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A total of 46,452,550 persons received benefits for December 2002. This number included 29,203,660 retired workers, 4,965,150 widows and widowers, 5,535,860 disabled workers, 2,832,350 wives and husbands, and 3,915,520 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.0 percent of the population 65 or older.

Retired workers received an average monthly benefit of \$895; widows and widowers, \$840 (nondisabled widows and widowers, \$861); disabled workers, \$834; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$439. Average benefits for children of deceased, retired, and disabled workers were, \$584, \$428, \$245, respectively.

Monthly benefits for December 2002 totaled \$37.9 billion. Of this amount, \$27.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children; \$5.3 billion to survivors; and \$5.0 billion to disabled workers and their spouses and children. Average and total monthly benefits include the 1.4 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2002.

In Arkansas, benefits were paid to 528,840 persons. This number included 302,380 retired workers; 59,730 widows and widowers; 84,890 disabled workers; 29,990 wives and husbands; and 51,850 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 19.7 percent of the total

population of the state and 92.9 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Arkansas received an average of \$827 per month; widows and widowers, \$742; disabled workers, \$786; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$401. Average benefits for children were: \$405 for children of retired workers; \$525 for children of deceased workers; and \$229 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2002 totaled \$393 million. Of this amount, \$264 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children; \$56 million to survivors; and \$73 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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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 2002, 6,787,857 persons received federally administered SSI payments including 1,251,528 aged, and 5,536,329 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,284 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,877,752 were 18 to 64, and 914,821 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,834,080. Federally administered payments totaled \$2.9 billion in December 2002: \$2.6 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$328 million in state supplements. The average federally administered

payment was \$407. The aged averaged \$330; disabled and blind, \$425.

In addition, 552,567 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2002, which totaled \$70.2 million.

In Arkansas, 85,107 persons—12,108 aged, and 72,999 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2002. A total of 21,964 recipients were aged 65 or older, 48,870 between 18 and 64, and 14,273 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$31.6 million, of which all but \$2,066 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$336 overall, \$155 for aged recipients, and \$366 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2002, the total number of persons in Arkansas receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 576,216.

## Earnings and Employment Data

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In Arkansas in 2001, an estimated 1.40 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$29.63 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$3.67 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Arkansas in 2001, an estimated 1.41 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$32.54 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$944 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Louisiana, benefits were paid to 725,200 persons. This number included 370,860 retired workers; 107,620 widows and widowers; 97,970 disabled workers; 60,260 wives and husbands; and 88,490 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.2 percent of the total

population of the state and 90.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Louisiana received an average of \$830 per month; widows and widowers, \$772; disabled workers, \$834; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$411. Average benefits for children were: \$383 for children of retired workers; \$537 for children of deceased workers; and \$233 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2002 totaled \$533 million. Of this amount, \$335 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children; \$107 million to survivors; and \$91 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Louisiana, 166,884 persons—21,945 aged, and 144,939 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2002. A total of 40,656 recipients were aged 65 or older, 97,757 between 18 and 64, and 28,471 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$66.0 million, of which all but \$6,502 was federal SSI. The average federally administered payment was \$370 overall, \$191 for aged recipients, and \$398 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 5,044 persons in Louisiana received state-administered supplementation in December 2002, which totaled \$40,000.

In December 2002, the total number of persons in Louisiana receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 832,984.

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In Louisiana in 2001, an estimated 2.11 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$47.69 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$5.91 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In Louisiana in 2001, an estimated 2.27 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$58.48 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.70 billion in Medicare taxes.

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In New Mexico, benefits were paid to 289,570 persons. This number included 172,710 retired workers; 30,050 widows and widowers; 35,460 disabled workers; 22,180 wives and husbands; and 29,170 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.5 percent of the

total population of the state and 89.3 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in New Mexico received an average of \$835 per month; widows and widowers, \$778; disabled workers, \$799; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$399. Average benefits for children were: \$378 for children of retired workers; \$491 for children of deceased workers; and \$226 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2002 totaled \$216 million. Of this amount, \$154 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children; \$31 million to survivors; and \$31 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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payment was \$407. The aged averaged \$330; disabled and blind, \$425.

In addition, 552,567 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2002, which totaled \$70.2 million.

In New Mexico, 48,790 persons—8,761 aged, and 40,029 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2002. A total of 15,336 recipients were aged 65 or older, 27,594 between 18 and 64, and 5,860 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$19.2 million. The average federal payment was \$359 overall, \$232 for aged recipients, and \$388 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 177 persons in New Mexico received state-administered supplementation in December 2002, which totaled \$18,000.

In December 2002, the total number of persons in New Mexico receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 318,939.

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In New Mexico in 2001, an estimated 910,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$20.68 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.56 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In New Mexico in 2001, an estimated 923,000 residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$22.56 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$654 million in Medicare taxes.

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In Oklahoma, benefits were paid to 605,840 persons. This number included 371,420 retired workers; 71,220 widows and widowers; 73,620 disabled workers; 38,090 wives and husbands; and 51,490 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 17.3 percent of the total

population of the state and 92.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Oklahoma received an average of \$856 per month; widows and widowers, \$810; disabled workers, \$817; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$423. Average benefits for children were: \$434 for children of retired workers; \$557 for children of deceased workers; and \$243 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly benefits for December 2002 totaled \$474 million. Of this amount, \$336 million was paid to retired workers and their spouses and children; \$73 million to survivors; and \$65 million to disabled workers and their spouses and children.

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In Oklahoma, 73,630 persons—9,520 aged, and 64,110 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2002. A total of 17,314 recipients were aged 65 or older, 45,474 between 18 and 64, and 10,842 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$28.7 million. The average federal payment was \$361 overall, \$195 for aged recipients, and \$386 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 72,771 persons in Oklahoma received state-administered supplementation in December 2002, which totaled \$3.1 million.

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In Texas, benefits were paid to 2,730,970 persons. This number included 1,637,500 retired workers; 338,350 widows and widowers; 293,030 disabled workers; 205,990 wives and husbands; and 256,100 children.

Social Security beneficiaries represented 12.5 percent of the total population of the state and 89.5 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Texas received an average of \$871 per month; widows and widowers, \$813; disabled workers, \$826; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$428. Average benefits for children were: \$388 for children of retired workers; \$567 for children of deceased workers; and \$242 for children of disabled workers.

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In addition, 552,567 persons in 31 states received state-administered payments in December 2002, which totaled \$70.2 million.

In Texas, 435,844 persons—112,708 aged, and 323,136 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2002. A total of 161,644 recipients were aged 65 or older, 217,750 between 18 and 64, and 56,450 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$160.5 million. The average federal payment was \$339 overall, \$236 for aged recipients, and \$375 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 5,160 persons in Texas received state-administered supplementation in December 2002, which totaled \$155,000.

In December 2002, the total number of persons in Texas receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 2,987,383.

## Earnings and Employment Data

### *Social Security*

Nationally, in 2001, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 153.7 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$4.1 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$514 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI trust funds.

In Texas in 2001, an estimated 10.59 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$275.31 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$34.14 billion in Social Security taxes.

### *Medicare*

Nationally, in 2001, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 157.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Medicare (Hospital Insurance or HI) program. They earned \$5.1 trillion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$147 billion in Medicare taxes to the HI trust fund.

In Texas in 2001, an estimated 11.07 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$344.28 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$9.98 billion in Medicare taxes.

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SOURCE: The data are from the Social Security Administration's administrative files. Program data for Social Security are from the Master Beneficiary Record, 10 percent sample; data for SSI are from the Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data, and data reported by individual states. Earnings and employment data are from the Master Earnings File, 1 percent sample.

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