## Social Security Program (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance - OASDI)

- Tax Rate: Employee ----------- 7.65\% (6.20\% - OASDI, 1.45\% - HI) ${ }^{1}$

Employer ------------7.65\% (6.20\% - OASDI, 1.45\% - HI)
Self-employed ----- 15.30\% (12.40\% - OASDI, 2.90\% - HI)

- Maximum Taxable Earnings Base: OASDI-- \$ 128,400; HI (Hospital Insurance)-- No limit
- Maximum Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) /Self Employed Contributions Act (SECA) Taxes:

|  | OASDI | HI (M |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Employee: | $\$ 7,960.80$ | No |
| Employer: | $\$ 7,960.80$ | No |
| Self-employed: | $\$ 15,921.60$ | No |
|  |  |  |
| OASDI Covered Workers (est. -- in millions, CY 2017): | Wages | Self-employed Combined |
|  | 161.1 | 20.3 |

- Percent of workers in paid employment or self-employment who are covered: 94\%
- Estimated Worker/Beneficiary Ratio: 2017: 2.8 to $1 \quad 2040: 2.1$ to 1
- Earnings Required for a Quarter of Coverage in 2018: $\$ 1,320$ ( $\$ 5,280$ for four)
- Coverage Thresholds for 2018: Self Employment: \$400; Domestic Employment: \$2,100;

Election Workers: \$1,800

- Retirement Test Exempt Amounts:
o --No test beginning with month of attaining full retirement age (FRA)
o --For pre-FRA months in year attaining FRA: -- \$45,360 annually, \$3,780 monthly (\$1 for \$3 withholding rate)
o --Under FRA: --\$17,040 annually, \$1,420 monthly (\$1 for \$2 withholding rate)
- Substantial Gainful Activity: $\$ 1,180 / \mathrm{mo}$. for non-blind, disabled; $\$ 1,970 / \mathrm{mo}$. for blind.
- Trial Work Period Service Month: $\$ 850 / \mathrm{mo}$.
- Minimum Earnings for "Year of Coverage" (WEP):
--Special Minimum:
--Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP):

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\frac{2017}{\$ 14,310} \\
\$ 23,850
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- Formulae Bend Points: (Applicable to workers who reach age 62, become disabled, or die in 2018)

Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) OASI Maximum Family Benefit (MFB)
$90 \%$ of first $\$ 895$ of AIME, plus
$150 \%$ of first $\$ 1,144$ of PIA, plus
32\% of AIME over \$895 through \$5,397 +
272\% of PIA over \$1,144 through \$1,651+
134\% of PIA over \$1,651 through \$2,154 +
175\% of PIA over \$2,154
(DI MFB ranges from 100\%-150\% of the PIA, depending on the PIA level)

- Average Monthly Benefits: ${ }^{2}$

All retired workers:
Retired worker and aged spouse
Retired worker and aged spouse:
$12 / 17$
\$1,404

All disabled workers:
Disabled worker, spouse, and children: \$2,054
All aged widow(er)s: \$1,338
Widowed mother/father and 2 children: \$2,743

- Benefits for $1 / 2018$ Retirees: $\quad$ Age 62 (FRA 66 \& $4 \quad$ FRA (Age 66)

[^0]Scaled low earner
Scaled medium earner
Maximum earner

| $\underline{\text { PIA }}$ | $\underline{\text { Benefit }}$ | $\underline{\text { PIA }}$ | $\underline{\text { Benefit }}$ |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| $\$ 1,118.90$ | $\$ 820$ | $\$ 1,049.60$ | $\$ 1,049$ |
| $\$ 1,842.40$ | $\$ 1,351$ | $\$ 1,728.50$ | $\$ 1,728$ |
| $\$ 2,969.50$ | $\$ 2,177$ | $\$ 2,794.40$ | $\$ 2,794$ |

- Long-Range Constant Pre-Retirement Earnings Replacement Rate: Retirement at Age 67 in 2030 or later. Scaled low earner: 55\% Scaled medium earner: 41\% Maximum earner: 27\%
- Number of OASDI Beneficiaries (as of 12/17):

| --Total OASDI beneficiaries: | 61.9 million |
| :--- | ---: |
| --Retired workers and family members: | 45.5 million |
| -Retired workers: | 42.4 million |
| -Spouses: | 2.4 million |
| -Children: | 0.7 million |
| --Survivors of deceased workers: | 6.0 million |
| -Aged surviving spouses: | 3.7 million |
| -Disabled surviving spouses: | 0.3 million |
| -Surviving spouses w/ child-in-care: | 0.1 million |
| -Children: | 1.9 million |
| --DI beneficiaries: | 10.4 million |
| -Disabled workers: | 8.7 million |
| -Spouses: | 0.1 million |
| -Children: | 1.6 million |

