



**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. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

**Table 1.**  
**Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2008**

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 <sup>a</sup>	Spouses <sup>b</sup>	Children <sup>c</sup>	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s <sup>a</sup>	
Louisiana	748,171	386,309	128,161	95,478	52,325	85,898	717,667	415,745	95,194	480,390
1	118,958	68,096	17,900	14,419	7,492	11,051	123,865	78,055	15,758	81,935
2	68,664	34,339	14,016	7,858	3,268	9,183	62,764	35,427	7,604	40,821
3	108,173	49,110	20,424	14,777	9,889	13,973	104,772	54,488	15,260	65,353
4	116,130	64,112	18,834	14,113	6,940	12,131	109,411	66,599	13,416	76,960
5	119,952	61,578	20,349	15,861	8,195	13,969	108,243	62,046	14,528	77,421
6	102,519	53,558	16,937	12,647	6,999	12,378	101,093	59,612	12,984	65,458
7	113,775	55,516	19,701	15,803	9,542	13,213	107,519	59,519	15,642	72,442
All areas <sup>d</sup>	50,898,244	32,273,651	7,426,691	4,541,467	2,524,841	4,131,594	53,666,109	37,207,910	4,908,428	35,818,757

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

- a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- d. 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 2008**

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI <sup>a</sup>	Aged 65 or older
Louisiana	165,777	15,509	1,506	148,762	79,205	3,480	631	75,093	55,829	33,375
1	17,315	1,711	120	15,484	8,010	432	48	7,530	5,990	3,590
2	22,893	1,968	111	20,814	11,955	542	49	11,364	7,024	4,099
3	22,971	1,840	173	20,958	11,302	402	77	10,824	7,797	4,037
4	26,172	2,831	280	23,061	12,283	568	114	11,601	8,833	5,528
5	31,387	3,293	340	27,754	14,123	682	142	13,298	10,887	7,036
6	20,935	1,601	235	19,099	10,194	382	97	9,715	6,508	3,689
7	24,104	2,265	247	21,592	11,338	472	104	10,762	8,790	5,396
<b>All areas<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>7,519,593</b>	<b>1,203,089</b>	<b>70,311</b>	<b>6,246,193</b>	<b>3,880,019</b>	<b>475,824</b>	<b>36,376</b>	<b>3,367,820</b>	<b>2,612,149</b>	<b>2,033,285</b>

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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