

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.Number of OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2006

	Number of beneficiaries						Tot (the	Number of		
Congressional district	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Spouses ^c	Children ^d	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	beneficiaries aged 65 or older
Alaska	66,906	40,237	10,211	5,103	2,904	8,451	60,556	40,207	4,718	41,785
All areas ^e	49,122,624	30,976,145	6,806,918	4,666,962	2,632,069	4,040,530	46,938,032	32,351,857	4,576,981	34,468,217

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.

c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.

d. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.

e. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

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. Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2006												
Congressional district	Total	Number of Aged	recipients Blind	Disabled	Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars) Total Aged Blind Disabled				Number of recipients With Aged 65 OASDI ^a or older			
Alaska	11,343	2,112	102	9,129	5,078	608	41	4,427	3,964	3,055		
All areas ^b	7,235,583	1,211,681	73,418	5,950,484	3,499,569	453,537	36,296	3,009,734	2,528,975	2,004,476		

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

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

b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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