| INSURANCE | Caseloads in thousands, outlays in billions of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |


|  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
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| 01/21/2005 | act | act | act | act | prelim | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj | proj |

## CALENDAR YEAR

Beneficiaries (December 31)
Retired workers \& familio
Retired workers \& fam
Retired workers
Wives \& husbands
Children

Survivors
Children
Mothers \& fathers
Aged widows \& widowers
Disabled widows \& widowers Parents

Special age-72/Prouty

Memo
Male retired workers
Female retired workers
Dually entitled as wives
Dually entitled as widows
Dually entitled as widows Other

Total, female retired workers
Average benefit (December 31)
Retired workers \& families
Retired workers
Wives \& husbands
Children
Survivors
Children
Mothers \& fathers
Aged widows \& widowers
Disabled widows \& widowers Parents

Memo: "excess" benefi
Dually-entitled widows
Dually-entitled wives

## FISCAL YEAR

## Benefit outlays

Retired workers \& families
Retired workers
Wives \& husbands
Children

| $\$ 249.6$ | $\$ 265.8$ | $\$ 278.8$ | $\$ 289.4$ | $\$ 301.5$ | $\$ 315.6$ | $\$ 329.1$ | $\$ 343.5$ | $\$ 359.7$ | $\$ 379$ |
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| INSURANCE |  |  | Caseloads | in thousan | ds, outlays | billions | dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 01/21/2005 | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2001 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2004 \\ \text { prelim } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2005 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2008 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2009 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2010 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2011 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2012 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2013 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2014 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2015 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ |
| Benefit outlays (continued) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survivors |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children | \$12.4 | \$12.8 | \$13.4 | \$13.9 | \$14.3 | \$14.8 | \$15.3 | \$15.7 | \$16.2 | \$16.6 | \$17.2 | \$17.7 | \$18.4 | \$19.0 | \$19.7 | \$20.5 |
| Mothers \& fathers | \$1.4 | \$1.4 | \$1.4 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.6 | \$1.6 | \$1.6 | \$1.6 | \$1.6 | \$1.7 |
| Aged widows \& widowers | \$62.0 | \$64.3 | \$66.4 | \$67.6 | \$69.4 | \$71.5 | \$74.2 | \$76.8 | \$79.6 | \$82.4 | \$85.2 | \$88.2 | \$91.6 | \$95.2 | \$98.9 | \$102.9 |
| Disabled widows \& widowers | \$1.3 | \$1.4 | \$1.4 | \$1.5 | \$1.5 | \$1.6 | \$1.7 | \$1.7 | \$1.8 | \$1.9 | \$1.9 | \$2.0 | \$2.0 | \$2.1 | \$2.1 | \$2.2 |
| Parents | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 |
| Special age-72/Prouty | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 |
| Lump-sum death | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 | \$0.2 |
| Total | $\overline{\$ 347.9}$ | \$367.7 | \$384.0 | $\overline{\$ 396.6}$ | $\overline{\$ 411.2}$ | \$428.5 | \$446.3 | $\overline{\$ 464.7}$ | $\overline{\$ 485.3}$ | \$509.5 | \$538.5 | \$569.0 | $\overline{\$ 603.8}$ | \$642.8 | \$685.1 | \$730.7 |
| Plug | \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | -\$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.0 |
| Outlays (OMB Table 13.1) | \$347.9 | \$367.7 | \$384.0 | \$396.6 | \$411.2 | \$428.5 | \$446.3 | \$464.7 | \$485.3 | \$509.5 | \$538.5 | \$569.0 | \$603.8 | \$642.8 | \$685.1 | \$730.7 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular benefits | \$343.0 | \$364.6 | \$381.0 | \$393.7 | \$407.8 | \$425.2 | \$442.9 | \$461.3 | \$481.8 | \$505.9 | \$534.8 | \$565.3 | \$599.9 | \$638.9 | \$681.1 | \$726.4 |
| Retroactive and death benefits | \$4.9 | \$3.1 | \$2.9 | \$2.9 | \$3.3 | \$3.3 | \$3.4 | \$3.4 | \$3.5 | \$3.6 | \$3.7 | \$3.7 | \$3.9 | \$3.9 | \$4.0 | \$4.3 |
| Average caseload, fiscal year | 38,205 | 38,808 | 39,035 | 39,254 | 39,488 | 39,776 | 40,110 | 40,546 | 41,087 | 41,815 | 42,798 | 43,769 | 44,883 | 46,132 | 47,441 | 48,802 |
| KEY ASSUMPTIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average wage for indexing | \$32,155 | \$32,922 | \$33,252 | \$34,065 | \$35,200 | \$36,616 | \$38,146 | \$39,740 | \$41,315 | \$42,886 | \$44,481 | \$46,272 | \$48,017 | \$49,840 | \$51,765 | \$53,765 |
| Taxable maximum | \$76,200 | \$80,400 | \$84,900 | \$87,000 | \$87,900 | \$90,000 | \$93,000 | \$96,600 | \$100,800 | \$105,000 | \$109,200 | \$113,400 | \$117,600 | \$122,400 | \$126,900 | \$131,700 |
| PIA for mythical "lifelong average" retired worker (age 62) | \$1,116 | \$1,170 | \$1,218 | \$1,255 | \$1,276 | \$1,302 | \$1,342 | \$1,398 | \$1,457 | \$1,518 | \$1,578 | \$1,638 | \$1,699 | \$1,767 | \$1,834 | \$1,903 |
| Maximum PIA (age 62) | \$1,623 | \$1,714 | \$1,799 | \$1,870 | \$1,916 | \$1,971 | \$2,045 | \$2,147 | \$2,251 | \$2,359 | \$2,465 | \$2,572 | \$2,680 | \$2,801 | \$2,920 | \$3,039 |
| NRA for worker reaching 62 this year | 65.17 | 65.33 | 65.50 | 65.67 | 65.83 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 |
| Percent of PIA paid to age-62 retiree | 79.2\% | 78.3\% | 77.5\% | 76.7\% | 75.8\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% |
| COLA this calendar year | 3.5\% | 2.7\% | 1.4\% | 2.1\% | 2.7\% | 2.3\% | 2.0\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% |

