

Table 2.—Number and average monthly amount of old-age¹ benefits awarded in 1950 under the 1939 and the 1950 amendments by eligibility status, age, and sex of beneficiary

[Based partly on a 20-percent sample]

Age of beneficiary ²	Total		Male beneficiaries		Female beneficiaries	
	Number	Average monthly amount	Number	Average monthly amount	Number	Average monthly amount
Under 1939 amendments						
Total.....	183,223	\$29.03	154,450	\$30.16	28,773	\$22.9
65.....	41,860	30.68	34,981	31.94	6,879	24.24
66.....	37,134	30.40	31,367	31.58	5,767	23.07
67.....	19,664	29.92	16,332	31.18	3,332	23.55
68.....	15,500	29.03	13,013	30.23	2,487	22.72
69.....	12,319	28.62	10,270	29.90	2,049	22.21
70.....	11,259	28.18	9,420	29.38	1,839	21.99
71.....	9,237	27.84	7,795	28.92	1,442	21.97
72.....	7,314	27.07	6,149	28.23	1,165	20.94
73.....	6,200	26.55	5,268	27.56	932	20.86
74.....	5,209	26.34	4,442	27.30	767	20.79
75-79.....	13,555	24.98	11,745	25.69	1,810	20.37
80 and over.....	4,072	25.84	3,668	26.20	404	22.65
Under 1950 amendments						
Total.....	383,908	33.24	289,378	35.32	94,530	26.85
65.....	82,860	39.79	62,273	42.51	20,587	31.57
66.....	62,638	31.73	45,404	33.47	17,234	27.14
67.....	50,763	30.01	36,276	32.17	14,487	24.61
68.....	44,399	28.58	32,388	30.29	12,011	23.95
69.....	33,770	27.91	24,906	29.41	8,864	23.68
70.....	28,361	27.78	21,462	29.08	6,899	23.74
71.....	20,276	27.60	15,496	28.76	4,780	23.85
72.....	14,315	27.87	11,061	28.93	3,254	24.27
73.....	9,479	28.72	7,503	29.71	1,976	24.98
74.....	5,917	31.79	4,748	32.94	1,169	27.15
75-79.....	24,052	48.91	21,320	50.20	2,732	38.79
80 and over.....	7,078	50.52	6,541	51.22	537	42.04
1939 eligibles ³	125,194	49.51	103,968	51.37	21,226	40.44
65.....	35,486	52.79	29,347	54.53	6,139	44.43
66.....	13,337	50.14	10,716	52.13	2,621	42.03
67.....	9,989	48.99	8,015	51.28	1,974	39.65
68.....	7,966	47.85	6,263	50.42	1,703	38.54
69.....	6,224	47.54	4,932	49.89	1,292	38.57
70.....	6,069	46.75	4,859	49.07	1,210	37.45
71.....	5,115	45.49	4,080	48.05	1,035	35.40
72.....	4,046	44.88	3,225	47.17	821	35.89
73.....	3,318	43.62	2,668	45.77	650	34.79
74.....	3,129	41.74	2,500	43.89	629	33.18
75-79.....	23,437	49.45	20,822	50.71	2,615	39.43
80 and over.....	7,078	50.52	6,541	51.22	537	42.04
New eligibles ⁴	258,714	25.36	185,410	26.32	73,304	22.93
65.....	47,374	30.06	32,926	31.80	14,448	26.10
66.....	49,301	26.74	34,688	27.70	14,613	24.47
67.....	40,774	25.37	28,261	26.75	12,513	22.24
68.....	36,433	24.36	26,125	25.47	10,308	21.54
69.....	27,546	23.47	19,974	24.36	7,572	21.14
70.....	22,292	22.62	16,603	23.24	5,689	20.82
71.....	15,161	21.57	11,416	21.87	3,745	20.65
72.....	10,269	21.16	7,836	21.42	2,433	20.35
73.....	6,161	20.70	4,835	20.85	1,326	20.17
74.....	2,788	20.64	2,248	20.76	540	20.14
75 ⁵	615	28.09	498	28.94	117	24.49

¹ Effective Sept. 1, 1950, under the Social Security Act Amendments of 1950, the term "primary insurance benefit" was changed to "old-age insurance benefit."

