

# What is Social Security?



Securing today  
and tomorrow

Social Security was created

*to promote the economic security of the nation's people*



## 1930s Great Depression

America facing the worst economic crisis of modern times



## August 14, 1935

President Roosevelt signs Social Security Act as part of the *New Deal*



Designed to pay retired workers age 65 or older a continuing income after retirement.



1939

Survivors Insurance for families of a deceased worker



1956

Disability Insurance for disabled workers and their family members



1965

Medicare providing health insurance for our beneficiaries



1972

Supplemental Security Income needs-based program funded by the U.S. Treasury general fund to provide payments to people with limited income and resources who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. Children with disabilities can get SSI, too.

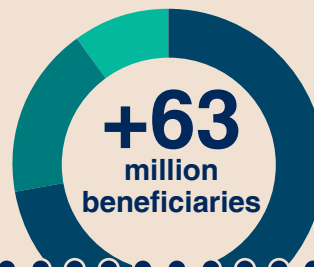
## Who do we serve?



1 in 5 Americans currently receive a Social Security benefit



1/3 are Disabled, Dependents, or Survivors



**+47 million** retired workers and dependents

**+10 million** disabled workers and dependents

**~6 million** survivors of deceased workers

The most successful anti-poverty program in our country's history