

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATES,
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS,
AND TOTAL RECIPIENTS



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Table 1.
Monthly federal SSI benefit rates, 1974–2010 (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 ^a | 513.00 | 342.00 | 769.00 | 512.67 | 30.00 | 257.00 |
| January 2001 ^a | 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 |
| January 2005 | 579.00 | 386.00 | 869.00 | 579.34 | 30.00 | 290.00 |
| January 2006 | 603.00 | 402.00 | 904.00 | 602.67 | 30.00 | 302.00 |
| January 2007 | 623.00 | 415.34 | 934.00 | 622.67 | 30.00 | 312.00 |
| January 2008 | 637.00 | 424.67 | 956.00 | 637.34 | 30.00 | 319.00 |
| January 2009 | 674.00 | 449.34 | 1,011.00 | 674.00 | 30.00 | 338.00 |
| January 2010 | 674.00 | 449.34 | 1,011.00 | 674.00 | 30.00 | 338.00 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of the Chief Actuary.

a. Data reflect the correction of an error in the Consumer Price Index.

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Federal Benefit Rates, Total Annual Payments, and Total Recipients

Table 2.
Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2009
(in thousands of dollars)

| Year | Total | Federal SSI | Federally administered state supplementation |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| <i>All recipients</i> | | | |
| 1974 | 5,096,813 | 3,833,161 | 1,263,652 |
| 1975 | 5,716,072 | 4,313,538 | 1,402,534 |
| 1980 | 7,714,640 | 5,866,354 | 1,848,286 |
| 1985 | 10,749,938 | 8,777,341 | 1,972,597 |
| 1990 | 16,132,959 | 12,893,805 | 3,239,154 |
| 1995 | 27,037,280 | 23,919,430 | 3,117,850 |
| 1996 | 28,252,474 | 25,264,878 | 2,987,596 |
| 1997 | 28,370,568 | 25,457,387 | 2,913,181 |
| 1998 | 29,408,208 | 26,404,793 | 3,003,415 |
| 1999 | 30,106,132 | 26,805,156 | 3,300,976 |
| 2000 | 30,671,699 | 27,290,248 | 3,381,451 |
| 2001 | 32,165,856 | 28,705,503 | 3,460,353 |
| 2002 | 33,718,999 | 29,898,765 | 3,820,234 |
| 2003 | 34,693,278 | 30,688,029 | 4,005,249 |
| 2004 | 36,065,358 | 31,886,509 | 4,178,849 |
| 2005 | 37,235,843 | 33,058,056 | 4,177,787 |
| 2006 | 38,888,961 | 34,736,088 | 4,152,873 |
| 2007 | 41,204,645 | 36,884,066 | 4,320,579 |
| 2008 | 43,040,481 | 38,655,780 | 4,384,701 |
| 2009 | 46,592,308 | 42,628,709 | 3,963,606 |
| <i>Aged</i> | | | |
| 1974 | 2,414,034 | 1,782,742 | 631,292 |
| 1975 | 2,516,515 | 1,842,980 | 673,535 |
| 1980 | 2,617,023 | 1,860,194 | 756,829 |
| 1985 | 2,896,671 | 2,202,557 | 694,114 |
| 1990 | 3,559,388 | 2,521,382 | 1,038,006 |
| 1995 | 4,239,222 | 3,374,772 | 864,450 |
| 1996 | 4,282,498 | 3,449,407 | 833,091 |
| 1997 | 4,303,529 | 3,479,948 | 823,581 |
| 1998 | 4,166,231 | 3,327,856 | 838,375 |
| 1999 | 4,445,687 | 3,524,355 | 921,332 |
| 2000 | 4,540,046 | 3,597,516 | 942,530 |
| 2001 | 4,664,076 | 3,708,527 | 955,549 |
| 2002 | 4,802,792 | 3,751,491 | 1,051,301 |
| 2003 | 4,856,875 | 3,758,070 | 1,098,805 |
| 2004 | 4,907,225 | 3,773,901 | 1,133,324 |
| 2005 | 4,964,627 | 3,836,625 | 1,128,002 |
| 2006 | 5,115,911 | 3,953,106 | 1,162,804 |
| 2007 | 5,301,277 | 4,113,424 | 1,187,853 |
| 2008 | 5,378,921 | 4,180,786 | 1,198,135 |
| 2009 | 5,569,078 | 4,499,045 | 1,070,033 |

