

Table 1.
Number of people receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or both, March 2017
(in thousands)

Type of beneficiary	Total	Social Security only	SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI
All beneficiaries	66,366	58,108	5,516	2,741
Aged 65 or older	45,730	43,527	978	1,226
Disabled, under age 65 ^a	13,996	7,942	4,539	1,516
Other ^b	6,639	6,639

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record and Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Social Security beneficiaries who are entitled to a primary and a secondary benefit (dual entitlement) are counted only once in this table. SSI counts include recipients of federal SSI, federally administered state supplementation, or both.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes children receiving SSI based on their own disability.

b. Social Security beneficiaries who are neither aged nor disabled (for example, early retirees, young survivors).

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Table 2.
Social Security benefits, March 2017

Type of beneficiary	Beneficiaries		Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)	Average monthly benefit (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
Total	61,262	100.0	76,636	1,250.96
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance	50,683	82.7	65,713	1,296.56
Retirement benefits	44,651	72.9	58,937	1,319.94
Retired workers	41,608	67.9	56,810	1,365.35
Spouses of retired workers	2,365	3.9	1,680	710.41
Children of retired workers	678	1.1	447	659.52
Survivor benefits	6,031	9.8	6,776	1,123.45
Children of deceased workers	1,924	3.1	1,617	840.34
Widowed mothers and fathers	127	0.2	119	938.80
Nondisabled widow(er)s	3,720	6.1	4,853	1,304.52
Disabled widow(er)s	259	0.4	186	716.51
Parents of deceased workers	1	(L)	1	1,157.41
Disability Insurance	10,580	17.3	10,923	1,032.48
Disabled workers	8,778	14.3	10,284	1,171.52
Spouses of disabled workers	132	0.2	43	324.46
Children of disabled workers	1,669	2.7	596	357.30

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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Table 3.
Supplemental Security Income recipients, March 2017

Age	Recipients		Total payments ^a (millions of dollars)	Average monthly payment ^b (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
All recipients	8,258	100.0	4,726	543.51
Under 18	1,207	14.6	819	650.78
18–64	4,847	58.7	2,937	564.63
65 or older	2,203	26.7	969	438.72

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Includes retroactive payments.

b. Excludes retroactive payments.

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