By convention, most Social Security program statistics are by calendar year. Benefit payments in the federal government's fiscal year (October
through September) roughly track figures for the preceding December--for example, regular benefits in fiscal 2005 approximately equal recipients
in December 2004 times their average amount, times twelve. COLAs and a rising NRA complicate that relationship, but it remains a useful rule of thumb.
Details may not add to totals because of rounding. A few beneficiaries are not identified by sex.
Outlays reflect benefit costs only and omit other mandatory spending (chiefly the payment to railroad retirement) and discretionary (administrative) costs.
Dually-entitled retired workers are insured based on their own past earnings but qualify for a higher benefit on their spouse's (or deceased spouse's).
In those cases, Social Security pays the larger amount--technically, a primary benefit plus a reduced secondary benefit. About $98 \%$ are female.
They are classified as retired workers, but their benefit payments are pro-rated between the retired-worker and spouse or survivor categories.
2001 COLA includes regular COLA (2.6\%) in December 2001 plus retroactive $0.1 \%$ "mini-COLA" paid in summer 2001 as a result of P.L. 106-554
COLA=cost-of-living adjustment, PIA=primary insurance amount, NRA="normal retirement age" (when retired worker can collect 100\% of PIA).

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| 01/24/2005 | act | act | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2004 \\ \text { est } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2005 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2008 \\ \text { proj } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2009 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2010 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2011 \\ \text { proj } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2012 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2013 \\ \hline \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2014 \\ \hline \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2015 \\ \hline \text { proj } \end{array}$ |

## CALENDAR YEAR

Beneficiaries (December 31)

