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## Preface

Since 1974, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has provided monthly payments for blind and disabled children under the age of 18. Certain provisions are used to determine a child's eligibility and payment amount that differ from those applicable to adults. For children living in the same household with one or more parents, the parents' income and resources must be considered, or *deemed*, in determining the child's eligibility and payment amount. This report provides data on

- applications by and awards to blind and disabled children;
- SSI payments, income, demographic characteristics, geographic distribution, and disability diagnosis groups of SSI child recipients; and
- type, amounts, and deeming status of parental income.

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## Summary and Introduction

In this report, children are defined as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients under age 18. All average SSI payment amounts are based on the amount received in the month of the report, rather than on the amount due in the following month.

In December 2005, more than 1,036,000 blind and disabled children were receiving SSI payments. They made up 14.6 percent of the over 7 million SSI recipients. The data reflect an increase of over 43,000 child recipients since December 2004.

To be eligible for SSI payments as a child, an individual must be under age 18 and unmarried and must meet the applicable SSI income, resource, and diagnostic criteria.

The tables present a "snapshot" of selected program and demographic characteristics of children who receive SSI payments. Table 1 is based on 100 percent data. Tables 2–16 are based on 10 percent sample files. The source record for all of the files is the Supplemental Security Record (SSR).

### Applications and Awards

In calendar year 2005, the most recent year for which complete data are available, the Social Security Administration (SSA) received almost 460,000 SSI applications for children. This represents 18 percent of the more than 2.5 million SSI applications received during that period.

Nearly 177,000 children were awarded SSI payments in calendar year 2005. This was almost 21 percent of the 846,000 persons awarded SSI in that period.

Historically, the percentages of both applications and awards for children have gradually increased. Both rates rose rapidly in the early to mid-1990s, after the *Zebley v. Sullivan* decision. They dropped off somewhat after welfare reform legislation was enacted in 1996. The number of applications for children has continued to increase since then, but their percentage share of all applications has gradually decreased. Both the number and percentage of awards for children have increased since welfare reform, with the exception of a slight decrease in their percentage of all applications in 2004 and 2005.

### Payments

The average SSI payment to children in December 2005 was \$518. This amount includes federally administered state supplementation, where applicable, but does not include any retroactive payments.

The states with the largest numbers of children receiving SSI were California, Texas, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, and Michigan. Together they accounted for 54 percent of all child recipients.

Sixty-four percent of the children received an SSI payment of \$579 in December—the maximum monthly amount of federal SSI payable in 2005 to persons with no countable income.

### Demographic Characteristics

#### Age

In December 2005, 15 percent of the children receiving SSI were younger than 5 years old. The remaining 85 percent were fairly evenly distributed by age.

#### Sex

Child recipients are more likely to be boys than girls, by about three to two. This is generally the same gender pattern found among adult disabled recipients.

### Living Arrangements

Eighty-two percent of the children lived with their parent(s). Of those with other living arrangements, 13 percent were identified as living in their own household for purposes of determining payments. For the most part, these children lived with other relatives; in hospitals, nursing homes, residential schools, and foster care; or independently. Less than 2 percent were patients in a medical facility where more than half of the cost of their care is covered by the Medicaid program.

### Citizenship

Nearly all (99 percent) of the children were U.S. citizens, either by birth or naturalization.

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## Diagnosis

More than 66 percent were disabled because of a mental disorder, and the largest proportion of this group (20 percent) were mentally retarded. The only other sizable diagnostic category was diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (9 percent), which included all of the more than 6,900 blind children on SSI in December 2005.

The incidence of mental retardation as a primary diagnosis increased with age, from 3 percent of those under age 3 to 31 percent of those aged 13–17. A similar pattern appeared among those under age 18 with other mental disorders.

The only diagnostic categories with a significant difference between sexes were other mental disorders (52 percent of the males versus 35 percent of the females) and nervous systems and sense organs (11 percent of the females versus 8 percent of the males). There was no substantial variation between sexes in the other diagnostic categories.

## Adult Recipients Who First Became Eligible for SSI as Children

In addition to the more than 1,036,000 recipients who are currently considered as children for program purposes, the SSI rolls in December 2005 included almost 681,000 adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI payments before age 18. Twenty-two percent of these recipients first became eligible during the 1974–1980 period and thus have been receiving SSI for much of their lives.

