                    | 274,400   | 70,600        | 111,700 | 35,000               | 19,100              | 14,000           | ...                    | 1,900                   | 1,100                 | 5,000                    | 14,300                | 900           | ...                | 800    |
| 2000                    | 276,500   | 64,400        | 112,500 | 35,800               | 22,000              | 12,800           | ...                    | 2,000                   | 1,300                 | 6,400                    | 17,800                | ...           | ...                | 1,500  |
| 2001                    | 275,400   | 65,500        | 106,500 | 34,400               | 24,800              | 15,100           | ...                    | 1,700                   | 900                   | 7,800                    | 15,000                | 2,000         | ...                | 1,700  |
| 2002                    | 268,300   | 58,500        | 108,800 | 34,900               | 23,300              | 14,100           | ...                    | 1,100                   | 1,300                 | 5,900                    | 16,800                | 2,500         | ...                | 1,100  |
| 2003                    | 266,900   | 60,300        | 103,300 | 31,500               | 26,900              | 14,700           | ...                    | 2,000                   | a                     | 6,500                    | 17,000                | 1,900         | a                  | 1,700  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 1 percent sample.

NOTES: Includes multiple suspensions per person.

... = not applicable.

a. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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## Suspensions

**Table 60.**  
**Recipients suspended, by age and reason for suspension, 1995–2003**

| Year                    | Total     | Excess income | Death   | In Medicaid facility | Whereabouts unknown | Excess resources | Presumptive disability | No representative payee | In public institution | Failed to furnish report | Outside United States | In transition | No longer disabled | Other  |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| <i>All ages</i>         |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 1,017,100 | 509,100       | 203,300 | 46,900               | 60,200              | 35,600           | 4,100                  | 39,700                  | 36,400                | 10,700                   | 19,100                | 10,000        | 17,100             | 24,900 |
| 1996                    | 1,125,400 | 484,100       | 211,300 | 44,800               | 66,700              | 36,000           | 2,500                  | 34,500                  | 55,800                | 13,400                   | 22,900                | 10,900        | 116,100            | 26,400 |
| 1997                    | 1,157,000 | 449,400       | 194,700 | 42,100               | 80,300              | 34,300           | 1,900                  | 32,300                  | 51,200                | 18,100                   | 19,200                | 17,700        | 193,200            | 22,600 |
| 1998                    | 1,052,700 | 457,300       | 201,100 | 47,900               | 83,900              | 35,800           | 1,900                  | 30,900                  | 47,600                | 26,100                   | 18,100                | 14,300        | 80,900             | 6,900  |
| 1999                    | 1,092,700 | 461,300       | 195,300 | 44,600               | 82,800              | 42,900           | 1,900                  | 34,600                  | 55,000                | 35,600                   | 20,800                | 3,300         | 107,200            | 7,400  |
| 2000                    | 1,109,900 | 472,900       | 203,400 | 46,900               | 87,000              | 38,000           | 2,000                  | 35,000                  | 56,100                | 47,300                   | 22,000                | ...           | 89,500             | 9,800  |
| 2001                    | 1,123,300 | 485,500       | 193,500 | 47,500               | 97,000              | 47,500           | 2,500                  | 33,900                  | 59,600                | 49,500                   | 19,100                | 7,300         | 66,900             | 13,500 |
| 2002                    | 1,175,500 | 509,100       | 202,700 | 48,100               | 96,000              | 45,500           | 2,600                  | 27,700                  | 59,000                | 47,500                   | 20,800                | 6,300         | 90,100             | 20,100 |
| 2003                    | 1,148,900 | 499,600       | 194,500 | 43,500               | 110,500             | 45,800           | 2,300                  | 30,500                  | 59,800                | 41,200                   | 21,400                | 7,500         | 72,200             | 20,100 |
| <i>Under age 18</i>     |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 140,700   | 76,900        | 6,900   | a                    | 10,000              | 7,500            | 1,700                  | 16,000                  | 3,600                 | 4,200                    | a                     | 1,600         | 5,900              | 5,100  |
| 1996                    | 160,500   | 90,300        | 6,600   | 1,100                | 9,800               | 8,700            | 1,000                  | 16,700                  | 6,500                 | 5,400                    | 1,100                 | 1,900         | 6,800              | 4,600  |
| 1997                    | 299,500   | 75,100        | 4,600   | 900                  | 14,200              | 6,800            | 700                    | 14,200                  | 5,800                 | 6,900                    | 800                   | 3,500         | 160,300            | 5,700  |
| 1998                    | 169,900   | 73,300        | 5,400   | 900                  | 12,800              | 6,600            | 600                    | 13,000                  | 4,000                 | 9,400                    | 600                   | 2,900         | 39,000             | 1,400  |
| 1999                    | 197,200   | 77,000        | 5,000   | 900                  | 15,400              | 7,000            | 800                    | 13,800                  | 3,900                 | 14,200                   | a                     | a             | 57,100             | 1,200  |
| 2000                    | 183,800   | 76,500        | 6,400   | 1,000                | 16,900              | 6,300            | a                      | 15,100                  | 3,200                 | 18,100                   | a                     | ...           | 38,000             | 1,200  |
