



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is responsible for providing essential benefits to retirees, survivors, individuals with disabilities, and older Americans with limited income and resources, helping Americans retire with dignity. The President's 2025 Budget for SSA supports investments in improving service delivery and advancing equity and proposes a national paid family and medical leave program that would give workers the time they need to care for themselves or a loved one or to bond with a new child.

The Budget requests \$15.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for 2025, a \$1.3 billion or 8.9-percent increase from the 2023 level, including cap adjustment funding.

The President's 2025 Budget:

- **Protects the Benefits that Americans Have Earned.** The Administration is committed to protecting and strengthening Social Security and opposes any attempt to cut Social Security benefits as well as proposals to privatize Social Security. The Administration believes that protecting Social Security should start with asking the highest-income Americans to pay their fair share. In addition, the Administration supports efforts to improve Social Security benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income benefits, for seniors and people with disabilities, especially for those who face the greatest challenges making ends meet.
- **Improves Service Delivery.** The Administration is committed to improving service delivery for the more than six million retirement, survivor, and Medicare claimants, as well as the more than two million individuals applying for disability and Supplemental Security Income every year. The Budget provides an increase of \$1.3 billion, nine percent over the 2023 enacted level, to improve customer service at SSA's field offices, State disability determination services, and teleservice centers for retirees, individuals with disabilities, and their families. The Budget also improves access to SSA's services by reducing wait times.
- **Provides National, Comprehensive Paid Family and Medical Leave.** The vast majority of America's workers do not have access to employer-provided paid family leave, including 73 percent of private sector workers. Among the lowest-paid workers, who are disproportionately women and workers of color, 94 percent lack access to paid family leave through their employers. In addition, as many as one in five retirees leave the workforce earlier than planned to care for an ill family member, which negatively impacts families, as well as the Nation's labor supply and productivity. The Budget proposes to establish a national, comprehensive paid family and medical leave program administered by SSA. The program would: provide workers with progressive, partial wage replacement to take time off for family and medical reasons; include robust administrative funding; and use an inclusive family definition. The Budget would provide up to 12 weeks of leave to allow eligible workers to take time

off to: care for and bond with a new child; care for a seriously ill loved one; heal from their own serious illness; address circumstances arising from a loved one's military deployment; or find safety from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking—otherwise known as “safe leave.” The Budget would also provide up to three days to grieve the death of a loved one. The Administration looks forward to continuing to work with the Congress to make this critical investment and strengthen America's economy.

- **Advances Equity and Accessibility.** The Administration is committed to making it easier for people to access the services they rely on, including individuals experiencing homelessness, children with disabilities, and people with mental health and intellectual disabilities. The Budget makes investments to decrease customer wait times, to simplify Supplemental Security Income application processes, and to expand access to Agency programs and services, particularly for underserved communities. SSA will also continue to modernize its information technology systems to make more services available online and improve 800 Number access for those who call. The Budget also prioritizes actions to prevent overpayments and to allow customers to navigate the recovery and waiver processes more easily.