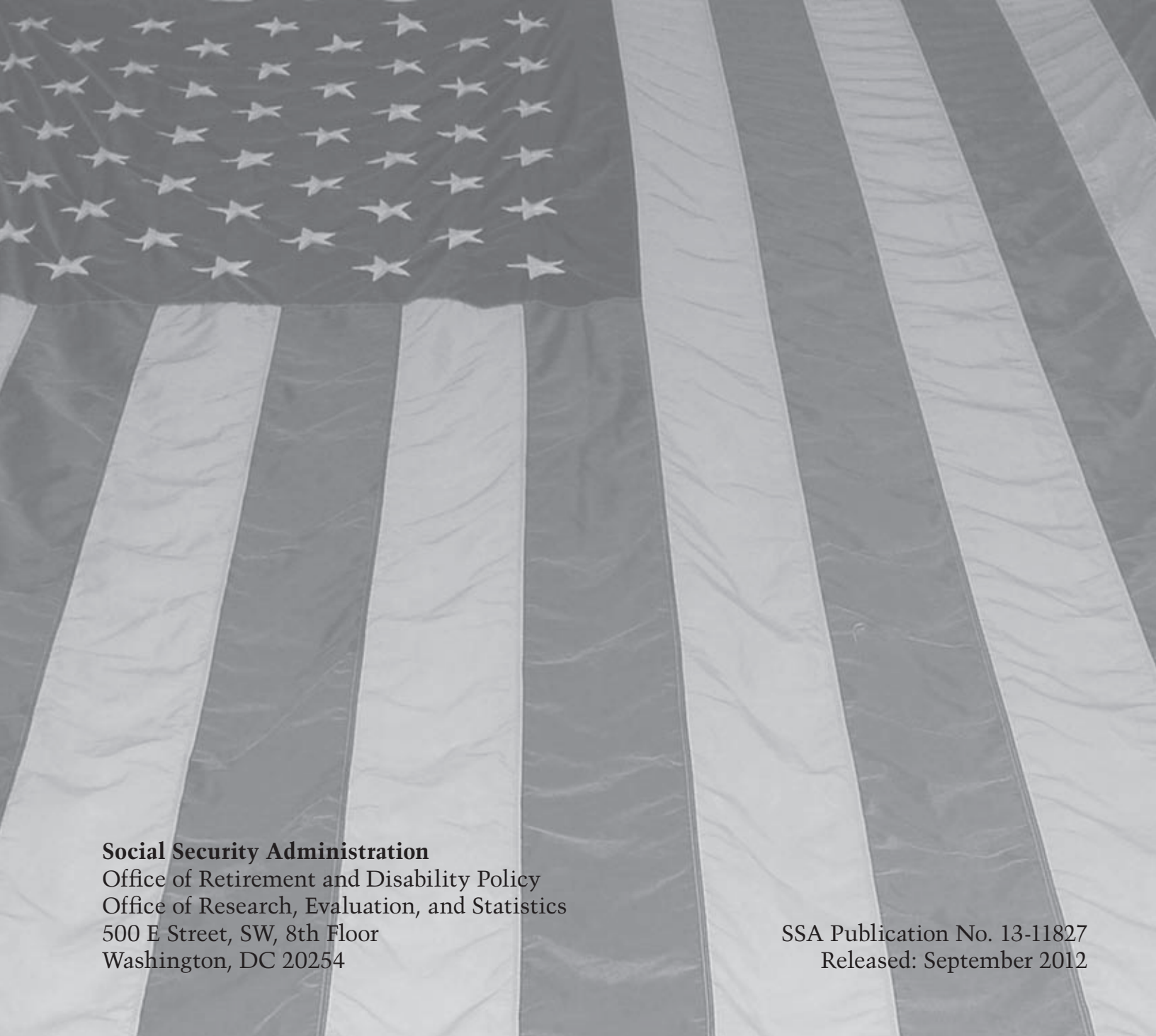


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## **Highlights 2011**

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

- About 8.1 million people received federally administered payments in December 2011.
- The average monthly payment in December 2011 was \$502.
- Total payments for the year were more than \$49 billion, including more than \$3 billion in federally administered state supplementation.

### **Profile of Recipients**

- The majority were female (54 percent).
- Sixteen percent were under age 18, 59 percent were aged 18 to 64, and 25 percent were aged 65 or older.
- Most (85 percent) were eligible on the basis of a disability.
- Six out of 10 recipients under age 65 were diagnosed with a mental disorder.
- More than half (57 percent) had no income other than their SSI payment.
- Thirty-four percent of SSI recipients also received Social Security benefits.
- Of the people receiving SSI benefits, about 2 percent were residing in a Title XIX institution where Medicaid was paying more than half of the cost.
- Despite their disabilities, about 313,000 recipients (4.5 percent) were working in December 2011.

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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, total annual payments, and total recipients;
- federally administered payments;
- recipients of Social Security, SSI, or both;
- children under age 18;
- noncitizens;
- diagnoses of recipients under age 65;
- recipients who work;
- applications;
- awards;
- outcomes of applications for disability benefits; and
- suspensions, terminations, and duration of eligibility.

Tables from the discontinued reports *Children Receiving SSI* and *SSI Disabled Recipients Who Work* were incorporated into this report beginning with the 2007 edition.

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## Notes

All payments are federally administered payments.

All years are calendar years unless otherwise specified.

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.

Table 6 now includes number and average monthly payment for recipients by citizenship status.

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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 2011, 8.1 million individuals received federally administered monthly SSI benefits (including federally administered state supplementary payments) averaging \$502.

### 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, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. 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 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
- Appropriate coordination of the SSI program with the Food Stamp program, medical assistance programs, and other programs

### Uniform Standards and Objective Criteria

Before 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 assistance programs 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

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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 as specified 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 as specified 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.

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1. Substantial gainful activity (SGA) is used to describe a level of work activity that is 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 \$1,000 a month in 2011 were evidence of ability to engage in SGA. Applicants who earned more than \$1,000 a month would generally not be considered disabled. However, SSI recipients who earned more than \$1,000 a month could continue to be eligible for SSI. (See the section Incentives for Work and Opportunities for Rehabilitation.) The SGA level of \$1,000 was increased to \$1,010 effective January 1, 2012, according to the increase 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.

2. 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.

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3. 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. Public Law 110-328, enacted September 30, 2008, extended the 7-year SSI eligibility period for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants (including victims of human trafficking) to 9 years for the period of October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2011.

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In addition, certain noncitizens are treated as refugees for SSI purposes:

- Individuals certified by the Department of Health and Human Services to be victims of severe forms of trafficking in the United States.<sup>4</sup> Such individuals are eligible for SSI for 7 years after a determination is made that they are trafficking victims.<sup>5</sup>
- Iraqi or Afghan nationals granted special immigrant status under emergency conditions because they have provided service to the U.S. government and, as a result, may be in danger within their country of origin. Their eligibility for SSI is generally limited to the 7 years after special immigrant status is granted.<sup>6</sup>

In addition to being 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.

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 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.<sup>7</sup>

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 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

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4. Trafficking of persons is 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.

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

6. Public Law 110-161, enacted December 26, 2007, and Public Law 111-118, enacted December 19, 2009.

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7. SSA simplified the SSI program (70 FR 6340) by generally eliminating clothing from the definition of income and from the definition of in-kind support and maintenance, effective February 7, 2005.

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 value 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 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).

### 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 to achieve 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>a</sup>
- income set aside or being used to pursue a plan to achieve 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;<sup>b</sup>
- an automobile if used for transportation for the recipient or a member of the recipient's household;<sup>c</sup>
- 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.

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

b. The \$2,000 value limit was removed effective February 7, 2005 (70 FR 6340).

c. SSA simplified the evaluation of automobiles as an excludable resource, effective February 7, 2005 (70 FR 6340). Under the old rules, one automobile could be excluded (regardless of value) if necessary for employment, medical treatment, or essential daily activities. If not excludable under these criteria, the current market value of one automobile (up to \$4,500) could be excluded. The new exclusion applies to any one automobile used for transportation.



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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. 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).

- The recipient was eligible under section 1619(a) or section 1619(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).
- A physician certifies that the recipient's stay in a medical facility is likely not to exceed 3 months and that 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>8</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.

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8. 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.

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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>9</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>10</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 sponsors 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 ensures 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 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

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9. 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.

10. For a temporary period—January through September 1996—the deeming period was 5 years.

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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.

### **Sheltered Workshop Exclusion**

Remuneration for services performed in sheltered workshops or activity centers is treated as earned income. The first \$65 (\$85 if the individual has no income other than earnings) per month plus one-half of the remainder is excluded.

### **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 \$1,700 of earned income per month but no more than \$6,840 per year may be excluded.<sup>11</sup>

### **Plan to Achieve Self-Support**

A plan to achieve self-support (PASS) allows a disabled or blind individual to set aside income and resources to get a specific type of job or to start a business. The plan 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.

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 eligibility under section 1619.)

In determining whether individuals' earnings are not sufficient to provide them with the equivalent benefits

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11. Under current regulations, this exclusion will be increased in subsequent years based on cost of living changes.



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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 VR 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 9 continuous 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 SSI recipient is able to obtain VR, 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 a 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 recipient'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 nonmedical 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.

### **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 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

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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 Service (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
- within 1 year after attaining 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 (\$38 a month in 2012, \$75 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 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 \$6,000.<sup>12</sup>

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12. Fee agreements before February 1, 2002, were limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the retroactive payment or \$4,000. From February 11, 2002, through June 21, 2009, fee agreements were limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the retroactive payment or \$5,300.

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## 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 indicates 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. Currently, 44 states have 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 income levels from December 1973 of individuals who were transferred from the former state adult assistance programs to the SSI program in 1974, except for Texas, which has a constitutional bar against mandatory state supplementation.<sup>13</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 \$10.94 for each supplementary payment issued in fiscal year 2012. Fees are projected to rise in succeeding fiscal years, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

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

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13. 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.

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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, nutrition benefits, 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 administer Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),<sup>14</sup> 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. Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia 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 agreements with 32 states and the District of Columbia to determine eligibility for Medicaid.

Continued Medicaid eligibility is provided 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 before age 60
- changes in the definition of disability for widow(er)s benefits
- increases in disabled adult child benefits

### SNAP Applications

SSI recipients in all states, except California,<sup>15</sup> may be eligible for SNAP benefits. 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 SNAP and make SNAP applications available to them.

The law also provides for Social Security offices to take SNAP applications from potentially eligible or eligible SSI households that are not already receiving nutrition benefits and do not have an application pending. SNAP applications from SSI households may be taken in connection with initial SSI claims or at the time of a redetermination. SNAP applicants have the option of applying at Social Security offices or at state SNAP offices if expedited service is required. Social Security offices forward the SNAP application and any supporting documents to the local SNAP offices within 1 day of taking the application. Eligibility is determined by the SNAP 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-seven states and the District of Columbia have interim assistance agreements with SSA.

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14. In 2008, the Food Stamp Program was renamed SNAP.

15. California provides its SSI recipients an additional cash payment in lieu of SNAP benefits.





FEDERAL BENEFIT RATES,  
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS,  
AND TOTAL RECIPIENTS





**Federal Benefit Rates, Total Annual Payments, and Total Recipients**

**Table 1.**  
**Monthly federal SSI benefit rates, 1974–2012 (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
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
January 2011	674.00	449.34	1,011.00	674.00	30.00	338.00
January 2012	698.00	465.34	1,048.00	698.00	30.00	350.00

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 1974–2011 (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
2010	48,194,514	44,605,122	3,589,392
2011	49,520,299	45,999,647	3,520,652
<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
2010	5,453,906	4,529,485	924,422
2011	5,430,932	4,535,873	895,059

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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 1974–2011 (in thousands of dollars)—Continued**

Year	Total	Federal SSI	Federally administered state supplementation
<b>Blind</b>			
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
2010	423,215	359,096	64,119
2011	421,994	360,789	61,205
<b>Disabled</b>			
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
2010	42,317,393	39,716,541	2,600,852
2011	43,667,372	41,102,985	2,564,388

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Financial Policy and Operations.

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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**Table 3.**  
**Total recipients, by age and source of payment, 2003–2011**

Year	Total	Federal SSI	Federally administered state supplementation
<i>All ages</i>			
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
2010	9,176,526	8,898,268	2,678,722
2011	9,306,902	9,031,490	2,701,965
<i>Under age 18</i>			
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
2010	1,360,159	1,358,775	273,160
2011	1,396,189	1,394,779	277,676
<i>Aged 18–64</i>			
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
2010	5,528,248	5,392,520	1,401,291
2011	5,606,571	5,472,203	1,414,695
<i>Aged 65 or older</i>			
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
2010	2,288,119	2,146,973	1,004,271
2011	2,304,142	2,164,508	1,009,594

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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**Table 4.**  
**Recipients, by age, December 1974–2011**

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
2004	6,987,845	993,127	14.2	4,017,108	57.5	1,977,610	28.3
2005	7,113,879	1,036,498	14.6	4,082,870	57.4	1,994,511	28.0
2006	7,235,583	1,078,977	14.9	4,152,130	57.4	2,004,476	27.7
2007	7,359,525	1,121,017	15.2	4,221,920	57.4	2,016,588	27.4
2008	7,520,501	1,153,844	15.3	4,333,096	57.6	2,033,561	27.0
2009	7,676,686	1,199,788	15.6	4,451,288	58.0	2,025,610	26.4
2010	7,912,266	1,239,269	15.7	4,631,507	58.5	2,041,490	25.8
2011	8,112,773	1,277,122	15.7	4,777,010	58.9	2,058,641	25.4

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

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**Table 5.**  
**By type of payment, sex, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Type of payment and sex	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
<b>Number</b>							
All payments	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
Male	3,712,306	399,271	32,667	3,280,368	847,688	2,195,038	669,580
Female	4,400,467	782,835	36,366	3,581,266	429,434	2,581,972	1,389,061
Federal SSI	7,866,390	1,101,427	65,090	6,699,873	1,275,545	4,652,114	1,938,731
Male	3,598,617	367,012	30,677	3,200,928	846,617	2,130,016	621,984
Female	4,267,773	734,415	34,413	3,498,945	428,928	2,522,098	1,316,747
State supplementation	2,389,113	584,518	27,988	1,776,607	252,002	1,230,763	906,348
Male	1,068,394	210,929	13,190	844,275	168,423	583,922	316,049
Female	1,320,719	373,589	14,798	932,332	83,579	646,841	590,299
<b>Total payments (thousands of dollars)</b>							
All payments	4,389,872	471,847	36,718	3,881,307	812,295	2,744,100	833,478
Male	2,087,315	156,536	17,426	1,913,353	539,602	1,283,698	264,015
Female	2,302,557	315,311	19,291	1,967,955	272,693	1,460,401	569,462
Federal SSI	4,090,280	396,173	31,608	3,662,500	798,660	2,577,066	714,555
Male	1,949,489	127,982	14,993	1,806,514	530,512	1,198,843	220,135
Female	2,140,791	268,191	16,614	1,855,986	268,148	1,378,223	494,420
State supplementation	299,591	75,674	5,110	218,808	13,635	167,034	118,923
Male	137,825	28,554	2,433	106,838	9,090	84,855	43,880
Female	161,766	47,120	2,677	111,969	4,545	82,178	75,043
<b>Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)</b>							
All payments	501.64	397.62	520.29	519.38	601.38	517.45	403.23
Male	516.92	390.47	518.74	532.31	601.90	522.09	392.44
Female	488.78	401.26	521.69	507.58	600.35	513.52	408.43
Federal SSI	481.31	358.51	475.87	501.58	592.26	498.50	367.34
Male	497.31	347.46	476.55	514.74	592.75	501.72	352.50
Female	467.86	364.04	475.27	489.59	591.29	495.79	374.35
State supplementation	118.57	128.03	175.87	114.55	50.26	124.32	129.74
Male	120.92	133.82	176.03	116.83	50.10	132.59	137.13
Female	116.67	124.76	175.73	112.49	50.58	116.87	125.79

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 6.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Characteristic	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
<b>Number</b>							
All recipients	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
Sex							
Male	3,712,306	399,271	32,667	3,280,368	847,688	2,195,038	669,580
Female	4,400,467	782,835	36,366	3,581,266	429,434	2,581,972	1,389,061
Citizenship status							
Citizen	7,507,865	891,831	62,623	6,553,411	1,274,508	4,589,085	1,644,272
Noncitizen	604,908	290,275	6,410	308,223	2,614	187,925	414,369
Living arrangement							
Own household	6,536,720	1,065,589	58,867	5,412,264	161,680	4,476,086	1,898,954
Another's household	372,229	98,591	3,853	269,785	43,569	215,747	112,913
Parent's household	1,068,024	...	4,918	1,063,106	1,057,692	10,332	...
Medicaid institution	129,245	17,138	1,373	110,734	13,927	69,507	45,811
Unknown	6,555	788	22	5,745	254	5,338	963
<b>Average monthly payment (dollars)</b>							
All recipients	501.64	397.62	520.29	519.38	601.38	517.45	403.23
Sex							
Male	516.92	390.47	518.74	532.31	601.90	522.09	392.44
Female	488.78	401.26	521.69	507.58	600.35	513.52	408.43
Citizenship status							
Citizen	501.52	374.87	514.16	518.64	601.31	516.57	382.36
Noncitizen	503.15	467.49	580.31	535.09	635.28	539.02	486.07
Living arrangement							
Own household	496.90	401.13	523.26	515.49	644.49	528.15	410.87
Another's household	433.33	416.49	496.30	438.64	437.29	442.90	413.79
Parent's household	608.80	...	634.50	608.68	608.93	596.18	...
Medicaid institution	34.28	38.05	36.18	33.72	35.61	33.20	35.58
Unknown	532.11	541.97	...	527.18	573.70	494.02	557.81

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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**Table 7.**  
**Recipients, by type of representative payee, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Type of payee	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
All recipients	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
Without payee	5,037,643	1,132,919	49,136	3,855,588	1,179	3,154,812	1,881,652
With payee	3,075,130	49,187	19,897	3,006,046	1,275,943	1,622,198	176,989
Natural or adoptive parents	1,838,996	517	12,043	1,826,436	1,052,714	783,796	2,486
Spouse	55,522	2,220	217	53,085	18	45,502	10,002
Natural, adoptive, or stepchild	108,922	22,858	728	85,336	508	52,495	55,919
Grandparent	117,625	37	636	116,952	78,277	39,275	73
Other relative	411,932	11,143	2,455	398,334	98,082	266,950	46,900
Nonmental institution	138,637	6,298	1,246	131,093	6,162	105,020	27,455
Mental institution	74,895	1,021	619	73,255	1,914	65,916	7,065
Financial organization	6,286	81	30	6,175	204	5,653	429
Social agency	130,266	2,029	1,031	127,206	16,704	102,160	11,402
Public official	15,025	471	72	14,482	1,260	11,526	2,239
Other	177,024	2,512	820	173,692	20,100	143,905	13,019

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

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**Table 8.**  
**Recipients, by type of income, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Type of income	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
All recipients <sup>a</sup>	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
No other income	4,626,559	432,850	37,869	4,155,840	937,998	2,898,681	789,880
Earned income	259,492	16,524	3,328	239,640	2,235	230,665	26,592
Unearned income							
Social Security benefits	2,752,037	669,088	25,212	2,057,737	96,707	1,495,476	1,159,854
Veterans' benefits	36,032	12,966	222	22,844	860	13,775	21,397
Income based on need	27,442	446	90	26,906	19,415	7,537	490
Workers' compensation	4,304	377	7	3,920	24	3,278	1,002
Support from absent parents	179,441	1	790	178,650	175,888	3,552	1
Pensions	57,238	36,755	265	20,218	27	12,667	44,544
Support and maintenance	373,050	92,936	2,621	277,493	65,033	192,815	115,202
Asset income <sup>b</sup>	99,705	31,483	1,300	66,922	3,381	46,777	49,547
Other <sup>c</sup>	87,047	12,667	684	73,696	4,563	63,908	18,576

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

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some 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 9.**  
**Recipients, by receipt of Social Security, type of income, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Type of income	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
<b>Number</b>							
All recipients	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
With Social Security							
No other income	2,417,833	556,933	22,309	1,838,591	82,385	1,329,614	1,005,834
Earned income only	99,231	9,599	1,217	88,415	184	82,967	16,080
Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>	228,373	101,393	1,596	125,384	14,098	78,009	136,266
Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup>	6,600	1,163	90	5,347	40	4,886	1,674
Without Social Security							
No other income	4,626,559	432,850	37,869	4,155,840	937,998	2,898,681	789,880
Earned income only	141,462	4,732	1,882	134,848	1,495	132,394	7,573
Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>	580,516	74,406	3,931	502,179	240,406	240,041	100,069
Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup>	12,199	1,030	139	11,030	516	10,418	1,265
<b>Average monthly payment (dollars)</b>							
All recipients	501.64	397.62	520.29	519.38	601.38	517.45	403.23
With Social Security							
No other income	243.40	235.82	265.66	245.42	452.73	235.84	236.30
Earned income only	246.21	232.32	263.23	247.52	415.50	248.51	232.85
Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>	208.48	180.33	232.38	232.27	394.03	224.83	181.05
Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup>	221.55	189.23	235.22	228.87	397.75	229.77	195.59
Without Social Security							
No other income	652.67	639.63	685.56	653.72	638.77	659.89	642.64
Earned income only	541.26	463.89	557.94	543.74	550.99	543.97	492.06
Unearned income only <sup>a</sup>	525.14	530.08	565.21	524.10	519.19	526.89	535.25
Both earned and unearned income <sup>a</sup>	444.58	368.34	473.61	451.40	454.24	451.96	380.37

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 10.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

State or area	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
All areas	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	1,277,122	4,777,010	2,058,641
Alabama	174,917	11,618	814	162,485	30,016	115,614	29,287
Alaska	12,675	1,858	86	10,731	1,266	8,360	3,049
Arizona	112,757	14,703	907	97,147	20,838	65,359	26,560
Arkansas	109,881	6,503	675	102,703	28,755	65,669	15,457
California	1,286,271	358,627	19,324	908,320	115,597	623,257	547,417
Colorado	68,725	9,084	524	59,117	9,148	44,112	15,465
Connecticut	59,731	6,578	430	52,723	8,256	37,844	13,631
Delaware	16,155	1,255	108	14,792	3,639	9,963	2,553
District of Columbia	25,748	1,912	133	23,703	4,483	17,033	4,232
Florida	505,807	112,952	2,802	390,053	97,438	244,956	163,413
Georgia	238,751	24,765	1,889	212,097	43,491	145,255	50,005
Hawaii	25,330	5,975	191	19,164	1,746	15,037	8,547
Idaho	28,202	1,870	210	26,122	5,387	19,011	3,804
Illinois	276,332	30,432	2,368	243,532	44,685	171,017	60,630
Indiana	122,084	5,470	874	115,740	26,040	83,055	12,989
Iowa	48,903	3,209	711	44,983	8,057	33,955	6,891
Kansas	47,372	3,111	331	43,930	9,126	31,480	6,766
Kentucky	193,023	10,605	1,203	181,215	29,961	130,977	32,085
Louisiana	178,727	13,481	1,433	163,813	36,526	110,280	31,921
Maine	36,316	1,965	217	34,134	4,000	26,966	5,350
Maryland	111,275	14,925	605	95,745	17,616	68,692	24,967
Massachusetts	197,503	47,926	3,616	145,961	23,966	122,206	51,331
Michigan	264,699	16,684	1,590	246,425	42,392	183,086	39,221
Minnesota	88,731	10,344	684	77,703	13,113	56,718	18,900
Mississippi	126,307	10,419	879	115,009	24,144	77,205	24,958
Missouri	137,169	7,678	870	128,621	23,417	94,784	18,968
Montana	18,167	1,267	119	16,781	2,569	12,759	2,839
Nebraska	26,530	2,025	244	24,261	4,172	18,312	4,046
Nevada	43,713	10,557	647	32,509	8,361	24,137	11,215
New Hampshire	18,693	941	153	17,599	2,476	14,151	2,066
New Jersey	173,143	34,504	825	137,814	25,574	93,316	54,253
New Mexico	61,838	8,550	440	52,848	9,218	36,000	16,620
New York	690,258	130,469	2,904	556,885	85,701	368,001	236,556
North Carolina	224,780	20,182	1,751	202,847	42,646	138,101	44,033
North Dakota	8,361	734	56	7,571	1,058	5,726	1,577
Ohio	294,920	14,694	1,767	278,459	49,318	205,942	39,660
Oklahoma	95,510	6,494	654	88,362	18,243	62,729	14,538
Oregon	77,980	8,796	622	68,562	10,268	52,021	15,691
Pennsylvania	367,274	25,258	1,957	340,059	72,848	232,432	61,994
Rhode Island	32,114	3,187	162	28,765	4,722	20,706	6,686
South Carolina	114,819	9,298	1,252	104,269	20,741	72,023	22,055
South Dakota	14,154	1,476	93	12,585	2,486	8,696	2,972
Tennessee	179,350	13,197	1,475	164,678	25,359	121,866	32,125
Texas	639,869	106,981	6,695	526,193	137,521	332,219	170,129
Utah	29,412	2,599	236	26,577	5,511	19,198	4,703

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**Table 10.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
Vermont	15,684	1,051	73	14,560	1,899	11,272	2,513
Virginia	150,804	18,844	1,147	130,813	24,020	92,841	33,943
Washington	142,848	16,498	884	125,466	17,726	93,763	31,359
West Virginia	80,734	2,982	497	77,255	9,083	60,029	11,622
Wisconsin	110,881	7,099	866	102,916	21,191	73,638	16,052
Wyoming	6,534	337	33	6,164	964	4,756	814
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	1,012	137	7	868	344	485	183

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

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**Table 11.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age,**  
**December 2011 (in dollars)**

State or area	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
All areas	501.64	397.62	520.29	519.38	601.38	517.45	403.23
Alabama	466.60	221.47	438.60	484.28	597.91	481.75	272.45
Alaska	464.29	318.84	418.91	489.96	529.60	498.77	343.23
Arizona	492.17	355.73	487.02	512.91	600.60	509.09	365.84
Arkansas	472.96	199.87	439.23	490.49	602.62	469.87	244.80
California	572.69	492.27	624.52	603.31	658.82	614.59	506.88
Colorado	471.80	372.77	470.59	487.07	578.06	488.08	363.22
Connecticut	486.07	380.34	486.90	499.26	586.82	499.36	388.55
Delaware	484.55	317.52	449.92	499.00	582.02	487.96	332.86
District of Columbia	533.39	338.52	475.84	549.47	596.29	556.95	372.41
Florida	480.15	390.52	461.85	506.28	593.29	495.41	389.90
Georgia	469.97	278.28	464.89	492.45	592.33	492.41	298.68
Hawaii	520.53	418.16	529.59	552.42	566.57	561.97	438.55
Idaho	472.14	275.00	474.58	486.23	577.13	476.73	301.49
Illinois	504.96	395.23	496.55	518.72	603.21	515.57	402.68
Indiana	490.90	290.50	450.84	500.67	595.24	486.45	310.72
Iowa	462.66	273.04	447.71	476.47	580.59	468.49	297.27
Kansas	473.15	308.53	474.87	484.86	583.87	473.90	322.10
Kentucky	478.10	234.96	462.37	492.40	601.28	494.96	294.44
Louisiana	483.88	242.27	457.69	503.99	606.34	499.42	290.17
Maine	451.96	230.38	443.83	464.69	578.99	468.75	272.18
Maryland	499.96	389.07	472.95	517.41	578.02	520.23	389.16
Massachusetts	522.50	455.64	573.33	543.30	629.00	530.86	452.91
Michigan	507.26	370.10	494.77	516.61	602.57	513.11	377.10
Minnesota	491.31	414.15	487.35	501.64	584.58	491.35	426.71
Mississippi	460.42	203.15	429.05	484.02	599.30	481.03	262.55
Missouri	473.09	287.80	462.04	484.24	594.05	476.56	307.00
Montana	460.99	261.23	481.21	475.94	586.30	474.79	286.19
Nebraska	457.62	293.58	496.11	471.02	576.49	464.76	303.71
Nevada	488.46	374.67	542.98	524.54	589.18	506.64	374.48
New Hampshire	464.94	343.87	450.78	471.57	553.42	469.31	330.30
New Jersey	488.15	400.15	449.39	510.38	594.21	509.37	401.71
New Mexico	461.07	286.57	472.68	489.31	597.76	492.53	317.99
New York	536.48	433.41	509.87	560.73	619.86	565.60	460.94
North Carolina	456.40	239.52	454.15	477.98	581.89	473.80	280.09
North Dakota	430.57	286.20	433.29	444.52	545.90	445.55	298.45
Ohio	501.32	338.11	471.86	510.13	603.83	504.78	356.31
Oklahoma	477.78	256.20	469.61	494.15	589.60	489.51	286.85
Oregon	482.85	350.93	481.35	499.84	581.10	501.57	357.07
Pennsylvania	511.24	348.32	471.72	523.56	595.51	519.53	381.59
Rhode Island	484.87	345.24	439.11	500.57	595.63	498.27	365.23
South Carolina	462.93	235.33	457.04	483.34	585.63	483.09	282.15
South Dakota	447.17	277.60	519.64	466.59	567.33	461.58	305.16
Tennessee	466.58	239.39	476.17	484.78	593.09	487.51	288.18
Texas	461.75	301.49	473.92	494.20	590.51	486.23	309.94
Utah	476.15	384.28	458.68	485.35	552.00	477.62	381.71

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**Table 11.**

**Average monthly payment, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age,  
December 2011 (in dollars)—Continued**

State or area	Total	Category			Age		
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
Vermont	473.97	268.35	440.85	488.90	628.06	486.59	300.42
Virginia	468.94	348.81	463.50	486.29	578.42	484.69	348.42
Washington	507.05	440.00	490.49	516.00	584.55	516.26	436.00
West Virginia	483.45	225.10	457.13	493.54	590.35	501.68	305.93
Wisconsin	483.22	304.64	467.96	495.65	589.74	485.06	334.45
Wyoming	449.81	210.41	483.48	462.81	560.85	461.91	250.20
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	562.38	390.85	447.86	589.85	632.02	568.97	410.98

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

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**Table 12.**  
**Recipients and their average income, by type of income and marital status, December 2011**

Type of income	All recipients <sup>a</sup>		Eligible individual with no spouse		Eligible individual with eligible spouse				Eligible individual with ineligible spouse			
	Number	Average income (dollars)	Number	Average income (dollars)	Individual		Spouse		Individual		Spouse	
					Number	Average income (dollars)	Number	Average income (dollars)	Number	Average income (dollars)	Number	Average income (dollars)
Total <sup>b</sup>	8,112,773	...	7,234,594	...	281,081	...	281,081	...	316,017	...	316,017	...
No other income	4,626,559	...	4,146,489	...	143,435	...	145,496	...	191,139	...	151,096	...
With income	3,486,214	465	3,088,105	467	137,646	456	135,585	401	124,878	496	164,921	921
Earned income only	141,462	351	134,248	336	1,452	647	1,948	592	3,814	633	91,469	1,183
Unearned income only	3,226,722	461	2,842,713	464	134,421	449	130,795	389	118,793	483	66,759	532
Both earned and unearned income	118,030	707	111,144	697	1,773	850	2,842	837	2,271	923	6,693	1,204
With earned income <sup>b</sup>	259,492	299	245,392	286	3,225	515	4,790	498	6,085	571	98,159	1,161
Wages	231,330	307	222,050	292	2,175	627	3,217	608	3,888	706	72,867	1,299
Self-employment income	29,067	228	24,162	214	1,061	280	1,610	266	2,234	327	26,508	729
With unearned income <sup>b</sup>	3,344,752	461	2,953,857	464	136,194	449	133,637	389	121,064	483	73,452	515
Social Security benefits	2,752,037	507	2,409,391	512	120,980	475	120,008	406	101,658	525	40,289	584
Veterans' benefits	36,032	237	32,148	240	363	260	314	283	3,207	205	4,537	630
Income based on need	27,442	204	25,607	211	119	134	340	134	1,376	112	16,649	139
Workers' compensation	4,304	429	3,693	418	174	423	175	460	262	580	533	803
Support from absent parents	178,900	220	178,899	220	...	...	...	...	1	100	...	...
Pensions	57,238	179	44,965	186	5,805	157	4,563	140	1,905	187	2,289	322
Support and maintenance	373,050	168	320,809	173	17,610	126	16,703	126	17,928	153	917	148
Asset income <sup>c</sup>	99,705	9	89,656	9	4,648	9	3,265	13	2,136	37	1,482	72
Other <sup>d</sup>	87,587	223	80,266	223	1,936	169	1,880	159	3,505	277	11,947	648

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. Does not include ineligible spouses.
- b. 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.
- c. Includes income received as rent, interest, dividends, and royalties.
- d. Does not include income deemed from a spouse or parent.