- Number of OASDI Children Beneficiaries (12/17):

| -Total: | $4,168,641$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| -Children under age 18: | $2,937,845$ |
| -Students: | 125,391 |
| -Disabled Children: | $1,105,405$ |

- Special Minimum PIA (effective 12/2017): The highest special minimum PIA = \$848.80 (30 years of coverage) 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. | $1955-66 / 2 \mathrm{mos}$. | $1959-66 / 10 \mathrm{mos}$. |
| $1941-65 / 8$ mos. | $1956-66 / 4$ mos. | $1960+-67$ |

- Other Revenue -- \% of Benefits Taxed:

| \% Taxed | Income Threshold |  |  |  |  |  | Filing Status |  | Where Revenue Goes |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| up to $50 \%$ | $\$ 25,000-\$ 34,000$ |  | Individual |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 32,000-\$ 44,000$ | Joint |  | OASDI |  |  |  |  |  |
| up to $85 \%$ | $\$ 34,000+$ | Individual | HI |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 44,000+$ | Joint | HI |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Wage Level: | $2015: \$ 48,098.63$ | $2016: 48,642.15$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Maximum Amount of Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reduction: 2018: \$447.5
- OASDI Administrative Expenses (excluding Treasury administrative costs) FY 2017:

|  | OASI | DI | OASDI |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Amount (in billions) | $\$ 3.0$ | $\$ 2.6$ | $\$ 5.6$ |
| Percent of Benefit Payments | $0.4 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ |

- OASDI Benefit Payments FY 2017:

OASI: $\$ 791.1$ billion
DI: $\$ 142.8$ billion
OASDI: \$933.9 billion

- OASI/DI Trust Funds’ Operations (in billions based on intermediate assumptions in 2017 Trustees Report)


## Funds’ Assets

| Calendar Year | $\frac{\text { Income }}{\$ 016}$ | $\frac{\text { Outgo }}{\$ 957}$ | $\frac{\text { Net Incr. }}{\$ 35}$ | $\frac{\text { End Of Year (EOY) Balance }}{\$ 2,848}$ |
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- Key Years from 2017 OASDI Trustees Report (using intermediate assumptions):

2010 OASDI expenditures exceeded tax income and remained in excess thereafter.
2022 OASDI expenditures exceed total income and remain in excess thereafter.
2028 DI Trust Fund asset reserves are scheduled to be depleted. (At that time, current Social Security taxes would support about $93 \%$ of the expected DI benefits.)
2034 OASDI Trust Fund asset reserves are scheduled to be depleted. (At that time, current Social Security taxes would support about 77\% of the expected OASDI benefits.)

- Estimated long-range deficit: 2.83 percent of taxable payroll.
- Percent of Beneficiaries (by Sex) Receiving Social Security benefits in 2016 (latest data available): 55\% Women 45\% Men
- Social Security income as a percent of total income of beneficiaries in 2015 (latest data available): $50 \%$ of aged couples and $71 \%$ of unmarried aged individuals depend on Social Security for $50 \%$ or more of income $23 \%$ of aged couples and $43 \%$ of unmarried aged individuals depend on Social Security for $90 \%$ or more of income


## Supplemental Security Income (SSI) means-tested Program

- SSI Payment Standard (in calendar year 2018): (Federal Maximum) $\$ 750$ individual, $\$ 1,125$ couple
- Resource Limits:

Individual------------------- \$2,000
Couple------------------------- \$3,000

- Number of SSI Recipients and Average Federally Administered Payment—All Sources (as of 12/17):


SSI Recipients by Age:

| Under 18 | 1,182.593 | \$ | 647 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4,805,112 |  | 564 |
| Age 65 and Over | 2,239, 971 |  | 437 |

- SSI Expenditures FY 2017:

Federal SSI payments ----------------- \$54.6 billion
Federally Administered State Supplements ------- $\$ 2.6$ billion

