



## **Supplemental Security Income**

Under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, the federal government provides 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). Most states provide supplemental payments to some or all state residents who receive federal SSI benefits; those payments are not federally funded.



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	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2027-2031	2027-2036
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>													
Billions of dollars, by fiscal year													
<b>Total Estimated Outlays</b>	66.5	68.5	76.2	67.1	75.2	77.6	80.1	89.4	85.8	81.0	91.0	<b>364.6</b>	<b>791.9</b>
Adjustment for Date of Payment Shift <sup>a</sup>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-5.7</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-6.6</u>	<u>-0.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	n.a.	n.a.
Total Outlays, Adjusted for Date of Payment Shift <sup>b</sup>	66.5	68.5	70.5	72.8	75.2	77.6	80.1	82.8	85.3	88.0	91.0	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Components of the Supplemental Security Income Program</b>													
Estimated Outlays for Benefits													
Aged	7.6	7.8	8.7	7.7	8.6	8.9	9.2	10.3	9.8	9.3	10.4	<b>41.7</b>	<b>90.7</b>
Blind and disabled adults	46.6	48.3	53.7	47.0	52.8	54.5	56.4	63.1	60.5	56.9	64.3	<b>256.3</b>	<b>557.5</b>
Blind and disabled children	11.5	11.5	12.9	11.3	12.7	13.1	13.5	15.0	14.3	13.4	15.0	<b>61.5</b>	<b>132.7</b>
Estimated Outlays for Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, Demonstration Projects, and Other													
	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.3	<b>5.2</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary (Dollars)	751	769	786	806	824	844	864	885	909	927	950	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Beneficiaries (Thousands of people)	7,275	7,317	7,376	7,433	7,494	7,554	7,617	7,682	7,746	7,810	7,869	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>													
Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual, by calendar year)	994	1,024	1,050	1,074	1,099	1,124	1,150	1,177	1,204	1,231	1,260	n.a.	n.a.
Percentage Change of Maximum Monthly Benefit	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	n.a.	n.a.
Number of Payments (By fiscal year) <sup>a</sup>	12	12	13	11	12	12	12	13	12	11	12	n.a.	n.a.

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

- 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.
- Adjusted amounts exclude the effects of shifting payments that otherwise would have been made on a weekend or holiday. For example, total outlays of \$70.5 billion for fiscal year 2028 include 12 payments (those for October 2027 through September 2028). They do not include the thirteenth payment that will be made in that year (the payment for October 2028, which will be made September 29, 2028; that payment is included in the \$72.8 billion in outlays shown for fiscal year 2029).