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 Montana, 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		beneficiaries aged 65
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
Montana	161,193	101,656	18,079	17,581	11,405	12,472	126,679	86,983	14,799	115,380

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 Montana, December 2002: Number of persons receiving federally administered payments and monthly benefit amount

	Number of recipients				Monthly benefit amount (thousands of dollars)				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
Montana	14,236	1,261	134	12,841	5,513	230	50	5,233	5,620	2,490

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



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