Social Security: OASI, DI, and Trust Funds—CBO's May 2019 Baseline

Social Security has two parts: Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI), which pays benefits to retired workers, their families, and some survivors of deceased workers; and Disability Insurance (DI), which 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 OASI. The program is funded primarily through payroll taxes on employers and workers, who each pay 6.2 percent of earnings; self-employed workers pay the entire 12.4 percent tax.

To receive OASI or DI benefits, workers must have a substantial employment history and meet other criteria. CBO's projections of outlays for OASI and DI benefits are based on the number of beneficiaries and their average benefits.

Although Social Security is part of the overall federal budget, its benefits are paid from trust funds that are funded from payroll taxes, interest on their balances, and income taxes on Social Security Benefits. Under current law, the Social Security Administration may not pay benefits in excess of the available balances in a trust fund.

Social Security Disability Insurance—CBO's May 2019 Baseline

	Actual, 2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
By Calendar Year												
Beneficiaries on December 31 (Thousands)												
Disabled Workers												
Men	4,330	4,226	4,185	4,211	4,254	4,304	4,363	4,427	4,481	4,477	4,474	4,474
Women	4,207	4,151	4,135	4,168	4,215	4,267	4,327	4,391	4,446	4,443	4,441	4,441
All Disabled Workers	**8,537**	**8,377**	**8,320**	**8,379**	**8,469**	**8,571**	**8,689**	**8,818**	**8,926**	**8,920**	**8,915**	**8,915**
Spouses	119	111	105	102	100	98	96	95	93	91	89	87
Children	1,507	1,442	1,411	1,394	1,390	1,394	1,400	1,409	1,416	1,418	1,420	1,419
Total	**10,162**	**9,930**	**9,837**	**9,875**	**9,959**	**10,062**	**10,185**	**10,322**	**10,436**	**10,430**	**10,423**	**10,421**
Average Monthly Benefit on December 31 (Dollars)												
Disabled Workers												
Men	1,360	1,392	1,435	1,480	1,527	1,575	1,626	1,679	1,734	1,792	1,852	1,916
Women	1,104	1,135	1,174	1,215	1,257	1,301	1,348	1,396	1,447	1,500	1,556	1,616
All Disabled Workers	**1,234**	**1,265**	**1,305**	**1,348**	**1,392**	**1,438**	**1,488**	**1,538**	**1,591**	**1,647**	**1,704**	**1,766**
Spouses	350	361	375	389	404	419	436	453	471	490	510	530
Children	381	391	404	417	431	446	461	477	493	510	528	547
Disabled Workers (Thousands)												
Start of Year	8,695	8,537	8,377	8,320	8,379	8,469	8,571	8,689	8,818	8,926	8,920	8,915
Awards	734	720	810	834	872	895	918	931	923	920	911	915
Exits	-892	-880	-867	-775	-783	-793	-799	-802	-815	-926	-917	-914
End of Year	**8,537**	**8,377**	**8,320**	**8,379**	**8,469**	**8,571**	**8,689**	**8,818**	**8,926**	**8,920**	**8,915**	**8,915**
By Fiscal Year												
Benefit Outlays (Billions of dollars)												
Regular Benefit Outlays												
Disabled workers	123.9	125.0	126.3	131.2	136.5	142.6	149.2	155.6	163.3	171.3	175.3	181.3
Spouses	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Children	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.4	8.7	9.0
Subtotal	131.3	132.2	133.5	138.4	144.0	150.3	157.1	163.9	171.8	180.2	184.5	190.8
Retroactive Benefit Outlays	12.3	12.2	13.3	13.9	14.7	15.4	16.4	17.4	18.0	18.6	19.2	19.9
Total Benefit Outlays	**143.5**	**144.4**	**146.8**	**152.3**	**158.6**	**165.7**	**173.6**	**181.2**	**189.8**	**198.8**	**203.6**	**210.7**
Key Assumptions												
Average Wage for Indexing (Dollars)	51,794	53,683	55,840	58,092	60,345	62,543	64,790	67,114	69,492	71,944	74,461	77,149
Taxable Maximum (Dollars)	128,400	132,900	136,800	141,900	147,600	153,600	159,300	165,300	171,300	177,300	183,600	190,200
PIA for Hypothetical "Lifelong Average"												
Disabled Worker (Age 50, in dollars)	1,869	1,920	1,986	2,059	2,140	2,224	2,310	2,392	2,478	2,566	2,657	2,754
Maximum PIA (Age 50, in dollars)	3,035	3,119	3,227	3,346	3,475	3,609	3,748	3,882	4,022	4,167	4,316	4,474
COLA (Percent)	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4
First Month for Which COLA Is Effective	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020	12/2021	12/2022	12/2023	12/2024	12/2025	12/2026	12/2027	12/2028	12/2029

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

COLA = cost-of-living adjustment; PIA = primary insurance amount.