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## Preface

Since 1974, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has provided monthly payments for blind and disabled children under age 18. Certain provisions are used to determine a child's eligibility and payment amount that differ from those applicable to adults. For children living in the same household with one or more parents, the parents' income and resources must be considered, or "deemed," in determining the child's eligibility and payment amount. This report provides data on

- applications by and awards to blind and disabled children;
- SSI payments, income, demographic characteristics, geographic distribution, and disability diagnosis groups of SSI child recipients; and
- type, amounts, and deeming status of parental income.

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## Summary and Introduction

In this report, children are defined as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients under age 18. All average SSI payment amounts are based on the amount received in the month of the report, rather than on the amount due in the following month.

In December 2004, more than 993,000 blind and disabled children were receiving SSI payments. They made up 14.2 percent of the almost 7 million SSI recipients. The data reflect an increase of almost 34,000 child recipients since December 2003.

To be eligible for SSI payments as a child, an individual must be under age 18 and unmarried and must meet the applicable SSI income, resource, and diagnostic criteria.

The tables present a "snapshot" of selected program and demographic characteristics of children who receive SSI payments. Table 1 is based on 100 percent data. Tables 2–16 are based on 10 percent sample files. The source record for all of the files is the Supplemental Security Record (SSR).

### Applications and Awards

In calendar year 2004, the most recent year for which complete data are available, SSA received more than 455,000 SSI applications for children. This represents 19 percent of the more than 2.4 million SSI applications received during that period.

More than 182,000 children were awarded SSI payments in calendar year 2004. This was more than 21 percent of the 856,000 persons awarded SSI in that period.

Historically, the percentages of both applications and awards for children have gradually increased. Both rates rose rapidly in the early to mid-1990s, after the *Zebley v. Sullivan* decision. They dropped off somewhat after welfare reform legislation was enacted in 1996. The number of applications for children has continued to increase since then, but their percentage share of all applications has gradually decreased. Both the number and percentage of awards for children have increased since welfare reform, with the exception of a slight decrease in their percentage of all applications in 2004.

### Payments

The average SSI payment to children in December 2004 was \$501. This amount includes federally admin-

istered state supplementation, where applicable, but does not include any retroactive payments.

The states with the largest numbers of children receiving SSI were California, Florida, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and North Carolina. Together they accounted for 53 percent of all child recipients.

Sixty-three percent of the children received an SSI payment of \$564 in December—the maximum monthly amount of federal SSI payable in 2004 to persons with no countable income.

### Demographic Characteristics

#### Age

In December 2004, 16 percent of the children receiving SSI were younger than 5 years old. The remaining 84 percent were fairly evenly distributed by age.

#### Sex

Child recipients are more likely to be boys than girls, by about three to two. This is generally the same gender pattern found among adult disabled recipients.

### Living Arrangements

Eighty-two percent of the children lived with their parent(s). Of those with other living arrangements, 13 percent were identified as living in their own household for purposes of determining payments. For the most part, these children lived with other relatives; in hospitals, nursing homes, residential schools, and foster care; or independently. Less than 2 percent were patients in a medical facility where more than half of the cost of their care is covered by the Medicaid program.

### Citizenship

Nearly all (99 percent) of the children were U.S. citizens, either by birth or naturalization.

### Diagnosis

More than 65 percent were disabled because of a mental disorder, and the largest proportion of this group (22 percent) were mentally retarded. The only other sizable diagnostic category was diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (9 percent), which

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included all of the more than 6,900 blind children on SSI in December 2004.

The incidence of mental retardation as a primary diagnosis increased with age, from 3 percent of those under age 3 to 34 percent of those aged 13–17. A similar pattern appeared among those under age 18 with other mental disorders.

The only diagnostic categories with a significant difference between sexes were other mental disorders—49 percent of the males versus 33 percent of the females, and nervous systems and sense organs—12 percent of the females versus 8 percent of the males. There was no substantial variation between sexes in the other diagnostic categories.

