

# FACT SHEET ON THE OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

## A. BENEFICIARIES IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, December 31, 2011

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries [In thousands]	Monthly rate [In millions]	Average monthly amount
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>55,404</b>	<b>\$62,213</b>	a/
<b>Retired workers and their family members, total</b> .....	<b>38,485</b>	<b>45,486</b>	a/
Retired workers .....	35,599	43,736	\$1,229
Spouses .....	2,291	1,392	607
Children .....	594	358	603
<b>Survivors of deceased workers, total</b> .....	<b>6,305</b>	<b>6,536</b>	a/
Children .....	1,907	1,494	783
Widowed mothers and fathers with child beneficiaries in their care . . .	158	139	884
Aged widow(er)s, and aged parents.	3,990	4,726	1,185
Disabled widow(er)s .....	251	177	704
<b>Disabled workers and their family members, total</b> .....	<b>10,614</b>	<b>10,192</b>	a/
Disabled workers .....	8,576	9,524	1,111
Spouses .....	164	49	299
Children .....	1,874	619	330

a Since the benefit amounts for workers and for the various types of family members and survivors are based on different proportions of the worker's benefit, average monthly amounts for groups of these different kinds of beneficiaries are not meaningful.

## B. SELECTED CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES (INCLUDED ABOVE) IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, December 31, 2011

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries [In thousands]	Monthly rate [In millions]
Disabled beneficiaries (OASDI)—Workers, disabled children aged 18 and over, and disabled widow(er)s .....	9,804	\$10,390
Children (OASDI) .....	4,375	2,471
Student children .....	153	101
Disabled children aged 18 and over .....	977	690
Children under age 18 .....	3,245	1,680
Survivor children and widowed mothers and fathers .....	2,065	1,633
Beneficiaries aged 62 and over (OASDI) .....	43,771	52,098
Beneficiaries aged 65 and over (OASDI) .....	38,292	46,138

## C. AVERAGE MONTHLY FAMILY BENEFITS IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, December 31, 2011

Selected family <sup>a</sup> group	Number of families [In thousands]	Average family benefit	Average number of beneficiaries per family
Retired worker alone. ....	32,921	1,217	1.000
Retired worker and spouse, aged 62 and over .....	2,172	1,995	2.000
Disabled worker, spouse under full retirement age, and 1 or more children .....	72	1,885	3.972
Widowed parent and 2 children .	49	2,505	3.000
Children of deceased worker <sup>b</sup> . .	1,162	1,022	1.321
Aged widow(er) alone. ....	3,806	1,184	1.000

<sup>a</sup> A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account.

<sup>b</sup> In most cases, the family includes a widowed parent whose benefits are withheld due to earnings.

## D. MEASURES OF PROTECTION

### 1. Coverage

About 159 million people will work in OASDI-covered employment in 2012.

About 94 percent of workers in paid employment and self-employment are covered under the OASDI program.

### 2. Benefit receipt among the elderly

As of December 31, 2011, about 89 percent of the population aged 65 and over were receiving benefits.

### 3. Protection for survivors of young workers

About 97 percent of persons aged 20-49 who worked in covered employment in 2011 have acquired survivorship protection for their children under age 18 (and surviving spouses caring for children under age 16).

### 4. Disability protection

About 91 percent of persons aged 21-64 who worked in covered employment in 2011 can count on monthly cash benefits if they suffer a severe and prolonged disability.

## E. OPERATIONS OF OASI AND DI TRUST FUNDS, COMBINED [In billions]

	Calendar year 2011	Fiscal year 2011
<b>Income</b> .....	<b>\$805.1</b>	<b>\$798.7</b>
Payroll tax contributions	564.2	579.1
Reimbursement from general revenue	102.7	80.6
Taxation of benefits	23.8	23.1
Interest and other income	114.4	116.0
<b>Expenditures</b> .....	<b>736.1</b>	<b>730.7</b>
Benefit payments	725.1	719.5
OASI .....	596.2	591.5
DI .....	128.9	128.0
Railroad retirement transfer	4.6	4.6
Administrative expenditures	6.4	6.7
<b>Assets, end of period</b>	<b>2,677.9</b>	<b>2,653.3</b>

Note: Totals may not equal the sums of rounded components.

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