



Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in Pennsylvania

What is SSI?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides monthly payments to people with limited income and resources. SSI is for people who are 65 or older, as well as people of any age, including children, who are blind or have disabilities.

To be eligible for SSI, you must also have little or no income and few resources. The value of the things you own must be less than \$2,000 if you are single or less than \$3,000 for married couples living together. We don't count the value of your home if you live in it, and, usually, we don't count the value of your car. We may not count the value of certain other resources, such as a burial plot.

To get SSI, you must apply for any other government benefits for which you may be eligible. You must live in the United States or the Northern Mariana Islands to receive SSI. If you're not a U.S. citizen, but you legally live in the U.S., you may still be able to get SSI. For more information, read *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Noncitizens* (Publication No. 05-11051).

The state of Pennsylvania adds money to the federal SSI payment that you get at the beginning of each month. A single payment that includes both the federal SSI payment and the supplement from Pennsylvania is paid to residents of domiciliary care homes and personal care boarding homes. If you live independently or in someone else's household, you receive a separate payment from Pennsylvania in addition to your federal SSI payment.

Medical assistance

If you get SSI, you usually can get medical assistance (Medicaid) automatically. If you have questions about Medicaid, contact your local county human services office.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

If you get SSI, you may be able to get help through SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. SNAP can help you buy more food without spending more money. We don't decide if you qualify for SNAP. If everyone in your household is applying for or getting SSI, you can apply for SNAP at a Social Security office. If not, you must apply with your local county human services office.

Other social services

People who are eligible for SSI may be eligible for additional resources and services provided by their local county human services office, including:

- Employment and training programs.
- Housing resources.
- Assistance with substance abuse and mental health issues.
- Child care and early learning services.
- Home and community-based services for seniors.
- Information and referrals.

For more information, contact your local county human services office.

Monthly SSI payment amounts

The table on the back lists the combined federal and state payment amounts. Not all SSI recipients receive the maximum amount. Your payment may be lower if you have other income.

| Category | 2024 Total Monthly Payment |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Independent living status</i> | |
| Eligible person | \$943.00 |
| Eligible couple | \$1,415.00 |
| <i>Living in someone else's household</i> | |
| Eligible person | \$628.67 |
| Eligible couple | \$943.34 |
| <i>Domiciliary care (DOMCARE)</i> | |
| Eligible person | \$1,577.30* |
| Eligible couple | \$2,762.40* |
| <i>Personal care boarding home (PCBH)</i> | |
| Eligible person | \$1,582.30* |
| Eligible couple | \$2,772.40* |
| <i>Medicaid facility</i> | |
| Eligible person | \$30.00 |
| Eligible couple | \$60.00 |

*Amounts include combined federal and state payments.

Contacting Us

The most convenient way to do business with us is to visit www.ssa.gov to get information and use our online services. There are several things you can do online: apply for benefits; start or complete your request for an original or replacement Social Security card; get useful information; find publications; and get answers to frequently asked questions.

When you open a personal *my* Social Security account, you have more capabilities. You can review your *Social Security Statement*, verify your earnings, get estimates of future benefits, and save or print a benefit verification letter. Access to your personal *my* Social Security account may be limited for users outside the United States.

If you don't have access to the internet, we offer many automated services by telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so you may not need to speak with a representative.

If you need to speak with someone, call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**, if you're deaf or hard of hearing. A member of our staff can answer your call from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. We provide free interpreter services upon request. For quicker access to a representative, try calling early in the day (between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. local time) or later in the day. **We are less busy later in the week (Wednesday to Friday) and later in the month.**



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