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**Table 13.**  
**Recipients as a percentage of resident population, by state, December 2011**

State	Resident population <sup>a</sup>	Recipients	
		Number	Percentage of resident population
United States	311,591,917	<sup>b</sup> 8,111,761	2.6
Alabama	4,802,740	174,917	3.6
Alaska	722,718	12,675	1.8
Arizona	6,482,505	112,757	1.7
Arkansas	2,937,979	109,881	3.7
California	37,691,912	1,286,271	3.4
Colorado	5,116,796	68,725	1.3
Connecticut	3,580,709	59,731	1.7
Delaware	907,135	16,155	1.8
District of Columbia	617,996	25,748	4.2
Florida	19,057,542	505,807	2.7
Georgia	9,815,210	238,751	2.4
Hawaii	1,374,810	25,330	1.8
Idaho	1,584,985	28,202	1.8
Illinois	12,869,257	276,332	2.1
Indiana	6,516,922	122,084	1.9
Iowa	3,062,309	48,903	1.6
Kansas	2,871,238	47,372	1.6
Kentucky	4,369,356	193,023	4.4
Louisiana	4,574,836	178,727	3.9
Maine	1,328,188	36,316	2.7
Maryland	5,828,289	111,275	1.9
Massachusetts	6,587,536	197,503	3.0
Michigan	9,876,187	264,699	2.7
Minnesota	5,344,861	88,731	1.7
Mississippi	2,978,512	126,307	4.2
Missouri	6,010,688	137,169	2.3
Montana	998,199	18,167	1.8
Nebraska	1,842,641	26,530	1.4
Nevada	2,723,322	43,713	1.6
New Hampshire	1,318,194	18,693	1.4
New Jersey	8,821,155	173,143	2.0
New Mexico	2,082,224	61,838	3.0
New York	19,465,197	690,258	3.5
North Carolina	9,656,401	224,780	2.3
North Dakota	683,932	8,361	1.2
Ohio	11,544,951	294,920	2.6
Oklahoma	3,791,508	95,510	2.5
Oregon	3,871,859	77,980	2.0
Pennsylvania	12,742,886	367,274	2.9
Rhode Island	1,051,302	32,114	3.1
South Carolina	4,679,230	114,819	2.5
South Dakota	824,082	14,154	1.7
Tennessee	6,403,353	179,350	2.8
Texas	25,674,681	639,869	2.5
Utah	2,817,222	29,412	1.0

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**Table 13.**  
**Recipients as a percentage of resident population, by state, December 2011—Continued**

State	Resident population <sup>a</sup>	Recipients	
		Number	Percentage of resident population
Vermont	626,431	15,684	2.5
Virginia	8,096,604	150,804	1.9
Washington	6,830,038	142,848	2.1
West Virginia	1,855,364	80,734	4.4
Wisconsin	5,711,767	110,881	1.9
Wyoming	568,158	6,534	1.2

SOURCES: 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, 2011, as reported by the Census Bureau.

b. Excludes recipients in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**Table 14.**  
**Foreign-born recipients, by region, country of origin, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Region and country of origin	Total	Category		Age		
		Aged	Blind and disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
All areas	1,711,014	824,150	886,864	21,016	528,369	1,161,629
North America	204,344	27,751	176,593	13,470	120,034	70,840
U.S. territories	196,105	25,717	170,388	13,255	115,166	67,684
Puerto Rico	190,416	25,171	165,245	12,461	111,422	66,533
Other <sup>a</sup>	5,689	546	5,143	794	3,744	1,151
Other	8,239	2,034	6,205	215	4,868	3,156
Latin America	663,674	340,018	323,656	2,585	196,009	465,080
Mexico	290,836	148,424	142,412	802	83,137	206,897
Cuba	108,240	61,363	46,877	480	25,992	81,768
Dominican Republic	78,305	27,520	50,785	415	32,669	45,221
El Salvador	27,849	16,112	11,737	50	7,360	20,439
Haiti	22,943	13,743	9,200	200	6,161	16,582
Other	135,501	72,856	62,645	638	40,690	94,173
Africa	32,942	13,858	19,084	908	14,064	17,970
Somalia	8,528	3,017	5,511	174	4,028	4,326
Ethiopia	4,334	1,642	2,692	65	1,978	2,291
Nigeria	3,529	2,081	1,448	39	1,085	2,405
Liberia	2,166	1,087	1,079	33	768	1,365
Cape Verde	1,718	1,114	604	5	500	1,213
Other	12,667	4,917	7,750	592	5,705	6,370
Asia	485,053	298,008	187,045	1,502	104,199	379,352
Vietnam	117,646	55,948	61,698	172	29,548	87,926
China	90,223	76,980	13,243	146	6,154	83,923
Philippines	66,698	53,364	13,334	127	9,023	57,548
South Korea	47,869	34,985	12,884	65	6,801	41,003
India	43,370	31,852	11,518	90	4,943	38,337
Other	119,247	44,879	74,368	902	47,730	70,615
Middle East	108,961	51,742	57,219	1,051	29,943	77,967
Iran	47,656	26,626	21,030	76	9,571	38,009
Iraq	19,772	6,349	13,423	411	9,214	10,147
Lebanon	9,877	4,686	5,191	37	2,112	7,728
Syria	7,511	3,485	4,026	37	1,346	6,128
Egypt	6,843	3,263	3,580	96	1,906	4,841
Other	17,302	7,333	9,969	394	5,794	11,114
Former Soviet Republics	128,070	60,723	67,347	563	25,555	101,952
Europe	81,703	29,787	51,916	857	35,950	44,896
Germany	13,838	1,241	12,597	411	11,098	2,329
Former Yugoslavia	12,107	3,988	8,119	77	5,115	6,915
Poland	7,995	4,502	3,493	14	2,111	5,870
United Kingdom	7,966	2,238	5,728	100	4,238	3,628
Portugal	6,286	3,316	2,970	7	2,002	4,277
Other	33,511	14,502	19,009	248	11,386	21,877
Oceania	5,337	2,004	3,333	55	2,128	3,154
Other areas	930	259	671	25	487	418

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 U.S. Virgin Islands.

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# RECIPIENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SSI, OR BOTH





**Table 15.**  
**Persons aged 18–64 receiving benefits on the basis of disability and their total and average monthly payments, by type of beneficiary, December 1996–2011**

Year	Total	Social Security only				SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI			
		Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children		Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children
<i>Number</i>										
1996	7,689,664	4,122,152	--	--	--	2,559,750	1,007,762	--	--	--
1997	7,811,748	4,250,155	--	--	--	2,550,105	1,011,488	--	--	--
1998	8,086,259	4,440,264	--	--	--	2,618,615	1,027,380	--	--	--
1999	8,399,309	4,703,774	--	--	--	2,650,586	1,044,949	--	--	--
2000	8,599,465	4,850,835	--	--	--	2,690,446	1,058,184	--	--	--
2001	8,791,338	4,979,844	4,495,477	87,833	396,534	2,732,020	1,079,474	772,562	35,222	271,690
2002	9,106,014	5,228,262	4,738,246	87,900	402,116	2,768,782	1,108,970	801,351	34,671	272,948
2003	9,445,573	5,492,325	4,997,137	87,203	407,985	2,811,647	1,141,601	833,269	34,101	274,231
2004	9,773,201	5,756,093	5,257,314	89,874	408,905	2,850,815	1,166,293	858,850	33,072	274,371
2005	10,081,625	5,998,755	5,491,980	86,422	420,353	2,880,931	1,201,939	893,437	32,302	276,200
2006	10,362,419	6,210,289	5,698,494	85,259	426,536	2,928,034	1,224,096	915,832	31,443	276,821
2007	10,627,905	6,405,985	5,888,133	83,481	434,371	2,966,648	1,255,272	942,011	30,876	282,385
2008	10,974,914	6,641,818	6,115,214	82,100	444,504	3,040,764	1,292,332	971,455	30,608	290,269
2009	11,451,980	7,000,692	6,462,635	82,167	455,890	3,138,143	1,313,145	989,094	29,991	294,060
2010	11,988,072	7,356,565	6,810,060	82,369	464,136	3,262,055	1,369,452	1,035,969	30,216	303,267
2011	12,373,698	7,596,688	7,092,419	81,922	422,347	3,395,233	1,381,777	1,060,694	30,173	290,910
<i>Total payments (millions of dollars)</i>										
1996	4,878	3,072	--	--	--	1,222	584	--	--	--
1997	5,106	3,245	--	--	--	1,257	604	--	--	--
1998	5,379	3,444	--	--	--	1,313	622	--	--	--
1999	5,680	3,691	--	--	--	1,346	643	--	--	--
2000	6,058	3,975	--	--	--	1,408	675	--	--	--
2001	6,509	4,299	3,976	65	258	1,491	719	530	22	167
2002	6,920	4,629	4,294	67	268	1,544	747	554	22	171
2003	7,416	5,024	4,674	69	281	1,603	790	592	22	176
2004	7,980	5,464	5,096	72	296	1,686	829	626	22	180
2005	8,604	5,974	5,584	75	315	1,724	906	696	22	187
2006	9,172	6,439	6,029	77	334	1,778	955	739	23	193
2007	9,734	6,817	6,389	77	351	1,886	1,031	805	23	203
2008	10,566	7,499	7,035	81	383	1,973	1,094	853	24	217
2009	11,155	7,924	7,447	82	396	2,122	1,108	863	24	221
2010	11,765	8,392	7,902	83	407	2,219	1,154	902	24	229
2011	12,526	9,037	8,562	86	390	2,299	1,189	941	24	224

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**Table 15.**

**Persons aged 18–64 receiving benefits on the basis of disability and their total and average monthly payments, by type of beneficiary, December 1996–2011—Continued**

Year	Total	Social Security only				SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI			
		Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children		Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children
<i>Average monthly payments<sup>a</sup> (dollars)</i>										
1996	624.80	744.60	--	--	--	456.00	546.90	--	--	--
1997	637.80	762.80	--	--	--	458.10	557.10	--	--	--
1998	649.90	775.00	--	--	--	467.90	564.30	--	--	--
1999	662.50	784.10	--	--	--	477.60	576.70	--	--	--
2000	689.30	818.80	--	--	--	489.00	594.90	--	--	--
2001	722.84	862.60	883.70	744.80	650.00	506.80	615.20	618.40	595.10	608.70
2002	744.40	884.60	905.40	764.40	666.00	522.50	625.20	626.90	608.30	622.20
2003	768.50	914.10	934.80	790.80	687.30	533.50	638.20	639.90	620.90	635.10
2004	796.80	947.80	967.80	804.80	722.50	545.90	655.20	657.10	639.10	651.40
2005	832.80	993.70	1,014.50	863.10	748.10	558.20	675.90	677.70	659.90	672.30
2006	867.90	1,036.50	1,057.60	900.00	781.70	578.30	697.40	699.20	680.70	693.20
2007	892.70	1,063.67	1,084.50	928.75	806.96	595.75	713.90	715.15	700.48	709.89
2008	940.40	1,128.50	1,149.80	991.10	860.60	607.70	746.80	749.70	733.70	738.60
2009	952.10	1,131.30	1,151.70	996.80	867.20	635.30	744.90	745.70	736.20	742.80
2010	959.00	1,140.80	1,160.40	1,005.20	877.00	636.90	744.20	745.00	737.00	742.20
2011	990.30	1,189.60	1,207.20	1,047.30	922.60	633.70	762.50	764.00	753.10	758.10

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

NOTES: 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.

-- = not available.

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 16.**

**Persons aged 18–64 receiving both Social Security and SSI on the basis of disability and their average monthly Social Security benefit and SSI payment, by state or other area and type of beneficiary, December 2011**

State or area	Number of SSI recipients with Social Security disability				Average monthly Social Security benefit (dollars)				Average monthly SSI payment (dollars)			
	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children
All areas <sup>a</sup>	1,381,777	1,060,694	30,173	290,910	532.91	550.81	527.23	469.10	229.62	213.21	225.91	289.04
Alabama	36,349	26,828	1,029	8,492	521.94	547.22	533.49	441.79	206.29	186.89	196.72	267.86
Alaska	2,125	1,711	34	380	514.31	533.60	530.02	427.26	201.97	187.34	165.06	270.20
Arizona	17,310	13,378	328	3,604	506.65	526.11	515.57	434.33	215.81	200.26	209.91	273.48
Arkansas	22,037	16,628	580	4,829	521.26	545.98	528.21	436.28	207.38	187.67	195.17	275.93
California	191,901	151,715	3,492	36,694	612.97	626.61	579.31	560.33	284.95	263.93	297.93	369.78
Colorado	13,471	11,004	183	2,284	521.11	535.66	540.52	450.64	207.43	195.73	200.49	263.34
Connecticut	10,493	8,076	232	2,185	501.82	523.66	464.30	425.67	216.62	198.82	250.86	278.35
Delaware	2,953	2,307	46	600	517.05	529.23	500.14	472.16	209.87	194.63	220.57	266.77
District of Columbia	3,009	2,425	69	515	509.99	526.00	504.49	435.26	248.81	233.71	267.14	317.46
Florida	68,581	53,017	1,420	14,144	513.85	532.88	515.28	443.42	211.53	196.47	212.45	267.08
Georgia	40,119	29,579	1,088	9,452	528.79	550.74	530.74	461.56	203.49	187.75	198.25	252.14
Hawaii	3,325	2,392	65	868	575.90	571.43	549.14	590.03	291.74	249.15	251.02	410.36
Idaho	6,298	5,014	76	1,208	514.65	533.71	532.66	435.52	211.92	196.40	193.08	276.61
Illinois	39,887	30,233	902	8,752	496.64	513.73	501.14	437.51	224.84	210.70	225.67	273.26
Indiana	25,327	20,125	445	4,757	508.43	523.77	518.66	443.75	217.66	205.97	207.69	267.12
Iowa	12,367	9,831	165	2,371	526.24	545.70	556.02	444.81	222.06	211.17	193.83	268.42
Kansas	10,676	8,467	162	2,047	516.98	534.51	510.87	446.54	210.01	196.13	210.03	266.21
Kentucky	37,472	28,262	1,290	7,920	511.89	536.99	500.56	425.13	214.10	194.32	227.58	281.75
Louisiana	29,044	20,128	1,014	7,902	498.94	526.06	518.02	428.05	224.45	204.04	204.40	278.55
Maine	9,978	7,653	172	2,153	513.06	537.74	533.67	425.06	213.06	192.68	179.43	287.06
Maryland	16,672	13,143	273	3,256	509.13	521.74	512.34	459.18	214.11	204.87	198.37	251.83
Massachusetts	38,939	30,942	673	7,324	559.77	588.00	553.10	441.93	236.10	218.25	263.01	308.45
Michigan	54,416	41,580	919	11,917	516.34	527.34	515.77	478.42	225.37	210.76	215.81	276.54
Minnesota	17,628	14,176	163	3,289	507.28	522.23	499.38	444.39	213.88	202.34	229.52	261.96
Mississippi	23,552	16,435	833	6,284	516.83	549.37	523.84	431.86	211.53	185.35	201.71	280.46
Missouri	30,576	23,815	683	6,078	510.38	529.06	507.96	438.57	215.25	200.71	224.60	270.35
Montana	4,406	3,494	74	838	515.42	527.84	481.23	467.41	217.41	205.95	228.82	263.51
Nebraska	6,504	5,051	82	1,371	517.56	537.80	507.07	444.72	208.66	193.45	223.59	262.97
Nevada	6,125	5,068	113	944	532.32	545.05	585.37	459.23	200.40	192.13	217.88	241.74
New Hampshire	4,730	3,688	42	1,000	516.23	542.73	481.31	422.08	212.21	193.17	231.38	280.12
New Jersey	25,869	19,776	474	5,619	535.64	552.77	531.88	476.29	218.68	202.39	221.83	275.15
New Mexico	10,531	8,273	216	2,042	507.68	525.74	520.68	433.56	209.30	195.42	201.28	266.07
New York	103,483	77,527	2,126	23,830	573.82	578.44	538.76	562.04	268.16	249.05	258.08	330.80
North Carolina	43,077	31,979	1,040	10,058	520.97	542.78	530.02	451.56	204.60	187.95	199.48	257.36
North Dakota	2,150	1,619	31	500	505.71	523.81	491.09	449.05	215.47	202.72	230.48	255.07
Ohio	56,287	44,906	1,289	10,092	498.43	513.38	496.47	433.14	224.36	212.50	231.78	275.41
Oklahoma	18,241	14,281	440	3,520	504.10	519.21	515.91	442.50	216.53	204.12	210.20	266.71
Oregon	15,144	12,135	250	2,759	519.80	535.49	515.97	451.98	202.63	188.65	221.13	261.69
Pennsylvania	60,312	46,114	1,285	12,913	511.63	527.88	514.48	454.13	228.57	214.04	221.52	280.47
Rhode Island	6,174	4,872	106	1,196	522.65	546.94	528.26	423.70	207.90	188.23	230.00	285.69
South Carolina	20,896	14,929	658	5,309	514.30	536.07	531.28	452.33	211.90	197.65	194.31	253.24
South Dakota	3,080	2,272	51	757	502.01	526.09	493.34	432.06	219.85	201.57	248.12	271.53
Tennessee	36,447	27,139	1,186	8,122	517.75	538.59	517.88	449.82	211.52	196.36	208.48	261.39
Texas	88,722	67,734	2,378	18,610	507.80	529.08	524.43	429.24	213.36	196.96	200.77	273.85
Utah	5,762	4,560	82	1,120	500.52	518.95	521.43	425.58	220.91	205.32	245.93	281.25

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**Table 16.**

**Persons aged 18–64 receiving both Social Security and SSI on the basis of disability and their average monthly Social Security benefit and SSI payment, by state or other area and type of beneficiary, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Number of SSI recipients with Social Security disability				Average monthly Social Security benefit (dollars)				Average monthly SSI payment (dollars)			
	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children	Total	Workers	Widow(er)s	Adult children
Vermont	4,576	3,610	62	904	557.30	574.33	578.95	487.93	228.79	213.16	179.13	294.48
Virginia	27,782	20,653	631	6,498	510.59	531.33	520.02	444.82	214.28	198.42	210.87	264.22
Washington	24,679	20,014	354	4,311	516.82	532.25	524.76	445.74	208.00	195.45	208.20	265.25
West Virginia	15,769	11,326	538	3,905	502.60	526.99	515.59	430.55	218.50	199.46	208.47	274.73
Wisconsin	24,785	19,427	297	5,061	512.07	528.58	498.23	449.92	211.93	197.64	238.89	264.84
Wyoming	1,674	1,344	(X)	(X)	506.95	520.73	(X)	(X)	214.17	200.98	(X)	(X)
Outlying area												
Northern Mariana Islands	67	39	(X)	(X)	413.38	496.30	(X)	(X)	296.91	227.69	(X)	(X)

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

NOTES: 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.

(X) = Suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Includes persons not distributed by state or area.

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**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
**December 2011**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
All areas	1,277,122	601.38
Boston	45,319	609.30
Connecticut	8,256	586.82
Maine	4,000	578.99
Massachusetts	23,966	629.00
New Hampshire	2,476	553.42
Rhode Island	4,722	595.63
Vermont	1,899	628.06
New York	111,275	613.98
New Jersey	25,574	594.21
New York	85,701	619.86
Philadelphia	131,689	589.34
Delaware	3,639	582.02
District of Columbia	4,483	596.29
Maryland	17,616	578.02
Pennsylvania	72,848	595.51
Virginia	24,020	578.42
West Virginia	9,083	590.35
Atlanta	313,796	592.75
Alabama	30,016	597.91
Florida	97,438	593.29
Georgia	43,491	592.33
Kentucky	29,961	601.28
Mississippi	24,144	599.30
North Carolina	42,646	581.89
South Carolina	20,741	585.63
Tennessee	25,359	593.09
Chicago	196,739	599.49
Illinois	44,685	603.21
Indiana	26,040	595.24
Michigan	42,392	602.57
Minnesota	13,113	584.58
Ohio	49,318	603.83
Wisconsin	21,191	589.74
Dallas	230,263	594.75
Arkansas	28,755	602.62
Louisiana	36,526	606.34
New Mexico	9,218	597.76
Oklahoma	18,243	589.60
Texas	137,521	590.51
Kansas City	44,772	587.93
Iowa	8,057	580.59
Kansas	9,126	583.87
Missouri	23,417	594.05
Nebraska	4,172	576.49

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**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
**December 2011—Continued**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
Denver	21,736	568.87
Colorado	9,148	578.06
Montana	2,569	586.30
North Dakota	1,058	545.90
South Dakota	2,486	567.33
Utah	5,511	552.00
Wyoming	964	560.85
San Francisco	146,886	645.42
Arizona	20,838	600.60
California	115,597	658.82
Hawaii	1,746	566.57
Nevada	8,361	589.18
Northern Mariana Islands	344	632.02
Seattle	34,647	580.37
Alaska	1,266	529.60
Idaho	5,387	577.13
Oregon	10,268	581.10
Washington	17,726	584.55

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

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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**Table 18.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients, by monthly payment, December 2011**

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	1,277,122
Percent	100.0
None <sup>a</sup>	0.1
Under 50	1.6
50–99	0.7
100–199	1.8
200–299	2.5
300–399	3.5
400–499	9.8
500–599	9.4
600–673	7.8
674	62.7

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

a. Persons receiving only a federally administered state supplementary payment on December 1, 2011.

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**Table 19.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics, December 2011**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,277,122	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	20,471	1.6
1	30,335	2.4
2	37,612	2.9
3	48,708	3.8
4	58,473	4.6
5	65,186	5.1
6	70,437	5.5
7	76,227	6.0
8	81,306	6.4
9	85,266	6.7
10	90,036	7.0
11	91,934	7.2
12	89,713	7.0
13	89,756	7.0
14	86,520	6.8
15	85,180	6.7
16	84,122	6.6
17	85,840	6.7
Sex		
Male	847,688	66.4
Female	429,434	33.6
Citizenship status		
Citizen	1,274,508	99.8
Noncitizen	2,614	0.2
Living arrangements		
Own household	161,680	12.7
Another's household	43,569	3.4
Parent's household	1,057,692	82.8
Medicaid institution	13,927	1.1
Unknown	254	(L)

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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**Table 20.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and age, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3–5	6–12	13–17
	<i>Number</i>				
All recipients under age 18	1,277,122	88,418	172,367	584,919	431,418
Congenital anomalies	68,843	14,311	16,378	26,660	11,494
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,334	843	1,530	3,381	2,580
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,397	88	184	452	673
Injuries	6,927	637	1,347	2,902	2,041
Mental disorders					
Autistic disorders	106,928	1,720	20,516	59,104	25,588
Developmental disorders	260,528	6,773	50,540	139,758	63,457
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	249,961	78	6,901	126,061	116,921
Intellectual disability	132,963	669	5,595	52,741	73,958
Mood disorders	42,986	12	369	13,684	28,921
Organic mental disorders	27,809	830	3,847	13,199	9,933
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	4,207	0	25	1,017	3,165
Other mental disorders	35,589	55	1,003	14,588	19,943
Neoplasms	15,378	952	3,091	7,526	3,809
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	13,729	938	2,454	6,150	4,187
Circulatory system	6,581	1,066	1,498	2,773	1,244
Digestive system	14,943	4,886	4,735	4,098	1,224
Genitourinary system	3,562	329	579	1,489	1,165
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9,451	896	1,543	3,765	3,247
Nervous system and sense organs	99,728	7,199	18,178	44,166	30,185
Respiratory system	36,457	2,860	7,301	18,726	7,570
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	2,369	167	591	1,140	471
Other	104,009	40,404	19,332	31,244	13,029
Unknown	24,443	2,705	4,830	10,295	6,613
	<i>Percent</i>				
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	5.4	16.2	9.5	4.6	2.7
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Injuries	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5
Mental disorders					
Autistic disorders	8.4	1.9	11.9	10.1	5.9
Developmental disorders	20.4	7.7	29.3	23.9	14.7
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	19.6	0.1	4.0	21.6	27.1
Intellectual disability	10.4	0.8	3.2	9.0	17.1
Mood disorders	3.4	(L)	0.2	2.3	6.7
Organic mental disorders	2.2	0.9	2.2	2.3	2.3
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	0.3	0.0	(L)	0.2	0.7
Other mental disorders	2.8	0.1	0.6	2.5	4.6
Neoplasms	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.3	0.9
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.0
Circulatory system	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.3
Digestive system	1.2	5.5	2.7	0.7	0.3
Genitourinary system	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.8
Nervous system and sense organs	7.8	8.1	10.5	7.6	7.0
Respiratory system	2.9	3.2	4.2	3.2	1.8
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Other	8.1	45.7	11.2	5.3	3.0
Unknown	1.9	3.1	2.8	1.8	1.5

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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**Table 21.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	1,277,122	100.0	847,688	100.0	429,434	100.0
Congenital anomalies	68,843	5.4	37,053	4.4	31,790	7.4
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,334	0.7	4,316	0.5	4,018	0.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1,397	0.1	697	0.1	700	0.2
Injuries	6,927	0.5	3,969	0.5	2,958	0.7
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	106,928	8.4	86,709	10.2	20,219	4.7
Developmental disorders	260,528	20.4	180,927	21.3	79,601	18.5
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	249,961	19.6	194,295	22.9	55,666	13.0
Intellectual disability	132,963	10.4	82,984	9.8	49,979	11.6
Mood disorders	42,986	3.4	26,408	3.1	16,578	3.9
Organic mental disorders	27,809	2.2	18,586	2.2	9,223	2.1
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	4,207	0.3	2,550	0.3	1,657	0.4
Other mental disorders	35,589	2.8	22,547	2.7	13,042	3.0
Neoplasms	15,378	1.2	8,454	1.0	6,924	1.6
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	13,729	1.1	7,711	0.9	6,018	1.4
Circulatory system	6,581	0.5	3,568	0.4	3,013	0.7
Digestive system	14,943	1.2	8,197	1.0	6,746	1.6
Genitourinary system	3,562	0.3	2,162	0.3	1,400	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9,451	0.7	4,615	0.5	4,836	1.1
Nervous system and sense organs	99,728	7.8	55,525	6.6	44,203	10.3
Respiratory system	36,457	2.9	23,196	2.7	13,261	3.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	2,369	0.2	1,246	0.1	1,123	0.3
Other	104,009	8.1	57,259	6.8	46,750	10.9
Unknown	24,443	1.9	14,714	1.7	9,729	2.3

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

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**Table 22.**  
**Adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18, by year of first eligibility and age in December 2011**

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2011					
		18-21	22-25	26-29	30-39	40-49	50 or older <sup>a</sup>
Total							
Number	963,958	278,060	194,973	147,895	219,532	96,299	27,199
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974-1976	6.4	...	...	...	2.4	35.7	80.7
1977-1980	6.7	...	...	(L)	11.4	35.5	19.3
1981-1984	6.3	...	...	4.7	16.5	18.4	...
1985-1989	10.6	...	9.0	21.6	19.6	10.5	...
1990-1994	30.9	22.4	40.7	43.7	41.7	...	...
1995-1999	18.2	26.9	25.4	22.0	8.5	...	...
2000-2004	13.3	27.8	20.2	7.9	...	...	...
2005-2009	6.8	20.1	4.8	...	...	...	...
2010-2011	0.8	2.8	...	...	...	...	...

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

NOTES: ... = not applicable; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

a. Those under age 18 in 1974 would be no older than 55 in 2011.

