

Table 2.—Number and average monthly amount of old-age¹ benefits awarded in 1950 under the 1939 and the 1950 amendments by eligibility status, age, and sex of beneficiary

[Based partly on a 20-percent sample]

Age of beneficiary ²	Total		Male beneficiaries		Female beneficiaries	
	Number	Average monthly amount	Number	Average monthly amount	Number	Average monthly amount
Under 1939 amendments						
Total.....	183,223	\$29.03	154,450	\$30.16	28,773	\$22.9
65.....	41,860	30.68	34,981	31.94	6,879	24.24
66.....	37,134	30.40	31,367	31.58	5,767	23.07
67.....	19,664	29.92	16,332	31.18	3,332	23.55
68.....	15,500	29.03	13,013	30.23	2,487	22.72
69.....	12,319	28.62	10,270	29.90	2,049	22.21
70.....	11,259	28.18	9,420	29.38	1,839	21.99
71.....	9,237	27.84	7,795	28.92	1,442	21.97
72.....	7,314	27.07	6,149	28.23	1,165	20.94
73.....	6,200	26.55	5,268	27.56	932	20.86
74.....	5,209	26.34	4,442	27.30	767	20.79
75-79.....	13,555	24.98	11,745	25.69	1,810	20.37
80 and over.....	4,072	25.84	3,668	26.20	404	22.65
Under 1950 amendments						
Total.....	383,908	33.24	289,378	35.32	94,530	26.85
65.....	82,860	39.79	62,273	42.51	20,587	31.57
66.....	62,638	31.73	45,404	33.47	17,234	27.14
67.....	50,763	30.01	36,276	32.17	14,487	24.61
68.....	44,399	28.58	32,388	30.29	12,011	23.95
69.....	33,770	27.91	24,906	29.41	8,864	23.68
70.....	28,361	27.78	21,462	29.08	6,899	23.74
71.....	20,276	27.60	15,496	28.76	4,780	23.85
72.....	14,315	27.87	11,061	28.93	3,254	24.27
73.....	9,479	28.72	7,503	29.71	1,976	24.98
74.....	5,917	31.79	4,748	32.94	1,169	27.15
75-79.....	24,052	48.91	21,320	50.20	2,732	38.79
80 and over.....	7,078	50.52	6,541	51.22	537	42.04
1939 eligibles ³	125,194	49.51	103,968	51.37	21,226	40.44
65.....	35,486	52.79	29,347	54.53	6,139	44.43
66.....	13,337	50.14	10,716	52.13	2,621	42.03
67.....	9,989	48.99	8,015	51.28	1,974	39.65
68.....	7,966	47.85	6,263	50.42	1,703	38.54
69.....	6,224	47.54	4,932	49.89	1,292	38.57
70.....	6,069	46.75	4,859	49.07	1,210	37.45
71.....	5,115	45.49	4,080	48.05	1,035	35.40
72.....	4,046	44.88	3,225	47.17	821	35.89
73.....	3,318	43.62	2,668	45.77	650	34.79
74.....	3,129	41.74	2,500	43.89	629	33.18
75-79.....	23,437	49.45	20,822	50.71	2,615	39.43
80 and over.....	7,078	50.52	6,541	51.22	537	42.04
New eligibles ⁴	258,714	25.36	185,410	26.32	73,304	22.93
65.....	47,374	30.06	32,926	31.80	14,448	26.10
66.....	49,301	26.74	34,688	27.70	14,613	24.47
67.....	40,774	25.37	28,261	26.75	12,513	22.24
68.....	36,433	24.36	26,125	25.47	10,308	21.54
69.....	27,546	23.47	19,974	24.36	7,572	21.14
70.....	22,292	22.62	16,603	23.24	5,689	20.82
71.....	15,161	21.57	11,416	21.87	3,745	20.65
72.....	10,269	21.16	7,836	21.42	2,433	20.35
73.....	6,161	20.70	4,835	20.85	1,326	20.17
74.....	2,788	20.64	2,248	20.76	540	20.14
75 ⁵	615	28.09	498	28.94	117	24.49

¹ Effective Sept. 1, 1950, under the Social Security Act Amendments of 1950, the term "primary insurance benefit" was changed to "old-age insurance benefit."

² Age at birthday in 1950.

³ "1939 eligibles" are persons who had sufficient quarters of coverage to qualify for old-age benefits

under the insured-status provisions in the 1939 amendments.

⁴ "New eligibles" are persons who qualified for old-age benefits solely as a result of the liberalized insured-status provisions in the 1950 amendments.

⁵ Only persons reaching their seventy-fifth birthday during July-December 1950 can qualify as new eligibles.

1939 eligibles who were awarded benefits under the 1950 amendments to \$3.40 less for new eligibles.

