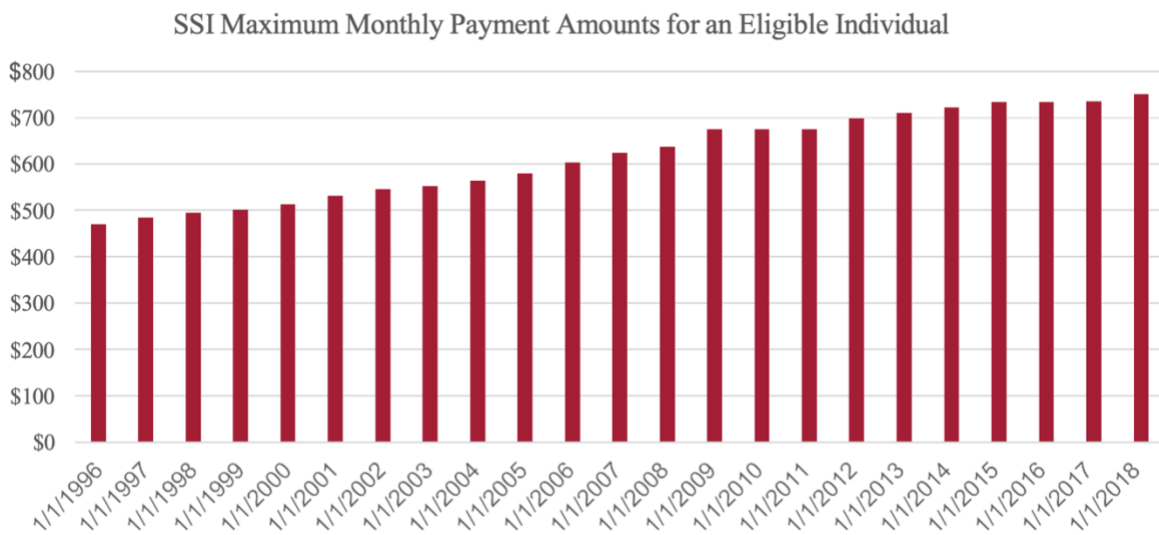


# Summary Report

## Federal Supplemental Security Income for Children with Disabilities

The federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides monthly financial assistance to individuals who are 65 years old or older, or who have physical or intellectual disabilities. SSI benefits are also available to qualified children who are blind or have other physical disabilities. SSI is the only federal source of income directed toward families caring for children with disabilities, and is available only for the lowest-income and most severely impaired children. SSI is meant to assist with the higher associated financial and time-based costs for families caring for a child with severe disabilities.

This dataset is longitudinal, identifying variations in the federal SSI law for children with disabilities between January 1, 1996 and November 1, 2018. Learn more at [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).



Federal SSI payment calculations are based on the maximum monthly benefit rates, which become effective on January 1 each year. As the chart above shows, the maximum monthly rate for an eligible individual was \$470 on January 1, 1996 and reached \$750 as of January 1, 2018.

### DISABILITY CRITERIA FOR A QUALIFIED CHILD

As of November 1, 2018, in order to qualify for the Federal SSI program, a child must have a medically determinable:

- Physical impairment(s), and/or
- Mental impairment(s), and
- Impairment results in marked and severe functional limitations