

# CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18





**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
**December 2017**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
All areas	1,182,593	647.48
Boston	42,038	630.46
Connecticut	8,496	640.38
Maine	3,970	628.24
Massachusetts	21,909	625.91
New Hampshire	2,283	600.85
Rhode Island	3,976	639.53
Vermont	1,404	669.85
New York	109,327	649.68
New Jersey	24,360	647.99
New York	84,967	650.17
Philadelphia	120,064	640.47
Delaware	3,358	626.35
District of Columbia	3,955	653.07
Maryland	19,209	628.14
Pennsylvania	63,306	649.07
Virginia	22,510	627.11
West Virginia	7,726	639.52
Atlanta	290,403	642.33
Alabama	22,799	644.71
Florida	99,742	640.66
Georgia	43,155	644.31
Kentucky	25,344	651.13
Mississippi	20,010	648.56
North Carolina	38,303	637.96
South Carolina	18,540	635.37
Tennessee	22,510	641.19
Chicago	174,832	646.97
Illinois	36,907	654.58
Indiana	22,515	643.71
Michigan	37,095	649.15
Minnesota	12,613	627.18
Ohio	44,280	649.04
Wisconsin	21,422	640.86
Dallas	217,321	642.10
Arkansas	25,653	653.79
Louisiana	33,001	654.84
New Mexico	8,228	648.01
Oklahoma	16,081	638.99
Texas	134,358	636.77
Kansas City	40,412	633.89
Iowa	7,748	628.57
Kansas	8,835	633.56
Missouri	20,017	639.46
Nebraska	3,812	616.18

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**Table 17.**  
**Recipients and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area,**  
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Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
Denver	20,769	612.47
Colorado	8,922	621.43
Montana	2,353	634.39
North Dakota	1,060	581.17
South Dakota	2,443	607.16
Utah	5,108	594.24
Wyoming	883	620.65
San Francisco	133,694	694.73
Arizona	17,619	651.56
California	104,636	707.19
Hawaii	1,353	626.33
Nevada	9,815	649.06
Northern Mariana Islands	271	684.14
Seattle	33,733	618.88
Alaska	1,193	585.58
Idaho	5,080	614.16
Oregon	10,656	623.57
Washington	16,804	619.70

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

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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**Table 18.**  
**Percentage distribution of recipients, by monthly payment, December 2017**

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	1,182,593
Percent	100.0
None <sup>a</sup>	0.1
Under 50	1.6
50–99	0.7
100–199	1.7
200–299	2.2
300–399	3.2
400–499	8.9
500–599	6.9
600–699	10.2
700–734	3.6
735	60.9

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

a. Persons receiving only a federally administered state supplementary payment on December 1, 2017.

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**Table 19.**  
**Recipients, by selected characteristics, December 2017**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,182,593	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	15,850	1.3
1	25,210	2.1
2	29,697	2.5
3	39,642	3.4
4	48,456	4.1
5	56,327	4.8
6	62,449	5.3
7	68,982	5.8
8	76,131	6.4
9	81,696	6.9
10	84,966	7.2
11	86,398	7.3
12	85,016	7.2
13	85,449	7.2
14	85,007	7.2
15	84,273	7.1
16	84,290	7.1
17	82,754	7.0
Sex		
Male	795,481	67.3
Female	387,112	32.7
Citizenship status		
Citizen	1,179,242	99.7
Noncitizen	3,351	0.3
Living arrangements		
Own household	156,467	13.2
Another's household	39,136	3.3
Parent's household	974,087	82.4
Medicaid institution	12,760	1.1
Unknown	143	(L)

