



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker 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 in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2008

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^a	Spouses ^b	Children ^c	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^a	
South Carolina	850,368	527,696	147,288	70,094	29,735	75,555	888,484	602,818	70,753	558,410
1	146,956	96,008	21,617	11,926	5,823	11,582	156,160	110,095	12,678	100,355
2	132,217	88,294	17,083	10,927	5,605	10,308	145,927	105,974	11,958	93,288
3	154,195	96,646	28,106	11,338	5,008	13,097	162,964	110,821	11,568	101,017
4	140,702	86,378	26,959	10,532	4,556	12,277	151,334	102,057	11,263	91,693
5	144,013	86,735	27,027	12,297	4,296	13,658	148,342	97,767	11,836	91,504
6	132,285	73,635	26,496	13,074	4,447	14,633	123,757	76,104	11,451	80,553
All areas ^d	50,898,244	32,273,651	7,426,691	4,541,467	2,524,841	4,131,594	53,666,109	37,207,910	4,908,428	35,818,757

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

- a. 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.
- b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- d. 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 2008

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
South Carolina	107,336	10,592	1,270	95,474	50,630	2,311	529	47,790	40,731	23,215
1	13,140	1,221	131	11,788	5,887	280	51	5,556	4,949	2,691
2	13,127	1,208	179	11,740	6,254	274	78	5,902	4,594	2,590
3	15,621	1,303	183	14,135	7,622	256	74	7,292	5,970	2,918
4	15,426	1,316	192	13,918	7,645	316	84	7,245	5,604	2,789
5	20,505	2,163	219	18,123	9,725	459	94	9,172	8,035	4,794
6	29,517	3,381	366	25,770	13,498	727	148	12,623	11,579	7,433
All areas ^b	7,519,593	1,203,089	70,311	6,246,193	3,880,019	475,824	36,376	3,367,820	2,612,149	2,033,285

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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