## Income

About 28 percent had income in December 2005, and most of them had only unearned income. The most frequent types of cash unearned income were Social Security benefits (7 percent) or support payments from an absent parent (13 percent). Another 1 percent were receiving income based on need (most commonly from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, formerly known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or AFDC), and 8 percent had some type of in-kind income that was considered for SSI purposes. About 72 percent of the children had no income reported on their record.

## Parents in the Household

Almost two-thirds of the children (66 percent) were living with one parent, and 22 percent lived with two par-

ents. Deeming of income from the parent(s) to the child recipient applies to these children. For the 12 percent with no parent in the household, parent-to-child deeming does not apply, and information about parents is not part of the SSI record.

## One-Parent Household

Of the 66 percent of SSI recipient children who lived with only one parent, nearly all (95 percent) lived with their mother. Only 5 percent lived with their father.

For 45 percent of the children in a one-parent household, that parent had no reported income (the SSI payment is not considered as income in this analysis). Over one-third of the children (35 percent) lived with a parent who had earned income, and 24 percent lived with a parent who had unearned income. Mother-headed households showed about the same distribution, but father-headed homes were more likely to have earnings.

Even in households with income, the amounts were small. Twenty percent of the children were in homes with income under \$200 in December 2005. Only 62 percent of them had income of \$600 or more in that month. Children living with a father were more likely to have higher family income.

## Two-Parent Household

The 22 percent of SSI children who lived with two parents were relatively better off economically than those living with only one parent. Eighteen percent of the former had parents with no reported income, compared with 45 percent of those living with one parent. Also, for 61 percent of children in two-parent households, the parents had income of \$1,000 per month or more, compared with 23 percent of children in one-parent households.

Mothers in two-parent households were less likely to have income than were single mothers. Sixty-four percent of mothers in two-parent households had no income, compared with 46 percent of single mothers.

## Parental Income

Over half of all SSI children (54 percent) lived in a household where the parent(s) received some type of income, which averaged \$1,183 in December. About 37 percent of the children had one or both parents with earnings, averaging \$1,499; 21 percent had some type of unearned income, averaging \$367. The most common type of unearned income was public income-maintenance payments. Such payments include TANF

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payments, Department of Veterans Affairs payments based on need, and payments from other government programs.

### **Parent-to-Child Deeming**

In households where the parent(s) of SSI children receive income, that income must be considered in determining the child's payment amount. This process is called deeming. Certain types of parental income are excluded from deeming (see 20 CFR 416.1161(a)). This includes public income-maintenance payments and any parental income used to determine the amount

of those payments. In addition, allocations and exclusions reduce the amount used in the child's payment computation.

About 62 percent of the children subject to deeming had one or more parents with reported income in December. After all exclusions and allocations were applied, deemed income affected the payment of only 27 percent of these children. Children living with two parents (33 percent) were more likely to have their payment affected by deemed income than were children living with one parent (24 percent).

