

Table 1.
Number of people receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or both, May 2021
(in thousands)

Type of beneficiary	Total	Social Security only	SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI
All beneficiaries	69,898	62,064	5,236	2,598
Aged 65 or older	51,035	48,760	992	1,283
Disabled, under age 65 ^a	12,912	7,352	4,244	1,316
Other ^b	5,951	5,951

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, May 2021

Type of beneficiary	Beneficiaries		Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)	Average monthly benefit (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
Total	65,068	100.0	93,095	1,430.73
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance	55,521	85.3	82,146	1,479.55
Retirement benefits	49,613	76.2	74,793	1,507.53
Retired workers	46,648	71.7	72,477	1,553.68
Spouses of retired workers	2,254	3.5	1,794	795.89
Children of retired workers	711	1.1	522	735.04
Survivor benefits	5,908	9.1	7,354	1,244.61
Children of deceased workers	1,988	3.1	1,834	922.65
Widowed mothers and fathers	113	0.2	118	1,049.76
Nondisabled widow(er)s	3,575	5.5	5,221	1,460.55
Disabled widow(er)s	233	0.4	179	770.85
Parents of deceased workers	1	(L)	1	1,311.28
Disability Insurance	9,547	14.7	10,949	1,146.79
Disabled workers	8,102	12.5	10,371	1,280.17
Spouses of disabled workers	103	0.2	37	358.92
Children of disabled workers	1,343	2.1	540	402.38

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, May 2021

Age	Recipients		Total payments ^a (millions of dollars)	Average monthly payment ^b (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
All recipients	7,834	100.0	4,767	585.46
Under 18	1,081	13.8	770	689.91
18–64	4,478	57.2	2,911	616.05
65 or older	2,275	29.0	1,086	475.77

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

a. Includes retroactive payments.

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