

# Disability Insurance Benefits In Current-Payment Status, By State, December 31, 1960\*

At the end of December 1960, disability insurance benefits under the old-age, survivors, and

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disability insurance program were going to 455,000 disabled workers under age 65, including about 54,000 under age 50 who were first eligible for benefits in November 1960. The total number was more than a third greater than that in December 1959. The disabled-worker beneficiaries have been classified by their State of residence at the end of the year in the accompanying table, which shows the average monthly benefit being

Number and average monthly amount of disability insurance benefits <sup>1</sup> in current-payment status and percentage distribution by amount of benefit, <sup>2</sup> by State, December 31, 1960

State <sup>3</sup> (ranked by size of average benefit)	Average disability benefit	Number of disability beneficiaries	Percent of disability beneficiaries receiving—								
			Total	\$33	\$34-44	\$45-59	\$60-74	\$75-89	\$90-104	\$105-115	\$116-119 <sup>4</sup>
Total.....	\$89.31	455,371	100.0	0.4	1.2	5.8	18.1	24.1	18.9	18.9	12.6
Michigan.....	97.56	18,001	100.0	.1	.4	2.7	10.7	18.2	17.6	28.4	21.9
Arizona.....	94.32	3,855	100.0	.1	.2	3.4	12.7	23.2	19.9	22.6	17.9
California.....	94.18	33,645	100.0	.1	.4	3.5	13.8	22.2	19.6	23.9	16.5
West Virginia.....	94.08	8,935	100.0	.2	.7	3.6	13.1	21.7	19.6	24.0	17.1
Ohio.....	93.94	23,635	100.0	.2	.5	3.9	13.7	21.5	19.5	23.7	17.0
Alaska.....	93.75	122	100.0	0	0	3.3	11.5	19.7	23.0	30.2	12.3
Nevada.....	93.67	508	100.0	0	.4	4.7	14.0	20.5	18.9	24.5	17.0
Utah.....	93.37	1,116	100.0	.2	.7	4.2	13.8	21.4	20.9	22.8	16.0
Indiana.....	93.18	10,671	100.0	.2	.6	4.1	14.2	22.0	20.8	22.8	15.3
Oregon.....	93.18	4,272	100.0	.1	.3	3.3	14.9	22.7	20.5	25.1	13.1
Washington.....	93.03	6,427	100.0	.1	.4	3.3	15.0	22.4	20.1	26.5	12.2
New Jersey.....	93.02	15,166	100.0	.1	.4	3.7	15.1	23.0	19.7	21.3	16.7
Connecticut.....	92.92	6,065	100.0	.1	.2	3.1	14.7	24.4	21.6	21.8	14.1
Pennsylvania.....	92.54	35,231	100.0	.2	.6	3.8	14.5	22.7	22.6	22.3	13.3
Illinois.....	92.29	24,061	100.0	.2	.6	4.5	16.4	23.5	19.3	20.9	15.6
Wisconsin.....	92.07	8,449	100.0	.4	.8	4.7	16.0	21.2	19.7	21.2	16.0
Montana.....	91.61	1,300	100.0	.5	.7	5.0	16.7	21.4	18.8	22.0	14.9
Florida.....	90.34	16,177	100.0	.3	1.3	6.0	16.9	22.8	17.3	20.1	15.3
Idaho.....	90.28	1,136	100.0	.4	.5	4.7	17.6	23.2	21.2	20.9	11.5
New York.....	90.21	45,367	100.0	.2	.6	5.0	18.1	24.6	19.3	18.5	13.7
Delaware.....	90.07	1,071	100.0	.4	.7	5.2	19.2	23.9	18.0	17.7	14.9
Colorado.....	89.74	2,969	100.0	.1	1.0	5.5	17.0	24.4	20.5	20.2	11.3
Wyoming.....	89.13	548	100.0	.9	.2	5.4	19.0	23.8	19.0	19.9	11.8
Minnesota.....	88.89	5,447	100.0	.5	1.2	6.5	18.2	23.3	19.0	18.7	12.6
Kansas.....	88.72	4,289	100.0	.5	1.5	6.0	17.7	24.0	19.9	19.1	11.3
Maryland.....	88.46	6,552	100.0	.4	1.2	6.3	19.4	24.6	17.8	17.8	12.5
Massachusetts.....	88.32	14,405	100.0	.1	.4	4.7	20.5	28.1	19.6	16.4	10.2
Oklahoma.....	88.03	5,552	100.0	.5	1.2	6.9	18.9	24.1	19.6	17.7	11.1
Hawaii.....	87.47	988	100.0	.5	.8	5.0	16.9	31.6	23.1	13.8	8.3
Iowa.....	87.44	5,080	100.0	.5	1.5	6.4	20.1	23.9	19.6	18.5	9.5
New Hampshire.....	87.26	1,537	100.0	.1	.6	4.8	20.2	31.4	20.2	15.2	7.5
Missouri.....	87.18	11,538	100.0	.4	1.5	7.2	20.6	24.3	18.2	16.9	10.9
Rhode Island.....	87.17	2,774	100.0	.1	.4	5.5	20.2	30.0	21.0	15.6	7.2
New Mexico.....	86.86	1,377	100.0	.4	1.4	6.9	20.0	25.6	18.1	18.2	9.4
Vermont.....	86.40	1,074	100.0	.9	.8	7.5	20.1	27.8	19.0	15.7	8.2
Kentucky.....	86.34	10,163	100.0	.6	1.8	7.6	19.8	24.7	19.7	16.8	9.0
Texas.....	86.04	18,959	100.0	.6	1.9	8.0	20.5	25.1	17.5	15.7	10.7
Nebraska.....	85.01	2,350	100.0	.7	1.9	7.9	20.9	26.0	19.6	15.4	7.6
Maine.....	84.58	2,693	100.0	.4	1.8	6.7	21.7	30.0	20.5	13.6	5.3
Virginia.....	84.39	11,372	100.0	.6	2.0	8.3	22.4	26.6	18.0	14.1	8.0
Alabama.....	83.67	10,449	100.0	1.2	2.5	8.3	23.3	27.1	17.0	13.5	8.1
District of Columbia.....	83.42	1,762	100.0	.4	.8	8.3	25.1	29.5	17.4	12.2	6.3
Tennessee.....	83.25	10,039	100.0	.8	2.5	9.5	23.3	26.1	16.4	13.4	8.0
Louisiana.....	83.09	8,333	100.0	.9	2.9	9.5	23.3	25.5	16.4	12.9	8.6
South Dakota.....	82.61	963	100.0	.6	2.1	8.6	23.9	28.0	18.4	13.0	5.4
North Dakota.....	82.34	687	100.0	.6	2.5	9.4	24.8	24.2	18.1	12.6	7.8
Arkansas.....	81.32	5,250	100.0	1.1	3.1	10.2	25.1	26.6	15.0	12.3	6.6
Georgia.....	79.61	12,513	100.0	1.1	2.7	10.5	27.5	28.9	15.2	9.0	5.1
South Carolina.....	79.42	7,611	100.0	1.3	2.4	9.9	27.0	31.3	16.6	7.9	3.6
North Carolina.....	79.17	14,442	100.0	.8	2.0	10.8	28.3	31.2	15.0	8.1	3.8
Mississippi.....	77.69	5,569	100.0	2.2	4.3	12.1	28.0	25.2	14.0	9.8	4.4
Virgin Islands.....	76.20	10	100.0	0	10.0	10.0	40.0	0	20.0	10.0	10.0
Puerto Rico.....	62.08	1,318	100.0	13.0	16.4	17.1	24.5	15.5	7.2	4.8	1.5
Foreign.....	94.57	1,528	100.0	.3	.4	2.1	10.9	24.6	22.5	24.4	14.8