² Age at birthday in 1950.

³ "1939 eligibles" are persons who had sufficient quarters of coverage to qualify for old-age benefits

under the insured-status provisions in the 1939 amendments.

⁴ "New eligibles" are persons who qualified for old-age benefits solely as a result of the liberalized insured-status provisions in the 1950 amendments.

⁵ Only persons reaching their seventy-fifth birthday during July-December 1950 can qualify as new eligibles.

1939 eligibles who were awarded benefits under the 1950 amendments to \$3.40 less for new eligibles.

Benefits in Current-Payment Status, State Distribution

The number and amount of old-age and survivors insurance monthly benefits in current-payment status at the end of February 1951, classified by type of benefit and by the State of residence of beneficiary, are shown in the accompanying table. Almost 12 percent of the 3.7 million beneficiaries were in New York State, 9 percent were in Pennsylvania, 8 percent in California, and 6 percent in Ohio and in Illinois. Altogether, these five States accounted for 41 percent of all beneficiaries although, according to the 1950 census, they contained slightly less than 35 percent of the total population of the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

At the end of February the Northeastern States had a slightly smaller proportion of the total beneficiaries than before the 1950 amendments were enacted. Apparently, there were proportionately more workers in the Western and Southern States who, because of more limited opportunities for employment covered by the Social Security Act, did not have enough quarters of coverage to be insured under the 1939 amendments but who qualified for benefits because of the liberalization in the insured-status requirements. This trend is evident for all types of benefits but particularly for old-age and wife's benefits. Since the liberalization was applicable only to persons who were living on September 1, 1950, there was a backlog of persons immediately eligible for old-age and wife's benefits, whereas benefits were payable to survivors of newly eligible persons only in event of the worker's death after August 1950.

The average old-age monthly benefit being paid at the end of February ranged from \$48.40 in Connecticut to \$33.50 in Mississippi; the national average was \$43.30. The average bene-

fit was highest in the Northeastern and North Central States, somewhat lower in the far western part of the

country, and lowest in the Southern and South Central States. The lower averages in the Western and

Southern States resulted mainly from the more frequent periods of non-
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Table 1.—Number and amount of monthly benefits¹ in current-payment status² as of February 28, 1951, by type of benefit and by State