| 2001                    | 167,000   | 75,200        | 5,100   | 800                  | 15,700              | 9,000            | 700                    | 13,800                  | 3,000                 | 17,300                   | a                     | a             | 24,700             | 1,000  |
| 2002                    | 191,400   | 81,200        | 5,700   | 800                  | 20,700              | 9,400            | 700                    | 10,900                  | 4,200                 | 19,300                   | 600                   | ...           | 36,900             | 1,000  |
| 2003                    | 177,700   | 79,900        | 4,000   | 800                  | 22,300              | 8,700            | a                      | 13,300                  | 4,300                 | 18,000                   | a                     | a             | 24,300             | 900    |
| <i>Aged 18–64</i>       |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 590,000   | 348,300       | 81,000  | 12,700               | 32,400              | 16,500           | 2,400                  | 22,100                  | 32,200                | 4,900                    | 4,500                 | 5,600         | 11,200             | 16,200 |
| 1996                    | 688,400   | 327,600       | 87,100  | 11,300               | 36,600              | 16,100           | 1,500                  | 15,200                  | 47,900                | 6,300                    | 4,400                 | 6,400         | 109,300            | 18,700 |
| 1997                    | 599,200   | 317,100       | 79,300  | 10,700               | 44,100              | 16,800           | 1,200                  | 16,200                  | 44,300                | 8,500                    | 5,200                 | 10,200        | 32,900             | 12,700 |
| 1998                    | 614,800   | 324,100       | 77,200  | 13,600               | 49,300              | 18,400           | 1,300                  | 16,300                  | 42,600                | 13,000                   | 5,400                 | 7,400         | 41,900             | 4,300  |
| 1999                    | 633,200   | 323,800       | 78,600  | 9,300                | 49,200              | 22,000           | 1,100                  | 19,000                  | 50,000                | 16,500                   | 6,000                 | 2,100         | 50,100             | 5,500  |
| 2000                    | 662,600   | 340,600       | 84,500  | 11,100               | 49,400              | 19,300           | 1,500                  | 18,100                  | 51,600                | 23,500                   | 4,200                 | ...           | 51,500             | 7,300  |
| 2001                    | 693,000   | 353,300       | 81,900  | 13,000               | 58,200              | 23,700           | 1,800                  | 18,400                  | 55,700                | 24,800                   | 4,200                 | 4,900         | 42,200             | 10,900 |
| 2002                    | 726,100   | 375,100       | 88,200  | 13,200               | 54,000              | 22,500           | 1,900                  | 15,700                  | 53,700                | 22,500                   | 4,200                 | 3,900         | 53,200             | 18,000 |
| 2003                    | 712,800   | 363,700       | 87,200  | 11,500               | 63,100              | 22,700           | 1,900                  | 15,200                  | 54,500                | 17,600                   | 4,800                 | 5,100         | 47,800             | 17,700 |
| <i>Aged 65 or older</i> |           |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 286,400   | 83,900        | 115,400 | 33,300               | 17,800              | 11,600           | ...                    | 1,600                   | 600                   | 1,600                    | 14,200                | 2,800         | ...                | 3,600  |
| 1996                    | 276,500   | 66,200        | 117,600 | 32,400               | 20,300              | 11,200           | ...                    | 2,600                   | 1,400                 | 1,700                    | 17,400                | 2,600         | ...                | 3,100  |
| 1997                    | 258,300   | 57,200        | 110,800 | 30,500               | 22,000              | 10,700           | ...                    | 1,900                   | 1,100                 | 2,700                    | 13,200                | 4,000         | ...                | 4,200  |
| 1998                    | 268,000   | 59,900        | 118,500 | 33,400               | 21,800              | 10,800           | ...                    | 1,600                   | 1,000                 | 3,700                    | 12,100                | 4,000         | ...                | 1,200  |
| 1999                    | 262,300   | 60,500        | 111,700 | 34,400               | 18,200              | 13,900           | ...                    | 1,800                   | 1,100                 | 4,900                    | 14,200                | 900           | ...                | 700    |
| 2000                    | 263,500   | 55,800        | 112,500 | 34,800               | 20,700              | 12,400           | ...                    | 1,800                   | 1,300                 | 5,700                    | 17,200                | ...           | ...                | 1,300  |
| 2001                    | 263,300   | 57,000        | 106,500 | 33,700               | 23,100              | 14,800           | ...                    | 1,700                   | 900                   | 7,400                    | 14,600                | 2,000         | ...                | 1,600  |
| 2002                    | 258,000   | 52,800        | 108,800 | 34,100               | 21,300              | 13,600           | ...                    | 1,100                   | 1,100                 | 5,700                    | 16,000                | 2,400         | ...                | 1,100  |
| 2003                    | 258,400   | 56,000        | 103,300 | 31,200               | 25,100              | 14,400           | ...                    | 2,000                   | a                     | 5,600                    | 16,300                | 1,900         | a                  | 1,500  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 1 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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**Table 61.**  
**Recipients suspended for at least 12 months, by age and reason for suspension, 1995–2002**

