

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATES,
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS,
AND TOTAL RECIPIENTS



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Table 1.
Monthly federal SSI benefit rates, 1974–2011 (in dollars)

Starting date	Individual		Couple		Medicaid facility	Essential person increment
	Own household	Another's household	Own household	Another's household		
January 1974	140.00	93.34	210.00	140.00	25.00	70.00
July 1974	146.00	97.34	219.00	146.00	25.00	73.00
July 1975	157.70	105.14	236.60	157.74	25.00	78.90
July 1976	167.80	111.87	251.80	167.87	25.00	84.00
July 1977	177.80	118.54	266.70	177.80	25.00	89.00
July 1978	189.40	126.27	284.10	189.40	25.00	94.80
July 1979	208.20	138.80	312.30	208.20	25.00	104.20
July 1980	238.00	158.67	357.00	238.00	25.00	119.20
July 1981	264.70	176.47	397.00	264.67	25.00	132.60
July 1982	284.30	189.54	426.40	284.27	25.00	142.50
July 1983	304.30	202.87	456.40	304.27	25.00	152.50
January 1984	314.00	209.34	472.00	314.67	25.00	157.00
January 1985	325.00	216.67	488.00	325.34	25.00	163.00
January 1986	336.00	224.00	504.00	336.00	25.00	168.00
January 1987	340.00	226.67	510.00	340.00	25.00	170.00
January 1988	354.00	236.00	532.00	354.67	25.00	177.00
January 1989	368.00	245.34	553.00	368.67	30.00	184.00
January 1990	386.00	257.34	579.00	386.00	30.00	193.00
January 1991	407.00	271.34	610.00	406.67	30.00	204.00
January 1992	422.00	281.34	633.00	422.00	30.00	211.00
January 1993	434.00	289.34	652.00	434.67	30.00	217.00
January 1994	446.00	297.34	669.00	446.00	30.00	223.00
January 1995	458.00	305.34	687.00	458.00	30.00	229.00
January 1996	470.00	313.34	705.00	470.00	30.00	235.00
January 1997	484.00	322.67	726.00	484.00	30.00	242.00
January 1998	494.00	329.34	741.00	494.00	30.00	247.00
January 1999	500.00	333.34	751.00	500.67	30.00	250.00
January 2000 ^a	513.00	342.00	769.00	512.67	30.00	257.00
January 2001 ^a	531.00	354.00	796.00	530.67	30.00	266.00
January 2002	545.00	363.34	817.00	544.67	30.00	273.00
January 2003	552.00	368.00	829.00	552.67	30.00	277.00
January 2004	564.00	376.00	846.00	564.00	30.00	282.00
January 2005	579.00	386.00	869.00	579.34	30.00	290.00
January 2006	603.00	402.00	904.00	602.67	30.00	302.00
January 2007	623.00	415.34	934.00	622.67	30.00	312.00
January 2008	637.00	424.67	956.00	637.34	30.00	319.00
January 2009	674.00	449.34	1,011.00	674.00	30.00	338.00
January 2010	674.00	449.34	1,011.00	674.00	30.00	338.00
January 2011	674.00	449.34	1,011.00	674.00	30.00	338.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of the Chief Actuary.

a. Data reflect the correction of an error in the Consumer Price Index.

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Table 2.
Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2010
(in thousands of dollars)

Year	Total	Federal SSI	Federally administered state supplementation
<i>All recipients</i>			
1974	5,096,813	3,833,161	1,263,652
1975	5,716,072	4,313,538	1,402,534
1980	7,714,640	5,866,354	1,848,286
1985	10,749,938	8,777,341	1,972,597
1990	16,132,959	12,893,805	3,239,154
1995	27,037,280	23,919,430	3,117,850
1996	28,252,474	25,264,878	2,987,596
1997	28,370,568	25,457,387	2,913,181
1998	29,408,208	26,404,793	3,003,415
1999	30,106,132	26,805,156	3,300,976
2000	30,671,699	27,290,248	3,381,451
2001	32,165,856	28,705,503	3,460,353
2002	33,718,999	29,898,765	3,820,234
2003	34,693,278	30,688,029	4,005,249
2004	36,065,358	31,886,509	4,178,849
2005	37,235,843	33,058,056	4,177,787
2006	38,888,961	34,736,088	4,152,873
2007	41,204,645	36,884,066	4,320,579
2008	43,040,481	38,655,780	4,384,701
2009	46,592,308	42,628,709	3,963,606
2010	48,194,514	44,605,122	3,589,392
<i>Aged</i>			
1974	2,414,034	1,782,742	631,292
1975	2,516,515	1,842,980	673,535
1980	2,617,023	1,860,194	756,829
1985	2,896,671	2,202,557	694,114
1990	3,559,388	2,521,382	1,038,006
1995	4,239,222	3,374,772	864,450
1996	4,282,498	3,449,407	833,091
1997	4,303,529	3,479,948	823,581
1998	4,166,231	3,327,856	838,375
1999	4,445,687	3,524,355	921,332
2000	4,540,046	3,597,516	942,530
2001	4,664,076	3,708,527	955,549
2002	4,802,792	3,751,491	1,051,301
2003	4,856,875	3,758,070	1,098,805
2004	4,907,225	3,773,901	1,133,324
2005	4,964,627	3,836,625	1,128,002
2006	5,115,911	3,953,106	1,162,804
2007	5,301,277	4,113,424	1,187,853
2008	5,378,921	4,180,786	1,198,135
2009	5,569,078	4,499,045	1,070,033
2010	5,453,906	4,529,485	924,422

