



Congressional Budget Office

Supplemental Data for *The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2021 to 2031*

Baseline Projections

Social Security Disability Insurance

Disability Insurance (DI) is the portion of Social Security that makes payments to disabled workers and to their families until those workers reach the age at which they are eligible to receive full retired-worker benefits under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program. DI is funded primarily through payroll taxes on employers and workers, who each pay 0.9 percent of earnings; self-employed workers pay the entire 1.8 percent tax.

To receive DI benefits, beneficiaries must have worked in the past but currently be unable to perform “substantial” work because of a disability. CBO’s projections of outlays for DI benefits are based on the number of beneficiaries and their average benefits.



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	Actual, 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022- 2026	2022- 2031
BUDGET INFORMATION														
Billions of dollars, by fiscal year														
Estimated Outlays for Benefits	144.2	144.9	151.8	161.2	169.8	176.9	184.5	192.0	195.2	200.9	207.0	213.5	844	1,853
Components of the Social Security Disability Insurance Program														
Estimated Outlays for Regular Benefits	132.8	132.5	135.3	142.3	150.8	158.6	166.9	174.5	177.4	182.5	187.8	193.6	754	1,670
Estimated Outlays for Retroactive Benefits	11.2	12.2	16.3	18.7	18.8	18.2	17.5	17.3	17.6	18.2	19.0	19.6	90	181
Estimated Outlays for Vocational Rehabilitation, Demonstrations Projects, and Other	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	1	2
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION														
By calendar year														
Beneficiaries on December 31 (Thousands of people)														
Disabled workers														
Men	4,101	4,057	4,131	4,233	4,331	4,407	4,446	4,414	4,383	4,358	4,340	4,325	n.a.	n.a.
Women	<u>4,050</u>	<u>4,033</u>	<u>4,127</u>	<u>4,244</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>4,439</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>4,435</u>	<u>4,413</u>	<u>4,397</u>	<u>4,384</u>	n.a.	n.a.
All disabled workers	8,151	8,090	8,257	8,476	8,684	8,846	8,933	8,874	8,817	8,770	8,737	8,709	n.a.	n.a.
Spouses	104	100	98	97	96	95	93	89	86	82	79	77	n.a.	n.a.
Children	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,361</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,419</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,405</u>	<u>1,396</u>	<u>1,384</u>	<u>1,374</u>	n.a.	n.a.
Total Beneficiaries	9,618	9,497	9,678	9,934	10,177	10,360	10,449	10,377	10,308	10,248	10,200	10,160	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit on December 31 (Dollars)														
Disabled workers														
Men	1,404	1,436	1,476	1,524	1,574	1,628	1,683	1,739	1,799	1,859	1,923	1,986	n.a.	n.a.
Women	<u>1,149</u>	<u>1,180</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>1,259</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>1,352</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,503</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>1,670</u>	n.a.	n.a.
All disabled workers	1,277	1,308	1,346	1,391	1,438	1,489	1,541	1,594	1,650	1,707	1,767	1,827	n.a.	n.a.
Spouses	361	371	384	399	414	431	448	466	485	503	522	541	n.a.	n.a.
Children	399	409	421	436	450	466	483	499	517	535	554	573	n.a.	n.a.
Disabled Workers														
Start of year	8,378	8,151	8,090	8,257	8,476	8,684	8,846	8,933	8,874	8,817	8,770	8,737	n.a.	n.a.
Awards	648	723	951	1,011	1,010	969	907	873	863	867	872	869	n.a.	n.a.
Exits	-885	-793	-794	-802	-812	-817	-830	-942	-929	-924	-915	-907	n.a.	n.a.
End of year	8,151	8,090	8,257	8,476	8,684	8,846	8,933	8,874	8,817	8,770	8,737	8,709	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION														
Average Wage for Indexing (Dollars)	53,841	58,554	60,248	62,277	64,425	66,666	68,977	71,297	73,734	76,201	78,728	81,342	n.a.	n.a.
Taxable Maximum (Dollars)	137,700	142,800	142,800	154,800	159,300	164,400	170,100	176,100	182,400	188,400	194,700	201,300	n.a.	n.a.
PIA for Hypothetical "Lifelong Average"														
Disabled worker (Age 50, in dollars)	1,975	2,061	2,056	2,239	2,304	2,384	2,466	2,552	2,643	2,729	2,822	2,914	n.a.	n.a.
Maximum PIA (Age 50, in dollars)	3,207	3,351	3,340	3,633	3,740	3,871	4,007	4,148	4,297	4,438	4,591	4,737	n.a.	n.a.
COLA (Percent)	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	n.a.	n.a.
First Month for Which COLA Is Effective	12/2020	12/2021	12/2022	12/2023	12/2024	12/2025	12/2026	12/2027	12/2028	12/2029	12/2030	12/2031	n.a.	n.a.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; COLA = cost-of-living adjustment; PIA = primary insurance amount; n.a. = not applicable.