| Disabled workers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Men | 2,856 | 2,952 | 3,070 | 3,225 | 3,373 | 3,515 | 3,648 | 3,777 | 3,905 | 4,008 | 4,115 | 4,214 | 4,289 | 4,351 | 4,420 | 4,487 |
| Women | 2,186 | 2,322 | 2,474 | 2,649 | 2,824 | 2,981 | 3,130 | 3,272 | 3,412 | 3,527 | 3,645 | 3,753 | 3,837 | 3,907 | 3,980 | 4,051 |
| Subtotal | 5,042 | 5,274 | 5,544 | 5,874 | 6,198 | 6,496 | 6,778 | 7,050 | 7,317 | 7,535 | 7,759 | 7,967 | 8,126 | 8,258 | 8,400 | 8,538 |
| Spouses | 165 | 157 | 152 | 151 | 153 | 152 | 152 | 151 | 151 | 148 | 146 | 144 | 141 | 137 | 134 | 131 |
| Children | 1,466 | 1,482 | 1,526 | 1,571 | 1,599 | 1,626 | 1,644 | 1,655 | 1,664 | 1,671 | 1,677 | 1,680 | 1,682 | 1,683 | 1,687 | 1,697 |
| Total | 6,673 | 6,913 | 7,221 | 7,595 | 7,949 | 8,275 | 8,575 | 8,856 | 9,131 | 9,355 | 9,582 | 9,791 | 9,949 | 10,078 | 10,222 | 10,366 |
| Disabled workers, start of year | 4,879 | 5,042 | 5,274 | 5,544 | 5,874 | 6,198 | 6,496 | 6,778 | 7,050 | 7,317 | 7,535 | 7,759 | 7,967 | 8,126 | 8,258 | 8,400 |
| Awards | 622 | 691 | 756 | 778 | 797 | 790 | 797 | 813 | 838 | 863 | 876 | 881 | 895 | 909 | 923 | 930 |
| "Exits" | -459 | -459 | -486 | -448 | -473 | -492 | -515 | -542 | -571 | -645 | -651 | -673 | -736 | -777 | -781 | -792 |
| Disabled workers, end of year | 5,042 | 5,274 | 5,544 | 5,874 | 6,198 | 6,496 | 6,778 | 7,050 | 7,317 | 7,535 | 7,759 | 7,967 | 8,126 | 8,258 | 8,400 | 8,538 |
| Exit rate | -9.4\% | -9.1\% | -9.2\% | -8.1\% | -8.1\% | -7.9\% | -7.9\% | -8.0\% | -8.1\% | -8.8\% | -8.6\% | -8.7\% | -9.2\% | -9.6\% | -9.5\% | -9.4\% |
| Average benefit (December 31) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disabled workers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men | \$883 | \$915 | \$936 | \$966 | \$1,002 | \$1,034 | \$1,063 | \$1,097 | \$1,133 | \$1,172 | \$1,213 | \$1,256 | \$1,301 | \$1,348 | \$1,398 | \$1,449 |
| Women | \$661 | \$689 | \$709 | \$735 | \$765 | \$792 | \$816 | \$845 | \$875 | \$907 | \$940 | \$975 | \$1,011 | \$1,049 | \$1,088 | \$1,130 |
| Subtotal | \$786 | \$815 | \$834 | \$862 | \$894 | \$923 | \$949 | \$980 | \$1,013 | \$1,048 | \$1,085 | \$1,124 | \$1,164 | \$1,207 | \$1,251 | \$1,297 |
| Spouses | \$198 | \$207 | \$212 | \$221 | \$232 | \$238 | \$245 | \$252 | \$260 | \$269 | \$278 | \$287 | \$297 | \$307 | \$318 | \$329 |
| Children | \$228 | \$238 | \$245 | \$254 | \$265 | \$274 | \$282 | \$292 | \$302 | \$313 | \$325 | \$337 | \$350 | \$363 | \$377 | \$391 |
| Average disabled-worker award |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men | \$950 | \$986 | \$1,020 | \$1,062 | \$1,098 | \$1,121 | \$1,156 | \$1,205 | \$1,256 | \$1,310 | \$1,362 | \$1,415 | \$1,468 | \$1,528 | \$1,586 | \$1,647 |
| Women | \$698 | \$730 | \$754 | \$787 | \$818 | \$836 | \$864 | \$902 | \$942 | \$983 | \$1,024 | \$1,065 | \$1,107 | \$1,154 | \$1,200 | \$1,248 |
| Total | \$835 | \$869 | \$898 | \$937 | \$969 | \$992 | \$1,023 | \$1,068 | \$1,114 | \$1,163 | \$1,210 | \$1,257 | \$1,307 | \$1,362 | \$1,415 | \$1,470 |


| Caseloads in thousands, outlays in billions of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 01/24/2005 | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2001 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2004 \\ \text { est } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2005 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2008 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2009 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2010 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2011 \\ \text { proj } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2012 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2013 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2014 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2015 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ |

