

### **Supplemental Security Income—CBO’s January 2019 Baseline**

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.

	Preliminary, 2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>By Calendar Year</b>												
Federal Beneficiaries on December 31 (Thousands)												
Aged	1,121	1,127	1,133	1,142	1,153	1,167	1,185	1,202	1,221	1,240	1,259	1,279
Blind and disabled adults	5,724	5,709	5,694	5,695	5,703	5,725	5,764	5,798	5,836	5,877	5,920	5,966
Blind and disabled children	<u>1,151</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>1,145</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>1,169</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>1,227</u>
Total	7,996	7,975	7,961	7,972	8,001	8,047	8,118	8,180	8,246	8,318	8,393	8,472
Awards of Federally Administered Benefits (Thousands)												
Aged	102	105	105	108	111	114	119	119	122	124	126	128
Blind and disabled adults	474	489	488	496	504	512	531	530	536	543	549	555
Blind and disabled children	<u>157</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>177</u>
Total	733	754	752	765	778	791	819	817	828	839	849	860
Average Monthly Federal Benefit on December 31 (Dollars)												
Aged	404	416	425	437	449	461	473	486	498	510	522	536
Blind and disabled adults	575	592	606	623	640	658	675	693	711	729	747	765
Blind and disabled children	680	694	704	720	737	755	773	792	810	829	848	867
Average Across All Groups	567	582	594	610	626	643	660	677	694	711	728	745
Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual)	750	771	787	808	829	850	870	891	911	932	954	976
Percentage Change	2.0	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
<b>By Fiscal Year</b>												
Number of Payments <sup>a</sup>	11	12	12	12	13	12	11	12	12	12	13	11
Benefit Outlays (Billions of dollars)												
Aged	4.9	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.9	7.2	7.5	8.4	7.4
Blind and disabled adults	36.2	40.4	41.3	42.3	47.1	44.9	42.4	47.7	49.2	50.8	56.9	49.7
Blind and disabled children	8.8	9.6	9.6	9.7	10.8	10.3	9.8	11.0	11.4	11.8	13.2	11.5
Other	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Subtotal	50.7	56.2	57.3	58.6	65.2	62.3	59.1	66.4	68.6	70.9	79.2	69.7
Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, and Demonstration Projects	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, Mandatory Outlays	50.9	56.4	57.5	58.8	65.4	62.5	59.3	66.6	68.8	71.1	79.4	69.9

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

This table does not include administrative costs, which are discretionary and thus subject to appropriation. Supplemental benefits provided by states, whether administered by the states or by the Social Security Administration, also are excluded.

The "aged" category includes recipients who qualify for benefits on the basis of their age (65 or older), in addition to their income and resources. The "blind and disabled" categories include recipients who qualify for benefits on the basis of blindness or another disability, where adults are those age 18 or older and children are those under age 18.

a. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is 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.