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Table 2.
Total payments, by eligibility category and source of payment, selected years 1974–2010
(in thousands of dollars)—Continued

Year	Total	Federal SSI	Federally administered state supplementation
<i>Blind</i>			
1974	125,791	91,308	34,483
1975	127,240	92,427	34,813
1980	185,827	131,506	54,321
1985	259,840	195,183	64,657
1990	328,949	238,415	90,534
1995	367,441	298,238	69,203
1996	364,791	298,897	65,894
1997	367,845	302,656	65,189
1998	358,187	291,050	67,137
1999	382,323	309,295	73,028
2000	385,926	312,238	73,688
2001	398,624	323,895	74,729
2002	416,454	335,405	81,049
2003	409,293	325,878	83,415
2004	412,810	327,446	85,364
2005	414,147	330,591	83,556
2006	409,287	326,230	83,057
2007	418,835	336,789	82,046
2008	416,017	335,179	80,838
2009	426,533	354,817	71,716
2010	423,215	359,096	64,119
<i>Disabled</i>			
1974	2,556,988	1,959,112	597,876
1975	3,072,317	2,378,131	694,186
1980	4,911,792	3,874,655	1,037,137
1985	7,593,427	6,379,601	1,213,826
1990	12,244,622	10,134,007	2,110,615
1995	22,430,612	20,246,415	2,184,197
1996	23,605,189	21,516,579	2,088,610
1997	23,709,831	21,685,421	2,024,410
1998	24,883,782	22,785,879	2,097,903
1999	25,278,121	22,971,506	2,306,615
2000	25,745,710	23,380,477	2,365,233
2001	27,125,707	24,695,630	2,430,077
2002	28,531,939	25,844,055	2,687,884
2003	29,453,803	26,630,775	2,823,028
2004	30,745,406	27,785,246	2,960,160
2005	31,857,069	28,890,840	2,966,229
2006	33,363,762	30,456,751	2,907,011
2007	35,484,533	32,433,853	3,050,680
2008	37,245,543	34,139,814	3,105,728
2009	40,596,703	37,774,847	2,821,857
2010	42,317,393	39,716,541	2,600,852

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Financial Policy and Operations.

NOTE: Totals for "Aged," "Blind," and "Disabled" are derived. The derivation creates slight discrepancies between the sum of the group totals and the "All recipients" total.

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Table 3.
Total recipients, by age and source of payment, 2003–2010

Year	Total	Federal SSI	Federally administered state supplementation
<i>All ages</i>			
2003	7,359,510	7,028,753	3,063,693
2004	7,865,262	7,569,066	2,791,378
2005	7,983,672	7,685,852	2,511,220
2006	8,075,335	7,774,794	2,520,614
2007	8,207,780	7,904,966	2,549,103
2008	8,407,821	8,102,727	2,598,096
2009	8,648,819	8,352,851	2,640,286
2010	9,176,526	8,898,268	2,678,722
<i>Under age 18</i>			
2003	1,014,331	1,007,672	343,024
2004	1,095,705	1,093,835	293,160
2005	1,132,751	1,131,056	242,891
2006	1,161,137	1,159,587	243,159
2007	1,192,127	1,190,524	246,571
2008	1,233,315	1,231,731	254,836
2009	1,283,222	1,281,960	264,543
2010	1,360,159	1,358,775	273,160
<i>Aged 18–64</i>			
2003	4,249,282	4,085,612	1,693,964
2004	4,576,320	4,436,459	1,495,703
2005	4,654,089	4,513,340	1,312,884
2006	4,712,198	4,569,868	1,310,485
2007	4,804,898	4,662,140	1,323,451
2008	4,947,475	4,803,468	1,349,414
2009	5,123,603	4,983,145	1,372,075
2010	5,528,248	5,392,520	1,401,291
<i>Aged 65 or older</i>			
2003	2,095,897	1,935,469	1,026,705
2004	2,193,237	2,038,772	1,002,515
2005	2,196,832	2,041,456	955,445
2006	2,202,000	2,045,339	966,970
2007	2,210,755	2,052,302	979,081
2008	2,227,031	2,067,528	993,846
2009	2,241,994	2,087,746	1,003,668
2010	2,288,119	2,146,973	1,004,271

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

NOTE: Includes all recipients who received at least one payment during the year.

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