## FISCAL YEAR

Regular benefits
Disabled workers
Spouses
Children

## Children

Subtotal
Retroactive ben

Total benefits
Disabled workers
Spouses
Children
Subtotal
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Outlays (OMB Table 13.1)

| \$44.2 | \$47.6 | \$51.8 | \$56.3 | \$61.3 | \$67.3 | \$72.8 | \$77.9 | \$83.5 | \$89.7 | \$95.0 | \$101.2 | \$107.4 | \$113.4 | \$119.4 | \$126.0 |
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| \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 |
| \$3.8 | \$4.0 | \$4.2 | \$4.5 | \$4.8 | \$5.1 | \$5.3 | \$5.6 | \$5.8 | \$6.0 | \$6.3 | \$6.5 | \$6.8 | \$7.0 | \$7.3 | \$7.6 |
| \$48.4 | \$52.0 | \$56.4 | \$61.2 | \$66.5 | \$72.8 | \$78.6 | \$83.9 | \$89.8 | \$96.2 | $\overline{\$ 101.7}$ | $\overline{\$ 108.2}$ | $\overline{\$ 114.7}$ | $\overline{\$ 120.9}$ | $\overline{\$ 127.3}$ | $\overline{\$ 134.1}$ |
| \$5.8 | \$6.2 | \$7.8 | \$8.6 | \$9.6 | \$10.9 | \$10.5 | \$11.3 | \$12.1 | \$13.0 | \$13.8 | \$14.7 | \$15.6 | \$16.5 | \$17.5 | \$18.5 |
| \$49.1 | \$52.9 | \$58.6 | \$63.7 | \$69.8 | \$76.9 | \$82.0 | \$87.8 | \$94.2 | \$101.3 | \$107.2 | \$114.3 | \$121.4 | \$128.2 | \$135.2 | \$142.6 |
| \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.5 | \$0.6 | \$0.6 | \$0.6 |
| \$4.6 | \$4.8 | \$5.2 | \$5.6 | \$5.9 | \$6.3 | \$6.6 | \$6.8 | \$7.1 | \$7.4 | \$7.7 | \$8.0 | \$8.3 | \$8.7 | \$9.0 | \$9.4 |
| \$54.2 | \$58.2 | \$64.2 | \$69.7 | \$76.2 | \$83.7 | \$89.1 | \$95.1 | $\overline{\$ 101.9}$ | $\overline{\$ 109.2}$ | $\overline{\$ 115.5}$ | $\overline{\$ 122.9}$ | $\overline{\$ 130.3}$ | $\overline{\$ 137.4}$ | \$144.7 | $\overline{\$ 152.6}$ |
| \$0.0 | -\$0.0 | -\$0.0 | \$0.1 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.0 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.2 | \$0.1 | \$0.0 | -\$0.1 | -\$0.1 | -\$0.2 | -\$0.4 |
| \$54.2 | \$58.2 | \$64.2 | \$69.8 | \$76.2 | \$83.7 | \$89.1 | \$95.2 | \$102.0 | \$109.4 | \$115.6 | \$122.9 | \$130.2 | \$137.3 | \$144.5 | \$152.2 |
| \$32,155 | \$32,922 | \$33,252 | \$34,065 | \$35,200 | \$36,616 | \$38,146 | \$39,740 | \$41,315 | \$42,886 | \$44,481 | \$46,272 | \$48,017 | \$49,840 | \$51,765 | \$53,765 |
| \$76,200 | \$80,400 | \$84,900 | \$87,000 | \$87,900 | \$90,000 | \$93,000 | \$96,600 | \$100,800 | \$105,000 | \$109,200 | \$113,400 | \$117,600 | \$122,400 | \$126,900 | \$131,700 |
| \$1,117 | \$1,171 | \$1,218 | \$1,255 | \$1,276 | \$1,302 | \$1,342 | \$1,399 | \$1,457 | \$1,518 | \$1,578 | \$1,638 | \$1,700 | \$1,768 | \$1,835 | \$1,904 |
| \$1,741 | \$1,836 | \$1,924 | \$1,994 | \$2,035 | \$2,083 | \$2,151 | \$2,245 | \$2,340 | \$2,440 | \$2,539 | \$2,637 | \$2,738 | \$2,850 | \$2,959 | \$3,072 |
| 3.5\% | 2.7\% | 1.4\% | 2.1\% | 2.7\% | 2.3\% | 2.0\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% |
| Dec-2000 | Dec-2001 | Dec-2002 | Dec-2003 | Dec-2004 | Dec-2005 | Dec-2006 | Dec-2007 | Dec-2008 | Dec-2009 | Dec-2010 | Dec-2011 | Dec-2012 | Dec-2013 | Dec-2014 | Dec-2015 |

[^0]"Exits" chiefly represent terminations due to death or conversion to retirement, plus some medical recoveries
Retroactive benefits chiefly go to newly-awarded disabled workers for past months, including the months spent in processing their applications.
Unusually high retroactive payments in 2002 through 2006 stem largely from processing approximately 300,000 awards to current and former SSI recipients
that SSA discovered should have received DI based on work performed after they started getting SSI. (SSA announced that finding in July 2001 and initially estimated the number of people at 130,000 .) Because SSI is a needs-tested program and offsets DI benefits (except for the first $\$ 20$ a month) on a dollar-for-dollar basis, most of the extra DI costs will be offset by reduced SSI benefits and reimbursement for past overpayments.
The exact timing of those large reimbursements (paid by DI to the general fund) is very uncertain.
COLA=cost-of-living adjustment, PIA=primary insurance amount, NRA="normal retirement age" (when disabled workers are converted to retired workers).