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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**Table 20.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and age, December 2017**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3–5	6–12	13–17
	<b>Number</b>				
All recipients under age 18	1,182,593	70,757	144,425	545,638	421,773
Congenital anomalies	65,406	12,512	13,814	25,734	13,346
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,896	569	1,755	4,286	2,286
Infectious and parasitic diseases	594	26	55	255	258
Injuries	5,555	479	896	2,457	1,723
Mental disorders					
Autistic disorders	185,648	1,528	27,988	101,275	54,857
Developmental disorders	228,979	5,638	41,745	119,091	62,505
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	227,653	125	4,187	114,465	108,876
Intellectual disability	114,406	246	3,956	45,970	64,234
Mood disorders	36,135	1	150	10,681	25,303
Organic mental disorders	24,967	341	3,822	12,276	8,528
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	2,814	0	8	679	2,127
Other mental disorders	31,732	36	817	13,590	17,289
Neoplasms	10,200	744	2,256	4,543	2,657
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	10,315	303	1,318	5,129	3,565
Circulatory system	4,159	677	837	1,515	1,130
Digestive system	15,286	5,148	4,886	3,782	1,470
Genitourinary system	2,805	220	384	1,186	1,015
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9,261	731	1,569	3,778	3,183
Nervous system and sense organs	91,442	5,144	14,104	43,498	28,696
Respiratory system	20,654	1,559	3,990	9,505	5,600
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	2,103	115	351	1,078	559
Other	70,905	33,539	13,676	15,062	8,628
Unknown	12,678	1,076	1,861	5,803	3,938
	<b>Percent</b>				
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	5.5	17.7	9.6	4.7	3.2
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.5
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.1	(L)	(L)	(L)	0.1
Injuries	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
Mental disorders					
Autistic disorders	15.7	2.2	19.4	18.6	13.0
Developmental disorders	19.4	8.0	28.9	21.8	14.8
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	19.3	0.2	2.9	21.0	25.8
Intellectual disability	9.7	0.3	2.7	8.4	15.2
Mood disorders	3.1	(L)	0.1	2.0	6.0
Organic mental disorders	2.1	0.5	2.6	2.2	2.0
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	0.2	0.0	(L)	0.1	0.5
Other mental disorders	2.7	0.1	0.6	2.5	4.1
Neoplasms	0.9	1.1	1.6	0.8	0.6
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.8
Circulatory system	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.3
Digestive system	1.3	7.3	3.4	0.7	0.3
Genitourinary system	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.8
Nervous system and sense organs	7.7	7.3	9.8	8.0	6.8
Respiratory system	1.7	2.2	2.8	1.7	1.3
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Other	6.0	47.4	9.5	2.8	2.0
Unknown	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9

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

NOTE: (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

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**Table 21.**  
**Recipients, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2017**

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	1,182,593	100.0	795,481	100.0	387,112	100.0
Congenital anomalies	65,406	5.5	35,137	4.4	30,269	7.8
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	8,896	0.8	4,584	0.6	4,312	1.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	594	0.1	307	0.0	287	0.1
Injuries	5,555	0.5	3,210	0.4	2,345	0.6
Mental disorders						
Autistic disorders	185,648	15.7	150,400	18.9	35,248	9.1
Developmental disorders	228,979	19.4	157,596	19.8	71,383	18.4
Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified	227,653	19.3	176,178	22.1	51,475	13.3
Intellectual disability	114,406	9.7	70,393	8.8	44,013	11.4
Mood disorders	36,135	3.1	21,042	2.6	15,093	3.9
Organic mental disorders	24,967	2.1	16,410	2.1	8,557	2.2
Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders	2,814	0.2	1,622	0.2	1,192	0.3
Other mental disorders	31,732	2.7	19,547	2.5	12,185	3.1
Neoplasms	10,200	0.9	5,719	0.7	4,481	1.2
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	10,315	0.9	5,807	0.7	4,508	1.2
Circulatory system	4,159	0.4	2,257	0.3	1,902	0.5
Digestive system	15,286	1.3	8,320	1.0	6,966	1.8
Genitourinary system	2,805	0.2	1,665	0.2	1,140	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	9,261	0.8	4,517	0.6	4,744	1.2
Nervous system and sense organs	91,442	7.7	50,254	6.3	41,188	10.6
Respiratory system	20,654	1.7	12,798	1.6	7,856	2.0
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	2,103	0.2	1,081	0.1	1,022	0.3
Other	70,905	6.0	38,822	4.9	32,083	8.3
Unknown	12,678	1.1	7,815	1.0	4,863	1.3

