

Table 4.
OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, January 2005–December 2005

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
January	6,703	4,616	173	1,913
February	6,704	4,610	171	1,923
March	6,713	4,606	173	1,934
April	6,720	4,602	175	1,943
May	6,685	4,601	176	1,907
June	6,641	4,602	178	1,861
July	6,644	4,600	178	1,867
August	6,641	4,593	177	1,871
September	6,649	4,593	179	1,877
October	6,656	4,589	179	1,888
November	6,662	4,586	180	1,896
December	6,653	4,571	178	1,904
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
January	5,496	4,179	118	1,199
February	5,500	4,177	117	1,207
March	5,510	4,177	118	1,214
April	5,518	4,177	119	1,221
May	5,500	4,180	121	1,199
June	5,474	4,184	123	1,167
July	5,479	4,184	123	1,171
August	5,479	4,181	123	1,175
September	5,487	4,183	124	1,179
October	5,493	4,182	125	1,187
November	5,501	4,182	125	1,194
December	5,720	4,342	129	1,249
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
January	820.00	905.40	680.90	626.70
February	820.50	906.20	680.80	627.50
March	820.80	907.00	682.10	628.00
April	821.20	907.70	683.50	628.60
May	822.70	908.40	687.00	628.60
June	824.20	909.00	691.60	627.20
July	824.60	909.60	692.90	627.50
August	824.90	910.30	694.00	627.80
September	825.20	910.80	695.30	628.30
October	825.30	911.30	695.30	628.70
November	825.80	911.90	697.10	629.80
December	859.80	949.80	724.50	656.30

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s aged 60 or older, disabled widow(er)s aged 50 or older, and dependent parents of deceased workers aged 62 or older.

b. A widow(er) or surviving divorced parent caring for the entitled child of a deceased worker who is under age 16 or is disabled.

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