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A total of 47,707,330 persons received benefits for December 2004. This number included 29,971,970 retired workers, 4,825,650 widows and widowers, 6,192,210 disabled workers, 2,723,630 wives and husbands, and 3,993,870 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.8 percent of the total population and 90.7 percent of the population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$955; widows and widowers, \$897 (non-disabled widows and widowers, \$920); disabled workers, \$894; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$464. Average benefits for children of retired, deceased, and disabled workers were \$466, \$625, and \$265, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$41.6 billion. Of this amount, \$30.1 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$5.5 billion to survivors, and \$6.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2004.

In Arizona, benefits were paid to 888,460 persons. This number included 578,590 retired workers, 76,490 widows and widowers, 114,250 disabled workers, 49,760 wives and husbands, and 69,370 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.5 percent of the total

population of the state and 86.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Arizona received an average of \$973 per month; widows and widowers, \$930; disabled workers, \$924; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$482. Average benefits for children were \$467 for children of retired workers, \$605 for children of deceased workers, and \$262 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$794 million. Of this amount, \$590 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$90 million to survivors, and \$114 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

Supplemental Security Income

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The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In Arizona, 94,400 persons—13,169 aged and 81,231 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 22,790 recipients were aged 65 or older, 55,295 were aged 18 to 64, and 16,315 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$41.3 million. The average federal payment was \$406 overall: \$292 for aged recipients and \$424 for disabled and blind recipients. In addition, 457 persons in Arizona received state-administered supplementation in December 2004 that totaled \$23,000.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Arizona receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 952,495.

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In Arizona in 2003, an estimated 2.70 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$74.35 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$9.22 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Arizona in 2003, an estimated 2.71 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$83.50 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.42 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In California, benefits were paid to 4,411,970 persons. This number included 2,838,010 retired workers, 407,540 widows and widowers, 532,490 disabled workers, 281,740 wives and husbands, and 352,190 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.3 percent of

the total population of the state and 83.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in California received an average of \$957 per month; widows and widowers, \$926; disabled workers, \$910; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$459. Average benefits for children were \$450 for children of retired workers, \$638 for children of deceased workers, and \$276 for children of disabled workers.

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In California, 1,183,002 persons—348,333 aged and 834,669 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 508,904 recipients were aged 65 or older, 578,944 were aged 18 to 64, and 95,154 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$688.5 million, of which \$417.2 million was federal SSI and \$271.3 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$559 overall: \$506 for aged recipients and \$581 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in California receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 5,150,503.

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In California in 2003, an estimated 16.73 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$515.42 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$63.91 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In California in 2003, an estimated 17.55 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$674.22 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$19.55 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In Hawaii, benefits were paid to 199,240 persons. This number included 141,990 retired workers, 16,210 widows and widowers, 18,050 disabled workers, 9,480 wives and husbands, and 13,510 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.6 percent of the total

population of the state and 87.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Hawaii received an average of \$945 per month; widows and widowers, \$879; disabled workers, \$915; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$444. Average benefits for children were \$464 for children of retired workers, \$627 for children of deceased workers, and \$282 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$176 million. Of this amount, \$139 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$18 million to survivors, and \$18 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Hawaii, 22,251 persons—6,510 aged and 15,741 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 8,520 recipients were aged 65 or older, 12,293 were aged 18 to 64, and 1,438 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$10.3 million, of which \$9.2 million was federal SSI and \$1.1 million was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$437 overall: \$364 for aged recipients and \$467 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in Hawaii receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 214,346.

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In Hawaii in 2003, an estimated 720,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$22.36 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$648 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Nevada, benefits were paid to 340,680 persons. This number included 230,990 retired workers, 26,440 widows and widowers, 43,030 disabled workers, 15,120 wives and husbands, and 25,100 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 14.5 percent of the total

population of the state and 91.0 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Nevada received an average of \$962 per month; widows and widowers, \$939; disabled workers, \$960; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$473. Average benefits for children were \$471 for children of retired workers, \$671 for children of deceased workers, and \$271 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$308 million. Of this amount, \$231 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$32 million to survivors, and \$44 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Nevada, 32,129 persons—8,159 aged and 23,970 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of 8,623 recipients were aged 65 or older, 17,909 were aged 18 to 64, and 5,597 were under the age of 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$13.8 million, of which \$13.4 million was federal SSI and \$470,048 was state supplementation. The average federally administered payment was \$396 overall: \$312 for aged recipients and \$425 for disabled and blind recipients.

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In American Samoa, benefits were paid to 5,890 persons. This number included 1,640 retired workers, 610 widows and widowers, 1,250 disabled workers, 300 wives and husbands, and 2,090 children.

Retired workers in American Samoa received an average of \$556 per month; widows and widowers, \$546; disabled workers, \$695; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$197. Average benefits for children were \$285 for children of retired workers, \$398 for children of deceased workers, and \$177 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$3 million. Of this amount, \$1 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children, \$1 million to survivors, and \$1 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In the Northern Mariana Islands, benefits were paid to 2,210 persons. This number included 1,020 retired workers, 240 widows and widowers, 130 disabled workers, 110 wives and husbands, and 710 children.

Retired workers in the Northern Mariana Islands received an average of \$548 per month; widows and

widowers, \$392; disabled workers, \$438; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$191. Average benefits for children were \$181 for children of retired workers, \$422 for children of deceased workers, and \$150 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2004 totaled \$1 million.

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2005, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$579, and for a couple, \$869.

A state may supplement the payment levels of all or selected categories of recipients. These supplemental payments may be administered by the state or the Social Security Administration.

In December 2004, 6,987,845 persons received federally administered SSI payments: 1,211,167 were aged and 5,776,678 were disabled or blind. A total of 1,977,610 recipients were aged 65 or older, 4,017,108 were 18 to 64, and 993,127 were under the age of 18.

The total number of persons receiving a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 52,253,851. Federally administered payments totaled \$3.2 billion in December 2004: \$2.9 billion in federal SSI payments and \$362 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$428. Aged persons averaged \$351, and disabled and blind persons, \$445.

In addition, 552,346 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2004 that totaled \$68.8 million.

In the Northern Mariana Islands, 735 persons—133 aged and 602 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2004. A total of

173 recipients were aged 65 or older, 381 were aged 18 to 64, and 181 were under the age of 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$0.4 million. The average federal payment was \$441 overall: \$342 for aged recipients and \$463 for disabled and blind recipients.

In December 2004, the total number of persons in the Northern Mariana Islands receiving a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,752.

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