Table 4.OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, October 2006–October 2007

Month		Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers			
	All beneficiaries	and parents ^a	and fathers ^b	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2006						
October	6,566	4,511	172	1,883		
November	6,566	4,503	172	1,890		
December	6,566	4,496	171	1,899		
2007						
January	6,537	4,472	159	1,906		
February	6,547	4,472	161	1,914		
March	6,559	4,471	162	1,926		
April	6,571	4,471	164	1,936		
May	6,576	4,470	166	1,940		
June	6,529	4,463	167	1,899		
July	6,472	4,455	166	1,850		
August	6,475	4,455	167	1,853		
September	6,474	4,449	163	1,862		
October	6,487	4,448	164	1,874		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2006						
October	5,684	4,315	126	1,243		
November	5,686	4,310	126	1,249		
December	5,875	4,447	130	1,298		
2007						
January	5,852	4,427	119	1,306		
February	5,864	4,431	120	1,313		
March	5,877	4,434	122	1,322		
April	5,889	4,437	123	1,330		
May	5,897	4,439	124	1,333		
June	5,867	4,436	126	1,305		
July	5,827	4,432	126	1,269		
August	5,833	4,434	127	1,272		
September	5,834	4,431	124	1,279		
October	5,845	4,433	125	1,287		
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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children	
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)				
2006					
October	865.70	956.50	731.70	660.10	
November	866.00	957.10	733.70	661.10	
December	894.80	989.30	756.60	683.70	
2007					
January	895.20	989.90	745.90	685.30	
February	895.70	990.90	747.40	685.80	
March	896.00	991.60	748.40	686.30	
April	896.30	992.40	749.30	686.90	
May	896.80	993.10	750.40	687.30	
June	898.60	994.00	754.60	687.10	
July	900.40	994.70	759.70	685.80	
August	900.90	995.40	761.70	686.30	
September	901.10	996.00	762.20	686.60	
October	901.10	996.40	763.10	686.80	

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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