

## **Economic Recovery Payments for Those with Social Security, SSI, and Veterans Benefits**

In addition to providing tax relief for workers, the economic recovery package provides a one-time Economic Recovery Payment in 2009 for retirees, veterans, and people with disabilities. The payment is \$250 for each person who received any Social Security, SSI, veterans disability compensation or pension benefits, or railroad retirement benefits in November or December 2008 or January 2009. (For tax filers who are eligible for both this payment and the new Making Work Pay tax credit, the value of the Economic Recovery Payment is to be deducted from the credit.)

The following table shows estimates, by state, of the number of people eligible to receive the Economic Recovery Payment. The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that the payments will total \$14 billion in 2009, equivalent to 56 million recipients nationwide. The table distributes this number by state based on each state's percentage share of the number of Social Security and SSI recipients in December 2007 plus an adjustment for people receiving veterans benefits.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In order to avoid double-counting people who received both veterans benefits and Social Security or SSI, we included only half of the number of veterans beneficiaries. Census data show that, nationally, about half of veterans beneficiaries already receive Social Security benefits or SSI.

State by State Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

**Number of Persons Benefiting from One-Time \$250 "Economic Recovery Payments" to Recipients of Social Security, SSI, Veterans Benefits, and Railroad Retirees, 2009**

<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>56,000,000</b>
Alabama	1,082,000
Alaska	83,000
Arizona	1,068,000
Arkansas	672,000
California	5,476,000
Colorado	687,000
Connecticut	642,000
Delaware	172,000
District of Columbia	91,000
Florida	3,908,000
Georgia	1,505,000
Hawaii	233,000
Idaho	266,000
Illinois	2,160,000
Indiana	1,200,000
Iowa	602,000
Kansas	500,000
Kentucky	977,000
Louisiana	871,000
Maine	313,000
Maryland	889,000
Massachusetts	1,226,000
Michigan	2,002,000
Minnesota	901,000
Mississippi	655,000
Missouri	1,205,000
Montana	195,000
Nebraska	326,000
Nevada	404,000
New Hampshire	250,000
New Jersey	1,524,000
New Mexico	379,000
New York	3,601,000
North Carolina	1,783,000
North Dakota	126,000
Ohio	2,236,000
Oklahoma	751,000
Oregon	712,000
Pennsylvania	2,757,000
Rhode Island	219,000
South Carolina	925,000
South Dakota	160,000
Tennessee	1,286,000
Texas	3,606,000
Utah	317,000
Vermont	128,000
Virginia	1,339,000
Washington	1,123,000
West Virginia	495,000
Wisconsin	1,073,000
Wyoming	92,000

Note: Figures are unduplicated counts of persons receiving Social Security or SSI in December 2007, plus one-half of the number receiving veterans benefits in 2007. (About half of persons receiving veterans benefits are already included in the Social Security count).  
Source: Social Security Administration; Veterans Benefits Administration.