

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the District of Columbia

2017



What is SSI?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 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 still may be able to get SSI. For more information, read *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Noncitizens* (Publication No. 05-11051).

The District of Columbia adds money only to the federal payment of people living in adult foster care homes or Medicaid facilities. People in these living arrangements receive a single payment at the beginning of each month that includes both the federal SSI payment and the supplement from the District of Columbia.

Medical assistance

If you get SSI, you usually can get medical assistance (Medicaid) automatically. If you have questions about Medicaid, contact your local 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. Social Security, however, 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 health or human services office.

Other social services

Individuals who qualify for SSI often are eligible for additional programs and services provided by their local county health or human services office. These other services or benefits may include:

- Information, referral and follow-up services;
- Exploration of service needs; and
- Liaison with service providers.

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

Monthly SSI payment amounts

Not all SSI recipients get the maximum amount. Your payment may be lower if you have other income.

Category	2017 total monthly payment
<i>Independent living status</i>	
Eligible person	\$735.00
Eligible couple	\$1,103.00
<i>Living in someone else's household</i>	
Eligible person	\$490.00
Eligible couple	\$735.34
<i>Medicaid facility</i>	
Eligible person	\$70.00*
Eligible couple	\$140.00*
<i>Adult foster-care home (50 beds or less)</i>	
Eligible person	\$1,375.00
Eligible couple	\$2,739.00
<i>Adult foster-care home (over 50 beds)</i>	
Eligible person	\$1,485.00*
Eligible couple	\$2,959.00*

* These amounts include both federal and state payments combined.

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!