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**Table 23.**  
**Recipients and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2011**

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	1,277,122	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income <sup>a</sup>	937,998	73.4	...
With income <sup>b</sup>	339,124	26.6	243
Earned income only	1,495	0.1	482
Unearned income only	336,889	26.4	225
Both earned and unearned income	740	0.1	589
With unearned income <sup>c</sup>	337,629	26.4	225
Social Security benefits	96,707	7.6	216
Veterans' benefits	860	0.1	89
Income based on need	19,415	1.5	229
Support from absent parents	175,888	13.8	219
Support and maintenance	65,033	5.1	158
Asset income	3,381	0.3	5
Other	4,614	0.4	377

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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

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**Table 24.**  
**Recipients, by number of parents in the household, December 2011**

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,277,122	100.0
No parents <sup>a</sup>	154,708	12.1
One parent	857,569	67.1
Two parents	264,845	20.7

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

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

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

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**Table 25.**  
**Recipients with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2011**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
			Mother only		Father only	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	857,569	100.0	804,218	100.0	53,350	100.0
No parental income	415,404	48.4	393,923	49.0	21,480	40.3
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	442,165	51.6	410,295	51.0	31,870	59.7
Earned income	274,290	32.0	254,037	31.6	20,253	38.0
Unearned income	188,136	21.9	175,331	21.8	12,805	24.0
Total income (dollars)						
None	415,404	48.4	393,923	49.0	21,480	40.3
Under 200	57,417	6.7	55,279	6.9	2,138	4.0
200–399	35,966	4.2	33,965	4.2	2,001	3.8
400–599	39,880	4.7	37,543	4.7	2,337	4.4
600–999	101,610	11.8	94,649	11.8	6,961	13.0
1,000 or more	207,292	24.2	188,859	23.5	18,433	34.6
Earned income (dollars)						
None	583,279	68.0	550,181	68.4	33,097	62.0
Under 200	6,460	0.8	5,980	0.7	480	0.9
200–399	11,425	1.3	10,869	1.4	556	1.0
400–599	18,795	2.2	17,877	2.2	918	1.7
600–999	52,752	6.2	50,212	6.2	2,540	4.8
1,000 or more	184,858	21.6	169,099	21.0	15,759	29.5
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	669,433	78.1	628,887	78.2	40,545	76.0
Under 200	61,439	7.2	59,299	7.4	2,140	4.0
200–399	29,592	3.5	27,873	3.5	1,719	3.2
400–599	24,989	2.9	23,290	2.9	1,699	3.2
600–999	53,449	6.2	48,728	6.1	4,721	8.8
1,000 or more	18,667	2.2	16,141	2.0	2,526	4.7

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

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

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**Table 26.**  
**Recipients with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income,**  
**December 2011**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	264,845	100.0	264,845	100.0	264,845	100.0
No parental income	52,263	19.7	168,800	63.7	92,129	34.8
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	212,582	80.3	96,045	36.3	172,716	65.2
Earned income	166,391	62.8	64,419	24.3	129,828	49.0
Unearned income	68,081	25.7	35,129	13.3	49,264	18.6
Total income (dollars)						
None	52,263	19.7	168,800	63.7	92,129	34.8
Under 200	6,700	2.5	14,652	5.5	7,768	2.9
200–399	7,404	2.8	8,128	3.1	6,103	2.3
400–599	8,630	3.3	8,879	3.4	8,385	3.2
600–999	27,103	10.2	20,733	7.8	26,569	10.0
1,000 or more	162,745	61.4	43,653	16.5	123,891	46.8
Earned income (dollars)						
None	98,454	37.2	200,426	75.7	135,017	51.0
Under 200	1,938	0.7	2,758	1.0	1,773	0.7
200–399	3,272	1.2	3,870	1.5	2,829	1.1
400–599	4,893	1.8	5,163	1.9	4,129	1.6
600–999	14,843	5.6	12,660	4.8	11,696	4.4
1,000 or more	141,445	53.4	39,968	15.1	109,401	41.3
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	196,764	74.3	229,716	86.7	215,581	81.4
Under 200	9,385	3.5	14,021	5.3	8,622	3.3
200–399	8,113	3.1	4,848	1.8	4,557	1.7
400–599	8,147	3.1	4,301	1.6	5,338	2.0
600–999	22,011	8.3	8,729	3.3	16,571	6.3
1,000 or more	20,425	7.7	3,230	1.2	14,176	5.4

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

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

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**Table 27.**

**Recipients with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2011**

Type of income	All children with parental income		Children with parental income from—			
	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Mother		Father	
			Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total <sup>a</sup>	654,747	1,306	506,340	1,031	204,586	1,630
Earned income	440,681	1,609	318,456	1,326	150,081	1,912
Unearned income <sup>b</sup>	256,217	571	210,460	474	62,069	749
Social Security benefits	100,756	700	79,406	610	28,483	774
Other pensions	4,755	507	2,273	440	2,739	515
Public income-maintenance	77,193	155	72,581	142	10,209	164
Asset income	6,637	104	4,937	70	2,121	163
Other	77,616	782	57,712	687	20,879	1,007

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

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

b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 28.**  
**Recipients subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2011**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,122,414	100.0	857,569	76.4	264,845	23.6
<b><i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	947,702	100.0	745,852	100.0	201,850	100.0
No parental income	467,667	49.3	415,404	55.7	52,263	25.9
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	77,193	8.1	65,539	8.8	11,654	5.8
Income less than deeming allocations <sup>a</sup>	48,887	5.2	36,524	4.9	12,363	6.1
Income less than exclusions <sup>b</sup>	353,955	37.3	228,385	30.6	125,570	62.2
<b><i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	174,712	100.0	111,717	100.0	62,995	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	116,154	66.5	71,223	63.8	44,931	71.3
Unearned income only	40,872	23.4	32,773	29.3	8,099	12.9
Both earned and unearned income	15,182	8.7	5,630	5.0	9,552	15.2
Manually computed deemed income	2,504	1.4	2,091	1.9	413	0.7

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

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

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

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**Table 29.**  
**Recipients, by eligibility category, December 1982–2011**

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
2004	676,979	9.7	342,220	28.3	334,759	5.8
2005	680,397	9.6	344,166	28.3	336,231	5.7
2006	674,250	9.3	339,073	28.0	335,177	5.6
2007	663,210	9.0	330,665	27.5	332,545	5.4
2008	655,988	8.7	324,271	26.9	331,717	5.3
2009	644,966	8.4	316,216	26.7	328,750	5.1
2010	627,271	7.9	303,457	25.6	323,814	4.8
2011	604,908	7.5	290,275	24.6	314,633	4.5

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

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**Table 30.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics and citizenship status, December 2011**

Characteristic	All recipients		Citizens		Noncitizens	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	8,112,773	100.0	7,507,865	100.0	604,908	100.0
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18	1,277,122	15.7	1,274,508	17.0	2,614	0.4
18–21	367,920	4.5	366,002	4.9	1,918	0.3
22–25	336,212	4.1	332,990	4.4	3,222	0.5
26–29	304,137	3.7	299,643	4.0	4,494	0.7
30–39	692,636	8.5	676,322	9.0	16,314	2.7
40–49	1,003,649	12.4	971,477	12.9	32,172	5.3
50–59	1,472,973	18.2	1,396,530	18.6	76,443	12.6
60–64	599,483	7.4	546,121	7.3	53,362	8.8
65–69	553,332	6.8	467,063	6.2	86,269	14.3
70–74	486,317	6.0	394,669	5.3	91,648	15.2
75 or older	1,018,992	12.6	782,540	10.4	236,452	39.1
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	3,712,306	45.8	3,478,772	46.3	233,534	38.6
Female	4,400,467	54.2	4,029,093	53.7	371,374	61.4
<b>Living arrangement</b>						
Own household	6,536,720	80.6	5,994,920	79.8	541,800	89.6
Another's household	372,229	4.6	321,584	4.3	50,645	8.4
Parent's household	1,068,024	13.2	1,065,475	14.2	2,549	0.4
Medicaid institution	129,245	1.6	119,703	1.6	9,542	1.6
Unknown	6,555	0.1	6,183	0.1	372	0.1
<b>Income</b>						
Social Security	2,752,037	33.9	2,518,602	33.5	233,435	38.6
Worker beneficiary	1,951,703	24.1	1,778,656	23.7	173,047	28.6
Auxiliary beneficiary	800,334	9.9	739,946	9.9	60,388	10.0
Earnings	259,492	3.2	252,363	3.4	7,129	1.2
<b>SSI payment</b>						
Federal SSI only	5,723,660	70.6	5,449,006	72.6	274,654	45.4
State supplementation only	246,383	3.0	215,217	2.9	31,166	5.2
Both federal SSI and state supplementation	2,142,730	26.4	1,843,642	24.6	299,088	49.4

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

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**Table 31.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

State or area	Total	Category		Age		
		Aged	Blind and disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older
All areas	604,908	290,275	314,633	2,614	187,925	414,369
Alabama	763	367	396	6	227	530
Alaska	759	278	481	(X)	(X)	426
Arizona	10,327	4,926	5,401	89	3,272	6,966
Arkansas	750	349	401	6	265	479
California	210,794	101,492	109,302	289	62,386	148,119
Colorado	4,799	2,307	2,492	35	1,504	3,260
Connecticut	3,453	1,650	1,803	7	1,049	2,397
Delaware	321	181	140	(X)	(X)	233
District of Columbia	660	290	370	(X)	(X)	387
Florida	64,601	34,142	30,459	419	19,650	44,532
Georgia	6,211	3,611	2,600	51	1,529	4,631
Hawaii	2,436	1,524	912	(X)	(X)	1,864
Idaho	1,162	468	694	29	506	627
Illinois	15,629	7,881	7,748	56	4,212	11,361
Indiana	1,308	670	638	27	399	882
Iowa	1,094	456	638	14	383	697
Kansas	1,455	635	820	14	482	959
Kentucky	1,401	600	801	48	582	771
Louisiana	1,827	843	984	4	562	1,261
Maine	643	130	513	24	355	264
Maryland	5,257	3,229	2,028	26	1,137	4,094
Massachusetts	15,699	8,790	6,909	82	6,389	9,228
Michigan	8,232	3,143	5,089	87	3,146	4,999
Minnesota	7,003	2,060	4,943	184	3,203	3,616
Mississippi	400	198	202	0	104	296
Missouri	1,955	841	1,114	36	692	1,227
Montana	116	32	84	(X)	(X)	71
Nebraska	1,049	455	594	33	376	640
Nevada	4,223	2,996	1,227	9	1,087	3,127
New Hampshire	597	248	349	9	255	333
New Jersey	16,902	8,967	7,935	40	4,612	12,250
New Mexico	5,741	2,655	3,086	7	1,735	3,999
New York	84,761	36,167	48,594	205	28,746	55,810
North Carolina	3,971	1,946	2,025	48	1,181	2,742
North Dakota	236	82	154	11	122	103
Ohio	3,739	1,661	2,078	68	1,218	2,453
Oklahoma	1,510	811	699	3	411	1,096
Oregon	3,963	1,790	2,173	53	1,273	2,637
Pennsylvania	10,592	3,811	6,781	67	3,976	6,549
Rhode Island	3,280	1,058	2,222	9	1,396	1,875
South Carolina	929	463	466	5	263	661
South Dakota	270	105	165	(X)	(X)	140
Tennessee	1,713	871	842	34	517	1,162
Texas	71,000	35,887	35,113	218	20,434	50,348
Utah	1,644	732	912	38	573	1,033

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**Table 31.**  
**Recipients, by state or other area, eligibility category, and age, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Category		Age		
		Aged	Blind and disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
Vermont	269	89	180	11	132	126
Virginia	5,379	3,196	2,183	37	1,222	4,120
Washington	10,540	4,050	6,490	111	3,467	6,962
West Virginia	104	41	63	0	44	60
Wisconsin	3,385	1,075	2,310	39	1,418	1,928
Wyoming	44	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	26
Outlying area						
Northern Mariana Islands	12	(X)	(X)	0	0	12

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

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

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**Table 32.**  
**Recipients, by region and country of origin, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Region and country of origin	Total	Category		Age		
		Aged	Blind and disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
All areas	604,908	290,275	314,633	2,614	187,925	414,369
Latin America	351,360	171,881	179,479	756	112,889	237,715
Mexico	183,697	94,465	89,232	174	53,236	130,287
Cuba	47,806	23,440	24,366	351	15,641	31,814
Dominican Republic	43,484	14,752	28,732	81	19,261	24,142
El Salvador	13,629	7,619	6,010	9	3,861	9,759
Haiti	12,619	7,422	5,197	67	3,445	9,107
Other	50,125	24,183	25,942	74	17,445	32,606
Africa	12,314	4,343	7,971	590	5,818	5,906
Somalia	3,573	1,065	2,508	155	1,928	1,490
Ethiopia	1,746	615	1,131	33	809	904
Liberia	999	442	557	23	398	578
Nigeria	979	453	526	5	390	584
Cape Verde	702	412	290	1	244	457
Other	4,315	1,356	2,959	373	2,049	1,893
Asia	146,367	73,837	72,530	529	40,079	105,759
Vietnam	33,354	13,053	20,301	26	10,093	23,235
China	22,893	18,712	4,181	25	1,806	21,062
Laos	17,046	2,901	14,145	30	8,792	8,224
South Korea	14,319	10,106	4,213	6	1,857	12,456
Philippines	13,393	9,503	3,890	9	2,604	10,780
Other	45,362	19,562	25,800	433	14,927	30,002
Middle East	34,862	14,968	19,894	524	11,600	22,738
Iran	15,267	7,809	7,458	53	3,848	11,366
Iraq	10,336	3,219	7,117	358	5,400	4,578
Lebanon	2,059	943	1,116	10	400	1,649
Syria	1,622	698	924	11	272	1,339
Egypt	1,395	574	821	26	392	977
Other	4,183	1,725	2,458	66	1,288	2,829
Former Soviet Republics	31,789	14,191	17,598	127	6,687	24,975
Europe	22,596	9,377	13,219	44	8,090	14,462
Former Yugoslavia	3,326	1,189	2,137	14	1,214	2,098
Portugal	3,077	1,593	1,484	0	1,046	2,031
Poland	2,765	1,422	1,343	3	861	1,901
United Kingdom	2,567	785	1,782	4	1,252	1,311
Italy	2,180	926	1,254	0	717	1,463
Other	8,681	3,462	5,219	23	3,000	5,658
Oceania	1,995	796	1,199	5	722	1,268
Other areas	3,625	882	2,743	39	2,040	1,546

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

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## Noncitizens

**Table 33.**

**Recipients, by number of months between date of U.S. residency and date of SSI application, eligibility category, and age, December 2011**

Months	Total	Category		Age		
		Aged	Blind and disabled	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
All recipients	604,908	290,275	314,633	2,614	187,925	414,369
0 <sup>a</sup>	2,118	1,168	950	23	536	1,559
1–11	62,334	29,340	32,994	1,402	19,248	41,684
12–23	23,043	9,875	13,168	297	6,858	15,888
24–35	16,969	6,385	10,584	156	5,210	11,603
36–47	33,670	19,020	14,650	120	6,802	26,748
48–59	21,711	9,814	11,897	82	5,447	16,182
60–71	35,927	20,817	15,110	175	7,539	28,213
72–83	24,867	12,671	12,196	76	5,885	18,906
84–119	67,131	33,533	33,598	143	17,115	49,873
120 and over	314,911	146,994	167,917	102	112,493	202,316
State conversions <sup>b</sup>	581	30	551	...	206	375
Unknown	1,646	628	1,018	38	586	1,022

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Persons whose records indicate that they applied in the same month that their residence began.

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

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**Table 34.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group, 2003–2011**

Diagnostic group	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	4,912,627	5,010,235	5,119,368	5,231,107	5,342,937	5,486,940	5,651,076	5,870,776	6,054,132
Congenital anomalies	70,084	73,146	77,052	82,019	87,534	92,160	97,632	102,231	106,876
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	160,047	155,513	151,141	147,524	144,492	142,804	140,882	141,915	142,559
Infectious and parasitic diseases	71,676	70,236	69,595	68,689	67,743	67,719	67,525	68,425	68,823
Injuries	107,051	108,670	110,314	112,929	115,381	119,295	123,551	129,284	133,782
Mental disorders									
Autistic disorders	a	a	a	84,217	97,455	112,414	130,772	151,260	173,946
Developmental disorders	a	a	a	187,969	206,759	225,986	247,877	271,506	292,344
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	a	a	a	221,898	236,573	252,802	266,475	283,556	296,882
Intellectual disability	1,099,557	1,096,223	1,094,164	1,088,438	1,081,628	1,075,020	1,073,646	1,077,484	1,077,741
Mood disorders	a	a	a	692,507	715,418	743,906	776,717	818,010	846,065
Organic mental disorders	a	a	a	182,037	187,950	195,855	204,963	215,302	221,752
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	a	a	a	410,225	412,284	418,260	423,858	433,835	441,204
Other mental disorders	1,743,224	1,846,743	1,949,904	264,197	269,391	277,004	286,539	299,067	308,780
Neoplasms	53,376	54,687	56,388	59,750	63,321	67,468	71,151	75,400	78,697
Diseases of the—									
Blood and blood- forming organs	27,475	27,631	28,189	28,761	29,285	29,917	30,785	31,838	32,918
Circulatory system	188,745	187,274	186,787	186,910	187,863	191,065	195,338	203,181	211,045
Digestive system	40,400	42,165	43,908	45,522	47,636	51,015	54,774	59,605	64,279
Genitourinary system	44,694	44,908	45,405	45,945	47,240	48,538	49,374	51,024	52,903
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	390,646	407,042	422,333	437,260	455,474	480,836	511,860	557,280	602,420
Nervous system and sense organs	400,302	405,239	411,093	416,951	423,883	431,753	442,661	457,811	470,937
Respiratory system	110,694	110,871	111,481	112,391	113,880	116,549	120,729	127,994	134,198
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	7,082	7,245	7,459	7,850	8,188	8,613	9,174	9,879	10,563
Other	94,310	97,398	98,812	106,757	118,018	126,160	127,808	121,348	117,087
Unknown	303,264	275,244	255,343	240,361	225,541	211,801	196,985	183,541	168,331

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

a. Before 2006, diagnosis was reported under "Other mental disorders."

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**Table 35.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and age, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 5	5–12	13–17	18–21	22–25	26–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60–64
	<i>Number</i>										
Total	6,054,132	195,599	650,105	431,418	367,920	336,212	304,137	692,636	1,003,649	1,472,973	599,483
Congenital anomalies	106,876	25,373	31,976	11,494	10,965	8,839	6,656	5,843	3,089	2,013	628
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	142,559	1,889	3,865	2,580	2,307	2,391	2,698	10,422	25,705	57,841	32,861
Infectious and parasitic diseases	68,823	209	515	673	764	899	1,322	6,790	22,585	27,425	7,641
Injuries	133,782	1,500	3,386	2,041	4,034	5,943	6,587	18,537	29,085	45,183	17,486
Mental disorders											
Autistic disorders	173,946	13,719	67,621	25,588	31,428	19,503	9,051	4,787	1,412	690	147
Developmental disorders	292,344	37,186	159,885	63,457	15,607	4,684	3,832	3,963	1,965	1,425	340
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	296,882	2,546	130,494	116,921	31,853	6,456	4,557	2,435	909	586	125
Intellectual disability	1,077,741	3,578	55,427	73,958	122,125	122,943	104,046	201,886	193,856	157,336	42,586
Mood disorders	846,065	146	13,919	28,921	34,430	41,189	43,886	130,285	213,102	255,864	84,323
Organic mental disorders	221,752	3,198	14,678	9,933	18,929	19,430	14,188	27,419	39,410	54,785	19,782
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	441,204	10	1,032	3,165	11,699	22,635	29,271	77,874	112,258	143,079	40,181
Other mental disorders	308,780	492	15,154	19,943	19,472	20,279	20,234	53,479	66,933	70,121	22,673
Neoplasms	78,697	2,871	8,698	3,809	2,771	2,320	2,060	5,124	12,642	27,004	11,398
Diseases of the—											
Blood and blood- forming organs	32,918	2,489	7,053	4,187	3,433	3,087	2,182	3,714	3,037	2,832	904
Circulatory system	211,045	2,086	3,251	1,244	1,641	2,015	2,322	9,767	30,608	98,572	59,539
Digestive system	64,279	8,520	5,199	1,224	1,061	1,279	1,424	4,205	10,759	22,556	8,052
Genitourinary system	52,903	702	1,695	1,165	1,715	2,486	2,511	8,145	12,698	15,970	5,816
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	602,420	1,883	4,321	3,247	3,997	5,494	6,879	32,756	104,523	291,674	147,646
Nervous system and sense organs	470,937	18,954	50,589	30,185	40,289	39,163	33,939	65,139	72,725	86,038	33,916
Respiratory system	134,198	7,653	21,234	7,570	2,336	1,266	1,328	4,914	16,052	48,175	23,670
Skin and subcu- taneous tissue	10,563	545	1,353	471	343	388	418	1,285	2,069	2,760	931
Other	117,087	54,185	36,795	13,029	3,527	1,624	1,862	1,882	1,565	1,914	704
Unknown	168,331	5,865	11,965	6,613	3,194	1,899	2,884	11,985	26,662	59,130	38,134

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**Table 35.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and age, December 2011—Continued**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 5	5–12	13–17	18–21	22–25	26–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60–64
<i>Average monthly payment (dollars)</i>											
Total	535.18	586.11	609.52	596.01	600.03	568.78	539.72	510.44	501.34	512.56	474.03
Congenital anomalies	580.48	597.37	608.04	584.86	593.42	579.19	550.42	499.74	427.06	454.82	440.42
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	498.75	595.58	597.96	574.61	575.95	532.51	505.11	492.37	498.41	507.06	454.96
Infectious and parasitic diseases	524.89	596.51	604.02	574.90	593.17	535.50	510.54	509.83	520.81	535.10	496.46
Injuries	499.87	603.27	597.05	567.97	573.19	527.29	502.28	492.79	479.19	507.90	458.34
Mental disorders											
Autistic disorders	575.42	592.36	588.74	569.16	576.46	565.52	547.29	511.53	447.84	489.38	509.47
Developmental disorders	613.45	617.82	618.27	608.57	626.70	585.32	576.97	546.39	523.85	556.15	517.49
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	605.09	611.82	610.12	600.01	622.73	588.66	570.73	519.51	505.05	517.44	477.07
Intellectual disability	530.68	623.29	616.15	600.68	602.98	579.77	553.56	516.47	473.03	470.59	438.78
Mood disorders	529.58	580.67	596.57	583.82	604.18	560.15	522.75	504.68	521.77	533.40	505.08
Organic mental disorders	536.26	608.54	611.53	597.57	599.55	567.11	532.69	510.93	513.95	520.72	472.35
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	534.01	631.10	613.32	593.67	596.20	563.85	538.59	524.56	527.77	535.15	520.97
Other mental disorders	543.35	613.73	613.35	603.35	604.76	568.14	533.52	518.32	522.27	537.23	517.07
Neoplasms	515.33	587.33	599.97	578.34	562.52	512.00	496.27	496.83	500.43	506.61	447.69
Diseases of the—											
Blood and blood- forming organs	560.71	612.70	612.69	593.83	596.84	557.04	526.82	505.01	494.83	500.63	455.34
Circulatory system	494.64	592.78	607.33	581.41	569.60	521.62	501.45	489.25	495.03	509.18	456.78
Digestive system	530.94	592.27	606.64	591.14	573.44	520.88	474.57	469.18	509.71	527.70	482.78
Genitourinary system	501.77	591.69	609.24	587.99	574.45	510.78	493.04	491.34	493.13	503.63	448.76
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	487.82	603.68	603.32	590.64	589.70	531.31	500.68	469.80	475.92	504.30	455.70
Nervous system and sense organs	524.68	601.08	601.30	582.61	590.18	568.46	540.46	502.41	468.29	480.65	447.08
Respiratory system	536.54	609.61	619.36	602.73	609.52	552.17	533.86	506.95	513.67	520.10	464.01
Skin and subcu- taneous tissue	524.31	619.94	616.54	589.71	605.82	539.33	510.42	472.40	488.11	510.70	461.55
Other	570.03	540.15	613.14	599.43	607.67	565.84	560.19	511.91	480.61	491.97	467.44
Unknown	552.09	573.06	605.74	590.87	586.40	571.77	589.45	587.26	574.51	529.07	527.71

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

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## Recipients Under Age 65

**Table 36.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group, age, and sex, December 2011**

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	6,054,132	100.0	50.3	49.7	1,277,122	100.0	66.4	33.6	4,777,010	100.0	46.0	54.0
Congenital anomalies	106,876	100.0	52.6	47.4	68,843	100.0	53.8	46.2	38,033	100.0	50.3	49.7
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	142,559	100.0	31.2	68.8	8,334	100.0	51.8	48.2	134,225	100.0	30.0	70.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	68,823	100.0	57.5	42.5	1,397	100.0	49.9	50.1	67,426	100.0	57.6	42.4
Injuries	133,782	100.0	61.8	38.2	6,927	100.0	57.3	42.7	126,855	100.0	62.1	37.9
Mental disorders												
Autistic disorders	173,946	100.0	80.9	19.1	106,928	100.0	81.1	18.9	67,018	100.0	80.6	19.4
Developmental disorders	292,344	100.0	68.4	31.6	260,528	100.0	69.4	30.6	31,816	100.0	60.2	39.8
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	296,882	100.0	77.2	22.8	249,961	100.0	77.7	22.3	46,921	100.0	74.5	25.5
Intellectual disability	1,077,741	100.0	51.8	48.2	132,963	100.0	62.4	37.6	944,778	100.0	50.3	49.7
Mood disorders	846,065	100.0	32.2	67.8	42,986	100.0	61.4	38.6	803,079	100.0	30.6	69.4
Organic mental disorders	221,752	100.0	60.0	40.0	27,809	100.0	66.8	33.2	193,943	100.0	59.0	41.0
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	441,204	100.0	60.9	39.1	4,207	100.0	60.6	39.4	436,997	100.0	60.9	39.1
Other mental disorders	308,780	100.0	42.6	57.4	35,589	100.0	63.4	36.6	273,191	100.0	39.9	60.1
Neoplasms	78,697	100.0	45.3	54.7	15,378	100.0	55.0	45.0	63,319	100.0	43.0	57.0
Diseases of the—												
Blood and blood- forming organs	32,918	100.0	49.0	51.0	13,729	100.0	56.2	43.8	19,189	100.0	43.9	56.1
Circulatory system	211,045	100.0	51.7	48.3	6,581	100.0	54.2	45.8	204,464	100.0	51.7	48.3
Digestive system	64,279	100.0	50.4	49.6	14,943	100.0	54.9	45.1	49,336	100.0	49.0	51.0
Genitourinary system	52,903	100.0	51.2	48.8	3,562	100.0	60.7	39.3	49,341	100.0	50.5	49.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	602,420	100.0	38.5	61.5	9,451	100.0	48.8	51.2	592,969	100.0	38.3	61.7
Nervous system and sense organs	470,937	100.0	48.6	51.4	99,728	100.0	55.7	44.3	371,209	100.0	46.7	53.3
Respiratory system	134,198	100.0	43.3	56.7	36,457	100.0	63.6	36.4	97,741	100.0	35.7	64.3
Skin and subcu- taneous tissue	10,563	100.0	41.5	58.5	2,369	100.0	52.6	47.4	8,194	100.0	38.3	61.7
Other	117,087	100.0	54.7	45.3	104,009	100.0	55.1	44.9	13,078	100.0	51.8	48.2
Unknown	168,331	100.0	46.4	53.6	24,443	100.0	60.2	39.8	143,888	100.0	44.1	55.9

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

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**Table 37.**  
**Recipients with a representative payee, by diagnostic group and age, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All ages			Under age 18			Aged 18–64		
	Total	Number with payee	Percentage with payee	Total	Number with payee	Percentage with payee	Total	Number with payee	Percentage with payee
Total	6,054,132	2,898,141	47.9	1,277,122	1,275,943	99.9	4,777,010	1,622,198	34.0
Congenital anomalies	106,876	95,004	88.9	68,843	68,804	99.9	38,033	26,200	68.9
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	142,559	15,548	10.9	8,334	8,323	99.9	134,225	7,225	5.4
Infectious and parasitic diseases	68,823	7,388	10.7	1,397	1,393	99.7	67,426	5,995	8.9
Injuries	133,782	26,997	20.2	6,927	6,911	99.8	126,855	20,086	15.8
Mental disorders									
Autistic disorders	173,946	166,275	95.6	106,928	106,882	100.0	67,018	59,393	88.6
Developmental disorders	292,344	282,220	96.5	260,528	260,410	100.0	31,816	21,810	68.6
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	296,882	284,069	95.7	249,961	249,675	99.9	46,921	34,394	73.3
Intellectual disability	1,077,741	762,441	70.7	132,963	132,812	99.9	944,778	629,629	66.6
Mood disorders	846,065	237,354	28.1	42,986	42,810	99.6	803,079	194,544	24.2
Organic mental disorders	221,752	127,758	57.6	27,809	27,789	99.9	193,943	99,969	51.5
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	441,204	217,716	49.3	4,207	4,189	99.6	436,997	213,527	48.9
Other mental disorders	308,780	111,963	36.3	35,589	35,534	99.8	273,191	76,429	28.0
Neoplasms	78,697	19,576	24.9	15,378	15,353	99.8	63,319	4,223	6.7
Diseases of the—									
Blood and blood-forming organs	32,918	17,441	53.0	13,729	13,724	100.0	19,189	3,717	19.4
Circulatory system	211,045	25,892	12.3	6,581	6,577	99.9	204,464	19,315	9.4
Digestive system	64,279	18,904	29.4	14,943	14,936	100.0	49,336	3,968	8.0
Genitourinary system	52,903	6,278	11.9	3,562	3,558	99.9	49,341	2,720	5.5
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	602,420	32,842	5.5	9,451	9,437	99.9	592,969	23,405	3.9
Nervous system and sense organs	470,937	210,922	44.8	99,728	99,654	99.9	371,209	111,268	30.0
Respiratory system	134,198	42,245	31.5	36,457	36,439	100.0	97,741	5,806	5.9
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	10,563	2,887	27.3	2,369	2,368	100.0	8,194	519	6.3
Other	117,087	110,631	94.5	104,009	103,959	100.0	13,078	6,672	51.0
Unknown	168,331	75,790	45.0	24,443	24,406	99.8	143,888	51,384	35.7

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

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## Recipients Under Age 65

**Table 38.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients by diagnostic group, by state or other area,**  
**December 2011**

State or area	Total		Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>a</sup>	Neoplasms
	Number	Percent						
All areas	6,054,132	100.0	1.8	2.4	1.1	2.2	60.4	1.3
Alabama	145,630	100.0	1.4	3.0	0.7	2.7	54.1	1.2
Alaska	9,626	100.0	1.9	2.4	0.9	3.0	56.5	1.6
Arizona	86,197	100.0	2.8	2.0	0.6	2.3	60.8	1.3
Arkansas	94,424	100.0	1.4	2.7	0.4	2.3	64.8	1.1
California	738,854	100.0	2.1	2.1	1.3	2.6	57.7	1.4
Colorado	53,260	100.0	2.8	2.3	0.8	2.8	53.9	1.4
Connecticut	46,100	100.0	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.6	63.8	1.1
Delaware	13,602	100.0	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.0	59.2	1.4
District of Columbia	21,516	100.0	0.7	1.7	3.0	2.0	64.3	1.1
Florida	342,394	100.0	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.3	58.8	1.7
Georgia	188,746	100.0	2.0	2.7	1.7	2.5	51.9	1.7
Hawaii	16,783	100.0	1.5	1.5	0.8	2.0	67.0	1.4
Idaho	24,398	100.0	2.2	2.1	0.3	2.0	65.1	1.3
Illinois	215,702	100.0	1.8	2.4	1.0	2.0	63.4	1.2
Indiana	109,095	100.0	1.8	2.6	0.5	1.8	63.5	1.2
Iowa	42,012	100.0	2.0	2.7	0.3	1.8	65.1	1.2
Kansas	40,606	100.0	2.2	2.5	0.4	2.0	63.6	1.1
Kentucky	160,938	100.0	1.1	2.3	0.3	1.9	64.6	1.0
Louisiana	146,806	100.0	1.4	2.6	1.1	2.3	56.8	1.3
Maine	30,966	100.0	1.2	2.0	0.3	1.7	68.3	0.9
Maryland	86,308	100.0	1.5	2.1	2.5	2.4	59.9	1.2
Massachusetts	146,172	100.0	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.6	68.5	0.9
Michigan	225,478	100.0	1.5	2.4	0.5	2.0	62.2	1.2
Minnesota	69,831	100.0	1.9	1.6	0.6	2.2	67.4	1.0
Mississippi	101,349	100.0	1.3	3.1	0.9	2.4	57.2	1.3
Missouri	118,201	100.0	1.9	2.9	0.6	2.7	59.2	1.2
Montana	15,328	100.0	2.3	2.2	0.4	3.0	56.0	1.4
Nebraska	22,484	100.0	2.8	2.4	0.5	2.4	59.5	1.4
Nevada	32,498	100.0	2.9	2.0	1.1	2.6	56.8	1.5
New Hampshire	16,627	100.0	1.8	1.4	0.3	1.6	72.3	0.8
New Jersey	118,890	100.0	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	57.6	1.3
New Mexico	45,218	100.0	2.1	2.5	0.6	3.0	59.1	1.1
New York	453,702	100.0	1.4	2.0	2.7	1.9	59.6	1.3
North Carolina	180,747	100.0	2.0	2.5	1.2	2.3	59.7	1.4
North Dakota	6,784	100.0	2.3	2.2	0.3	2.3	62.2	1.1
Ohio	255,260	100.0	1.6	2.6	0.6	1.8	64.4	1.2
Oklahoma	80,972	100.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.2	61.8	1.2
Oregon	62,289	100.0	1.7	2.3	0.6	2.4	58.5	1.3
Pennsylvania	305,280	100.0	1.3	2.2	0.9	1.8	66.1	0.9
Rhode Island	25,428	100.0	1.3	1.6	0.9	1.4	70.5	0.9
South Carolina	92,764	100.0	1.7	2.4	1.1	2.6	55.5	1.4
South Dakota	11,182	100.0	2.3	2.1	0.4	2.7	60.0	1.2
Tennessee	147,225	100.0	1.5	2.5	0.7	2.2	57.2	1.3
Texas	469,740	100.0	2.1	2.9	1.0	2.3	58.7	1.5
Utah	24,709	100.0	3.6	2.0	0.3	2.0	61.2	1.1

