

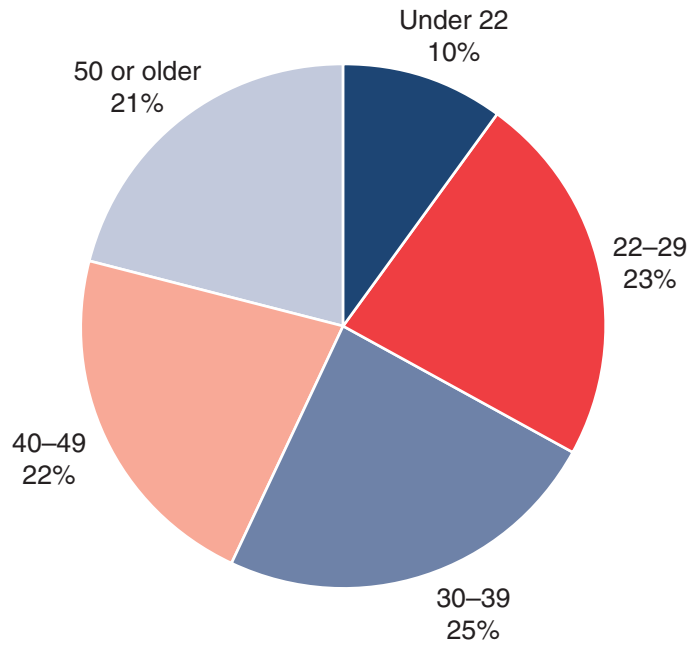
# Blind and Disabled Recipients Who Work

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**Chart 3.**  
**Percentage distribution, by age, December 2003**

One-third of the working recipients in December 2003 were under age 30, and 25 percent were aged 30–39. Only 21 percent were aged 50 or older.

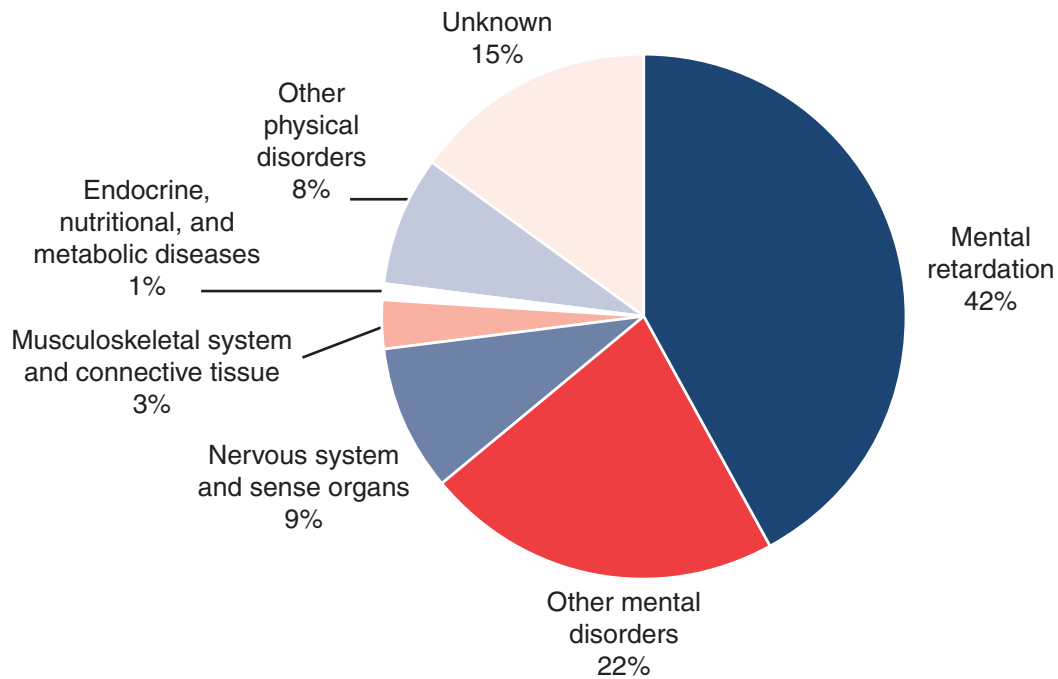


SOURCE: Table 7.