### **Adult Recipients Who First Became Eligible for SSI as Children**

In addition to the more than 993,000 recipients who are currently considered as children for program purposes, the SSI rolls in December 2004 included almost 643,000 adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI payments before age 18. Twenty-four percent of these recipients first became eligible during the 1974–1980 period and thus have been receiving SSI for much of their lives.

### **Income**

About 28 percent had income in December 2004, and most of them had only unearned income. The most frequent types of cash unearned income were Social Security benefits (7 percent) or support payments from an absent parent (13 percent). Another 1 percent were receiving income based on need (most commonly from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, formerly known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or AFDC), and 8 percent had some type of in-kind income that was considered for SSI purposes. About 72 percent of the children had no income reported on their record.

### **Parents in the Household**

Almost two-thirds of the children (65 percent) were living with one parent, and 22 percent lived with two parents. Deeming of income from the parent(s) to the child recipient applies to these children. For the 13 percent with no parent in the household, parent-to-child deeming does not apply, and information about parents is not part of the SSI record.

### **One-Parent Household**

Of the 65 percent of SSI recipient children who lived with only one parent, nearly all (95 percent) lived with their mother. Only 5 percent lived with their father.

For 46 percent of the children in a one-parent household, that parent had no reported income (the SSI payment is not considered as income in this analysis). Over one-third of the children (34 percent) lived with a parent who had earned income, and 24 percent lived with a parent who had unearned income. Mother-headed households showed about the same distribution, but father-headed homes were more likely to have earnings.

Even in households with income, the amounts were small. Twenty-two percent of the children were in homes with income under \$200 in December 2004. Only 60 percent of them had income of \$600 or more in that month. Children living with a father were more likely to have higher family income.

### **Two-Parent Household**

The 22 percent of SSI children who lived with two parents were relatively better off economically than those living with only one parent. Eighteen percent of the former had parents with no reported income, compared with 46 percent of those living with one parent. Also, for 60 percent of children in two-parent households, the parents had income of \$1,000 per month or more, compared with 22 percent of children in one-parent households.

Mothers in two-parent households were less likely to have income than were single mothers. Sixty-five percent of mothers in two-parent households had no income, compared with 46 percent of single mothers.

### **Parental Income**

Over half of all SSI children (54 percent) lived in a household where the parent(s) received some type of income, which averaged \$1,144 in December. About 37 percent of the children had one or both parents with earnings, averaging \$1,461; 21 percent had some type of unearned income, averaging \$346. The most common type of unearned income was public income-maintenance payments. Such payments include TANF payments, Department of Veterans Affairs payments based on need, and payments from other government programs.

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## Parent-to-Child Deeming

In households where the parent(s) of SSI children receive income, that income must be considered in determining the child's payment amount. This process is called deeming. Certain types of parental income are excluded from deeming (see 20 CFR 416.1161(a)). This includes public income-maintenance payments and any parental income used to determine the amount of those payments. In addition, allocations and exclusions reduce the amount used in the child's payment computation.

About 62 percent of the children subject to deeming had one or more parents with reported income in December. After all exclusions and allocations were applied, deemed income affected the payment of only 26 percent of these children. Children living with two parents (32 percent) were more likely to have their payment affected by deemed income than were children living with one parent (23 percent).

