

2011 Social Security/SSI/Medicare Information

Social Security Program:

- **Tax Rate***: Employee (2011 only) -----5.65% (4.20% - OASDI, 1.45% - HI)
 Employer -----7.65% (6.20% - OASDI, 1.45% - HI)
 Self-employed (2011 only) ----- 13.30% (10.40% - OASDI, 2.90% - HI)
 * Social Security tax for employers and self-employed can be partially offset under income tax rules.

- **Maximum Taxable Earnings Base**: OASDI-- \$106,800; HI-- No limit

- **Maximum FICA/SECA Taxes:**

	<u>OASDI</u>	<u>HI</u>
Employee: (2011 only)	\$4,485.60	No limit
Employer :	\$6,621.60	No limit
Self employed: (2011 only)	\$11,107.20	No limit

- **OASDI Covered Workers (est. -- in millions, CY 2011):**

	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Self-employed</u>	<u>Combined</u>
	147.0	16.8	156.9
- **Percent of workers in paid employment or self employment who are covered:** 93%
- **Estimated Worker/Beneficiary Ratio:** 2011: 2.9 to 1 2040: 2.1 to 1
- **Earnings Required for a Quarter of Coverage:** \$1,120; (\$4,480 for four)
- **Coverage Thresholds for 2011:** Self Employment: \$400; Domestic Employment: \$1,700; Election Workers: \$1,500
- **Retirement Test Exempt Amounts:**
 --No test beginning with month of attaining full retirement age (FRA)—i.e. age 66 FRA in 2011
 --For pre-FRA months in year attaining FRA: -- \$37,680 annually, \$3,140 monthly (\$1 for \$3 withholding rate)
 --Under FRA --\$14,160 annually, \$1,180 monthly (\$1 for \$2 withholding rate)
- **Substantial Gainful Activity:** \$1000/mo. for non-blind, disabled; \$1,640/mo. for blind.
- **Trial Work Period Service Month:** \$720/mo.
- **Formulae Bend Points:** (Applicable to workers who reach age 62, become disabled, or die in 2011)

<u>Primary Insurance Amount (PIA)</u>	<u>OASI Maximum Family Benefit (MFB)</u>
90% of first \$749 of AIME, plus	150% of first \$957 of PIA, plus
32% of AIME over \$749 thru \$4,517, +	272% of PIA over \$957 thru \$1,382 +
15% of AIME over \$4,517	134% of PIA over \$1,382 thru \$1,803 +
	175% of PIA over \$1,803

(DI MFB ranges from 100% - 150% of the PIA, depending on the PIA level)

- **Average Monthly Benefits:**

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/10</u>
Retired worker:	\$1,164	\$1,175
Retired worker and aged spouse:	1,892	1,908
Disabled worker:	1,064	1,068
Disabled worker, spouse and children:	1,803	1,815
Aged widow(er):	1,123	1,133
Widowed mother/father and 2 children:	2,392	2,409

- **Benefits for 1/2011 Retirees :**

	<u>Age 62 (FRA 66)</u>		<u>FRA (Age 66)</u>	
	<u>PIA</u>	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>PIA</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
Scaled low earner	\$ 923.30	\$ 692	\$ 908.20	\$ 908
Scaled medium earner	1,521.10	1,140	1,496.60	1,496
Maximum earner	2,391.50	1,793	2,366.10	2,366

- Long-Range Constant Pre-Retirement Earnings Replacement Rate: Retirement at Age 67 in 2030 or later
Scaled low earner (45% of avg. wages): 55%; Scaled medium earner: 41%; Maximum earner: 27%
- Number of OASDI Beneficiaries (as of 12/10):

--Total OASDI beneficiaries:	54.0 million
--Retired workers and family members:	37.5 million
-Retired workers:	34.6 million
-Spouses:	2.3 million
-Children:	0.6 million
--Survivors of deceased workers:	6.4 million
-Aged surviving spouses:	4.0 million
-Disabled surviving spouses:	0.2 million
-Surviving spouses w/ child-in-care:	0.2 million
-Children:	1.9 million
--DI beneficiaries:	10.2 million
-Disabled workers:	8.2 million
-Spouses:	0.2 million
-Children:	1.8 million
- Number of OASDI Children Beneficiaries (12/10):

--Total:	4,312,675
-Children under age 18:	3,208,801
-Students:	154,733
-Disabled Children:	949,141
- Special Minimum PIA (12/08; no change in 12/09 or in 12/10):
The highest special minimum PIA = \$763.20 (30 years of coverage)
- Minimum Earnings for “Year of Coverage”:

	<u>2009, 2010, & 2011</u>
--Special Minimum:	\$11,880
--Windfall Elimination Provision:	\$19,800
- Full Retirement Age Schedule — by Year of Birth

1938 - 65/2 mos.		1942 - 65/10 mos.		1957 - 66/6 mos.
1939 - 65/4 mos.		1943 - 54 – 66		1958 - 66/8 mos.
1940 - 65/6 mos.		1955 - 66/2 mos.		1959 - 66/10 mos.
1941 - 65/8 mos.		1956 - 66/4 mos.		1960+ - 67
- Taxation of Benefits -- % of Benefits Taxed:

<u>% Taxed</u>	<u>Income Threshold</u>	<u>Filing Status</u>
up to 50%	\$25,000 - \$34,000	Individual
	\$32,000 - \$44,000	Joint
up to 85%	\$34,000 +	Individual
	\$44,000 +	Joint
- Average Wage Level: 2009: \$40,712 2010: \$43,084 (est.) 2011: 44,687 (est.)
- OASDI Benefit Payments (FY 2010)
OASI: \$572.6 billion
DI: 122.9 billion
OASDI: 695.5 billion
Numbers may not add due to rounding of individual components.
- OASDI Administrative Expenses (FY 2010):

	<u>OASI</u>	<u>DI</u>	<u>OASDI</u>
Amount (in billions)	\$ 3.5	\$2.9	\$6.4
Percent of Benefit Payments	0.6%	2.4%	0.9%

- OASI/DI Trust Funds' Operations (in billions).

