



Supplemental Security Income

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 by using the maximum benefit set each year by law as a starting point, and then reducing that amount for individual beneficiaries on the basis of their 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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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022-2026	2022-2031
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Outlays in billions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Outlays	56	63	61	58	65	66	68	75	66	73	75	313	670
Components of the Supplemental Security Income Program													
Estimated Outlays for Benefits													
Aged	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	31	68
Blind and disabled adults	40	45	44	41	46	48	49	54	47	53	54	224	481
Blind and disabled children	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	12	11	12	12	52	110
Estimated Outlays for Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, Demonstration Projects, and Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Benefit Per Beneficiary (Dollars)	590	615	639	655	670	686	702	720	739	756	775	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Beneficiaries (Thousands of people)	7,801	7,739	7,835	7,885	7,917	7,942	7,958	7,961	7,953	7,941	7,934	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION													
Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual)	794	824	842	861	882	903	925	948	971	994	1,017	n.a.	n.a.
Percentage Change of Maximum Monthly Benefit	1.3	3.8	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	n.a.	n.a.
Number of Payments ^a	12	13	12	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	12	n.a.	n.a.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

- a. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is required to pay Supplemental Security Income payments on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month occurs on a holiday or a weekend, SSA will instead make the payments on the preceding business day. As a result, in any given fiscal year there may be 11, 12, or 13 payments.