



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	
Tennessee	1,168,699	697,706	207,678	106,469	51,167	105,679	1,196,982	790,590	108,689	766,774
1	164,606	93,291	33,233	15,711	8,436	13,935	163,830	102,621	15,371	104,690
2	138,652	86,634	22,447	12,653	6,633	10,285	147,005	100,854	13,599	95,191
3	143,324	85,482	26,065	13,091	6,667	12,019	149,283	98,614	13,697	94,365
4	160,290	94,022	29,745	15,154	7,590	13,779	158,365	102,602	14,571	103,957
5	97,336	61,376	15,675	8,476	3,526	8,283	106,594	73,968	9,482	66,996
6	129,014	78,154	22,768	11,042	5,018	12,032	131,885	87,678	11,080	83,606
7	114,594	72,273	16,732	9,766	5,271	10,552	122,616	84,939	10,433	78,376
8	131,640	76,988	24,233	11,952	5,145	13,322	129,569	83,703	11,666	84,088
9	89,243	49,486	16,780	8,624	2,881	11,472	87,835	55,612	8,790	55,505
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
Tennessee	165,222	14,561	1,480	149,181	79,944	3,187	670	76,087	61,959	33,350
1	21,396	2,010	164	19,222	10,122	417	70	9,635	8,914	4,825
2	15,777	1,287	113	14,377	7,439	272	54	7,113	6,024	3,044
3	19,283	1,530	163	17,590	9,124	331	75	8,718	7,313	3,846
4	22,633	2,045	177	20,411	10,647	366	76	10,206	9,337	5,082
5	13,528	1,227	171	12,130	7,022	379	76	6,567	4,335	2,363
6	14,535	1,497	174	12,864	7,022	315	79	6,628	5,977	3,149
7	12,030	1,277	111	10,642	5,821	292	49	5,480	4,443	2,543
8	20,908	1,795	166	18,947	9,951	349	72	9,531	7,859	4,084
9	25,132	1,893	241	22,998	12,795	467	120	12,209	7,757	4,414
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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