**Table 1.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of recipients of federally administered SSI payments, by age,**  
**December 1974–2005**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64 <sup>a</sup>		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
1974	3,996,064	<sup>b</sup> 70,900	1.8	1,503,155	37.6	2,422,009	60.6
1975	4,314,275	107,026	2.5	1,699,394	39.4	2,507,855	58.1
1976	4,235,939	125,412	3.0	1,713,594	40.5	2,396,933	56.6
1977	4,237,692	147,355	3.5	1,736,879	41.0	2,353,458	55.5
1978	4,216,925	165,899	3.9	1,747,126	41.4	2,303,900	54.6
1979	4,149,575	177,306	4.3	1,726,553	41.6	2,245,716	54.1
1980	4,142,017	190,394	4.6	1,730,847	41.8	2,220,776	53.6
1981	4,018,875	194,890	4.8	1,702,895	42.4	2,121,090	52.8
1982	3,857,590	191,570	5.0	1,655,279	42.9	2,010,741	52.1
1983	3,901,497	198,323	5.1	1,699,774	43.6	2,003,400	51.3
1984	4,029,333	211,587	5.3	1,780,459	44.2	2,037,287	50.6
1985	4,138,021	227,384	5.5	1,879,168	45.4	2,031,469	49.1
1986	4,269,184	241,198	5.6	2,010,458	47.1	2,017,528	47.3
1987	4,384,999	250,902	5.7	2,118,710	48.3	2,015,387	46.0
1988	4,463,869	255,135	5.7	2,202,714	49.3	2,006,020	44.9
1989	4,593,059	264,890	5.8	2,301,926	50.1	2,026,243	44.1
1990	4,817,127	308,589	6.4	2,449,897	50.9	2,058,641	42.7
1991	5,118,470	397,162	7.8	2,641,524	51.6	2,079,784	40.6
1992	5,566,189	556,470	10.0	2,910,016	52.3	2,099,703	37.7
1993	5,984,330	722,678	12.1	3,148,413	52.6	2,113,239	35.3
1994	6,295,786	841,474	13.4	3,335,255	53.0	2,119,057	33.7
1995	6,514,134	917,048	14.1	3,482,256	53.5	2,114,830	32.5
1996	6,613,718	955,174	14.4	3,568,393	54.0	2,090,151	31.6
1997	6,494,985	879,828	13.5	3,561,625	54.8	2,053,532	31.6
1998	6,566,069	887,066	13.5	3,646,020	55.5	2,032,983	31.0
1999	6,556,634	847,063	12.9	3,690,994	56.3	2,018,577	30.8
2000	6,601,686	846,784	12.8	3,744,038	56.7	2,010,864	30.5
2001	6,688,489	881,836	13.2	3,811,494	57.0	1,995,159	29.8
2002	6,787,857	914,821	13.5	3,877,752	57.1	1,995,284	29.4
2003	6,902,364	959,379	13.9	3,953,248	57.3	1,989,737	28.8
2004	6,987,845	993,127	14.2	4,017,108	57.5	1,977,610	28.3
2005	7,113,879	1,036,498	14.6	4,082,870	57.4	1,994,511	28.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

a. Includes students aged 18 to 21, who are considered children for program purposes.

b. In December 1974, includes children aged 18 to 21.

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**Table 2.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications received, by age, 1973–2005**

Year	All ages <sup>a</sup>	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	57,066,760	8,079,720	14.2	39,150,830	68.6	9,836,210	17.2
State conversions <sup>b</sup>	3,406,600	3,650	0.1	1,424,010	41.8	1,978,940	58.1
Federal applications							
1973	284,930	5,030	1.8	82,820	29.1	197,080	69.2
1974	2,060,590	124,300	6.0	1,096,130	53.2	840,160	40.8
1975	1,467,960	100,030	6.8	976,840	66.5	391,090	26.6
1976	1,212,810	84,360	7.0	866,720	71.5	261,730	21.6
1977	1,272,360	95,610	7.5	904,150	71.1	272,600	21.4
1978	1,268,170	99,460	7.8	905,340	71.4	263,370	20.8
1979	1,325,270	108,000	8.1	950,980	71.8	266,290	20.1
1980	1,410,080	113,200	8.0	1,016,750	72.1	280,130	19.9
1981	1,149,290	95,010	8.3	863,670	75.1	190,610	16.6
1982	1,016,080	94,680	9.3	775,240	76.3	146,160	14.4
1983	1,132,220	101,560	9.0	832,540	73.5	198,120	17.5
1984	1,264,480	104,860	8.3	866,420	68.5	293,200	23.2
1985	1,401,400	120,640	8.6	1,047,930	74.8	232,830	16.6
1986	1,465,970	125,270	8.5	1,099,220	75.0	241,480	16.5
1987	1,433,340	124,910	8.7	1,068,890	74.6	239,540	16.7
1988	1,360,870	125,280	9.2	1,008,200	74.1	227,390	16.7
1989	1,392,660	132,080	9.5	1,016,430	73.0	244,150	17.5
1990	1,550,990	163,610	10.5	1,136,160	73.3	251,220	16.2
1991	1,808,690	247,460	13.7	1,315,160	72.7	246,070	13.6
1992	2,086,820	380,350	18.2	1,460,520	70.0	245,950	11.8
1993	2,308,770	503,800	21.8	1,567,730	67.9	237,240	10.3
1994	2,256,640	541,150	24.0	1,512,310	67.0	203,180	9.0
1995	2,062,590	502,940	24.4	1,380,090	66.9	179,560	8.7
1996	1,915,520	462,710	24.2	1,285,630	67.1	167,180	8.7
1997	1,594,630	332,940	20.9	1,130,410	70.9	131,280	8.2
1998	1,626,210	337,300	20.7	1,141,180	70.2	147,730	9.1
1999	1,658,400	350,070	21.1	1,148,740	69.3	159,590	9.6
2000	1,742,630	358,800	20.6	1,224,540	70.3	159,290	9.1
2001	1,859,990	376,170	20.2	1,323,020	71.1	160,800	8.6
2002	2,084,730	413,330	19.8	1,492,740	71.6	178,660	8.6
2003	2,230,540	436,230	19.6	1,616,440	72.5	177,870	8.0
2004	2,414,720	455,080	18.8	1,769,740	73.3	189,900	7.9
2005	2,539,810	459,850	18.1	1,844,140	72.6	235,820	9.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

