OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes – United States

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INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit "top-ups" of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. 'OLD AGE') and sub-branch (e.g. 'Pensions') under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: Country policy descriptions.

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: Social Expenditure (SOCX), Tax-Benefit model (TaxBEN), Family database, Pensions at a Glance.

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OLD AGE

Pensions

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Old-Age Insurance_Retired workers**
Programme Name [Original]	Old-Age Insurance_Retired workers
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time[1]
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, annual statistical supplement

Programme Name [English]	**Railroad Retirement Benefits (All categories)**
Programme Name [Original]	Railroad Retirement Benefits (All categories)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	RRB-Railroad Retirement Board, annual report

Programme Name [English]	**Civil Service Retirement Program**
Programme Name [Original]	Civil Service Retirement Program
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes disability
Source	OPM-Office of Personnel Management, annual report

Programme Name [English]	**Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Aged**
Programme Name [Original]	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Aged
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, monthly statistics

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[1] In the United States, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients on 31 December of each year or on 30 September of each year (the latter are explicitly indicated in each table).

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SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Survivors Insurance - Widow(er)s (aged and disabled)**
Programme Name [Original]	Survivors Insurance - Widow(er)s (aged and disabled)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Age breakdown refers to 60+.
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, beneficiary statistics

Programme Name [English]	**Survivors Insurance - Widowed mothers and fathers = Young Widows and Widowers**
Programme Name [Original]	Survivors Insurance - Widowed mothers and fathers = Young Widows and Widowers
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, beneficiary statistics

Programme Name [English]	**Railroad Survivor Benefits (All categories)**
Programme Name [Original]	Railroad Survivor Benefits (All categories)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	RRB-Railroad Retirement Board, table

Programme Name [English]	**Civil Service Retirement - Survivors**
Programme Name [Original]	Civil Service Retirement - Survivors
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	OPM-Office of Personnel Management, annual report

INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Disability Insurance_Disabled workers**
Programme Name [Original]	Disability Insurance_Disabled workers
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, beneficiary statistics

Programme Name [English]	**Veteran's pension and compensation**
Programme Name [Original]	Veteran's pension and compensation
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, annual statistical supplement

Programme Name [English]	**Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Blind and Disabled**
Programme Name [Original]	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Blind and Disabled
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	SSA-Social Security Administration, annual report

Paid Sick Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Railroad sickness**
Programme Name [Original]	Railroad sickness
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	Partly estimated
Source	RRB-Railroad Retirement Board, table

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FAMILY

Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

1 reported

Programme Name [English]	**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
Programme Name [Original]	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	ACF-Administration for Children and Families, tables

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

8 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Insurance benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Insurance benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

Programme Name [English]	**Railroad Unemployment Insurance**
Programme Name [Original]	Railroad Unemployment Insurance
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	RRB-Railroad Retirement Board, table

Programme Name [English]	**Trade Readjustment Allowances**
Programme Name [Original]	Trade Readjustment Allowances
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, annual report

Programme Name [English]	**Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08)**
Programme Name [Original]	Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

Programme Name [English]	**Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB)**
Programme Name [Original]	Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

Programme Name [English]	**State Additional Benefits (AB)**
Programme Name [Original]	State Additional Benefits (AB)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Labor, unemployment insurance data

OTHER SOCIAL

Other (Food Subsidies, Education, etc.)

1 programme reported

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Programme Name [English]	**Food stamp assistance: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Food stamp assistance: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Agriculture, monthly statistics

IN-WORK

In-Work Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Earned income tax credit: refundable part (EITC)**
Programme Name [Original]	Earned income tax credit: refundable part (EITC)
Means-tested	No

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Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	EITC-Earned Income Tax Credit, [statistics](#)

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