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PROPORTION OF AGED PERSONS RECEIVING OASDI BENEFITS AND PROPORTION RECEIVING OAA PAYMENTS, BY STATE, JUNE 1963

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At the end of June 1963, there were 12.7 million Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance beneficiaries aged 65 or over living in the 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, representing 719 of every 1,000 persons in that age group. This was an increase of almost 5% over the beneficiary rate for June 1962 of 687 per 1,000 population aged 65 and over. The beneficiary rate has increased rapidly since 1949, when only 160 of each 1,000 persons aged 65 or over were beneficiaries. The growth in the number of beneficiaries during this period resulted partly from the maturing of the program and partly from provisions in the amendments that broadened coverage under the program, eased requirements for fully-insured status, and liberalized the retirement test.

In June 1963, among the 50 States and the District of Columbia, the beneficiary rates ranged from 807 in Rhode Island to 547 in the District of Columbia.¹ In 15 States, three-fourths or more of all persons aged 65 or over were receiving OASDI monthly benefits; the proportion ranged from two-thirds to three-fourths in 24

States and from one-half to two-thirds in the remaining States.

In general, beneficiary rates were highest in the Northeastern States and in certain North Central States and lowest in certain Southern and Western States. All 9 of the Northeastern States were among the 17 States with the highest rates, while 12 of the 17 States with the lowest rates were in the South.

For the Nation as a whole, the proportion of persons aged 65 or over receiving Old-Age Assistance payments amounted to 124 per 1,000 aged population at the end of June 1963, a decline of 3% as against June 1962. Since 1949, this proportion has declined about 45%. The proportions of the aged population receiving OAA payments as of June 1963 ranged from 500 per 1,000 in Louisiana to 28 per 1,000 in Delaware. In general, the proportions were highest in the Southern States and lowest in the Northeastern States; 7 of the 10 States with the highest rates were in the South, while 4 of the 10 States with the lowest rates were in the Northeast.

¹Only data for beneficiaries in the 50 States and the District of Columbia are included in State comparisons.

Number of persons 1/ aged 65 or over receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefits and number receiving old-age assistance (OAA) payments per 1,000 persons aged 65 or over, 2/ by State, at end of June 1963

State <u>3/</u>	Rate for OASDI Beneficiaries	Rate for OAA Recipients <u>4/</u>	State <u>3/</u>	Rate for OASDI Beneficiaries	Rate for OAA Recipients <u>4/</u>
Total <u>5/</u>	719	124			
Rhode Island.....	807	65	Kentucky.....	705	177
Michigan.....	797	75	Nevada.....	703	128
New Hampshire....	784	65	California.....	698	175
Wisconsin.....	782	72	Maryland.....	698	39
Indiana.....	781	52	Missouri.....	696	205
Connecticut.....	778	34	Virginia.....	696	44
Oregon.....	775	76	Florida.....	688	106
Maine.....	774	102	Arizona.....	679	124
Vermont.....	773	124	Tennessee.....	674	148
New Jersey.....	772	30	Colorado.....	660	276
North Dakota.....	764	97	South Carolina....	658	166
Pennsylvania.....	762	41	Arkansas.....	657	281
Delaware.....	759	28	Texas.....	635	279
New York.....	755	32	Alabama.....	635	383
Idaho.....	750	84	Mississippi.....	632	387
Montana.....	747	87	New Mexico.....	621	188
Massachusetts....	746	96	Oklahoma.....	617	319
West Virginia....	744	87	Georgia.....	611	297
Washington.....	743	118	Alaska.....	599	230
Ohio.....	742	91	Louisiana.....	561	500
Iowa.....	737	90	Puerto Rico.....	556	241
Illinois.....	735	61	Dist. of Columbia.	547	35
South Dakota.....	729	102	Virgin Islands....	500	246
Hawaii.....	728	35			
North Carolina...	726	132			
Nebraska.....	724	76			
Minnesota.....	717	116			
Kansas.....	713	100			
Utah.....	713	84			
Wyoming.....	706	94			

- 1/ Persons receiving both OASDI benefits and OAA payments are included under both programs in the rate computations.
- 2/ Preliminary estimate of the population aged 65 or over as of June 30, 1963, prepared by the Social Security Administration.
- 3/ Ranked by OASDI beneficiary rate.
- 4/ The number of OAA recipients per 1,000 population aged 65 or over, by State, may differ slightly from previously published figures due to the use of more recent population estimates.
- 5/ Includes the 50 States, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and for OASDI of American Samoa.