

Social Security

Social Security official website www.ssa.gov history of the program and those covered and excluded during the life of the program

A short history of enrollments and benefits at Wikipedia.org

Basically:

1937 – first taxes were collected

1942 – first benefits began

Excluded: Most women and minorities were excluded because they worked in jobs not covered:

Agricultural labor, domestic service, government employees, many teachers, nurses, hospital employees, librarians and social workers, individuals who worked intermittently. Eventually excluded were farmers, housekeepers who employed maids, non profit groups, state employees, federal employees

Woman qualified for benefits through their husbands or children .

Added in 1939 were wives, elderly widows, dependent survivors of covered male workers

1950 added domestic labor, household employees working at least two days a week for the same person, nonprofit workers and the self-employed.

1954 added hotel workers, laundry workers, all agricultural workers and state and local government employees
