

Table 543. Social Security (OASDI)—Benefits by Type of Beneficiary: 1990 to 2009

[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 544, and Appendix III]

Type of beneficiary	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of benefits¹ (1,000)	39,832	43,387	45,415	47,038	47,688	48,434	49,123	49,865	50,898	52,523
Retired workers ² (1,000)	24,838	26,673	28,499	29,532	29,953	30,461	30,976	31,528	32,274	33,514
Disabled workers ³ (1,000)	3,011	4,185	5,042	5,874	6,198	6,519	6,807	7,099	7,427	7,788
Wives and husbands ^{2,4} (1,000)	3,367	3,290	2,963	2,773	2,722	2,680	2,632	2,585	2,525	2,502
Children (1,000)	3,187	3,734	3,803	3,961	3,986	4,025	4,041	4,051	4,132	4,231
Under age 18	2,497	2,956	2,976	3,080	3,097	3,130	3,133	3,120	3,118	3,158
Disabled children ⁵	600	686	729	753	759	769	777	795	871	921
Students ⁶	89	92	98	128	130	127	131	136	142	152
Of retired workers	422	442	459	480	483	488	490	494	525	561
Of deceased workers	1,776	1,884	1,878	1,910	1,905	1,903	1,899	1,892	1,915	1,921
Of disabled workers	989	1,409	1,466	1,571	1,599	1,633	1,652	1,665	1,692	1,748
Widowed mothers ⁷ (1,000)	304	275	203	190	184	178	171	165	160	160
Widows and widowers ^{2,8} (1,000)	5,111	5,226	4,901	4,707	4,643	4,569	4,494	4,436	4,380	4,327
Parents ² (1,000)	6	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Special benefits ⁹ (1,000)	7	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CURRENT DOLLARS										
Retired workers ²	603	720	844	922	955	1,002	1,044	1,079	1,153	1,164
Retired worker and wife ²	1,027	1,221	1,420	1,535	1,586	1,660	1,726	1,776	1,894	1,913
Disabled workers ³	587	682	786	862	894	938	978	1,004	1,063	1,064
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	298	354	416	450	464	485	502	516	551	556
Children of retired workers	259	322	395	444	465	493	518	538	568	570
Children of deceased workers	406	469	550	603	625	656	684	704	745	747
Children of disabled workers	164	183	228	254	265	279	290	299	318	318
Widowed mothers ⁷	409	478	595	684	689	725	757	782	835	842
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	556	680	810	888	920	967	1,008	1,040	1,112	1,124
Parents ²	482	591	704	779	810	851	892	918	979	988
Special benefits ⁹	167	192	217	232	238	247	256	261	276	276
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CONSTANT (2007) DOLLARS¹⁰										
Retired workers ²	909	947	979	1,010	1,013	1,027	1,087	1,079	1,184	1,164
Retired worker and wife ²	1,549	1,605	1,647	1,681	1,682	1,702	1,796	1,776	1,946	1,913
Disabled workers ³	885	897	912	943	948	962	1,017	1,004	1,092	1,064
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	449	465	482	493	492	497	523	516	566	556
Children of deceased workers	612	617	638	660	663	673	711	704	766	747
Widowed mothers ⁷	617	628	690	727	731	743	787	782	858	842
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	839	894	939	972	976	991	1,049	1,040	1,142	1,124
Number of benefits awarded (1,000)	3,717	3,882	4,290	4,322	4,459	4,672	4,621	4,711	5,135	5,728
Retired workers ²	1,665	1,609	1,961	1,791	1,883	2,000	1,999	2,036	2,279	2,740
Disabled workers ³	468	646	622	777	796	830	799	805	877	971
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	379	322	385	353	367	379	378	364	395	429
Children	695	809	777	852	859	908	897	902	961	1,008
Widowed mothers ⁷	58	52	40	39	40	38	36	34	33	33
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	452	445	505	508	514	517	512	570	590	547
Parents ²	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits ⁹	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING YEAR (bil. dol.)										
Total¹¹	247.8	332.6	407.6	470.8	493.3	520.8	552.8	585.0	615.4	675.5
Monthly benefits ¹²	247.6	332.4	407.4	470.6	493.1	520.6	552.6	584.8	615.2	675.3
Retired workers ²	156.8	205.3	253.5	291.5	304.3	321.7	342.9	364.3	384.0	424.0
Disabled workers ³	22.1	36.6	49.8	64.8	71.7	78.4	85.0	91.3	98.1	109.5
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	14.5	17.9	19.4	20.4	20.6	20.5	21.5	22.1	22.6	24.2
Children	12.0	16.1	19.3	22.3	23.3	24.5	25.8	27.0	28.2	30.2
Under age 18	9.0	11.9	14.1	16.2	17.0	17.9	18.8	19.5	20.1	21.2
Disabled children ⁵	2.5	3.6	4.6	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.8
Students ⁶	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2
Of retired workers	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.9
Of deceased workers	8.6	10.7	12.5	14.1	14.5	15.1	15.8	16.5	17.0	18.1
Of disabled workers	2.2	3.7	4.7	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.7	8.2
Widowed mothers ⁷	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	40.7	54.8	63.9	70.1	71.7	73.4	75.9	78.5	80.7	85.6
Parents ²	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Special benefits ⁹	(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. ¹ 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. ² 62 years and over. ³ Disabled workers under age 65. ⁴ Includes wife beneficiaries with entitled children in their care and entitled divorced wives. ⁵ 18 years old and over. Disability began before age 18. ⁶ Full-time students aged 18 and 19. ⁷ Includes surviving divorced mothers with entitled children in their care and widowed fathers with entitled children in their care. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Benefits for persons aged 72 and over not insured under regular or transitional provisions of Social Security Act. ¹⁰ Constant dollar figures are based on the consumer price index (CPI-U) for December as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. ¹¹ Represents total disbursements of benefit checks by the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the years specified. ¹² Distribution by type estimated.

Source: U.S. Social Security Administration, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*, 2009, and unpublished data. See also <<http://www.ssa.gov/policy>>.