

## Idaho

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Welfare.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

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**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Idaho State Code 56-207, 56-208, 56-209a.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Welfare.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply; in-kind support and maintenance is also excluded.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

**Interim assistance:** State does not participate.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another <sup>a</sup>	635.00	904.00	32.00	...
Living with an essential person	905.00	...	...	...
Room and board facility	780.00	b	177.00	b
Assisted living facility or certified family home				
Level I	922.00	b	319.00	b
Level II	989.00	b	386.00	b
Level III	1,056.00	b	453.00	b
Semi-independent group residential facility	780.00	b	177.00	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the household of another.

b. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently or in the household of another.** Includes recipients living in their own household (i.e., house, apartment, hotel, rooming house, or room and board facility) or in the household of another. Also includes blind or disabled children living with their parents and individuals paying room and board to a relative.

**Living with an essential person.** Includes recipients living in their own household or in the household of another with a person of their choice whose presence in the household is essential to the recipients' well-being and who renders specific services of a kind that would have to be provided for the recipients if they lived alone.

**Room and board facility.** A facility in which a person purchases food, shelter, and household maintenance requirements from one vendor. Such a facility is not required to be licensed as a shelter home.

**Assisted living facility or certified family home.** One or more buildings constitutes a facility or residence, however named, that is operated on either a profit or nonprofit basis for the purpose of providing 24-hour care for three or more adults who need personal care or assistance and supervision essential for sustaining activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

**Semi-independent group residential facility.** A facility having one or more living areas under a common management in which an opportunity to learn independent living skills is provided under individualized service plans to not less than three nor more than eight developmentally disabled or mentally ill persons not requiring direct supervision.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	12,723	2,204	35	9,389	1,095
Living independently or in the household of another, or living with an essential person	12,021	2,139	33	8,811	1,038
Room and board facility	662	58	2	545	57
Assisted living facility or certified family home	10	5	0	5	0
Semi-independent group residential facility	30	2	0	28	0

SOURCE: State information.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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#### ***Administration***

State Department of Health and Welfare.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Restaurant meals:** Eating-out allowance of up to \$50 per month if physically unable to prepare meals.

**Maintenance for guide dog:** Allowance for care and maintenance of guide dog of up to \$17 per month.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.