

2019 Social Security/SSI/Medicare Information

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

- Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and Self Employed Contributions Act (SECA) Tax Rates:
 - FICA (Employee) 7.65% (6.20% - OASDI, 1.45% - Medicare¹)
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 - SECA 15.30% (12.40% - OASDI, 2.90% - Medicare)

- Maximum Taxable Earnings: OASDI - \$ 132,900; Medicare - No limit

- Maximum Annual FICA and SECA Taxes:

	<u>OASDI</u>	<u>Medicare</u>
○ Employee:	\$8,239.80	No limit
○ Employer:	\$8,239.80	No limit
○ Self-employed:	\$16,479.60	No limit

- OASDI Covered Workers (estimated, calendar year 2018, in millions):
 - Employees: 163.8²
 - Self Employed (only): 11.4
 - Total: 175.3

- Percentage of workers in paid employment or self-employment who are covered: 94%

- Estimated Worker-to-Beneficiary Ratio:
 - 2018: 2.8 to 1
 - 2040: 2.2 to 1

- Earnings Required for a Quarter of Coverage (QC) in 2019: \$1,360 (\$5,440 for four QCs)

- Coverage Thresholds for 2019:
 - Self-Employment: \$400
 - Domestic Employment: \$2,100
 - Election Workers: \$1,800

- Retirement Test Exempt Earnings:
 - Years prior to Full Retirement Age (FRA): \$17,640 annually, \$1,470 monthly (\$1 of benefits withheld for every \$2 over)
 - Months prior to month of FRA attainment in the year of FRA attainment: \$46,920 annually, \$3,910 monthly (\$1 of benefits withheld for every \$3 over)
 - Month of FRA attainment and later: no benefits withheld for earnings.

- Substantial Gainful Activity (per month):
 - Non-blind, disabled beneficiaries: \$1,220
 - Blind beneficiaries: \$2,040

- Trial Work Period Service Month: \$880

- Minimum Earnings for a “Year of Coverage” (YOC):

¹ Medicare tax is increased by 0.9 percent for single filers with earnings above \$200,000 and joint filers with earnings above \$250,000.

² About 8.8 million of the roughly 163.8 million employees also had self-employment that was subject to SECA. These individuals are not counted in the “Self Employed (only)” category. In prior version of this fact sheet, these individuals had been counted in both the “Employed” and the “Self Employed” categories.

In addition, about 1 million of the 163.8 million employees had self-employment that was not subject to SECA because their wages alone met or exceeded the maximum amount subject to Social Security tax. These individuals are also not counted in the “Self Employed (only)” category.

- Special Minimum Benefit: \$14,805
- Windfall Elimination Provision: \$24,675

- Formulae Bend Points: (Applicable to workers who reach age 62, become disabled, or die in 2019)
 - Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) OASI Maximum Family Benefits
 - 90% of first \$926 of AIME, + 150% of first \$1,184 of PIA, +
 - 32% of AIME over \$926 through \$5,583, + 272% of PIA over \$1,184 through \$1,708, +
 - 15% of AIME over \$5,583 134% of PIA over \$1,708 through \$2,228, +
175% of PIA over \$2,228

(DI Maximum Family Benefits range from 100% - 150% of the PIA)

- Average Monthly Benefits (as of 11/2018):
 - All retired workers: \$1,420
 - Retired worker and aged spouse: \$2,379
 - All disabled workers: \$1,200
 - Disabled worker, spouse, and children: \$2,070
 - All aged widow(er)s: \$1,349
 - Widowed mother/father and 2 children: \$2,760

- Benefits for Retirees in 01/2019:

	<u>Age 62</u>		<u>FRA (66)</u>	
	(FRA 66 & 6 months)		<u>PIA</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
	<u>PIA</u>	<u>Benefit</u>		
○ Scaled low earner:	\$1,133.50	\$821.00	\$1,068.20	\$1,068.00
○ Scaled medium earner:	\$1,866.30	\$1,353.00	\$1,761.20	\$1,761.00
○ Maximum earner:	\$3,013.30	\$2,184.00	\$2,849.90	\$2,849.00

