



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determines the amount of benefits received.

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2011

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s and parents	Spouses ^a	Children ^b	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s and parents	
Alaska	82,109	51,864	12,825	5,219	2,852	9,349	87,416	60,660	5,708	52,635
All areas ^c	55,404,480	35,599,569	8,575,544	4,398,094	2,455,822	4,375,451	62,213,382	43,736,668	5,041,881	38,292,328

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

a. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.

b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.

c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Table 2.
Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2011

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Alaska	12,719	1,853	86	10,780	6,309	589	39	5,681	4,318	3,042
All areas ^b	8,112,773	1,182,106	69,033	6,861,634	4,389,872	471,847	36,718	3,881,307	2,716,259	2,058,641

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

a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.

b. Includes recipients in the 50 States, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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