



Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Hawaii

What is SSI?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), is a federal program that provides monthly cash payments to people in need. SSI is for people who are 65 or older, as well as blind or disabled people of any age, including children.

To qualify for SSI, you must also have little or no income and few resources. The value of the things you own must be less than \$2,000 if you're single or less than \$3,000 for married couples living together. We don't count the value of your home if you live in it, and, usually, we don't count the value of your car. We may not count the value of certain other resources either, such as a burial plot.

To get SSI, you must also apply for any other government benefits for which you may be eligible. You must live in the United States or the Northern Mariana Islands to get SSI. If you're not a U.S. citizen, but you lawfully reside in the United States, you may still be able to get SSI. For more information, read a copy of *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Noncitizens* (Publication No. 05-11051).

The state of Hawaii pays optional state supplement funds only to those SSI recipients, including children, who are living in some form of foster or domiciliary care. Hawaii determines individual payment amounts for eligible children in domiciliary care. Two distinct levels of payment are made and are based on the type of domiciliary care facility.

The single payment you get at the beginning of each month includes both the federal SSI payment and your supplement from Hawaii.

Medical assistance

If you get SSI, you can usually get medical assistance (Medicaid). You must apply, however, for Medicaid at your local county health or human services office.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

If you get SSI, you may be able to get help through the SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. SNAP benefits can help you buy more food without spending more money. However, Social Security doesn't decide if you qualify for SNAP benefits. If everyone in your household is applying for or getting SSI, you can apply for the SNAP at a Social Security office. If not, you must apply at your local county health or human services office.

Individuals who qualify for SSI often are eligible for additional programs and services provided by their local county health or human services office. These other services or benefits may include:

- Services for the blind;
- Additional state financial aid; and
- Motor vehicle insurance.

For more information, contact your local county health or human services office.

Monthly SSI payment amounts

The table below lists the combined federal and state payment amounts. Not all SSI recipients get the maximum amount. Your payment may be lower if you have other income.

Category	2017 total monthly payment
<i>Independent living status</i>	
Eligible person	\$735.00
Eligible couple	\$1,103.00
<i>Living in adult foster care home</i>	
Eligible person	\$1,386.90
Eligible couple	\$2,743.80
<i>Living in someone else's household</i>	
Eligible person	\$490.00
Eligible couple	\$735.34
<i>Private non-medical facility (five people or less)</i>	
Eligible person	\$1,386.90
Eligible couple	\$2,743.80
<i>Private non-medical facility (more than five people)</i>	
Eligible person	\$1,494.90
Eligible couple	\$2,959.80
<i>Living in a Medicaid Facility</i>	
Eligible person	\$50.00
Eligible couple	\$100.00

Contacting Social Security

The most convenient way to contact us anytime, anywhere is to visit www.socialsecurity.gov. There, you can: apply for benefits; open a *my* Social Security *account*, which you can use to review your *Social Security Statement*, verify your earnings, print a benefit verification letter, change your direct deposit information, request a replacement Medicare card, and get a replacement SSA-1099/1042S; obtain valuable information; find publications; get answers to frequently asked questions; and much more.

If you don't have access to the internet, we offer many automated services by telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**, if you're deaf or hard of hearing.

If you need to speak to a person, we can answer your calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. We ask for your patience during busy periods since you may experience a higher than usual rate of busy signals and longer hold times to speak to us. We look forward to serving you.



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