- a. Totals include applications taken under the abbreviated application process, which was used from 1987 to 1999. Totals do not include reapplications as a result of the *Sullivan v. Zebley* decision. Those reapplications were received from 1991 to 1995.
- b. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.

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**Table 3.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI awards, by age, 1974–2005**

Year	All ages	Under 18		18–64		65 or older	
		Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	26,384,510	3,360,310	12.7	15,387,790	58.3	7,636,410	28.9
State conversions <sup>a</sup>	3,158,410	2,620	0.1	1,305,060	41.3	1,850,730	58.6
Federal applications							
1974	1,329,870	66,880	5.0	491,170	36.9	771,820	58.0
1975	927,800	62,880	6.8	508,950	54.9	355,970	38.4
1976	674,580	45,030	6.7	403,350	59.8	226,200	33.5
1977	643,480	50,970	7.9	375,950	58.4	216,560	33.7
1978	566,190	47,050	8.3	323,170	57.1	195,970	34.6
1979	517,010	45,810	8.9	292,380	56.6	178,820	34.6
1980	526,790	46,260	8.8	293,740	55.8	186,790	35.5
1981	411,510	39,050	9.5	248,340	60.3	124,120	30.2
1982	342,680	35,670	10.4	202,590	59.1	104,420	30.5
1983	458,610	42,110	9.2	262,660	57.3	153,840	33.5
1984	586,670	45,740	7.8	322,390	55.0	218,540	37.3
1985	527,800	46,590	8.8	324,070	61.4	157,140	29.8
1986	603,580	51,020	8.5	391,600	64.9	160,960	26.7
1987	589,440	48,480	8.2	373,320	63.3	167,640	28.4
1988	578,370	47,560	8.2	361,070	62.4	169,740	29.3
1989	629,460	51,520	8.2	388,120	61.7	189,820	30.2
1990	718,310	76,070	10.6	446,940	62.2	195,300	27.2
1991	822,890	126,190	15.3	504,860	61.4	191,840	23.3
1992	1,049,260	221,080	21.1	636,300	60.6	191,880	18.3
1993	1,054,170	236,220	22.4	630,030	59.8	187,920	17.8
1994	944,830	203,190	21.5	580,640	61.5	161,000	17.0
1995	893,460	177,550	19.9	571,080	63.9	144,830	16.2
1996	797,970	144,270	18.1	526,690	66.0	127,010	15.9
1997	673,340	116,280	17.3	461,260	68.5	95,800	14.2
1998	739,410	135,600	18.3	489,240	66.2	114,570	15.5
1999	757,270	139,400	18.4	493,960	65.2	123,910	16.4
2000	747,010	144,540	19.3	483,020	64.7	119,450	16.0
2001	770,340	156,900	20.4	502,590	65.2	110,850	14.4
2002	818,050	169,130	20.7	533,470	65.2	115,450	14.1
2003	824,000	179,590	21.8	537,420	65.2	106,990	13.0
2004	856,190	182,190	21.3	566,080	66.1	107,920	12.6
2005	845,760	176,870	20.9	556,280	65.8	112,610	13.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons who were converted to the SSI program in 1973 from the state Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled programs.

