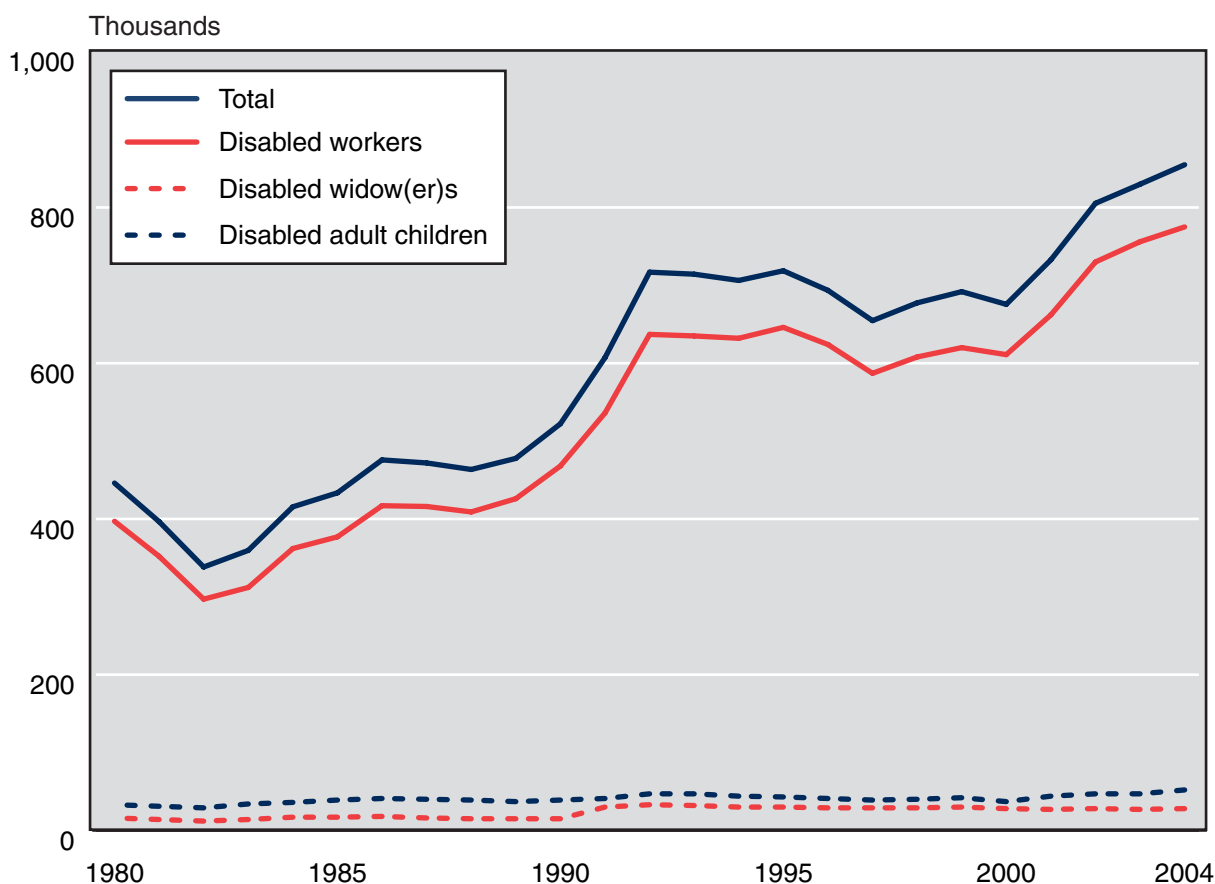


**Chart 7.**  
**Social Security disability awards, 1980–2004**

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 775,244 worker awards in 2004. Other awards have risen at a much slower rate. Awards to disabled adult children have gradually increased from 33,470 in 1980 to 51,833 in 2004. Awards to disabled widow(er)s have risen from just over 16,000 in 1980 to 27,744 in 2004.



SOURCE: Table 31.