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**Table 38.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients by diagnostic group, by state or other area,**  
**December 2011—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	0.5	3.5	1.1	0.9	10.0	7.8	2.2	0.2	1.9	2.8
Alabama	0.9	4.2	1.1	0.9	11.6	7.9	3.7	0.3	3.6	2.8
Alaska	0.2	3.0	1.5	0.7	14.2	9.0	1.2	0.2	1.6	2.0
Arizona	0.3	2.5	1.2	1.1	9.3	9.3	1.8	0.1	2.6	2.0
Arkansas	0.5	3.3	1.0	0.6	9.3	7.0	2.0	0.3	1.6	1.7
California	0.3	3.4	1.2	1.1	11.5	8.8	1.5	0.2	1.5	3.1
Colorado	0.3	2.4	1.6	0.9	12.5	11.4	2.3	0.2	2.0	2.5
Connecticut	0.5	2.9	0.9	0.9	8.5	7.6	2.2	0.2	1.4	3.0
Delaware	0.7	2.9	1.0	0.9	10.6	7.7	2.8	0.2	2.8	2.2
District of Columbia	0.7	3.8	0.8	1.3	8.1	5.9	1.8	0.2	2.3	2.2
Florida	0.8	4.0	1.3	0.9	9.0	7.4	2.5	0.2	1.7	2.9
Georgia	1.2	4.9	1.2	1.2	9.3	8.4	3.0	0.2	4.7	3.5
Hawaii	0.2	3.6	0.8	1.3	7.9	7.3	1.4	0.2	0.8	2.4
Idaho	0.1	2.1	1.2	0.5	9.3	8.9	1.4	0.2	1.5	2.1
Illinois	0.6	3.7	0.8	0.9	7.3	7.8	2.3	0.1	2.1	2.4
Indiana	0.5	3.2	1.3	0.7	8.2	8.2	2.5	0.2	1.4	2.5
Iowa	0.3	2.3	1.1	0.5	8.6	8.4	1.9	0.1	1.7	2.1
Kansas	0.4	2.7	1.1	0.6	9.6	8.2	2.0	0.1	1.6	1.9
Kentucky	0.2	3.2	0.9	0.5	10.9	6.3	2.7	0.2	1.6	2.2
Louisiana	0.9	5.2	0.9	0.9	10.1	7.7	2.6	0.3	2.7	3.1
Maine	0.1	2.1	0.8	0.3	11.3	5.9	1.6	0.2	0.8	2.4
Maryland	0.8	3.8	1.0	1.1	8.0	7.8	2.1	0.2	1.9	3.8
Massachusetts	0.3	2.0	0.8	0.5	8.3	6.7	1.8	0.1	1.4	2.8
Michigan	0.5	3.7	0.9	0.8	10.1	7.3	2.3	0.2	1.6	2.6
Minnesota	0.3	2.1	0.8	0.7	7.1	8.3	1.2	0.2	3.2	1.5
Mississippi	1.1	5.0	0.8	1.0	8.2	7.6	3.0	0.3	3.2	3.7
Missouri	0.6	3.3	1.1	0.8	11.2	7.7	2.3	0.2	1.8	2.5
Montana	0.1	2.7	1.6	0.7	13.9	10.0	2.2	0.2	1.7	1.8
Nebraska	0.4	2.8	1.4	0.7	9.8	9.6	2.1	0.2	1.9	2.1
Nevada	0.5	3.2	1.4	0.9	10.2	9.0	2.2	0.3	2.4	2.9
New Hampshire	0.2	1.9	0.8	0.4	6.9	7.3	1.3	0.1	1.3	1.6
New Jersey	0.7	3.8	1.0	1.1	9.8	8.4	3.0	0.2	2.9	2.3
New Mexico	0.2	2.3	1.4	1.1	12.2	8.8	1.7	0.2	1.5	2.3
New York	0.6	3.7	0.8	0.8	11.4	6.9	2.5	0.1	1.2	3.2
North Carolina	0.7	3.9	1.1	0.9	9.4	7.4	2.6	0.2	2.3	2.4
North Dakota	0.1	2.8	1.1	0.9	9.7	10.0	1.9	0.2	1.4	1.5
Ohio	0.5	3.1	0.9	0.7	8.7	6.9	2.4	0.2	1.6	2.8
Oklahoma	0.4	3.5	1.1	0.7	10.3	8.0	2.5	0.2	1.7	1.6
Oregon	0.2	2.6	1.4	0.6	12.5	9.1	1.7	0.2	2.6	2.1
Pennsylvania	0.4	2.8	1.0	0.6	9.3	6.0	2.3	0.1	1.3	2.8
Rhode Island	0.3	2.1	0.8	0.5	7.6	5.6	1.8	0.2	1.6	2.8
South Carolina	1.2	4.6	1.2	1.1	9.9	8.3	3.3	0.2	2.5	3.0
South Dakota	0.2	2.2	1.5	1.0	11.3	9.9	2.0	0.2	1.7	1.2
Tennessee	0.5	3.9	1.2	0.8	11.2	7.2	2.5	0.1	1.9	5.2
Texas	0.5	3.9	1.3	1.1	9.8	8.7	1.6	0.1	2.2	2.2
Utah	0.2	1.8	1.0	0.8	7.9	10.4	1.6	0.1	2.4	3.6

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**Recipients Under Age 65**

**Table 38.**

**Percentage distribution of recipients by diagnostic group, by state or other area, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total		Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>a</sup>	Neoplasms
	Number	Percent						
Vermont	13,171	100.0	1.5	2.1	0.4	1.8	69.2	0.9
Virginia	116,861	100.0	1.7	2.2	0.9	1.9	61.9	1.4
Washington	111,489	100.0	1.8	2.1	0.6	2.0	62.4	1.2
West Virginia	69,112	100.0	1.0	3.2	0.4	2.6	61.4	1.0
Wisconsin	94,829	100.0	2.4	2.2	0.5	1.9	65.4	1.0
Wyoming	5,720	100.0	2.2	1.5	0.4	3.1	59.6	1.4
Outlying area								
Northern Mariana Islands	829	100.0	5.2	1.0	0.7	2.8	51.0	1.3

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**Table 38.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients by diagnostic group, by state or other area,**  
**December 2011—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		
Vermont	0.1	1.4	0.8	0.3	9.9	6.4	1.6	0.1	0.9	2.3
Virginia	0.7	3.7	1.0	1.0	9.0	7.4	2.1	0.2	2.1	3.0
Washington	0.2	2.5	1.3	0.6	11.7	7.6	1.7	0.2	1.5	2.4
West Virginia	0.2	3.4	0.9	0.5	10.7	6.4	2.8	0.2	1.0	4.4
Wisconsin	0.5	2.4	0.9	0.7	8.1	8.2	1.6	0.2	1.8	2.3
Wyoming	0.2	2.6	1.4	0.6	10.5	10.4	2.8	0.2	1.9	1.3
Outlying area										
Northern Mariana Islands	0.6	3.3	0.8	3.5	7.1	13.5	1.3	1.0	4.8	2.1

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

a. Data for individual mental disorder diagnostic groups are shown separately in Table 38.A.

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**Recipients Under Age 65**

**Table 38.A.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients by mental disorders diagnostic group, by state or other area,**  
**December 2011**

State or area	Total		Autistic disorders	Develop-mental disorders	Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	Intellectual disability	Mood disorders	Organic mental disorders	Schizo-phrenic and other psychotic disorders	Other
	Number	Percent								
All areas	3,658,714	100.0	4.8	8.0	8.1	29.5	23.1	6.1	12.1	8.4
Alabama	78,760	100.0	3.3	3.3	8.4	41.7	19.2	6.3	10.9	6.8
Alaska	5,437	100.0	7.3	3.3	3.9	21.8	21.6	10.4	18.2	13.4
Arizona	52,406	100.0	4.8	11.0	6.1	27.0	22.4	9.5	12.1	7.0
Arkansas	61,176	100.0	2.8	15.5	10.2	37.7	17.0	2.7	7.4	6.7
California	426,526	100.0	5.6	5.1	3.7	24.1	27.3	7.5	19.5	7.1
Colorado	28,683	100.0	5.4	6.6	3.3	28.5	24.1	7.6	14.0	10.5
Connecticut	29,394	100.0	6.8	7.9	5.0	22.3	28.3	7.7	14.3	7.8
Delaware	8,050	100.0	6.2	6.0	14.6	31.9	16.4	8.1	11.0	5.8
District of Columbia	13,844	100.0	2.0	11.9	9.4	26.0	18.4	11.5	17.8	2.9
Florida	201,258	100.0	4.9	13.9	12.8	24.3	19.2	7.4	12.3	5.2
Georgia	98,038	100.0	4.2	7.3	8.2	39.5	16.0	6.6	12.3	6.0
Hawaii	11,242	100.0	3.5	1.7	2.7	19.1	28.1	12.7	21.9	10.3
Idaho	15,885	100.0	8.1	6.6	7.1	26.9	22.8	5.3	8.8	14.2
Illinois	136,843	100.0	4.3	9.4	5.5	32.8	23.9	5.0	12.3	6.7
Indiana	69,288	100.0	4.7	8.5	6.9	36.8	19.2	5.5	8.9	9.6
Iowa	27,363	100.0	4.6	5.1	8.8	35.4	18.7	7.0	8.9	11.4
Kansas	25,818	100.0	6.0	9.8	8.2	31.2	21.0	4.7	9.7	9.4
Kentucky	104,013	100.0	2.4	6.6	8.9	33.5	23.8	7.7	5.3	11.8
Louisiana	83,344	100.0	3.0	11.6	8.6	42.5	15.3	3.5	10.2	5.3
Maine	21,142	100.0	8.3	2.5	3.9	25.0	26.0	6.2	7.0	21.1
Maryland	51,704	100.0	5.3	7.0	9.3	29.5	20.5	11.9	11.6	4.9
Massachusetts	100,089	100.0	5.1	5.6	5.4	15.5	34.9	6.1	9.5	17.8
Michigan	140,245	100.0	4.2	8.4	6.3	30.4	24.4	7.4	11.9	7.0
Minnesota	47,071	100.0	6.5	3.9	4.9	24.4	30.5	9.0	9.6	11.1
Mississippi	57,921	100.0	1.8	10.8	10.7	36.7	17.6	5.8	10.6	6.0
Missouri	69,992	100.0	4.7	9.3	6.2	33.3	21.9	5.0	10.5	9.1
Montana	8,577	100.0	4.9	4.8	4.2	30.3	19.5	8.9	11.8	15.7
Nebraska	13,386	100.0	5.1	5.7	4.5	34.2	21.8	5.8	12.4	10.5
Nevada	18,461	100.0	6.1	10.7	7.0	25.6	21.6	6.6	13.5	8.9
New Hampshire	12,016	100.0	6.9	3.2	7.1	17.5	29.2	5.1	7.6	23.4
New Jersey	68,437	100.0	7.8	6.7	9.8	26.4	21.2	6.4	15.7	5.9
New Mexico	26,744	100.0	3.1	11.4	5.5	25.9	21.9	10.0	11.0	11.3
New York	270,395	100.0	5.4	11.6	5.6	25.7	24.7	3.3	15.3	8.3
North Carolina	107,832	100.0	4.6	10.0	8.1	39.4	15.6	5.8	10.3	6.0
North Dakota	4,217	100.0	6.5	5.4	3.8	35.4	16.5	8.9	12.0	11.5
Ohio	164,333	100.0	3.8	7.0	6.7	30.2	26.7	4.5	10.5	10.5
Oklahoma	50,077	100.0	3.8	5.3	6.2	39.5	21.1	5.5	10.5	8.1
Oregon	36,430	100.0	8.4	2.6	5.3	25.9	21.1	8.0	13.0	15.8
Pennsylvania	201,807	100.0	4.9	6.2	14.8	27.6	24.6	4.0	10.0	8.0
Rhode Island	17,937	100.0	4.8	6.7	6.6	24.2	27.9	6.6	7.9	15.2
South Carolina	51,494	100.0	3.8	8.8	6.5	41.7	14.1	7.5	11.6	6.1
South Dakota	6,708	100.0	3.4	11.9	7.2	30.0	14.2	13.3	10.1	10.1
Tennessee	84,285	100.0	2.5	4.8	5.7	38.3	24.2	6.6	9.7	8.2
Texas	275,630	100.0	4.2	10.2	17.1	22.9	25.5	3.8	9.9	6.4
Utah	15,124	100.0	9.9	4.3	3.7	32.1	17.1	9.1	13.1	10.8

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**Table 38.A.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients by mental disorders diagnostic group, by state or other area,**  
**December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total		Autistic disorders	Develop-mental disorders	Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	Intellectual disability	Mood disorders	Organic mental disorders	Schizo-phrenic and other psychotic disorders	Other
	Number	Percent								
Vermont	9,120	100.0	6.8	3.3	6.8	21.3	24.0	9.2	8.4	20.3
Virginia	72,311	100.0	5.9	5.5	9.2	35.7	20.1	6.0	10.8	6.9
Washington	69,579	100.0	6.1	4.9	5.1	21.3	24.3	9.9	12.0	16.5
West Virginia	42,411	100.0	3.3	2.6	7.0	44.3	21.3	5.1	4.8	11.5
Wisconsin	62,040	100.0	5.8	7.9	9.1	28.9	21.8	4.2	10.0	12.3
Wyoming	3,408	100.0	6.2	3.9	4.9	31.5	20.8	9.1	9.7	13.8
Outlying area										
Northern Mariana Islands	423	100.0	13.7	18.7	14.9	28.6	3.5	8.0	8.5	4.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.  
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**Table 39.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2011 (in dollars)**

State or area	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>a</sup>	Neoplasms
All areas	535.18	580.48	498.75	524.89	499.87	547.00	515.33
Alabama	505.74	562.54	465.22	453.77	472.52	519.03	499.41
Alaska	502.83	523.92	508.03	529.91	492.34	505.07	506.53
Arizona	531.26	584.15	503.33	481.81	497.42	538.47	521.82
Arkansas	510.35	567.63	454.88	426.39	456.67	532.95	485.30
California	621.50	656.72	574.12	571.71	579.65	641.49	575.08
Colorado	503.52	564.58	488.80	468.74	471.10	508.13	511.45
Connecticut	515.05	543.44	508.02	521.71	469.02	518.75	493.59
Delaware	513.13	545.34	476.30	484.76	468.94	525.91	490.26
District of Columbia	565.17	568.42	516.60	553.73	537.78	576.87	551.00
Florida	523.35	564.47	479.83	496.89	475.20	538.75	498.34
Georgia	515.53	574.21	474.45	497.62	478.40	525.82	510.36
Hawaii	562.45	563.81	536.11	558.17	523.14	570.55	502.20
Idaho	498.88	553.65	450.27	502.88	469.12	504.71	506.16
Illinois	533.72	578.87	513.52	514.02	509.84	540.82	523.69
Indiana	512.44	564.20	480.95	478.06	476.68	520.57	499.92
Iowa	489.94	549.46	472.97	458.12	446.03	497.56	487.15
Kansas	498.52	561.53	467.86	480.21	450.74	507.90	496.62
Kentucky	514.76	565.19	484.56	457.38	471.68	531.41	483.44
Louisiana	526.08	569.98	496.06	495.08	486.39	542.18	500.81
Maine	482.97	526.21	469.44	454.59	434.33	488.20	488.91
Maryland	532.09	556.19	515.17	533.55	507.30	540.54	513.46
Massachusetts	546.96	581.03	539.04	568.31	509.99	548.33	555.09
Michigan	529.94	572.59	507.54	488.17	512.67	540.63	515.32
Minnesota	508.87	552.70	494.86	501.84	503.96	507.11	505.17
Mississippi	509.28	558.73	471.50	469.21	471.21	522.98	493.27
Missouri	499.84	563.58	473.73	455.98	473.80	509.15	489.38
Montana	493.51	586.34	465.48	422.68	479.87	497.65	490.49
Nebraska	485.47	550.81	477.65	449.80	441.55	488.78	511.87
Nevada	527.96	576.36	500.46	501.70	484.61	538.53	506.77
New Hampshire	481.82	527.24	491.81	495.38	457.28	482.35	490.32
New Jersey	527.63	569.37	509.46	527.71	488.21	537.10	508.41
New Mexico	513.95	564.38	487.41	463.38	475.19	528.00	501.76
New York	575.86	603.63	553.74	589.30	538.80	591.04	531.44
North Carolina	499.37	553.79	460.64	477.78	469.25	509.32	498.53
North Dakota	461.29	520.31	477.28	465.65	451.91	461.21	478.00
Ohio	523.94	561.17	504.06	480.07	477.92	533.48	512.44
Oklahoma	512.10	567.81	469.72	459.66	465.80	525.19	494.40
Oregon	514.65	558.89	488.39	469.03	497.47	517.89	500.77
Pennsylvania	537.66	557.13	505.09	526.99	500.06	549.55	507.49
Rhode Island	516.35	579.50	502.37	508.47	486.07	521.26	458.58
South Carolina	506.08	559.45	475.75	479.21	481.11	514.40	494.54
South Dakota	485.17	535.17	483.62	480.20	484.76	484.69	488.45
Tennessee	505.74	559.61	475.74	473.23	470.72	516.82	502.66
Texas	516.85	571.93	459.69	497.74	474.72	535.04	495.82
Utah	494.22	548.86	448.13	486.08	461.44	496.11	504.45

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**Table 39.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2011 (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	560.71	494.64	530.94	501.77	487.82	524.68	536.54	524.31	570.03	552.09
Alabama	537.30	460.47	521.12	463.99	441.91	500.03	545.16	525.93	581.87	502.18
Alaska	540.00	509.84	501.32	445.16	485.07	498.92	506.07	494.43	496.21	570.44
Arizona	560.58	498.12	526.96	504.18	482.39	528.95	543.42	522.62	584.79	535.85
Arkansas	540.57	442.12	511.38	469.14	424.29	481.13	496.07	493.92	580.36	469.99
California	636.96	569.53	591.88	553.70	562.05	609.59	617.78	603.70	635.37	676.57
Colorado	506.66	485.63	516.40	476.19	473.25	506.75	508.55	499.24	495.98	549.11
Connecticut	549.14	494.32	520.52	512.48	486.02	505.97	545.05	512.69	548.09	537.49
Delaware	525.13	452.77	488.01	508.46	464.10	518.35	498.91	533.48	562.22	510.26
District of Columbia	570.97	528.25	548.95	545.64	530.75	547.68	560.05	504.32	560.76	571.12
Florida	555.91	479.84	522.88	488.41	468.48	509.41	527.69	507.27	549.70	536.52
Georgia	552.43	472.80	515.14	484.86	461.97	513.09	529.43	529.71	578.14	504.43
Hawaii	548.00	562.83	562.06	525.14	528.45	549.11	553.97	522.21	567.21	596.99
Idaho	590.89	449.36	527.51	488.74	457.87	495.78	466.86	486.79	548.30	544.12
Illinois	566.04	502.27	530.04	521.94	493.69	518.38	540.90	514.32	579.48	536.63
Indiana	570.45	483.11	531.16	493.73	467.75	496.24	515.42	527.92	561.11	530.98
Iowa	543.08	472.96	514.43	435.78	451.05	473.98	481.44	448.50	520.34	480.99
Kansas	535.05	466.35	489.53	456.98	448.27	499.17	486.12	502.67	513.03	512.48
Kentucky	536.31	463.02	486.05	479.76	455.61	500.93	494.61	519.43	575.63	495.29
Louisiana	556.37	477.81	516.72	480.13	476.46	512.01	534.69	529.73	596.47	504.04
Maine	486.32	478.88	472.19	501.65	451.27	478.52	478.60	467.95	557.63	503.67
Maryland	554.56	497.00	541.53	505.61	500.81	520.10	540.32	530.84	517.76	545.01
Massachusetts	574.50	523.73	557.57	528.75	506.75	547.27	585.90	543.73	570.95	605.90
Michigan	566.65	494.12	516.95	513.51	479.39	525.02	520.15	522.67	584.18	535.18
Minnesota	577.88	487.75	514.84	480.05	489.98	513.31	528.54	518.29	566.88	511.71
Mississippi	558.52	464.05	495.13	467.46	444.41	494.51	538.02	520.97	582.71	497.26
Missouri	559.30	456.03	503.10	484.90	455.86	498.92	485.97	469.87	563.33	522.29
Montana	618.12	460.89	504.49	469.13	474.40	492.04	483.02	443.60	519.85	507.43
Nebraska	567.29	467.61	495.42	488.14	436.29	492.84	496.00	568.55	520.83	502.21
Nevada	561.43	491.11	535.96	469.30	476.34	526.06	526.95	540.32	541.23	571.59
New Hampshire	517.26	476.29	458.98	480.89	450.23	483.13	476.05	434.00	529.14	527.19
New Jersey	549.35	493.56	523.79	489.38	489.66	509.93	556.39	526.79	557.89	543.53
New Mexico	525.31	468.92	512.06	462.36	460.50	509.45	517.66	523.72	566.52	533.77
New York	582.76	542.49	560.23	536.43	523.26	551.18	589.49	572.74	574.44	603.95
North Carolina	532.29	467.84	512.19	473.02	453.38	492.17	505.90	515.43	537.75	487.48
North Dakota	445.63	422.24	470.47	461.69	468.96	453.65	457.47	303.53	492.84	413.15
Ohio	558.49	484.04	525.81	495.05	486.16	506.09	515.37	507.07	576.12	528.75
Oklahoma	539.74	466.34	517.03	481.11	466.87	507.60	498.73	485.18	563.66	488.84
Oregon	564.68	499.06	523.23	506.58	489.12	513.83	501.32	494.80	570.15	568.93
Pennsylvania	559.54	495.40	519.39	507.43	493.09	509.50	545.27	512.47	556.76	556.82
Rhode Island	562.84	494.34	547.92	518.30	474.65	488.68	521.20	505.51	552.64	553.65
South Carolina	539.16	472.04	531.64	484.98	465.99	504.84	525.60	476.97	559.67	485.70
South Dakota	456.11	459.34	549.78	462.10	472.70	474.71	559.33	461.05	475.29	500.13
Tennessee	565.14	465.56	520.52	480.51	456.96	497.11	494.35	481.38	560.57	527.77
Texas	541.02	466.41	515.14	478.69	455.46	505.37	518.66	502.21	550.31	506.94
Utah	543.30	476.92	494.29	475.03	463.88	493.60	499.07	514.71	484.68	528.80

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**Recipients Under Age 65**

**Table 39.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2011 (in dollars)—Continued**

State or area	Total	Congenital anomalies	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	Infectious and parasitic diseases	Injuries	Mental disorders <sup>a</sup>	Neoplasms
Vermont	506.98	546.78	501.77	401.74	451.27	516.86	505.41
Virginia	503.99	557.72	476.80	467.76	454.77	514.41	492.68
Washington	527.12	562.61	499.33	492.19	511.68	530.73	517.15
West Virginia	513.32	547.85	480.31	469.70	481.66	529.26	497.03
Wisconsin	508.46	552.11	474.75	471.26	480.83	516.81	497.95
Wyoming	478.67	504.21	477.55	443.71	456.03	480.39	461.47
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	595.06	605.23	562.00	499.83	574.13	603.21	611.91

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**Table 39.**  
**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and diagnostic group,**  
**December 2011 (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		
Vermont	487.44	461.48	519.69	508.71	455.60	492.96	499.45	627.05	539.45	521.05
Virginia	534.86	475.79	511.71	472.55	459.50	494.87	500.68	499.38	540.83	490.98
Washington	531.65	503.74	543.83	490.88	509.68	522.53	532.59	513.17	555.21	560.46
West Virginia	513.54	461.43	495.61	472.07	465.21	499.79	498.36	465.80	542.00	521.64
Wisconsin	566.52	472.31	512.96	470.77	448.67	504.44	523.89	526.56	545.80	508.20
Wyoming	591.00	460.38	505.96	471.91	446.05	485.77	505.47	420.18	522.27	518.81
Outlying area										
Northern Mariana Islands	629.00	535.57	604.71	564.38	579.46	585.18	594.64	505.63	638.59	624.35

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

a. Data for individual mental disorder diagnostic groups are shown separately in Table 39.A.

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**Recipients Under Age 65**

**Table 39.A.**

**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and mental disorders diagnostic group, December 2011  
(in dollars)**

State or area	Total	Autistic disorders	Developmental disorders	Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	Intellectual disability	Mood disorders	Organic mental disorders	Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	Other
All areas	547.00	575.42	613.45	605.09	530.68	529.58	536.26	534.01	543.35
Alabama	519.03	570.23	601.19	604.19	521.08	478.53	502.99	491.63	508.73
Alaska	505.07	539.72	551.91	518.02	477.33	509.99	535.09	485.42	511.65
Arizona	538.47	568.14	610.57	600.08	533.69	505.95	534.24	512.61	525.04
Arkansas	532.95	555.44	615.80	602.30	518.41	484.25	481.03	474.16	517.85
California	641.49	661.53	677.04	680.77	645.30	625.50	636.63	637.84	643.19
Colorado	508.13	556.76	588.90	584.76	499.65	496.57	493.07	470.02	519.17
Connecticut	518.75	549.35	598.49	595.86	489.35	517.18	518.71	478.63	524.61
Delaware	525.91	539.25	594.94	594.82	509.75	503.00	548.22	463.69	509.20
District of Columbia	576.87	586.13	604.68	604.78	551.51	564.66	581.54	588.12	584.56
Florida	538.75	559.51	605.30	601.72	518.41	503.64	525.81	496.27	530.92
Georgia	525.82	564.33	599.64	600.81	519.15	493.38	507.23	492.63	526.12
Hawaii	570.55	557.11	574.56	578.56	569.28	566.04	561.81	583.68	569.82
Idaho	504.71	549.02	589.45	575.82	492.74	474.84	493.10	469.24	501.24
Illinois	540.82	567.56	612.96	604.11	534.19	525.23	530.50	499.00	543.60
Indiana	520.57	550.75	603.35	601.50	514.55	485.60	504.19	479.85	515.18
Iowa	497.56	530.77	607.55	582.74	475.37	481.24	497.73	446.62	503.92
Kansas	507.90	567.85	596.72	584.03	491.38	479.19	471.41	459.96	497.97
Kentucky	531.41	566.08	610.68	604.01	529.92	495.31	527.00	478.17	529.85
Louisiana	542.18	553.50	616.71	608.36	527.01	516.74	503.37	510.79	547.09
Maine	488.20	557.85	573.07	573.09	475.63	464.88	496.93	428.47	495.85
Maryland	540.54	561.60	590.80	593.71	527.81	523.83	549.51	509.77	542.73
Massachusetts	548.33	574.87	630.03	623.95	513.43	544.40	539.74	490.72	563.45
Michigan	540.63	584.75	611.55	608.73	540.61	508.88	528.29	518.96	528.48
Minnesota	507.11	538.99	599.75	589.81	484.33	507.22	507.23	451.20	517.54
Mississippi	522.98	537.10	605.70	603.29	504.30	486.00	522.33	485.19	516.88
Missouri	509.15	563.05	606.97	590.59	500.00	477.31	487.33	464.47	499.59
Montana	497.65	562.49	586.50	587.91	488.78	468.02	501.87	457.28	508.98
Nebraska	488.78	564.68	604.22	576.72	479.60	469.80	484.88	436.23	485.41
Nevada	538.53	569.44	603.84	598.05	534.17	514.00	522.42	508.05	522.41
New Hampshire	482.35	526.35	548.01	540.32	452.28	478.83	488.20	418.24	489.24
New Jersey	537.10	558.41	610.14	605.82	517.24	524.23	526.36	505.38	543.37
New Mexico	528.00	566.62	606.57	584.81	515.04	506.08	517.99	495.31	523.90
New York	591.04	597.81	632.93	627.20	561.31	584.17	556.41	615.85	584.11
North Carolina	509.32	535.41	597.36	589.41	492.74	478.26	490.07	470.64	509.50
North Dakota	461.21	498.63	577.98	563.60	438.46	460.34	470.92	428.05	448.24
Ohio	533.48	554.54	615.21	609.79	523.43	514.70	506.79	502.94	541.67
Oklahoma	525.19	564.79	599.42	595.64	522.58	502.37	508.93	492.39	530.49
Oregon	517.89	563.14	585.12	586.85	513.17	495.65	522.42	485.48	521.95
Pennsylvania	549.55	556.86	603.09	601.68	526.87	532.42	546.87	542.14	549.49
Rhode Island	521.26	561.37	606.23	597.18	509.50	502.42	536.62	452.56	520.89
South Carolina	514.40	553.50	598.03	584.51	504.24	479.28	506.30	485.57	510.19
South Dakota	484.69	503.27	595.15	544.92	452.54	443.12	501.96	442.99	477.68
Tennessee	516.82	562.83	603.06	601.35	519.28	485.29	507.89	491.14	511.68
Texas	535.04	547.49	598.43	596.78	500.52	515.05	489.49	505.98	536.23
Utah	496.11	548.27	558.54	568.37	487.95	484.83	479.76	457.52	500.84

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**Table 39.A.**

**Average monthly payment, by state or other area and mental disorders diagnostic group, December 2011  
(in dollars)—Continued**

State or area	Total	Autistic disorders	Developmental disorders	Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	Intellectual disability	Mood disorders	Organic mental disorders	Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	Other
Vermont	516.86	596.36	610.64	615.09	482.22	491.57	534.34	454.19	527.06
Virginia	514.41	547.74	590.68	589.12	499.74	494.63	510.96	482.38	512.10
Washington	530.73	560.61	595.48	594.00	518.95	515.37	538.11	501.80	535.49
West Virginia	529.26	573.57	597.70	597.37	525.81	506.98	529.89	494.68	528.08
Wisconsin	516.81	546.75	607.51	598.53	508.88	489.68	489.78	465.07	501.88
Wyoming	480.39	524.39	565.33	586.31	464.35	463.14	489.15	444.79	481.97
Outlying area									
Northern Mariana Islands	603.21	626.34	619.22	613.84	599.51	647.60	546.38	540.72	641.61

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

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RECIPIENTS  
WHO WORK





**Table 40.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work, selected months 1976–2011**

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
2004	5,850,359	328,204	254,523	73,681	5.6
2005	5,977,788	336,570	258,365	78,205	5.6
2006	6,113,277	349,420	260,070	89,350	5.7
2007	6,252,564	357,344	259,793	97,551	5.7
2008	6,416,726	355,761	256,280	99,481	5.5
2009	6,582,261	340,175	248,641	91,534	5.2
2010	6,801,164	318,537	245,786	72,751	4.7
2011	6,996,435	312,779	247,011	65,768	4.5

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## Recipients Who Work

**Table 40.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work, selected months 1976–2011—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	
2009					
March	6,491,964	353,021	255,850	97,171	5.4
June	6,536,732	350,789	251,971	98,818	5.4
September	6,590,220	349,978	251,784	98,194	5.3
December	6,582,261	340,175	248,641	91,534	5.2
2010					
March	6,673,188	332,139	247,257	84,882	5.0
June	6,727,965	326,339	246,602	79,737	4.9
September	6,782,394	322,450	246,960	75,490	4.8
December	6,801,164	318,537	245,786	72,751	4.7
2011					
March	6,885,741	316,790	245,487	71,303	4.6
June	6,940,447	315,605	245,458	70,147	4.5
September	6,975,037	315,098	247,485	67,613	4.5
December	6,996,435	312,779	247,011	65,768	4.5

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

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

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

b. Includes section 1619(a) participants and SSI recipients earning less than the substantial gainful activity level ( \$1,010 effective January 2012).