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**Table 4.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of SSI applications and awards for children, by selected characteristics, 2005**

Characteristic	Applications		Awards	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
Total	459,850	100.0	176,870	100.0
Age				
Under 5	154,600	33.6	72,090	40.8
5–12	212,380	46.2	73,340	41.5
13–17	92,870	20.2	31,440	17.8
Sex				
Male	289,520	63.0	114,290	64.6
Female	170,330	37.0	62,580	35.4
Citizenship status				
Citizen	457,790	99.6	176,290	99.7
Noncitizen	2,060	0.4	580	0.3
Living arrangements <sup>a</sup>				
Own household	...	...	17,960	10.2
Another's household	...	...	10,660	6.0
Parent's household	...	...	142,990	80.8
Medicaid institution	...	...	5,260	3.0
Diagnostic group <sup>a</sup>				
Congenital anomalies	...	...	7,990	4.5
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	...	...	1,090	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	...	...	170	0.1
Injuries	...	...	1,060	0.6
Mental disorders				
Retardation	...	...	21,650	12.2
Other	...	...	94,460	53.4
Neoplasms	...	...	3,050	1.7
Diseases of the—				
Blood and blood-forming organs	...	...	1,380	0.8
Circulatory system	...	...	1,010	0.6
Digestive system	...	...	1,310	0.7
Genitourinary system	...	...	520	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	...	...	1,220	0.7
Nervous system and sense organs	...	...	10,220	5.8
Respiratory system	...	...	3,450	2.0
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	...	...	260	0.1
Other	...	...	24,170	13.7
Unknown	...	...	3,860	2.2

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Determined at award.

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**Table 5.****Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2005**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
All areas	1,036,990	517.63
Boston	35,780	526.24
Connecticut	6,580	497.89
Maine	3,690	489.21
Massachusetts	18,150	539.62
New Hampshire	1,710	467.35
Rhode Island	4,000	566.62
Vermont	1,650	538.09
New York	93,230	529.56
New Jersey	21,590	512.38
New York	71,640	534.73
Philadelphia	112,520	501.19
Delaware	3,210	491.16
District of Columbia	4,820	511.98
Maryland	14,720	494.04
Pennsylvania	58,360	506.08
Virginia	22,430	492.39
West Virginia	8,980	500.89
Atlanta	268,990	503.01
Alabama	27,650	514.52
Florida	79,850	500.04
Georgia	33,190	506.81
Kentucky	27,420	515.87
Mississippi	22,480	507.20
North Carolina	37,470	488.67
South Carolina	18,590	490.41
Tennessee	22,340	508.29
Chicago	170,640	508.71
Illinois	44,450	511.74
Indiana	20,530	501.23
Michigan	37,240	515.30
Minnesota	10,380	495.94
Ohio	41,520	510.28
Wisconsin	16,520	499.10
Dallas	153,370	506.25
Arkansas	18,190	506.42
Louisiana	28,660	515.75
New Mexico	7,640	518.49
Oklahoma	13,240	502.97
Texas	85,640	502.45
Kansas City	36,540	499.53
Iowa	6,610	481.54
Kansas	6,790	493.17
Missouri	19,700	511.73
Nebraska	3,440	476.76

(Continued)

**Table 5.****Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly payment, by SSA administrative region and state or other area, December 2005—Continued**

Region and state or area	Number	Average monthly payment <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
Denver	16,140	477.51
Colorado	6,880	479.22
Montana	1,930	479.92
North Dakota	1,050	459.68
South Dakota	1,750	487.76
Utah	3,670	473.74
Wyoming	860	475.38
San Francisco	122,790	596.74
Arizona	16,440	508.87
California	98,780	618.90
Hawaii	1,640	494.43
Nevada	5,630	496.33
Northern Mariana Islands	300	560.37
Seattle	26,990	488.71
Alaska	1,160	445.05
Idaho	4,050	474.05
Oregon	7,480	493.10
Washington	14,300	494.10

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: The data in this table represent recipients who received SSI payments in December 2005. These numbers differ from the numbers in Table 1, which are based on universe counts.

a. Includes federally administered state supplementation payments.