NOTE: Data include section 1619(b) participants.

**Chart 4.**  
**Percentage distribution, by diagnostic group, December 2003**

A large majority of working SSI recipients aged 18–64 in December 2003 were disabled because of a mental impairment. Forty-two percent were diagnosed with mental retardation and 22 percent with other mental disorders. Nine percent had diseases of the nervous system and sense organs, mostly blindness. Nine percent had diseases of the nervous system and sense organs, mostly blindness.

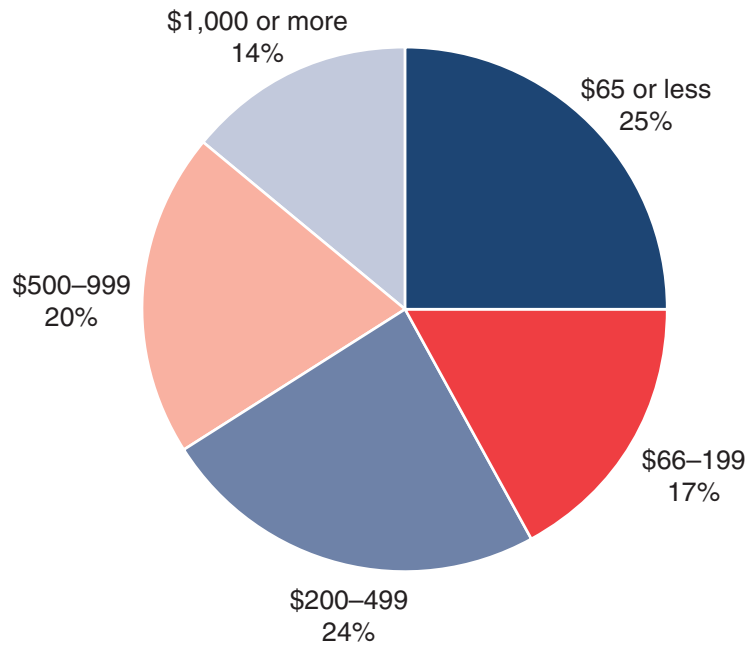


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**Chart 5.**  
**Percentage distribution, by monthly earnings, December 2003**

Two out of three working recipients earned less than \$500 in December 2003. This amount would not affect their status as disabled, since it is less than the substantial gainful activity level of \$800 for 2003. One out of seven earned \$1,000 or more. This proportion includes those receiving special cash benefits, or special Medicaid status, under section 1619.



SOURCE: Table 7.

NOTE: Data include section 1619(b) participants.

**Table 6.**  
**Number participating in section 1619(a) or 1619(b) and others who work, by state or other area,**  
**December 2003**

