

**OASDI Benefits in Current-Payment Status**

**Table 4.**  
**OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, August 2004–August 2005**

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents <sup>a</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
2004				
August	6,717	4,663	181	1,873
September	6,724	4,663	183	1,878
October	6,729	4,658	182	1,888
November	6,737	4,656	184	1,898
December	6,734	4,645	184	1,905
2005				
January	6,703	4,616	173	1,913
February	6,704	4,610	171	1,923
March	6,713	4,606	173	1,934
April	6,720	4,602	175	1,943
May	6,685	4,601	176	1,907
June	6,641	4,602	178	1,861
July	6,644	4,600	178	1,867
August	6,641	4,593	177	1,871
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
2004				
August	5,354	4,097	121	1,135
September	5,362	4,100	122	1,139
October	5,367	4,098	122	1,146
November	5,377	4,099	123	1,154
December	5,520	4,203	127	1,191
2005				
January	5,496	4,179	118	1,199
February	5,500	4,177	117	1,207
March	5,510	4,177	118	1,214
April	5,518	4,177	119	1,221
May	5,500	4,180	121	1,199
June	5,474	4,184	123	1,167
July	5,479	4,184	123	1,171
August	5,479	4,181	123	1,175

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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>				
2004				
August	797.00	878.70	667.90	606.20
September	797.40	879.30	669.50	606.50
October	797.50	879.80	669.80	607.00
November	798.10	880.50	671.90	608.20
December	819.80	904.70	689.40	625.30
2005				
January	820.00	905.40	680.90	626.70
February	820.50	906.20	680.80	627.50
March	820.80	907.00	682.10	628.00
April	821.20	907.70	683.50	628.60
May	822.70	908.40	687.00	628.60
June	824.20	909.00	691.60	627.20
July	824.60	909.60	692.90	627.50
August	824.90	910.30	694.00	627.80

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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