

Notes and Brief Reports

Aged Persons Receiving Both OASDHI and OAA, Early 1970*

In order to effectively plan and evaluate old-age, survivors, disability, and health insurance (OASDHI) and public assistance programs and assess their changing relationship to each other, it is essential to have comprehensive data on aged persons who receive money payments from both programs concurrently. The latest report from the National Center for Social Statistics of the Social and Rehabilitation Service indicates that three-fifths of those receiving old-age as-

TABLE 1.—Recipients of OAA money payments also receiving OASDHI cash benefits, all OAA money payment recipients, and all OASDHI beneficiaries aged 65 or over, specified months in 1948–70

Month and year	OAA money payment recipients also receiving OASDHI cash benefits			All OAA money payment recipients	Total OASDHI beneficiaries aged 65 or over ¹
	As percent of—		Number		
	All OAA money payment recipients	All OASDHI beneficiaries aged 65 or over			
June 1948.....	146,000	6.1	10.0	2,365,000	1,457,000
September 1950.....	276,000	9.8	12.6	2,810,000	2,192,000
August 1951.....	377,000	13.8	11.9	2,728,000	3,174,000
February 1952.....	406,000	15.1	12.0	2,654,000	3,404,000
February 1953.....	426,000	16.3	10.7	2,572,000	4,010,000
February 1954.....	462,000	18.0	9.6	2,567,000	4,801,000
February 1955.....	487,000	19.2	8.6	2,537,000	5,640,000
February 1956.....	514,000	20.4	7.9	2,520,000	6,490,000
February 1957.....	553,000	22.2	7.8	2,489,000	7,127,000
February 1958.....	596,000	24.2	7.1	2,464,000	8,420,000
March 1959.....	644,000	26.7	6.9	2,410,000	9,379,000
February 1960.....	669,000	28.5	6.6	2,349,000	10,135,000
February 1961.....	709,000	31.0	6.5	2,288,000	10,870,000
February 1962.....	744,000	33.7	6.4	2,208,000	11,668,000
February 1963.....	807,000	37.2	6.5	2,169,000	12,488,000
February 1964.....	871,000	40.7	6.6	2,139,000	13,123,000
February 1965.....	² 944,000	² 44.7	² 7.0	2,113,000	13,580,000
February 1966.....	1,007,000	48.7	7.1	2,067,000	14,246,000
February 1967.....	1,096,000	53.1	7.0	2,062,000	15,558,000
May 1968.....	1,154,000	57.2	7.1	2,019,000	16,144,000
February 1969 ³	1,181,000	58.2	7.1	2,028,000	16,539,000
February 1970 ³	1,243,000	60.4	7.4	2,060,000	16,903,000

¹ Estimated by the Social Security Administration.

² Data on concurrent receipt of OAA and OASDHI payments estimated on basis of national figures; State reporting waived for February 1965.

³ Excludes Guam and the Virgin Islands; data not reported.

Source: National Center for Social Statistics, Social and Rehabilitation Service.

* Data from tabular release on *Concurrent Receipt of Public Assistance Money Payments and Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Cash Benefits by Persons Aged 65 or Over, 1948–70 and February 1970* (Social and Rehabilitation Service, National Center for Social Statistics), 1970.

TABLE 2.—Average payments to concurrent recipients of OASDHI cash benefits and OAA money payments and to nonbeneficiary-recipients of OAA money payments, specified months in 1951–70

Month and year	Average payments to concurrent recipients of OASDHI and OAA money payments			Average OAA money payment to non-beneficiary-recipients of OAA
	Average OASDHI cash benefit	Average OAA money payment	Combined average OASDHI and OAA payments	
August 1951.....	\$29.85	\$36.00	\$65.85	\$44.85
February 1952.....	29.60	36.85	66.45	46.60
February 1953.....	33.90	38.75	72.65	51.55
February 1954.....	33.90	40.35	74.30	50.35
February 1955.....	38.75	37.40	76.15	50.65
February 1956.....	38.70	40.35	79.05	52.00
February 1957.....	40.10	42.70	82.75	55.45
February 1958.....	40.70	43.60	84.30	59.25
March 1959.....	43.85	43.80	87.70	60.60
February 1960.....	43.30	45.80	89.10	61.70
February 1961.....	45.80	44.90	90.65	63.35
February 1962.....	47.30	41.95	89.20	65.30
February 1963.....	47.75	44.10	91.80	70.50
February 1964.....	48.80	47.80	96.65	70.15
February 1965.....	⁽¹⁾	⁽¹⁾	⁽¹⁾	⁽¹⁾
February 1966.....	52.75	47.70	100.45	77.75
February 1967.....	52.95	56.75	109.70	80.30
May 1968 ²	61.85	56.50	118.35	82.05
February 1969 ³	63.10	59.30	122.40	85.80
February 1970 ³	* 65.60	64.10	129.70	92.35

¹ Reporting requirement waived for 1965.

² Excludes Guam and Nevada; data not reported.

³ Excludes Guam and the Virgin Islands; data not reported.

⁴ This average was subsequently increased by about 15 percent under the Tax Reform Act of 1969, which increased social security benefits by this percentage, effective January 1970. Increases in benefit amounts, however, were not paid to beneficiaries until April.

Source: National Center for Social Statistics, Social and Rehabilitation Service.

assistance (OAA) under State-Federal public assistance programs in February 1970 also received cash insurance benefits under OASDHI in that month.

