

[Social Security Disability Insurance \(SSDI\)](#)

This program is financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers, and self-employed persons.

- The worker will get [Medicare](#) coverage automatically after receiving disability benefits for two years.
- To be eligible for a Social Security benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work to be "[insured](#)" for Social Security purposes.
- Disability benefits are payable to:
 - blind or disabled workers
 - [their children](#)
 - [widow\(er\)s](#)
 - [adults disabled since childhood](#)
- The amount of the monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the insured worker.
- [Facts About Social Security's Disability Program](#)

See [Understanding the Benefits](#) for a complete explanation SSDI.

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[Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#)

This program is financed through general revenues from taxes, meaning benefits are not based on your prior work history.

- In most states, beneficiaries will automatically be eligible for [Medicaid](#).
- SSI benefits are payable to:
 - individuals age 65 or older
 - adults who are disabled or blind
 - [children who are disabled or blind](#)
- Eligibility requirements:
 - have limited [income](#) and [resources](#) meet the living arrangement requirements
 - a U.S. citizen or national, or in one of certain categories of aliens.
- The monthly payment varies up to the maximum [federal benefit rate](#), which may be [supplemented by the state](#).

See [Understanding Supplemental Security Income](#) for a complete explanation of SSI.

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