

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

A. BENEFICIARIES IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries [In thousands]	Monthly rate [In millions]	Average monthly amount
Total	52,523	\$55,906	a/
Retired workers and their family members, total	36,417	40,685	a/
Retired workers	33,513	39,020	\$1,164
Spouses	2,343	1,345	574
Children	561	320	570
Survivors of deceased workers, total	6,410	6,329	a/
Children	1,921	1,436	747
Widowed mothers and fathers with child beneficiaries in their care	160	135	842
Aged widow(er)s, and aged parents	4,092	4,597	1,123
Disabled widow(er)s	236	161	683
Disabled workers and their family members, total	9,696	8,892	a/
Disabled workers	7,789	8,290	1,064
Spouses	159	46	287
Children	1,749	556	318

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, 2009

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	8,946	\$9,074
Children (OASDI)	4,231	2,312
Student children	152	97
Disabled children aged 18 and over	921	623
Children under age 18	3,158	1,592
Survivor children and widowed mothers and fathers	2,081	1,570
Beneficiaries aged 62 and over (OASDI)	41,557	46,775
Beneficiaries aged 65 and over (OASDI)	36,594	41,616

C. AVERAGE MONTHLY FAMILY BENEFITS IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

Selected family ^a group	Number of families [In thousands]	Average family benefit	Average number of beneficiaries per family
Retired worker alone	30,806	\$1,152	1.000
Retired worker and spouse, aged 62 and over	2,228	1,892	2.000
Disabled worker, spouse under full retirement age, and 1 or more children	72	1,803	3.954
Widowed parent and 2 children	50	2,392	3.000
Children of deceased worker ^b	1,161	980	1.327
Aged widow(er) alone	3,910	1,123	1.000

^a A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account.

^b In most cases, the family includes a widowed parent whose benefits are withheld due to earnings.

D. MEASURES OF PROTECTION

1. Coverage

About 156 million people will work in OASDI-covered employment in 2010.

About 93 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, 2009, about 90 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 2009 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 2009 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 2008	Fiscal year 2009	Cumulative 1937 through end of—	
			Calendar year 2008	Fiscal year 2009
Income	\$805.3	\$807.0	\$13,058.7	\$13,656.4
Contributions	672.1	668.2	11,570.4	12,091.6
Other	133.2	138.8	1,488.3	1,564.9
Expenditures	625.1	669.7	10,640.1	11,152.8
Benefit payments	615.3	659.6	10,422.1	10,926.1
OASI	509.3	544.5	9,041.4	9,457.2
DI	106.0	115.1	1,380.7	1,468.9
Other	9.8	10.1	218.0	226.7
Assets, end of period	2,418.7	2,503.6	2,418.7	2,503.6

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

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