



## **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. 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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	By Fiscal Year, Billions of Dollars											2024-2028	2024-2033
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033		
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>													
<b>Estimated Outlays<sup>a</sup></b>	60	57	63	65	67	74	65	72	74	76	84	<b>326</b>	<b>697</b>
<b>Components of the Supplemental Security Income Program</b>													
Estimated Outlays for Benefits													
Aged	6	6	7	7	7	8	7	8	8	8	9	<b>35</b>	<b>75</b>
Blind and disabled adults	43	41	45	46	48	53	46	52	53	55	61	<b>233</b>	<b>500</b>
Blind and disabled children	10	9	10	10	11	12	10	12	12	12	13	<b>52</b>	<b>111</b>
Estimated Outlays for Vocational Rehabilitation, Research, Demonstration Projects, and Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>													
Average Monthly Benefit Per Beneficiary (Dollars)	669	703	725	744	761	779	798	816	835	855	874	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Beneficiaries (Thousands of people)	7,356	7,246	7,176	7,146	7,165	7,207	7,230	7,254	7,281	7,308	7,336	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>													
Maximum Monthly Benefit (Individual)	914	952	979	1,000	1,020	1,042	1,065	1,089	1,114	1,140	1,166	n.a.	n.a.
Percentage Change of Maximum Monthly Benefit	8.7	4.2	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	n.a.	n.a.
Number of Payments <sup>b</sup>	12	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	12	12	13	n.a.	n.a.

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

- Because the Supreme Court ruled in *United States v. Vaello Madero*, 142 S.Ct. 1539 (2022), that the Fifth Amendment's equal protection guarantee does not require the Congress to make SSI benefits available to residents of Puerto Rico, CBO's baseline was constructed under the assumption that SSI payments will not be paid to residents of Puerto Rico.
- SSA is required to make SSI payments on the first day of the month. If that day falls 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.