

**Proposals Affecting Supplemental Security Income—
CBO’s Estimate of the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**

Under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, the federal government and the states provide monthly cash assistance to people who are disabled, blind, or aged, and who have low income and few assets. To qualify for SSI, a disabled beneficiary must have a physical or mental impairment that meets the definition of disability under Social Security law. Federal benefits are calculated from the maximum benefit set each year by law, which is reduced for individual beneficiaries on the basis of their existing income. The federal portion of SSI is funded by the general fund of the Treasury (not one of the Social Security trust funds). Several states provide supplemental payments to some or all state residents who receive federal SSI benefits.

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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2021-2025	2021-2030
Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending Outlays												
Create a Sliding Scale for Multirecipient Families												
SSI	0	-800	-760	-720	-820	-840	-860	-960	-840	-950	-3,100	-7,550
SNAP	0	160	160	170	170	180	180	190	190	200	660	1,600
Improve Youth Transition to Work												
SSI	0	0	40	80	110	120	130	140	120	140	230	880
SNAP	0	0	-10	-20	-20	-20	-30	-30	-30	-30	-50	-190
Simplify Administration of Program												
SSI	0	70	-180	-100	-60	20	90	180	200	230	-270	450
SNAP	0	-10	40	30	10	0	-10	-30	-40	-40	70	-50
Change the Representative Fee and Approval Process ^a	0	0	2	8	9	11	11	12	12	13	19	78
Offset Disability Benefits by an Amount Equal to Unemployment Benefits Received ^a	0	1	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	13	38
Exclude Social Security Debts From Discharge in Bankruptcy ^a	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-6	-20
Strengthen Child Support—SSI Effect ^a	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-11
Improve Collection of Pension Information ^a	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

The estimated budgetary effects on SSI of President's proposals to increase the number of special immigrant visas are shown in separate tables.

SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

a. This proposal would have budgetary effects on other programs; the effects shown are for SSI only.