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**Table 41.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work, by state or other area, December 2011**

State or area	All blind and disabled recipients	Recipients who work	
		Number	Percentage of all blind and disabled recipients
All areas	6,996,435	312,779	4.5
Alabama	164,117	3,555	2.2
Alaska	11,027	713	6.5
Arizona	98,908	3,521	3.6
Arkansas	104,092	3,863	3.7
California	935,803	39,720	4.2
Colorado	60,281	3,530	5.9
Connecticut	53,911	3,773	7.0
Delaware	15,084	892	5.9
District of Columbia	24,036	640	2.7
Florida	395,675	10,079	2.5
Georgia	215,313	5,909	2.7
Hawaii	19,611	781	4.0
Idaho	26,688	1,494	5.6
Illinois	248,271	12,158	4.9
Indiana	117,701	5,306	4.5
Iowa	46,887	6,303	13.4
Kansas	44,955	3,923	8.7
Kentucky	183,279	4,284	2.3
Louisiana	166,690	5,572	3.3
Maine	34,792	1,768	5.1
Maryland	97,736	5,916	6.1
Massachusetts	151,928	8,872	5.8
Michigan	250,200	11,863	4.7
Minnesota	80,256	10,533	13.1
Mississippi	116,542	2,679	2.3
Missouri	130,857	6,811	5.2
Montana	17,207	1,836	10.7
Nebraska	25,004	2,942	11.8
Nevada	33,510	1,727	5.2
New Hampshire	18,047	1,200	6.6
New Jersey	140,042	7,042	5.0
New Mexico	53,835	1,998	3.7
New York	565,534	26,594	4.7
North Carolina	206,038	7,258	3.5
North Dakota	7,926	1,225	15.5
Ohio	282,921	16,931	6.0
Oklahoma	89,872	3,871	4.3
Oregon	69,951	4,395	6.3
Pennsylvania	345,331	14,885	4.3
Rhode Island	29,196	1,412	4.8
South Carolina	106,222	4,335	4.1
South Dakota	13,046	1,919	14.7
Tennessee	167,031	4,570	2.7
Texas	536,938	16,122	3.0
Utah	27,235	2,195	8.1

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**Table 41.**

**Blind and disabled recipients who work, by state or other area, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	All blind and disabled recipients	Recipients who work	
		Number	Percentage of all blind and disabled recipients
Vermont	14,961	1,133	7.6
Virginia	133,258	6,164	4.6
Washington	127,757	5,359	4.2
West Virginia	78,295	2,156	2.8
Wisconsin	105,371	10,334	9.8
Wyoming	6,390	703	11.0
Outlying area			
Northern Mariana Islands	877	15	1.7

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

NOTE: Includes section 1619(b) participants.

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**Table 42.**  
**Percentage distribution of all blind and disabled recipients and those who work aged 18–64, by diagnostic group, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All blind and disabled recipients	Recipients who work <sup>a</sup>
Total		
Number	4,777,010	297,808
Percent	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	0.8	2.2
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.8	1.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1.4	0.8
Injuries	2.7	1.4
Mental disorders		
Autistic disorders	1.4	4.1
Developmental disorders	0.7	1.0
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	1.0	1.3
Intellectual disability	19.8	40.7
Mood disorders	16.8	8.3
Organic mental disorders	4.1	3.9
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	9.1	5.7
Other mental disorders	5.7	4.1
Neoplasms	1.3	0.8
Diseases of the—		
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.4	0.4
Circulatory system	4.3	1.3
Digestive system	1.0	0.4
Genitourinary system	1.0	0.6
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	12.4	4.3
Nervous system and sense organs <sup>b</sup>	7.8	8.8
Respiratory system	2.0	0.7
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.2	0.1
Other	0.3	0.4
Unknown	3.0	7.9

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

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

b. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

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**Table 43.**

**All blind and disabled recipients, those who work, and section 1619(b) participants aged 18–64, by age, December 2011**

Age	All blind and disabled recipients <sup>a</sup>		Recipients who work <sup>a</sup>		Section 1619(b) participants	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percentage of all blind and disabled recipients	Number	Percentage of all blind and disabled recipients
Total	4,840,043	100.0	297,808	6.2	63,033	1.3
18–21	370,118	7.6	30,293	8.2	2,198	0.6
22–25	344,446	7.1	45,187	13.1	8,234	2.4
26–29	313,221	6.5	38,998	12.5	9,084	2.9
30–39	708,295	14.6	63,399	9.0	15,659	2.2
40–49	1,017,297	21.0	53,956	5.3	13,648	1.3
50–59	1,483,977	30.7	50,590	3.4	11,004	0.7
60–64	602,689	12.5	15,385	2.6	3,206	0.5

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

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

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**Table 44.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients in December 2010, by program status and earnings in December 2011**

Program status in December 2010	Total	Receiving payments in December 2011			Not receiving payments in December 2011					
		Section 1619(a)	Have earnings	No earnings	Ineligible because of earned income			Other excess income	Other nonpay	
					Section 1619(b)	Reasons no longer eligible				
						Do not need or use Medicaid	Can pay for equivalent coverage			Both
All blind and disabled recipients	6,744,480	10,996	219,134	5,923,566	61,677	508	156	261	141,735	386,447
Receiving payments										
Section 1619(a)	11,305	4,080	1,624	2,246	1,602	16	3	8	598	1,128
Have earnings	234,423	2,052	169,952	36,906	7,585	53	6	10	7,092	10,767
No earnings	6,426,052	3,414	43,064	5,874,751	13,413	73	20	40	126,392	364,885
Not receiving payments										
Section 1619(b)	72,700	1,450	4,494	9,663	39,077	366	127	203	7,653	9,667

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

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**Table 45.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work, by state or other area, December 2011**

State or area	Total	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants		Other blind and disabled recipients who work	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	312,779	11,763	3.8	65,768	21.0	235,248	75.2
Alabama	3,555	200	5.6	818	23.0	2,537	71.4
Alaska	713	24	3.4	210	29.5	479	67.2
Arizona	3,521	149	4.2	854	24.3	2,518	71.5
Arkansas	3,863	115	3.0	714	18.5	3,034	78.5
California	39,720	2,198	5.5	8,159	20.5	29,363	73.9
Colorado	3,530	86	2.4	640	18.1	2,804	79.4
Connecticut	3,773	84	2.2	758	20.1	2,931	77.7
Delaware	892	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	683	76.6
District of Columbia	640	54	8.4	200	31.3	386	60.3
Florida	10,079	470	4.7	2,820	28.0	6,789	67.4
Georgia	5,909	252	4.3	1,327	22.5	4,330	73.3
Hawaii	781	24	3.1	256	32.8	501	64.1
Idaho	1,494	52	3.5	356	23.8	1,086	72.7
Illinois	12,158	451	3.7	2,371	19.5	9,336	76.8
Indiana	5,306	121	2.3	1,087	20.5	4,098	77.2
Iowa	6,303	107	1.7	1,193	18.9	5,003	79.4
Kansas	3,923	88	2.2	694	17.7	3,141	80.1
Kentucky	4,284	196	4.6	861	20.1	3,227	75.3
Louisiana	5,572	340	6.1	1,444	25.9	3,788	68.0
Maine	1,768	59	3.3	441	24.9	1,268	71.7
Maryland	5,916	206	3.5	1,386	23.4	4,324	73.1
Massachusetts	8,872	414	4.7	2,351	26.5	6,107	68.8
Michigan	11,863	300	2.5	2,185	18.4	9,378	79.1
Minnesota	10,533	173	1.6	1,869	17.7	8,491	80.6
Mississippi	2,679	130	4.9	654	24.4	1,895	70.7
Missouri	6,811	188	2.8	1,366	20.1	5,257	77.2
Montana	1,836	36	2.0	307	16.7	1,493	81.3
Nebraska	2,942	74	2.5	499	17.0	2,369	80.5
Nevada	1,727	54	3.1	354	20.5	1,319	76.4
New Hampshire	1,200	28	2.3	295	24.6	877	73.1
New Jersey	7,042	215	3.1	1,403	19.9	5,424	77.0
New Mexico	1,998	109	5.5	547	27.4	1,342	67.2
New York	26,594	1,200	4.5	5,745	21.6	19,649	73.9
North Carolina	7,258	257	3.5	1,440	19.8	5,561	76.6
North Dakota	1,225	29	2.4	299	24.4	897	73.2
Ohio	16,931	392	2.3	2,695	15.9	13,844	81.8
Oklahoma	3,871	121	3.1	856	22.1	2,894	74.8
Oregon	4,395	91	2.1	767	17.5	3,537	80.5
Pennsylvania	14,885	599	4.0	3,315	22.3	10,971	73.7
Rhode Island	1,412	34	2.4	269	19.1	1,109	78.5
South Carolina	4,335	103	2.4	701	16.2	3,531	81.5
South Dakota	1,919	40	2.1	368	19.2	1,511	78.7
Tennessee	4,570	158	3.5	878	19.2	3,534	77.3
Texas	16,122	841	5.2	4,050	25.1	11,231	69.7
Utah	2,195	45	2.1	422	19.2	1,728	78.7

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**Table 45.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work, by state or other area, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants		Other blind and disabled recipients who work	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	1,133	41	3.6	328	28.9	764	67.4
Virginia	6,164	205	3.3	1,298	21.1	4,661	75.6
Washington	5,359	242	4.5	1,407	26.3	3,710	69.2
West Virginia	2,156	137	6.4	543	25.2	1,476	68.5
Wisconsin	10,334	183	1.8	1,589	15.4	8,562	82.9
Wyoming	703	20	2.8	193	27.5	490	69.7
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	15	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	10	66.7

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

NOTE: (X) = Suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

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**Table 46.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work and their average earnings, by selected characteristics,**  
**December 2011**

Characteristic	Number	Percent	Average earnings (dollars)
Total	312,779	100.0	499
Age			
Under 18	2,437	0.8	587
18–21	30,293	9.7	435
22–25	45,187	14.4	498
26–29	38,998	12.5	538
30–39	63,399	20.3	541
40–49	53,956	17.3	533
50–59	50,590	16.2	484
60–64	15,385	4.9	424
65 or older	12,534	4.0	312
Sex			
Male	170,697	54.6	494
Female	142,082	45.4	505
Earned income <sup>a</sup>			
Wages	289,352	92.5	515
Self-employment income	24,823	7.9	335
Earnings (dollars)			
65 or less	85,395	27.3	41
66–99	16,765	5.4	82
100–199	39,424	12.6	140
200–299	27,908	8.9	239
300–399	21,548	6.9	338
400–499	17,921	5.7	438
500–599	16,678	5.3	537
600–699	13,768	4.4	636
700–799	10,515	3.4	738
800–899	9,114	2.9	834
900–999	6,810	2.2	938
1,000–1,099	6,672	2.1	1,030
1,100–1,199	4,262	1.4	1,139
1,200–1,299	4,818	1.5	1,233
1,300–1,399	3,140	1.0	1,338
1,400 or more	28,041	9.0	2,231
Unearned income <sup>a</sup>			
None	162,621	52.0	595
Social Security benefits	135,744	43.4	370
Other pensions	1,431	0.5	371
Income based on need	180	0.1	566
Asset income	6,065	1.9	391
Other	14,173	4.5	611

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**Table 46.**  
**Blind and disabled recipients who work and their average earnings, by selected characteristics,**  
**December 2011—Continued**

Characteristic	Number	Percent	Average earnings (dollars)
Work incentives <sup>a</sup>			
Section 1619(a)	11,763	3.8	1,265
Section 1619(b)	65,768	21.0	1,261
Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>b</sup>	346	0.1	766
Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	3,339	1.1	636
Blind work expenses (BWE)	1,570	0.5	1,036

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

NOTE: Includes section 1619(b) participants.

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, or they may benefit from more than one work incentive provision.

b. Number of working recipients with a PASS. See Tables 53–56 for data on all recipients with a PASS.

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**Table 47.**

**Number of section 1619 participants and percentage change from prior period, selected months 1982–2011**

Month	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants <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	...	15,632	...
1988	19,920	36.8	15,625	0.0
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
2004	17,114	-0.1	73,681	3.6
2005	17,621	3.0	78,205	6.1
2006	17,394	-1.3	89,350	14.3
2007	16,939	-2.6	97,551	9.2
2008	16,142	-4.7	99,481	2.0
2009	11,900	-26.3	91,534	-8.0
2010	11,305	-5.0	72,751	-20.5
2011	11,763	4.1	65,768	-9.6

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**Table 47.**  
**Number of section 1619 participants and percentage change from prior period, selected months**  
**1982–2011—Continued**

Month	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants <sup>a</sup>	
	Number	Percentage change from prior period	Number	Percentage change from prior period
2009				
March	15,166	-6.0	97,171	-2.3
June	14,848	-2.1	98,818	1.7
September	14,065	-5.3	98,194	-0.6
December	11,900	-15.4	91,534	-6.8
2010				
March	11,485	-3.5	84,882	-7.3
June	11,550	0.6	79,737	-6.1
September	11,410	-1.2	75,490	-5.3
December	11,305	-0.9	72,751	-3.6
2011				
March	11,208	-0.9	71,303	-2.0
June	11,021	-1.7	70,147	-1.6
September	11,131	1.0	67,613	-3.6
December	11,763	5.7	65,768	-2.7

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 can lead to decreases in the number of 1619(a) participants.

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

a. Includes blind participants. Of the 65,768 participants in December 2011, 932 were blind.

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**Table 48.**

**Ranking of state or other area, by section 1619 participants as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients in state aged 18–64, December 2011**

State or area	Ranking	All blind and disabled recipients <sup>a</sup>	Section 1619 participants	
			Number	Percent
All areas		4,840,043	74,627	1.54
North Dakota	1	6,018	320	5.32
South Dakota	2	9,050	393	4.34
Wyoming	3	4,942	205	4.15
Iowa	4	35,133	1,285	3.66
Minnesota	5	58,544	1,998	3.41
Vermont	6	11,593	361	3.11
Nebraska	7	18,802	564	3.00
Alaska	8	8,564	228	2.66
Montana	9	13,054	331	2.54
Kansas	10	32,158	766	2.38
Utah	11	19,607	454	2.32
Wisconsin	12	75,195	1,738	2.31
Maryland	13	70,031	1,541	2.20
New Hampshire	14	14,439	316	2.19
Massachusetts	15	124,469	2,674	2.15
Connecticut	16	38,577	816	2.12
Idaho	17	19,354	395	2.04
Delaware	18	10,140	202	1.99
New York	19	373,512	6,698	1.79
Maine	20	27,396	489	1.78
Hawaii	21	15,281	267	1.75
New Mexico	22	36,513	620	1.70
Washington	23	95,121	1,597	1.68
New Jersey	24	94,654	1,547	1.63
Nevada	25	24,481	398	1.63
Pennsylvania	26	235,636	3,794	1.61
Oregon	27	52,763	832	1.58
Colorado	28	44,733	705	1.58
Missouri	29	96,098	1,499	1.56
Virginia	30	94,104	1,467	1.56
Illinois	31	173,261	2,687	1.55
Louisiana	32	111,660	1,719	1.54
California	33	630,828	9,710	1.54
Oklahoma	34	63,548	939	1.48
Arizona	35	66,165	953	1.44
Ohio	36	208,543	2,988	1.43
Indiana	37	84,122	1,185	1.41
Rhode Island	38	20,966	294	1.40
Texas	39	336,102	4,709	1.40
District of Columbia	40	17,218	237	1.38
Michigan	41	185,165	2,375	1.28
Florida	42	247,662	3,171	1.28
Arkansas	43	66,349	794	1.20
North Carolina	44	139,492	1,646	1.18
West Virginia	45	60,557	665	1.10

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**Table 48.**  
**Ranking of state or other area, by section 1619 participants as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients in state aged 18–64, December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Ranking	All blind and disabled recipients <sup>a</sup>	Section 1619 participants	
			Number	Percent
South Carolina	46	72,696	775	1.07
Georgia	47	146,537	1,532	1.05
Northern Mariana Islands	48	487	5	1.03
Mississippi	49	77,814	738	0.95
Alabama	50	116,406	991	0.85
Tennessee	51	122,704	996	0.81
Kentucky	52	131,799	1,018	0.77

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

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

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**Table 49.**  
**Section 1619(a) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months**  
**2010–2011**

State or area	December 2010		September 2011		December 2011	
	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)
All areas	11,305	1,260	11,131	1,250	11,763	1,265
Alabama	177	1,237	188	1,218	200	1,212
Alaska	25	1,227	18	1,189	24	1,222
Arizona	147	1,241	161	1,197	149	1,211
Arkansas	128	1,236	123	1,206	115	1,237
California	2,221	1,341	2,059	1,334	2,198	1,341
Colorado	90	1,243	89	1,228	86	1,268
Connecticut	97	1,264	72	1,217	84	1,259
Delaware	25	1,181	30	1,200	(X)	(X)
District of Columbia	41	1,280	(X)	(X)	54	1,215
Florida	442	1,222	455	1,216	470	1,225
Georgia	250	1,222	258	1,213	252	1,231
Hawaii	31	1,247	22	1,278	24	1,292
Idaho	58	1,213	52	1,214	52	1,234
Illinois	451	1,224	425	1,210	451	1,239
Indiana	124	1,220	129	1,210	121	1,234
Iowa	116	1,250	98	1,279	107	1,310
Kansas	95	1,248	98	1,239	88	1,258
Kentucky	161	1,206	168	1,224	196	1,242
Louisiana	292	1,221	323	1,211	340	1,228
Maine	56	1,295	48	1,263	59	1,288
Maryland	211	1,217	202	1,217	206	1,230
Massachusetts	395	1,313	370	1,272	414	1,305
Michigan	296	1,243	270	1,226	300	1,240
Minnesota	144	1,219	140	1,199	173	1,207
Mississippi	133	1,232	126	1,211	130	1,226
Missouri	169	1,219	173	1,213	188	1,234
Montana	25	1,224	31	1,237	36	1,220
Nebraska	63	1,254	75	1,278	74	1,282
Nevada	46	1,233	54	1,239	54	1,252
New Hampshire	31	1,293	21	1,279	28	1,318
New Jersey	192	1,247	197	1,233	215	1,244
New Mexico	94	1,241	121	1,223	109	1,257
New York	1,109	1,284	1,128	1,287	1,200	1,296
North Carolina	231	1,218	214	1,222	257	1,237
North Dakota	26	1,241	19	1,212	29	1,282
Ohio	363	1,235	374	1,222	392	1,230
Oklahoma	125	1,227	112	1,220	121	1,241
Oregon	90	1,251	102	1,222	91	1,230
Pennsylvania	560	1,221	551	1,225	599	1,236
Rhode Island	36	1,192	36	1,194	34	1,253
South Carolina	106	1,218	111	1,193	103	1,222
South Dakota	39	1,220	33	1,206	40	1,240
Tennessee	174	1,228	154	1,212	158	1,212
Texas	775	1,227	796	1,224	841	1,248
Utah	39	1,203	44	1,221	45	1,221

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**Table 49.**  
**Section 1619(a) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months**  
**2010–2011—Continued**

State or area	December 2010		September 2011		December 2011	
	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)
Vermont	43	1,288	37	1,294	41	1,262
Virginia	222	1,244	209	1,222	205	1,217
Washington	236	1,239	204	1,233	242	1,243
West Virginia	127	1,257	143	1,232	137	1,245
Wisconsin	159	1,220	180	1,201	183	1,227
Wyoming	15	1,193	20	1,221	20	1,291
Outlying area						
Northern Mariana Islands	4	1,174	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

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**Table 50.**  
**Section 1619(b) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months**  
**2010–2011**

State or area	December 2010		September 2011		December 2011	
	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)
All areas	72,751	1,266	67,613	1,259	65,768	1,261
Alabama	962	1,350	837	1,385	818	1,368
Alaska <sup>a</sup>	207	1,571	228	1,668	210	1,624
Arizona	927	1,440	868	1,412	854	1,387
Arkansas	782	1,240	749	1,281	714	1,270
California	8,877	1,573	8,340	1,531	8,159	1,525
Colorado	696	1,163	659	1,187	640	1,207
Connecticut <sup>a</sup>	865	1,100	788	1,083	758	1,059
Delaware	229	1,305	207	1,326	(X)	(X)
District of Columbia	268	1,743	(X)	(X)	200	1,776
Florida	3,258	1,296	2,946	1,331	2,820	1,321
Georgia	1,482	1,279	1,390	1,324	1,327	1,323
Hawaii <sup>a</sup>	305	1,502	267	1,474	256	1,506
Idaho <sup>a</sup>	407	1,094	388	1,095	356	1,171
Illinois <sup>a</sup>	2,814	1,258	2,454	1,244	2,371	1,240
Indiana <sup>a</sup>	1,167	1,049	1,118	1,049	1,087	1,056
Iowa	1,268	871	1,240	879	1,193	900
Kansas <sup>a</sup>	759	1,011	712	995	694	1,095
Kentucky	923	1,245	902	1,264	861	1,306
Louisiana	1,661	1,340	1,465	1,276	1,444	1,257
Maine	523	1,153	449	1,067	441	1,096
Maryland	1,515	1,409	1,424	1,366	1,386	1,386
Massachusetts	2,674	1,388	2,423	1,363	2,351	1,351
Michigan	2,327	1,071	2,253	1,083	2,185	1,091
Minnesota <sup>a</sup>	1,998	976	1,956	998	1,869	996
Mississippi	732	1,299	663	1,262	654	1,256
Missouri <sup>a</sup>	1,499	979	1,396	991	1,366	989
Montana	364	1,052	334	1,007	307	1,046
Nebraska <sup>a</sup>	515	1,037	507	1,052	499	1,062
Nevada <sup>a</sup>	341	1,360	360	1,399	354	1,444
New Hampshire <sup>a</sup>	277	1,000	293	1,140	295	1,134
New Jersey	1,685	1,321	1,421	1,289	1,403	1,289
New Mexico	562	1,242	532	1,245	547	1,210
New York	6,301	1,408	5,741	1,414	5,745	1,388
North Carolina	1,625	1,149	1,525	1,146	1,440	1,157
North Dakota <sup>a</sup>	318	921	297	969	299	1,048
Ohio <sup>a</sup>	2,826	1,025	2,789	1,052	2,695	1,093
Oklahoma <sup>a</sup>	998	1,088	876	1,034	856	1,059
Oregon <sup>a</sup>	864	979	796	961	767	975
Pennsylvania	3,776	1,282	3,460	1,250	3,315	1,254
Rhode Island	301	1,345	284	1,255	269	1,319
South Carolina	738	1,132	723	1,221	701	1,197
South Dakota	387	915	391	886	368	908
Tennessee	1,006	1,191	874	1,220	878	1,202
Texas	4,338	1,303	4,137	1,310	4,050	1,319
Utah <sup>a</sup>	473	1,105	433	1,096	422	1,052

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**Table 50.**  
**Section 1619(b) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months**  
**2010–2011—Continued**

State or area	December 2010		September 2011		December 2011	
	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Average earnings (dollars)
Vermont	350	1,183	338	1,204	328	1,162
Virginia <sup>a</sup>	1,461	1,191	1,336	1,175	1,298	1,200
Washington	1,601	1,309	1,475	1,295	1,407	1,295
West Virginia	567	1,451	552	1,532	543	1,535
Wisconsin	1,753	1,003	1,609	997	1,589	983
Wyoming	196	1,105	194	1,162	193	1,098
Outlying area						
Northern Mariana Islands	3	821	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

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

NOTE: (X) = Suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. The Social Security Administration identifies persons as potential participants; the state makes final Medicaid determinations.

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**Table 51.**  
**Section 1619 participants and their average earnings, by selected characteristics, December 2011**

Characteristic	Section 1619(a) participants			Section 1619(b) participants		
	Number	Percent	Average earnings (dollars)	Number	Percent	Average earnings (dollars)
All participants	11,763	100.0	1,265	65,768	100.0	1,261
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18	100	0.9	1,252	291	0.4	--
18–21	1,112	9.5	1,233	2,198	3.3	1,284
22–25	1,804	15.3	1,240	8,234	12.5	1,242
26–29	1,582	13.4	1,269	9,084	13.8	1,315
30–39	2,655	22.6	1,269	15,659	23.8	1,316
40–49	2,345	19.9	1,277	13,648	20.8	1,247
50–59	1,761	15.0	1,281	11,004	16.7	1,232
60–64	335	2.8	1,284	3,206	4.9	1,127
65 or older	69	0.6	1,308	2,444	3.7	1,009
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	6,304	53.6	1,272	34,533	52.5	1,286
Female	5,459	46.4	1,257	31,235	47.5	1,232
<b>Earned income <sup>a</sup></b>						
Wages	11,272	95.8	1,269	63,114	96.0	1,276
Self-employment income	586	5.0	1,190	3,258	5.0	1,030
<b>Earnings (dollars)</b>						
Less than 400	...	...	...	8,280	12.6	267
400–499	...	...	...	4,580	7.0	441
500–599	...	...	...	5,558	8.5	539
600–699	...	...	...	5,305	8.1	637
700–799	...	...	...	4,480	6.8	738
800–899	...	...	...	3,905	5.9	834
900–999	...	...	...	2,800	4.3	938
1,000–1,099	2,100	17.9	1,053	2,641	4.0	1,028
1,100–1,199	2,436	20.7	1,140	1,546	2.4	1,138
1,200–1,299	2,779	23.6	1,235	1,687	2.6	1,231
1,300–1,399	1,849	15.7	1,338	1,095	1.7	1,340
1,400 or more	2,599	22.1	1,534	23,891	36.3	2,307
<b>Unearned income <sup>a</sup></b>						
None	11,047	93.9	1,267	21,297	32.4	2,145
Social Security benefits	250	2.1	1,231	41,994	63.9	773
Other pensions	10	0.1	1,289	270	0.4	1,221
Income based on need	5	(L)	1,207	34	0.1	1,143
Asset income	122	1.0	1,258	1,061	1.6	1,239
Other	349	3.0	1,230	3,296	5.0	1,444
<b>Work incentives <sup>a</sup></b>						
Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>b</sup>	89	0.8	1,637	0	0.0	0
Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	231	2.0	1,365	816	1.2	1,269
Blind work expenses (BWE)	0	0.0	0	364	0.6	1,762

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

NOTES: -- = not available; . . . = not applicable; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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, or they may benefit from more than one work incentive provision.

b. Includes 12 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

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**Table 52.**  
**Percentage distribution of section 1619 participants aged 18–64, by diagnostic group, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All blind and disabled recipients	Section 1619(a) participants	Section 1619(b) participants
Total			
Number	4,777,010	11,594	63,033
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	0.8	0.9	1.0
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.8	1.5	1.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1.4	1.6	1.4
Injuries	2.7	1.9	2.2
Mental disorders			
Autistic disorders	1.4	2.4	2.2
Developmental disorders	0.7	1.6	0.9
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	1.0	1.8	0.9
Intellectual disability	19.8	28.6	29.7
Mood disorders	16.8	13.9	12.8
Organic mental disorders	4.1	4.6	4.2
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	9.1	6.7	6.9
Other mental disorders	5.7	6.4	5.4
Neoplasms	1.3	1.3	1.4
Diseases of the—			
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.4	0.9	0.8
Circulatory system	4.3	1.7	1.7
Digestive system	1.0	0.5	0.7
Genitourinary system	1.0	1.3	1.2
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	12.4	5.5	6.5
Nervous system and sense organs <sup>a</sup>	7.8	10.7	10.5
Respiratory system	2.0	0.9	0.9
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other	0.3	0.4	0.3
Unknown	3.0	4.8	6.4

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

a. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

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**Table 53.**

**Recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by state or other area and provision, December 2011**

State or area	Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup>	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
All areas	1,287	3,339	1,570
Alabama	(X)	80	23
Alaska	0	0	(X)
Arizona	12	51	11
Arkansas	8	23	14
California	247	182	236
Colorado	33	29	12
Connecticut	10	34	19
Delaware	0	35	6
District of Columbia	0	(X)	0
Florida	24	193	59
Georgia	14	143	39
Hawaii	4	3	3
Idaho	0	9	(X)
Illinois	45	91	41
Indiana	23	54	29
Iowa	86	19	31
Kansas	32	160	19
Kentucky	22	38	22
Louisiana	5	60	25
Maine	33	9	4
Maryland	4	112	23
Massachusetts	101	71	124
Michigan	62	43	36
Minnesota	32	57	36
Mississippi	(X)	11	12
Missouri	51	67	31
Montana	24	11	3
Nebraska	23	8	4
Nevada	(X)	8	12
New Hampshire	20	15	4
New Jersey	12	121	29
New Mexico	3	33	7
New York	114	329	136
North Carolina	21	180	72
North Dakota	5	(X)	4
Ohio	29	66	52
Oklahoma	13	46	7
Oregon	3	22	16
Pennsylvania	17	104	60
Rhode Island	12	(X)	5
South Carolina	13	26	11
South Dakota	18	8	(X)
Tennessee	11	54	20
Texas	25	253	132
Utah	3	31	7

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**Table 53.**  
**Recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by state or other area and provision,**  
**December 2011—Continued**

State or area	Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup>	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Vermont	27	(X)	(X)
Virginia	9	227	33
Washington	(X)	66	29
West Virginia	5	23	10
Wisconsin	21	123	51
Wyoming	(X)	(X)	0
Outlying area			
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	(X)

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

NOTE: (X) = suppressed to avoid disclosing information about particular individuals.

a. Includes 312 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

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**Table 54.**

**Recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by selected characteristics and provision, December 2011**

Characteristic	Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup>		Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)		Blind work expenses (BWE)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,287	100.0	3,339	100.0	1,570	100.0
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18	3	0.2	4	0.1	0	0.0
18–21	60	4.7	182	5.5	41	2.6
22–25	161	12.5	616	18.4	134	8.5
26–29	145	11.3	560	16.8	213	13.6
30–39	274	21.3	865	25.9	412	26.2
40–49	315	24.5	547	16.4	356	22.7
50–59	258	20.0	381	11.4	292	18.6
60–64	55	4.3	106	3.2	78	5.0
65 or older	16	1.2	78	2.3	44	2.8
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	575	44.7	1,851	55.4	844	53.8
Female	712	55.3	1,488	44.6	726	46.2
<b>Earned income <sup>b</sup></b>						
Wages	337	26.2	3,230	96.7	1,495	95.2
Self-employment income	79	6.1	125	3.7	85	5.4
<b>Earnings (dollars)</b>						
None	882	68.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
65 or less	30	2.3	308	9.2	139	8.9
66–99	13	1.0	114	3.4	49	3.1
100–199	28	2.2	436	13.1	161	10.3
200–299	29	2.3	387	11.6	126	8.0
300–399	29	2.3	331	9.9	81	5.2
400–499	32	2.5	292	8.7	94	6.0
500–599	25	1.9	283	8.5	65	4.1
600–699	37	2.9	204	6.1	73	4.6
700–799	35	2.7	157	4.7	55	3.5
800–899	27	2.1	108	3.2	55	3.5
900–999	23	1.8	105	3.1	44	2.8
1,000–1,099	16	1.2	88	2.6	53	3.4
1,100–1,199	11	0.9	50	1.5	36	2.3
1,200–1,299	13	1.0	75	2.2	60	3.8
1,300–1,399	7	0.5	53	1.6	41	2.6
1,400 or more	50	3.9	348	10.4	438	27.9
<b>Unearned income <sup>b</sup></b>						
None	221	17.2	1,477	44.2	809	51.5
Social Security benefits	1,039	80.7	1,717	51.4	702	44.7
Other pensions	5	0.4	13	0.4	3	0.2
Income based on need	0	0.0	1	(L)	0	0.0
Asset income	19	1.5	56	1.7	36	2.3
Other	67	5.2	155	4.6	53	3.4

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

a. Includes 312 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

b. 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.