<sup>1</sup> Payable to disabled workers under age 65.

<sup>2</sup> For persons receiving both a disability (disabled-worker) benefit and a disability secondary benefit, the disability benefit amount includes the reduced secondary benefit.

<sup>3</sup> Beneficiary's State of residence, based on the monthly benefit check address.

<sup>4</sup> About 100 beneficiaries receiving more than \$119 are included in the figures on which the percentages are based.

paid as well as a percentage distribution of the beneficiaries by size of benefit.<sup>1</sup>

The average disability insurance benefit being paid in December 1960 amounted to \$89.31—31 cents more than the average in December 1959. The higher average resulted chiefly from the rise in the proportion of benefits computed on the basis of earnings after 1950. The average benefit had reached a high of \$89.50 in October 1960. It then declined in November and December, when a large number of awards (54,000) were made to disabled workers under age 50; the average monthly amount of these awards was about \$5.00 less than that for disabled workers aged 50–64.

For about one-eighth of all disabled-worker beneficiaries the monthly benefit was \$116–\$119, and for three-eighths it was in the \$90–\$115 range. Only 1.0 percent were receiving less than \$40. The proportion of beneficiaries receiving more than \$115 increased from 10.7 percent in

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<sup>1</sup>Data for beneficiaries in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and foreign countries are excluded from the State comparisons.

December 1959 to 12.6 percent in December 1960. During the same period the proportion receiving benefits of \$60–\$115 declined 2 percent, and the proportion receiving less than \$60 rose about 1/3 of 1 percent.

As in the preceding year, disability insurance beneficiaries living in Michigan were receiving the highest monthly benefits—an average of \$97.56—and those in Mississippi were receiving the lowest, \$77.69. Eighteen States retained the same position in the ranking by size of average benefit that they held a year earlier, and 15 States changed more than two positions. The average disability benefit payable in all but 12 States increased during the year. The average for beneficiaries in West Virginia showed the greatest increase—\$1.61—and the average for those in South Dakota had the largest decline—\$1.79. Benefits of \$90–\$119 were being paid to 68 percent of the disabled-worker beneficiaries in Michigan and to 28 percent in Mississippi. Only 14 percent of the beneficiaries in Michigan but 47 percent of those in Mississippi were receiving benefits of \$33–\$74.

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