

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients  
by Geographic Area, Sex, Age, Eligibility,  
and Diagnostic Group, 2010 Data

# User Manual

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## Introduction

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program is a nationwide federal assistance program administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that guarantees a minimum level of income for needy aged, blind, or disabled individuals. In December 2010, 7.9 million individuals received federally administered monthly SSI benefits (including federally administered state supplementary payments) averaging \$501.

The [SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2010](#)<sup>1</sup> contains tables that describe the demographic and program characteristics of applicants for and recipients of SSI in December of 2010 and earlier. SSA collects additional information about these applicants and recipients, but privacy laws limit the amount of information we can share with the public. However, SSA does occasionally fulfill ad hoc requests for custom tables with additional information and applies proper disclosure avoidance techniques.

In the spirit of the [open government](#) initiative, we have developed four public use summary data files containing SSI recipient information that is not found in our annual report.

## File Descriptions

[Table 10](#) in the [SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2010](#) gives the number of SSI recipients in December 2010 by state (including the District of Columbia and the Northern Mariana Islands), three age groups, and eligibility category (aged, blind, and disabled)<sup>2</sup>. From this data, we have produced two public use summary data files:

- **SSI-State-Age-2010.csv** contains the number of SSI recipients by state, sex, and 13 age categories
- **SSI-State-Eligibility-2010.csv** contains the number of SSI recipients by state, sex, and eligibility category. However, we ran into some disclosure issues so to show this data by sex we merged the blind and disabled eligibility categories.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at [http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi\\_asr/2010/index.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2010/index.html)

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the online publication for detailed background information regarding the SSI program.

[Table 38](#) in the [SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2010](#) gives the percentage distribution of SSI recipients under age 65 in December 2010 by state (including the District of Columbia and the Northern Mariana Islands) and diagnostic group<sup>3</sup>. From this data, we produced summary data files **SSI-Under65-Diag-1-2010.csv** and **SSI-Under65-Diag-2-2010.csv**, which further divide this data by sex and age groups. However, to prevent disclosure risks, we grouped the data by geographical areas that are larger than states. The number of age groups we provide depends on the size of the geographical areas. **SSI-Under65-Diag-1-2010.csv** contains three age groups in 10 SSA administrative regions and **SSI-Under65-Diag-2-2010.csv** contains nine age groups in four regions defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

## Data Dictionary and Layout

These four public use summary data files are provided as comma separated values (CSV) files, which are readable in Microsoft Excel or a text editor. The first data record contains the field names. The remaining data records contain the SSI recipient data. Below are tables giving the position of the field in the data record, the name of the field, and the values associated with the field for each of the public use summary data files.

## Contact Information

For questions regarding these four public use summary data files, please call (410) 965-0090 or e-mail [statistics@ssa.gov](mailto:statistics@ssa.gov).

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<sup>3</sup> Diagnostic group is the classification of impairments, by body system, that identifies the medical condition(s) on which disability-related benefits are based. Before 1985, the coding of the primary and secondary diagnoses for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income applicants was in accordance with the *International Classification of Diseases: 9th revision, Clinical Modification, 4th ed.*, using 4-digit ICD-9 codes. In 1985, SSA implemented a revised method to determine and enter impairment codes in administrative records. This revised approach generally uses 3 digits (followed by zero), loosely based on the ICD-9 codes. For research purposes, the ICD-9 codes and SSA impairment codes are, typically, identical. However, the diagnostic groupings shown in the statistical tables closely parallel the major ICD-9 disease classifications.

**Data File: SSI-State-Age-2010.csv**

Field No.	Field Name	Values
1	STATE	AK = Alaska AL = Alabama AR = Arkansas AZ = Arizona CA = California CO = Colorado CT = Connecticut DC = District of Columbia DE = Delaware FL = Florida GA = Georgia HI = Hawaii IA = Iowa ID = Idaho IL = Illinois IN = Indiana KS = Kansas KY = Kentucky LA = Louisiana MA = Massachusetts MD = Maryland ME = Maine MI = Michigan MN = Minnesota MO = Missouri MP = Northern Mariana Islands MS = Mississippi MT = Montana NC = North Carolina ND = North Dakota NE = Nebraska NH = New Hampshire NJ = New Jersey NM = New Mexico NV = Nevada NY = New York OH = Ohio OK = Oklahoma OR = Oregon PA = Pennsylvania RI = Rhode Island SC = South Carolina SD = South Dakota TN = Tennessee TX = Texas UT = Utah VA = Virginia VT = Vermont WA = Washington WI = Wisconsin WV = West Virginia WY = Wyoming
2	AGE	<05 = Less than 5 years old 05-12 = 5 to 12 years of age 13-17 = 13 to 17 years of age 18-21 = 18 to 21 years of age 22-25 = 22 to 25 years of age 26-29 = 26 to 29 years of age 30-39 = 30 to 39 years of age 40-49 = 40 to 49 years of age 50-59 = 50 to 59 years of age 60-64 = 60 to 64 years of age 65-69 = 65 to 69 years of age 70-74 = 70 to 74 years of age 75+ = 75 years of age or more
3	SEX	F = Female M = Male
4	RECIPIENTS	Numeric value equaling the number of SSI recipients