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**Table 6.**  
**Percentage distribution of children receiving federal SSI payments, by monthly payment, December 2005**

Payment (dollars)	Percentage of total
Total	
Number	1,036,990
Percent	100.0
None <sup>a</sup>	0.3
Under 50	2.0
50–99	0.8
100–199	2.3
200–299	3.3
300–399	9.2
400–499	9.4
500–578	8.9
579	63.8

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

a. Persons receiving only a federally administered state supplementary payment on December 1, 2005.

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**Table 7.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments, by selected characteristics, December 2005**

Characteristic	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,036,990	100.0
Age		
Under 1 year	18,210	1.8
1	28,040	2.7
2	30,640	3.0
3	38,550	3.7
4	44,800	4.3
5	50,500	4.9
6	52,570	5.1
7	57,810	5.6
8	58,700	5.7
9	60,320	5.8
10	65,130	6.3
11	70,970	6.8
12	74,390	7.2
13	77,100	7.4
14	80,420	7.8
15	79,680	7.7
16	77,260	7.5
17	71,900	6.9
Sex		
Male	678,560	65.4
Female	358,430	34.6
Citizenship status		
Citizen	1,033,790	99.7
Noncitizen	3,200	0.3
Living arrangements		
Own household	135,700	13.1
Another's household	35,360	3.4
Parent's household	852,670	82.2
Medicaid institution	13,260	1.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 8.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments, by diagnostic group and age, December 2005**

Diagnostic group	All ages	Under 3	3-5	6-12	13-17
<b>Number</b>					
All recipients under age 18	1,036,990	76,890	133,850	439,890	386,360
Congenital anomalies	50,730	12,350	11,390	17,990	9,000
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,420	780	1,100	2,370	2,170
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,420	80	210	980	1,150
Injuries	5,240	460	850	2,050	1,880
Mental disorders					
Retardation	205,520	2,030	10,080	75,150	118,260
Other	480,290	7,150	54,100	234,700	184,340
Neoplasms	10,460	850	2,660	4,580	2,370
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,590	740	2,020	5,460	4,370
Circulatory system	5,310	1,150	1,280	1,620	1,260
Digestive system	5,630	1,830	1,590	1,410	800
Genitourinary system	2,680	250	400	1,020	1,010
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,890	470	1,120	2,870	3,430
Nervous system and sense organs	91,510	6,260	14,710	39,410	31,130
Respiratory system	26,240	3,240	6,920	10,740	5,340
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,210	150	290	490	280
Other	89,060	35,000	20,630	25,440	7,990
Unknown	33,790	4,100	4,500	13,610	11,580
<b>Percent</b>					
All recipients under age 18	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Congenital anomalies	4.9	16.1	8.5	4.1	2.3
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.6
Infectious and parasitic diseases	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Injuries	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Mental disorders					
Retardation	19.8	2.6	7.5	17.1	30.6
Other	46.3	9.3	40.4	53.4	47.7
Neoplasms	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.0	0.6
Diseases of the—					
Blood and blood-forming organs	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
Circulatory system	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.4	0.3
Digestive system	0.5	2.4	1.2	0.3	0.2
Genitourinary system	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9
Nervous system and sense organs	8.8	8.1	11.0	9.0	8.1
Respiratory system	2.5	4.2	5.2	2.4	1.4
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other	8.6	45.5	15.4	5.8	2.1
Unknown	3.3	5.3	3.4	3.1	3.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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**Table 9.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments, by diagnostic group and sex, December 2005**

