

Social Security Essentials

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Delaware

With a debate raging over the future of Social Security, it's time to look at some of the facts about what it means for counties in Delaware.

Who Gets Social Security Benefits in Delaware by County

County	Total Number of Recipients	Recipients as % of Population	Percentage of Beneficiaries by Program:			Percentage Beneficiaries that are Children*
			Retired Workers	Survivors	Disabled	
State	141,488	18%	71%	13%	16%	8%
Kent	22,725	17%	68%	14%	18%	11%
New Castle	78,260	15%	69%	14%	17%	8%
Sussex	40,435	25%	75%	11%	14%	6%

* This includes minor children and a relatively small number of adult children of beneficiaries who receive benefits. The number and percentage of minor children receiving Social Security is not available on a county basis.

For more information on the Social Security program and the debate over its future, go to <http://www.epinet.org/socialsecurity>

Notes and Sources:

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