Table 2. OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, July 2004–July 2005

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2004						
July	32,823	29,766	2,585	472		
August	32,842	29,788	2,581	474		
September	32,893	29,839	2,579	476		
October	32,919	29,866	2,575	478		
November	32,960	29,907	2,572	481		
December	33,005	29,953	2,569	483		
2005						
January	33,140	30,086	2,566	487		
February	33,199	30,145	2,563	491		
March	33,234	30,181	2,558	495		
April	33,268	30,216	2,554	499		
May	33,261	30,222	2,549	490		
June	33,259	30,238	2,544	477		
July	33,295	30,276	2,541	478		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2004						
July	28,985	27,574	1,200	212		
August	29,021	27,611	1,198	213		
September	29,081	27,669	1,198	214		
October	29,118	27,707	1,196	215		
November	29,210	27,797	1,196	217		
December	30,054	28,602	1,227	225		
2005						
January	30,233	28,778	1,227	228		
February	30,308	28,853	1,226	230		
March	30,357	28,902	1,224	232		
April	30,407	28,952	1,222	234		
May	30,414	28,965	1,220	230		
June	30,427	28,986	1,218	224		
July	30,477	29,037	1,216	224		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2004						
July	883.10	926.40	464.10	448.40		
August	883.70	926.90	464.30	449.20		
September	884.10	927.30	464.30	449.90		
October	884.50	927.70	464.40	450.50		
November	886.20	929.40	465.10	452.10		
December	910.60	954.90	477.80	465.00		
2005						
January	912.30	956.50	478.10	466.80		
February	912.90	957.10	478.30	467.70		
March	913.40	957.60	478.40	468.40		
April	914.00	958.20	478.50	469.20		
May	914.40	958.40	478.50	469.30		
June	914.90	958.60	478.60	468.60		
July	915.40	959.10	478.60	469.20		

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.

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