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

Month		Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers			
	All beneficiaries	and parents <sup>a</sup>	and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2005						
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		
September	6,649	4,593	179	1,877		
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		
	То	tal monthly benefits (	millions of dollars)			
2005						
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		
September	5,487	4,183	124	1,179		
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		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents <sup>a</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2005						
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		
September	825.20	910.80	695.30	628.30		
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		

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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