Region and State ³	Total		Old-age		Wife's or husband's		Child's		Widow's or widower's		Mother's		Parent's	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Total	3,706,586	\$134,090,837	1,912,170	\$82,843,755	548,047	\$12,790,358	729,616	\$20,033,906	325,555	\$11,872,233	176,156	\$5,998,761	15,042	\$551,824
Region I	342,907	13,249,465	189,565	8,629,088	54,927	1,362,355	47,940	1,402,084	36,069	1,341,046	13,326	474,052	1,080	40,840
Connecticut	70,112	2,874,833	38,298	1,853,925	11,377	297,964	9,411	299,362	8,166	316,283	2,632	98,430	228	8,869
Maine	33,280	1,160,173	18,382	761,202	5,142	115,773	5,613	142,633	2,753	96,018	1,277	40,525	113	4,022
Massachusetts	177,378	6,918,290	95,445	4,508,207	28,479	712,945	23,914	714,118	18,868	704,546	7,117	257,238	555	21,236
New Hampshire	20,846	781,979	11,547	489,000	3,141	72,560	3,088	82,266	1,827	63,643	691	22,693	52	1,817
Rhode Island	30,599	1,178,787	17,088	775,840	5,027	123,921	3,889	112,687	3,369	123,084	1,125	39,497	101	3,758
Vermont	11,192	385,403	5,805	240,914	1,761	39,192	2,025	51,018	1,086	37,472	484	15,669	31	1,138
Region II	929,460	35,859,623	495,806	22,561,830	143,098	3,524,317	145,625	4,416,483	97,513	3,625,591	43,466	1,581,028	3,961	150,374
Delaware	8,649	326,412	4,622	204,709	1,260	30,941	1,486	43,448	900	33,384	333	12,162	48	1,768
New Jersey	150,817	5,997,836	80,277	3,761,213	24,165	613,497	22,198	707,716	17,209	654,537	6,344	236,587	624	24,286
New York	435,458	16,740,005	241,318	10,795,443	66,099	1,613,174	62,096	1,899,407	45,077	1,666,490	19,004	694,013	1,864	71,478
Pennsylvania	334,545	12,795,370	169,589	7,800,465	51,574	1,266,705	59,845	1,765,912	34,327	1,271,180	17,785	638,266	1,425	52,842
Region III	240,950	7,858,589	103,366	4,247,489	28,701	622,093	73,266	1,803,049	18,036	626,269	16,204	512,298	1,377	47,391
Dist. of Col.	13,932	500,722	7,108	304,929	1,583	37,678	3,003	79,120	1,448	52,642	740	24,520	50	1,833
Maryland	51,983	1,876,701	25,344	1,092,017	6,784	160,567	11,365	320,492	5,381	194,665	2,846	99,360	263	9,603
North Carolina	60,828	1,747,790	23,598	877,660	6,643	128,221	22,017	487,944	3,661	115,534	4,530	126,175	379	12,256
Puerto Rico	270	8,540	56	2,373	7	182	136	3,513	8	331	46	1,469	17	672
Virgin Islands	29	851	13	519	3	71	9	130	3	107	1	24	0	0
Virginia	58,363	1,854,833	24,779	996,238	6,754	143,694	18,230	432,098	4,368	150,452	3,859	118,969	373	12,572
West Virginia	55,545	1,869,149	22,468	973,753	6,927	151,680	18,506	478,942	3,167	112,538	4,182	141,781	205	10,455
Region IV	455,575	16,857,256	224,274	9,994,987	69,732	1,672,573	95,389	2,744,048	42,327	1,589,827	22,212	794,888	1,611	60,983
Kentucky	57,188	1,757,043	24,046	940,564	7,219	144,503	18,035	417,789	3,673	125,372	3,873	116,837	342	11,978
Michigan	162,916	6,200,486	79,810	3,623,403	24,441	599,428	34,826	1,071,153	15,140	578,556	8,207	308,729	492	19,217
Ohio	235,471	8,899,727	120,418	5,431,020	38,072	928,642	42,528	1,255,106	23,514	885,899	10,162	369,322	777	29,738
Region V	486,690	17,977,918	256,877	11,210,878	76,167	1,792,265	86,178	2,523,852	45,639	1,672,795	20,189	716,161	1,640	61,967
Illinois	234,344	8,955,105	124,498	5,615,292	35,482	863,823	40,565	1,228,341	23,179	860,598	9,705	351,697	915	35,354
Indiana	107,311	3,800,277	55,212	2,321,744	17,115	387,346	20,717	586,151	9,544	340,941	4,395	151,962	330	12,133
Minnesota	59,260	2,107,659	31,863	1,336,496	9,343	212,262	10,492	289,382	4,821	176,014	2,594	88,073	147	5,430
Wisconsin	85,775	3,114,877	45,304	1,937,346	14,227	328,834	14,404	419,978	8,095	295,242	3,497	124,427	248	9,050
