

**Table 526. Social Security (OASDI)—Benefits by Type of Beneficiary: 1990 to 2006**

[39,832 represents 39,832,000. A person eligible to receive more than one type of benefit is generally classified or counted only once as a retired-worker beneficiary. OASDI = Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance. See also headnote, Table 527, and Appendix III]

Type of beneficiary	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Number of benefits<sup>1</sup> (1,000)</b>	<b>39,832</b>	<b>43,387</b>	<b>44,596</b>	<b>45,415</b>	<b>45,878</b>	<b>46,444</b>	<b>47,038</b>	<b>47,688</b>	<b>48,434</b>	<b>49,123</b>
Retired workers <sup>2</sup> (1,000)	24,838	26,673	27,775	28,499	28,837	29,190	29,532	29,953	30,461	30,971
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> (1,000)	3,011	4,185	4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,198	6,519	6,812
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> (1,000)	3,367	3,290	2,987	2,963	2,899	2,833	2,773	2,722	2,680	2,632
Children (1,000)	3,187	3,734	3,795	3,803	3,839	3,910	3,961	3,986	4,025	4,041
Under age 18	2,497	2,956	2,970	2,976	2,994	3,043	3,080	3,097	3,130	3,133
Disabled children <sup>5</sup>	600	686	721	729	737	745	753	759	769	777
Students <sup>6</sup>	89	92	104	98	109	123	128	130	127	131
Of retired workers	422	442	442	459	467	477	480	483	488	490
Of deceased workers	1,776	1,884	1,885	1,878	1,890	1,908	1,910	1,905	1,903	1,899
Of disabled workers	989	1,409	1,468	1,466	1,482	1,526	1,571	1,599	1,633	1,652
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> (1,000)	304	275	212	203	197	194	190	184	178	171
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup> (1,000)	5,111	5,226	4,944	4,901	4,828	4,771	4,707	4,643	4,569	4,494
Parents <sup>2</sup> (1,000)	6	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Special benefits <sup>9</sup> (1,000)	7	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CURRENT DOLLARS</b>										
Retired workers <sup>2</sup>	603	720	804	844	874	895	922	955	1,002	1,044
Retired worker and wife <sup>2</sup>	1,027	1,221	1,357	1,420	1,466	1,494	1,535	1,586	1,660	1,726
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup>	587	682	754	786	814	834	862	894	938	978
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup>	298	354	398	416	430	439	450	464	485	502
Children of retired workers	259	322	373	395	413	426	444	465	493	518
Children of deceased workers	406	469	526	550	571	585	603	625	656	684
Children of disabled workers	164	183	216	228	238	245	254	265	279	290
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup>	409	478	566	595	621	640	664	689	725	757
Widows and widowers, nondisabled <sup>2</sup>	556	680	775	810	841	861	888	920	967	1,007
Parents <sup>2</sup>	482	591	674	704	729	753	779	810	851	892
Special benefits <sup>9</sup>	167	192	209	217	224	227	232	238	247	256
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CONSTANT (2006) DOLLARS<sup>10</sup></b>										
Retired workers <sup>2</sup>	909	947	964	979	999	998	1,010	1,013	1,027	1,044
Retired worker and wife <sup>2</sup>	1,549	1,605	1,627	1,647	1,674	1,667	1,681	1,682	1,702	1,726
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup>	885	897	904	912	930	930	943	948	962	978
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup>	449	465	477	482	491	490	493	492	497	502
Children of deceased workers	612	617	631	638	652	653	660	663	673	684
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup>	617	628	679	690	709	714	727	731	743	757
Widows and widowers, nondisabled <sup>2</sup>	839	894	929	939	960	960	972	976	991	1,007
<b>Number of benefits awarded (1,000)</b>										
Retired workers <sup>2</sup>	3,717	3,882	3,917	4,290	4,162	4,336	4,322	4,459	4,672	4,621
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup>	1,665	1,609	1,690	1,961	1,779	1,813	1,791	1,883	2,000	1,999
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup>	468	646	620	622	691	750	777	796	830	799
Children	379	322	322	385	358	363	353	367	379	378
Children of deceased workers	695	809	773	777	796	846	852	859	908	897
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup>	58	52	42	40	41	41	39	40	38	36
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup>	452	445	470	505	496	523	508	514	517	512
Parents <sup>2</sup>	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits <sup>9</sup>	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
<b>BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING YEAR (bil. dol.)</b>										
<b>Total<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>247.8</b>	<b>332.6</b>	<b>385.8</b>	<b>407.6</b>	<b>431.9</b>	<b>453.8</b>	<b>470.8</b>	<b>493.3</b>	<b>520.8</b>	<b>552.8</b>
Monthly benefits <sup>12</sup>	247.6	332.4	385.6	407.4	431.7	453.6	470.6	493.1	520.6	552.6
Retired workers <sup>2</sup>	156.8	205.3	238.5	253.5	269.0	281.6	291.5	304.3	321.7	342.9
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup>	22.1	36.6	46.5	49.8	54.2	59.9	64.8	71.7	78.4	85.0
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup>	14.5	17.9	18.8	19.4	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.6	20.5	21.5
Children	12.0	16.1	18.6	19.3	20.4	21.5	22.3	23.3	24.5	25.8
Under age 18	9.0	11.9	13.6	14.1	14.8	15.7	16.2	17.0	17.9	18.8
Disabled children <sup>5</sup>	2.5	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1
Students <sup>6</sup>	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0
Of retired workers	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1
Of deceased workers	8.6	10.7	12.1	12.5	13.1	13.7	14.1	14.5	15.1	15.8
Of disabled workers	2.2	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup>	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup>	40.7	54.8	61.8	63.9	66.8	68.8	70.1	71.7	73.4	75.9
Parents <sup>2</sup>	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits <sup>9</sup>	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Lump sum	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Z Fewer than 500 or less than \$50 million. <sup>1</sup> Number of benefit payments in current-payment status, i.e., actually being made at a specified time with no deductions or with deductions amounting to less than a month's benefit. <sup>2</sup> 62 years and over. <sup>3</sup> Disabled workers under age 65. <sup>4</sup> Includes wife beneficiaries with entitled children in their care and entitled divorced wives. <sup>5</sup> 18 years old and over. Disability began before age 18. <sup>6</sup> Full-time students aged 18 and 19. <sup>7</sup> Includes surviving divorced mothers with entitled children in their care and widowed fathers with entitled children in their care. <sup>8</sup> Includes widows aged 60-61, surviving divorced wives aged 60 and over, disabled widows and widowers aged 50 and over; and widowers aged 60-61. <sup>9</sup> Benefits for persons aged 72 and over not insured under regular or transitional provisions of Social Security Act. <sup>10</sup> Constant dollar figures are based on the consumer price index (CPI-U) for December as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <sup>11</sup> Represents total disbursements of benefit checks by the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the years specified. <sup>12</sup> Distribution by type estimated.