



**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>	
Massachusetts	1,094,012	706,674	172,992	84,458	41,946	87,942	1,170,915	821,494	95,648	785,810
1	121,727	74,847	21,720	9,469	4,487	11,204	124,914	84,300	10,331	82,779
2	121,402	73,627	22,363	9,437	4,170	11,805	124,729	83,510	10,223	81,687
3	105,721	67,001	18,037	8,036	3,662	8,985	111,388	76,668	8,929	74,369
4	113,809	74,266	17,664	8,589	4,393	8,897	121,286	85,550	9,697	82,107
5	97,306	61,251	16,417	7,119	3,768	8,751	105,108	72,856	8,061	67,807
6	114,772	78,057	14,702	9,363	4,888	7,762	128,774	93,689	11,061	87,161
7	105,470	72,262	14,066	8,202	4,376	6,564	118,537	86,808	9,722	81,326
8	68,771	39,540	15,869	4,467	2,148	6,747	65,743	42,290	4,369	44,005
9	105,837	68,292	16,203	8,364	3,996	8,982	114,616	80,078	9,648	76,716
10	139,197	97,531	15,951	11,412	6,058	8,245	155,821	115,745	13,606	107,853
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
Massachusetts	182,149	45,740	3,643	132,766	95,073	19,474	1,943	73,656	66,331	49,233
1	20,937	3,260	422	17,255	10,906	1,162	222	9,522	8,072	3,563
2	25,408	3,878	486	21,044	13,769	1,455	259	12,055	9,146	4,339
3	17,718	3,982	341	13,395	9,108	1,574	174	7,361	6,614	4,363
4	17,075	4,621	368	12,086	8,469	1,725	193	6,551	6,967	4,955
5	18,826	4,624	383	13,819	9,906	2,046	198	7,662	6,359	4,941
6	13,016	3,669	250	9,097	6,623	1,631	124	4,868	4,847	3,939
7	12,415	4,121	295	7,999	6,282	1,820	161	4,301	4,523	4,345
8	30,538	10,876	523	19,139	16,606	5,323	296	10,988	10,114	11,513
9	16,150	4,378	332	11,440	8,395	1,892	189	6,314	5,411	4,758
10	10,066	2,331	243	7,492	5,007	847	127	4,033	4,278	2,517
All areas <sup>b</sup>	7,519,593	1,203,089	70,311	6,246,193	3,880,019	475,824	36,376	3,367,820	2,612,149	2,033,285

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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