Table 2.

OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, December 2005–December 2006

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children			
	Number (thousands)						
2005							
December	33,467	30,455	2,524	488			
2006							
January	33,595	30,583	2,519	492			
February	33,671	30,658	2,517	496			
March	33,719	30,706	2,513	500			
April	33,754	30,741	2,509	503			
May	33,793	30,781	2,506	505			
June	33,824	30,825	2,503	497			
July	33,811	30,832	2,497	482			
August	33,803	30,830	2,492	481			
September	33,851	30,879	2,489	483			
October	33,879	30,908	2,485	486			
November	33,930	30,959	2,483	488			
December	33,938	30,971	2,476	490			
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)						
2005							
December	32,016	30,515	1,260	241			
2006							
January	32,206	30,703	1,259	244			
February	32,305	30,800	1,259	246			
March	32,376	30,871	1,257	248			
April	32,436	30,931	1,255	250			
May	32,490	30,985	1,254	252			
June	32,544	31,045	1,252	247			
July	32,554	31,065	1,249	240			
August	32,560	31,074	1,247	240			
September	32,621	31,135	1,246	241			
October	32,664	31,178	1,243	243			
November	32,774	31,286	1,244	244			
December	33,882	32,346	1,282	254			

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2005						
December	956.70	1,002.00	499.40	493.00		
2006						
January	958.70	1,003.90	499.80	494.90		
February	959.40	1,004.60	500.00	495.60		
March	960.20	1,005.40	500.10	496.40		
April	961.00	1,006.20	500.20	497.20		
May	961.40	1,006.60	500.20	497.80		
June	962.20	1,007.20	500.30	497.60		
July	962.80	1,007.60	500.40	497.10		
August	963.20	1,007.90	500.40	497.80		
September	963.70	1,008.30	500.50	498.40		
October	964.10	1,008.70	500.50	499.20		
November	965.90	1,010.60	501.10	500.70		
December	998.40	1,044.40	517.90	518.10		

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.

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