| Year                    | Total   | Excess income | Death   | In Medicaid facility | Whereabouts unknown | Excess resources | Presumptive disability | No representative payee | In public institution | Failed to furnish report | Outside United States | In transition | No longer disabled | Other  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| <i>All ages</i>         |         |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 682,600 | 329,600       | 203,300 | 38,100               | 24,600              | 20,300           | 1,400                  | 5,500                   | 17,000                | 4,200                    | 10,700                | 3,100         | 14,300             | 10,500 |
| 1996                    | 759,900 | 302,500       | 211,300 | 36,400               | 22,800              | 21,400           | 1,100                  | 6,100                   | 28,200                | 5,400                    | 15,900                | 3,800         | 90,700             | 14,300 |
| 1997                    | 770,000 | 282,100       | 194,700 | 31,300               | 27,400              | 19,200           | 700                    | 5,600                   | 25,300                | 9,400                    | 12,700                | 4,800         | 152,100            | 4,700  |
| 1998                    | 681,500 | 285,500       | 201,100 | 38,900               | 22,900              | 18,600           | 700                    | 5,000                   | 19,700                | 9,000                    | 10,100                | 2,400         | 63,300             | 4,300  |
| 1999                    | 699,000 | 282,800       | 195,300 | 36,100               | 22,800              | 24,200           | 700                    | 4,800                   | 20,600                | 13,500                   | 11,700                | 2,000         | 80,000             | 4,500  |
| 2000                    | 695,500 | 284,900       | 203,400 | 35,500               | 23,800              | 20,200           | 1,000                  | 5,400                   | 20,500                | 15,100                   | 10,300                | 2,700         | 66,500             | 6,200  |
| 2001                    | 674,000 | 284,300       | 193,500 | 37,000               | 21,600              | 25,700           | 1,100                  | 4,800                   | 20,500                | 15,500                   | 9,700                 | 5,400         | 47,800             | 7,100  |
| 2002                    | 722,500 | 311,900       | 202,700 | 36,600               | 22,200              | 24,500           | 1,100                  | 3,900                   | 20,700                | 14,200                   | 10,400                | 4,900         | 60,300             | 9,100  |
| <i>Under age 18</i>     |         |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 57,600  | 27,700        | 6,900   | a                    | 3,300               | 4,200            | a                      | 2,700                   | 1,600                 | 1,400                    | a                     | a             | 5,400              | 3,100  |
| 1996                    | 70,300  | 35,800        | 6,600   | a                    | 2,700               | 5,400            | a                      | 2,700                   | 4,000                 | 2,500                    | 700                   | a             | 6,300              | 2,600  |
| 1997                    | 157,900 | 31,500        | 4,600   | a                    | 5,100               | 3,600            | ...                    | 1,800                   | 1,900                 | 3,000                    | 600                   | a             | 104,400            | 1,100  |
| 1998                    | 82,200  | 28,700        | 5,400   | a                    | 3,700               | 2,900            | a                      | 2,500                   | 2,100                 | 3,200                    | 500                   | a             | 31,200             | 1,000  |
| 1999                    | 95,500  | 25,100        | 5,000   | a                    | 3,700               | 5,000            | a                      | 2,200                   | 2,100                 | 5,300                    | a                     | a             | 45,000             | 900    |
| 2000                    | 80,200  | 24,100        | 6,400   | a                    | 4,100               | 3,700            | a                      | 3,000                   | 1,600                 | 6,600                    | a                     | a             | 28,800             | 1,000  |
| 2001                    | 68,400  | 23,400        | 5,100   | a                    | 4,200               | 5,900            | a                      | 2,000                   | 1,500                 | 5,900                    | a                     | a             | 18,700             | 700    |
| 2002                    | 83,100  | 27,900        | 5,700   | a                    | 4,800               | 5,700            | ...                    | 2,300                   | 1,400                 | 6,500                    | a                     | ...           | 27,500             | 700    |