**Table 1.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of recipients of federally administered SSI payments, by age,**  
**December 1974–2004**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64 <sup>a</sup>		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
1974	3,996,064	<sup>b</sup> 70,900	1.8	1,503,155	37.6	2,422,009	60.6
1975	4,314,275	107,026	2.5	1,699,394	39.4	2,507,855	58.1
1976	4,235,939	125,412	3.0	1,713,594	40.5	2,396,933	56.6
1977	4,237,692	147,355	3.5	1,736,879	41.0	2,353,458	55.5
1978	4,216,925	165,899	3.9	1,747,126	41.4	2,303,900	54.6
1979	4,149,575	177,306	4.3	1,726,553	41.6	2,245,716	54.1
1980	4,142,017	190,394	4.6	1,730,847	41.8	2,220,776	53.6
1981	4,018,875	194,890	4.8	1,702,895	42.4	2,121,090	52.8
1982	3,857,590	191,570	5.0	1,655,279	42.9	2,010,741	52.1
1983	3,901,497	198,323	5.1	1,699,774	43.6	2,003,400	51.3
1984	4,029,333	211,587	5.3	1,780,459	44.2	2,037,287	50.6
1985	4,138,021	227,384	5.5	1,879,168	45.4	2,031,469	49.1
1986	4,269,184	241,198	5.6	2,010,458	47.1	2,017,528	47.3
1987	4,384,999	250,902	5.7	2,118,710	48.3	2,015,387	46.0
1988	4,463,869	255,135	5.7	2,202,714	49.3	2,006,020	44.9
1989	4,593,059	264,890	5.8	2,301,926	50.1	2,026,243	44.1
1990	4,817,127	308,589	6.4	2,449,897	50.9	2,058,641	42.7
1991	5,118,470	397,162	7.8	2,641,524	51.6	2,079,784	40.6
1992	5,566,189	556,470	10.0	2,910,016	52.3	2,099,703	37.7
1993	5,984,330	722,678	12.1	3,148,413	52.6	2,113,239	35.3
1994	6,295,786	841,474	13.4	3,335,255	53.0	2,119,057	33.7
1995	6,514,134	917,048	14.1	3,482,256	53.5	2,114,830	32.5
1996	6,613,718	955,174	14.4	3,568,393	54.0	2,090,151	31.6
1997	6,494,985	879,828	13.5	3,561,625	54.8	2,053,532	31.6
1998	6,566,069	887,066	13.5	3,646,020	55.5	2,032,983	31.0
1999	6,556,634	847,063	12.9	3,690,994	56.3	2,018,577	30.8
2000	6,601,686	846,784	12.8	3,744,038	56.7	2,010,864	30.5
2001	6,688,489	881,836	13.2	3,811,494	57.0	1,995,159	29.8
2002	6,787,857	914,821	13.5	3,877,752	57.1	1,995,284	29.4
2003	6,902,364	959,379	13.9	3,953,248	57.3	1,989,737	28.8
2004	6,987,845	993,127	14.2	4,017,108	57.5	1,977,610	28.3

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

a. Includes students aged 18–21, who are considered children for program purposes.

b. In December 1974, includes children aged 18–21.

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**Table 2.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications received, by age, 1973–2004**

