



Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

Table 1.
Number of OASDI beneficiaries with benefits in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2005

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers ^a	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s ^b	Spouses ^c	Children ^d	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s ^b	
Puerto Rico	715,076	336,272	137,344	81,152	64,783	95,525	431,390	224,850	47,116	413,200
All areas ^e	48,434,281	30,460,839	6,518,989	4,749,379	2,680,259	4,024,815	44,351,668	30,521,816	4,470,918	34,019,044

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Includes special age-72 beneficiaries.
- b. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- d. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- e. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The former federal-state programs of Old-Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled still operate in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These programs are administered at the federal level by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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