

Table 528. Social Security (OASDI)—Benefits by Type of Beneficiary: 1990 to 2005

[39,832 represents 39,832,000. A person eligible to receive more than one type of benefit is generally classified or counted only once as a retired-worker beneficiary. OASDI = Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance. See also headnote, Table 527 and Appendix III]

Type of beneficiary	1990	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of benefits¹ (1,000)	39,832	43,387	44,246	44,596	45,415	45,878	46,444	47,038	47,688	48,434
Retired workers ² (1,000)	24,838	26,673	27,511	27,775	28,499	28,837	29,190	29,532	29,953	30,461
Disabled workers ³ (1,000)	3,011	4,185	4,698	4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,198	6,519
Wives and husbands ^{2,4} (1,000)	3,367	3,290	3,054	2,987	2,963	2,899	2,833	2,773	2,722	2,680
Children (1,000)	3,187	3,734	3,769	3,795	3,803	3,839	3,910	3,961	3,986	4,025
Under age 18	2,497	2,956	2,963	2,970	2,976	2,994	3,043	3,080	3,097	3,130
Disabled children ⁵	600	686	713	721	729	737	745	753	759	769
Students ⁶	89	92	93	104	98	109	123	128	130	127
Of retired workers	422	442	439	442	459	467	477	480	483	488
Of deceased workers	1,776	1,884	1,884	1,885	1,878	1,890	1,908	1,910	1,905	1,903
Of disabled workers	989	1,409	1,446	1,468	1,466	1,482	1,526	1,571	1,599	1,633
Widowed mothers ⁷ (1,000)	304	275	221	212	203	197	194	190	184	178
Widows and widowers ^{2,8} (1,000)	5,111	5,226	4,990	4,944	4,901	4,828	4,771	4,707	4,643	4,569
Parents ² (1,000)	6	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Special benefits ⁹ (1,000)	7	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CURRENT DOLLARS										
Retired workers ²	603	720	780	804	844	874	895	922	955	1,002
Retired worker and wife ²	1,027	1,221	1,318	1,357	1,420	1,466	1,494	1,535	1,586	1,660
Disabled workers ³	587	682	733	754	786	814	834	862	894	938
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	298	354	386	398	416	430	439	450	464	485
Children of retired workers	259	322	358	373	395	413	426	444	465	493
Children of deceased workers	406	469	510	526	550	571	585	603	625	656
Children of disabled workers	164	183	208	216	228	238	245	254	265	279
Widowed mothers	409	478	545	566	595	621	640	664	689	725
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	556	680	749	775	810	841	861	888	920	967
Parents ²	482	591	651	674	704	729	753	779	810	851
Special benefits ⁹	167	192	204	209	217	224	227	232	238	247
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CONSTANT (2005) DOLLARS¹⁰										
Retired workers ²	887	923	936	940	955	974	974	985	988	1,002
Retired worker and wife ²	1,511	1,565	1,583	1,587	1,606	1,632	1,625	1,639	1,640	1,660
Disabled workers ³	863	874	880	882	889	907	907	920	925	938
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	438	454	464	465	471	479	478	480	480	485
Children of deceased workers	597	601	612	615	622	636	636	644	647	656
Widowed mothers	602	613	654	662	673	691	696	709	713	725
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	818	872	899	906	916	936	937	948	952	967
Number of benefits awarded (1,000)										
Retired workers ²	3,717	3,882	3,800	3,917	4,290	4,162	4,336	4,322	4,459	4,672
Retired workers ²	1,665	1,609	1,631	1,690	1,961	1,779	1,813	1,791	1,883	2,000
Disabled workers ³	468	646	608	620	622	691	750	777	796	830
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	379	322	311	322	385	358	363	353	367	379
Children	695	809	763	773	777	796	846	852	859	908
Widowed mothers ⁷	58	52	42	42	40	41	41	39	40	38
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	452	445	444	470	505	496	523	508	514	517
Parents ²	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits ⁹	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING YEAR (bil. dol.)										
Total¹¹	247.8	332.6	375.0	385.8	407.6	431.9	453.8	470.8	493.3	520.8
Monthly benefits ¹²	247.6	332.4	374.8	385.6	407.4	431.7	453.6	470.6	493.1	520.6
Retired workers ²	156.8	205.3	232.3	238.5	253.5	269.0	281.6	291.5	304.3	321.7
Disabled workers ³	22.1	36.6	43.5	46.5	49.8	54.2	59.9	64.8	71.7	78.4
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	14.5	17.9	18.9	18.8	19.4	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.6	20.5
Children	12.0	16.1	18.1	18.6	19.3	20.4	21.5	22.3	23.3	24.5
Under age 18	9.0	11.9	13.3	13.6	14.1	14.8	15.7	16.2	17.0	17.9
Disabled children ⁵	2.5	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.8
Students ⁶	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Of retired workers	1.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9
Of deceased workers	8.6	10.7	11.9	12.1	12.5	13.1	13.7	14.1	14.5	15.1
Of disabled workers	2.2	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.5
Widowed mothers	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	40.7	54.8	60.5	61.8	63.9	66.8	68.8	70.1	71.7	73.4
Parents ²	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits ⁹	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Lump sum	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

² Fewer than 500 or less than \$50 million. ³ Number of benefit payments in current-payment status, i.e., actually being made at a specified time with no deductions or with deductions amounting to less than a month's benefit. ⁴ 62 years and over.

⁵ Disabled workers under age 65. ⁶ Includes wife beneficiaries with entitled children in their care and entitled divorced wives. ⁷ 18 years old and over. Disability began before age 18. ⁸ Full-time students aged 18 and 19. ⁹ Includes surviving divorced mothers with entitled children in their care and widowed fathers with entitled children in their care. ¹⁰ Includes widows aged 60-61, surviving divorced wives aged 60 and over, disabled widows and widowers aged 50 and over; and widowers aged 60-61.

¹¹ Benefits for persons aged 72 and over not insured under regular or transitional provisions of Social Security Act. ¹² Constant dollar figures are based on the consumer price index (CPI-U) for December as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

¹³ Represents total disbursements of benefit checks by the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the years specified.

¹⁴ Distribution by type estimated.