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**Table 55.**

**Percentage distribution of recipients benefiting from specified work incentives, by diagnostic group and provision, December 2011**

Diagnostic group	All blind and disabled recipients	Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup>	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total				
Number	4,777,010	1,287	3,339	1,570
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	0.8	1.2	3.2	1.0
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	2.8	1.5	0.3	0.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.1
Injuries	2.7	4.6	2.1	0.1
Mental disorders				
Autistic disorders	1.4	2.6	5.5	0.2
Developmental disorders	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.1
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.0
Intellectual disability	19.8	3.9	45.2	2.3
Mood disorders	16.8	21.9	3.3	0.1
Organic mental disorders	4.1	3.5	3.4	0.3
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	9.1	10.1	3.3	0.1
Other mental disorders	5.7	7.0	2.4	0.1
Neoplasms	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.2
Diseases of the—				
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0
Circulatory system	4.3	1.2	1.2	0.8
Digestive system	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0
Genitourinary system	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	12.4	8.1	2.8	0.3
Nervous system and sense organs <sup>b</sup>	7.8	12.8	16.3	85.3
Respiratory system	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Other	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Unknown	3.0	15.3	6.6	8.7

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

a. Includes 312 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

b. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

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**Table 56.**

**Percentage distribution of recipients with income excluded under specified work incentives, by amount excluded and provision, December 2011**

Amount excluded (dollars)	Plan to achieve self-support (PASS) <sup>a</sup>	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total			
Number	975	3,339	1,570
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 25	0.3	16.9	20.5
25–49	0.7	19.8	11.6
50–99	1.2	30.7	14.3
100–199	3.3	20.3	16.9
200–299	5.1	6.2	11.2
300–499	16.7	3.7	11.7
500–599	8.4	0.7	3.4
600–699	13.4	0.4	2.1
700–799	12.2	0.3	1.9
800–899	7.7	0.1	1.7
900–999	5.8	0.1	1.0
1,000 or more	25.0	0.7	3.7

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

a. Data do not include plans to achieve self-support that exclude only resources.

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# APPLICATIONS





**Table 57.**  
**All applications, by age of applicant, 1973–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	74,587,552	11,109,751	14.9	51,901,404	69.6	11,576,397	15.5
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,474	3,939	0.1	1,419,041	41.7	1,979,494	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
1973	282,472	5,007	1.8	82,993	29.4	194,472	68.8
1974	2,069,452	125,028	6.0	1,098,373	53.1	846,051	40.9
1975	1,468,610	99,996	6.8	977,209	66.5	391,405	26.7
1976	1,207,448	83,960	7.0	865,790	71.7	257,698	21.3
1977	1,268,462	95,314	7.5	903,618	71.2	269,530	21.2
1978	1,265,436	99,610	7.9	902,756	71.3	263,070	20.8
1979	1,323,113	106,828	8.1	949,087	71.7	267,198	20.2
1980	1,408,034	114,508	8.1	1,013,221	72.0	280,305	19.9
1981	1,148,844	94,246	8.2	864,481	75.2	190,117	16.5
1982	1,015,848	93,872	9.2	775,491	76.3	146,485	14.4
1983	1,131,890	101,087	8.9	834,190	73.7	196,613	17.4
1984	1,264,820	104,748	8.3	868,375	68.7	291,697	23.1
1985	1,399,869	119,021	8.5	1,049,758	75.0	231,090	16.5
1986	1,467,326	124,938	8.5	1,098,832	74.9	243,556	16.6
1987	1,435,024	126,575	8.8	1,069,285	74.5	239,164	16.7
1988	1,365,117	125,953	9.2	1,013,316	74.2	225,848	16.5
1989	1,388,545	130,307	9.4	1,015,483	73.1	242,755	17.5
1990	1,547,230	166,416	10.8	1,133,564	73.3	247,250	16.0
1991	1,807,821	248,325	13.7	1,315,918	72.8	243,578	13.5
1992	2,087,788	378,808	18.1	1,465,039	70.2	243,941	11.7
1993	2,310,005	503,486	21.8	1,571,203	68.0	235,316	10.2
1994	2,260,271	540,124	23.9	1,517,140	67.1	203,007	9.0
1995	2,055,907	500,333	24.3	1,375,696	66.9	179,878	8.7
1996	1,922,472	465,685	24.2	1,289,985	67.1	166,802	8.7
1997	1,601,970	336,074	21.0	1,133,623	70.8	132,273	8.3
1998	1,629,223	339,243	20.8	1,139,825	70.0	150,155	9.2
1999	1,661,448	350,382	21.1	1,153,450	69.4	157,616	9.5
2000	1,744,386	360,329	20.7	1,224,826	70.2	159,231	9.1
2001	1,861,123	376,002	20.2	1,324,057	71.1	161,064	8.7
2002	2,084,828	414,068	19.9	1,490,731	71.5	180,029	8.6
2003	2,224,739	437,492	19.7	1,608,391	72.3	178,856	8.0
2004	2,418,096	458,236	19.0	1,771,003	73.2	188,857	7.8
2005	2,545,079	458,588	18.0	1,850,002	72.7	236,489	9.3
2006	2,648,570	459,805	17.4	1,923,288	72.6	265,477	10.0
2007	2,703,004	460,925	17.1	1,945,464	72.0	296,615	11.0
2008	2,827,541	476,251	16.8	2,030,774	71.8	320,516	11.3
2009	3,143,078	545,619	17.4	2,285,852	72.7	311,607	9.9
2010	3,148,689	546,407	17.4	2,314,739	73.5	287,543	9.1
2011	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0

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

- a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.
- b. Includes applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Omits reapplications filed as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.

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## Applications

**Table 58.**

**Applications for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	437,492	458,236	458,588	459,805	460,925	476,251	545,619	546,407	532,216
Age									
Under 5	145,506	150,283	154,450	156,241	160,139	166,884	185,399	186,226	182,564
5–12	208,354	217,010	210,763	209,901	208,760	215,910	252,870	255,455	250,986
13–17	83,632	90,943	93,375	93,663	92,026	93,457	107,350	104,726	98,666
Sex									
Male	274,605	287,629	287,157	286,975	288,647	297,772	341,800	341,609	332,770
Female	162,887	170,607	171,431	172,830	172,278	178,479	203,819	204,798	199,446
Citizenship status									
Citizen	435,385	456,020	456,326	457,610	458,831	473,818	542,916	543,503	529,574
Noncitizen	2,107	2,216	2,262	2,195	2,094	2,433	2,703	2,904	2,642
SSA administrative region									
Boston	13,651	14,300	15,902	16,282	16,190	16,361	18,975	19,477	18,696
New York	35,721	38,223	37,451	37,052	35,235	36,321	40,593	40,531	40,386
Philadelphia	43,289	45,582	47,489	48,628	48,125	49,485	56,096	56,084	54,774
Atlanta	120,265	122,287	119,201	118,180	120,292	126,618	145,088	145,833	141,832
Chicago	82,158	84,100	83,524	83,619	81,965	80,956	92,024	89,299	84,603
Dallas	67,139	74,880	74,199	76,527	77,603	80,612	94,800	99,423	96,427
Kansas City	16,695	17,332	17,620	17,560	17,398	17,174	19,833	20,067	19,483
Denver	7,188	7,542	7,601	7,869	8,257	8,050	8,947	8,799	8,249
San Francisco	41,385	43,201	44,392	43,015	44,989	49,742	56,475	54,148	54,990
Seattle	9,925	10,721	11,134	11,009	10,787	10,885	12,739	12,687	12,730
Unknown	76	68	75	64	84	47	49	59	46

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

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**Table 59.**  
**Applications for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	1,608,391	1,771,003	1,850,002	1,923,288	1,945,464	2,030,774	2,285,852	2,314,739	2,235,535
Age									
18–21	116,569	124,284	123,561	126,991	128,726	141,178	170,051	173,186	165,605
22–25	93,414	101,306	100,995	101,285	100,221	108,551	132,315	136,324	130,592
26–29	88,573	97,685	101,182	106,153	108,339	118,370	141,052	142,844	136,326
30–39	314,586	330,160	323,024	322,096	315,755	329,440	379,220	385,246	371,687
40–49	472,602	519,999	533,307	541,692	533,815	542,381	598,453	592,265	561,067
50–59	412,175	470,120	519,426	559,756	570,836	592,045	663,464	684,914	675,354
60–64	110,472	127,449	148,507	165,315	187,772	198,809	201,297	199,960	194,904
Sex									
Men	793,711	869,693	911,021	946,356	968,070	1,026,132	1,176,133	1,184,990	1,137,684
Women	814,680	901,310	938,981	976,932	977,394	1,004,642	1,109,719	1,129,749	1,097,851
Citizenship status									
Citizen	1,534,995	1,694,842	1,774,054	1,847,683	1,870,754	1,953,170	2,199,326	2,228,246	2,150,681
Noncitizen	73,396	76,161	75,948	75,605	74,710	77,604	86,526	86,493	84,854
SSA administrative region									
Boston	64,098	70,315	84,732	89,743	90,794	92,883	104,362	104,581	97,911
New York	121,097	128,341	128,653	135,340	133,681	141,555	155,922	154,390	152,498
Philadelphia	154,770	170,232	179,519	188,425	193,004	201,323	222,686	221,624	221,565
Atlanta	396,605	426,469	442,705	456,661	465,054	494,647	572,336	589,233	567,763
Chicago	269,757	300,502	314,824	336,938	341,921	347,262	387,125	389,647	372,617
Dallas	227,721	256,360	259,523	263,222	260,301	269,794	311,466	323,607	304,432
Kansas City	75,766	84,259	85,892	88,517	88,390	88,711	102,177	105,926	99,127
Denver	35,896	43,112	44,970	45,813	45,649	46,784	54,751	55,522	53,522
San Francisco	206,089	226,244	238,936	245,983	256,798	277,235	295,963	289,485	285,539
Seattle	55,533	63,950	69,081	71,511	69,313	70,449	78,945	80,616	80,424
Unknown	1,059	1,219	1,167	1,135	559	131	119	108	137

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

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## Applications

**Table 60.**

**Applications for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	178,856	188,857	236,489	265,477	296,615	320,516	311,607	287,543	273,749
Age									
65–69	96,301	100,905	123,000	143,383	176,803	194,416	189,611	171,110	161,883
70–74	38,142	40,849	50,805	54,000	52,985	56,109	55,615	52,612	50,121
75 or older	44,413	47,103	62,684	68,094	66,827	69,991	66,381	63,821	61,745
Sex									
Men	69,664	74,377	92,907	107,695	126,424	138,916	135,022	122,505	114,190
Women	109,192	114,480	143,582	157,782	170,191	181,600	176,585	165,038	159,559
Citizenship status									
Citizen	119,793	126,554	161,489	192,123	223,117	247,209	234,979	211,442	198,347
Noncitizen	59,063	62,303	75,000	73,354	73,498	73,307	76,628	76,101	75,402
SSA administrative region									
Boston	6,764	7,083	12,694	18,979	24,758	26,093	26,376	24,428	22,567
New York	24,676	26,164	46,708	44,841	37,453	41,762	39,605	36,588	37,560
Philadelphia	11,029	11,137	11,876	12,288	13,975	16,950	16,395	14,632	14,259
Atlanta	33,119	34,616	41,269	44,856	47,682	50,474	45,972	47,117	45,749
Chicago	12,855	13,932	17,491	23,408	37,270	39,693	36,567	30,402	26,685
Dallas	22,919	24,108	26,000	27,266	28,023	32,069	32,661	33,595	31,245
Kansas City	2,854	2,976	3,439	5,077	5,638	4,896	5,961	4,779	4,338
Denver	2,831	3,088	3,556	3,961	5,254	5,269	5,171	5,462	5,038
San Francisco	56,935	61,107	67,661	77,219	88,139	95,190	94,645	83,655	79,270
Seattle	4,867	4,641	5,780	7,569	8,408	8,110	8,247	6,882	7,030
Unknown	7	5	15	13	15	10	7	3	8

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

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**Table 61.**  
**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2011**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	3,041,500	532,216	17.5	2,235,535	73.5	273,749	9.0
Alabama	64,443	12,948	20.1	49,894	77.4	1,601	2.5
Alaska	5,461	590	10.8	4,296	78.7	575	10.5
Arizona	46,246	7,418	16.0	35,606	77.0	3,222	7.0
Arkansas	47,204	12,022	25.5	34,000	72.0	1,182	2.5
California	342,477	43,158	12.6	226,871	66.2	72,448	21.2
Colorado	31,761	3,762	11.8	26,043	82.0	1,956	6.2
Connecticut	29,596	4,176	14.1	20,206	68.3	5,214	17.6
Delaware	8,546	1,833	21.4	6,255	73.2	458	5.4
District of Columbia	8,257	1,616	19.6	6,281	76.1	360	4.4
Florida	221,454	42,629	19.2	152,923	69.1	25,902	11.7
Georgia	116,309	22,258	19.1	88,548	76.1	5,503	4.7
Hawaii	8,515	728	8.5	6,475	76.0	1,312	15.4
Idaho	12,005	1,831	15.3	9,756	81.3	418	3.5
Illinois	101,006	19,203	19.0	72,495	71.8	9,308	9.2
Indiana	62,118	11,767	18.9	48,436	78.0	1,915	3.1
Iowa	22,735	3,616	15.9	18,052	79.4	1,067	4.7
Kansas	22,510	4,086	18.2	17,640	78.4	784	3.5
Kentucky	63,788	10,380	16.3	51,180	80.2	2,228	3.5
Louisiana	68,334	17,360	25.4	48,186	70.5	2,788	4.1
Maine	15,188	1,496	9.8	11,931	78.6	1,761	11.6
Maryland	54,160	7,758	14.3	43,727	80.7	2,675	4.9
Massachusetts	67,234	9,584	14.3	45,154	67.2	12,496	18.6
Michigan	109,590	18,366	16.8	87,461	79.8	3,763	3.4
Minnesota	33,300	5,415	16.3	25,767	77.4	2,118	6.4
Mississippi	54,866	12,240	22.3	40,697	74.2	1,929	3.5
Missouri	64,735	9,806	15.1	53,481	82.6	1,448	2.2
Montana	7,779	871	11.2	6,650	85.5	258	3.3
Nebraska	12,968	1,975	15.2	9,954	76.8	1,039	8.0
Nevada	22,205	3,565	16.1	16,429	74.0	2,211	10.0
New Hampshire	9,386	1,071	11.4	7,830	83.4	485	5.2
New Jersey	59,471	11,150	18.7	40,252	67.7	8,069	13.6
New Mexico	21,416	3,081	14.4	16,344	76.3	1,991	9.3
New York	170,973	29,236	17.1	112,246	65.7	29,491	17.2
North Carolina	104,273	19,029	18.2	81,016	77.7	4,228	4.1
North Dakota	4,307	500	11.6	3,041	70.6	766	17.8
Ohio	131,050	21,307	16.3	102,099	77.9	7,644	5.8
Oklahoma	40,707	7,316	18.0	31,931	78.4	1,460	3.6
Oregon	30,685	3,408	11.1	25,397	82.8	1,880	6.1
Pennsylvania	136,313	29,380	21.6	100,715	73.9	6,218	4.6
Rhode Island	11,695	1,720	14.7	8,208	70.2	1,767	15.1
South Carolina	55,716	10,435	18.7	43,038	77.2	2,243	4.0
South Dakota	6,487	851	13.1	4,693	72.3	943	14.5
Tennessee	74,495	11,913	16.0	60,467	81.2	2,115	2.8
Texas	254,443	56,648	22.3	173,971	68.4	23,824	9.4
Utah	12,951	1,917	14.8	10,137	78.3	897	6.9

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## Applications

**Table 61.**

**All applications, by state or other area and age of applicant, 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	6,075	649	10.7	4,582	75.4	844	13.9
Virginia	58,537	11,050	18.9	44,169	75.5	3,318	5.7
Washington	52,033	6,901	13.3	40,975	78.7	4,157	8.0
West Virginia	24,785	3,137	12.7	20,418	82.4	1,230	5.0
Wisconsin	46,841	8,545	18.2	36,359	77.6	1,937	4.1
Wyoming	3,524	348	9.9	2,958	83.9	218	6.2
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	356	121	34.0	158	44.4	77	21.6
Unknown	191	46	24.1	137	71.7	8	4.2

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

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**Table 62.**  
**All applicants, by year of first application and age, 1973–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	49,371,701	8,553,007	17.3	32,257,386	65.3	8,561,308	17.3
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,402,447	3,939	0.1	1,419,029	41.7	1,979,479	58.2
Federal applications <sup>b</sup>							
1973	279,923	4,921	1.8	81,976	29.3	193,026	69.0
1974	2,007,786	122,958	6.1	1,064,223	53.0	820,605	40.9
1975	1,303,896	93,684	7.2	859,790	65.9	350,422	26.9
1976	971,621	75,158	7.7	686,086	70.6	210,377	21.7
1977	943,084	81,750	8.7	661,112	70.1	200,222	21.2
1978	899,731	84,845	9.4	629,784	70.0	185,102	20.6
1979	912,850	89,054	9.8	637,521	69.8	186,275	20.4
1980	936,442	93,059	9.9	652,690	69.7	190,693	20.4
1981	721,999	74,306	10.3	529,231	73.3	118,462	16.4
1982	604,008	72,480	12.0	448,905	74.3	82,623	13.7
1983	645,244	78,616	12.2	467,151	72.4	99,477	15.4
1984	736,509	81,634	11.1	486,922	66.1	167,953	22.8
1985	857,757	91,242	10.6	628,241	73.2	138,274	16.1
1986	933,045	97,656	10.5	689,437	73.9	145,952	15.6
1987	892,945	98,174	11.0	653,728	73.2	141,043	15.8
1988	839,066	96,325	11.5	608,131	72.5	134,610	16.0
1989	852,453	98,931	11.6	605,939	71.1	147,583	17.3
1990	978,993	129,266	13.2	695,281	71.0	154,446	15.8
1991	1,198,677	208,822	17.4	835,058	69.7	154,797	12.9
1992	1,451,391	336,632	23.2	955,060	65.8	159,699	11.0
1993	1,624,332	440,585	27.1	1,030,912	63.5	152,835	9.4
1994	1,571,525	459,531	29.2	982,275	62.5	129,719	8.3
1995	1,381,111	406,498	29.4	860,162	62.3	114,451	8.3
1996	1,246,066	361,211	29.0	780,058	62.6	104,797	8.4
1997	981,841	256,888	26.2	644,982	65.7	79,971	8.1
1998	984,062	251,074	25.5	640,585	65.1	92,403	9.4
1999	996,186	256,120	25.7	641,973	64.4	98,093	9.8
2000	1,038,677	259,137	24.9	680,397	65.5	99,143	9.5
2001	1,127,672	272,977	24.2	753,650	66.8	101,045	9.0
2002	1,278,653	302,682	23.7	862,899	67.5	113,072	8.8
2003	1,367,391	320,201	23.4	938,352	68.6	108,838	8.0
2004	1,489,330	336,735	22.6	1,038,077	69.7	114,518	7.7
2005	1,559,272	335,539	21.5	1,079,252	69.2	144,481	9.3
2006	1,611,484	333,436	20.7	1,107,658	68.7	170,390	10.6
2007	1,635,005	333,377	20.4	1,100,954	67.3	200,674	12.3
2008	1,683,238	343,118	20.4	1,123,307	66.7	216,813	12.9
2009	1,847,784	392,481	21.2	1,247,597	67.5	207,706	11.2
2010	1,831,983	394,599	21.5	1,254,710	68.5	182,674	10.0
2011	1,746,222	383,366	22.0	1,194,291	68.4	168,565	9.7

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

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# AWARDS





**Table 63.**  
**All awards, by age of awardee, 1974–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	32,055,415	4,487,333	14.0	19,290,739	60.2	8,277,343	25.8
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,155,995	2,748	0.1	1,299,343	41.2	1,853,904	58.7
Federal applications							
1974	1,336,164	66,699	5.0	493,511	36.9	775,954	58.1
1975	929,369	63,060	6.8	509,271	54.8	357,038	38.4
1976	667,994	46,114	6.9	400,314	59.9	221,566	33.2
1977	642,712	50,883	7.9	377,454	58.7	214,375	33.4
1978	563,117	46,520	8.3	321,413	57.1	195,184	34.7
1979	517,446	44,911	8.7	293,910	56.8	178,625	34.5
1980	523,758	45,781	8.7	292,080	55.8	185,897	35.5
1981	409,992	39,106	9.5	248,105	60.5	122,781	29.9
1982	343,928	35,410	10.3	203,335	59.1	105,183	30.6
1983	453,789	42,154	9.3	259,042	57.1	152,593	33.6
1984	585,832	45,766	7.8	322,858	55.1	217,208	37.1
1985	526,418	46,362	8.8	324,933	61.7	155,123	29.5
1986	603,989	50,632	8.4	390,499	64.7	162,858	27.0
1987	589,053	48,292	8.2	372,914	63.3	167,847	28.5
1988	578,748	47,798	8.3	362,903	62.7	168,047	29.0
1989	630,486	50,985	8.1	390,703	62.0	188,798	29.9
1990	718,917	77,923	10.8	447,849	62.3	193,145	26.9
1991	821,396	125,874	15.3	506,177	61.6	189,345	23.1
1992	1,054,441	221,362	21.0	641,750	60.9	191,329	18.1
1993	1,052,415	236,564	22.5	629,246	59.8	186,605	17.7
1994	943,889	203,688	21.6	580,253	61.5	159,948	16.9
1995	888,633	175,784	19.8	568,072	63.9	144,777	16.3
1996	797,137	144,404	18.1	525,350	65.9	127,383	16.0
1997	676,444	117,090	17.3	463,444	68.5	95,910	14.2
1998	743,121	136,383	18.4	490,638	66.0	116,100	15.6
1999	758,076	140,520	18.5	494,609	65.2	122,947	16.2
2000	750,163	144,136	19.2	485,798	64.8	120,229	16.0
2001	772,775	156,844	20.3	504,366	65.3	111,565	14.4
2002	820,992	170,048	20.7	535,507	65.2	115,437	14.1
2003	827,029	179,566	21.7	539,127	65.2	108,336	13.1
2004	852,052	183,152	21.5	561,487	65.9	107,413	12.6
2005	852,222	177,688	20.8	560,960	65.8	113,574	13.3
2006	838,448	170,453	20.3	556,140	66.3	111,855	13.3
2007	836,642	169,375	20.2	563,094	67.3	104,173	12.5
2008	919,146	181,228	19.7	629,697	68.5	108,221	11.8
2009	999,540	196,745	19.7	694,242	69.5	108,553	10.9
2010	1,042,124	204,219	19.6	731,265	70.2	106,640	10.2
2011	1,031,023	201,066	19.5	719,080	69.7	110,877	10.8

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

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

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## Awards

**Table 64.**  
**Awards for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	179,566	183,152	177,688	170,453	169,375	181,228	196,745	204,219	201,066
Age									
Under 5	70,101	72,068	72,214	71,202	73,814	79,134	84,409	85,843	86,847
5–12	77,896	77,903	73,648	69,746	67,383	72,745	80,673	85,772	83,604
13–17	31,569	33,181	31,826	29,505	28,178	29,349	31,663	32,604	30,615
Sex									
Male	116,130	118,679	115,274	109,800	109,543	117,500	128,010	132,905	130,775
Female	63,436	64,473	62,414	60,653	59,832	63,728	68,735	71,314	70,291
Citizenship status									
Citizen	178,905	182,514	177,011	169,881	168,845	180,596	196,023	203,357	200,266
Noncitizen	661	638	677	572	530	632	722	862	800
Diagnostic group									
Congenital anomalies	7,730	8,045	7,891	8,065	8,228	8,625	9,648	9,190	9,537
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	1,113	1,162	1,150	1,144	1,155	1,184	1,275	1,398	1,657
Infectious and parasitic diseases	179	152	150	143	136	137	122	133	134
Injuries	1,048	1,146	1,138	1,061	1,146	1,156	1,246	1,174	1,163
Mental disorders									
Autistic disorders	8,360	9,199	10,052	10,884	12,381	15,172	17,532	19,403	21,300
Developmental disorders	28,852	30,010	28,818	27,631	27,613	29,926	33,988	35,657	34,920
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	34,016	36,234	35,415	33,331	32,536	35,296	37,692	41,365	39,956
Intellectual disability	27,158	24,209	21,127	18,123	16,095	16,160	16,745	15,940	14,282
Mood disorders	9,543	10,412	10,123	9,489	9,450	9,875	10,516	11,356	10,633
Organic mental disorders	3,948	3,865	3,790	3,338	3,225	3,372	3,687	3,912	3,725
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	1,456	1,470	1,340	1,188	1,120	1,189	1,211	1,278	1,246
Other mental disorders	7,217	6,720	6,187	5,783	5,232	5,541	5,906	6,004	5,448
Neoplasms	2,861	2,979	2,841	2,820	2,950	3,120	3,285	3,362	3,444
Diseases of the—									
Blood and blood-forming organs	1,433	1,473	1,330	1,293	1,323	1,457	1,646	1,686	1,688
Circulatory system	1,013	1,063	1,013	943	902	915	1,017	981	1,009
Digestive system	1,368	1,393	1,341	1,492	1,512	2,496	2,842	3,049	2,986
Genitourinary system	560	641	603	548	554	612	615	621	621
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1,262	1,219	1,199	1,235	1,148	1,322	1,522	1,683	1,727
Nervous system and sense organs	11,696	11,425	10,445	10,536	10,506	11,430	12,850	12,731	12,741
Respiratory system	4,902	4,560	3,765	3,604	3,583	3,726	3,990	4,309	4,093
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	164	212	251	271	274	315	403	410	340
Other	20,150	22,020	24,339	23,894	24,652	24,626	25,290	25,178	25,366
Unknown	3,537	3,543	3,380	3,637	3,654	3,576	3,717	3,399	3,050

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**Table 64.**  
**Awards for children under age 18, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011—Continued**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
SSA administrative region									
Boston	6,375	6,467	6,517	6,766	6,747	6,863	7,227	8,064	7,735
New York	14,198	15,302	15,140	14,145	14,201	15,865	17,463	18,303	17,314
Philadelphia	19,455	20,534	20,662	19,485	19,432	19,304	19,446	21,367	21,684
Atlanta	45,719	43,032	40,206	38,025	37,468	40,563	46,038	46,533	46,451
Chicago	29,896	29,784	28,871	27,149	26,004	27,911	30,551	31,216	29,505
Dallas	28,346	31,126	31,123	30,603	31,289	32,649	35,728	39,213	37,182
Kansas City	6,571	7,093	6,627	6,626	6,549	6,876	7,297	8,057	7,703
Denver	3,208	3,230	3,340	3,560	3,485	3,626	3,750	4,323	4,119
San Francisco	20,504	21,015	19,700	18,559	18,956	22,131	22,965	20,968	23,269
Seattle	5,294	5,568	5,499	5,534	5,244	5,438	6,277	6,172	6,102
Unknown	0	1	3	1	0	2	3	3	2