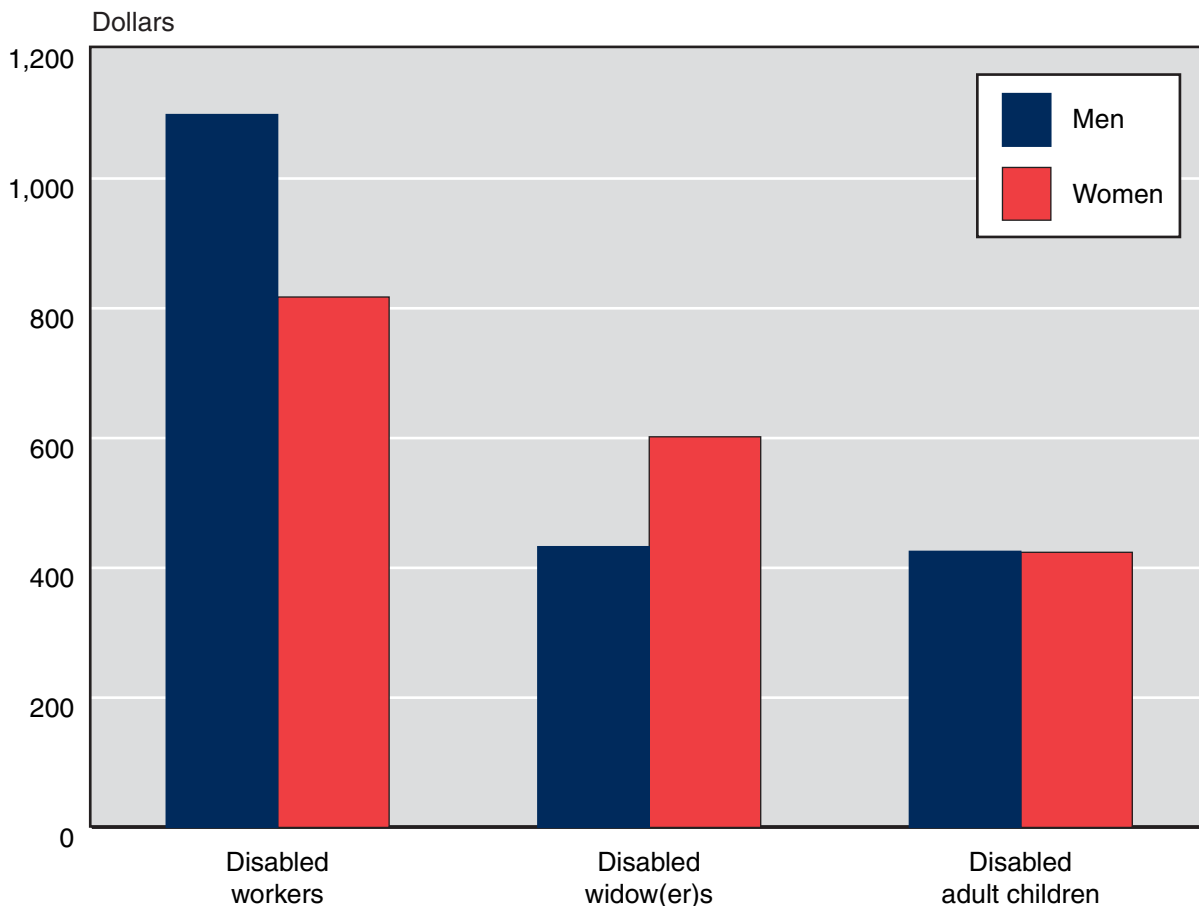
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**Chart 8.**  
**Average monthly benefit awards, by sex, 2004**

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 slightly 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 32.

