

Social Security in Wisconsin at a Glance

Social Security is Important to Wisconsin

Number of people receiving Social Security benefits in Wisconsin	928,505
Percentage of total Wisconsin population receiving Social Security benefits	17%
Wisconsin's rank among 50 states in percentage of population receiving benefits	21st
Total federal government Social Security payments made into Wisconsin	\$9.2 billion
Percentage of Wisconsin personal income from Social Security	5.7%

Social Security Helps Retirees in Wisconsin

Number of people receiving Social Security retirement benefits in Wisconsin (including spouses and eligible children of retirees)	678,908
Percentage of those age 65 and older receiving Social Security benefits	97%
Number of recipients age 65 and older in Wisconsin who rely on Social Security for 50 percent or more of their income	289,000
Percentage of recipients age 65 and older in Wisconsin who rely on Social Security for 50 percent or more of their income	62%
Number of recipients age 65 and older in Wisconsin who rely on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their income	116,000
Percentage of recipients age 65 and older in Wisconsin who rely on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their income	25%
Percentage of those age 65 and older in Wisconsin who would have incomes below the poverty line without Social Security	45%
Percentage of Wisconsin Social Security beneficiaries that receive retirement benefits (the rest receive disability and survivors Social Security benefits)	73%

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For more information on the Social Security program and the debate over its future, go to <http://www.epinet.org/socialsecurity/>.

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Social Security Helps the Disabled and Their Families in Wisconsin

Number of people in Wisconsin receiving Social Security disability benefits (including spouses and children of disabled workers) **125,182**

Percentage of Wisconsin Social Security beneficiaries that receive disability benefits (the rest receive retirement and survivors benefits) **13%**

Social Security Helps Widows, Widowers, and Their Families

Number of people in Wisconsin receiving Social Security survivors benefits (including spouses and children of deceased workers) **124,415**

Percentage of Wisconsin Social Security beneficiaries that receive survivors benefits (the rest receive retirement and disability benefits) **13%**

Social Security Helps Children

Number of Wisconsin children under age 18 receiving Social Security benefits **45,470**

Percent of all Wisconsin beneficiaries that are children **5%**