| <i>Aged 18–64</i>       |         |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 391,300 | 244,300       | 81,000  | 8,200                | 10,900              | 8,600            | 900                    | 2,200                   | 15,100                | 2,100                    | 2,500                 | 1,200         | 8,900              | 5,400  |
| 1996                    | 466,900 | 222,600       | 87,100  | 7,000                | 11,300              | 9,500            | 900                    | 2,600                   | 23,400                | 2,300                    | 3,100                 | 2,700         | 84,400             | 10,000 |
| 1997                    | 408,300 | 212,000       | 79,300  | 5,800                | 12,500              | 9,700            | 700                    | 3,100                   | 22,900                | 5,100                    | 3,700                 | 3,300         | 47,700             | 2,500  |
| 1998                    | 388,500 | 220,100       | 77,200  | 8,800                | 10,000              | 9,200            | a                      | 1,900                   | 17,000                | 4,300                    | 3,500                 | a             | 32,100             | 2,800  |
| 1999                    | 397,900 | 221,300       | 78,600  | 6,100                | 10,800              | 11,700           | a                      | 2,200                   | 17,700                | 6,100                    | 3,800                 | a             | 35,000             | 3,300  |
| 2000                    | 414,900 | 228,200       | 84,500  | 5,700                | 12,600              | 9,900            | 800                    | 1,800                   | 18,200                | 7,100                    | 2,300                 | 1,500         | 37,700             | 4,600  |
| 2001                    | 409,200 | 229,300       | 81,900  | 7,900                | 9,600               | 11,800           | 800                    | 2,100                   | 18,700                | 7,400                    | 2,200                 | 3,100         | 29,100             | 5,300  |
| 2002                    | 446,400 | 254,800       | 88,200  | 8,200                | 9,900               | 11,800           | 1,100                  | 1,300                   | 18,900                | 6,700                    | 2,100                 | 2,900         | 32,800             | 7,700  |
| <i>Aged 65 or older</i> |         |               |         |                      |                     |                  |                        |                         |                       |                          |                       |               |                    |        |
| 1995                    | 233,700 | 57,600        | 115,400 | 29,700               | 10,400              | 7,500            | ...                    | a                       | a                     | 700                      | 7,900                 | 1,600         | ...                | 2,000  |
| 1996                    | 222,700 | 44,100        | 117,600 | 28,900               | 8,800               | 6,500            | ...                    | 800                     | 800                   | 600                      | 12,100                | 800           | ...                | 1,700  |
| 1997                    | 203,800 | 38,600        | 110,800 | 25,400               | 9,800               | 5,900            | ...                    | a                       | a                     | 1,300                    | 8,400                 | 1,300         | ...                | 1,100  |
| 1998                    | 210,800 | 36,700        | 118,500 | 29,600               | 9,200               | 6,500            | ...                    | a                       | 600                   | 1,500                    | 6,100                 | 1,000         | ...                | a      |
| 1999                    | 205,600 | 36,400        | 111,700 | 29,900               | 8,300               | 7,500            | ...                    | a                       | 800                   | 2,100                    | 7,500                 | 700           | ...                | a      |
| 2000                    | 200,400 | 32,600        | 112,500 | 29,600               | 7,100               | 6,600            | ...                    | 600                     | 700                   | 1,400                    | 7,800                 | 900           | ...                | 600    |
| 2001                    | 196,400 | 31,600        | 106,500 | 28,700               | 7,800               | 8,000            | ...                    | a                       | a                     | 2,200                    | 7,400                 | 2,100         | ...                | 1,100  |
| 2002                    | 193,000 | 29,200        | 108,800 | 28,000               | 7,500               | 7,000            | ...                    | a                       | a                     | 1,000                    | 8,100                 | 2,000         | ...                | 700    |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 1 percent sample.

