

**OASDI Benefits in Current-Payment Status**

**Table 4.**  
**OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, October 2005–October 2006**

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents <sup>a</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
2005				
October	6,656	4,589	179	1,888
November	6,662	4,586	180	1,896
December	6,653	4,571	178	1,904
2006				
January	6,617	4,539	166	1,912
February	6,626	4,537	167	1,922
March	6,635	4,534	169	1,932
April	6,643	4,531	170	1,943
May	6,649	4,530	171	1,948
June	6,611	4,529	173	1,909
July	6,554	4,523	171	1,860
August	6,552	4,518	170	1,864
September	6,562	4,518	172	1,872
October	6,566	4,511	172	1,883
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
2005				
October	5,493	4,182	125	1,187
November	5,501	4,182	125	1,194
December	5,720	4,342	129	1,249
2006				
January	5,691	4,314	119	1,258
February	5,701	4,316	120	1,265
March	5,711	4,317	121	1,273
April	5,721	4,317	122	1,282
May	5,728	4,319	123	1,286
June	5,707	4,322	125	1,260
July	5,669	4,319	125	1,225
August	5,670	4,317	124	1,229
September	5,680	4,320	126	1,235
October	5,684	4,315	126	1,243

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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents <sup>a</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
2005				
October	825.30	911.30	695.30	628.70
November	825.80	911.90	697.10	629.80
December	859.80	949.80	724.50	656.30
2006				
January	860.10	950.50	714.60	658.10
February	860.40	951.30	716.20	658.50
March	860.80	952.00	717.70	659.10
April	861.10	952.80	718.80	659.70
May	861.50	953.50	720.00	660.20
June	863.20	954.20	724.00	660.00
July	865.00	954.90	729.00	658.90
August	865.40	955.50	730.80	659.30
September	865.70	956.10	732.00	659.70
October	865.70	956.50	731.70	660.10

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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