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

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**Table 22.**  
**Adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18, by year of first eligibility and age in December 2017**

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2017					
		18–21	22–25	26–29	30–39	40–49	50 or older <sup>a</sup>
Total							
Number	1,127,230	246,233	199,038	185,463	304,932	125,022	66,542
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974–1976	4.5	...	...	...	...	10.6	56.1
1977–1980	4.7	...	...	...	1.2	21.7	33.4
1981–1984	4.5	...	...	...	7.1	18.1	10.0
1985–1989	7.8	...	...	2.0	18.4	22.2	0.5
1990–1994	23.5	...	12.0	37.5	45.1	26.9	...
1995–1999	20.0	17.0	34.9	27.8	20.3	0.6	...
2000–2004	17.5	32.7	26.9	21.7	7.7	...	...
2005–2009	11.0	26.7	18.5	11.0	0.3	...	...
2010–2014	5.7	19.7	7.7	...	...	...	...
2015–2017	0.9	4.0	...	...	...	...	...

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Those under age 18 in 1974 would be no older than 61 in 2017.

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**Table 23.**  
**Recipients and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2017**

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	1,182,593	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income <sup>a</sup>	859,342	72.7	...
With income <sup>b</sup>	323,251	27.3	270
Earned income only	1,757	0.1	616
Unearned income only	320,635	27.1	240
Both earned and unearned income	859	0.1	712
With unearned income <sup>c</sup>	321,494	27.2	240
Social Security benefits	81,178	6.9	239
Veterans' benefits	8,392	0.7	70
Income based on need	16,797	1.4	223
Support from absent parents	170,689	14.4	231
Support and maintenance	68,665	5.8	175
Asset income	402	(L)	35
Other	6,190	0.5	308

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

NOTES: ... = not applicable; (L) = less than 0.05 percent.

- a. The percentage of children receiving the full federal benefit rate, as shown in Table 18, is smaller than the percentage of those with no income, as shown here, because of the effect of parental deemed income in the payment computation.
- b. Does not include income deemed from parents in the household.
- c. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 24.**  
**Recipients, by number of parents in the household, December 2017**

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,182,593	100.0
No parents <sup>a</sup>	147,892	12.5
One parent	800,597	67.7
Two parents	234,104	19.8

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

NOTE: The total of children with one or two parents in the household differs slightly from the number of children living in a parent's household in Table 19. This is because the data in Table 19 represent only households in which a parent is the head of the household, whereas the data in this table include children living with parents who are not the head of the household.

a. Children with no parents in the household reside independently, with other relatives or nonrelatives, or in institutions or in foster care. Deeming does not apply in these situations.

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**Table 25.**  
**Recipients with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income,**  
**December 2017**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
	Number	Percent	Mother only		Father only	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	800,597	100.0	747,811	100.0	52,786	100.0
No parental income	370,816	46.3	349,194	46.7	21,622	41.0
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	429,781	53.7	398,617	53.3	31,164	59.0
Earned income	316,665	39.6	294,416	39.4	22,249	42.1
Unearned income	131,781	16.5	121,848	16.3	9,933	18.8
Total income (dollars)						
None	370,816	46.3	349,194	46.7	21,622	41.0
Under 200	37,514	4.7	35,944	4.8	1,570	3.0
200–399	27,736	3.5	26,077	3.5	1,659	3.1
400–599	29,781	3.7	27,802	3.7	1,979	3.7
600–999	85,496	10.7	79,863	10.7	5,633	10.7
1,000 or more	249,254	31.1	228,931	30.6	20,323	38.5
Earned income (dollars)						
None	483,932	60.4	453,395	60.6	30,537	57.9
Under 200	5,795	0.7	5,403	0.7	392	0.7
200–399	10,211	1.3	9,688	1.3	523	1.0
400–599	16,934	2.1	16,070	2.1	864	1.6
600–999	50,627	6.3	48,303	6.5	2,324	4.4
1,000 or more	233,098	29.1	214,952	28.7	18,146	34.4
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	668,816	83.5	625,963	83.7	42,853	81.2
Under 200	40,860	5.1	39,326	5.3	1,534	2.9
200–399	22,212	2.8	20,814	2.8	1,398	2.6
400–599	15,872	2.0	14,549	1.9	1,323	2.5
600–999	39,855	5.0	36,221	4.8	3,634	6.9
1,000 or more	12,982	1.6	10,938	1.5	2,044	3.9