NOTES: Data are obtained by following recipients in Table 60 for 12 months.

... = not applicable.

a. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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## *Appendix and Glossary*

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## Appendix: Sampling Variability

Estimates based on sample data may differ from the figures that would have been obtained had all, rather than specified samples, of the records been used. These differences are termed sampling variability. The standard error is a measure of the sampling variability. About 68 percent of all possible probability samples selected with the same specifications will give estimates within one standard error of the figure obtained from a compilation of all records. Similarly, approximately 90 percent will give estimates within 1.645 standard errors, about 95 percent will give estimates within two standard errors, and about 99 percent will give estimates within two and one-half standard errors. The standard error of an estimate depends on the design elements such as the method of sampling, sample size, and the estimation process.

Because of the large number of data cells tabulated from the sample files, it is not practical to calculate the standard error for every possible cell. However, standard errors for a large number of cells were estimated. These estimates were used to fit regression curves to provide estimates of approximate standard errors associated with tabulated counts and proportions.

The tables showing the sampling variability provide a general order of magnitude for similar estimates from the various sample files. Table A-1 presents approximate standard errors for the estimated number of persons from the 1 percent and the 10 percent files. The reliability of an estimated percentage depends on both the size of the percentage and on the size of the total on which the percentage is based. Data in Table A-2 provide approximations of the standard errors of the estimated percentage of persons in the 1 percent and 10 percent files. The standard errors are expressed in percentage points, and the bases shown are in terms of inflated data.

**Table A-1.**  
**Approximations of standard errors of estimated number of persons**

| Size of estimate (inflated) | Standard error |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <i>1 percent file</i>       |                |
| 500                         | 250            |
| 1,000                       | 300            |
| 2,500                       | 500            |
| 5,000                       | 800            |
| 7,500                       | 900            |
| 10,000                      | 1,100          |
| 25,000                      | 1,700          |
| 50,000                      | 2,400          |
| 75,000                      | 3,000          |
| 100,000                     | 3,400          |
| 250,000                     | 5,400          |
| 500,000                     | 7,800          |
| 750,000                     | 9,600          |
| 1,000,000                   | 11,100         |
| 5,000,000                   | 25,800         |
| 10,000,000                  | 36,900         |
| 25,000,000                  | 57,700         |
| 50,000,000                  | 76,100         |
| 75,000,000                  | 82,900         |
| <i>10 percent file</i>      |                |
| 100                         | 30             |
| 500                         | 70             |
| 1,000                       | 100            |
| 5,000                       | 225            |
| 10,000                      | 300            |
| 50,000                      | 700            |
| 100,000                     | 1,000          |
| 500,000                     | 2,200          |
| 1,000,000                   | 3,200          |
| 2,000,000                   | 4,300          |
| 3,000,000                   | 5,300          |
| 5,000,000                   | 6,500          |
| 10,000,000                  | 8,500          |
| 20,000,000                  | 9,300          |

