



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determine the amount of benefits received.

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2012

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s and parents	Spouses ^a	Children ^b	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s and parents	
Alaska	84,875	54,559	12,931	5,247	2,824	9,314	92,955	65,483	5,898	55,585
All areas ^c	56,758,185	36,720,492	8,826,591	4,348,486	2,443,212	4,419,404	65,430,104	46,327,075	5,107,327	39,613,754

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data as of December 2012 and U.S. Postal Service geography data as of March 2013; represents the 2010 Census redistricting in effect for the 113th Congress.

- a. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

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 total monthly payments, December 2012

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Alaska	12,944	1,855	87	11,002	6,550	615	37	5,898	4,339	3,132
All areas ^b	8,262,877	1,156,188	67,725	7,038,964	4,598,945	474,662	36,865	4,087,418	2,759,751	2,081,532

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data as of December 2012 and U.S. Postal Service geography data as of March 2013; represents the 2010 Census redistricting in effect for the 113th Congress.

- 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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