**Data File: SSI-State-Eligibility-2010.csv**

Field No.	Field Name	Values
1	STATE	AK = Alaska      LA = Louisiana      NY = New York AL = Alabama      MA = Massachusetts      OH = Ohio AR = Arkansas      MD = Maryland      OK = Oklahoma AZ = Arizona      ME = Maine      OR = Oregon CA = California      MI = Michigan      PA = Pennsylvania CO = Colorado      MN = Minnesota      RI = Rhode Island CT = Connecticut      MO = Missouri      SC = South Carolina DC = District of Columbia      MP = Northern Mariana Islands      SD = South Dakota DE = Delaware      MS = Mississippi      TN = Tennessee FL = Florida      MT = Montana      TX = Texas GA = Georgia      NC = North Carolina      UT = Utah HI = Hawaii      ND = North Dakota      VA = Virginia IA = Iowa      NE = Nebraska      VT = Vermont ID = Idaho      NH = New Hampshire      WA = Washington IL = Illinois      NJ = New Jersey      WI = Wisconsin IN = Indiana      NM = New Mexico      WV = West Virginia KS = Kansas      NV = Nevada      WY = Wyoming KY = Kentucky
2	ELIGIBILITY	A = Aged    B&D = Blind and Disabled
3	SEX	F = Female    M = Male
4	RECIPIENTS	Numeric value equaling the number of SSI recipients

## Data File: SSI-Under65-Diag-1-2010.csv

Field No.	Field Name	Values
1	SSA REGION	<p>Atlanta = Atlanta administrative region covering: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee</p> <p>Boston = Boston administrative region covering: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont</p> <p>Chicago = Chicago administrative region covering: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin</p> <p>Dallas = Dallas administrative region covering: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas</p> <p>Denver = Denver administrative region covering: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming</p> <p>Kansas City = Kansas City administrative region covering: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska</p> <p>New York = New York City administrative region covering New Jersey, and New York</p> <p>Philadelphia = Philadelphia administrative region covering: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia</p> <p>San Francisco = San Francisco administrative region covering: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Northern Mariana Islands</p> <p>Seattle = Seattle administrative region covering: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington</p>
2	DIAG. GROUP	<p>AUTISTIC = Autistic disorders</p> <p>BLOOD = Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs</p> <p>CHILDHOOD = Childhood and adolescent disorders not elsewhere classified</p> <p>CIRCUL = Diseases of the circulatory system</p> <p>CONGEN = Congenital anomalies</p> <p>DEVELOP = Developmental disorders</p> <p>DIGEST = Diseases of the digestive system</p> <p>ENDOCR = Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases</p> <p>GENITO = Diseases of the genitourinary system</p> <p>INFECT = Infectious and parasitic diseases</p> <p>INJURY = Injuries</p> <p>INTELLECT = Intellectual disability</p> <p>MENTALOTHER = Other mental disorder</p> <p>MOOD = Mood disorders</p> <p>MUSCUL = Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue</p> <p>NEOPLA = Neoplasms</p> <p>NERVOUS = Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs</p> <p>ORGANIC = Organic mental disorders</p> <p>OTHER = Other physical disorders</p> <p>RESPIR = Diseases of the respiratory system</p> <p>SCHIZO = Schizophrenic and other psychotic disorders</p> <p>SKIN = Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue</p> <p>UNKNOWN</p>
3	AGE	<p>&lt;18 = Less than 18 years old      40-64 = 40 to 64 years of age</p> <p>18-39 = 18 to 39 years of age</p>
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**Data File: SSI-Under65-Diag-2-2010.csv**

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1	CENSUS REGION	<p>Northeast = This census region includes: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont</p> <p>South = This census region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia</p> <p>Midwest = This census region includes: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin</p> <p>West = This census region includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming</p> <p>NOTE: Even though technically not part of a census region, we included Northern Mariana Islands in the west region</p>										
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