

Social Security Essentials

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Florida

With a debate raging over the future of Social Security, it's time to look at some of the facts about what it means for counties in Florida.

Who Gets Social Security Benefits in Florida by County

County	Total Number of Recipients	Recipients as % of Population	Percentage of Beneficiaries by Program:			Percentage Beneficiaries that are Children*
			Retired Workers	Survivors	Disabled	
State	3,330,425	20%	74%	12%	14%	7%
Alachua	29,880	13%	68%	15%	17%	11%
Baker	3,460	15%	55%	17%	28%	14%
Bay	29,710	20%	67%	15%	18%	8%
Bradford	4,095	16%	65%	16%	19%	10%
Brevard	120,435	24%	74%	12%	14%	6%
Broward	273,865	16%	74%	13%	13%	7%
Calhoun	2,580	20%	60%	17%	23%	10%
Charlotte	52,115	35%	81%	9%	10%	4%
Citrus	46,280	37%	79%	10%	12%	4%
Clay	23,035	15%	68%	14%	18%	10%
Collier	62,080	23%	83%	10%	7%	4%
Columbia	11,730	20%	64%	14%	22%	10%
De Soto	6,120	19%	71%	12%	17%	8%
Dixie	3,450	25%	64%	13%	23%	9%
Duval	112,520	14%	65%	16%	18%	10%
Escambia	55,635	19%	67%	15%	18%	9%
Flagler	20,825	36%	80%	8%	12%	5%
Franklin	2,290	23%	71%	12%	17%	6%
Gadsden	8,485	19%	61%	15%	23%	14%
Gilchrist	2,985	20%	64%	14%	22%	10%
Glades	2,070	19%	77%	12%	12%	5%
Gulf	3,135	21%	66%	17%	17%	7%
Hamilton	2,370	17%	58%	18%	25%	12%
Hardee	4,035	15%	66%	15%	19%	11%
Hendry	4,935	13%	67%	15%	18%	12%
Hernando	49,120	36%	76%	9%	14%	6%
Highlands	29,620	33%	80%	10%	11%	5%
Hillsborough	165,370	16%	67%	14%	19%	9%
Holmes	4,475	24%	60%	15%	24%	10%
Indian River	36,335	31%	80%	11%	9%	4%
Jackson	10,240	22%	61%	18%	21%	13%
Jefferson	2,615	19%	65%	16%	19%	9%

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Lafayette	1,115	15%	65%	17%	18%	8%
Lake	71,200	30%	79%	10%	11%	5%
Lee	121,810	26%	79%	11%	10%	5%
Leon	27,290	11%	71%	15%	15%	9%
Levy	9,245	26%	67%	13%	20%	8%
Liberty	1,155	16%	58%	17%	25%	13%
Madison	3,845	21%	61%	17%	22%	12%
Manatee	69,435	25%	78%	11%	10%	5%
Marion	84,365	31%	77%	10%	13%	6%
Martin	40,450	31%	82%	10%	8%	4%
Miami-Dade	332,530	14%	75%	12%	13%	8%
Monroe	13,095	17%	76%	10%	13%	5%
Nassau	11,505	19%	69%	14%	17%	9%
Okaloosa	29,935	17%	71%	14%	14%	7%
Okeechobee	7,720	21%	68%	13%	19%	9%
Orange	126,435	13%	66%	14%	19%	11%
Osceola	31,690	16%	64%	12%	23%	12%
Palm Beach	271,985	23%	80%	11%	9%	5%
Pasco	105,380	28%	73%	11%	16%	6%
Pinellas	217,170	23%	74%	12%	14%	5%
Polk	112,470	22%	71%	12%	17%	8%
Putnam	17,650	25%	65%	14%	21%	10%
St. Johns	27,320	20%	74%	13%	13%	7%
St. Lucie	52,945	26%	74%	11%	16%	7%
Santa Rose	22,660	18%	67%	14%	19%	9%
Sarasota	106,145	31%	82%	10%	8%	4%
Seminole	54,920	14%	70%	14%	16%	9%
Sumter	21,300	37%	81%	9%	10%	4%
Suwannee	9,130	25%	66%	15%	19%	9%
Taylor	4,100	21%	62%	16%	21%	10%
Union	1,595	11%	58%	16%	26%	15%
Volusia	119,140	26%	74%	12%	14%	6%
Wakulla	3,620	14%	68%	14%	18%	10%
Walton	9,140	21%	68%	13%	19%	7%
Washington	5,020	23%	60%	17%	23%	11%

* This includes minor children and a relatively small number of adult children of beneficiaries who receive benefits. The number and percentage of minor children receiving Social Security is not available on a county basis.

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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