

**Table 11.11-- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES AND BENEFITS PAID:
1991 TO 2020**

[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 |

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/2021/5j.pdf>> accessed May 31, 2022.