- 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 11/2018):
 - Total OASDI beneficiaries: 62.9 million
 - Retired workers and family members: 46.7 million
 - Retired workers: 43.7 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: 10.2 million
 - Disabled workers: 8.6 million
 - Spouses: 0.1 million
 - Children: 1.5 million

- Number of OASDI Children Beneficiaries (as of 11/2018):
 - Children under age 18: 2,867,146
 - Students: 101,954
 - Disabled Children: 1,126,676
 - Total: 4,095,776

- Maximum Special Minimum PIA (effective 12/2018): \$872.50 (30 YOCs)

- Full Retirement Age Schedule by Year of Birth:

1938:	65/2 mos.	1942:	65/10 mos.	1957:	66/6 mos.
1939:	65/4 mos.	1943-1954:	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 Social Security Benefits:

<u>Filing Status</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Benefit Taxable</u>	<u>Where Revenue Goes</u>
Individual	\$25,000-\$34,000	Up to 50%	OASDI
Individual	\$34,000 +	Up to 85%	Medicare
Joint	\$32,000-\$44,000	Up to 50%	OASDI
Joint	\$44,000 +	Up to 85%	Medicare

- Average Wage Level:

- 2016: \$48,642.15
- 2017: \$50,321.89

- Maximum Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Reduction (calendar year 2019): \$463

- OASDI Administrative Expenses (excluding Treasury administrative costs, fiscal year (FY) 2018):

	<u>OASI</u>	<u>DI</u>	<u>OASDI</u>
Amount (in billions)	\$ 3.2	\$2.7	\$5.8
Percent of Benefit Payments	0.4%	1.8%	0.6%

- OASDI Benefit Payments (FY 2018):

- OASI: \$833.0 billion
- DI: \$143.5 billion
- OASDI: \$976.6 billion

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding of individual components.

- OASI/DI Trust Funds' Operations (in billions, based on intermediate assumptions in 2018 Trustees Report):

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Funds' Assets</u>		<u>End of Year (EOY) Balance</u>
		<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Net Increase or Decrease</u>	
2017	\$997	\$952	\$44	\$2,892
2018 (estimated)	\$1,001	\$1,003	-\$2	\$2,890

- Key Years from 2018 OASDI Trustees Report (using intermediate assumptions):

- 2010 OASDI expenditures exceeded tax income and remained in excess thereafter.
- 2018 OASDI expenditures exceed total income and remain in excess thereafter.
- 2032 DI Trust Fund asset reserves are scheduled to be depleted. (At that time, current Social Security taxes would support about 96% 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 79% of the expected OASDI benefits.)

- Estimated long-range deficit: 2.84 percent of taxable payroll.

- Percent of Social Security Beneficiaries by Sex (2017, latest data available):
 - Women 55%
 - Men 45%

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program

- Federal Benefit Rate (the maximum Federal payment; calendar year 2019):
 - Individual: \$771
 - Couple: \$1,157
- Resource Limits:
 - Individual: \$2,000
 - Couple: \$3,000
- Number of SSI Recipients and Average Federally Administered Payment (as of 11/2018):

	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Average Payments</u>
○ Total:	8,103,286	\$552
▪ Aged	1,169,486	\$438
▪ Blind and Disabled	6,933,800	\$572
○ SSI Recipients by Age:		
▪ Under 18	1,136,069	\$661
▪ Age 18-64	4,705,342	\$577
▪ Age 65 and Over	2,261,875	\$447
- SSI Expenditures (FY 2018):
 - Federal SSI payments: \$55.1 billion
 - Federally Administered State Supplements: \$2.6 billion

