

2.B Other Programs: Supplemental Security Income

Table 2.B1—Federal benefit rates, by living arrangement, 1974–2020

Act	Effective date	Amount <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	
		Individual	Couple
<i>Own household <sup>b</sup></i>			
1972	January 1, 1974 <sup>c</sup>	130.00	195.00
1973	January 1, 1974	140.00	210.00
1973	July 1, 1974	146.00	219.00
1974 <sup>d</sup>	July 1, 1975	157.70	236.60
	July 1, 1976	167.80	251.80
	July 1, 1977	177.70	266.70
	July 1, 1978	189.40	284.10
	July 1, 1979	208.20	312.30
	July 1, 1980	238.00	357.00
	July 1, 1981	264.70	397.00
1983	July 1, 1982	284.30	426.40
	July 1, 1983 <sup>e</sup>	304.30	456.40
	January 1, 1984	314.00	472.00
	January 1, 1985	325.00	488.00
	January 1, 1986	336.00	504.00
	January 1, 1987	340.00	510.00
	January 1, 1988	354.00	532.00
	January 1, 1989	368.00	553.00
	January 1, 1990	386.00	579.00
	January 1, 1991	407.00	610.00
	January 1, 1992	422.00	633.00
	January 1, 1993	434.00	652.00
	January 1, 1994	446.00	669.00
	January 1, 1995	458.00	687.00
	January 1, 1996	470.00	705.00
	January 1, 1997	484.00	726.00
	January 1, 1998	494.00	741.00
	January 1, 1999	500.00	751.00
	January 1, 2000	<sup>f</sup> 513.00	769.00
	January 1, 2001	<sup>f</sup> 531.00	796.00
	January 1, 2002	545.00	817.00
	January 1, 2003	552.00	829.00
	January 1, 2004	564.00	846.00
	January 1, 2005	579.00	869.00
	January 1, 2006	603.00	904.00
	January 1, 2007	623.00	934.00
	January 1, 2008	637.00	956.00
January 1, 2009	674.00	1,011.00	
January 1, 2010	674.00	1,011.00	
January 1, 2011	674.00	1,011.00	
January 1, 2012	698.00	1,048.00	
January 1, 2013	710.00	1,066.00	
January 1, 2014	721.00	1,082.00	
January 1, 2015	733.00	1,100.00	
January 1, 2016	733.00	1,100.00	
January 1, 2017	735.00	1,103.00	
January 1, 2018	750.00	1,125.00	
January 1, 2019	771.00	1,157.00	
January 1, 2020	783.00	1,175.00	

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Act	Effective date	Amount <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	
		Individual	Couple
<i>Receiving institutional care covered by Medicaid <sup>g</sup></i>			
1972	January 1, 1974	25.00	50.00
1987	July 1, 1988	30.00	60.00

SOURCES: Social Security Act of 1935 (the Act), as amended through December 31, 2019; regulations issued under the Act; and precedential case decisions (rulings). Social Security Administration, Office of the Chief Actuary, "SSI Federal Payment Amounts," <https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/SSlamts.html>. See the Social Security Program Rules page (<https://www.ssa.gov/regulations/index.htm>) for specific laws, regulations, rulings, legislation, and a link to the *Federal Register*.

NOTE: For those in another person's household receiving support and maintenance there, the federal benefit rate is reduced by one-third.

- a. For those without countable income. These payments are reduced by the amount of countable income of the individual or couple.
- b. Includes persons in private institutions whose care is not provided by Medicaid.
- c. Superseded by the provision of 1973.
- d. Mechanism established for providing cost-of-living adjustments.
- e. General benefit increase.
- f. Benefits originally paid in 2000 and through July 2001 were based on federal benefit rates of \$512 and \$530, respectively. Pursuant to Public Law 106-554, monthly payments beginning in August 2001 were effectively based on the higher \$531 amount. Lump-sum compensation payments were made on the basis of an adjusted benefit rate for months prior to August 2001.
- g. Must be receiving more than 50 percent of the cost of the care from Medicaid (Title XIX of the Social Security Act).

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