Year	All ages <sup>a</sup>	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	54,526,950	7,619,870	14.0	37,306,690	68.4	9,600,390	17.6
State conversions <sup>b</sup>	3,406,600	3,650	0.1	1,424,010	41.8	1,978,940	58.1
Federal applications							
1973	284,930	5,030	1.8	82,820	29.1	197,080	69.2
1974	2,060,590	124,300	6.0	1,096,130	53.2	840,160	40.8
1975	1,467,960	100,030	6.8	976,840	66.5	391,090	26.6
1976	1,212,810	84,360	7.0	866,720	71.5	261,730	21.6
1977	1,272,360	95,610	7.5	904,150	71.1	272,600	21.4
1978	1,268,170	99,460	7.8	905,340	71.4	263,370	20.8
1979	1,325,270	108,000	8.1	950,980	71.8	266,290	20.1
1980	1,410,080	113,200	8.0	1,016,750	72.1	280,130	19.9
1981	1,149,290	95,010	8.3	863,670	75.1	190,610	16.6
1982	1,016,080	94,680	9.3	775,240	76.3	146,160	14.4
1983	1,132,220	101,560	9.0	832,540	73.5	198,120	17.5
1984	1,264,480	104,860	8.3	866,420	68.5	293,200	23.2
1985	1,401,400	120,640	8.6	1,047,930	74.8	232,830	16.6
1986	1,465,970	125,270	8.5	1,099,220	75.0	241,480	16.5
1987	1,433,340	124,910	8.7	1,068,890	74.6	239,540	16.7
1988	1,360,870	125,280	9.2	1,008,200	74.1	227,390	16.7
1989	1,392,660	132,080	9.5	1,016,430	73.0	244,150	17.5
1990	1,550,990	163,610	10.5	1,136,160	73.3	251,220	16.2
1991	1,808,690	247,460	13.7	1,315,160	72.7	246,070	13.6
1992	2,086,820	380,350	18.2	1,460,520	70.0	245,950	11.8
1993	2,308,770	503,800	21.8	1,567,730	67.9	237,240	10.3
1994	2,256,640	541,150	24.0	1,512,310	67.0	203,180	9.0
1995	2,062,590	502,940	24.4	1,380,090	66.9	179,560	8.7
1996	1,915,520	462,710	24.2	1,285,630	67.1	167,180	8.7
1997	1,594,630	332,940	20.9	1,130,410	70.9	131,280	8.2
1998	1,626,210	337,300	20.7	1,141,180	70.2	147,730	9.1
1999	1,658,400	350,070	21.1	1,148,740	69.3	159,590	9.6
2000	1,742,630	358,800	20.6	1,224,540	70.3	159,290	9.1
2001	1,859,990	376,170	20.2	1,323,020	71.1	160,800	8.6
2002	2,084,730	413,330	19.8	1,492,740	71.6	178,660	8.6
2003	2,230,540	436,230	19.6	1,616,440	72.5	177,870	8.0
2004	2,414,720	455,080	18.8	1,769,740	73.3	189,900	7.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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**Table 3.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI awards, by age, 1974–2004**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	25,538,750	3,183,440	12.5	14,831,510	58.1	7,523,800	29.5
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,158,410	2,620	0.1	1,305,060	41.3	1,850,730	58.6
Federal applications							
1974	1,329,870	66,880	5.0	491,170	36.9	771,820	58.0
1975	927,800	62,880	6.8	508,950	54.9	355,970	38.4
1976	674,580	45,030	6.7	403,350	59.8	226,200	33.5
1977	643,480	50,970	7.9	375,950	58.4	216,560	33.7
1978	566,190	47,050	8.3	323,170	57.1	195,970	34.6
1979	517,010	45,810	8.9	292,380	56.6	178,820	34.6
1980	526,790	46,260	8.8	293,740	55.8	186,790	35.5
1981	411,510	39,050	9.5	248,340	60.3	124,120	30.2
1982	342,680	35,670	10.4	202,590	59.1	104,420	30.5
1983	458,610	42,110	9.2	262,660	57.3	153,840	33.5
1984	586,670	45,740	7.8	322,390	55.0	218,540	37.3
1985	527,800	46,590	8.8	324,070	61.4	157,140	29.8
1986	603,580	51,020	8.5	391,600	64.9	160,960	26.7
1987	589,440	48,480	8.2	373,320	63.3	167,640	28.4
1988	578,370	47,560	8.2	361,070	62.4	169,740	29.3
1989	629,460	51,520	8.2	388,120	61.7	189,820	30.2
1990	718,310	76,070	10.6	446,940	62.2	195,300	27.2
1991	822,890	126,190	15.3	504,860	61.4	191,840	23.3
1992	1,049,260	221,080	21.1	636,300	60.6	191,880	18.3
1993	1,054,170	236,220	22.4	630,030	59.8	187,920	17.8
1994	944,830	203,190	21.5	580,640	61.5	161,000	17.0
1995	893,460	177,550	19.9	571,080	63.9	144,830	16.2
1996	797,970	144,270	18.1	526,690	66.0	127,010	15.9
1997	673,340	116,280	17.3	461,260	68.5	95,800	14.2
1998	739,410	135,600	18.3	489,240	66.2	114,570	15.5
1999	757,270	139,400	18.4	493,960	65.2	123,910	16.4
2000	747,010	144,540	19.3	483,020	64.7	119,450	16.0
2001	770,340	156,900	20.4	502,590	65.2	110,850	14.4
2002	818,050	169,130	20.7	533,470	65.2	115,450	14.1
2003	824,000	179,590	21.8	537,420	65.2	106,990	13.0
2004	856,190	182,190	21.3	566,080	66.1	107,920	12.6

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons who were converted in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs to the SSI program.

