



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	
Rhode Island	207,122	137,226	35,905	12,912	5,375	15,704	235,870	169,989	15,437	144,356
1	103,651	69,256	17,691	6,500	2,657	7,547	116,958	84,643	7,750	73,207
2	103,471	67,970	18,214	6,412	2,718	8,157	118,912	85,346	7,687	71,149
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
Rhode Island	32,218	3,263	164	28,791	17,090	1,143	73	15,875	10,833	6,756
1	15,825	1,714	83	14,028	8,363	574	37	7,752	5,529	3,284
2	16,393	1,549	81	14,763	8,728	568	36	8,123	5,304	3,472
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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