**Table A-2.**  
**Approximations of standard errors of estimated percentage of persons**

| Size of base (inflated) | 2 or 98 | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 25 or 75 | 50   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| <i>1 percent file</i>   |         |         |          |          |      |
| 1,000                   | 4.7     | 7.3     | 10.1     | 14.5     | 16.8 |
| 10,000                  | 1.5     | 2.3     | 3.2      | 4.6      | 5.3  |
| 50,000                  | 0.7     | 1.0     | 1.4      | 2.1      | 2.4  |
| 100,000                 | 0.5     | 0.7     | 1.0      | 1.5      | 1.7  |
| 500,000                 | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.4      | 0.7      | 0.8  |
| 1,000,000               | 0.1     | 0.2     | 0.3      | 0.5      | 0.5  |
| 5,000,000               | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1      | 0.2      | 0.2  |
| 10,000,000              | a       | 0.1     | 0.1      | 0.2      | 0.2  |
| 50,000,000              | a       | a       | a        | 0.1      | 0.1  |
| 100,000,000             | a       | a       | a        | a        | a    |
| <i>10 percent file</i>  |         |         |          |          |      |
| 500                     | 1.9     | 3.0     | 4.1      | 5.9      | 6.8  |
| 1,000                   | 1.3     | 2.1     | 2.9      | 4.1      | 4.8  |
| 2,500                   | 0.8     | 1.3     | 1.8      | 2.6      | 3.0  |
| 10,000                  | 0.4     | 0.6     | 0.9      | 1.3      | 1.5  |
| 50,000                  | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.4      | 0.6      | 0.7  |
| 100,000                 | 0.1     | 0.2     | 0.3      | 0.4      | 0.5  |
| 500,000                 | a       | 0.1     | 0.1      | 0.2      | 0.2  |
| 1,000,000               | a       | 0.1     | 0.1      | 0.1      | 0.2  |
| 5,000,000               | a       | a       | a        | a        | 0.1  |
| 10,000,000              | a       | a       | a        | a        | a    |
| 50,000,000              | a       | a       | a        | a        | a    |

a. Less than 0.05 percent.



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## Glossary

**abbreviated applications.** An SSI application in which all nondisability factors of eligibility are verified before the case is sent for a disability determination.

**adult.** A person who is older than age 21, is aged 18–21 but is not a student, is under 21 and married, or is the head of a household.

**aged person.** A person aged 65 or older.

**allowance.** A determination by the Disability Determination Services, an administrative law judge, or the Appeals Council that an applicant meets the medical definition of disability under the law.

**auxiliary benefit (OASDI).** Monthly benefit payable to a spouse or a child of a retired or disabled worker, or to a survivor of a deceased worker.

**award.** An administrative determination that an individual is entitled to receive monthly benefits.

**blind.** "Blindness," for Social Security purposes, means either central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens or a limitation in the fields of vision so that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle of 20 degrees or less (tunnel vision).

**blind work expenses (BWE).** Permits the exclusion of any earned income of a blind person that is used to meet expenses reasonably attributable to earning the income.

**child.** An unmarried blind or disabled person who is not the head of a household and who is either under age 18 or aged 18–21 and a student.

**concurrent application.** An application for both Title II (Social Security) and Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits at the same time.

**deeming (SSI).** Counting part of the income and resources of certain persons who live with an SSI recipient when determining the amount of the payment. These persons include the ineligible spouses of adult recipients, the ineligible parents of child recipients under age 18, and the immigration sponsor for certain noncitizens.

**diagnostic group.** Classification of impairments, by body system, that identifies the medical condition(s) on which disability-related benefits are based. Before 1985, the coding of the primary and secondary diagnoses for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income applicants was in accordance with the *International Classification of Diseases: 9th revision, Clinical Modification, 4th ed.*, using 4-digit ICD-9 codes. In 1985, the Social Security Administration (SSA) implemented a revised method to determine and enter impairment codes in administrative records. This revised approach provides for a modified impairment coding system, generally using 3 digits (followed by zero), loosely based on the ICD-9 codes. For research purposes, the ICD-9 codes and SSA impairment codes are, typically, identical. However, the diagnostic groupings shown in the statistical tables closely parallel the major ICD-9 disease classifications.

**disability.** The inability to engage in substantial gainful activity (SGA) by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. (Special rules apply for workers aged 55 or older whose disability is based on blindness. The 12-month requirement does not apply to SSI beneficiaries who are blind.)

Individuals are considered to be disabled only if their physical or mental impairment(s) are of such severity that they are not only unable to do their previous work but cannot—because of their age, education, or work experience—engage in any other kind of substantial gainful activity that exists in the national economy, regardless of whether such work exists in the immediate area in which they live, or whether a specific job vacancy exists for them, or whether they would be hired if they applied for work.

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The SGA criterion does not apply to children under age 18 in the Supplemental Security Income program. The standard for them is a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that results in marked and severe functional limitations.

