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# Social Security

# Congressional Statistics for December 2009 District of Columbia

**Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)**—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. The amount of benefits received is based on the worker’s level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program.

**Table 1.  
Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2009**

Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s <sup>a</sup>	Spouses <sup>b</sup>	Children <sup>c</sup>	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s <sup>a</sup>	
District of Columbia	73,093	47,343	11,948	5,471	1,794	6,537	70,001	49,127	5,105	51,479
All areas <sup>d</sup>	52,522,819	33,514,013	7,788,013	4,488,492	2,501,723	4,230,578	55,905,731	39,020,920	4,893,329	36,594,122

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

- a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s, disabled widow(er)s, widowed mothers and fathers, and parents receiving payment on the record of a worker who is deceased.
- b. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.
- c. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired, deceased, or disabled.
- d. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2009**

Congressional district	Number of recipients				Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients	
	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	With OASDI <sup>a</sup>	Aged 65 or older
District of Columbia	23,471	1,905	128	21,438	13,248	677	63	12,507	5,617	4,164
All areas <sup>b</sup>	7,676,686	1,185,959	69,302	6,421,425	4,120,127	475,505	36,702	3,607,920	2,621,649	2,025,610

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

- a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.
- b. Includes recipients in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

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