

*More than \$220 million injected into Arizona's Economy*

**WASHINGTON** - More than 887,000 Social Security and SSI recipients combined will begin receiving \$250 in the form of an economic stimulus disbursement this week, U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell announced today.

For Social Security recipients, this one-time economic stimulus disbursement is set to begin this Thursday, May 7, 2009, with a goal of all of payments being disbursed by the end of May. By mid-May, payments to recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will also be disbursed.

"Having a few extra hundred dollars in your pocket can make a real difference for seniors and disabled veterans who have been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn," Mitchell said. "Given the number of recipients in Arizona, these disbursements could also provide a small boost to the local economy."

In addition to the economic recovery payments being made to Social Security and SSI recipients, except those receiving Medicaid in care facilities, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also provides disbursements for disabled veterans. The one-time payment to disabled veterans is scheduled to be disbursed in June. In total, more than 50 million Americans will get this one-time payment, injecting \$13 billion into the economy. [Source: [Pres s Announcement](#)

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Social Security Administration, March 26, 2009]

Social Security is the only source of income for nearly one-third of all non-married seniors who receive Social Security. Nearly 30 percent of non-married Social Security recipients who are women over age 65 are economically disadvantaged - with 17.4 percent living below the federal poverty line and another 10.8 percent with incomes below 125 percent of the poverty line. [Source: [Congressional Statistics](#), Social Security Administration, June 2008]

If someone regularly receives benefits from two or more Social Security programs - such as Social Security and Railroad Retirement, or a disabled veterans' benefit and SSI - he or she will receive just one \$250 payment. To receive the one-time disbursement, the individual must have been eligible for Social Security or SSI during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. [Source: [Fact-Sheet](#), Social Security Administration, April 2009]