



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 from the maximum benefit set each year by law, which is reduced for individual beneficiaries on the basis of their existing income. Federal SSI benefits are paid from 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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| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2026-2030 | 2026-2035 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Billions of dollars, by fiscal year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Estimated Outlays | 64.9 | 66.6 | 68.6 | 76.4 | 67.2 | 75.1 | 77.4 | 79.7 | 88.5 | 84.6 | 80.1 | 353.9 | 764.2 |
| Adjustment for payday shift ^a | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-5.6</u> | <u>5.6</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-6.5</u> | <u>-0.4</u> | <u>7.0</u> | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total outlays, adjusted for payday shift | 64.9 | 66.6 | 68.6 | 70.8 | 72.8 | 75.1 | 77.4 | 79.7 | 82.0 | 84.2 | 87.1 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Components of the Supplemental Security Income Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays for Benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aged | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 41.2 | 90.6 |
| Blind and disabled adults | 45.9 | 47.2 | 48.5 | 54.0 | 47.2 | 53.0 | 54.6 | 56.3 | 62.9 | 60.0 | 56.7 | 249.9 | 540.4 |
| Blind and disabled children | 10.7 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 57.4 | 121.1 |
| Estimated Outlays for Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, Demonstration Projects, and Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 5.6 | 12.0 |
| PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average Monthly Benefit Per Beneficiary (Dollars) | 732 | 747 | 763 | 780 | 798 | 814 | 832 | 851 | 870 | 890 | 909 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Average Monthly Beneficiaries (Thousands of people) | 7,271 | 7,318 | 7,377 | 7,441 | 7,503 | 7,564 | 7,627 | 7,683 | 7,740 | 7,795 | 7,849 | n.a. | n.a. |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual, by calendar year) | 967 | 990 | 1,015 | 1,038 | 1,062 | 1,085 | 1,109 | 1,133 | 1,158 | 1,184 | 1,210 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Percentage Change of Maximum Monthly Benefit | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Number of Payments (By fiscal year) ^a | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 11 | n.a. | n.a. |

SSA = Social Security Administration; SSI = Supplemental Security Income; n.a. = not applicable.

a. 20 C.F.R § 416.402 directs that if the first day of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, the Social Security Administration will make Supplemental Security Income payments on the preceding business day. That will result in one additional payment in fiscal years 2028 and 2033 and one fewer payment in fiscal years 2029 and 2035.