

Table 1.
Number of people receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or both, December 2015
(in thousands)

Type of beneficiary	Total	Social Security only	SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI
All beneficiaries	65,132	56,823	5,578	2,732
Aged 65 or older	44,123	41,969	960	1,194
Disabled, under age 65 ^a	14,218	8,063	4,618	1,538
Other ^b	6,791	6,791

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record and Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Social Security beneficiaries who are entitled to a primary and a secondary benefit (dual entitlement) are counted only once in this table. SSI counts include recipients of federal SSI, federally administered state supplementation, or both.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes children receiving SSI based on their own disability.

b. Social Security beneficiaries who are neither aged nor disabled (for example, early retirees, young survivors).

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Table 2.
Social Security benefits, December 2015

Type of beneficiary	Beneficiaries		Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)	Average monthly benefit (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
Total	59,963	100.0	73,642	1,228.12
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance	49,157	82.0	62,595	1,273.36
Retirement benefits	43,073	71.8	55,825	1,296.04
Retired workers	40,089	66.9	53,790	1,341.77
Spouses of retired workers	2,336	3.9	1,612	690.30
Children of retired workers	649	1.1	422	651.00
Survivor benefits	6,084	10.1	6,770	1,112.80
Children of deceased workers	1,893	3.2	1,575	832.14
Widowed mothers and fathers	140	0.2	131	939.94
Nondisabled widow(er)s	3,790	6.3	4,875	1,286.26
Disabled widow(er)s	259	0.4	186	719.11
Parents of deceased workers	1	(L)	1	1,133.46
Disability Insurance	10,806	18.0	11,047	1,022.29
Disabled workers	8,909	14.9	10,386	1,165.79
Spouses of disabled workers	142	0.2	45	318.43
Children of disabled workers	1,755	2.9	616	350.77

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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Table 3.
Supplemental Security Income recipients, December 2015

Age	Recipients		Total payments ^a (millions of dollars)	Average monthly payment ^b (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
All recipients	8,310	100.0	4,722	541.28
Under 18	1,267	15.2	850	643.06
18–64	4,889	58.8	2,933	561.60
65 or older	2,154	25.9	939	435.47

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Includes retroactive payments.

b. Excludes retroactive payments.

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