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Table 2.
Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2009
(in thousands of dollars)—Continued

| Year | Total | Federal SSI | Federally administered state supplementation |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Blind | | | |
| 1974 | 125,791 | 91,308 | 34,483 |
| 1975 | 127,240 | 92,427 | 34,813 |
| 1980 | 185,827 | 131,506 | 54,321 |
| 1985 | 259,840 | 195,183 | 64,657 |
| 1990 | 328,949 | 238,415 | 90,534 |
| 1995 | 367,441 | 298,238 | 69,203 |
| 1996 | 364,791 | 298,897 | 65,894 |
| 1997 | 367,845 | 302,656 | 65,189 |
| 1998 | 358,187 | 291,050 | 67,137 |
| 1999 | 382,323 | 309,295 | 73,028 |
| 2000 | 385,926 | 312,238 | 73,688 |
| 2001 | 398,624 | 323,895 | 74,729 |
| 2002 | 416,454 | 335,405 | 81,049 |
| 2003 | 409,293 | 325,878 | 83,415 |
| 2004 | 412,810 | 327,446 | 85,364 |
| 2005 | 414,147 | 330,591 | 83,556 |
| 2006 | 409,287 | 326,230 | 83,057 |
| 2007 | 418,835 | 336,789 | 82,046 |
| 2008 | 416,017 | 335,179 | 80,838 |
| 2009 | 426,533 | 354,817 | 71,716 |
| Disabled | | | |
| 1974 | 2,556,988 | 1,959,112 | 597,876 |
| 1975 | 3,072,317 | 2,378,131 | 694,186 |
| 1980 | 4,911,792 | 3,874,655 | 1,037,137 |
| 1985 | 7,593,427 | 6,379,601 | 1,213,826 |
| 1990 | 12,244,622 | 10,134,007 | 2,110,615 |
| 1995 | 22,430,612 | 20,246,415 | 2,184,197 |
| 1996 | 23,605,189 | 21,516,579 | 2,088,610 |
| 1997 | 23,709,831 | 21,685,421 | 2,024,410 |
| 1998 | 24,883,782 | 22,785,879 | 2,097,903 |
| 1999 | 25,278,121 | 22,971,506 | 2,306,615 |
| 2000 | 25,745,710 | 23,380,477 | 2,365,233 |
| 2001 | 27,125,707 | 24,695,630 | 2,430,077 |
| 2002 | 28,531,939 | 25,844,055 | 2,687,884 |
| 2003 | 29,453,803 | 26,630,775 | 2,823,028 |
| 2004 | 30,745,406 | 27,785,246 | 2,960,160 |
| 2005 | 31,857,069 | 28,890,840 | 2,966,229 |
| 2006 | 33,363,762 | 30,456,751 | 2,907,011 |
| 2007 | 35,484,533 | 32,433,853 | 3,050,680 |
| 2008 | 37,245,543 | 34,139,814 | 3,105,728 |
| 2009 | 40,596,703 | 37,774,847 | 2,821,857 |

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

NOTE: Totals for "Aged," "Blind," and "Disabled" are derived. The derivation creates slight discrepancies between the sum of the group totals and the "All recipients" total.

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Federal Benefit Rates, Total Annual Payments, and Total Recipients

Table 3.
Total recipients, by age and source of payment, 2003–2009

| Year | Total | Federal SSI | Federally administered state supplementation |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| All ages | | | |
| 2003 | 7,359,510 | 7,028,753 | 3,063,693 |
| 2004 | 7,865,262 | 7,569,066 | 2,791,378 |
| 2005 | 7,983,672 | 7,685,852 | 2,511,220 |
| 2006 | 8,075,335 | 7,774,794 | 2,520,614 |
| 2007 | 8,207,780 | 7,904,966 | 2,549,103 |
| 2008 | 8,407,821 | 8,102,727 | 2,598,096 |
| 2009 | 8,648,819 | 8,352,851 | 2,640,286 |
| Under age 18 | | | |
| 2003 | 1,014,331 | 1,007,672 | 343,024 |
| 2004 | 1,095,705 | 1,093,835 | 293,160 |
| 2005 | 1,132,751 | 1,131,056 | 242,891 |
| 2006 | 1,161,137 | 1,159,587 | 243,159 |
| 2007 | 1,192,127 | 1,190,524 | 246,571 |
| 2008 | 1,233,315 | 1,231,731 | 254,836 |
| 2009 | 1,283,222 | 1,281,960 | 264,543 |
| Aged 18–64 | | | |
| 2003 | 4,249,282 | 4,085,612 | 1,693,964 |
| 2004 | 4,576,320 | 4,436,459 | 1,495,703 |
| 2005 | 4,654,089 | 4,513,340 | 1,312,884 |
| 2006 | 4,712,198 | 4,569,868 | 1,310,485 |
| 2007 | 4,804,898 | 4,662,140 | 1,323,451 |
| 2008 | 4,947,475 | 4,803,468 | 1,349,414 |
| 2009 | 5,123,603 | 4,983,145 | 1,372,075 |
| Aged 65 or older | | | |
| 2003 | 2,095,897 | 1,935,469 | 1,026,705 |
| 2004 | 2,193,237 | 2,038,772 | 1,002,515 |
| 2005 | 2,196,832 | 2,041,456 | 955,445 |
| 2006 | 2,202,000 | 2,045,339 | 966,970 |
| 2007 | 2,210,755 | 2,052,302 | 979,081 |
| 2008 | 2,227,031 | 2,067,528 | 993,846 |
| 2009 | 2,241,994 | 2,087,746 | 1,003,668 |

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

NOTE: Includes all recipients who received at least one payment during the year.

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