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**Table 4.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications and awards for children,**  
**by selected characteristics, 2004**

Characteristic	Applications		Awards	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	455,080	100.0	182,190	100.0
Age				
Under 5	148,800	32.7	71,150	39.1
5–12	214,580	47.2	77,800	42.7
13–17	91,700	20.2	33,240	18.2
Sex				
Male	287,220	63.1	119,120	65.4
Female	167,860	36.9	63,070	34.6
Citizenship status				
Citizen	452,920	99.5	181,510	99.6
Noncitizen	2,160	0.5	680	0.4
Living arrangements <sup>a</sup>				
Own household	...	...	19,250	10.6
Another's household	...	...	10,090	5.5
Parent's household	...	...	147,490	81.0
Medicaid institution	...	...	5,360	2.9
Diagnostic group <sup>a</sup>				
Congenital anomalies	...	...	7,420	4.1
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	...	...	970	0.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	...	...	210	0.1
Injuries	...	...	1,070	0.6
Mental disorders				
Retardation	...	...	23,830	13.1
Other	...	...	96,720	53.1
Neoplasms	...	...	3,010	1.7
Diseases of the—				
Blood and blood-forming organs	...	...	1,420	0.8
Circulatory system	...	...	1,050	0.6
Digestive system	...	...	1,260	0.7
Genitourinary system	...	...	590	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	...	...	1,230	0.7
Nervous system and sense organs	...	...	10,950	6.0
Respiratory system	...	...	4,170	2.3
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	...	...	250	0.1
Other	...	...	24,360	13.4
Unknown	...	...	3,680	2.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Determined at award.

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**Table 5.**  
**Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment,**  
**by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2004**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
All areas	992,690	501.38
Boston	34,210	512.97
Connecticut	6,350	483.71
Maine	3,330	476.17
Massachusetts	17,270	528.16
New Hampshire	1,780	438.39
Rhode Island	3,950	553.79
Vermont	1,530	524.42
New York	90,110	514.37
New Jersey	20,840	496.89
New York	69,270	519.63
Philadelphia	107,320	495.23
Delaware	3,250	470.44
District of Columbia	4,650	494.13
Maryland	14,700	474.60
Pennsylvania	54,720	511.69
Virginia	21,510	474.09
West Virginia	8,490	488.51
Atlanta	261,400	485.24
Alabama	26,800	496.19
Florida	79,480	483.65
Georgia	30,800	488.02
Kentucky	26,360	494.42
Mississippi	21,590	492.43
North Carolina	35,440	469.33
South Carolina	18,430	472.32
Tennessee	22,500	492.00
Chicago	164,970	492.01
Illinois	43,110	500.15
Indiana	19,780	482.34
Michigan	35,870	495.19
Minnesota	9,850	476.89
Ohio	40,580	493.54
Wisconsin	15,780	480.22
Dallas	140,180	487.90
Arkansas	16,340	483.63
Louisiana	30,660	501.74
New Mexico	7,040	497.25
Oklahoma	12,140	487.33
Texas	74,000	482.31
Kansas City	35,000	477.88
Iowa	6,480	455.60
Kansas	6,530	474.94
Missouri	18,700	487.91
Nebraska	3,290	470.60

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**Table 5.**  
**Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment,**  
**by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2004—Continued**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
Denver	15,670	457.08
Colorado	6,710	458.26
Montana	1,810	481.24
North Dakota	930	438.82
South Dakota	1,670	469.22
Utah	3,710	442.70
Wyoming	840	455.31
San Francisco	117,890	578.44
Arizona	15,560	493.36
California	95,020	600.04
Hawaii	1,540	472.96
Nevada	5,520	478.18
Northern Mariana Islands	250	529.32
Seattle	25,940	469.82
Alaska	1,080	454.01
Idaho	3,740	464.25
Oregon	7,490	468.26
Washington	13,630	473.46

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: The data in this table represent recipients who received SSI payments in December 2004. These numbers differ from those in Table 1, which is based on universe counts.

