

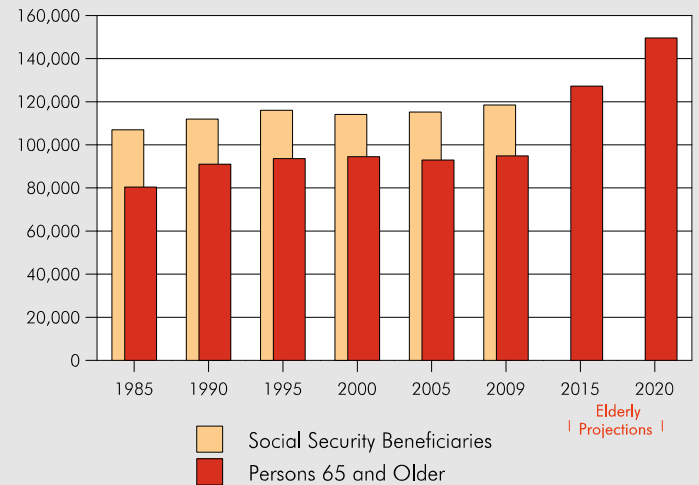
## Social Security - Beneficiaries, Annual Payments, and Average Monthly Benefits in North Dakota: 2009

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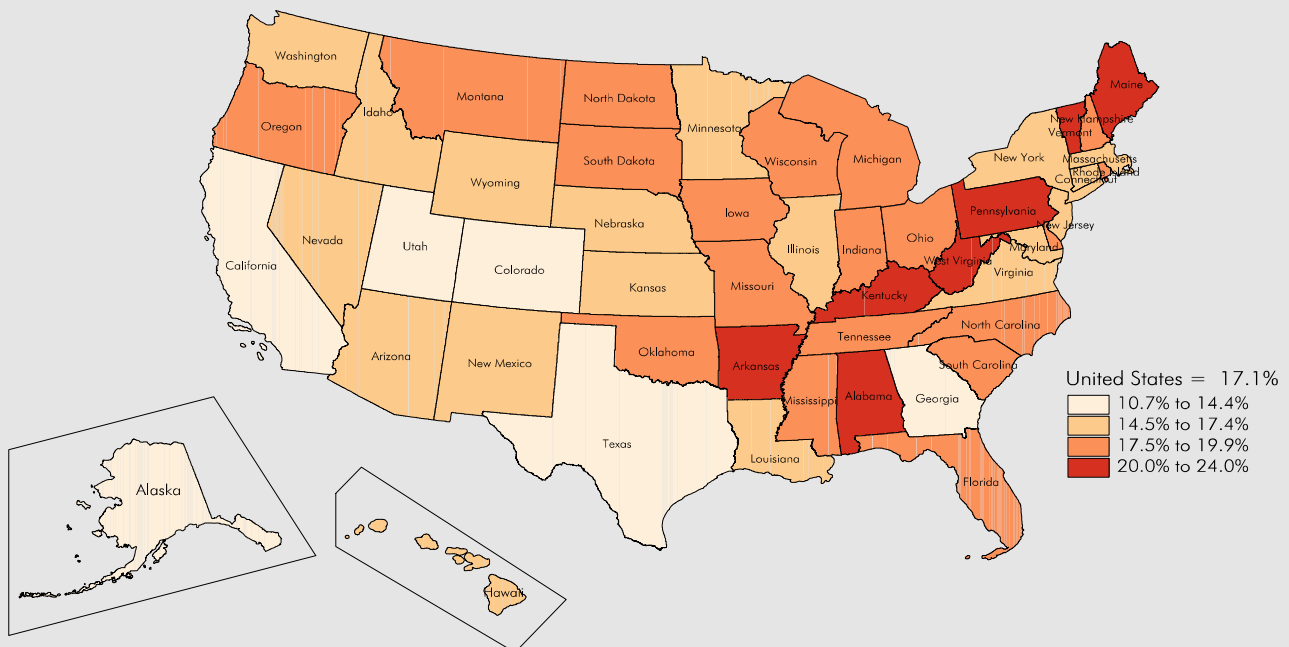
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Sources: **Social Security Beneficiaries** - U.S. Social Security Administration, Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin; **Persons 65 and Older** - U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; North Dakota State Data Center, North Dakota Population Projections 2005 to 2020.

Figure 2. Social Security Beneficiaries as a Percent of Total Population by State: 2009

Sources: U.S. Social Security Administration, Annual Statistical Supplement, 2010, <http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2010/>; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division



**Table 1. Social Security - Beneficiaries, Annual Payments, and Average Monthly Benefits by State: 2009**

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Area	Number of beneficiaries				Annual payments by program (million dollars)				Average monthly benefits (dollars)		
	Total	Retired workers and dependents	Survivors	Disabled workers and dependents	Total	Retirement	Survivors	Disability	Retired workers	Nondisabled widows and widowers	Disabled workers
U.S. Total <sup>1</sup>	52,522,819	36,419,065	6,409,640	9,694,114	675,288	451,579	105,380	118,329	1,164	1,124	1,064
Alabama	983,341	592,014	134,363	256,964	12,209	7,119	2,042	3,048	1,130	1,057	1,044
Alaska	74,678	50,554	9,723	14,401	907	591	143	173	1,111	1,070	1,051
Arizona	1,028,442	746,520	110,629	171,293	13,457	9,429	1,845	2,183	1,189	1,163	1,103
Arkansas	620,040	380,183	77,384	162,473	7,480	4,468	1,147	1,865	1,097	1,037	1,015
California	4,835,164	3,502,012	551,447	781,705	61,960	42,779	9,245	9,936	1,157	1,142	1,085
Colorado	663,894	481,331	75,916	106,647	8,472	5,855	1,283	1,334	1,149	1,144	1,066
Connecticut	611,276	456,031	63,415	91,830	8,663	6,293	1,181	1,189	1,275	1,261	1,102
Delaware	167,530	118,974	17,993	30,563	2,294	1,581	316	397	1,237	1,216	1,123
District of Colum.	73,093	49,932	9,393	13,768	846	562	127	157	1,038	952	948
Florida	3,669,375	2,726,111	384,439	558,825	47,205	33,803	6,462	6,940	1,158	1,151	1,071
Georgia	1,412,978	935,333	183,880	293,765	17,750	11,386	2,816	3,548	1,145	1,080	1,061
Hawaii	220,491	171,882	21,839	26,770	2,813	2,117	357	339	1,152	1,094	1,097
Idaho	258,691	183,859	28,743	46,089	3,237	2,217	481	539	1,136	1,151	1,038
Illinois	1,993,199	1,413,198	253,528	326,473	26,766	18,246	4,437	4,083	1,202	1,197	1,086
Indiana	1,157,821	791,949	146,161	219,711	15,595	10,408	2,532	2,655	1,224	1,203	1,067
Iowa	574,315	419,748	70,695	83,872	7,463	5,241	1,235	987	1,161	1,160	1,013
Kansas	478,138	338,627	58,214	81,297	6,311	4,344	1,008	959	1,191	1,193	1,035
Kentucky	870,206	508,336	121,206	240,664	10,643	5,961	1,839	2,843	1,108	1,038	1,041
Louisiana	770,217	457,636	137,697	174,884	9,307	5,195	2,069	2,043	1,088	1,035	1,048
Maine	293,011	194,088	31,018	67,905	3,521	2,250	501	770	1,079	1,085	984
Maryland	826,497	594,142	100,863	131,492	10,991	7,600	1,706	1,685	1,191	1,157	1,095
Massachusetts	1,117,870	774,761	116,808	226,301	14,610	9,842	2,043	2,725	1,175	1,171	1,051
Michigan	1,905,342	1,301,237	235,833	368,272	26,291	17,442	4,196	4,653	1,258	1,218	1,122
Minnesota	857,805	628,247	94,552	135,006	11,237	7,953	1,647	1,637	1,182	1,156	1,053
Mississippi	583,515	345,128	83,166	155,221	6,948	4,002	1,174	1,772	1,086	1,004	1,013
Missouri	1,137,581	760,708	139,860	237,013	14,493	9,397	2,274	2,822	1,149	1,133	1,036
Montana	187,197	134,704	22,300	30,193	2,311	1,584	367	360	1,107	1,124	1,018
Nebraska	303,880	219,929	36,807	47,144	3,894	2,714	631	549	1,147	1,153	1,009
Nevada	390,553	287,463	39,192	63,898	5,092	3,585	660	847	1,167	1,168	1,126
New Hampshire	245,563	171,285	22,849	51,429	3,262	2,230	410	622	1,208	1,206	1,080
New Jersey	1,440,943	1,062,425	158,171	220,347	20,623	14,749	2,900	2,974	1,286	1,235	1,167
New Mexico	347,976	235,396	43,748	68,832	4,165	2,706	648	811	1,091	1,041	1,023
New York	3,214,780	2,268,990	353,234	592,556	43,521	29,823	6,153	7,545	1,225	1,179	1,109
North Carolina	1,698,677	1,147,331	188,920	362,426	21,555	14,210	2,915	4,430	1,155	1,080	1,056
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>118,493</b>	<b>85,406</b>	<b>17,405</b>	<b>15,682</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>986</b>
Ohio	2,074,384	1,422,395	292,781	359,208	27,058	17,772	5,020	4,266	1,172	1,156	1,034
Oklahoma	688,545	454,858	91,794	141,893	8,595	5,459	1,444	1,692	1,123	1,096	1,035
Oregon	686,777	503,934	73,373	109,470	8,952	6,299	1,281	1,372	1,171	1,181	1,068
Pennsylvania	2,530,211	1,772,476	315,820	441,915	33,898	22,905	5,565	5,428	1,200	1,179	1,070
Rhode Island	200,202	140,123	19,291	40,788	2,601	1,782	330	489	1,169	1,169	1,028
South Carolina	889,876	592,010	105,510	192,356	11,299	7,316	1,610	2,373	1,157	1,074	1,074
South Dakota	150,432	110,443	19,447	20,542	1,820	1,277	306	237	1,083	1,064	987
Tennessee	1,212,968	788,141	155,187	269,640	15,226	9,630	2,391	3,205	1,147	1,081	1,034
Texas	3,320,462	2,216,459	469,902	634,101	41,291	26,383	7,429	7,479	1,134	1,090	1,051
Utah	312,029	224,215	37,374	50,440	3,993	2,777	622	594	1,174	1,195	1,053
Vermont	124,585	86,942	13,023	24,620	1,580	1,081	219	280	1,163	1,136	996
Virginia	1,246,366	859,953	148,897	237,516	16,059	10,684	2,419	2,956	1,165	1,103	1,072
Washington	1,049,039	756,661	111,517	180,861	14,011	9,752	1,974	2,285	1,211	1,203	1,078
West Virginia	436,445	255,206	66,095	115,144	5,616	3,078	1,069	1,469	1,148	1,086	1,105
Wisconsin	1,033,096	746,059	115,866	171,171	13,691	9,604	2,036	2,051	1,196	1,187	1,057
Wyoming	88,514	64,292	10,576	13,646	1,148	800	179	169	1,162	1,163	1,056

<sup>1</sup>Includes outlying areas and beneficiaries with unknown state code.

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"With the leading edge of the baby boom turning 65 this year, we will see a dramatic increase in the number of North Dakota residents receiving social security. These payments will boost local economies and collectively continue to fuel our state's very robust economy," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

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