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Social Security Administration (SSA) Data for Equal Access to Justice Act Payments

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Background

The Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. 2412:

- authorizes, under certain circumstances, payment of reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to parties who prevail against the United States in a civil action;
- provides that payment of legal fees and other expenses applies only with respect to proceedings in which the party prevails against the agency, and only if the position of the government was not substantially justified; and
- provides that when a representative received fees for the same work under both section 206(b) of the Social Security Act and EAJA, the representative must refund to the claimant the amount of the smaller fee.

A dataset containing payment amounts made by the Social Security



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Dataset Description

This dataset provides dollar amounts for total EAJA payments paid by the agency at the national level from federal fiscal year 2010 onwards.

Data	Field
Federal Fiscal Year	Field A
Total Payments	Field B

The dataset includes net payments made in each fiscal year. Payments made in the fiscal year are reduced by collections recorded during the year, even when the collection is against a payment from a prior year. Examples of collections include non-negotiated checks and overpayment collections.

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Data Collection Description

When we receive notice that an EAJA payment amount has been approved by the court, our employees record the payment amount in our financial system using specific codes established for EAJA payments. These amounts are sent to the Department of the Treasury for disbursement to the payees.

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Data Dictionary

Field A: Federal Fiscal Year, a federal fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30.

Field B: Total Payments, in dollars, for court approved EAJA payments for

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