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

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**Table 65.**  
**Awards for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	539,127	561,487	560,960	556,140	563,094	629,697	694,242	731,265	719,080
Age									
18–21	44,678	46,187	45,760	44,743	45,853	50,949	55,305	58,815	56,488
22–25	25,844	26,931	26,101	24,846	24,507	27,968	31,117	33,071	31,164
26–29	23,893	24,939	24,919	25,042	25,343	29,219	32,381	33,677	31,780
30–39	89,885	89,554	84,462	80,163	77,996	85,941	94,584	99,376	93,052
40–49	145,735	151,181	149,549	147,433	145,951	158,312	170,444	174,176	163,771
50–59	162,774	174,696	181,797	186,544	193,638	221,442	249,733	270,120	277,658
60–64	46,318	47,999	48,372	47,369	49,806	55,866	60,678	62,030	65,167
Sex									
Men	265,340	278,548	279,984	279,779	286,268	322,829	360,495	382,019	380,637
Women	273,787	282,939	280,976	276,361	276,826	306,868	333,747	349,246	338,443
Citizenship status									
Citizen	507,578	530,962	531,177	527,811	536,196	601,450	664,705	700,549	688,481
Noncitizen	31,549	30,525	29,783	28,329	26,898	28,247	29,537	30,716	30,599
Diagnostic group									
Congenital anomalies	2,033	2,094	2,016	2,164	2,209	2,337	2,521	2,670	2,697
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	15,928	17,340	17,729	18,266	18,592	21,538	24,274	25,374	25,210
Infectious and parasitic diseases	11,044	10,937	10,430	10,036	9,534	10,364	10,747	10,242	9,656
Injuries	17,998	19,054	19,289	19,917	19,755	22,812	25,460	26,271	25,289
Mental disorders									
Autistic disorders	2,384	2,714	3,182	3,698	4,329	5,549	6,394	8,022	8,775
Developmental disorders Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	809	919	1,015	952	966	1,181	1,348	1,588	1,824
Intellectual disability	34,739	34,875	32,787	30,506	30,676	32,790	34,734	36,652	33,570
Mood disorders	91,427	95,165	93,784	90,046	89,330	99,435	109,303	115,127	102,890
Organic mental disorders	21,548	22,979	22,925	22,127	21,957	25,083	26,901	26,633	22,870
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	36,100	36,470	35,756	33,561	33,586	37,311	39,293	40,714	39,903
Other mental disorders	22,778	22,618	22,255	21,177	21,497	24,805	27,950	31,071	30,188
Neoplasms	28,230	30,285	31,520	32,267	33,136	35,565	37,902	38,195	38,393
Diseases of the—									
Blood and blood-forming organs	1,631	1,691	1,704	1,708	1,721	1,979	2,156	2,269	2,270
Circulatory system	46,432	47,897	48,723	48,217	49,326	55,026	59,721	61,990	62,812
Digestive system	11,717	12,394	12,358	12,170	12,479	13,627	15,024	16,025	16,893
Genitourinary system	10,289	10,761	10,987	11,539	12,016	12,518	12,535	12,821	13,117
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	87,628	95,560	98,672	101,922	109,725	128,434	149,813	166,531	173,597
Nervous system and sense organs	34,829	36,677	36,408	36,520	37,027	42,121	46,007	48,991	48,436
Respiratory system	19,230	19,838	19,715	19,204	19,629	21,909	24,398	26,757	27,699
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,002	1,097	1,131	1,224	1,208	1,355	1,587	1,760	1,787
Other	1,045	1,105	1,073	1,057	1,299	1,328	1,421	1,291	1,216
Unknown	39,738	38,293	36,682	37,051	32,195	31,477	33,348	28,570	28,258

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**Table 65.**  
**Awards for adults aged 18–64, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011—Continued**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
SSA administrative region									
Boston	25,572	26,740	27,558	28,593	30,402	30,470	30,269	34,170	33,176
New York	43,394	48,699	48,458	47,419	48,088	54,581	57,947	58,896	57,309
Philadelphia	54,633	57,146	57,654	58,530	56,605	60,678	63,516	71,425	68,988
Atlanta	128,596	127,302	126,280	125,147	123,867	143,048	170,982	179,035	177,687
Chicago	78,576	82,084	82,844	84,075	84,206	101,650	115,467	123,720	120,215
Dallas	77,367	80,786	82,819	82,337	86,155	94,096	99,884	100,837	95,714
Kansas City	20,881	24,005	22,795	22,570	22,361	26,431	30,392	32,260	30,194
Denver	10,100	10,578	11,708	12,239	12,837	14,232	15,110	17,258	17,534
San Francisco	79,937	83,848	79,844	74,359	77,070	81,878	83,311	83,812	89,720
Seattle	20,069	20,291	20,996	20,868	21,500	22,631	27,364	29,852	28,541
Unknown	2	8	4	3	3	2	0	0	2

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

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**Table 66.**

**Awards for adults aged 65 or older, by selected characteristics, 2003–2011**

Characteristic	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	108,336	107,413	113,574	111,855	104,173	108,221	108,553	106,640	110,877
Age									
65	31,843	31,007	32,142	31,471	31,584	32,537	32,564	33,285	34,936
66–69	29,126	28,998	30,659	29,814	27,176	28,513	29,797	29,050	30,496
70–74	21,297	21,613	22,993	23,008	20,405	21,739	21,594	20,400	20,758
75–79	12,583	12,652	13,703	13,559	12,574	12,932	12,547	12,050	12,596
80 or older	13,487	13,143	14,077	14,003	12,434	12,500	12,051	11,855	12,091
Sex									
Men	40,621	40,810	43,220	42,782	40,704	43,050	43,511	42,980	44,615
Women	67,715	66,603	70,354	69,073	63,469	65,171	65,042	63,660	66,262
Citizenship status									
Citizen	80,397	81,053	83,704	85,241	79,865	84,058	83,380	82,206	85,994
Noncitizen	27,939	26,360	29,870	26,614	24,308	24,163	25,173	24,434	24,883
SSA administrative region									
Boston	4,134	4,033	4,225	4,228	4,020	4,041	4,088	4,082	4,147
New York	14,321	14,379	18,060	17,072	14,712	14,627	14,373	13,775	15,026
Philadelphia	7,474	7,365	6,941	6,877	6,151	6,478	6,334	6,267	6,482
Atlanta	19,664	18,353	21,873	20,354	18,057	20,074	20,582	21,652	22,397
Chicago	8,050	8,429	8,544	8,868	8,282	8,375	8,550	8,620	8,741
Dallas	13,238	12,871	12,149	12,064	11,160	11,294	11,839	12,397	12,348
Kansas City	1,868	1,917	1,920	1,961	1,780	1,796	1,746	1,868	1,778
Denver	1,726	1,653	1,745	1,761	1,685	1,686	1,750	1,917	1,772
San Francisco	34,429	35,393	35,086	35,676	35,517	36,983	36,096	33,036	35,025
Seattle	3,430	3,020	3,029	2,993	2,809	2,867	3,195	3,026	3,161
Unknown	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

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

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**Table 67.**  
**All awards, by state or other area and age of awardee, 2011**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
All areas	1,031,023	201,066	19.5	719,080	69.7	110,877	10.8
Alabama	23,267	3,929	16.9	18,580	79.9	758	3.3
Alaska	2,193	322	14.7	1,657	75.6	214	9.8
Arizona	13,780	2,635	19.1	9,557	69.4	1,588	11.5
Arkansas	15,342	4,520	29.5	10,287	67.1	535	3.5
California	123,473	18,678	15.1	73,157	59.2	31,638	25.6
Colorado	11,354	1,853	16.3	8,549	75.3	952	8.4
Connecticut	7,725	1,475	19.1	5,575	72.2	675	8.7
Delaware	2,253	563	25.0	1,566	69.5	124	5.5
District of Columbia	4,067	777	19.1	3,044	74.8	246	6.0
Florida	75,023	16,153	21.5	45,882	61.2	12,988	17.3
Georgia	36,703	6,357	17.3	27,706	75.5	2,640	7.2
Hawaii	3,257	315	9.7	2,264	69.5	678	20.8
Idaho	4,000	869	21.7	2,920	73.0	211	5.3
Illinois	29,728	6,024	20.3	20,789	69.9	2,915	9.8
Indiana	19,834	3,710	18.7	15,447	77.9	677	3.4
Iowa	6,938	1,401	20.2	5,140	74.1	397	5.7
Kansas	8,170	1,802	22.1	6,032	73.8	336	4.1
Kentucky	20,197	3,726	18.4	15,418	76.3	1,053	5.2
Louisiana	22,263	5,363	24.1	15,846	71.2	1,054	4.7
Maine	4,442	678	15.3	3,531	79.5	233	5.2
Maryland	16,464	3,242	19.7	11,809	71.7	1,413	8.6
Massachusetts	23,047	4,077	17.7	16,315	70.8	2,655	11.5
Michigan	39,957	6,779	17.0	31,234	78.2	1,944	4.9
Minnesota	11,848	2,202	18.6	8,707	73.5	939	7.9
Mississippi	15,622	3,276	21.0	11,488	73.5	858	5.5
Missouri	20,364	3,733	18.3	15,872	77.9	759	3.7
Montana	2,716	416	15.3	2,153	79.3	147	5.4
Nebraska	4,203	767	18.2	3,150	74.9	286	6.8
Nevada	7,361	1,581	21.5	4,686	63.7	1,094	14.9
New Hampshire	3,879	476	12.3	3,290	84.8	113	2.9
New Jersey	23,993	4,310	18.0	15,719	65.5	3,964	16.5
New Mexico	7,275	1,319	18.1	4,833	66.4	1,123	15.4
New York	65,656	13,004	19.8	41,590	63.3	11,062	16.8
North Carolina	31,705	6,401	20.2	23,239	73.3	2,065	6.5
North Dakota	1,219	224	18.4	903	74.1	92	7.5
Ohio	42,194	7,295	17.3	33,300	78.9	1,599	3.8
Oklahoma	12,145	2,729	22.5	8,713	71.7	703	5.8
Oregon	10,555	1,758	16.7	7,742	73.3	1,055	10.0
Pennsylvania	46,068	12,243	26.6	31,120	67.6	2,705	5.9
Rhode Island	3,916	697	17.8	2,887	73.7	332	8.5
South Carolina	16,995	2,931	17.2	13,298	78.2	766	4.5
South Dakota	1,959	416	21.2	1,364	69.6	179	9.1
Tennessee	27,023	3,678	13.6	22,076	81.7	1,269	4.7
Texas	88,219	23,251	26.4	56,035	63.5	8,933	10.1
Utah	4,978	1,041	20.9	3,595	72.2	342	6.9

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**Table 67.**

**All awards, by state or other area and age of awardee, 2011—Continued**

State or area	Total	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Vermont	2,049	332	16.2	1,578	77.0	139	6.8
Virginia	20,369	3,648	17.9	15,006	73.7	1,715	8.4
Washington	21,056	3,153	15.0	16,222	77.0	1,681	8.0
West Virginia	7,933	1,211	15.3	6,443	81.2	279	3.5
Wisconsin	14,900	3,495	23.5	10,738	72.1	667	4.5
Wyoming	1,199	169	14.1	970	80.9	60	5.0
Outlying area							
Northern Mariana Islands	143	60	42.0	56	39.2	27	18.9
Unknown	4	2	50.0	2	50.0	0	0.0

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

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**Table 68.**  
**All persons awarded SSI, by year of first award and age, 1974–2011**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	28,790,194	4,226,988	14.7	17,167,856	59.6	7,395,350	25.7
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,155,607	2,738	0.1	1,299,165	41.2	1,853,704	58.7
Federal applications							
1974	1,324,931	66,062	5.0	488,386	36.9	770,483	58.2
1975	916,824	62,545	6.8	503,780	54.9	350,499	38.2
1976	638,206	45,118	7.1	385,832	60.5	207,256	32.5
1977	580,829	47,675	8.2	347,409	59.8	185,745	32.0
1978	494,509	43,348	8.8	287,797	58.2	163,364	33.0
1979	448,824	41,464	9.2	259,149	57.7	148,211	33.0
1980	449,437	42,142	9.4	253,629	56.4	153,666	34.2
1981	348,666	35,365	10.1	214,339	61.5	98,962	28.4
1982	285,142	31,495	11.0	172,443	60.5	81,204	28.5
1983	357,797	37,757	10.6	214,397	59.9	105,643	29.5
1984	481,215	41,506	8.6	272,933	56.7	166,776	34.7
1985	445,951	41,950	9.4	279,275	62.6	124,726	28.0
1986	520,771	45,864	8.8	342,655	65.8	132,252	25.4
1987	508,760	43,918	8.6	327,890	64.4	136,952	26.9
1988	501,869	43,596	8.7	319,120	63.6	139,153	27.7
1989	549,240	46,472	8.5	344,526	62.7	158,242	28.8
1990	634,462	72,072	11.4	398,648	62.8	163,742	25.8
1991	737,339	118,676	16.1	455,676	61.8	162,987	22.1
1992	966,873	214,273	22.2	586,317	60.6	166,283	17.2
1993	968,268	229,701	23.7	576,355	59.5	162,212	16.8
1994	862,977	197,343	22.9	528,799	61.3	136,835	15.9
1995	810,367	169,897	21.0	516,967	63.8	123,503	15.2
1996	723,977	138,753	19.2	476,698	65.8	108,526	15.0
1997	602,946	111,728	18.5	411,199	68.2	80,019	13.3
1998	660,324	129,876	19.7	431,784	65.4	98,664	14.9
1999	667,305	132,280	19.8	430,624	64.5	104,401	15.6
2000	653,066	133,967	20.5	417,225	63.9	101,874	15.6
2001	670,146	144,852	21.6	430,838	64.3	94,456	14.1
2002	711,763	157,313	22.1	456,779	64.2	97,671	13.7
2003	713,787	166,188	23.3	457,638	64.1	89,961	12.6
2004	734,909	169,985	23.1	476,287	64.8	88,637	12.1
2005	735,530	165,380	22.5	475,538	64.7	94,612	12.9
2006	723,604	158,982	22.0	471,305	65.1	93,317	12.9
2007	723,427	158,678	21.9	477,889	66.1	86,860	12.0
2008	798,049	170,336	21.3	537,061	67.3	90,652	11.4
2009	869,792	184,528	21.2	593,849	68.3	91,415	10.5
2010	909,898	192,878	21.2	628,093	69.0	88,927	9.8
2011	902,807	190,287	21.1	619,562	68.6	92,958	10.3

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

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

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

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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 69 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 70–72 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 73 and 74). 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.

Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 69.

Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2010

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>		
<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	1,041,432	1,681	770,905	77,306	38.3	44.8
1995	1,845,212	0	103,335	995,185	1,344	683,850	61,498	37.1	42.8
1996	1,786,770	0	113,027	938,407	1,886	671,900	61,550	37.6	43.8
1997	1,505,145	0	97,320	738,808	2,074	606,224	60,719	40.3	47.4
1998	1,520,538	0	95,990	701,331	3,831	656,567	62,819	43.2	50.5
1999	1,528,217	0	105,819	688,922	4,003	665,071	64,402	43.5	51.3
2000	1,612,878	0	156,447	687,969	3,841	691,505	73,116	42.9	52.5
2001	1,749,407	0	203,313	725,442	3,542	736,126	80,984	42.1	52.8
2002	1,958,790	0	278,217	810,527	3,583	777,401	89,062	39.7	51.6
2003	2,112,104	0	342,132	870,661	3,364	796,296	99,651	37.7	50.6
2004	2,245,536	386	431,054	904,721	3,225	804,515	101,635	35.8	50.0
2005	2,322,911	1,165	560,261	880,888	3,115	779,529	97,953	33.6	49.8
2006	2,419,039	3,380	637,973	906,831	2,958	773,382	94,515	32.0	48.8
2007	2,438,121	12,281	657,445	913,259	2,830	760,663	91,643	31.4	48.2
2008	2,540,093	46,697	649,096	916,615	2,706	828,546	96,433	33.2	50.2
2009	2,859,113	152,095	688,349	1,032,081	2,448	878,429	105,711	32.5	48.8
2010	2,875,325	405,224	674,177	1,001,257	1,839	709,823	83,005	28.7	44.1
<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	311,137	147	194,655	7,702	36.7	39.4
1995	491,638	0	14,364	306,298	92	163,896	6,988	33.3	35.8
1996	457,057	0	13,532	291,265	86	144,670	7,504	31.7	34.3
1997	334,975	0	10,906	195,730	69	121,439	6,831	36.3	39.6
1998	338,592	0	10,904	182,594	74	137,655	7,365	40.7	44.3
1999	345,067	0	11,898	182,426	68	142,863	7,812	41.4	45.2
2000	355,474	0	15,774	179,549	66	151,912	8,173	42.7	47.1
2001	375,950	0	18,708	182,089	61	166,280	8,812	44.2	49.0
2002	412,957	0	22,677	200,522	78	180,264	9,416	43.7	48.6
2003	438,572	0	25,776	214,610	65	188,118	10,003	42.9	48.0
2004	451,668	23	31,537	220,632	83	189,214	10,179	41.9	47.5
2005	445,100	58	46,751	210,434	101	177,525	10,231	39.9	47.1
2006	455,145	195	50,011	218,577	104	175,993	10,265	38.7	46.0
2007	457,405	839	53,081	218,436	119	175,035	9,895	38.3	45.8
2008	472,553	4,031	53,736	217,947	142	187,247	9,450	40.0	47.4
2009	539,910	14,329	57,875	247,754	124	208,943	10,885	39.8	47.0
2010	536,910	36,605	57,314	241,264	93	191,508	10,126	38.3	45.5

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**Table 69.**

### Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2010—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	729,927	1,529	575,431	69,435	38.8	46.9
1995	1,351,903	0	88,839	688,438	1,245	519,041	54,340	38.4	45.4
1996	1,277,604	0	87,869	646,497	1,534	488,215	53,489	38.2	45.5
1997	1,135,602	0	78,303	541,988	1,456	461,006	52,849	40.6	48.6
1998	1,133,015	0	76,709	516,676	1,860	483,898	53,872	42.7	50.9
1999	1,133,722	0	83,733	505,160	1,542	487,862	55,425	43.0	51.7
2000	1,208,918	0	127,891	507,396	1,438	508,229	63,964	42.0	52.9
2001	1,323,001	0	167,603	542,407	1,436	540,288	71,267	40.8	52.9
2002	1,483,560	0	230,048	608,938	1,571	564,344	78,659	38.0	51.3
2003	1,615,400	0	287,669	655,255	1,764	581,888	88,824	36.0	50.5
2004	1,732,620	363	365,943	683,459	1,819	590,280	90,756	34.1	49.8
2005	1,804,003	1,107	470,956	669,918	1,917	572,984	87,121	31.8	49.6
2006	1,891,893	3,185	542,482	687,778	1,972	572,814	83,662	30.3	48.8
2007	1,908,582	11,441	557,112	674,937	1,945	581,840	81,307	30.7	49.5
2008	1,995,483	42,658	547,860	678,197	1,967	638,205	86,596	32.7	51.6
2009	2,243,744	137,750	580,349	762,856	1,778	666,515	94,496	31.6	49.9
2010	2,263,670	368,554	566,768	738,604	1,314	515,847	72,583	27.2	44.3

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2011. Data for the hearing level or above are current through October 2011.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages 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 70.**

**Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2010**

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)
<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	1,456,431	554,432	38.1	845,774	320,683	37.9	610,657	233,749	38.3
2001	1,546,094	592,932	38.4	860,944	337,508	39.2	685,150	255,424	37.3
2002	1,680,573	616,501	36.7	904,251	344,833	38.1	776,322	271,668	35.0
2003	1,769,972	631,320	35.7	917,456	343,711	37.5	852,516	287,609	33.7
2004	1,814,482	639,585	35.2	917,579	342,192	37.3	896,903	297,393	33.2
2005	1,762,650	616,349	35.0	888,937	328,359	36.9	873,713	287,990	33.0
2006	1,781,066	602,322	33.8	894,456	316,937	35.4	886,610	285,385	32.2
2007	1,780,676	582,229	32.7	889,279	305,775	34.4	891,397	276,454	31.0
2008	1,890,997	636,468	33.7	947,071	332,823	35.1	943,926	303,645	32.2
2009	2,170,661	716,020	33.0	1,103,778	382,771	34.7	1,066,883	333,249	31.2
2010	2,201,009	686,348	31.2	1,121,068	368,511	32.9	1,079,941	317,837	29.4
<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	339,700	143,488	42.2	316,325	133,675	42.3	23,375	9,813	42.0
2001	357,242	157,781	44.2	332,701	146,810	44.1	24,541	10,971	44.7
2002	390,280	170,519	43.7	363,007	158,369	43.6	27,273	12,150	44.5
2003	412,796	178,051	43.1	384,457	165,640	43.1	28,339	12,411	43.8
2004	420,131	180,180	42.9	391,024	167,412	42.8	29,107	12,768	43.9
2005	398,349	169,033	42.4	369,914	156,928	42.4	28,435	12,105	42.6
2006	405,134	166,092	41.0	376,681	154,486	41.0	28,453	11,606	40.8
2007	404,324	164,500	40.7	374,495	152,314	40.7	29,829	12,186	40.9
2008	418,817	174,936	41.8	388,313	162,193	41.8	30,504	12,743	41.8
2009	482,023	198,637	41.2	448,897	185,720	41.4	33,126	12,917	39.0
2010	479,582	190,183	39.7	448,364	179,127	40.0	31,218	11,056	35.4

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**Table 70.**

**Medical decisions at the initial adjudicative level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2010—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	1,081,027	379,717	35.1	503,788	165,543	32.9	577,239	214,174	37.1
2001	1,155,398	405,803	35.1	505,146	171,400	33.9	650,252	234,403	36.0
2002	1,253,512	413,583	33.0	515,932	165,177	32.0	737,580	248,406	33.7
2003	1,327,731	427,173	32.2	515,627	163,726	31.8	812,104	263,447	32.4
2004	1,366,677	434,571	31.8	511,649	162,380	31.7	855,028	272,191	31.8
2005	1,333,047	418,474	31.4	501,512	156,015	31.1	831,535	262,459	31.6
2006	1,349,411	411,783	30.5	504,810	151,248	30.0	844,601	260,535	30.8
2007	1,351,470	413,771	30.6	503,679	149,772	29.7	847,791	263,999	31.1
2008	1,447,623	458,274	31.7	547,684	167,662	30.6	899,939	290,612	32.3
2009	1,663,304	514,269	30.9	643,157	194,193	30.2	1,020,147	320,076	31.4
2010	1,696,777	493,553	29.1	662,443	187,063	28.2	1,034,334	306,490	29.6

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

NOTES: Data are current through June 2011.

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.

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 71.**  
**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program,**  
**1992–2010**

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)
<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	65,352	13.6	249,224	32,510	13.0	231,369	32,842	14.2
1997	409,396	62,496	15.3	208,993	31,881	15.3	200,403	30,615	15.3
1998	390,212	61,264	15.7	203,132	31,818	15.7	187,080	29,446	15.7
1999	382,196	55,620	14.6	197,671	28,498	14.4	184,525	27,122	14.7
2000	394,662	52,402	13.3	197,882	25,633	13.0	196,780	26,769	13.6
2001	419,766	53,611	12.8	196,541	25,001	12.7	223,225	28,610	12.8
2002	472,269	56,447	12.0	209,695	25,435	12.1	262,574	31,012	11.8
2003	502,907	58,162	11.6	209,116	24,920	11.9	293,791	33,242	11.3
2004	503,680	55,604	11.0	200,185	23,217	11.6	303,495	32,387	10.7
2005	487,236	53,671	11.0	195,288	23,071	11.8	291,948	30,600	10.5
2006	498,326	54,841	11.0	199,663	23,341	11.7	298,663	31,500	10.5
2007	513,013	58,810	11.5	206,399	24,539	11.9	306,614	34,271	11.2
2008	570,374	66,069	11.6	234,444	28,189	12.0	335,930	37,880	11.3
2009	666,608	69,654	10.4	281,288	30,452	10.8	385,320	39,202	10.2
2010	633,241	50,166	7.9	267,950	22,802	8.5	365,291	27,364	7.5
<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	49,350	7,232	14.7	45,330	6,650	14.7	4,020	582	14.5
2001	50,676	7,463	14.7	46,575	6,841	14.7	4,101	622	15.2
2002	57,688	8,120	14.1	52,949	7,361	13.9	4,739	759	16.0
2003	61,737	8,698	14.1	56,681	7,901	13.9	5,056	797	15.8
2004	60,382	8,122	13.5	55,394	7,424	13.4	4,988	698	14.0
2005	57,383	8,193	14.3	52,552	7,497	14.3	4,831	696	14.4
2006	60,742	8,672	14.3	55,704	7,931	14.2	5,038	741	14.7
2007	62,301	8,742	14.0	56,931	7,976	14.0	5,370	766	14.3
2008	68,493	9,932	14.5	62,718	9,065	14.5	5,775	867	15.0
2009	81,917	10,713	13.1	75,508	9,870	13.1	6,409	843	13.2
2010	75,871	8,870	11.7	70,444	8,301	11.8	5,427	569	10.5

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**Table 71.**  
**Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program,**  
**1992–2010—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	54,194	13.4	178,404	22,457	12.6	224,905	31,737	14.1
1997	355,514	52,588	14.8	159,694	22,951	14.4	195,820	29,637	15.1
1998	337,411	51,757	15.3	154,436	23,051	14.9	182,975	28,706	15.7
1999	330,830	47,239	14.3	150,460	20,861	13.9	180,370	26,378	14.6
2000	343,707	44,502	12.9	151,099	18,411	12.2	192,608	26,091	13.5
2001	367,515	45,455	12.4	148,582	17,596	11.8	218,933	27,859	12.7
2002	412,619	47,423	11.5	155,025	17,347	11.2	257,594	30,076	11.7
2003	439,703	48,842	11.1	151,200	16,549	10.9	288,503	32,293	11.2
2004	442,103	46,953	10.6	143,824	15,427	10.7	298,279	31,526	10.6
2005	428,808	44,849	10.5	141,922	15,132	10.7	286,886	29,717	10.4
2006	436,664	45,598	10.4	143,274	15,031	10.5	293,390	30,567	10.4
2007	449,903	49,884	11.1	148,909	16,393	11.0	300,994	33,491	11.1
2008	501,120	55,995	11.2	171,239	18,994	11.1	329,881	37,001	11.2
2009	584,005	58,817	10.1	205,363	20,472	10.0	378,642	38,345	10.1
2010	556,760	41,198	7.4	197,157	14,410	7.3	359,603	26,788	7.4

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

NOTES: Data are current through June 2011.

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.

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 72.**  
**Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program,**  
**1992–2010**

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)
<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	333,329	196,756	59.0	156,584	80,594	51.5	176,745	116,162	65.7
1995	300,958	170,826	56.8	145,570	70,445	48.4	155,388	100,381	64.6
1996	271,977	159,167	58.5	128,712	64,430	50.1	143,265	94,737	66.1
1997	238,765	145,150	60.8	112,218	59,766	53.3	126,547	85,384	67.5
1998	224,761	137,432	61.1	107,693	58,028	53.9	117,068	79,404	67.8
1999	231,530	142,355	61.5	111,215	59,903	53.9	120,315	82,452	68.5
2000	260,933	157,787	60.5	124,028	65,071	52.5	136,905	92,716	67.7
2001	283,318	170,567	60.2	126,615	65,611	51.8	156,703	104,956	67.0
2002	321,415	193,515	60.2	134,930	69,255	51.3	186,485	124,260	66.6
2003	340,587	206,465	60.6	131,931	67,616	51.3	208,656	138,849	66.5
2004	342,601	210,961	61.6	125,501	65,283	52.0	217,100	145,678	67.1
2005	331,090	207,462	62.7	122,041	64,849	53.1	209,049	142,613	68.2
2006	337,834	210,734	62.4	123,891	65,888	53.2	213,943	144,846	67.7
2007	338,367	211,267	62.4	124,785	67,114	53.8	213,582	144,153	67.5
2008	345,561	222,442	64.4	129,935	72,157	55.5	215,626	150,285	69.7
2009	314,073	198,466	63.2	121,051	65,521	54.1	193,022	132,945	68.9
2010	95,955	56,314	58.7	37,539	17,984	47.9	58,416	38,330	65.6
<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	13,222	34.1	34,869	11,860	34.0	3,882	1,362	35.1
1995	35,856	11,285	31.5	32,428	10,131	31.2	3,428	1,154	33.7
1996	28,105	9,153	32.6	25,589	8,295	32.4	2,516	858	34.1
1997	19,549	7,300	37.3	17,723	6,594	37.2	1,826	706	38.7
1998	18,904	7,249	38.3	17,199	6,550	38.1	1,705	699	41.0
1999	20,903	8,082	38.7	18,986	7,293	38.4	1,917	789	41.2
2000	25,201	9,365	37.2	22,916	8,426	36.8	2,285	939	41.1
2001	26,841	9,848	36.7	24,497	8,899	36.3	2,344	949	40.5
2002	30,504	11,041	36.2	27,854	9,987	35.9	2,650	1,054	39.8
2003	31,571	11,372	36.0	28,731	10,242	35.6	2,840	1,130	39.8
2004	30,664	11,091	36.2	27,884	9,940	35.6	2,780	1,151	41.4
2005	28,654	10,530	36.7	26,014	9,412	36.2	2,640	1,118	42.3
2006	29,988	11,494	38.3	27,275	10,323	37.8	2,713	1,171	43.2
2007	30,085	11,688	38.8	27,171	10,410	38.3	2,914	1,278	43.9
2008	29,895	11,829	39.6	27,051	10,531	38.9	2,844	1,298	45.6
2009	27,845	10,478	37.6	25,460	9,472	37.2	2,385	1,006	42.2
2010	7,964	2,581	32.4	7,376	2,382	32.3	588	199	33.8

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**Table 72.**

**Medical decisions at the hearing level or above, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2010—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	294,441	183,449	62.3	121,584	68,654	56.5	172,857	114,795	66.4
1995	264,954	159,444	60.2	113,002	60,224	53.3	151,952	99,220	65.3
1996	243,064	149,301	61.4	102,414	55,516	54.2	140,650	93,785	66.7
1997	218,255	137,054	62.8	93,599	52,430	56.0	124,656	84,624	67.9
1998	204,894	129,421	63.2	89,580	50,760	56.7	115,314	78,661	68.2
1999	210,020	133,802	63.7	91,668	52,179	56.9	118,352	81,623	69.0
2000	235,110	147,974	62.9	100,534	56,232	55.9	134,576	91,742	68.2
2001	255,887	160,297	62.6	101,572	56,321	55.4	154,315	103,976	67.4
2002	290,158	181,997	62.7	106,370	58,824	55.3	183,788	123,173	67.0
2003	308,417	194,697	63.1	102,667	57,030	55.5	205,750	137,667	66.9
2004	311,437	199,512	64.1	97,172	55,019	56.6	214,265	144,493	67.4
2005	302,172	196,782	65.1	95,796	55,309	57.7	206,376	141,473	68.6
2006	307,631	199,095	64.7	96,434	55,449	57.5	211,197	143,646	68.0
2007	308,081	199,492	64.8	97,441	56,628	58.1	210,640	142,864	67.8
2008	315,510	210,532	66.7	102,754	61,554	59.9	212,756	148,978	70.0
2009	286,095	187,925	65.7	95,489	55,998	58.6	190,606	131,927	69.2
2010	87,904	53,679	61.1	30,101	15,561	51.7	57,803	38,118	65.9

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

NOTES: Data are current through October 2011.

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.