State or area	Total	Section 1619(a) participants	Section 1619(b) participants	Other recipients who work
All areas a	323,682	17,130	71,089	235,447
Alabama	3,714	219	902	2,593
Alaska	574	29	154	391
Arizona	3,423	209	879	2,335
Arkansas	3,405	149	739	2,517
California	42,178	3,568	6,497	32,113
Colorado	3,931	143	807	2,981
Connecticut	3,842	166	1,058	2,618
Delaware	804	36	242	526
District of Columbia	663	57	219	387
Florida	11,080	690	3,174	7,216
Georgia	6,990	319	1,454	5,217
Hawaii	746	41	150	555
Idaho	1,674	69	423	1,182
Illinois	12,999	738	2,711	9,550
Indiana	5,713	244	1,427	4,042
Iowa	6,567	197	1,487	4,883
Kansas	3,920	142	935	2,843
Kentucky	4,593	210	1,125	3,258
Louisiana	5,454	375	1,424	3,655
Maine	2,206	100	643	1,463
Maryland	5,602	274	1,219	4,109
Massachusetts	9,671	618	2,876	6,177
Michigan	13,947	598	3,143	10,206
Minnesota	9,222	278	2,044	6,900
Mississippi	3,054	203	783	2,068
Missouri	7,163	263	1,709	5,191
Montana	1,694	50	373	1,271
Nebraska	2,934	98	587	2,249
Nevada	1,329	66	302	961
New Hampshire	1,248	50	330	868
New Jersey	7,605	327	1,694	5,584
New Mexico	2,142	105	586	1,451
New York	29,742	1,665	5,979	22,098
North Carolina	7,674	284	1,576	5,814
North Dakota	1,332	26	286	1,020
Ohio	16,582	722	3,058	12,802
Oklahoma	3,579	139	566	2,874
Oregon	3,826	123	919	2,784
Pennsylvania	15,481	914	3,623	10,944
Rhode Island	1,668	85	368	1,215
South Carolina	4,786	162	831	3,793
South Dakota	2,089	54	472	1,563
Tennessee	5,242	255	1,177	3,810
Texas	13,594	713	3,302	9,579
Utah	2,112	81	422	1,609

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**Table 6.**  
**Number participating in section 1619(a) or 1619(b) and others who work, by state or other area,**  
**December 2003—Continued**

State or area	Total	Section 1619(a) participants	Section 1619(b) participants	Other recipients who work
Vermont	1,071	52	351	668
Virginia	6,260	315	1,441	4,504
Washington	5,594	407	1,627	3,560
West Virginia	1,976	124	454	1,398
Wisconsin	10,211	349	2,360	7,502
Wyoming	760	29	181	550
Outlying area				
Northern Mariana Islands	16	b	b	b

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

a. Includes data not distributed by category.

b. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

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**Table 7.**  
**Number and percentage who work and their average earnings, by selected characteristics,**  
**December 2003**

Characteristic	Number	Percent	Average earnings (dollars)
Total	323,682	100.0	469
Age			
Under 18	3,194	1.0	382
18–21	29,137	9.0	436
22–29	72,943	22.5	529
30–39	80,117	24.8	497
40–49	71,128	22.0	471
50–59	42,504	13.1	421
60–64	12,518	3.9	366
65 or older	12,141	3.8	280
Sex			
Male	171,840	53.1	468
Female	151,842	46.9	469
Earned income <sup>a</sup>			
Wages	306,073	94.6	482
Self-employment	18,812	5.8	281
Earnings (dollars)			
65 or less	80,874	25.0	52
66–99	15,037	4.6	82
100–199	40,792	12.6	137
200–299	31,774	9.8	234
300–399	25,386	7.8	333
400–499	21,156	6.5	432
500–599	19,849	6.1	527
600–699	15,843	4.9	630
700–799	11,769	3.6	734
800–899	9,322	2.9	829
900–999	6,900	2.1	931
1,000 or more	44,980	13.9	1,611
Unearned income <sup>a</sup>			
None	161,282	49.8	548
Social Security	141,139	43.6	367
Other pensions	2,623	0.8	303
Income based on need	90	0	713
Asset income	23,254	7.2	421
Other	12,262	3.8	559
Work incentives <sup>a</sup>			
Section 1619(a)	17,132	5.3	1,059
Section 1619(b)	71,097	22.0	1,081
Plans for achieving self-support <sup>b</sup>	438	0.1	720
Impairment-related work expenses	7,604	2.3	521
Blind work expenses	3,074	0.9	945

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

NOTE: Includes section 1619(b) participants.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income, or both earned and unearned income, or benefit from more than one work incentive provision.

b. Number of working recipients with a plan for achieving self-support (PASS). See Tables 14–17 for data on all recipients with a PASS.

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