Table 2.

OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, November 2004–November 2005

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children	
	Number (thousands)				
2004					
November	32,960	29,907	2,572	481	
December	33,005	29,953	2,569	483	
2005					
January	33,140	30,086	2,566	487	
February	33,199	30,145	2,563	491	
March	33,234	30,181	2,558	495	
April	33,268	30,216	2,554	499	
May	33,261	30,222	2,549	490	
June	33,259	30,238	2,544	477	
July	33,295	30,276	2,541	478	
August	33,323	30,306	2,537	479	
September	33,377	30,360	2,536	481	
October	33,407	30,391	2,532	484	
November	33,442	30,427	2,529	486	
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)				
2004					
November	29,210	27,797	1,196	217	
December	30,054	28,602	1,227	225	
2005					
January	30,233	28,778	1,227	228	
February	30,308	28,853	1,226	230	
March	30,357	28,902	1,224	232	
April	30,407	28,952	1,222	234	
May	30,414	28,965	1,220	230	
June	30,427	28,986	1,218	224	
July	30,477	29,037	1,216	224	
August	30,520	29,080	1,215	225	
September	30,583	29,143	1,214	227	
October	30,626	29,186	1,212	228	
November	30,717	29,274	1,213	230	
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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children	
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)				
2004					
November	886.20	929.40	465.10	452.10	
December	910.60	954.90	477.80	465.00	
2005					
January	912.30	956.50	478.10	466.80	
February	912.90	957.10	478.30	467.70	
March	913.40	957.60	478.40	468.40	
April	914.00	958.20	478.50	469.20	
May	914.40	958.40	478.50	469.30	
June	914.90	958.60	478.60	468.60	
July	915.40	959.10	478.60	469.20	
August	915.90	959.60	478.70	469.90	
September	916.30	959.90	478.70	470.50	
October	916.80	960.30	478.80	471.40	
November	918.50	962.10	479.60	473.00	

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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