## Social Security and SSI Information

- Number of people receiving monthly benefits from SSA (as of 12/17):
-OASDI Benefits only ------------------------- 59.2 million
-SSI Benefits only ------------------------------ 5.5 million
-OASDI and SSI Benefits Concurrently --- 2.8 million
Total--------------- 67.4 million
- Program Accuracy (latest data):

OASDI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) -- FY 2016 (latest data)
-- 99.8\% of payment outlays without an overpayment
-- 99.9\% of payment outlays without an underpayment
SSI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) -- FY 2016 (latest data)
-- 92.4\% of payment outlays without an overpayment
-- 98.8\% of payment outlays without an underpayment
Disability Determination Services (DDS) Accuracy Rate for Initial Disability Decisions - FY 2017 (latest data)
-- 97.3\% - Overall performance accuracy rate

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Medicare Program}\mp@subsup{}{}{\mathbf{3}}\mathrm{ (Hospital Insurance and Supplemental Medical Insurance)
- Number of HI/SMI Enrollees (FY 2017):
    Total HI and/or SMI enrollees-----------------------------------------------------------
                            Aged---------------------------------------------------------------------------
                            Disabled---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Total SMI enrollees
                        5.2 million
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Aged------------------------------------------------------------------------
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Disabled----------------------------------------------------------------1. million

- Part A Hospital Insurance:

Fully Insured 30+ credits Fewer than 30 credits \$422

- Part B Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium (2018): $\$ 134$ to $\$ 428.60$ (Depends on income). Annual deductible is $\$ 183$.
- Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) Information:

Number of Beneficiaries Affected:
IRMAA/Part B - 3.54 million in 2017
IRMAA/Part D - 2.63 million in 2017

- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)

| Total Monthly Part B Premium | IRMAA Part D ${ }^{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| $\$ 134.00$ (standard premium) | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 187.50$ | $\$ 13.30$ |
| $\$ 267.90$ | $\$ 33.60$ |
| $\$ 348.30$ | $\$ 54.20$ |
| $\$ 428.60$ | $\$ 74.80$ |
|  |  |
| $\$ 134.00$ (standard premium) | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 428.60$ | $\$ 74.80$ |

- Medicare Part D Subsidy Eligibility Requirements (pharmaceuticals coverage):

GENERAL - Individual must:
--Be entitled to Part A or enrolled in Part B (or both);
--Be enrolled in prescription drug plan and live in a service area (excludes the incarcerated);
--Reside in 50 States or D.C.;
--File an application, and;
--Have income and resources within specified limits.

- 2017 Income Limits (latest numbers)
--Full Subsidy - Below 135\% of poverty guidelines (below \$16,281 for an individual and \$21,924 for 2 person family in contiguous States and D.C. of the U.S.)
--Partial Subsidy - Between 135\%-150\% of poverty guidelines (between $\$ 16,281$ and $\$ 18,090$ for an individual: between $\$ 21,924$ and $\$ 24,360$ for 2 person family in contiguous States and D.C. in the U.S.)
--Amounts adjusted annually based on federal poverty levels (FPL)
- 2018 Resource Limits*
--Full Subsidy - \$ 9,060 individual/\$14,340 married couple living together
--Partial Subsidy - \$ 14,100 individual/\$ 28,150 married couple living together
--Amount adjusted annually based on CPI
*Includes burial fund exclusion


## Resources/Contacts

Social Security Information: 1-800-SSA-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778

- Number of calls to the 800 \# FY 2017 75,614,873

SSA Online: https://www.socialsecurity.gov
Constituent Relations Staff: (410) 965-3929
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Medicare Info: 1-800-633-4227 TTY: 1-877-486-2048
Medicare Online: https://www.medicare.gov

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Affordable Care Act increased the HI tax by 0.9 percent for single filers with wages above $\$ 200,000$ and joint filers with wages above \$250,000, beginning in January, 2013.
    ${ }^{2}$ Average Monthly benefit changes based on the number of beneficiaries awarded benefits as well as the number of beneficiaries who come off of the Social Security rolls monthly.

[^1]:    3 The Affordable Care Act includes a 3.8\% imposed surtax on unearned income for individuals/couples with MAGI above \$200/\$250k.

[^2]:    4 Part D premium depends on each individual's plan. The amounts shown in the column are added to the plan's premium.

