

THREATS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COULD UNRAVEL OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Millions of Americans rely on these programs to help them afford essentials each month. If these benefits are delayed or cut, children and adults who have disabilities and older adults would face heightened poverty, housing insecurity, and economic strain. **Preserving these programs, and the agency that oversees them, is essential to protecting economic security and promoting equity for all.**

WHY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IS SO IMPORTANT



Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI provides monthly payments to people with low incomes who have a disability or who are aged 65 or older. Unlike Social Security, SSI is need-based and not tied to prior work history. It helps some of the most vulnerable individuals meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.



Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

SSDI offers financial support to individuals who are unable to work due to a qualifying disability and who have earned enough work credits through payroll taxes. It serves people of all ages who have a significant work history but are now facing long-term medical conditions that prevent stable employment.



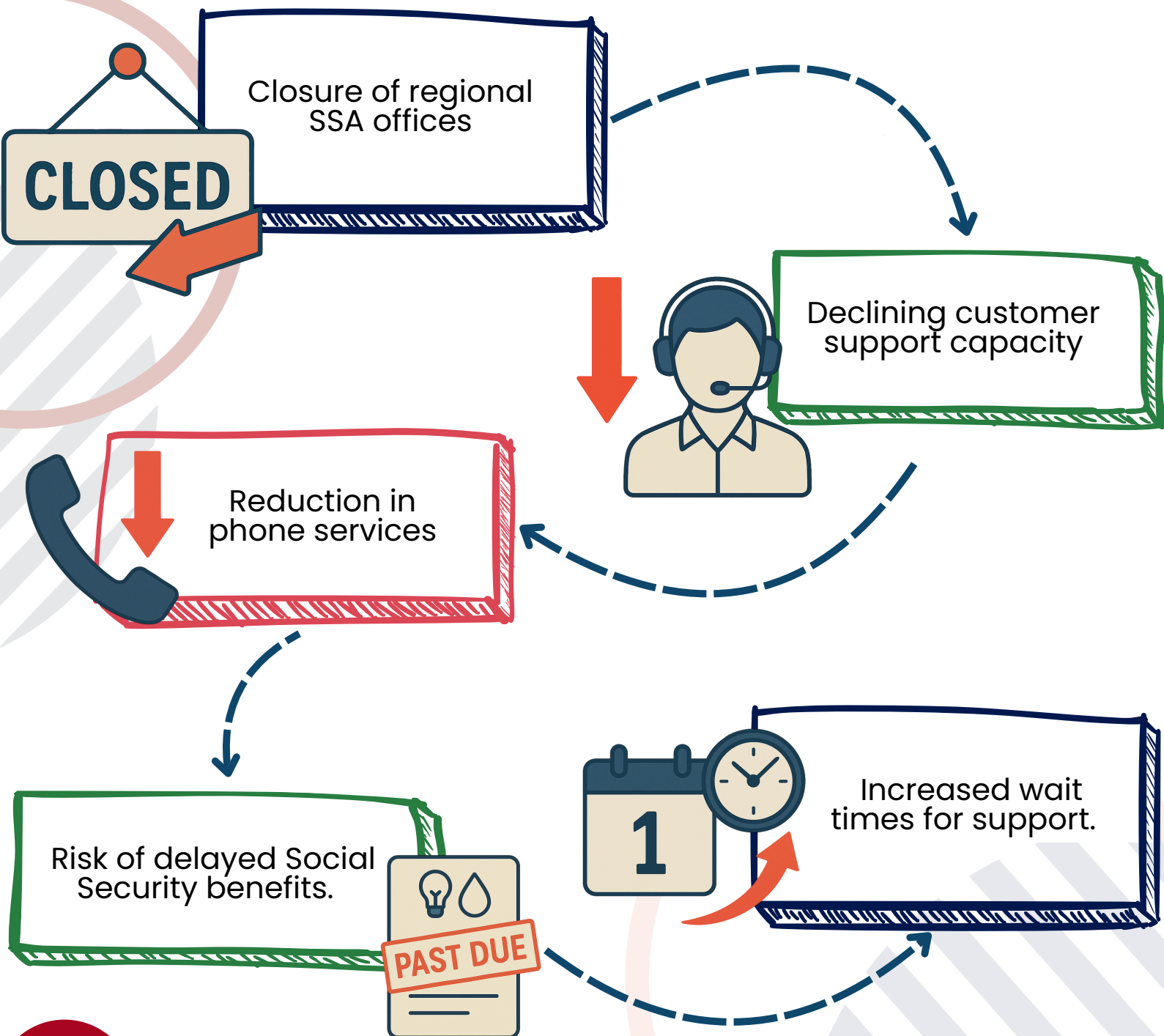
Social Security Benefits

Social Security provides retired workers with a continued monthly income once they are age 62 or older based on Social Security taxes taken out of workers' paychecks. One in five Americans currently receive Social Security benefits.¹ The program is an essential component of retirement savings for people throughout the nation.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE MODEST AND ESSENTIAL

The average Social Security benefit in January 2025 was \$1,976 per month.² For many recipients, their Social Security payment represents a substantial portion of their monthly budget. A delayed payment could lead to difficulties affording groceries, paying bills, and affording rent or mortgage payments.

CUTS TO SSA WILL HARM SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS



Lawmakers must protect Social Security benefits and invest adequate funding into the Social Security Administration. Otherwise, recipients may face delays in getting their benefits and be unable to afford their groceries, bills, and housing costs.

1. "Who Gets Social Security?" National Academy of Social Insurance, webpage accessed on July 3, 2025, <https://www.nasi.org/learn/social-security/who-gets-social-security/>.

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