Region VI	291,594	8,876,974	129,891	5,019,603	36,103	738,986	88,062	1,959,306	16,740	553,709	18,911	542,620	1,887	62,750
Alabama	53,914	1,563,185	21,802	813,275	6,129	116,768	18,541	407,620	2,863	91,672	4,193	120,911	386	12,939
Florida	78,950	2,798,232	43,965	1,878,092	12,821	293,607	14,150	350,800	4,680	164,700	3,086	97,637	248	8,387
Georgia	52,559	1,508,186	21,342	780,697	5,488	106,712	18,460	401,988	3,135	101,353	3,708	103,399	426	14,037
Mississippi	22,501	599,833	9,265	310,856	2,570	44,108	7,707	159,443	1,053	32,444	1,686	45,749	220	7,233
South Carolina	30,912	848,960	10,710	397,690	2,808	55,028	12,747	274,329	1,773	56,754	2,595	67,952	219	7,207
Tennessee	52,758	1,558,578	22,807	838,993	6,227	117,763	16,457	385,126	3,236	106,777	3,643	106,972	388	12,947
Region VII	209,176	7,005,816	112,142	4,416,843	33,470	708,686	36,881	972,522	17,502	606,065	8,402	273,594	779	28,106
Iowa	48,978	1,604,206	26,140	1,003,957	8,188	169,233	8,472	223,976	4,103	139,654	1,922	61,942	153	5,444
Kansas	36,337	1,167,418	19,229	728,441	6,122	122,455	6,730	176,451	2,632	87,036	1,510	49,140	114	3,895
Missouri	90,996	3,187,023	49,432	2,035,248	14,027	314,257	15,329	408,586	8,314	298,253	3,488	115,622	406	15,057
Nebraska	20,426	660,327	11,089	417,952	3,344	67,256	3,466	92,255	1,640	54,192	823	26,511	64	2,221
North Dakota	5,301	161,627	2,694	97,296	727	13,986	1,245	29,288	302	9,988	308	9,658	25	871
South Dakota	7,138	225,153	3,558	133,949	1,062	21,499	1,639	41,426	511	16,942	351	10,721	17	618
Region VIII	225,200	6,890,852	102,077	3,810,165	27,726	539,680	66,743	1,623,876	12,824	429,150	14,732	449,730	1,098	38,251
Arkansas	28,348	789,040	13,460	461,579	3,847	66,036	7,866	168,021	1,361	41,710	1,634	45,656	180	6,038
Louisiana	42,124	1,290,768	18,957	709,619	4,803	94,997	12,441	295,300	2,650	89,739	3,001	91,594	272	9,519
New Mexico	7,858	230,733	2,975	112,800	771	15,184	3,100	72,525	329	11,140	648	18,564	35	1,240
Oklahoma	36,298	1,133,871	17,653	659,128	4,921	96,471	9,604	243,309	1,058	66,467	2,048	64,438	114	4,058
Texas	110,572	3,446,440	49,032	1,867,759	13,384	266,992	33,732	844,721	6,526	220,094	7,401	229,478	497	17,396
Region IX	69,679	2,377,303	35,711	1,445,812	10,081	218,083	15,721	426,990	4,766	172,021	3,173	106,004	227	8,393
Colorado	29,043	1,009,959	15,366	635,416	4,472	99,133	5,752	154,742	2,148	77,713	1,229	40,221	76	2,734
Idaho	11,008	350,592	5,838	218,181	1,521	29,998	2,624	68,632	544	18,314	444	14,216	37	1,351
Montana	11,891	410,272	6,300	252,396	1,570	34,155	2,526	69,491	929	34,518	508	17,480	59	2,232
Utah	13,130	445,856	5,670	236,305	1,929	42,289	3,788	105,201	896	32,726	802	27,658	45	1,677
Wyoming	4,607	160,624	2,537	103,514	589	12,608	1,032	28,924	246	8,750	190	6,429	10	399
Region X	440,601	16,554,325	254,730	11,133,578	65,458	1,547,523	72,001	2,110,980	32,476	1,194,726	14,790	523,731	1,146	43,787
Alaska	1,779	62,576	1,061	43,441	73	1,560	538	14,026	42	1,497	59	1,910	6	142
Arizona	14,536	500,172	6,514	287,605	1,795	41,080	4,217	111,861	769	28,129	882	29,328	59	2,169
California	293,698	11,156,860	171,565	7,531,449	43,840	1,048,423	45,336	1,365,239	22,628	838,272	9,553	343,501	776	29,873
Hawaii	8,849	285,316	4,297	172,224	902	18,220	2,689	63,311	380	13,151	560	17,635	21	775
Nevada	3,606	132,059	2,121	88,118	326	7,389	818	23,945	206	7,664	124	4,513	11	430
Oregon	47,050	1,716,706	27,182	1,160,792	7,399	168,105	7,701	220,103	3,184	112,481	1,466	50,713	118	4,512
Washington	71,083	2,700,636	41,690	1,849,849	11,123	262,746	10,702	312,495	5,267	193,532	2,146	76,128	155	5,886
Foreign	14,745	582,716	7,731	373,482	2,584	63,797	1,810	50,						

