

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Nevada

2016



What is SSI?

SSI, or Supplemental Security Income, is a federal program that provides monthly cash payments to people in need. SSI is for people who are 65 or older, as well as blind or disabled people of any age, including children.

To qualify for SSI, you must also have little or no income and few resources. The value of the things you own must be less than \$2,000 if you're single or less than \$3,000 for married couples living together. We don't count the value of your home if you live in it, and, usually, we don't count the value of your car. We may not count the value of certain other resources either, such as a burial plot.

To get SSI, you must also apply for any other government benefits for which you may be eligible. You must live in the United States or Northern Mariana Islands to receive SSI. If you're not a U.S. citizen, but you lawfully reside in the United States, you may still be able to get SSI. For more information, read *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Noncitizens* (Publication No. 05-11051).

The state of Nevada pays an optional state supplement to all SSI recipients who are elderly or blind. The state of Nevada doesn't offer a state supplement to a person with a disability unless he or she is part of an eligible couple with an aged or blind partner or if he or she resides in an institution where medical assistance pays for more than 50 percent of his or her care.

The single payment you get at the beginning of each month includes both the federal SSI payment and your supplement from Nevada.

Medical assistance

If you get SSI payments, you can usually get medical assistance (Medicaid). You must apply for Medicaid at your local county health or human services office.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

If you get SSI, you may be able to get help through the SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. SNAP benefits can help you buy more food without spending more money. Social Security, however, doesn't decide if you qualify for SNAP benefits. If everyone in your household is applying for or getting SSI, you can apply for the SNAP at a Social Security office. If not, you must apply at your local county health or human services office.

Other social services

Other services you may be able to get through your local county health or human services office include:

- Adult placement;
- Child behavior and development;
- Child care;
- Employment services;
- Family counseling;
- Family planning;
- Foster care;
- Health-related services;
- Home-delivered meals;
- Home management;
- Institutional care for children;
- Protective services for adults and children;
- Rehabilitation;
- Transportation; and
- Information and referrals.

For more information, contact your local county health or human services office.

Monthly SSI payment amounts

The table below lists the combined federal and state payment amounts. Not all SSI recipients receive the maximum amount. Your payment may be lower if you have other income.

Category	2016 total monthly payment		
	<i>Independent living arrangements</i>	<i>Living in someone else's household</i>	<i>Domiciliary care</i>
Person			
Aged	\$769.40	\$512.94	\$1,124.00
Blind	\$842.30	\$702.63	\$1,124.00
Couple			
Aged couple	\$1,174.46	\$782.98	\$1,981.00
Aged person and blind spouse	\$1,324.53	\$1,024.13	\$1,981.00
Aged person and disabled spouse	\$1,137.23	\$758.16	\$1,540.50
Blind couple	\$1,474.60	\$1,265.28	\$1,981.00
Blind person and disabled spouse	\$1,287.30	\$999.31	\$1,540.50

Contacting Social Security

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov anytime to apply for benefits, open a **my Social Security** account, find publications, and get answers to frequently asked questions. Or, call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**). We can answer case-specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Generally, you'll have a shorter wait time if you call after Tuesday. We treat all calls confidentially. We also want to make sure you receive accurate and courteous service, so a second Social Security representative monitors some telephone calls. We can provide general information by automated phone service 24 hours a day. And, remember, our website, www.socialsecurity.gov, is available to you anytime and anywhere!