

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

Type of beneficiary	Total	Social Security only	SSI only	Both Social Security and SSI
All beneficiaries	69,861	62,069	5,205	2,588
Aged 65 or older	51,352	49,069	995	1,289
Disabled, under age 65 ^a	12,776	7,268	4,210	1,299
Other ^b	5,732	5,732

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, August 2021

Type of beneficiary	Beneficiaries		Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)	Average monthly benefit (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
Total	65,061	100.0	93,528	1,437.55
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance	55,674	85.6	82,711	1,485.63
Retirement benefits	49,841	76.6	75,423	1,513.26
Retired workers	46,941	72.1	73,159	1,558.54
Spouses of retired workers	2,219	3.4	1,762	794.41
Children of retired workers	682	1.0	501	734.77
Survivor benefits	5,833	9.0	7,289	1,249.53
Children of deceased workers	1,928	3.0	1,775	920.48
Widowed mothers and fathers	110	0.2	117	1,063.25
Nondisabled widow(er)s	3,565	5.5	5,219	1,464.01
Disabled widow(er)s	229	0.4	177	771.42
Parents of deceased workers	1	(L)	1	1,313.23
Disability Insurance	9,386	14.4	10,816	1,152.37
Disabled workers	8,021	12.3	10,274	1,280.84
Spouses of disabled workers	100	0.2	36	359.30
Children of disabled workers	1,265	1.9	507	400.54

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, August 2021

Age	Recipients		Total payments ^a (millions of dollars)	Average monthly payment ^b (dollars)
	Number (thousands)	Percent		
All recipients	7,792	100.0	4,789	585.96
Under 18	1,065	13.7	775	692.89
18–64	4,443	57.0	2,919	616.87
65 or older	2,284	29.3	1,094	476.00

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

a. Includes retroactive payments.

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