

**Table 11.11-- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES AND BENEFITS PAID:
1991 TO 2023**

[December data. Prior to 2006 based on 10 percent samples; 2006 and after based on Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data]

Year	Number of beneficiaries 1/	Monthly benefits 1/ (\$1,000)	Estimated total annual benefits paid (million dollars)
1991	151,390	85,182	971
1992	154,950	90,840	1,041
1993	158,370	95,812	1,106
1994	161,840	101,506	1,169
1995	168,020	107,600	1,243
1996	169,300	113,990	1,317
1997	172,050	119,266	1,385
1998	174,850	124,320	1,453
1999	179,150	131,387	1,517
2000	184,140	142,159	1,628
2001	188,920	151,425	1,752
2002	193,220	158,309	1,855
2003	195,430	165,897	1,938
2004	199,240	175,645	2,039
2005	202,890	187,948	2,162
2006	204,207	197,311	2,277
2007	207,992	207,882	2,422
2008	212,890	227,489	2,557
2009	220,491	238,128	2,813
2010	227,914	248,933	2,940
2011	234,314	267,756	3,056
2012	240,456	282,090	3,276
2013	246,477	296,423	3,447
2014	251,591	310,833	3,613
2015	256,912	320,859	3,790
2016	261,513	331,474	3,911
2017	266,523	349,396	4,051
2018	271,236	371,053	4,270
2019	277,013	390,967	4,546
2020	282,623	410,831	4,790
2021	286,863	449,099	5,001
2022	291,053	503,166	5,474
2023	296,605	537,247	6,151

1/ Prior to 2007 includes special age-72 beneficiaries.

Source: Social Security Administration, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, *Annual Statistical Supplement* (annual), tables 5.J1, 5.J2 and 5.J4 <<https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2024/5j.pdf>> accessed June 8, 2025.