

*Social Security Benefits and SSI Payments for Centenarians, December 1994 **

As the size of the overall centenarian population in the United States increases, the number of centenarians participating in Social Security Administration programs grows as well. This note offers some statistical information about centenarians receiving Social Security—Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—benefits and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, highlighting data on their sex, type of benefit, and the State in which they reside.

In December 1994, nearly 43 million people were receiving Social Security benefits, and more than 6.4 million were receiving SSI payments.¹ Of the total of these beneficiaries, 40,583 were centenarians, persons who were aged 100 or older.

Table 1 shows these centenarians by type of benefit and sex. The centenarians were divided into three beneficiary categories: those receiving OASDI only (35,679 persons), those receiving SSI only (2,420 persons), and those receiving benefits concurrently from both programs (2,484 persons).

As would be expected with women's

greater longevity, female centenarians greatly outnumbered their male counterparts. Overall, about 6 in 7 centenarians, or 85 percent of the total number, were women; 15 percent were men.

Relatively more women than men received SSI—women made up almost 90 percent of all centenarians receiving SSI only, and 87 percent of those receiving both OASDI and SSI.

Table 2 shows the centenarians by State and sex. More than one-fourth of the centenarians lived in four States: California, Florida, New York, and Texas. Generally, the largest numbers receiving benefits resided in States with the largest populations:

State	Number of centenarians
California	4,043
New York	3,351
Florida	2,350
Texas	2,116
Pennsylvania	1,916
Illinois	1,816
Ohio	1,700
Massachusetts.....	1,424
Michigan.....	1,312
New Jersey.....	1,126

Likewise, States with the smallest numbers of centenarians receiving

OASDI and/or SSI benefits resided in States with the smallest populations:

State	Number of centenarians
District of Columbia	108
Vermont	106
Nevada	101
Delaware	85
Wyoming.....	(1)
Alaska.....	(1)

¹Data not shown to avoid disclosure of information regarding particular individuals.

Note

¹Annual Statistical Supplement, 1995 to the Social Security Bulletin, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1995, tables 5.A1 and 7.A3.

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Table 1. —Number of centenarians receiving OASDI and/or SSI benefits, December 1994

Type of benefit received	Total	Men	Women
Total.....	40,583	6,144	34,439
OASDI only.....	35,679	5,567	30,112
SSI only.....	2,420	264	2,156
OASDI and SSI	2,484	313	2,171

Table 2.—Number of centenarians receiving OASDI and /or SSI benefits, by State and sex, December 1994

State	Total ¹	Men	Women
Total.....	40,459	6,135	34,324
Alabama.....	780	109	671
Alaska.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Arizona.....	470	92	378
Arkansas.....	483	76	407
California.....	4,043	633	3,410
Colorado.....	440	60	380
Connecticut.....	680	94	586
Delaware.....	85	12	73
District of Columbia.....	108	14	94
Florida.....	2,350	454	1,896
Georgia.....	805	83	722
Hawaii.....	144	26	118
Idaho.....	143	17	126
Illinois.....	1,816	249	1,567
Indiana.....	784	115	669
Iowa.....	795	108	687
Kansas.....	618	85	533
Kentucky.....	563	98	465
Louisiana.....	627	88	539
Maine.....	284	41	243
Maryland.....	577	82	495
Massachusetts.....	1,424	168	1,256
Michigan.....	1,312	191	1,121
Minnesota.....	919	146	773
Mississippi.....	559	88	471
Missouri.....	1,011	131	880
Montana.....	158	22	136
Nebraska.....	408	58	350
Nevada.....	101	12	89
New Hampshire.....	190	25	165
New Jersey.....	1,126	173	953
New Mexico.....	177	43	134
New York.....	3,346	467	2,879
North Carolina.....	982	149	833
North Dakota.....	151	30	121
Ohio.....	1,700	229	1,471
Oklahoma.....	554	82	472
Oregon.....	516	74	442
Pennsylvania.....	1,916	282	1,634
Rhode Island.....	193	23	170
South Carolina.....	516	75	441
South Dakota.....	188	34	154
Tennessee.....	743	109	634
Texas.....	2,116	360	1,756
Utah.....	124	26	98
Vermont.....	106	17	89
Virginia.....	820	109	711
Washington.....	780	119	661
West Virginia.....	317	52	265
Wisconsin.....	1,032	151	881
Wyoming.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Outlying areas:			
Puerto Rico.....	436	154	282
Other areas ³ and foreign countries.....	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Totals do not include numbers not shown.

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³ Includes American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands.