

# SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

## FY 2019 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

### Key Tables

**Table i.1 - Summary Table of SSA's Appropriation Request**

FY 2019	FTE <sup>1</sup>	Amount
Payments to Social Security Trust Funds		\$ 11,000,000
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program	--	--
FY 2019 Request	--	\$ 41,208,000,000 <sup>2</sup>
FY 2020 First Quarter Advance	--	\$ 19,700,000,000
Limitation on Administrative Expenses (LAE)	60,036	\$ 12,393,000,000 <sup>3</sup>
Office of the Inspector General	563	\$ 105,500,000

<sup>1</sup> These figures include workyears for direct and reimbursable work. LAE figure excludes workyears associated with the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), and Medicare Savings Plan (MSP).

<sup>2</sup> Excludes \$19,500,000,000, previously requested in the FY 2018 President's Budget as a first quarter advance for FY 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$134,000,000 for SSI State Supplementary user fees and up to \$1,000,000 for non-attorney user fees.

**Table i.2 – Administrative Budget Authority and Other Planned Obligations<sup>1</sup> (in millions)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b><u>Budget Authority</u></b>				
Base Limitation on Administrative Expenses (LAE)	\$10,539	\$10,378	\$10,575	\$197
Program Integrity Base Level	\$273	\$273	\$273	\$0
Program Integrity Cap Adjustment	\$1,546	\$1,462	\$1,410	-\$52
User Fees <sup>3</sup>	\$124	\$123	\$135	\$12
<b>Subtotal, LAE Appropriation</b>	<b>\$12,482</b>	<b>\$12,236</b>	<b>\$12,393</b>	<b>\$157</b>
Percent change from FY 2018				1.28%
Research	\$58	\$101	\$101	\$0
Office of the Inspector General (OIG) <sup>4</sup>	\$106	\$105	\$106	\$1
<b>Subtotal, Budget Authority</b>	<b>\$12,645</b>	<b>\$12,442</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>	<b>\$158</b>
Percent change from FY 2018				1.27%
<b><u>Other Planned Obligations</u></b>				
No-year Information Technology	-\$32	\$174	\$50	-\$124
MIPPA – Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) <sup>5</sup>	\$0	\$6	\$6	\$0
MIPPA - Medicare Savings Program (MSP)	\$0	\$7	\$7	\$0
SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)	\$2	\$35	\$7	-\$29
Recovery Act <sup>6</sup>				
Workload Processing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Economic Recovery Payments Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Computer Center Replacement	\$12	\$1	\$0	-\$1
<b>Subtotal, Other Planned Obligations</b>	<b>-\$18</b>	<b>\$224</b>	<b>\$71</b>	<b>-\$153</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not equal sums of component parts due to rounding.

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<sup>3</sup> Includes SSI state supplementary user fees and Social Security Protection Act user fees.

<sup>4</sup> The Budget proposes appropriations language to transfer up to \$10 million from SSA cap adjustment funds to OIG to support team leaders in Cooperative Disability Investigation units, in addition to OIG's base \$105.5 million base request. This anti-fraud activity is an approved use of the cap adjustment.

<sup>5</sup> The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act 2008 (MIPPA) provided funding through the general fund for SSA activities related to MSP outreach and transmittal of data to states and implementation of changes to the LIS program. \$27 million in carryover funds remain available, \$12 million of which are set aside for reimbursements for the LIS workload and the remaining \$15 million for MSP costs above our annual reimbursable cap of \$3 million.

<sup>6</sup> Funds provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) (P.L. 111-5).

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AUTHORITY AND PLANNED OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b>\$12,627</b>	<b>\$12,666</b>	<b>\$12,670</b>	<b>\$5</b>

**Table i.3 – SSA Full Time Equivalents and Workyears**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
SSA Full Time Equivalents <sup>2</sup>	60,877	61,014	60,036	-978
SSA Overtime/Lump Sum Leave	2,558	1,648	998	-650
<b>Subtotal, SSA Workyears</b>	<b>63,435</b>	<b>62,662</b>	<b>61,034</b>	<b>-1,628</b>
Disability Determination Services (DDS) Workyears	14,522	13,721	13,680	-41
<b>Subtotal, SSA and DDS Workyears</b>	<b>77,957</b>	<b>76,383</b>	<b>74,714</b>	<b>-1,669</b>
MACRA Workyears	8	348	63	-285
<b>Subtotal, SSA, DDS and MACRA Workyears</b>	<b>77,965</b>	<b>76,731</b>	<b>74,777</b>	<b>-1,954</b>
OIG Full Time Equivalents	512	517	563	46
OIG Overtime/Lump Sum Leave	2	3	4	1
<b>Subtotal, OIG Workyears</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL SSA/DDS/OIG WORKYEARS</b>	<b>78,479</b>	<b>77,251</b>	<b>75,344</b>	<b>-1,907</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Excludes workyears associated with MSP and SCHIP.

**Table i.4 – SSA Outlays by Program (in millions)<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b><u>Trust Fund Programs</u></b>				
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI)	\$799,049	\$844,257	\$900,159	\$55,902
Disability Insurance (DI)	\$145,855	\$148,087	\$152,230	\$4,143
<b>Subtotal, Trust Fund Programs</b>	<b>\$944,904</b>	<b>\$992,344</b>	<b>\$1,052,389</b>	<b>\$60,045</b>
<b><u>Proposed OASDI Legislation:</u></b>				
Reduce 12 Month Retroactive SSDI Benefits to 6 Months	\$0	\$0	-\$362	-\$362
Authorize SSA to Use All Collection Tools to Recover Funds	\$0	\$0	-\$1	-\$1
Reinstating the Reconsideration in 10 Prototype States	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$75
Increase the Overpayment Collection Threshold for OASDI	\$0	\$0	-\$11	-\$11
Exclude SSA Debts from Discharge in Bankruptcy	\$0	\$0	-\$7	-\$7
<b>Subtotal, Proposed OASDI Legislation</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$306</b>	<b>-\$306</b>
<b>Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization<sup>3</sup> Act of 2015 (MACRA)</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>-\$29</b>
<b><u>General Fund Programs</u></b>				
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) <sup>4</sup>	\$58,710	\$55,929	\$61,320	\$5,391
Special Benefits for Certain World War II Veterans	\$2	\$3	\$2	-\$1
Recovery Act: National Support Center	\$6	\$15	\$0	-\$15
<b>Subtotal, General Fund Programs</b>	<b>\$58,717</b>	<b>\$55,947</b>	<b>\$61,322</b>	<b>\$5,374</b>
<b><u>Proposed General Fund Legislation:</u></b>				

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not equal sums of component parts due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> These figures do not reflect the President's Budget appendix amounts.

<sup>3</sup> MACRA outlays will not match outlays in the President's Budget Appendix.

<sup>4</sup> Federal benefit numbers reflect the most recent estimates from SSA's Office of the Chief Actuary.

Allow SSA to Use Commercial Databases to Verify Real Property	\$0	\$0	-\$26	-\$26
Create a Family Maximum for Multi-Recipient SSI Families	\$0	\$0	-\$588	-\$588
Reinstating the Reconsideration in 10 Prototype States	\$0	\$0	\$16	\$16
SSI Youth Reforms	\$0	\$0	-\$5	-\$5
Special Immigrant Visa Extension	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$4
Strengthen Child Support Enforcement	\$0	\$0	-\$6	-\$6
Improve Collection of Pension Information	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$18
<b>Subtotal, Proposed General Fund</b>	\$0	\$0	-\$587	-\$587
<b>TOTAL SSA Outlays, Current Law</b>	\$1,003,624	\$1,048,327	\$1,113,717	\$65,391
Percent change from FY 2017				6.24 %
<b>TOTAL SSA Outlays, Proposed Law</b>	\$0	\$0	-\$893	-\$893
<b>TOTAL SSA Outlays, Current &amp; Proposed Law</b>	\$1,003,624	\$1,048,327	\$1,112,824	\$64,498

**Table i.5 – Current Law- OASDI Outlays and Income (in millions)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b><u>Outlays</u></b>				
OASI Benefits	\$791,092	\$836,051	\$891,999	\$55,948
DI Benefits	\$142,806	\$144,781	\$149,036	\$4,255
Other <sup>1,2</sup>	\$11,007	\$11,512	\$11,354	-\$158
<b>TOTAL OUTLAYS, Current Law</b>	<b>\$944,904</b>	<b>\$992,344</b>	<b>\$1,052,389</b>	<b>\$60,045</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
OASI	\$822,532	\$819,753	\$893,082	\$73,329
DI	\$169,559	\$170,467	\$149,866	-\$20,601
<b>TOTAL INCOME, Current Law</b>	<b>\$992,091</b>	<b>\$990,220</b>	<b>\$1,042,948</b>	<b>\$52,728</b>

**Table i.6 – Current Law- OASDI Beneficiaries and Average Benefit Payments<sup>3</sup> (in thousands)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b><u>Average Number of Beneficiaries</u></b>				
OASI	50,597	52,104	53,708	1,604
DI	10,563	10,463	10,421	-42
<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>	<b>61,161</b>	<b>62,567</b>	<b>64,129</b>	<b>1,562</b>
<b><u>Average Monthly Benefit</u></b>				
Retired Worker	\$1,363	\$1,399	\$1,447	\$48
Disabled Worker	\$1,171	\$1,193	\$1,226	\$33
Projected COLA Payable in January	0.3%	2.0%	2.4%	0.4%

<sup>1</sup> “Other” includes SSA & non-SSA administration expenses, beneficiary services, payment to the Railroad Retirement Board, and demonstration projects.

