

## Rhode Island

The last update from the state was in 2005. The data in the tables is provided by the Social Security Administration.

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, title 40, chapter 6, section 27.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** Not provided by state.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

**Total expenditures:** The Social Security Administration reported expenditures of \$17,498,930 for calendar year 2008 in federally administered payments to SSI recipients.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone	A	713.92	1,090.38	39.92	79.38
Living in the household of another	B	501.26	771.30	51.92	97.30
Adult residential care or assisted living facility	D	1,212.00	...	538.00	...
Medicaid facility	E	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A: Living alone.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement. Includes persons in medical facilities who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**B: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**D: Adult residential care or assisted living facility.** Includes adult recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and live in a licensed shelter care facility.

**E: Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2009**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		30,499	3,605	153	20,681	6,060
Living alone	A	28,401	3,051	143	19,411	5,796
Living in the household of another	B	1,143	195	8	738	202
Adult residential care or assisted living facility	D	601	310	2	288	1
Medicaid facility	E	354	49	0	244	61

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

State Department of Human Services.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Moving expenses:** Within cost guidelines, moving costs are covered for SSI recipients when the move is determined to be socially desirable and moving services cannot be provided by city, town, or other community resources.

**Catastrophic conditions:** In the event of a catastrophe by fire, flood, lightning, or severe wind, the state will provide shelter, clothing, food, and essential household equipment and furnishings.

**Burial expenses:** The cost of burial expenses can be provided for any person who dies leaving insufficient resources to meet this expense.

**Homemaker services:** Services provided under specified criteria to prevent institutionalization of a recipient who is unable to perform homemaker duties because of an acute or chronic illness.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State provides a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.