

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATES,  
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS,  
AND TOTAL RECIPIENTS





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**Table 1.**  
**Monthly federal SSI benefit rates, 1974–2011 (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                     |

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 1974–2010**  
**(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                                    |
| <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                                      |

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**(in thousands of dollars)—Continued**

| Year            | Total      | Federal SSI | Federally administered state supplementation |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|--|
| <i>Blind</i>    |            |             |  |
| 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                                       |
| <i>Disabled</i> |            |             |  |
| 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                                    |

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, 2003–2010**

| 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                                    |
| <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                                      |
| <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                                    |
| <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                                    |

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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