**Disability Determination Services (DDS).** The state agency responsible for developing medical evidence and rendering the initial determination and reconsideration on whether a claimant is disabled or a beneficiary continues to be disabled within the meaning of the law.

**federal benefit rates (FBR).** The basic benefit standards used in computing the amount of federal SSI payments. Benefit levels differ for individuals and couples living in households and for persons in Medicaid institutions. Individuals or couples living in their own household receive the full federal benefit. The federal benefit is reduced by one-third if an individual or couple is living in another person's household and receiving support and maintenance there. The federal benefit rates are increased annually to reflect increases in the cost of living.

**impairment-related work expenses (IRWE).** The costs of items or services that a disabled person needs to work. The expenses, when paid by the beneficiary, are deducted from his or her gross earnings when determining if the work is considered substantial gainful activity.

**Medicaid institution.** Living arrangement for persons in public or private institutions when more than 50 percent of the cost of care is met by the Medicaid program. In these situations, the monthly federal SSI payment is limited to no more than \$30.

**own household.** Used to determine the federal benefit rate. Applies to adults who own their living quarters, are liable for the rent, pay their pro rata shares of household expenses, are living in households composed only of recipients of public income-maintenance payments, and are placed by agencies in private households. Also applies to children living in their parent's household. See **federal benefit rates**.

**plans for achieving self-support (PASS).** Permits a recipient with an approved PASS to set aside earned or unearned income and resources for a work goal. The income or resources set aside are used to pay for goods or services needed to reach the goal, such as education, vocational training, starting a business, or purchasing work-related equipment. The income and resources that are set aside under a PASS are excluded from SSI income and resource tests, but they do not influence the determination of ability to engage in substantial gainful activity.

**poverty thresholds.** The poverty thresholds are a series of income levels, with different values for family units of different sizes, below which the family units are considered poor. The thresholds are used mainly for statistical purposes in calculating official poverty population figures. They are issued annually by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Current Population Reports series. The thresholds are adjusted annually for price changes using the annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

**presumptive disability or blindness.** For certain diagnoses, where there is high probability of a favorable medical determination of disability or blindness, payments may be made for up to 6 months before the formal determination if the applicant meets the nonmedical eligibility requirements.

**representative payee.** A person designated by the Social Security Administration to receive monthly benefit checks on behalf of an adult beneficiary who is unable to manage his or her own funds. A beneficiary under age 18 is generally considered incapable of managing benefit payments, and a representative payee will be selected to receive benefits on the beneficiary's behalf.

**Section 1619(a).** Continuing cash benefits for disabled individuals whose gross earned income is at the amount designated as the substantial gainful activity level. The person must continue to be disabled and meet all other eligibility rules. Also known as special cash payment.

**Section 1619(b).** For Medicaid purposes, provides special status to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for cash payments. Also known as special recipient status.

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## SSA administrative regions

**Boston:** Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

**New York:** New Jersey and New York

**Philadelphia:** Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

**Atlanta:** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

**Chicago:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

**Dallas:** Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

**Kansas City:** Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska

**Denver:** Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming

**San Francisco:** Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Northern Mariana Islands

**Seattle:** Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

**state conversions.** Persons who were eligible for payments under the federal/state adult assistance programs in December 1973 were automatically eligible for SSI payments beginning January 1974.

**state supplementation.** Payments to eligible persons made under state provisions. These payments may vary by the recipient's living situation and by geographic area within the state. The payments may be administered by the Social Security Administration or the state.

**substantial gainful activity (SGA).** Describes a level of work activity that is productive and yields or usually yields remuneration or profit. The Social Security Administration's regulations establish a dollar amount to indicate whether a person's work is substantial.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI).** A federal program for low-income aged, blind, and disabled individuals who meet income and resource requirements. Beginning in 1974, SSI replaced the former federal and state programs of Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. SSI is funded by general tax revenues, not Social Security taxes.

**Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).** The SIPP is a household survey of the noninstitutionalized resident population of the United States, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. It was designed to improve the measurement of the economic situation of persons, families, and households in the United States and to provide a tool for managing and evaluating government transfer and service programs.

**suspended benefit.** A payment that has been temporarily stopped until the condition or conditions causing the suspension are known to have ended. The suspension does not affect eligibility for Medicare benefits.