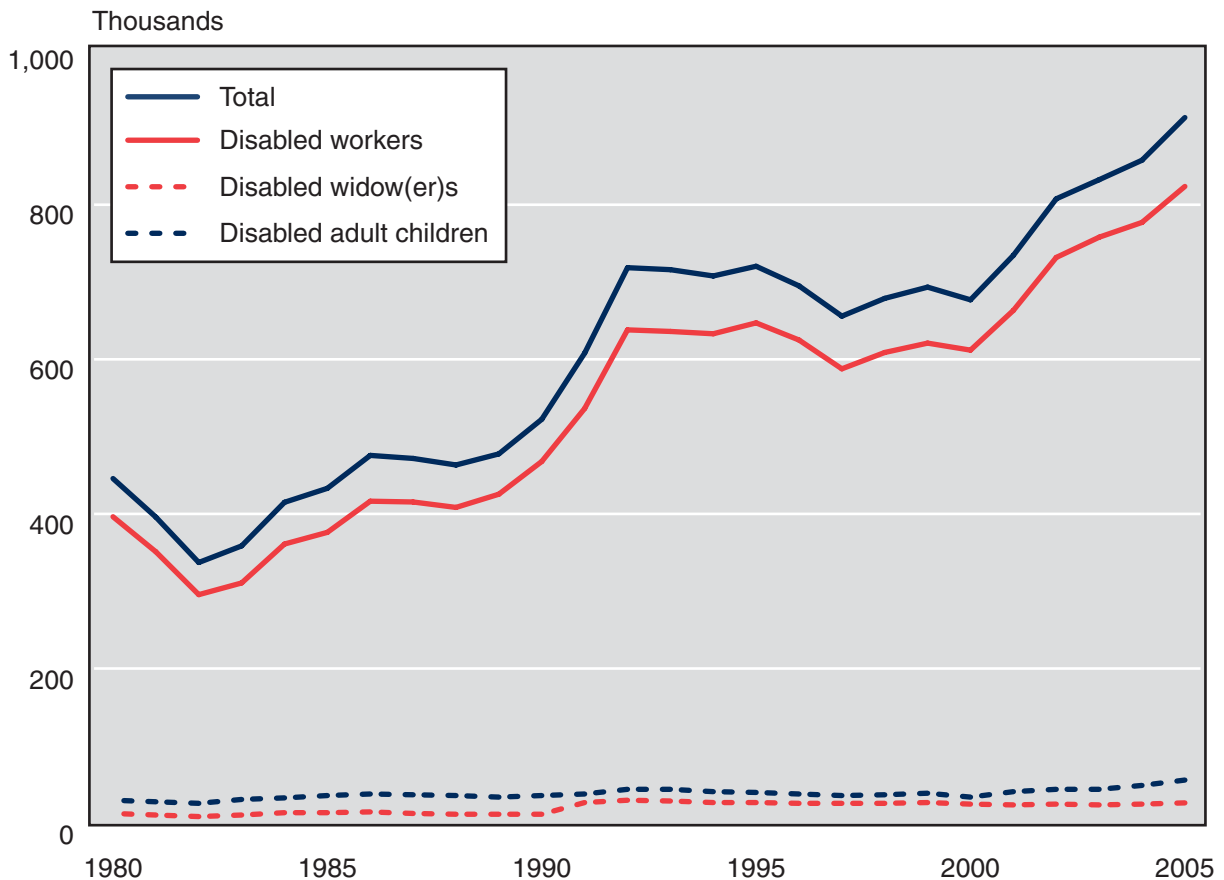


Chart 8.
Social Security disability awards, 1980–2005

The total number of awards decreased from 1980 through 1982, started to rise in 1983, and began to increase more rapidly in 1990. Awards for disabled-worker benefits have been most pronounced and drive the overall pattern shown in the total line. They increased from a low of 297,131 in 1982 to 636,637 in 1992, were relatively flat from 1992 through 2000, and started to increase again in 2001. There were 821,207 worker awards in 2005. Other awards have risen at a much slower rate. Awards to disabled adult children have gradually increased from 33,470 in 1980 to 58,898 in 2005. Awards to disabled widow(er)s have risen from just over 16,000 in 1980 to 29,576 in 2005.



SOURCE: Table 35.

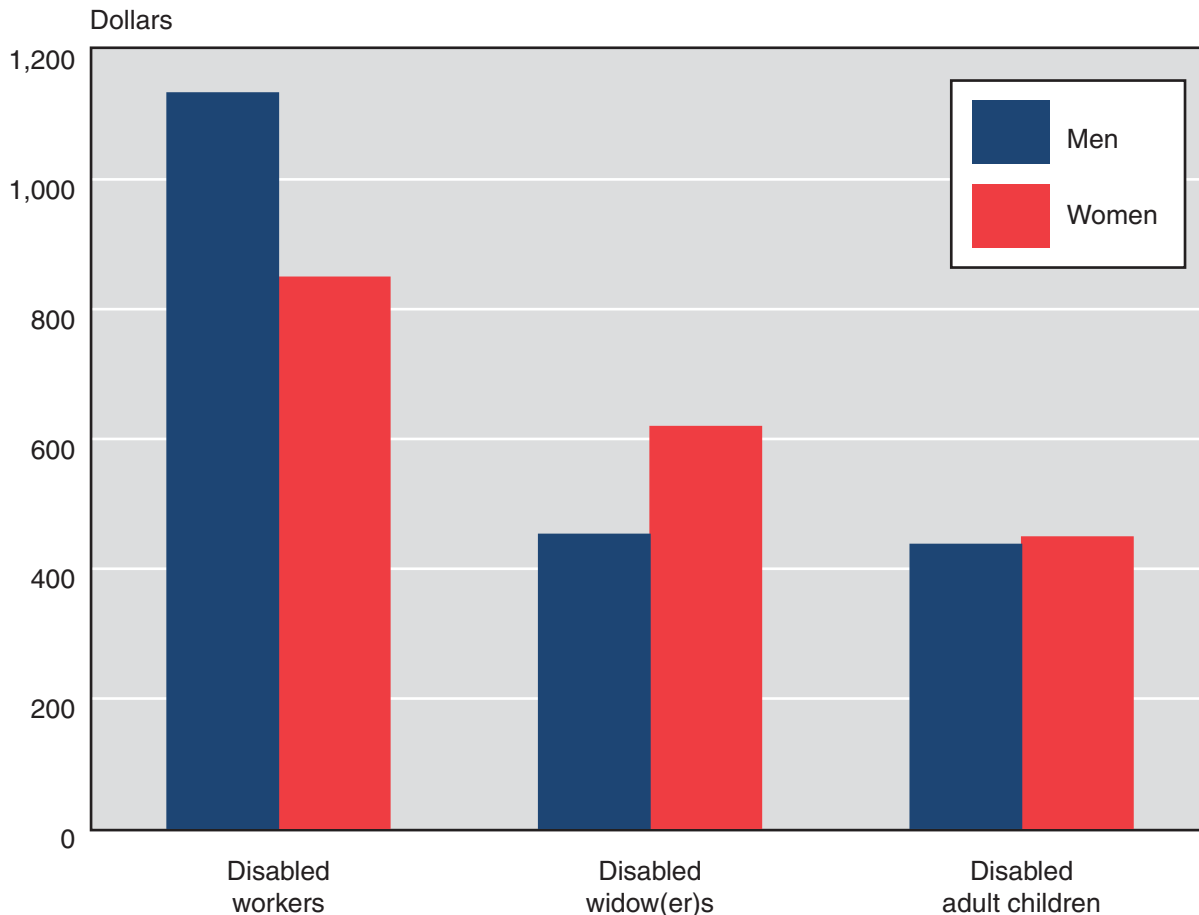
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Chart 9.
Average monthly benefit awards, by sex, 2005

Average monthly benefits for new awards tend to be higher than those paid to beneficiaries who are already on the rolls (see Chart 5). The exception is payments to newly awarded adult children, whose benefits are lower than those paid to adult children who are already on the rolls.

The average monthly benefit awarded to disabled workers is higher than that awarded to disabled widow(er)s or disabled adult children. The reason for the difference is that disabled workers receive 100 percent of the primary insurance amount, compared with 71.5 percent for disabled widow(er)s and 50 percent for disabled adult children (if the worker is disabled or retired) or 75 percent (if the worker is deceased).

Because men have traditionally had higher earnings than women, their monthly benefit is higher. This is most obvious in the disabled-worker group. Benefits for disabled widow(er)s and disabled adult children are dependents' benefits, so their monthly benefit is a function of the worker's earnings. Therefore, a disabled widow's average benefit tends to be higher than that of a disabled widower because a male worker's earnings are higher than a female worker's. Benefit amounts are about the same for men and women in the disabled adult children group.



SOURCE: Table 36.

Awards to Disabled Beneficiaries and Nondisabled Dependents

Table 35.
Number, selected years 1960–2005

Year	Total	Workers and nondisabled dependents				Widow(er)s	Adult children of—		
		Workers	Spouses	Children under age 18	Students aged 18–19		Disabled workers	Retired workers	Deceased workers
1960	388,861	207,805	54,187	102,516	1,794	12,740	9,819
1965	538,983	253,499	69,183	175,109	19,794	...	2,713	10,017	8,668
1970	799,616	350,384	96,304	241,627	71,145	15,609	3,774	11,348	9,425
1975	1,305,345	592,049	148,741	391,284	117,043	23,521	6,889	14,636	11,182
1980	933,597	396,559	108,500	235,079	143,935	16,054	6,194	16,650	10,626
1981	826,340	351,847	95,575	199,829	134,390	14,154	5,435	15,365	9,745
1982	672,333	297,131	77,835	153,205	103,015	12,440	4,250	14,772	9,685
1983	661,467	311,549	80,079	152,954	68,834	14,412	5,107	17,309	11,223
1984	730,135	361,998	81,834	172,721	59,990	17,165	5,541	18,330	12,556
1985	763,363	377,371	83,511	190,204	56,108	17,086	6,713	19,661	12,709
1986	809,424	416,865	82,435	198,192	52,989	18,418	6,986	20,295	13,244
1987	799,180	415,848	77,316	195,030	54,925	16,396	6,787	20,761	12,117
1988	795,690	409,490	73,790	196,655	61,725	15,328	6,646	20,544	11,512
1989	801,893	425,582	69,113	197,950	57,079	15,168	6,358	19,668	10,975
1990	868,793	467,977	69,667	218,059	58,894	15,424	6,633	20,862	11,277
1991	990,500	536,434	72,754	250,287	60,349	29,590	7,552	21,850	11,684
1992	1,167,001	636,637	78,083	306,002	66,035	33,235	9,548	23,615	13,846
1993	1,177,268	635,238	74,605	317,263	71,081	31,835	10,254	23,173	13,819
1994	1,177,236	631,870	69,549	327,067	74,364	29,903	9,774	22,119	12,590
1995	1,173,317	645,832	63,097	315,587	75,929	29,597	9,779	21,566	11,930
1996	1,139,054	624,335	57,528	311,228	76,769	28,611	9,353	20,169	11,061
1997	1,059,556	587,417	50,818	278,040	76,034	28,546	8,474	19,611	10,616
1998	1,087,352	608,131	47,550	279,764	82,567	29,399	9,095	19,932	10,914
1999	1,106,343	620,488	46,164	283,768	84,525	29,650	9,851	20,467	11,430
2000	1,051,900	610,700	38,500	263,200	74,600	27,600	7,000	21,100	9,200
2001	1,118,300	661,900	41,100	268,800	75,700	26,500	9,800	22,300	12,200
2002	1,219,670	730,383	43,301	293,131	77,927	28,339	8,507	22,798	15,284
2003	1,259,672	755,706	44,638	302,756	82,447	27,324	9,740	21,836	15,225
2004	1,311,031	775,244	45,649	313,640	96,871	27,744	13,301	22,127	16,455
2005	1,402,509	821,207	49,917	338,506	104,405	29,576	15,334	25,591	17,973

SOURCES: Social Security Administration. For years before 2000, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*, based on the Master Beneficiary Record, various sampling rates; from 2000 to 2001, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 1 percent sample; data after 2001 are 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data exclude closed period awards in 2002 and 2003 and expedited reinstatement cases since 2002.

