

Table 1.—Total number of SSI recipients, number and percentage distribution, by age, 1974–99 ¹

Month/Year	Total	Age					
		65 or older		18–64 ²		Under 18	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
December:							
1974	3,996,064	2,422,009	60.6	1,503,155	37.6	³ 70,900	1.8
1975	4,314,275	2,507,855	58.1	1,699,394	39.4	107,026	2.5
1976	4,235,939	2,396,933	56.6	1,713,594	40.5	125,412	3.0
1977	4,237,692	2,353,458	55.5	1,736,879	41.0	147,355	3.5
1978	4,216,925	2,303,900	54.6	1,747,126	41.4	165,899	3.9
1979	4,149,575	2,245,716	54.1	1,726,553	41.6	177,306	4.3
1980	4,142,017	2,220,776	53.6	1,730,847	41.8	190,394	4.6
1981	4,018,875	2,121,090	52.8	1,702,895	42.4	194,890	4.8
1982	3,857,590	2,010,741	52.1	1,655,279	42.9	191,570	5.0
1983	3,901,497	2,003,400	51.3	1,699,774	43.6	198,323	5.1
1984	4,029,333	2,037,287	50.6	1,780,459	44.2	211,587	5.3
1985	4,138,021	2,031,469	49.1	1,879,168	45.4	227,384	5.5
1986	4,269,184	2,017,528	47.3	2,010,458	47.1	241,198	5.6
1987	4,384,999	2,015,387	46.0	2,118,710	48.3	250,902	5.7
1988	4,463,869	2,006,020	44.9	2,202,714	49.3	255,135	5.7
1989	4,593,059	2,026,243	44.1	2,301,926	50.1	264,890	5.8
1990	4,817,127	2,058,641	42.7	2,449,897	50.9	308,589	6.4
1991	5,118,470	2,079,784	40.6	2,641,524	51.6	397,162	7.8
1992	5,566,189	2,099,703	37.7	2,910,016	52.3	556,470	10.0
1993	5,984,330	2,113,239	35.3	3,148,413	52.6	722,678	12.1
1994	6,295,786	2,119,057	33.7	3,335,255	53.0	841,474	13.4
1995	6,514,134	2,114,830	32.5	3,482,256	53.5	917,048	14.1
1996	6,613,718	2,090,151	31.6	3,568,393	54.0	955,174	14.4
1997	6,494,985	2,053,532	31.6	3,561,625	54.8	879,828	13.5
1998	6,566,069	2,032,983	31.0	3,646,020	55.5	887,066	13.5
1999:							
June.....	6,606,292	2,023,772	30.6	3,703,986	56.1	878,534	13.3

¹ Persons who received a federal or state payment.

² Includes students age 18–21 who are considered children for program purposes.

³ In December 1974, includes children age 18–21.