These data have been gathered annually from the States since 1948 and include figures on the incidence of concurrent receipt and the amount of such monthly payments from the insurance and assistance programs. The most recent information presented here was taken from reports for February 1970 submitted by State public assistance agencies administering or supervising the administration of approved plans for old-age assistance. They do not include recipients of medical assistance for the aged as they have in some previous years.

Early in 1970 more than 1.2 million persons aged 65 or over were receiving monthly income-maintenance payments both under old-age assistance and under old-age, survivors, disability, and health insurance. Persons getting both types of payments were only slightly more numerous than they had been in February 1969 and they represented about 7.4 percent of all beneficiaries aged 65 or over. For the first 3 of the past 5 years

the proportion of beneficiary-recipients rose at a rate of about 4 percent per year. For the past 2 years, however, there has been only a 1-2½ percent increase. For the first time, beneficiary-recipients represented more than 60 percent of all persons receiving old-age assistance.

The average monthly old-age or survivors benefit going to persons getting both types of pay-

ments in February 1970 was \$65.60, and their average OAA money payment was \$64.10. For those receiving only an OAA payment, the average amount was \$92.35 (table 2).

Workmen's Compensation Offset, 1967-69*

At the end of 1969, nearly 19,000 disabled-worker families comprising more than 61,000 social security beneficiaries were affected by the workmen's compensation offset provision of the Social Security Act. The proportion of all disabled-worker families and beneficiaries thus affected was relatively small (1.3 percent of the families and 2.4 percent of the beneficiaries). The ratio is growing steadily, however, as more and more of the new awardees have their benefits either partially or completely offset (table 1).

Provisions of the 1965 amendments.—The workmen's compensation offset provision currently operative was enacted by Congress in 1965. Its purpose was to keep a disabled worker from collecting benefits that exceed his "average current earnings" or some specified percentage thereof. Under this provision, social security benefits would be reduced when the combined social security and State workmen's compensation benefits

TABLE 1.—Benefits for disabled workers and dependents: Total and those partially or completely offset as a result of workmen's compensation offset, 1967-69

Year	Disabled workers			Disabled workers and dependents		
	Total number	Benefits partially or completely offset		Total number	Benefits partially or completely offset	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
Awards during year						
1967	301,500	8,900	3.0	671,200	28,000	4.2
1968	324,000	10,600	3.3	714,000	34,200	4.8
1969	345,100	(1)	(1)	753,500	(1)	(1)
On the rolls at end of year						
1967	1,207,800	10,000	0.8	2,205,100	29,800	1.4
1968	1,310,200	13,400	1.0	2,395,300	44,200	1.8
1969	1,410,900	18,900	1.3	2,561,900	61,100	2.4

¹ Data not available.

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TABLE 3.—OAA money payment recipients also receiving OASDHI cash benefits, by State, February 1970

State	OAA money payment recipients also receiving OASDHI cash benefits		
	Number	As percent of—	
		OAA money payment recipients	OASDHI cash beneficiaries aged 65 or over
Total ¹	1,243,000	60.4	7.4
Alabama	64,600	58.4	25.8
Alaska	1,000	64.9	21.1
Arizona	7,700	57.4	6.0
Arkansas	2,100	49.1	14.8
California	242,000	76.6	16.2
Colorado	21,100	61.1	13.8
Connecticut	4,700	58.9	1.9
Delaware	1,700	75.6	4.3
District of Columbia	1,400	48.7	2.7
Florida	40,000	62.2	5.2
Georgia	52,800	56.9	18.8
Hawaii	1,400	62.8	3.6
Idaho	2,300	66.0	3.8
Illinois	19,600	51.4	2.1
Indiana	11,400	68.6	2.6
Iowa	15,700	65.5	5.1
Kansas	6,700	48.0	3.0
Kentucky	38,000	58.6	13.7
Louisiana	72,700	60.9	32.9
Maine	7,400	69.0	7.2
Maryland	3,500	40.9	1.5
Massachusetts	38,300	75.5	7.2
Michigan	22,400	50.3	3.3
Minnesota	12,900	58.8	3.6
Mississippi	42,300	58.5	24.8
Missouri	59,800	64.3	13.0
Montana	1,800	50.4	3.0
Nebraska	3,500	43.3	2.2
Nevada	2,300	67.2	9.4
New Hampshire	3,300	75.9	4.7
New Jersey	9,800	61.0	1.7
New Mexico	3,900	42.1	7.0
New York	58,700	63.0	3.5
North Carolina	16,500	43.6	4.7
North Dakota	2,300	58.5	3.9
Ohio	32,700	56.3	3.9
Oklahoma	42,000	56.2	17.9
Oregon	4,900	66.3	2.5
Pennsylvania	24,800	51.8	2.3
Puerto Rico	190	.9	.1
Rhode Island	3,100	81.3	3.5
South Carolina	5,100	26.8	3.2
South Dakota	2,400	53.4	3.3
Tennessee	25,000	47.3	8.0
Texas	139,000	59.8	18.1
Utah	1,400	38.4	2.1
Vermont	3,200	72.6	7.7
Virginia	5,300	44.1	1.7
Washington	15,600	67.3	5.6
West Virginia	4,500	35.3	2.7
Wisconsin	11,200	60.1	2.6
Wyoming	1,100	65.4	4.1

¹ Excludes Guam and the Virgin Islands; data not reported.

Source: National Center for Social Statistics, Social and Rehabilitation Service.