Table 2.
OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, January 2004–December 2004

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
January	32,685	29,589	2,613	482		
February	32,719	29,626	2,608	485		
March	32,719	29,631	2,600	488		
April	32,736	29,649	2,596	490		
May	32,767	29,682	2,593	493		
June	32,792	29,718	2,589	484		
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		
	Τ	otal monthly benefits (millio	ons of dollars)			
January	28,752	27,326	1,211	215		
February	28,806	27,380	1,209	217		
March	28,821	27,397	1,206	218		
April	28,850	27,426	1,204	220		
May	28,893	27,469	1,202	221		
June	28,935	27,517	1,201	217		
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		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
January	879.70	923.50	463.40	446.00		
February	880.40	924.20	463.60	446.90		
March	880.90	924.60	463.70	447.70		
April	881.30	925.00	463.80	448.40		
May	881.80	925.50	463.80	448.70		
June	882.40	925.90	463.90	448.90		
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		

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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