Table 13.—Aid to dependent children: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, April 1951¹

[Exclusive of vendor payments for medical care and cases receiving only such payments]

State	Number of families	Number of recipients		Payments to recipients			Percentage change from—			
		Total ²	Children	Total amount	Average per—		March 1951 in—		April 1950 in—	
					Family	Recipient	Number of families	Amount	Number of families	Amount
Total	634,175	³ 2,181,614	1,624,673	\$47,387,245	\$74.72	³ \$21.72	-0.9	-1.3	-1.2	+2.2
Total, 50 States ⁴	634,149	³ 2,181,523	1,624,608	47,386,286	74.72	³ 21.72	- .9	-1.3	-1.2	+2.2
Alabama.....	18,898	64,892	52,211	643,903	34.07	9.92	- .2	+1.2	+11.2	+15.9
Alaska.....	665	2,187	1,584	46,491	69.91	21.26	+ .8	+1.0	+5.6	+34.0
Arizona.....	4,111	15,482	11,592	311,100	75.68	20.09	-3.8	-19.1	+6.2	-7.3
Arkansas.....	16,500	57,290	43,801	575,910	34.90	10.05	-10.2	-24.9	+3.7	-14.0
California.....	57,139	177,182	132,041	6,338,700	110.93	35.78	+ .4	+ .5	+25.8	+25.2
Colorado.....	5,624	20,603	15,464	517,534	92.02	25.12	+ .2	- .4	-1.5	+7.1
Connecticut.....	5,577	18,166	13,093	602,311	108.00	33.16	- .3	+ .2	+14.5	+7.7
Delaware.....	704	2,727	2,083	51,001	72.44	18.70	+1.7	+1.7	+8.1	+8.4
District of Columbia.....	2,160	8,601	6,582	210,681	97.54	24.49	0	+6.8	+4.8	+25.7
Florida.....	29,001	94,984	71,092	1,449,597	49.98	15.26	- .1	+ .1	+9.2	+9.1
Georgia.....	18,788	61,570	47,606	870,332	46.32	14.14	+2.2	+2.0	+30.5	+32.3
Hawaii.....	3,563	13,465	10,368	311,592	87.45	23.14	-1.5	-2.6	-4.6	-5.4
Idaho.....	2,503	8,586	6,286	261,021	104.28	30.40	- .8	-1.0	-2.3	+4.1
Illinois.....	23,472	82,412	60,958	2,304,912	98.20	27.97	- .7	- .5	-7.0	+7
Indiana.....	10,654	34,952	25,745	696,811	65.40	19.94	-1.7	-2.7	-6.5	-7.4
Iowa.....	5,282	18,534	13,796	⁵ 515,856	97.66	27.83	+ .9	+1.1	+2.2	+28.5
Kansas.....	5,068	17,707	13,282	414,813	82.01	23.43	-1.4	-1.4	-10.7	-13.1
Kentucky.....	23,918	83,693	61,423	894,139	37.38	10.68	- .1	(⁶)	+16.3	+14.8
Louisiana.....	25,022	89,524	66,084	1,237,787	49.47	13.83	-3.2	-3.1	-18.2	-30.9
Maine.....	4,567	15,955	11,635	339,915	74.43	21.30	+ .3	(⁷)	+17.8	+34.4
Maryland.....	6,318	24,313	18,472	506,844	80.22	20.85	- .8	+ .2	-3.3	-1.0
Massachusetts.....	13,435	44,417	32,554	1,478,972	110.08	33.30	+ .1	- .8	+ .5	-3.1
Michigan.....	25,554	82,530	58,667	2,324,808	90.98	28.17	- .2	+1.2	-8.6	-6.4
Minnesota.....	7,978	26,888	20,313	724,897	90.86	26.96	+ .8	+ .6	(⁷)	- .9
Mississippi.....	10,725	³ 40,176	30,738	200,780	18.72	⁸ 5.00	(⁶)	+ .5	-2.6	-32.4
Missouri.....	24,341	82,304	60,299	1,265,905	52.01	15.38	- .5	- .5	-6.1	-7.3
Montana.....	2,477	8,594	6,318	214,016	86.40	24.90	+ .5	+ .8	-2.7	+ .6
Nebraska.....	3,493	11,254	8,347	285,143	81.63	25.34	- .1	- .3	-6.0	-8.0
Nevada.....	<i>86</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>959</i>	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
New Hampshire.....	1,647	5,582	4,066	172,611	104.80	30.92	- .7	-1.1	+ .9	+16.9
New Jersey.....	5,235	17,612	13,295	457,590	87.41	25.98	-1.1	-7.1	-7.2	-6.9
New Mexico.....	5,554	19,229	14,560	332,436	59.86	17.29	+ .6	+ .5	+6.2	+21.5
New York.....	54,800	183,117	130,406	5,973,044	109.00	32.62	-1.3	-2.0	-7.8	-1.6