<sup>2</sup> A full-year appropriation for FY 2018 was not enacted at the time the FY 2019 President’s Budget was prepared. All FY 2018 figures for Administrative Expenses assume funding at the annualized funding level provided in FY 2018 under P.L. 115-56 – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018, but Base Administrative Expenses does not reflect the President’s Budget appendix amount.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not equal sums of component parts due to rounding.

**Table i.7 – Current Law- Supplemental Security Income Outlays<sup>1</sup> (in millions)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
Federal Benefits <sup>3</sup>	\$54,571	\$50,809	\$56,171	\$5,362
Other <sup>4</sup>	\$4,144	\$5,354	\$5,169	-\$185
<b>Subtotal, Federal Outlays</b>	<b>\$58,716</b>	<b>\$56,163</b>	<b>\$61,340</b>	<b>\$5,177</b>
State Supplementary Benefits	\$2,644	\$2,525	\$2,785	\$260
State Supplementary Reimbursements	-\$2,649	-\$2,759	-\$2,805	-\$46
<b>Subtotal, Net State Supplementary Payments<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>-\$5</b>	<b>-\$234</b>	<b>-\$20</b>	<b>\$214</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTLAYS, Current Law</b>	<b>\$58,710</b>	<b>\$55,929</b>	<b>\$61,320</b>	<b>\$5,391</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not equal sums of component parts due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> A full-year appropriation for FY 2018 was not enacted at the time the FY 2019 President’s Budget was prepared. All FY 2018 figures for Administrative Expenses assume funding at the annualized funding level provided in FY 2018 under P.L. 115-56 – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018, but Base Administrative Expenses does not reflect the President’s Budget appendix amount. The FY 2018 Federal benefits numbers reflect the most recent estimates from SSA’s Office of the Chief Actuary. FY 2018 funding for beneficiary services and research and demonstration reflect the FY 2018 President’s Budget levels.

<sup>3</sup> There were 12 payments in FY 2017. There are 11 payments in FY 2018 and 12 payments in FY 2019.

<sup>4</sup> “Other” includes beneficiary services, research and administrative expenses.

<sup>5</sup> States must reimburse SSA in advance for State Supplementary Payments. There will always be 12 state reimbursements in each fiscal year, but there can be 11, 12, or 13 benefit payments per fiscal year because a monthly payment is advanced into the end of the previous month anytime the due date falls on a weekend or holiday. Hence, the “Net State Supplementary Payment” numbers vary from year-to-year depending on the timing of the October benefit payments at the beginning and end of each fiscal year.



**Table i.8 – SSI Recipients and Benefit Payments<sup>1</sup> (Recipients in thousands)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
<b><u>Average Number of SSI Recipients</u></b>				
Federal Recipients				
Aged	1,114	1,121	1,126	5
Blind or Disabled	6,986	6,922	6,893	-29
<b>SUBTOTAL, FEDERAL RECIPIENTS</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>-23</b>
State Supplement Recipients (with no Federal SSI payment)	162	162	165	3
<b>TOTAL SSI RECIPIENTS, Current Law</b>	<b>8,262</b>	<b>8,205</b>	<b>8,183</b>	<b>-22</b>
<i>SSI Federal Recipients Concurrently Receiving</i>				
<i>OASDI Benefits (included above)</i>	2,599	2,585	2,580	-5
<b><u>Average Monthly Benefit</u></b>				
Aged	\$396	\$405	\$418	\$13
Blind and Disabled	\$581	\$587	\$603	\$16
<b>AVERAGE, All SSI Recipients</b>	<b>\$555</b>	<b>\$562</b>	<b>\$577</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Projected COLA Payable in January	0.3%	2.0%	2.4%	0.4%

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not equal sums of component parts due to rounding.

**Table i.9 – Special Benefits for Certain WWII Veterans Overview  
(Outlays in millions)**

	<b>FY 2017 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019 Estimate</b>	<b>Change FY 18/FY 19</b>
Federal Benefits	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 1	-\$ 1
Administration	\$ 0 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL OUTLAYS</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>-\$ 1</b>
Average Number of Beneficiaries (in thousands)	1	0 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>2</sup>	0
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ 337	\$ 388	\$ 397	\$ 9

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$500,000.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated average number of recipients less than 500.

