

Table 533. Social Security (OASDI)—Benefits by Type of Beneficiary: 1990 to 2007

[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 534, and Appendix III]

Type of beneficiary	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of benefits¹ (1,000)	39,832	43,387	45,415	45,878	46,444	47,038	47,688	48,434	49,123	49,865
Retired workers ² (1,000)	24,838	26,673	28,499	28,837	29,190	29,532	29,953	30,461	30,976	31,528
Disabled workers ³ (1,000)	3,011	4,185	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,874	6,198	6,519	6,807	7,099
Wives and husbands ^{2,4} (1,000)	3,367	3,290	2,963	2,899	2,833	2,773	2,722	2,680	2,632	2,585
Children (1,000)	3,187	3,734	3,803	3,839	3,910	3,961	3,986	4,025	4,041	4,051
Under age 18	2,497	2,956	2,976	2,994	3,043	3,080	3,097	3,130	3,133	3,120
Disabled children ⁵	600	686	729	737	745	753	759	769	777	795
Students ⁶	89	92	98	109	123	128	130	127	131	136
Of retired workers	422	442	459	467	477	480	483	488	490	494
Of deceased workers	1,776	1,884	1,878	1,890	1,908	1,910	1,905	1,903	1,899	1,892
Of disabled workers	989	1,409	1,466	1,482	1,526	1,571	1,599	1,633	1,652	1,665
Widowed mothers ⁷ (1,000)	304	275	203	197	194	190	184	178	171	165
Widows and widowers ^{2,8} (1,000)	5,111	5,226	4,901	4,828	4,771	4,707	4,643	4,569	4,494	4,436
Parents ² (1,000)	6	4	3	3	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	874	895	922	955	1,002	1,044	1,079
Retired worker and wife ²	1,027	1,221	1,420	1,466	1,494	1,535	1,586	1,660	1,726	1,776
Disabled workers ³	587	682	786	814	834	862	894	938	978	1,004
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	298	354	416	430	439	450	464	485	502	516
Children of retired workers	259	322	395	413	426	444	465	493	518	538
Children of deceased workers	406	469	550	571	585	603	625	656	684	704
Children of disabled workers	164	183	228	238	245	254	265	279	290	299
Widowed mothers ⁷	409	478	595	621	640	664	689	725	757	782
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	556	680	810	841	861	888	920	967	1,008	1,040
Parents ²	482	591	704	729	753	779	810	851	892	918
Special benefits ⁹	167	192	217	224	227	232	238	247	256	261
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CONSTANT (2007) DOLLARS¹⁰										
Retired workers ²	909	947	979	999	998	1,010	1,013	1,027	1,087	1,079
Retired worker and wife ²	1,549	1,605	1,647	1,674	1,667	1,681	1,682	1,702	1,796	1,776
Disabled workers ³	885	897	912	930	930	943	948	962	1,017	1,004
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	449	465	482	491	490	493	492	497	523	516
Children of deceased workers	612	617	638	652	653	660	663	673	711	704
Widowed mothers ⁷	617	628	690	709	714	727	731	743	787	782
Widows and widowers, nondisabled ²	839	894	939	960	960	972	976	991	1,049	1,040
Number of benefits awarded (1,000)	3,717	3,882	4,290	4,162	4,336	4,322	4,459	4,672	4,621	4,711
Retired workers ²	1,665	1,609	1,961	1,779	1,813	1,791	1,883	2,000	1,999	2,036
Disabled workers ³	468	646	622	691	750	777	796	830	799	805
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	379	322	385	358	363	353	367	379	378	364
Children	695	809	777	796	846	852	859	908	897	902
Widowed mothers ⁷	58	52	40	41	41	39	40	38	36	34
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	452	445	505	496	523	508	514	517	512	570
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	431.9	453.8	470.8	493.3	520.8	552.8	585.0
Monthly benefits ¹²	247.6	332.4	407.4	431.7	453.6	470.6	493.1	520.6	552.6	584.8
Retired workers ²	156.8	205.3	253.5	269.0	281.6	291.5	304.3	321.7	342.9	364.3
Disabled workers ³	22.1	36.6	49.8	54.2	59.9	64.8	71.7	78.4	85.0	91.3
Wives and husbands ^{2,4}	14.5	17.9	19.4	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.6	20.5	21.5	22.1
Children	12.0	16.1	19.3	20.4	21.5	22.3	23.3	24.5	25.8	27.0
Under age 18	9.0	11.9	14.1	14.8	15.7	16.2	17.0	17.9	18.8	19.5
Disabled children ⁵	2.5	3.6	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.5
Students ⁶	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
Of retired workers	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.3
Of deceased workers	8.6	10.7	12.5	13.1	13.7	14.1	14.5	15.1	15.8	16.5
Of disabled workers	2.2	3.7	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.3
Widowed mothers ⁷	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Widows and widowers ^{2,8}	40.7	54.8	63.9	66.8	68.8	70.1	71.7	73.4	75.9	78.5
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.