North Carolina.....	16,420	³ 59,893	45,936	740,492	45.10	³ 12.36	+ .7	+1.2	+10.2	+14.5
North Dakota.....	1,875	6,778	5,112	194,684	103.83	28.72	- .3	-1.2	+1.4	+1.1
Ohio ⁹	14,871	54,170	40,552	1,147,201	77.14	21.18	+ .1	+ .5	+3.7	+29.3
Oklahoma.....	21,896	73,255	55,654	1,540,154	70.34	21.02	+ .2	(⁷)	-5.6	+49.3
Oregon.....	4,262	14,018	10,467	449,646	105.50	32.08	+1.4	+ .7	+13.9	+14.7
Pennsylvania.....	42,436	151,620	111,958	3,714,098	87.52	24.51	-3.6	-5.1	-23.4	-24.0
Rhode Island.....	3,381	11,330	8,124	297,758	88.07	26.28	-1.2	-1.7	-11.8	-11.7
South Carolina.....	6,684	25,022	19,319	260,997	39.05	10.43	- .2	- .4	-23.6	-19.0
South Dakota.....	2,898	8,502	6,337	179,442	69.07	21.11	+ .1	+1.3	+12.8	+24.4
Tennessee.....	23,774	84,765	63,642	1,133,207	47.67	13.37	-1.2	-1.3	-2.3	-4.1
Texas.....	19,554	74,917	55,638	849,192	43.43	11.34	+ .5	+ .7	+5.6	+2.0
Utah.....	3,207	11,177	8,258	341,123	106.37	30.52	-2.6	+7.2	-10.7	+13.5
Vermont.....	1,032	3,592	2,792	55,381	53.66	15.42	- .6	- .2	+ .7	+ .4
Virginia.....	8,523	31,714	24,037	433,583	50.87	13.67	- .7	+ .8	+6.7	+15.6
Washington.....	11,351	37,414	26,946	1,470,004	129.50	39.29	- .3	-1.0	-9.8	+15.9
West Virginia.....	17,837	65,919	50,757	1,038,889	58.24	15.76	-1.1	-1.2	-4.7	+18.7
Wisconsin.....	9,043	30,710	22,612	944,418	104.44	30.75	+ .4	+1.0	-3.5	+1.8
Wyoming.....	642	2,299	1,706	64,565	100.57	28.08	0	+ .1	+9.7	+13.3
Puerto Rico ¹⁰	11,458	36,386	27,149	97,402	8.50	2.68	+ .5	+1.5	-----	-----

¹ For definition of terms see the *Bulletin*, January 1951, p. 21. Figures in italics represent program administered without Federal participation. Data exclude programs in Florida, Kentucky, and Nebraska administered without Federal participation concurrently with programs under the Social Security Act. Totals exclude Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, for which April data are not available. All data subject to revision.

² Includes as recipients the children and 1 parent or other adult relative in families in which the requirements of at least 1 such adult were considered in determining the amount of assistance.

³ Number of adults included in total number of recipients is estimated.

⁴ States with plans approved by the Social Security Administration.

⁵ Excludes cost of medical care, for which payments are made to recipients quarterly.

⁶ Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

⁷ Increase of less than 0.05 percent.

⁸ Average payment not computed on base of less than 50 families; percentage change, on less than 100 families.

⁹ In addition to these payments from aid to dependent children funds, supplemental payments of \$100,662 from general assistance funds were made to 2,927 families.

¹⁰ Represents data for March 1951; not included in totals.

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covered employment in the wage histories of persons in these areas, which

tend to reduce the average monthly wages from which the benefits were computed. To a lesser extent, the averages reflected the prevailing wage

rates in the different regions. The same general pattern is also evident with respect to the averages for the other types of benefits.