Social Security and SSI Information

- Number of people receiving monthly benefits from SSA (as of 11/2018):
 - OASDI Benefits Only 60.1 million
 - SSI Benefits Only 5.4 million
 - OASDI and SSI Benefits Concurrently 2.8 million
 - Total 68.2 million
- Program Accuracy (latest data):
 - OASDI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) – FY 2017
 - 99.4% of payment outlays without an overpayment
 - 99.9% of payment outlays without an underpayment
 - SSI Program Dollar Accuracy Rate (Nonmedical Factors) – FY 2017
 - 92.7% of payment outlays without an overpayment
 - 98.9% of payment outlays without an underpayment
 - Disability Determination Services (DDS) Accuracy Rate for Initial Disability Decisions – FY 2018
 - 97.6% - Overall performance accuracy rate

Medicare Program (Part A (Hospital Insurance (HI)) and Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance(SMI))

- Number of Medicare Part A and Part B Enrollees (FY 2018):
 - Total HI and/or SMI enrollees: 59.5 million
 - Aged: 50.7 million
 - Disabled: 8.8 million
 - Total SMI enrollees: 54.4 million
 - Aged: 46.4 million
 - Disabled: 7.9 million
- Part A Monthly Premium (calendar year 2019)

- Fully Insured: \$0
- 30+ Credits: \$240
- Fewer than 30 Credits: \$437
- Part B Monthly Premium and Annual Deductible (calendar year 2019):
 - Premium: \$135.50 to \$433.40 (depending on income (see below))
 - Annual deductible: \$185
- Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) Information:

<u>Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)</u>		<u>Total Monthly Part B Premium</u>	<u>IRMAA Part D³</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>		
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$135.50	\$0.00
\$85,000.01-107,000.00	\$170,000.01-214,000.00	\$189.60	\$12.40
\$107,000.01-133,500.00	\$214,000.01-267,000.00	\$270.90	\$31.90
\$133,500.01-160,000.00	\$267,000.01-320,000.00	\$352.20	\$51.40
\$160,000.01-499,999.99	\$320,000.01-749,999.99	\$433.40	\$70.90
\$500,000 +	\$750,000 +	\$460.50	\$77.40
<u>Married, Filing Separately</u>			
\$85,000 or less		\$135.50	\$0.00
\$85,000.01 - \$414,999.99		\$433.40	\$70.90
\$415,000.00 +		\$460.50	\$77.40

- Number of Beneficiaries Affected by IRMAA (calendar year 2018):
 - Part B: 3,716,076
 - Part D: 3,279,923
- Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) Extra Help - General Eligibility Requirements:
 - Entitled to Part A or Part B (or both);
 - Resides in one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia (and is not incarcerated);
 - Enrolled in a Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage;
 - Files an application; and
 - Has income and resources within certain limits.
- Part D Extra Help - Income Limits (2019):
 - Full Subsidy: Income below 135% of Federal poverty guidelines (less than \$16,861.50 for an individual or \$22,828.50 for a 2-person family, contiguous States⁴ and D.C.)
 - Partial Subsidy: Between 135%-150% of Federal poverty guidelines (between \$16,861.50 and \$18,735 for an individual; between \$22,828.50 and \$25,365 for 2-person family, contiguous States and D.C.)
- Part D Extra Help - Resource Limits (2019):⁵
 - Full Subsidy: \$9,230 individual/\$14,600 married couple living together
 - Partial Subsidy: \$14,390 individual/\$28,720 married couple living together

Resources/Contacts

<u>Social Security Information:</u>	1-800-SSA-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778)
<u>SSA Online:</u>	https://www.socialsecurity.gov
<u>Constituent Relations Staff:</u>	(410) 965-3930
<u>Congressional Affairs Staff:</u>	(202) 358-6030
<u>Medicare Info:</u>	1-800-633-4227 (TTY: 1-877-486-2048)
<u>Medicare Online:</u>	https://www.medicare.gov

³ Part D premium depends on the plan selected. The amounts shown in this column are added to the plan's premium.

⁴ Separate limits apply to residents of Alaska and Hawaii.

⁵ Amounts include burial fund exclusion.