

16. Social Assistance

Poverty (ACS 1-year estimates)	2012	2013	2014	2015
Persons below poverty (percent of population) - Caution: relatively large standard errors				
United States	15.9%	15.8%	15.5%	14.7%
New Hampshire	10.0%	8.7%	9.2%	8.5%
Connecticut	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	10.5%
Maine	14.7%	14.0%	14.1%	13.4%
Massachusetts	11.9%	11.9%	11.6%	11.5%
Rhode Island	13.7%	14.3%	14.3%	13.9%
Vermont	11.8%	12.3%	12.2%	10.2%

Source: Census Bureau, American Fact Finder. Last Update 10/25/2016

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	2012	2013	2014	2015
TANF Monthly Caseload Information (open on last day of December)				
Total individuals	8,493	7,334	6,660	5,425
Total cases	3,867	3,428	3,192	2,700
Percent annual change	-31.2%	-11.4%	-6.9%	-15.4%
Average number of people in a TANF case	2	2	2	2
Number of cases also receiving food stamp assistance	2,951	2,497	2,252	1,762
Average number of months receiving TANF cash assistance	19	19	19	19
Individuals meeting 60 month benefit limit in the month of Deceml	73	67	58	50

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. Last Update 11/3/2016

Social Security Recipients (December data)	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total OASDI including spouses and children	271,189	278,664	283,983	288,891
Annual percent change	3.1%	2.8%	1.9%	1.7%
Retirement (Retired workers) (Excludes spouses and children)	178,404	184,849	190,433	195,087
Survivor (Excludes children)	15,681	15,522	15,256	15,095
Disability (Disabled workers) (Excludes spouses and children)	47,094	48,139	48,091	48,223
Age 65 and over	186,216	193,690	199,935	
Percent women	55.2%	55.0%	54.8%	
Percent of total OASDI recipients	68.7%	69.5%	70.4%	
Age 65-69 years	58,290	60,978	63,586	
Age 70-74 years	45,149	48,599	50,910	
Age 75 years and older	82,777	84,113	85,439	
Children aged 17 and under	17,026	16,877	16,503	
Monthly OASDI benefit amount (Beneficiaries aged 65 or older)				
Total (thousands)	\$244,243	\$261,868	\$278,679	
Retired workers (median)	\$1,314	\$1,351	\$1,389	
Non-disabled widows and widowers (median)	\$1,298	\$1,336	\$1,377	
Disabled workers (median)	\$1,073	\$1,092	\$1,112	

Source: Social Security Administration, ELMI Analysis. Last Update 10/25/2016

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Rehabilitation Services	2012	2013	2014	2015
Caseload Statistics (Fiscal Year)				
Applicants	3,220	3,229		
Individuals served	5,543	5,524		
Closed after receiving services	1,841	2,077		
Closed with employment outcomes	1,087	1,162		
Closed without employment outcomes after receiving services	754	915		
Number of individuals who received specific VR services in FY				
Assessment (purchased only)	1,574	1,584		
Placement (purchased only)	551	643		
Treatment of physical and mental impairments	812	727		
Postsecondary education	523	507		
Other training and education	2,733	2,791		
Assistance with living expenses	370	417		
Transportation	588	553		
Personal assistance, reader, or interpreter services	80	85		
Rehabilitation technology services	136	124		
All other services	546	515		

Source: Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education. Last Update 7/23/2015

Licensed Day Care Facilities	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Facilities	997	986	947	947
Capacity - Number of Children	45,645	45,988	47,227	47,227

Source: New Hampshire DHHS - Bureau of Child Care Licensing. Last Update 10/31/2016

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