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

Month		Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers			
	All beneficiaries	and parents ^a	and fathers ^b	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2004						
April	6,795	4,668	180	1,947		
May	6,803	4,668	182	1,954		
June	6,766	4,668	183	1,915		
July	6,720	4,667	185	1,868		
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		
	То	tal monthly benefits (millions of dollars)			
2004						
April	5,390	4,090	118	1,182		
May	5,399	4,093	120	1,187		
June	5,379	4,096	121	1,162		
July	5,352	4,098	123	1,131		
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		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2004						
April	793.20	876.20	657.00	606.80		
May	793.50	876.80	658.30	607.20		
June	795.00	877.50	662.10	606.70		
July	796.50	878.10	666.00	605.60		
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		

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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