

### **Supplemental Security Income—CBO’s April 2018 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.

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	Actual											
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
<b>By Calendar Year</b>												
<b>Federal Beneficiaries on December 31 (Thousands)</b>												
Aged	1,122	1,130	1,139	1,149	1,161	1,175	1,191	1,211	1,230	1,249	1,270	1,291
Blind and Disabled Adults	5,763	5,751	5,743	5,735	5,737	5,747	5,766	5,803	5,836	5,875	5,921	5,972
Blind and Disabled Children	<u>1,182</u>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,171</u>	<u>1,181</u>	<u>1,192</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>1,217</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,252</u>
Total	8,067	8,044	8,043	8,046	8,069	8,104	8,149	8,220	8,282	8,352	8,430	8,515
<b>Awards of Federally Administered Benefits (Thousands)</b>												
Aged	109	112	115	116	119	122	125	131	131	134	137	139
Blind and Disabled Adults	494	506	527	526	535	544	553	574	572	582	592	602
Blind and Disabled Children	<u>164</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>186</u>
Total	767	784	813	812	826	840	854	885	883	898	912	927
<b>Average Monthly Federal Benefit on December 31</b>												
Aged	\$395	\$404	\$414	\$424	\$436	\$447	\$459	\$471	\$484	\$496	\$509	\$522
Blind and Disabled Adults	\$569	\$581	\$595	\$610	\$626	\$643	\$660	\$677	\$694	\$712	\$730	\$750
Blind and Disabled Children	\$679	\$690	\$705	\$721	\$739	\$756	\$775	\$793	\$812	\$832	\$852	\$872
Average Across All Groups	\$561	\$572	\$585	\$600	\$615	\$631	\$647	\$664	\$680	\$697	\$715	\$733
Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual)	\$735	\$750	\$767	\$786	\$805	\$826	\$846	\$867	\$887	\$909	\$931	\$953
Percentage Change	0.3%	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
<b>By Fiscal Year</b>												
Number of Payments	12	11	12	12	12	13	12	11	12	12	12	13
<b>Benefit Outlays (Billions of Dollars)</b>												
Aged	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.7	6.5	6.2	7.0	7.3	7.6	8.6
Blind and Disabled Adults	39.0	36.7	40.9	41.8	42.9	47.7	45.4	42.8	48.1	49.7	51.3	57.5
Blind and Disabled Children	9.7	8.9	9.8	10.0	10.2	11.5	10.9	10.4	11.7	12.1	12.5	14.0
Other	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.9</u>	<u>0.7</u>
Subtotal	54.6	51.3	56.9	58.2	59.8	66.5	63.6	60.2	67.6	69.9	72.2	80.8
Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, and Demonstration Projects	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total, SSI Mandatory Outlays	54.7	51.5	57.1	58.4	60.0	66.7	63.8	60.4	67.9	70.1	72.5	81.0

Notes: Details may not add 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, are also excluded.

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