

# Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Hawaii

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 are single or less than \$3,000 if you are a married couple 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 the Northern Mariana Islands to get SSI. If you're not a U.S. citizen, but you are a resident, you still may be able to get SSI. For more information, read *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Noncitizens* (Publication No. 05-11051).

The state of Hawaii pays optional state supplement funds only to those SSI recipients, including children, who are living in some form of foster or domiciliary care. Hawaii determines individual payment amounts for eligible children in domiciliary care. Two distinct levels of payment are made and are based on the type of domiciliary care facility.

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

## Medical assistance

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

- Services for the blind;
- Additional state financial aid; and
- Motor vehicle insurance.

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 get the maximum amount. Your payment may be lower if you have other income.

Category	2016 total monthly payment
<b><i>Independent living status</i></b>	
Eligible person	\$733.00
Eligible couple	\$1,100.00
<b><i>Living in a foster care home</i></b>	
Eligible person	\$1,384.90
Eligible couple	\$2,740.80
<b><i>Living in someone else's household</i></b>	
Eligible person	\$488.67
Eligible couple	\$733.34
<b><i>Private non-medical facility (five people or less)</i></b>	
Eligible person	\$1,384.90
Eligible couple	\$2,740.80
<b><i>Private non-medical facility (more than five people)</i></b>	
Eligible person	\$1,492.90
Eligible couple	\$2,956.80

## Contacting Social Security

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), is available to you anytime and anywhere!