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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**Table 6.**  
**Percentage distribution of children receiving federal SSI payments, by monthly payment, December 2004**

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	992,690
Percent	100.0
None <sup>a</sup>	0.3
Under 50	2.1
50–99	1.0
100–199	2.8
200–299	3.9
300–399	9.7
400–499	9.9
500–563	7.3
564	62.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons receiving only a federally administered state supplementary payment on December 1, 2004.

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**Table 7.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,**  
**by selected characteristics, December 2004**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	992,690	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	17,680	1.8
1	27,170	2.7
2	31,330	3.2
3	37,550	3.8
4	43,870	4.4
5	45,860	4.6
6	51,560	5.2
7	52,790	5.3
8	54,760	5.5
9	59,000	5.9
10	65,640	6.6
11	69,150	7.0
12	73,180	7.4
13	76,390	7.7
14	76,410	7.7
15	74,400	7.5
16	71,050	7.2
17	64,900	6.5
Sex		
Male	645,180	65.0
Female	347,510	35.0
Citizenship status		
Citizen	989,120	99.6
Noncitizen	3,570	0.4
Living arrangements		
Own household	132,000	13.3
Another's household	33,210	3.3
Parent's household	814,180	82.0
Medicaid institution	13,300	1.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 8.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,**  
**by diagnostic group and age, December 2004**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3-5	6-12	13-17
<b>Number</b>					
All recipients under age 18	992,690	76,180	127,280	426,080	363,150
Congenital anomalies	48,130	11,710	10,830	17,310	8,280
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,080	680	980	2,380	2,040
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,610	80	170	1,250	1,110
Injuries	5,050	430	790	2,090	1,740
Mental disorders					
Retardation	216,110	1,920	10,090	82,340	121,760
Other	431,200	6,790	48,380	214,470	161,560
Neoplasms	9,700	990	2,100	4,360	2,250
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,250	760	1,880	5,400	4,210
Circulatory system	5,040	1,230	980	1,840	990
Digestive system	5,130	1,790	1,410	1,230	700
Genitourinary system	2,660	330	370	970	990
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,700	560	940	2,890	3,310
Nervous system and sense organs	91,140	6,100	14,440	40,180	30,420
Respiratory system	26,040	3,690	7,010	10,440	4,900
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,030	120	240	450	220
Other	88,560	35,550	21,990	23,690	7,330
Unknown	34,260	3,450	4,680	14,790	11,340
<b>Percent</b>					
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	4.8	15.4	8.5	4.1	2.3
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Injuries	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Mental disorders					
Retardation	21.8	2.5	7.9	19.3	33.5
Other	43.4	8.9	38.0	50.3	44.5
Neoplasms	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.0	0.6
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.2
Circulatory system	0.5	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.3
Digestive system	0.5	2.3	1.1	0.3	0.2
Genitourinary system	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9
Nervous system and sense organs	9.2	8.0	11.3	9.4	8.4
Respiratory system	2.6	4.8	5.5	2.5	1.3
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other	8.9	46.7	17.3	5.6	2.0
Unknown	3.5	4.5	3.7	3.5	3.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 9.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,**  
**by diagnostic group and sex, December 2004**

