



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status and monthly benefit amount,
December 2003

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)			Number of OASDI beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Wives and husbands	Children	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	
Arkansas	543,669	310,264	91,424	58,671	28,928	54,382	419,307	265,616	45,289	352,335
1	147,981	82,640	25,287	17,135	7,946	14,973	109,746	68,152	12,461	94,724
2	116,134	67,321	19,491	11,418	5,524	12,380	93,269	60,033	9,334	75,282
3	134,469	78,133	23,552	12,833	7,198	12,753	104,642	67,397	10,244	86,926
4	145,085	82,170	23,094	17,285	8,260	14,276	111,650	70,033	13,248	95,403
All areas ^c	47,038,391	29,531,615	5,873,673	4,899,704	2,772,576	3,960,823	39,541,474	27,230,628	4,238,982	33,433,599

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

a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents.

c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

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 monthly payment amount, December 2003

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Monthly payment amount (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Arkansas	86,365	11,158	871	74,336	33,146	1,745	311	31,088	37,327	20,842
1	29,343	4,383	253	24,707	11,315	660	97	10,557	13,333	8,143
2	16,935	1,591	226	15,118	6,652	257	69	6,325	6,511	3,126
3	15,700	1,721	146	13,833	5,969	286	52	5,630	6,883	3,129
4	24,387	3,463	246	20,678	9,209	541	92	8,575	10,600	6,444
All areas ^b	6,902,364	1,232,778	77,082	5,592,504	3,077,818	424,774	35,646	2,617,398	2,421,362	1,989,737

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

- 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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