**Table i.10 – Administrative Outlays as a Percent of  
Trust Fund Income and Benefit Payments - FY 2019**

	<b>Percent of Income</b>	<b>Percent of Benefit Payments</b>
OASI	0.3%	0.3%
DI	1.8%	1.8%
OASDI (combined)	0.5%	0.5%
SSI (Federal and State)	N/A	8.6%
<b>TOTAL SSA <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>1.2%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplemental Medical Insurance (SMI) administrative outlays. SSA’s calculation of discretionary administrative expenses excludes Treasury Administrative expenses, which are mandatory outlays.

**Table i.11 – Tax Rates, Wage Base and Economic Assumptions**

	<b>CY 2017</b>	<b>CY 2018</b>	<b>CY 2019</b>	<b>Change CY 18/CY 19</b>
<b><u>Employer/Employee Rates (each)</u></b>				
OASDI (Social Security)	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%	0.0%
Hospital Insurance (HI) (Medicare)	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	0.0%
<b>EMPLOYEE TOTAL</b>	<b>7.65%</b>	<b>7.65%</b>	<b>7.65%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Self-Employment Rates</u></b>				
OASDI (Social Security)	12.40%	12.40%	12.40%	0.0%
HI (Medicare)	2.90%	2.90%	2.90%	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15.30%</b>	<b>15.30%</b>	<b>15.30%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)</u></b>				
January	0.3%	2.0%	2.4%	0.4%
<b><u>Contribution and Benefit Base</u></b>				
OASDI	\$127,200	\$128,400	\$132,300	\$3,900
HI	(no cap)	(no cap)	(no cap)	
<b><u>Annual Retirement Test</u></b>				
Year Individual Reaches Full Retirement Age	\$44,880	\$45,360	\$46,680 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,320
Under Full Retirement Age	\$16,920	\$17,040	\$17,520 <sup>1</sup>	\$480
<b><u>Wages Required for a Quarter of Coverage</u></b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$1,320</b>	<b>\$1,360<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$40</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimate.

**Table i.12 – Selected Performance Measures**

<b>FY 2019 Performance Table</b>	<b>FY 2017 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 2018 Estimate<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FY 2019 Request<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Retirement and Survivors Claims</b>			
Retirement and Survivors Claims Completed (thousands)	5,620	5,801	6,022
<b>Disability Claims</b>			
Initial Disability Claims Receipts (thousands)	2,443	2,476	2,621
Initial Disability Claims Completed (thousands)	2,485	2,310	2,420
Initial Disability Claims Pending (thousands)	523	688	889
Average Processing Time for Initial Disability Claims (days)	111	111	114
<b>Disability Reconsiderations</b>			
Disability Reconsiderations Receipts (thousands)	583	542	642
Disability Reconsiderations Completed (thousands)	596	518	594
Disability Reconsiderations Pending (thousands)	105	129	177
Average Processing Time for Disability Reconsiderations (days)	101	102	106
<b>Hearings</b>			
Hearings Receipts (thousands)	620	582	578
Hearings Completed (thousands)	686	738	761
Hearings Pending (thousands)	1,056	900	717
Annual Average Processing Time for Hearings Decisions (days) <sup>3</sup>	605	605	535
<b>National 800 Number</b>			
National 800 Number Calls Handled (millions)	36	34	36
Average Speed of Answer (ASA) (seconds)	802	1,200	960
Agent Busy Rate (percent)	10%	15%	12%
<b>Program Integrity</b>			
Periodic Continuing Disability Reviews (CDR) Completed (thousands)	2,257	1,990	1,803
Full Medical CDRs (included above, thousands)	874	890	703
SSI Non-Medical Redeterminations Completed (thousands)	2,590	2,900	2,822
<b>Selected Other Agency Workload Measures</b>			
Social Security Numbers (SSN) Completed (millions)	17	17	17
Annual Earnings Items Completed (millions)	279	281	282
Social Security Statements Issued (millions) <sup>4</sup>	14	14	15
<b>Selected Production Workload Measures</b>			
Disability Determination Services Production per Workyear	306	306	306
Hearings Production per Workyear	94	98	104
Other Work/Service in Support of the Public -Annual Growth of Backlog (workyears)	N/A	(2,500)	(3,300)

<sup>1</sup> A full-year appropriation for FY 2018 was not enacted at the time the FY 2019 President’s Budget was prepared. All FY 2018 figures assume funding at the annualized funding level provided in FY 2018 under Public Law 115-56 – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> This budget assumes a multi-year rollout of the reinstatement of the reconsideration level of appeal in the ten prototype states beginning on 10/01/2018, which will increase reconsideration receipts and processed and reduce hearings receipts in FY 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Average processing time for hearings is an annual figure. End of year (September) processing time for hearings is estimated to be 595 days and 498 days, for FYs 2018 and 2019, respectively.

<sup>4</sup> The Social Security Statements Issued performance measure includes paper statements only; does not include electronic statements issued. In FY 2017, *my Social Security* users accessed their Social Security Statements 46.2 million times.

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