

Income Maintenance System

A. Social Insurance

1. Social Security
2. Unemployment Compensation
3. Medicare

B. Public Assistance Programs

1. SSI-provide a minimum national level of income for the aged, blind, disabled who are unable to work and don't qualify for Social Security. Financed by federal government with state supplements.
2. TANF-provides cash assistance to families with children and seeks to reduce welfare dependency by promoting job preparation and work. Program is state administered but partly financed with federal government grants.
3. Food Stamps-eligible households get monthly allotments of coupons redeemable for food. Allotment varies inversely with income.
4. Medicaid-helps finance medical expenses of households receiving SSI, TANF.
5. EITC-tax credit for low income working families with children. It reduces taxes they would otherwise pay or they get a cash refund if EITC is greater than their tax liability.