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	992,690	100.0	645,180	100.0	347,510	100.0
Congenital anomalies	48,130	4.8	25,830	4.0	22,300	6.4
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,080	0.6	2,970	0.5	3,110	0.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,610	0.3	1,340	0.2	1,270	0.4
Injuries	5,050	0.5	2,960	0.5	2,090	0.6
Mental disorders						
Retardation	216,110	21.8	133,520	20.7	82,590	23.8
Other	431,200	43.4	317,700	49.2	113,500	32.7
Neoplasms	9,700	1.0	5,290	0.8	4,410	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,250	1.2	6,990	1.1	5,260	1.5
Circulatory system	5,040	0.5	2,620	0.4	2,420	0.7
Digestive system	5,130	0.5	2,860	0.4	2,270	0.7
Genitourinary system	2,660	0.3	1,500	0.2	1,160	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,700	0.8	3,640	0.6	4,060	1.2
Nervous system and sense organs	91,140	9.2	51,040	7.9	40,100	11.5
Respiratory system	26,040	2.6	16,540	2.6	9,500	2.7
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,030	0.1	560	0.1	470	0.1
Other	88,560	8.9	48,550	7.5	40,010	11.5
Unknown	34,260	3.5	21,270	3.3	12,990	3.7

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent data.

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**Table 10.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18,**  
**by year of first eligibility and age in December 2004**

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2004			
		18–21	22–29	30–39	40 or older <sup>a</sup>
Total					
Number	642,960	197,780	247,040	135,590	62,550
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974–1976	11.6	...	0.3	23.9	65.7
1977–1980	12.4	...	7.8	29.9	31.4
1981–1984	11.5	1.9	15.7	21.5	3.0
1985–1989	16.9	19.0	18.7	18.5	...
1990–1994	31.1	41.0	44.9	6.1	...
1995–1999	12.0	23.9	12.2	...	...
2000–2004	4.5	14.2	0.3	...	...

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Those under age 18 in 1974 would be no older than 48 in 2004.

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**Table 11.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments**  
**and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2004**

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	992,690	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income <sup>a</sup>	716,210	72.1	...
With income <sup>b</sup>	276,480	27.9	207
Earned income only	1,910	0.2	363
Unearned income only	273,540	27.6	204
Both earned and unearned income	1,030	0.1	509
With unearned income <sup>c</sup>	274,570	27.7	204
Social Security	70,230	7.1	196
Veterans'	1,360	0.1	87
Income based on need	10,050	1.0	324
Support from absent parents	125,260	12.6	200
Asset income	14,010	1.4	1
Other	5,010	0.5	531
In-kind income	74,360	7.5	152

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The percentage of children receiving the full federal benefit rate, as shown in Table 6, is smaller than the percentage of those with no income, as shown here, because of the effect of parental deemed income in the payment computation.
- b. Does not include income deemed from parents in the household.
- c. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 12.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments,**  
**by number of parents in the household, December 2004**

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	992,690	100.0
No parents <sup>a</sup>	125,030	12.6
One parent	647,180	65.2
Two parents	220,480	22.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: The total of children with one or two parents in the household differs slightly from the number of children living in a parent's household in Table 7. This is because the data in Table 7 represent only households in which a parent is the head of the household, whereas the data in this table include children living with parents who are not the head of the household.

- a. Children with no parents in the household reside independently, with other relatives or nonrelatives, or in institutions or foster care. Deeming does not apply in these situations.

