



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, 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 with benefits in current-payment status and monthly benefit amount,
December 2003

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)			Number of OASDI beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Wives and husbands	Children	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	
Massachusetts	1,061,843	694,015	138,622	96,365	49,389	83,452	909,314	643,587	87,293	780,657
1	115,153	72,801	16,264	10,756	5,337	9,995	95,227	65,676	9,483	81,894
2	117,707	74,164	17,119	10,789	4,961	10,674	97,730	67,443	9,386	83,188
3	100,707	65,271	13,815	9,063	4,236	8,322	84,848	59,482	8,118	73,175
4	114,143	74,728	14,995	10,143	5,293	8,984	97,197	68,710	9,219	83,864
5	92,760	59,277	13,175	7,910	4,143	8,255	79,732	55,751	7,068	65,759
6	116,216	79,005	12,679	10,976	5,893	7,663	103,700	75,371	10,332	89,226
7	100,649	70,132	10,514	9,167	5,051	5,785	91,565	68,052	8,736	79,782
8	70,052	40,868	13,636	5,519	2,527	7,502	53,488	34,759	4,337	45,643
9	101,866	66,248	13,344	9,486	4,633	8,155	88,056	61,759	8,733	75,221
10	132,590	91,521	13,081	12,556	7,315	8,117	117,766	86,580	11,877	102,905
All areas ^c	47,038,391	29,531,615	5,873,673	4,899,704	2,772,576	3,960,823	39,541,474	27,230,628	4,238,982	33,433,599

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

- a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.
- b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents.
- c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

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 monthly payment amount, December 2003

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Monthly payment amount (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Massachusetts	167,866	44,729	4,033	119,104	75,886	16,122	1,911	57,852	62,595	48,060
1	18,202	3,188	485	14,529	8,113	905	227	6,980	7,316	3,491
2	21,496	3,915	498	17,083	9,996	1,255	237	8,503	7,949	4,288
3	16,100	3,987	337	11,776	7,165	1,318	163	5,683	6,281	4,337
4	17,748	5,524	476	11,748	7,615	1,863	223	5,528	7,329	5,919
5	17,176	4,231	411	12,534	7,905	1,583	191	6,130	5,882	4,541
6	13,058	3,785	315	8,958	5,949	1,393	146	4,409	4,988	4,045
7	10,187	3,563	307	6,317	4,358	1,301	139	2,916	3,961	3,777
8	29,266	9,978	590	18,698	13,979	4,244	301	9,433	9,396	10,609
9	14,980	4,255	328	10,397	6,748	1,547	159	5,041	5,283	4,538
10	9,653	2,303	286	7,064	4,055	708	121	3,224	4,210	2,515
All areas ^b	6,902,364	1,232,778	77,082	5,592,504	3,077,818	424,774	35,646	2,617,398	2,421,362	1,989,737

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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