Benefits in Current-Payment Status, State Distribution

The number and amount of old-age and survivors insurance monthly benefits in current-payment status at the end of February 1951, classified by type of benefit and by the State of residence of beneficiary, are shown in the accompanying table. Almost 12 percent of the 3.7 million beneficiaries were in New York State, 9 percent were in Pennsylvania, 8 percent in California, and 6 percent in Ohio and in Illinois. Altogether, these five States accounted for 41 percent of all beneficiaries although, according to the 1950 census, they contained slightly less than 35 percent of the total population of the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

At the end of February the Northeastern States had a slightly smaller proportion of the total beneficiaries than before the 1950 amendments were enacted. Apparently, there were proportionately more workers in the Western and Southern States who, because of more limited opportunities for employment covered by the Social Security Act, did not have enough quarters of coverage to be insured under the 1939 amendments but who qualified for benefits because of the liberalization in the insured-status requirements. This trend is evident for all types of benefits but particularly for old-age and wife's benefits. Since the liberalization was applicable only to persons who were living on September 1, 1950, there was a backlog of persons immediately eligible for old-age and wife's benefits, whereas benefits were payable to survivors of newly eligible persons only in event of the worker's death after August 1950.

The average old-age monthly benefit being paid at the end of February ranged from \$48.40 in Connecticut to \$33.50 in Mississippi; the national average was \$43.30. The average bene-

Table 13.—Aid to dependent children: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, April 1951¹

[Exclusive of vendor payments for medical care and cases receiving only such payments]