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**Table 13.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2004**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
			Mother only		Father only	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	647,180	100.0	612,510	100.0	34,670	100.0
No parental income	294,510	45.5	281,700	46.0	12,810	36.9
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	352,670	54.5	330,810	54.0	21,860	63.1
Earned income	220,830	34.1	205,760	33.6	15,070	43.5
Unearned income	153,940	23.8	145,960	23.8	7,980	23.0
Total income (dollars)						
None	294,510	45.5	281,700	46.0	12,810	36.9
Under 200	76,280	11.8	74,290	12.1	1,990	5.7
200–399	29,310	4.5	27,900	4.6	1,410	4.1
400–599	35,760	5.5	33,760	5.5	2,000	5.8
600–999	69,180	10.7	64,880	10.6	4,300	12.4
1,000 or more	142,140	22.0	129,980	21.2	12,160	35.1
Earned income (dollars)						
None	426,350	65.9	406,750	66.4	19,600	56.5
Under 200	4,830	0.7	4,570	0.7	260	0.7
200–399	10,200	1.6	9,750	1.6	450	1.3
400–599	18,640	2.9	17,900	2.9	740	2.1
600–999	51,370	7.9	49,100	8.0	2,270	6.5
1,000 or more	135,790	21.0	124,440	20.3	11,350	32.7
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	493,240	76.2	466,550	76.2	26,690	77.0
Under 200	88,040	13.6	85,580	14.0	2,460	7.1
200–399	23,060	3.6	21,900	3.6	1,160	3.3
400–599	19,900	3.1	18,390	3.0	1,510	4.4
600–999	19,020	2.9	16,830	2.7	2,190	6.3
1,000 or more	3,920	0.6	3,260	0.5	660	1.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 14.****Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2004**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	220,480	100.0	220,480	100.0	220,480	100.0
No parental income	39,080	17.7	142,430	64.6	66,120	30.0
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	181,400	82.3	78,050	35.4	154,360	70.0
Earned income	148,110	67.2	50,530	22.9	122,100	55.4
Unearned income	55,260	25.1	31,620	14.3	41,690	18.9
Total income (dollars)						
None	39,080	17.7	142,430	64.6	66,120	30.0
Under 200	8,560	3.9	19,180	8.7	8,930	4.1
200–399	7,020	3.2	6,910	3.1	5,830	2.6
400–599	8,640	3.9	8,790	4.0	9,150	4.2
600–999	24,500	11.1	15,350	7.0	23,520	10.7
1,000 or more	132,680	60.2	27,820	12.6	106,930	48.5
Earned income (dollars)						
None	72,370	32.8	169,950	77.1	98,380	44.6
Under 200	1,590	0.7	2,360	1.1	1,550	0.7
200–399	2,880	1.3	3,690	1.7	2,430	1.1
400–599	4,910	2.2	5,320	2.4	4,070	1.8
600–999	15,790	7.2	12,400	5.6	12,600	5.7
1,000 or more	122,940	55.8	26,760	12.1	101,450	46.0
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	165,220	74.9	188,860	85.7	178,790	81.1
Under 200	16,050	7.3	20,120	9.1	13,420	6.1
200–399	8,680	3.9	3,880	1.8	5,000	2.3
400–599	8,140	3.7	3,800	1.7	6,160	2.8
600–999	14,960	6.8	3,210	1.5	12,150	5.5
1,000 or more	7,430	3.4	610	0.3	4,960	2.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 15.**  
**Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2004**

Type of income	All children with parental income		Children with parental income from—			
	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Mother		Father	
			Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total <sup>a</sup>	534,070	1,144	408,860	851	176,220	1,493
Earned income	368,940	1,461	256,290	1,174	137,170	1,736
Unearned income <sup>b</sup>	209,200	346	177,580	266	49,670	504
Social Security	61,310	555	47,230	442	20,950	628
Other pensions	4,060	405	2,010	386	2,300	379
Public income-maintenance	101,550	134	96,580	122	11,950	152
Asset income	18,670	34	14,380	27	6,360	41
Other	35,450	631	24,730	544	11,070	805

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income.

b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 16.****Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2004**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	867,660	100.0	647,180	74.6	220,480	25.4
<b><i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	728,320	100.0	566,490	100.0	161,830	100.0
No parental income	333,590	45.8	294,510	52.0	39,080	24.1
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	101,550	13.9	86,200	15.2	15,350	9.5
Income less than deeming allocations <sup>a</sup>	28,580	3.9	20,760	3.7	7,820	4.8
Income less than exclusions <sup>b</sup>	264,600	36.3	165,020	29.1	99,580	61.5
<b><i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	139,340	100.0	80,690	100.0	58,650	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	105,220	75.5	61,140	75.8	44,080	75.2
Unearned income only	17,390	12.5	12,850	15.9	4,540	7.7
Both earned and unearned income	13,820	9.9	4,810	6.0	9,010	15.4
Manually computed deemed	2,910	2.1	1,890	2.3	1,020	1.7

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Includes allocations for ineligible children and SSI-eligible aliens sponsored by parents.

b. Includes \$65 and one-half of the remaining earned income exclusion, \$20 general income exclusion, and parental living allowance.

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