## Combined OASDI Trust Funds

(by fiscal year, in billions of dollars)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2001 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2002 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2003 \\ \text { act } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2004 \\ \text { prelim } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2005 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2008 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2009 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2010 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2011 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2012 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2013 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2014 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2015 \\ \text { proj } \end{array}$ |
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| Revenues | 481 | 508 | 515 | 524 | 535 | 573 | 605 | 638 | 672 | 706 | 740 | 774 | 809 | 845 | 882 | 919 |
| Other income a/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxes on benefits | 13 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 28 | 31 | 34 | 36 | 39 |
| Federal employer share | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 21 |
| Interest | 60 | 69 | 77 | 84 | 86 | 91 | 96 | 106 | 117 | 129 | 142 | 156 | 171 | 186 | 203 | 219 |
| Quinquennial (receipt) | -- | -- | 0 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Proprietary receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal, other income | 81 | 89 | 100 | 107 | 112 | 116 | 124 | 136 | 150 | 165 | 181 | 200 | 219 | 238 | 259 | 280 |
| Total income | 561 | 597 | 615 | 630 | 647 | 690 | 729 | 774 | 822 | 871 | 922 | 975 | 1,028 | 1,084 | 1,141 | 1,199 |
| OUTGO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benefits | 402 | 426 | 448 | 466 | 487 | 512 | 536 | 560 | 587 | 619 | 654 | 692 | 734 | 780 | 830 | 883 |
| Discretionary administration | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Treasury administration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Railroad transfer | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Quinquennial (payment) | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Total outgo | 409 | 434 | 456 | 475 | 496 | 521 | 544 | 569 | 597 | 628 | 664 | 702 | 745 | 791 | 841 | 895 |
| SURPLUS | 152 | 163 | 159 | 156 | 151 | 169 | 185 | 205 | 225 | 242 | 258 | 273 | 284 | 293 | 300 | 304 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OASI surplus | 131 | 141 | 140 | 140 | 139 | 159 | 176 | 196 | 218 | 237 | 253 | 270 | 283 | 293 | 302 | 309 |
| DI surplus | 21 | 22 | 19 | 16 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | -1 | -2 | -4 |
| BALANCE | 1,007 | 1,170 | 1,329 | 1,485 | 1,635 | 1,804 | 1,989 | 2,194 | 2,419 | 2,661 | 2,919 | 3,191 | 3,475 | 3,768 | 4,068 | 4,372 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OASI balance | 893 | 1,034 | 1,174 | 1,313 | 1,453 | 1,612 | 1,787 | 1,983 | 2,201 | 2,438 | 2,691 | 2,961 | 3,244 | 3,537 | 3,839 | 4,148 |
| DI balance | 114 | 136 | 155 | 171 | 183 | 193 | 202 | 210 | 218 | 223 | 228 | 231 | 232 | 231 | 229 | 224 |

OASI=Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, DI = Disability Insurance.
a. "Other income" chiefly consists of transfers from the general fund to the Social Security trust funds. Such transfers appear in the budget as a positive outlay (the general fund portion) and a negative outlay, or offsetting receipt (the trust fund portion)


[^0]:    By convention, most Social Security program statistics are by calendar year. Benefit payments in the federal government's fiscal year (October
    through September) roughly track figures for the preceding December--for example, regular benefits in fiscal 2005 approximately equal recipients
    in December 2004 times their average amount, times twelve. COLAs and a rising NRA complicate that relationship, but it remains a useful rule of thumb.
    Details may not add to totals due to rounding. A few beneficiaries are not identified by sex.
    Outlays depict benefit costs only and omit vocational rehabilitation and the payment to railroad retirement (which are mandatory) and administrative costs (discretionary).
    2001 COLA includes regular COLA (2.6\%) in December 2001 plus retroactive $0.1 \%$ "mini-COLA" paid in summer 2001 as a result of P.L. 106-554.