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Outgo</u>	<u>Funds' Assets</u>	
			<u>Net Incr.</u>	<u>EOY Balance</u>
2009	\$807.5	\$685.8	\$121.7	\$2,540.3
2010	\$781.1	\$712.5	\$ 68.6	\$2609. 0

- Key dates from 2011 OASDI Trustees Report: (using intermediate assumptions)
 2010 Expenditures exceed tax income and remain in excess thereafter.
 2023 Expenditures exceed total income and remain in excess thereafter.
 2036 OASDI Trust Fund assets are exhausted. Then-current Social Security taxes would support about 77% of the expected benefits.
- Estimated long-range deficit: 2.22 percent of taxable payroll.

SSI Program

- SSI Payment Standard: \$674 individual, \$1,011 couple (applicable for 2009, 2010, & 2011) (Federal Maximum)
- Resource Limits:
 Individual----- \$2,000
 Couple----- 3,000
- Number of SSI Beneficiaries and Average Payments (12/10):

	<u>Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Average Payments</u>
Total	7,912,266	\$ 501
Aged -----	1,183,853	\$ 400
Blind & Disabled -----	6,728,413	518
SSI Beneficiaries by Age:		
Under 18 -----	1,239,269	\$ 597
Age 18-64 -----	4,631,507	517
Age 65 and Over -----	2,041,490	405
- SSI Expenditures FY 2010
 Federal SSI payments ----- \$47.2 billion
 Federally Administered State Supplements ----- \$3.6 billion

Social Security and SSI Information

- Number of people receiving monthly benefits from SSA (12/10):
 -OASDI Benefits only ----- 51.3 million
 -SSI Benefits only ----- 5.2 million
 -OASDI and SSI Benefits Concurrently -- 2.7 million
 Total ---59.2 million
- Program Accuracy
 OASDI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) -- FY 2009
 -- 99.6% of payment outlays without an overpayment
 -- 99.9% of payment outlays without an underpayment
 SSI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) -- FY 2009
 -- 91.6% of payment outlays without overpayment
 -- 98.4 % of payment outlays without underpayment
 DDS Accuracy Rate for Initial Disability Decisions – FY 2009
 -- 97% - Overall performance accuracy rate

Medicare Program

- Number of HI/SMI Enrollees (FY 2010):
 Total HI and/or SMI enrollees-----47.5 million
 Aged-----39.6 million
 Disabled-----7.9 million
- Part A Hospital Insurance: Monthly Premium
 Fully Insured \$0
 30-39 credits \$248.00
 Fewer than 30 credits \$450.00
- Part B Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium (2011): \$115.40 to \$369.10 (depends on income), however, due to the hold harmless provision and no Social Security COLA for 2011, about three-fourths of Medicare beneficiaries will continue to pay the same monthly premium amount they paid in 2010.
- Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) Information

Number of Beneficiaries Affected: 1.6 million in 2011 (3.7% of Part B beneficiaries)

<u>*Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)</u>		<u>IRMAA Increase</u>	<u>Total Monthly Premium</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>		
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$0.00	\$115.40 (base premium)
\$85,000.01-107,000.00	\$170,000.01-214,000.00	\$46.10	\$161.50
\$107,000.01-160,000.00	\$214,000.01-320,000.00	\$115.30	\$230.70
\$160,000.01-214,000.00	\$320,000.01-428,000.00	\$184.50	\$299.90
\$214,000.01 or more	\$428,000.01 or more	\$253.70	\$369.10
<u>Married, Filing Separately</u>			
\$85,000 or less		\$0.00	\$115.40 (base premium)
\$85,000.01-129,000.00		\$184.50	\$299.90
\$129,000.01 or more		\$253.70	\$369.10

- Medicare Part D Subsidy Eligibility Requirements:
 GENERAL – Individual Must Be:
 --Entitled to Part A or enrolled in Part B;
 --Enrolled in prescription drug plan;
 --Reside in 50 States or DC;
 --File an application; and,
 --Have income and resources below specified limits.
 - 2011 Income Limits
 --Full Subsidy – Below 135% of poverty guidelines (below \$14,701.50 for an individual in continental U.S.)
 --Partial Subsidy – Between 135%-150% of poverty guidelines (between \$14,701.50 and \$16,335 for an individual in continental U.S.)
 --Amounts adjusted annually based on FPL
 - 2011 Resource Limits*
 --Full Subsidy – \$8,180 individual/\$13,020 married couple living together
 --Partial Subsidy – \$12,640 individual/\$25,260 married couple living together
 *Includes \$1,500 per person burial exclusion
 --Amount adjusted annually based on CPI

Resources/Contacts

Social Security Information: 1-800-SSA-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778 (82.2 million calls received in FY 2010)
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