... = not applicable.

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Awards to Disabled Beneficiaries and Nondisabled Dependents

Table 36.
Average monthly benefit, by basis of entitlement, age, and sex, 2005

Basis of entitlement and age	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)
Workers						
Total	821,207	1,001.50	440,008	1,133.30	381,199	849.30
Under 25	22,775	505.90	13,358	511.30	9,417	498.30
25-29	29,815	682.50	15,605	702.00	14,210	661.20
30-34	38,137	778.60	19,064	812.00	19,073	745.10
35-39	54,268	842.00	27,512	897.80	26,756	784.60
40-44	83,419	902.40	42,525	983.50	40,894	818.00
45-49	110,401	971.80	56,851	1,086.20	53,550	850.50
50-54	151,250	1,044.40	78,932	1,188.40	72,318	887.30
55-59	189,592	1,119.60	104,396	1,291.50	85,196	908.90
60 or older	141,550	1,146.90	81,765	1,326.90	59,785	900.80
Spouses of disabled workers						
Total	49,917	257.00	2,488	181.60	47,429	260.90
Entitlement based on care						
of children	18,287	186.30	918	141.80	17,369	188.60
Under 30	2,368	122.60	62	78.50	2,306	123.80
30-34	2,741	139.40	115	118.70	2,626	140.30
35-39	3,588	164.60	164	135.00	3,424	166.10
40-44	3,952	198.20	212	147.20	3,740	201.10
45-49	3,002	228.20	163	139.30	2,839	233.30
50-54	1,629	244.90	115	185.20	1,514	249.40
55-FRA	1,007	274.10	87	164.60	920	284.40
Entitlement based on age						
62-64	31,630	297.80	1,570	204.80	30,060	302.70
65 or older	26,664	293.00	732	180.30	25,932	296.20
65 or older	4,966	323.70	838	226.20	4,128	343.50
Children of disabled workers						
Total	458,245	265.00	238,416	267.10	219,829	262.60
Under age 18						
Under 5	338,506	233.40	172,255	233.00	166,251	233.80
5-9	58,247	188.90	29,670	189.00	28,577	188.70
10-14	74,167	201.50	37,748	201.30	36,419	201.70
15-17	109,753	233.30	56,032	233.00	53,721	233.60
15-17	96,339	284.90	48,805	284.20	47,534	285.60
Students aged 18-19	104,405	361.10	57,145	364.10	47,260	357.50
Disabled aged 18 or older	15,334	308.50	9,016	305.30	6,318	313.00
Widow(er)s						
Total	29,576	609.70	1,679	453.10	27,897	619.20
50-54	11,319	605.20	611	448.90	10,708	614.20
55-59	15,541	617.00	888	452.50	14,653	627.00
60 or older	2,716	586.90	180	470.00	2,536	595.10

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Awards to Disabled Beneficiaries and Nondisabled Dependents

Table 36.
Average monthly benefit, by basis of entitlement, age, and sex, 2005—Continued

Basis of entitlement and age	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)
Adult children						
Total	58,898	442.40	34,099	437.60	24,799	449.00
Children of—						
Disabled workers	15,334	308.50	9,016	305.30	6,318	313.00
Retired workers	25,591	419.60	14,563	414.90	11,028	425.80
Deceased workers	17,973	589.10	10,520	582.30	7,453	598.70
Under 25	24,532	449.00	14,492	448.30	10,040	450.00
25–29	7,710	454.00	4,498	452.50	3,212	455.90
30–34	8,148	454.60	4,628	443.10	3,520	469.70
35–39	8,572	441.80	4,893	431.80	3,679	455.10
40–44	6,405	413.10	3,636	405.20	2,769	423.40
45–49	2,135	370.90	1,220	358.00	915	388.20
50–54	791	434.20	396	442.00	395	426.40
55–59	358	437.00	205	413.80	153	468.10
60–64	155	420.50	86	401.00	69	444.80
65 or older	92	531.30	45	473.70	47	586.60

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data exclude expedited reinstatement cases.

FRA = full retirement age.

a. Benefits awarded before the December cost-of-living increase are converted to the December rates before averages are computed.

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