Diagnostic group	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All recipients under age 18	1,036,990	100.0	678,560	100.0	358,430	100.0
Congenital anomalies	50,730	4.9	26,940	4.0	23,790	6.6
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6,420	0.6	3,080	0.5	3,340	0.9
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2,420	0.2	1,210	0.2	1,210	0.3
Injuries	5,240	0.5	3,130	0.5	2,110	0.6
Mental disorders						
Retardation	205,520	19.8	126,790	18.7	78,730	22.0
Other	480,290	46.3	353,990	52.2	126,300	35.2
Neoplasms	10,460	1.0	5,810	0.9	4,650	1.3
Diseases of the—						
Blood and blood-forming organs	12,590	1.2	7,230	1.1	5,360	1.5
Circulatory system	5,310	0.5	2,760	0.4	2,550	0.7
Digestive system	5,630	0.5	3,150	0.5	2,480	0.7
Genitourinary system	2,680	0.3	1,590	0.2	1,090	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	7,890	0.8	3,730	0.5	4,160	1.2
Nervous system and sense organs	91,510	8.8	51,630	7.6	39,880	11.1
Respiratory system	26,240	2.5	16,610	2.4	9,630	2.7
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,210	0.1	690	0.1	520	0.1
Other	89,060	8.6	49,350	7.3	39,710	11.1
Unknown	33,790	3.3	20,870	3.1	12,920	3.6

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent data.

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**Table 10.****Number and percentage distribution of adult recipients who first became eligible for SSI before age 18, by year of first eligibility and age in December 2005**

Year of first eligibility	All ages	Age in December 2005			
		18–21	22–29	30–39	40 or older <sup>a</sup>
Total					
Number	680,610	208,590	258,310	141,990	71,720
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1974–1976	10.5	...	0	19.3	61.7
1977–1980	11.4	...	5.7	27.6	32.9
1981–1984	10.6	0.4	14.6	20.9	5.4
1985–1989	16.6	16.5	19.4	20.0	...
1990–1994	31.5	39.2	44.7	12.2	...
1995–1999	13.2	25.1	14.5	...	...
2000–2004	6.1	18.4	1.2	...	...
2005	0.1	0.4	...	...	...

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Those under the age of 18 in 1974 would be no older than 49 in 2005.

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**Table 11.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments and average monthly amount of child's income, by type of income, December 2005**

Type of income	Number	Percent	Average monthly amount (dollars)
Total	1,036,990	100.0	...
No earned or unearned income <sup>a</sup>	745,910	71.9	...
With income <sup>b</sup>	291,080	28.1	209
Earned income only	1,820	0.2	302
Unearned income only	288,170	27.8	207
Both earned and unearned income	1,090	0.1	533
With unearned income <sup>c</sup>	289,260	27.9	207
Social Security	75,060	7.2	205
Veterans'	1,510	0.1	82
Income based on need	9,700	0.9	267
Support from absent parents	131,700	12.7	202
Asset income	11,500	1.1	1
Other	5,500	0.5	440
In-kind income	80,940	7.8	157

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. The percentage of children receiving the full federal benefit rate, as shown in Table 6, 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 12.**  
**Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments, by number of parents in the household, December 2005**

Parents in household	Number	Percentage of total
Total	1,036,990	100.0
No parents <sup>a</sup>	128,380	12.4
One parent	681,810	65.7
Two parents	226,800	21.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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 7. This is because the data in Table 7 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 13.****Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one parent in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2005**

Parental income	All children living with one parent		Children living with—			
			Mother only		Father only	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	681,810	100.0	645,000	100.0	36,810	100.0
No parental income	308,430	45.2	294,650	45.7	13,780	37.4
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	373,380	54.8	350,350	54.3	23,030	62.6
Earned income	236,350	34.7	220,160	34.1	16,190	44.0
Unearned income	161,170	23.6	153,060	23.7	8,110	22.0
Total income (dollars)						
None	308,430	45.2	294,650	45.7	13,780	37.4
Under 200	74,330	10.9	72,470	11.2	1,860	5.1
200–399	30,230	4.4	28,920	4.5	1,310	3.6
400–599	36,400	5.3	34,560	5.4	1,840	5.0
600–999	76,320	11.2	71,840	11.1	4,480	12.2
1,000 or more	156,100	22.9	142,560	22.1	13,540	36.8
Earned income (dollars)						
None	445,460	65.3	424,840	65.9	20,620	56.0
Under 200	4,750	0.7	4,490	0.7	260	0.7
200–399	9,580	1.4	9,220	1.4	360	1.0
400–599	18,570	2.7	17,950	2.8	620	1.7
600–999	54,690	8.0	52,390	8.1	2,300	6.2
1,000 or more	148,760	21.8	136,110	21.1	12,650	34.4
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	520,640	76.4	491,940	76.3	28,700	78.0
Under 200	87,460	12.8	85,010	13.2	2,450	6.7
200–399	25,020	3.7	23,810	3.7	1,210	3.3
400–599	20,650	3.0	19,320	3.0	1,330	3.6
600–999	23,240	3.4	20,840	3.2	2,400	6.5
1,000 or more	4,800	0.7	4,080	0.6	720	2.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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 14.****Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with two parents in the household, by type and monthly amount of parental income, December 2005**