State	Number of families	Number of recipients		Payments to recipients			Percentage change from—			
		Total ²	Children	Total amount	Average per—		March 1951 in—		April 1950 in—	
					Family	Recipient	Number of families	Amount	Number of families	Amount
Total	634,175	³ 2,181,614	1,624,673	\$47,387,245	\$74.72	³ \$21.72	-0.9	-1.3	-1.2	+2.2
Total, 50 States ⁴	634,149	³ 2,181,523	1,624,608	47,386,286	74.72	³ 21.72	- .9	-1.3	-1.2	+2.2
Alabama	18,898	64,892	52,211	643,903	34.07	9.92	- .2	+1.2	+11.2	+15.9
Alaska	665	2,187	1,584	46,491	69.91	21.26	+ .8	+1.0	+5.6	+34.0
Arizona	4,111	15,482	11,592	311,100	75.68	20.09	-3.8	-19.1	+6.2	-7.3
Arkansas	16,500	57,290	43,801	575,910	34.90	10.05	-10.2	-24.9	+3.7	-14.0
California	57,139	177,182	132,041	6,338,700	110.93	35.78	+ .4	+ .5	+25.8	+25.2
Colorado	5,624	20,603	15,464	517,534	92.02	25.12	+ .2	- .4	-1.5	+7.1
Connecticut	5,577	18,166	13,093	602,311	108.00	33.16	- .3	+ .2	+14.5	+7.7
Delaware	704	2,727	2,083	51,001	72.44	18.70	+1.7	+1.7	+8.1	+8.4
District of Columbia	2,160	8,601	6,582	210,681	97.54	24.49	0	+6.8	+4.8	+25.7
Florida	29,001	94,984	71,092	1,449,597	49.98	15.26	- .1	+ .1	+9.2	+9.1
Georgia	18,788	61,570	47,606	870,332	46.32	14.14	+2.2	+2.0	+30.5	+32.3
Hawaii	3,563	13,465	10,368	311,592	87.45	23.14	-1.5	-2.6	-4.6	-5.4
Idaho	2,503	8,586	6,286	261,021	104.28	30.40	- .8	-1.0	-2.3	+4.1
Illinois	23,472	82,412	60,958	2,304,912	98.20	27.97	- .7	- .5	-7.0	+ .7
Indiana	10,654	34,952	25,745	696,811	65.40	19.94	-1.7	-2.7	-6.5	-7.4
Iowa	5,282	18,534	13,796	⁵ 515,856	97.66	27.83	+ .9	+1.1	+2.2	+28.5
Kansas	5,068	17,707	13,282	414,813	82.01	23.43	-1.4	-1.4	-10.7	-13.1
Kentucky	23,918	83,693	61,423	894,139	37.38	10.68	- .1	(⁶)	+16.3	+14.8
Louisiana	25,022	89,524	66,084	1,237,787	49.47	13.83	-3.2	-3.1	-18.2	-30.9
Maine	4,567	15,955	11,635	339,915	74.43	21.30	+ .3	(⁷)	+17.8	+34.4
Maryland	6,318	24,313	18,472	506,844	80.22	20.85	- .8	+ .2	-3.3	-1.0
Massachusetts	13,435	44,417	32,554	1,478,972	110.08	33.30	+ .1	- .8	+ .5	-3.1
Michigan	25,554	82,530	58,667	2,324,808	90.98	28.17	- .2	+1.2	-8.6	-6.4
Minnesota	7,978	26,888	20,313	724,897	90.86	26.96	+ .8	+ .6	(⁷)	- .9
Mississippi	10,725	³ 40,176	30,738	200,780	18.72	⁸ 5.00	(⁶)	+ .5	-2.6	-32.4
Missouri	24,341	82,304	60,299	1,265,905	52.01	15.38	- .5	- .5	-6.1	-7.3
Montana	2,477	8,594	6,318	214,016	86.40	24.90	+ .5	+ .8	-2.7	+ .6
Nebraska	3,493	11,254	8,347	285,143	81.63	25.34	- .1	- .3	-6.0	-8.0
Nevada	<i>86</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>959</i>	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
New Hampshire	1,647	5,582	4,066	172,611	104.80	30.92	- .7	-1.1	+ .9	+16.9
New Jersey	5,235	17,612	13,295	457,590	87.41	25.98	-1.1	-7.1	-7.2	-6.9
New Mexico	5,554	19,229	14,560	332,436	59.86	17.29	+ .6	+ .5	+6.2	+21.5
New York	54,800	183,117	130,406	5,973,044	109.00	32.62	-1.3	-2.0	-7.8	-1.6
North Carolina	16,420	³ 59,893	45,936	740,492	45.10	³ 12.36	+ .7	+1.2	+10.2	+14.5
North Dakota	1,875	6,778	5,112	194,684	103.83	28.72	- .3	-1.2	+1.4	+1.1
Ohio ⁹	14,871	54,170	40,552	1,147,201	77.14	21.18	+ .1	+ .5	+3.7	+29.3
Oklahoma	21,896	73,255	55,654	1,540,154	70.34	21.02	+ .2	(⁷)	-5.6	+49.3
Oregon	4,262	14,018	10,467	449,646	105.50	32.08	+1.4	+ .7	+13.9	+14.7
Pennsylvania	42,436	151,620	111,958	3,714,098	87.52	24.51	-3.6	-5.1	-23.4	-24.0
Rhode Island	3,381	11,330	8,124	297,758	88.07	26.28	-1.2	-1.7	-11.8	-11.7
South Carolina	6,684	25,022	19,319	260,997	39.05	10.43	- .2	- .4	-23.6	-19.0
South Dakota	2,898	8,502	6,337	179,442	69.07	21.11	+ .1	+1.3	+12.8	+24.4
Tennessee	23,774	84,765	63,642	1,133,207	47.67	13.37	-1.2	-1.3	-2.3	-4.1
Texas	19,554	74,917	55,638	849,192	43.43	11.34	+ .5	+ .7	+5.6	+2.0
Utah	3,207	11,177	8,258	341,123	106.37	30.52	-2.6	+7.2	-10.7	+13.5
Vermont	1,032	3,592	2,792	55,381	53.66	15.42	- .6	- .2	+ .7	+ .4
Virginia	8,523	31,714	24,037	433,583	50.87	13.67	- .7	+ .8	+6.7	+15.6
Washington	11,351	37,414	26,946	1,470,004	129.50	39.29	- .3	-1.0	-9.8	+15.9
West Virginia	17,837	65,919	50,757	1,038,889	58.24	15.76	-1.1	-1.2	-4.7	+18.7
Wisconsin	9,043	30,710	22,612	944,418	104.44	30.75	+ .4	+1.0	-3.5	+1.8
Wyoming	642	2,299	1,706	64,565	100.57	28.08	0	+ .1	+9.7	+13.3
Puerto Rico ¹⁰	11,458	36,386	27,149	97,402	8.50	2.68	+ .5	+1.5	-----	-----

¹ For definition of terms see the *Bulletin*, January 1951, p. 21. Figures in italics represent program administered without Federal participation. Data exclude programs in Florida, Kentucky, and Nebraska administered without Federal participation concurrently with programs under the Social Security Act. Totals exclude Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, for which April data are not available. All data subject to revision.

² Includes as recipients the children and 1 parent or other adult relative in families in which the requirements of at least 1 such adult were considered in determining the amount of assistance.

³ Number of adults included in total number of recipients is estimated.

⁴ States with plans approved by the Social Security Administration.

⁵ Excludes cost of medical care, for which payments are made to recipients quarterly.

⁶ Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

⁷ Increase of less than 0.05 percent.

⁸ Average payment not computed on base of less than 50 families; percentage change, on less than 100 families.

⁹ In addition to these payments from aid to dependent children funds, supplemental payments of \$100,662 from general assistance funds were made to 2,927 families.

¹⁰ Represents data for March 1951; not included in totals.

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 covered employment in the wage histories of persons in these areas, which

tend to reduce the average monthly wages from which the benefits were computed. To a lesser extent, the averages reflected the prevailing wage

rates in the different regions. The same general pattern is also evident with respect to the averages for the other types of benefits.