



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2008

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^a	Spouses ^b	Children ^c	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^a	
Alabama	952,511	522,664	194,031	92,620	42,921	100,275	951,795	583,174	92,447	591,880
1	139,866	77,584	25,813	13,826	7,187	15,456	142,446	88,324	14,371	87,991
2	135,677	75,978	27,797	12,300	5,359	14,243	129,799	81,121	11,571	84,142
3	136,604	74,372	31,195	11,709	4,577	14,751	131,988	79,719	10,895	81,565
4	153,262	82,492	32,506	15,885	7,660	14,719	150,478	89,545	15,524	95,053
5	133,366	77,758	23,715	13,146	7,153	11,594	136,503	87,701	13,449	87,988
6	128,666	75,821	21,321	13,040	6,830	11,654	143,700	93,912	14,836	86,744
7	125,070	58,659	31,684	12,714	4,155	17,858	116,881	62,852	11,800	68,397
All areas ^d	50,898,244	32,273,651	7,426,691	4,541,467	2,524,841	4,131,594	53,666,109	37,207,910	4,908,428	35,818,757

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- d. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Table 2.
Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2008

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Alabama	166,762	14,403	872	151,487	79,420	2,916	353	76,151	63,658	31,745
1	20,817	1,807	123	18,887	9,790	396	47	9,347	7,853	3,908
2	26,464	2,438	128	23,898	12,193	467	52	11,674	10,471	5,291
3	26,204	2,113	198	23,893	12,694	395	79	12,219	9,983	4,965
4	23,529	2,277	102	21,150	10,503	402	37	10,064	10,048	4,963
5	18,278	1,717	90	16,471	8,383	346	37	8,000	7,238	3,688
6	12,686	901	69	11,716	6,235	216	29	5,990	4,582	2,013
7	38,784	3,150	162	35,472	19,622	693	72	18,857	13,483	6,917
All areas^b	7,519,593	1,203,089	70,311	6,246,193	3,880,019	475,824	36,376	3,367,820	2,612,149	2,033,285

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

- a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.
- b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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