



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 ^a	Spouses ^b	Children ^c	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^a	
Mississippi	567,786	307,373	116,351	52,857	22,127	69,078	541,975	329,643	49,948	343,920
1	157,852	86,225	34,848	13,235	5,251	18,293	151,697	92,553	12,253	94,415
2	125,251	64,344	27,016	11,856	3,863	18,172	112,495	66,303	10,335	71,957
3	145,205	81,013	27,453	13,967	5,972	16,800	141,599	88,362	13,589	91,345
4	139,478	75,791	27,034	13,799	7,041	15,813	136,184	82,424	13,772	86,203
All areas ^d	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 ^a	Aged 65 or older
Mississippi	122,450	12,377	916	109,157	56,737	2,370	359	54,008	48,030	27,426
1	27,987	3,045	204	24,738	12,594	558	81	11,956	12,121	6,573
2	42,552	4,320	357	37,875	20,261	860	144	19,257	15,930	9,513
3	29,144	3,079	187	25,878	13,350	565	68	12,717	11,395	6,856
4	22,767	1,933	168	20,666	10,532	388	66	10,078	8,584	4,484
All areas^b	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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