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 73.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2010**

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>
	Number	Percent		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	
<i>All ages<sup>c</sup></i>								
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	848,211	100.0	36.8	1.5	2.1	4.4	18.1	37.1
1995	745,348	100.0	35.8	1.6	2.5	4.3	18.6	37.2
1996	733,450	100.0	35.9	1.8	3.3	4.4	17.4	37.2
1997	666,943	100.0	37.6	1.8	4.3	4.7	18.4	33.3
1998	719,386	100.0	38.2	1.9	4.8	4.2	20.0	30.9
1999	731,105	100.0	36.5	2.0	5.3	3.9	20.8	31.4
2000	764,621	100.0	35.0	1.9	6.1	4.2	21.3	31.5
2001	817,110	100.0	34.6	1.8	6.9	4.2	22.1	30.4
2002	866,463	100.0	33.0	1.7	7.8	3.7	21.6	32.2
2003	895,947	100.0	32.0	1.6	8.7	3.6	21.8	32.2
2004	906,150	100.0	31.2	1.5	9.3	3.6	22.4	32.1
2005	877,482	100.0	30.4	1.4	9.5	3.4	22.7	32.6
2006	867,897	100.0	29.9	1.3	9.9	3.3	22.3	33.3
2007	852,306	100.0	30.3	1.3	10.5	3.5	23.3	31.1
2008	924,979	100.0	29.9	1.2	10.2	3.9	24.8	30.1
2009	984,140	100.0	30.4	1.3	11.1	4.1	27.1	26.1
2010	792,828	100.0	34.5	1.5	13.5	4.7	31.4	14.4
<i>Under age 18</i>								
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	202,357	100.0	45.6	6.5	8.6	...	...	39.3
1995	170,884	100.0	44.8	7.0	11.0	...	...	37.2
1996	152,174	100.0	52.7	8.7	16.0	...	...	22.6
1997	128,270	100.0	55.8	9.2	22.1	...	...	12.9
1998	145,020	100.0	55.6	9.6	23.6	...	...	11.2
1999	150,821	100.0	53.1	9.7	25.8	...	...	11.4
2000	160,085	100.0	50.1	9.2	28.9	...	...	11.8
2001	175,092	100.0	48.2	8.2	32.4	...	...	11.2
2002	189,680	100.0	45.2	7.6	35.8	...	...	11.3
2003	198,121	100.0	43.5	7.4	39.3	...	...	9.8
2004	199,393	100.0	42.0	6.6	42.3	...	...	9.1
2005	187,756	100.0	39.9	6.5	44.2	...	...	9.5
2006	186,258	100.0	37.9	5.9	46.2	...	...	10.1
2007	184,930	100.0	37.1	5.8	48.5	...	...	8.6
2008	196,697	100.0	37.8	5.8	47.9	...	...	8.4
2009	219,828	100.0	37.5	5.6	49.7	...	...	7.2
2010	201,634	100.0	37.5	5.9	53.2	...	...	3.4

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**Table 73.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by age, year of application, and reason for allowance, 1992–2010—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>
	Number	Percent		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	
<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	644,866	100.0	34.0	...	...	5.8	23.8	36.4
1995	573,381	100.0	33.2	...	...	5.6	24.0	37.2
1996	541,704	100.0	33.7	...	...	5.9	23.3	37.1
1997	513,855	100.0	34.5	...	...	6.1	22.6	36.9
1998	537,770	100.0	35.5	...	...	5.5	23.9	35.1
1999	544,767	100.0	33.9	...	...	5.2	25.0	35.8
2000	572,193	100.0	32.4	...	...	5.5	26.2	35.8
2001	611,555	100.0	32.3	...	...	5.5	27.6	34.6
2002	643,003	100.0	30.9	...	...	5.0	27.2	36.9
2003	670,712	100.0	29.8	...	...	4.8	27.9	37.5
2004	681,036	100.0	29.1	...	...	4.7	28.9	37.3
2005	660,105	100.0	29.0	...	...	4.5	29.3	37.2
2006	656,476	100.0	28.7	...	...	4.4	28.8	38.1
2007	663,147	100.0	28.5	...	...	4.5	29.5	37.5
2008	724,801	100.0	27.8	...	...	4.9	31.2	36.1
2009	761,011	100.0	28.4	...	...	5.3	34.7	31.6
2010	588,430	100.0	33.5	...	...	6.3	41.9	18.2

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2011. Data for the hearing level or above are current through October 2011.

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 74.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical denials, by age, year of application, and reason for denial, 1992–2010**

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						
<i>All ages <sup>d</sup></i>								
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	1,043,113	100.0	6.2	20.7	...	13.6	23.3	36.1
1995	996,529	100.0	6.2	19.7	...	12.4	22.4	39.2
1996	940,293	100.0	6.4	20.6	5.8	12.1	22.9	32.2
1997	740,882	100.0	6.8	16.7	16.2	13.0	25.1	22.1
1998	705,162	100.0	6.9	15.0	18.3	14.7	25.4	19.9
1999	691,487	100.0	6.6	14.0	19.1	15.5	24.5	20.2
2000	691,810	100.0	6.5	13.3	18.7	15.8	24.2	21.5
2001	728,984	100.0	6.1	13.2	18.2	16.6	26.1	19.8
2002	814,110	100.0	5.7	13.0	18.2	17.0	26.6	19.6
2003	874,025	100.0	5.1	12.1	18.6	17.2	27.4	19.6
2004	907,946	100.0	4.8	11.3	18.6	16.9	27.8	20.7
2005	884,003	100.0	4.5	11.1	18.0	16.4	28.1	21.9
2006	909,789	100.0	4.3	11.3	18.2	16.4	28.2	21.5
2007	916,089	100.0	4.3	10.8	18.2	16.3	27.6	22.7
2008	919,321	100.0	4.0	10.4	18.4	16.5	27.9	22.7
2009	1,034,529	100.0	3.4	10.4	18.7	16.2	28.7	22.6
2010	1,003,096	100.0	3.1	10.9	18.8	15.3	28.0	23.9
<i>Under age 18</i>								
1992	148,324	100.0	1.5	22.7	...	...	...	75.8
1993	240,803	100.0	1.3	21.8	...	...	...	76.9
1994	311,284	100.0	1.4	22.4	...	...	...	76.2
1995	306,390	100.0	1.3	21.8	...	...	...	76.9
1996	291,351	100.0	1.4	26.9	18.7	...	...	53.0
1997	195,799	100.0	1.6	19.1	61.4	...	...	18.0
1998	182,668	100.0	1.3	14.4	70.6	...	...	13.7
1999	182,358	100.0	1.1	13.3	72.4	...	...	13.2
2000	179,615	100.0	1.1	13.2	72.1	...	...	13.6
2001	182,150	100.0	1.1	14.0	73.0	...	...	11.9
2002	200,600	100.0	1.0	13.4	73.9	...	...	11.8
2003	214,675	100.0	0.9	12.3	75.9	...	...	10.9
2004	220,715	100.0	0.8	10.9	76.5	...	...	11.8
2005	210,535	100.0	0.9	11.0	75.6	...	...	12.6
2006	218,681	100.0	0.8	11.4	75.9	...	...	12.0
2007	218,555	100.0	0.9	11.3	76.4	...	...	11.4
2008	218,089	100.0	0.9	10.8	77.4	...	...	10.9
2009	247,878	100.0	0.8	10.2	78.1	...	...	10.9
2010	241,357	100.0	0.8	10.4	78.1	...	...	10.8

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## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 74.**  
**Percentage distribution of final medical denials, by age, year of application, and reason for denial, 1992–2010—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	731,456	100.0	8.3	20.0	...	19.4	33.2	19.1
1995	689,683	100.0	8.4	18.8	...	17.9	32.4	22.5
1996	648,031	100.0	8.6	17.8	...	17.5	33.3	22.8
1997	543,444	100.0	8.8	15.8	...	17.7	34.2	23.6
1998	518,536	100.0	8.9	14.9	...	19.7	34.4	22.0
1999	505,406	100.0	8.7	14.1	...	21.0	33.5	22.7
2000	508,834	100.0	8.4	13.2	...	21.3	32.8	24.3
2001	543,843	100.0	7.8	12.8	...	22.1	35.0	22.3
2002	610,509	100.0	7.3	12.7	...	22.5	35.4	22.1
2003	657,019	100.0	6.5	11.9	...	22.7	36.4	22.4
2004	685,278	100.0	6.0	11.4	...	22.3	36.8	23.5
2005	671,835	100.0	5.6	11.1	...	21.5	36.9	24.8
2006	689,750	100.0	5.5	11.3	...	21.5	37.2	24.5
2007	676,882	100.0	5.5	11.0	...	22.0	37.3	24.1
2008	680,164	100.0	5.2	10.6	...	22.3	37.8	24.2
2009	764,634	100.0	4.3	10.8	...	21.9	38.8	24.2
2010	739,918	100.0	4.0	11.3	...	20.7	38.0	26.0

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

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2011. Data for the hearing level or above are current through October 2011.

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, TERMINATIONS, AND DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY





**Table 75.**  
**Suspensions, by age of recipient and reason for suspension, 2002–2011**

Year	Total	Excess income	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>													
2002	1,092,500	596,400	50,000	105,200	46,800	2,800	33,200	64,900	53,600	21,600	6,600	90,600	20,800
2003	1,063,400	579,700	45,100	119,900	47,000	2,500	32,700	64,700	45,600	22,100	7,500	74,800	21,800
2004	1,107,500	614,700	44,300	122,600	45,700	2,000	34,600	69,200	47,700	26,100	6,500	70,200	23,900
2005	1,089,540	608,410	44,400	130,030	39,320	2,450	35,610	75,560	31,700	24,710	8,380	65,900	23,070
2006	1,045,373	593,810	42,763	133,626	38,075	3,205	31,620	79,127	17,464	23,909	9,474	45,023	27,277
2007	1,072,024	598,017	42,070	136,807	38,306	2,954	30,612	80,447	28,743	27,269	7,404	50,799	28,596
2008	1,141,610	656,162	42,327	147,378	39,213	3,150	30,143	84,293	29,080	25,023	6,522	47,546	30,773
2009	1,214,750	688,510	38,903	172,845	44,767	3,339	26,327	79,627	45,461	23,065	6,815	63,323	21,768
2010	1,219,018	671,726	38,038	169,116	49,299	3,756	25,040	85,840	56,517	28,811	7,358	68,568	14,949
2011	1,299,174	690,334	42,255	191,872	59,916	3,810	25,644	93,539	62,513	34,356	7,590	77,344	10,001
<i>Under age 18</i>													
2002	228,100	116,100	900	22,000	9,800	700	13,300	4,500	22,200	600	0	36,900	1,100
2003	214,300	115,500	800	23,900	9,300	500	13,700	4,300	19,600	300	500	24,900	1,000
2004	220,100	110,900	1,100	30,400	9,000	700	13,000	3,800	20,000	1,000	200	28,400	1,600
2005	200,550	108,750	800	27,650	8,150	460	12,870	3,740	12,930	740	280	23,020	1,160
2006	177,273	101,982	948	27,420	7,854	802	11,920	4,336	6,307	867	388	12,118	1,331
2007	173,290	96,966	1,034	31,898	9,087	617	11,414	4,629	8,110	868	345	6,696	1,626
2008	198,198	110,379	996	38,780	9,706	679	11,247	4,482	13,177	877	342	5,908	1,625
2009	203,939	102,648	1,029	46,031	10,390	725	9,754	4,121	17,710	881	339	9,201	1,110
2010	229,718	114,435	1,095	48,251	11,595	901	9,099	4,041	22,106	918	344	15,936	997
2011	250,099	120,404	1,168	53,221	14,105	854	9,575	4,013	25,680	1,353	353	18,381	992
<i>Aged 18–64</i>													
2002	704,900	421,800	14,200	59,900	22,900	2,100	18,800	59,100	25,500	4,200	4,100	53,700	18,600
2003	685,500	403,900	12,800	69,100	23,000	2,000	17,000	59,400	19,500	4,800	5,100	49,800	19,100
2004	717,000	433,400	14,000	66,900	22,800	1,300	20,300	64,700	20,700	5,900	4,600	41,800	20,600
2005	733,580	437,240	15,980	75,350	21,260	1,980	20,600	70,410	14,770	6,310	6,420	42,870	20,390
2006	722,577	435,160	15,047	79,018	20,671	2,383	18,030	73,258	8,811	5,854	7,122	32,896	24,327
2007	754,406	444,723	15,496	80,735	20,751	2,315	17,659	74,123	17,604	6,209	5,105	44,088	25,598
2008	796,262	485,145	15,700	83,657	20,897	2,443	17,306	78,035	13,608	5,765	4,419	41,622	27,665
2009	839,058	508,598	13,991	95,772	23,164	2,588	15,206	73,719	23,550	4,291	4,626	54,108	19,445
2010	834,985	499,078	14,187	94,816	25,047	2,831	14,690	79,877	28,264	5,637	4,960	52,612	12,986
2011	875,385	506,139	16,684	108,026	29,693	2,926	14,747	87,378	30,356	7,657	5,160	58,933	7,686
<i>Aged 65 or older</i>													
2002	159,500	58,500	34,900	23,300	14,100	0	1,100	1,300	5,900	16,800	2,500	0	1,100
2003	163,600	60,300	31,500	26,900	14,700	0	2,000	1,000	6,500	17,000	1,900	100	1,700
2004	170,400	70,400	29,200	25,300	13,900	0	1,300	700	7,000	19,200	1,700	0	1,700
2005	155,410	62,420	27,620	27,030	9,910	10	2,140	1,410	4,000	17,660	1,680	10	1,520
2006	145,523	56,668	26,768	26,188	9,550	20	1,670	1,533	2,346	17,188	1,964	9	1,619
2007	144,328	56,328	25,540	24,174	8,468	22	1,539	1,695	3,029	20,192	1,954	15	1,372
2008	147,150	60,638	25,631	24,941	8,610	28	1,590	1,776	2,295	18,381	1,761	16	1,483
2009	171,753	77,264	23,883	31,042	11,213	26	1,367	1,787	4,201	17,893	1,850	14	1,213
2010	154,315	58,213	22,756	26,049	12,657	24	1,251	1,922	6,147	22,256	2,054	20	966
2011	173,690	63,791	24,403	30,625	16,118	30	1,322	2,148	6,477	25,346	2,077	30	1,323

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format). Data through 2004 are based on a 1 percent sample, data for 2005 are based on a 10 percent sample, and data for 2006–2011 are 100 percent data.

NOTE: Includes multiple suspensions per person.

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## Suspensions, Terminations, and Duration of Eligibility

**Table 76.**  
**Recipients suspended, by age and reason for suspension, 2002–2011**

Year	Total	Excess income	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>													
2002	972,800	509,100	48,100	96,000	45,500	2,600	27,700	59,000	47,500	20,800	6,300	90,100	20,100
2003	954,400	499,600	43,500	110,500	45,800	2,300	30,500	59,800	41,200	21,400	7,500	72,200	20,100
2004	997,300	533,200	43,100	113,900	44,600	1,900	30,600	64,200	43,800	25,000	6,500	68,200	22,300
2005	977,680	526,050	42,430	119,630	38,040	2,350	32,650	69,870	29,430	23,930	8,200	63,790	21,310
2006	942,421	517,552	70,996	124,100	37,020	3,040	28,843	73,109	16,411	23,243	9,279	43,563	25,265
2007	967,355	522,508	40,371	126,106	37,168	2,803	27,914	74,035	26,682	26,587	7,181	49,682	26,318
2008	1,028,820	573,824	40,775	136,745	37,917	2,970	27,580	77,527	26,716	24,254	6,329	45,624	28,559
2009	1,111,321	618,609	37,311	159,438	43,394	3,166	23,891	73,525	41,656	22,296	6,598	61,542	19,895
2010	1,108,379	594,847	36,254	158,003	47,572	3,676	23,375	78,539	53,457	27,625	7,028	63,997	14,006
2011	1,181,799	612,011	40,380	179,379	57,243	3,713	23,913	85,558	58,789	32,578	7,193	71,517	9,525
<i>Under age 18</i>													
2002	185,700	81,200	800	20,700	9,400	700	10,900	4,200	19,300	600	0	36,900	1,000
2003	173,700	79,900	800	22,300	8,700	400	13,300	4,300	18,000	300	500	24,300	900
2004	178,300	76,100	900	28,500	8,800	700	11,900	3,400	17,700	900	200	27,600	1,600
2005	163,850	77,340	720	25,540	7,840	460	12,020	3,580	11,860	730	260	22,400	1,100
2006	145,724	74,485	881	26,582	7,577	775	11,066	4,116	5,913	844	377	11,845	1,263
2007	143,588	71,648	945	29,743	8,761	595	10,582	4,362	7,671	854	325	6,588	1,514
2008	162,442	80,232	912	36,103	9,331	652	10,504	4,173	12,064	852	318	5,800	1,501
2009	172,682	78,029	941	42,543	10,002	702	9,042	3,854	16,293	848	320	9,073	1,035
2010	192,607	85,130	996	44,940	11,035	872	8,548	3,658	20,587	879	315	14,721	926
2011	208,917	88,934	1,075	49,522	13,227	828	8,916	3,629	23,705	1,278	317	16,572	914
<i>Aged 18–64</i>													
2002	637,900	375,100	13,200	54,000	22,500	1,900	15,700	53,700	22,500	4,200	3,900	53,200	18,000
2003	625,600	363,700	11,500	63,100	22,700	1,900	15,200	54,500	17,600	4,800	5,100	47,800	17,700
2004	657,800	392,800	13,200	61,300	22,300	1,200	17,500	60,100	19,300	5,800	4,600	40,600	19,100
2005	668,700	392,840	14,660	68,710	20,600	1,880	18,690	64,950	13,720	6,120	6,320	41,380	18,830
2006	659,401	391,737	13,864	72,612	20,114	2,245	16,204	67,542	8,227	5,672	6,972	31,711	22,501
2007	687,636	399,877	14,376	73,440	20,131	2,186	15,893	68,060	16,083	6,044	4,938	43,079	23,529
2008	727,629	438,447	14,684	76,926	20,233	2,292	15,573	71,679	12,456	5,584	4,275	39,810	25,670
2009	775,798	468,793	12,984	87,436	22,473	2,438	13,568	67,981	21,302	4,161	4,472	52,455	17,735
2010	770,791	457,481	13,034	88,203	24,271	2,780	13,621	73,044	26,829	5,382	4,721	49,256	12,169
2011	808,987	464,866	15,458	100,598	28,503	2,856	13,734	79,888	28,763	7,158	4,889	54,917	7,357
<i>Aged 65 or older</i>													
2002	149,200	52,800	34,100	21,300	13,600	0	1,100	1,100	5,700	16,000	2,400	0	1,100
2003	155,100	56,000	31,200	25,100	14,400	0	2,000	100	5,600	16,300	1,900	100	1,500
2004	161,200	64,300	29,000	24,100	13,500	0	1,200	700	6,800	18,300	1,700	0	1,600
2005	145,130	55,870	27,050	25,380	9,600	10	1,940	1,340	3,850	17,080	1,620	10	1,380
2006	137,296	51,330	26,251	24,906	9,329	20	1,529	1,451	2,271	16,727	1,930	7	1,501
2007	136,131	50,983	25,050	22,923	8,276	22	1,439	1,613	2,928	19,689	1,918	15	1,275
2008	138,749	55,145	25,179	23,716	8,353	26	1,503	1,675	2,196	17,818	1,736	14	1,388
2009	162,841	71,787	23,386	29,459	10,919	26	1,281	1,690	4,061	17,287	1,806	14	1,125
2010	144,981	52,236	22,224	24,860	12,266	24	1,206	1,837	6,041	21,364	1,992	20	911
2011	163,895	58,211	23,847	29,259	15,513	29	1,263	2,041	6,321	24,142	1,987	28	1,254

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format). Data through 2004 are based on a 1 percent sample, data for 2005 are based on a 10 percent sample, and data for 2006–2011 are 100 percent data.

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**Suspensions, Terminations, and Duration of Eligibility**

**Table 77.**  
**Recipients terminated, by age and reason for termination, 2006–2011**

Year	Total	Excess income	Death	Where-abouts unknown	Excess resources	In public institution	Failed to furnish report	Outside United States	No longer disabled	Other
<i>All ages</i>										
2006	735,148	339,110	244,013	10,333	25,947	29,797	9,106	13,369	46,561	16,912
2007	690,504	318,291	242,375	9,615	22,439	30,066	5,911	12,284	32,284	17,239
2008	699,627	324,285	244,412	9,496	24,547	29,613	6,860	13,444	30,671	16,299
2009	732,484	354,770	242,680	10,213	24,147	29,796	8,199	11,340	32,408	18,931
2010	815,946	437,922	241,148	11,397	29,184	27,408	10,163	10,527	34,675	13,522
2011	805,483	403,428	246,033	11,039	30,793	29,280	15,032	12,684	43,005	14,189
<i>Under age 18</i>										
2006	65,132	26,241	5,236	2,654	5,257	1,360	3,188	547	17,536	3,113
2007	55,147	25,529	5,488	2,610	4,855	1,420	2,055	522	9,516	3,152
2008	52,703	27,892	5,194	2,595	6,153	1,399	1,451	518	4,478	3,023
2009	53,367	26,085	5,041	3,239	5,773	1,290	3,414	525	4,528	3,472
2010	57,615	29,098	4,824	3,316	6,430	1,123	3,409	481	5,720	3,214
2011	65,236	29,903	4,805	3,169	6,869	969	4,366	481	11,152	3,522
<i>Aged 18–64</i>										
2006	474,074	272,946	105,254	4,612	13,542	27,701	4,762	3,368	29,007	12,882
2007	450,585	258,701	105,573	4,375	11,734	27,902	3,078	3,174	22,751	13,297
2008	460,763	262,551	107,354	4,482	12,499	27,382	4,611	3,153	26,184	12,547
2009	496,049	292,731	109,525	4,613	12,364	27,668	4,109	2,586	27,860	14,593
2010	552,787	351,258	109,559	4,884	15,398	25,472	5,615	2,050	28,942	9,609
2011	554,917	339,690	113,243	5,223	16,129	27,448	8,943	2,441	31,834	9,966
<i>Aged 65 or older</i>										
2006	195,942	39,923	133,523	3,067	7,148	736	1,156	9,454	18	917
2007	184,772	34,061	131,314	2,630	5,850	744	778	8,588	17	790
2008	186,161	33,842	131,864	2,419	5,895	832	798	9,773	9	729
2009	183,068	35,954	128,114	2,361	6,010	838	676	8,229	20	866
2010	205,544	57,566	126,765	3,197	7,356	813	1,139	7,996	13	699
2011	185,330	33,835	127,985	2,647	7,795	863	1,723	9,762	19	701

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

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## Suspensions, Terminations, and Duration of Eligibility

**Table 78.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics and duration of eligibility, December 2011**

Characteristic	Total		Years of eligibility								State con- version <sup>a</sup>	
	Number	Percent	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39		
All recipients												
Number	8,112,773	...	2,582,446	1,922,840	1,259,110	1,052,767	647,257	300,625	158,657	119,628	69,443	
Percent	...	100.0	31.8	23.7	15.5	13.0	8.0	3.7	2.0	1.5	0.9	
Eligibility category												
Aged	1,182,106	100.0	32.7	24.6	16.9	14.8	8.0	2.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	
Blind	69,033	100.0	20.2	17.2	15.6	12.7	11.6	8.1	5.5	3.9	5.2	
Disabled	6,861,634	100.0	31.8	23.6	15.3	12.7	7.9	3.9	2.2	1.7	0.9	
Age at first month of eligibility												
Under 18	2,067,401	100.0	35.7	26.2	13.1	10.4	6.2	3.5	2.7	2.3	(L)	
18-21	648,707	100.0	31.5	23.0	13.5	9.6	7.6	5.7	4.3	3.3	1.6	
22-25	316,897	100.0	24.7	19.5	12.1	12.9	10.6	8.2	4.3	3.5	4.3	
26-29	316,796	100.0	22.5	17.0	13.8	16.1	13.1	7.9	3.4	2.6	3.5	
30-39	942,796	100.0	20.3	19.7	18.6	18.7	11.8	5.2	2.1	1.6	2.0	
40-49	1,155,713	100.0	28.7	25.4	18.5	13.7	7.9	2.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	
50-59	1,176,018	100.0	39.9	23.5	14.7	11.5	6.5	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	
60-64	327,855	100.0	34.2	22.1	18.4	14.1	8.0	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	
65 or older	1,160,590	100.0	33.3	24.8	17.0	14.4	7.7	2.1	0.5	0.1	(L)	
Age in December 2011												
Under 18	1,277,122	100.0	53.7	33.0	11.3	2.0	...	...	...	...	...	
18-21	367,920	100.0	44.2	20.7	16.8	16.0	2.3	...	...	...	...	
22-25	336,212	100.0	36.6	29.7	10.0	13.7	9.7	0.3	...	...	...	
26-29	304,137	100.0	24.2	33.9	15.7	11.8	9.2	5.1	(L)	...	...	
30-39	692,636	100.0	25.8	20.8	18.2	16.5	9.5	5.3	3.3	0.5	(L)	
40-49	1,003,649	100.0	28.4	21.9	15.3	12.8	9.5	6.1	3.4	2.5	(L)	
50-59	1,472,973	100.0	33.0	21.3	14.8	12.3	7.7	4.3	3.1	2.9	0.7	
60-64	599,483	100.0	26.9	23.2	16.9	13.3	8.8	4.1	2.1	2.0	2.8	
65 or older	2,058,641	100.0	20.7	19.7	18.1	18.6	12.2	4.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	
Sex												
Male	3,712,306	100.0	36.5	24.5	14.0	10.9	6.7	3.3	1.8	1.4	0.8	
Female	4,400,467	100.0	27.9	23.0	16.8	14.7	9.1	4.0	2.1	1.5	0.9	

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**Table 78.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics and duration of eligibility, December 2011—Continued**

Characteristic	Total		Years of eligibility								State conversion <sup>a</sup>
	Number	Percent	Under 5	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	
Diagnostic group <sup>b</sup>											
Congenital anomalies	107,816	100.0	38.7	26.9	13.7	8.8	5.4	3.8	1.6	1.0	0.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	188,888	100.0	27.1	20.1	18.6	21.1	9.8	2.4	0.6	0.3	0.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	75,782	100.0	28.6	21.8	19.8	18.2	6.5	2.5	1.1	1.1	0.3
Injuries	156,789	100.0	34.6	24.0	15.3	11.6	8.3	3.6	1.5	0.8	0.2
Mental disorders											
Autistic disorders	174,067	100.0	55.8	25.6	9.9	5.5	2.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	(L)
Developmental disorders	292,600	100.0	49.6	36.2	10.5	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	(L)
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	296,994	100.0	51.2	36.3	9.5	2.4	0.4	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)
Intellectual disability	1,131,278	100.0	16.2	17.3	15.1	19.1	14.0	8.7	5.0	3.8	0.8
Mood disorders	941,551	100.0	30.6	26.8	18.4	13.8	7.5	2.1	0.5	0.3	(L)
Organic mental disorders	244,673	100.0	32.2	26.2	16.9	12.5	7.7	2.9	0.9	0.6	0.1
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	476,758	100.0	25.1	20.1	15.2	13.6	12.1	9.1	3.0	1.4	0.3
Other mental disorders	335,001	100.0	27.7	24.5	17.9	15.0	9.3	3.9	1.0	0.6	0.1
Neoplasms	87,929	100.0	60.2	22.3	9.1	4.6	2.2	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.1
Diseases of the—											
Blood and blood-forming organs	33,881	100.0	32.1	23.8	15.6	12.3	9.2	4.1	1.9	0.9	0.1
Circulatory system	311,528	100.0	36.0	24.3	16.3	12.5	7.2	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.1
Digestive system	70,715	100.0	50.5	26.0	12.7	6.4	3.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	(L)
Genitourinary system	57,017	100.0	46.3	25.5	14.0	7.9	4.0	1.5	0.5	0.2	(L)
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	814,040	100.0	37.5	25.7	16.3	11.3	6.5	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.1
Nervous system and sense organs	518,493	100.0	29.4	21.8	14.7	12.5	9.6	5.7	3.5	2.4	0.5
Respiratory system	163,632	100.0	40.4	27.7	15.5	9.1	4.8	1.6	0.5	0.3	(L)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	11,771	100.0	39.4	24.6	14.6	11.0	6.4	2.4	1.0	0.5	0.1
Other	117,763	100.0	57.9	21.4	14.1	4.0	1.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	(L)
Unknown	321,701	100.0	11.2	9.5	13.0	14.6	7.1	4.3	11.3	12.5	16.5

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

NOTES: "Duration of eligibility" refers to the number of years elapsed between a person's first month of eligibility and December of the reporting year. The first month of eligibility is the later of (1) the date of application for SSI and (2) the date of attainment of age 65 (for aged applicants) or onset of disability or blindness (for disabled or blind applicants). For persons who have applied for SSI more than once, this definition refers to the most recent application.  
 . . . = not applicable; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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

b. Does not include aged recipients.

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# APPENDIX AND GLOSSARY





## 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
<b>1 percent file</b>					
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	(L)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
50,000,000	(L)	(L)	(L)	0.1	0.1
100,000,000	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
<b>10 percent file</b>					
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	(L)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
1,000,000	(L)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
5,000,000	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	0.1
10,000,000	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
50,000,000	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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## Glossary

**abbreviated application.** An SSI application that is formally denied for nonmedical reasons when the applicant alleges information that clearly results in ineligibility.

**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 Service, an administrative law judge, or the Appeals Council that an applicant meets the medical definition of disability under the law.

**auxiliary benefit.** Monthly Social Security 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).** Any earned income of a blind person which is used to meet any expenses reasonably attributable to earning the income. The amount of the expenses is deducted from the earned income used in computing the SSI monthly payment amount.

**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.** 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 generally uses 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 recipients who are blind.)

Individuals are considered to be disabled only if their physical or mental impairment(s) is 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 Service (DDS).** The state agency responsible for developing medical evidence and rendering the initial determination and reconsideration on whether a claimant is disabled or a recipient continues to be disabled within the meaning of the law.

**federal benefit rate (FBR).** The basic benefit standard 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 rate is increased annually to reflect increases in the cost of living.

**impairment-related work expenses (IRWE).** Expenses for items or services which are directly related to enabling a person with a disability to work and which are necessarily incurred by that individual because of a physical or mental impairment. The costs are paid for in cash by the individual and are not reimbursable from another source. These expenses are excluded from earned income used to compute ongoing SSI monthly payments. Since December 1990, they may also be applied in the determination of income for purposes of initial SSI eligibility. They are also deducted from the individual's 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 \$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 rate**.

**plan to achieve self-support (PASS).** A formal plan, requiring SSA approval, for attaining a specific work goal. With a PASS, an SSI recipient may set aside earned or unearned income and resources to pay for goods or services needed to reach the goal, such as education, vocational training, starting a business, or purchasing work-related equipment. Income and resources set aside are excluded from SSI income and resource tests, but they do not influence the determination of ability to engage in substantial gainful activity.

**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 recipient who is unable to manage his or her own funds. A recipient under age 18 is generally considered incapable of managing benefit payments, and a representative payee will be selected to receive benefits on the recipient'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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## **Social Security Administration (SSA) administrative regions**

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

**New York:** New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands

**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, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands

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

NOTE: The SSI program does not cover American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

**state conversions.** Persons who were eligible for payments under the federal and 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.

**suspension.** When SSI payments have been temporarily stopped because the recipient is not currently eligible, or they were interrupted for other reasons. Payments can resume if the recipient reestablishes eligibility during the suspension reinstatement period, which is generally 12 months after the effective date of the suspension.

**termination.** When a recipient's current eligibility for SSI payments has ended. Termination events include death, no longer having a disabling impairment, and voluntary termination from the SSI program. In addition, when a recipient's SSI payments have been suspended longer than the suspension reinstatement period and certain other conditions are not met, the record is terminated.

