Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)–popularly referred to as Social Security–provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker's level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

Table 1.—OASDI in Alabama, December 2002: Number of beneficiaries and monthly benefit amount for benefits in current–payment status

| | Number of beneficiaries | | | | | | Mon (tho | Number of OASDI | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Congressional district | Total | Retired workers ¹ | Disabled workers | Widow(er)s ² | Wives and husbands | Children | All beneficiaries | Retired workers | Widow(er)s ² | beneficiaries aged 65 or older |
| United States, total | 46,444,240 | 29,190,150 | 5,543,981 | 4,967,155 | 2,832,767 | 3,910,187 | 37,854,411 | 26,125,087 | 4,169,125 | 33,162,456 |
| Alabama | 854,423 | 469,211 | 139,354 | 102,779 | 49,098 | 93,981 | 647,609 | 398,636 | 78,368 | 545,142 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | 123,973 121,442 124,066 135,150 114,783 | 68,192 68,415 68,288 73,053 66,252 | 18,562 19,682 23,132 23,043 16,561 | 14,700 13,795 13,125 17,246 13,941 | 7,688 6,184 5,379 8,707 7,874 | 14,831 13,366 14,142 13,101 10,155 | 96,065 87,800 90,490 100,371 88,474 | 59,506 55,456 55,538 60,072 56,440 | 11,659 9,972 9,299 12,768 10,799 | 78,743 77,895 76,161 86,224 76,718 |
| 6 7 | 110,371 124,638 | 64,348 60,663 | 14,762 23,612 | 13,889 16,083 | 7,566 5,700 | 9,806 18,580 | 94,710 89,697 | 61,437 50,185 | 12,166 11,702 | 76,251 73,150 |

¹ Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

² Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Table 2.—SSI in Alabama, December 2002: Number of persons receiving federally administered payments and monthly benefit amount

| | Number of recipients | | | | | Monthly be (thousand | Number of recipients | | | |
|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Congressional district | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | With OASDI ¹ | Aged 65 or older |
| United States, total | 6,787,857 | 1,251,528 | 77,658 | 5,458,671 | 2,951,425 | 415,574 | 35,144 | 2,500,707 | 2,406,327 | 1,995,284 |
| Alabama | 163,662 | 22,712 | 1,074 | 139,876 | 64,495 | 3,965 | 380 | 60,149 | 68,411 | 40,623 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | 21,048 26,768 25,902 23,309 17,006 | 2,656 4,182 3,359 3,751 2,548 | 144 154 238 142 117 | 18,248 22,432 22,305 19,416 14,341 | 8,509 10,466 10,019 8,528 6,355 | 486 703 556 586 453 | 54 53 80 51 39 | 7,970 9,710 9,384 7,891 5,863 | 8,309 11,879 10,777 11,005 7,475 | 4,628 7,159 6,332 6,669 4,637 |
| 6 7 | 10,978 38,651 | 1,260 4,956 | 69 210 | 9,649 33,485 | 4,414 16,203 | 236 946 | 25 78 | 4,153 15,179 | 4,408 14,558 | 2,271 8,927 |

¹ Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.



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