Parental income	All children living with two parents		Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	226,800	100.0	226,800	100.0	226,800	100.0
No parental income	40,570	17.9	146,060	64.4	68,770	30.3
Parental income <sup>a</sup>	186,230	82.1	80,740	35.6	158,030	69.7
Earned income	152,020	67.0	52,890	23.3	124,230	54.8
Unearned income	56,470	24.9	32,110	14.2	42,510	18.7
Total income (dollars)						
None	40,570	17.9	146,060	64.4	68,770	30.3
Under 200	8,600	3.8	18,330	8.1	9,350	4.1
200–399	6,690	2.9	7,240	3.2	5,240	2.3
400–599	8,250	3.6	9,380	4.1	8,570	3.8
600–999	23,500	10.4	15,320	6.8	23,610	10.4
1,000 or more	139,190	61.4	30,470	13.4	111,260	49.1
Earned income (dollars)						
None	74,780	33.0	173,910	76.7	102,570	45.2
Under 200	1,720	0.8	2,210	1.0	1,630	0.7
200–399	2,660	1.2	3,700	1.6	2,120	0.9
400–599	4,610	2.0	5,560	2.5	3,530	1.6
600–999	14,870	6.6	12,060	5.3	12,000	5.3
1,000 or more	128,160	56.5	29,360	12.9	104,950	46.3
Unearned income (dollars)						
None	170,330	75.1	194,690	85.8	184,290	81.3
Under 200	15,100	6.7	19,430	8.6	12,780	5.6
200–399	8,730	3.8	4,240	1.9	4,800	2.1
400–599	8,420	3.7	4,140	1.8	6,090	2.7
600–999	15,550	6.9	3,570	1.6	13,040	5.7
1,000 or more	8,670	3.8	730	0.3	5,800	2.6

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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 15.**

**Number of children receiving federally administered SSI payments with one or more parents who have income and average monthly amount of parental income, by type of income, December 2005**

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>	559,610	1,183	431,090	888	181,060	1,542
Earned income	388,370	1,499	273,050	1,210	140,420	1,794
Unearned income <sup>b</sup>	217,640	367	185,170	284	50,620	540
Social Security	70,140	582	54,510	472	22,720	665
Other pensions	5,100	403	2,900	331	2,760	398
Public income-maintenance	101,460	136	96,100	124	12,240	153
Asset income	17,030	39	13,240	28	5,500	52
Other	37,110	608	26,640	512	10,890	821

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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 16.****Number and percentage distribution of children receiving federally administered SSI payments subject to deeming, by factors affecting parental deemed income, December 2005**

Deeming factors	All children living with parent(s)		Children living with—			
			One parent		Two parents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	908,610	100.0	681,810	75.0	226,800	25.0
<b><i>No deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	757,470	100.0	592,150	100.0	165,320	100.0
No parental income	349,000	46.1	308,430	52.1	40,570	24.5
Parent(s) receive public income-maintenance payments	101,460	13.4	86,160	14.6	15,300	9.3
Income less than deeming allocations <sup>a</sup>	30,380	4.0	22,980	3.9	7,400	4.5
Income less than exclusions <sup>b</sup>	276,630	36.5	174,580	29.5	102,050	61.7
<b><i>Deemed income used in child's payment computation</i></b>						
Subtotal	151,140	100.0	89,660	100.0	61,480	100.0
Parent(s) with—						
Earned income only	112,770	74.6	66,860	74.6	45,910	74.7
Unearned income only	20,570	13.6	15,590	17.4	4,980	8.1
Both earned and unearned income	15,100	10.0	5,360	6.0	9,740	15.8
Manually computed deemed income	2,700	1.8	1,850	2.1	850	1.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 10 percent sample.

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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