



**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 <sup>a</sup>	Spouses <sup>b</sup>	Children <sup>c</sup>	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s <sup>a</sup>	
Arkansas	602,017	340,779	122,212	53,484	25,221	60,321	587,570	369,610	52,221	379,248
1	163,182	90,126	34,274	15,511	6,828	16,443	153,576	94,355	14,228	101,272
2	136,626	78,613	27,426	11,037	5,198	14,352	138,638	88,977	11,411	86,234
3	149,363	86,473	30,430	12,001	6,287	14,172	146,902	94,145	12,117	94,761
4	152,846	85,567	30,082	14,935	6,908	15,354	148,454	92,132	14,465	96,981
All areas <sup>d</sup>	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 <sup>a</sup>	Aged 65 or older
Arkansas	98,860	7,822	711	90,327	46,899	1,443	288	45,168	37,869	16,982
1	32,200	2,880	211	29,109	15,308	490	86	14,731	12,845	6,308
2	22,051	1,294	189	20,568	10,942	262	76	10,604	7,453	2,836
3	18,006	1,353	112	16,541	8,249	272	42	7,935	7,243	2,772
4	26,603	2,295	199	24,109	12,400	418	84	11,898	10,328	5,066
All areas <sup>b</sup>	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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