## Awards to Disabled Beneficiaries and Nondisabled Dependents

**Table 31.**  
**Number, selected years 1960–2004**

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

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 32.**  
**Average monthly benefit, by basis of entitlement, age, and sex, 2004**

Basis of entitlement and age	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
<b>Workers</b>						
Total	775,244	968.50	416,560	1,098.60	358,684	817.40
Under 25	23,028	490.60	13,217	500.50	9,811	477.30
25–29	28,739	652.50	14,979	670.20	13,760	633.20
30–34	37,877	750.90	19,038	785.50	18,839	715.90
35–39	53,209	816.70	27,136	868.00	26,073	763.30
40–44	80,324	879.40	40,830	960.20	39,494	795.80
45–49	103,685	946.50	53,347	1,057.10	50,338	829.20
50–54	140,414	1,018.50	73,770	1,160.10	66,644	861.90
55–59	175,916	1,083.60	97,336	1,257.20	78,580	868.50
60 or older	132,052	1,109.20	76,907	1,286.40	55,145	862.00
<b>Spouses of disabled workers</b>						
Total	45,649	243.70	2,364	169.20	43,285	247.70
Entitlement based on care						
of children	19,049	181.80	1,033	134.40	18,016	184.60
Under 30	2,419	118.40	80	85.00	2,339	119.50
30–34	2,910	137.50	138	115.40	2,772	138.60
35–39	3,824	161.80	175	126.90	3,649	163.50
40–44	4,077	192.00	238	135.90	3,839	195.50
45–49	3,123	220.90	194	142.60	2,929	226.10
50–54	1,698	243.80	112	148.50	1,586	250.60
55 or older	998	272.60	96	179.30	902	282.50
Entitlement based on age						
62–64	26,600	288.00	1,331	196.30	25,269	292.80
65 or older	22,363	281.40	663	169.60	21,700	284.80
65 or older	4,237	322.70	668	222.90	3,569	341.30
<b>Children of disabled workers</b>						
Total	423,812	257.90	220,767	260.10	203,045	255.50
Under age 18						
Under 5	313,640	228.30	159,612	228.10	154,028	228.60
5–9	54,603	183.40	27,920	183.40	26,683	183.40
10–14	69,510	197.00	35,373	196.50	34,137	197.60
15–17	104,455	228.20	53,092	228.70	51,363	227.70
15–17	85,072	282.90	43,227	282.20	41,845	283.60
Students aged 18–19	96,871	348.50	53,500	350.70	43,371	345.90
Disabled aged 18 or older	13,301	294.60	7,655	294.60	5,646	294.70
<b>Widow(er)s</b>						
Total	27,744	593.20	1,451	432.70	26,293	602.00
50–54	10,594	587.60	567	423.20	10,027	596.90
55–59	14,646	598.50	759	435.10	13,887	607.40
60 or older	2,504	585.50	125	460.50	2,379	592.00

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**Awards to Disabled Beneficiaries and Nondisabled Dependents**

**Table 32.**  
**Average monthly benefit, by basis of entitlement, age, and sex, 2004—Continued**

Basis of entitlement and age	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)
<b>Adult children</b>						
Total	51,883	424.90	29,598	425.50	22,285	424.00
Children of—						
Disabled workers	13,301	294.60	7,655	294.60	5,646	294.70
Retired workers	22,127	401.60	12,553	400.30	9,574	403.30
Deceased workers	16,455	561.50	9,390	566.00	7,065	555.50
Under 25	21,350	425.40	12,387	431.10	8,963	417.60
25–29	6,883	433.50	3,837	440.70	3,046	424.50
30–34	7,525	437.50	4,192	431.40	3,333	445.10
35–39	7,660	432.00	4,426	431.90	3,234	432.00
40–44	5,495	402.40	3,151	392.80	2,344	415.30
45–49	1,789	379.90	963	364.00	826	398.40
50–54	675	395.40	370	378.20	305	416.20
55–59	303	417.80	174	428.80	129	402.90
60–64	123	429.50	62	347.80	61	512.50
65 or older	80	489.40	36	519.70	44	464.60

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

NOTE: Data exclude expedited reinstatement cases.

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

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