



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 2007

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	
Rhode Island	193,783	128,522	30,859	14,005	5,967	14,430	193,843	138,761	14,642	138,699
1	98,099	66,128	15,022	7,103	3,039	6,807	97,488	70,594	7,416	71,605
2	95,684	62,394	15,837	6,902	2,928	7,623	96,355	68,167	7,226	67,094
All areas ^e	49,864,838	31,527,728	7,098,723	4,602,812	2,584,884	4,050,691	49,218,145	34,004,494	4,657,266	35,119,015

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

- a. Excludes 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, U.S. 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.

Table 2.
Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2007

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI ^a	Aged 65 or older
Rhode Island	31,091	3,905	188	26,998	15,853	1,341	78	14,434	11,954	7,339
1	15,001	2,127	99	12,775	7,491	708	42	6,741	6,038	3,700
2	16,090	1,778	89	14,223	8,363	633	36	7,694	5,916	3,639
All areas ^b	7,359,525	1,204,512	71,727	6,083,286	3,735,792	465,272	36,571	3,233,949	2,568,637	2,016,588

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

- a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.
- b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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