

Table 4.
OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, January 2003–December 2003

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
January	6,835	4,745	177	1,914
February	6,843	4,741	178	1,924
March	6,855	4,737	181	1,937
April	6,866	4,737	183	1,946
May	6,873	4,735	185	1,953
June	6,835	4,731	187	1,917
July	6,786	4,729	186	1,870
August	6,788	4,726	186	1,876
September	6,798	4,725	188	1,885
October	6,803	4,722	188	1,893
November	6,808	4,717	189	1,902
December	6,810	4,709	190	1,910
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
January	5,257	4,024	111	1,123
February	5,267	4,024	113	1,130
March	5,278	4,025	115	1,139
April	5,288	4,027	116	1,145
May	5,296	4,029	117	1,150
June	5,277	4,029	119	1,128
July	5,249	4,030	120	1,099
August	5,254	4,031	120	1,103
September	5,264	4,033	122	1,109
October	5,270	4,033	122	1,115
November	5,277	4,032	123	1,122
December	5,391	4,113	126	1,152
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
January	769.20	848.10	629.20	586.60
February	769.60	848.80	631.00	587.20
March	769.90	849.60	632.60	587.80
April	770.20	850.20	634.00	588.40
May	770.60	850.80	635.20	588.80
June	772.00	851.60	639.20	588.60
July	773.50	852.20	643.90	587.50
August	774.10	853.00	645.10	588.00
September	774.40	853.60	646.60	588.50
October	774.60	854.10	647.30	589.00
November	775.20	854.80	649.30	590.20
December	791.70	873.30	663.70	603.10

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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