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

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 26.**  
**Recipients with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income,**  
**December 2017**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	234,104	100.0	234,104	100.0	234,104	100.0
No parental income	43,194	18.5	149,168	63.7	79,905	34.1
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	190,910	81.5	84,936	36.3	154,199	65.9
Earned income	164,237	70.2	64,940	27.7	129,043	55.1
Unearned income	42,133	18.0	22,702	9.7	29,737	12.7
Total income (dollars)						
None	43,194	18.5	149,168	63.7	79,904	34.1
Under 200	4,039	1.7	9,687	4.1	4,959	2.1
200–399	4,787	2.0	5,755	2.5	4,088	1.7
400–599	5,548	2.4	6,325	2.7	5,450	2.3
600–999	17,690	7.6	16,121	6.9	17,794	7.6
1,000 or more	158,846	67.9	47,048	20.1	121,908	52.1
Earned income (dollars)						
None	69,867	29.8	169,164	72.3	105,060	44.9
Under 200	1,400	0.6	2,216	0.9	1,396	0.6
200–399	2,105	0.9	3,039	1.3	2,041	0.9
400–599	3,525	1.5	4,255	1.8	3,141	1.3
600–999	10,679	4.6	10,803	4.6	9,144	3.9
1,000 or more	146,528	62.6	44,627	19.1	113,321	48.4
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	191,971	82.0	211,402	90.3	204,366	87.3
Under 200	5,468	2.3	9,029	3.9	5,175	2.2
200–399	5,424	2.3	3,228	1.4	2,886	1.2
400–599	4,873	2.1	2,443	1.0	3,087	1.3
600–999	14,224	6.1	5,959	2.5	10,198	4.4
1,000 or more	12,144	5.2	2,043	0.9	8,391	3.6

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

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive both earned and unearned income.

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**Table 27.**  
**Recipients with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2017**

Type of income	All children with parental income		Children with parental income from—			
	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Mother		Father	
			Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)	Number	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total <sup>a</sup>	620,691	1,537	483,553	1,245	185,363	1,894
Earned income	480,902	1,776	359,356	1,478	151,292	2,123
Unearned income <sup>b</sup>	173,914	596	144,550	489	39,670	750
Social Security benefits	85,321	771	66,350	695	23,588	828
Other pensions	8,234	529	5,897	328	3,515	687
Public income-maintenance	50,731	156	47,534	159	6,634	173
Asset income	2,044	287	1,406	247	695	385
Other	33,413	620	27,129	545	6,570	975

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

- a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income.
- b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some parents may receive more than one type of unearned income.

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**Table 28.**  
**Recipients subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2017**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,034,701	100.0	800,597	77.4	234,104	22.6
<b><i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	857,131	100.0	684,226	100.0	172,905	100.0
No parental income	414,010	48.3	370,816	54.2	43,194	25.0
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	50,731	5.9	43,337	6.3	7,394	4.3
Income less than deeming allocations <sup>a</sup>	42,116	4.9	33,038	4.8	9,078	5.3
Income less than exclusions <sup>b</sup>	350,274	40.9	237,035	34.6	113,239	65.5
<b><i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	177,570	100.0	116,371	100.0	61,199	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	135,956	76.6	86,016	73.9	49,940	81.6
Unearned income only	26,719	15.0	22,529	19.4	4,190	6.8
Both earned and unearned income	12,067	6.8	5,342	4.6	6,725	11.0
Manually computed deemed income	2,828	1.6	2,484	2.1	344	0.6

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

a. Includes allocations for ineligible children and SSI-eligible aliens sponsored by parents.

b. Includes the general income exclusion (\$20), the earned income exclusion (\$65 plus one-half of the remaining earned income), and the parental living allowance.

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