

Who Is Getting Social Security?

Over three million disabled workers and their families are getting monthly social security payments as the social security disability program begins its 16th year this month.

When social security disability payments were first paid in July 1957, only disabled workers between 50 and 65 were eligible for payments.

Today, severely disabled workers of any under 65 and certain members of their families can get disability payments. And starting this month, disabled people who can get disability payments. And starting this month, disabled people who have been entitled to social security payments for 2 years or more can get Medicare protection.

To be eligible for social security disability payments, a worker must be severely disabled and unable to work for a year or more. Payment begins for the 6th month of disability.

Generally, a worker who becomes disabled in 1973 must have worked in employment covered under social security for at least five and one half years—and five years of the work must have been during the 10 years before his disability began.

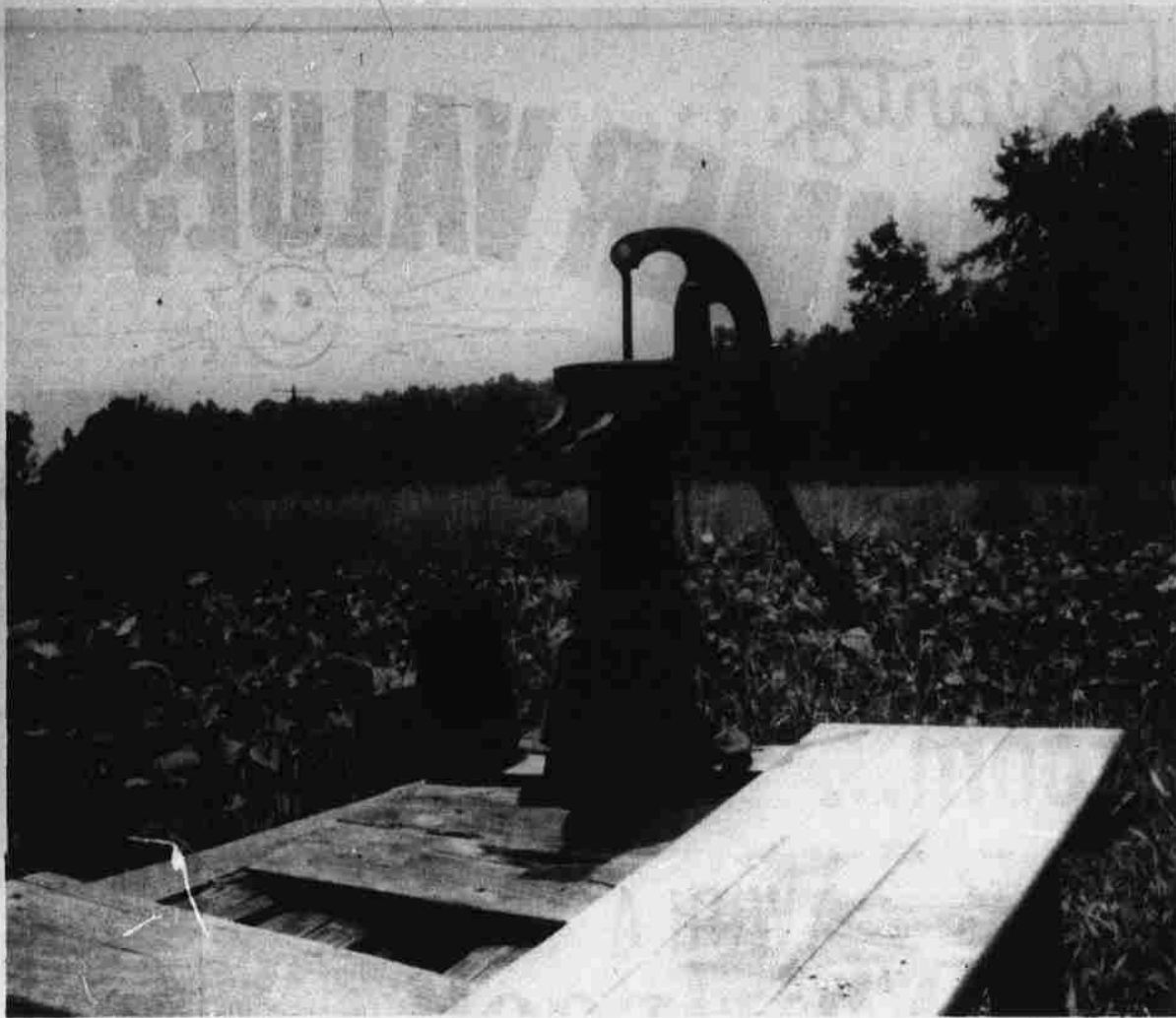
Young workers, however, may be eligible for disability payments with as little as one and one half years of covered work, depending on their age and when they became disabled.

A worker between the ages of 24 and 31 needs credit for having worked under social security from the time he became 21 and the time he became disabled. Before age 24, the worker needs credit for one and one half years of work in the three year period before his disability began.

When a worker applies for disability payments, he submits medical evidence to establish his disability. Then, physicians and other disability experts in a State agency—usually the State's vocational rehabilitation agency—decide whether the worker is disabled under the social security law.

In most cases,

the State agency can provide the basis of medical evidence from the applicant's own physician. If additional evidence is needed, further medical tests may be required at the Government's expense.



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Why Summer Months Are Hotter And Winter Months Are Colder

Is air pollution triggering a new ice age?

Even in a hot summer, the question worries scientists. They point out winters have been getting colder for the last 30 years, and only an annual drop in temperature from 6 deg. F. to 8 deg. F. around the world would be enough to touch off a new ice age.

Eventually — in several thousand years — it would become the sort of chilling spectacular that drove early man deep into his cave, that proved too much for the woolly mammoth, and grooved lakes into hundreds

of miles of Canada as an ice sheet thousands of feet thick ground over the land and mountains.

This time many of the world's cities might be crunched flat. "Energy crisis" and "food shortage" might be more than headline phrases, and man might seriously think about colonizing the moon.

Freezing Hothouse The temperature may be edging downward, according to one growing belief, because thickening air pollution is shielding the atmosphere and reflecting the sun's heat rays back into

space. If this is true, it may be because the phenomenon is winning a struggle against another doing the opposite — heating the world.

Evidence backs up both theories, the National Geographic Society says. Since about 1940, yearly temperatures have been slipping down, steadily if slightly.

Up to that time, temperatures gradually had been getting warmer, thanks to a "hothouse effect" in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide, pumped into the air by factories and automobiles, much faster than nature's growing plants can use it up, has been trapping the reflected heat waves inside the earth's atmosphere, as in a hothouse.

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