

6.D OASDI Benefits Awarded: Dependents and Survivors

Table 6.D1—Number of wives and husbands, by type of benefit, selected years 1950–2010

Year	Total	Wives with entitlement based on—		Husbands
		Care of children	Age	
<i>Wives and husbands of retired workers</i>				
1950	162,768	9,646	152,310	812
1955	288,915	21,692	263,816	3,407
1960	339,987	32,254	305,713	2,020
1965	321,015	44,087	275,717	1,211
1970	339,447	51,378	286,867	1,202
1975	350,558	60,184	289,600	774
1980	360,693	55,401	294,892	10,400
1981	338,540	50,993	277,641	9,906
1982	349,967	36,229	302,739	10,999
1983	356,274	35,309	308,922	12,043
1984	342,691	30,972	298,855	12,864
1985	356,558	30,454	312,849	13,255
1986	358,115	28,925	315,427	13,763
1987	333,333	26,099	294,499	12,735
1988	316,929	23,045	281,760	12,124
1989	310,498	21,285	278,655	10,558
1990	308,980	21,395	277,238	10,347
1991	307,000	21,154	276,236	9,610
1992	304,764	21,057	274,670	9,037
1993	290,728	19,945	262,240	8,543
1994	275,025	18,431	248,430	8,164
1995	258,740	17,214	233,731	7,795
1996	244,014	15,466	221,059	7,489
1997	268,012	14,040	246,229	7,743
1998	263,668	13,472	242,390	7,806
1999	275,568	13,521	253,559	8,488
2000	341,503	15,625	315,148	10,730
2001	314,547	13,743	289,757	11,047
2002	317,685	14,011	291,377	12,297
2003	305,831	12,832	280,883	12,116
2004	319,430	12,219	294,133	13,078
2005	329,225	11,630	303,976	13,619
2006	328,430	11,160	301,614	15,656
2007	316,782	10,471	291,985	14,326
2008	344,003	11,283	316,119	16,601
2009	375,123	12,530	343,296	19,297
2010	354,947	11,710	321,826	21,411

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Year	Total	Wives with entitlement based on—		Husbands
		Care of children	Age	
<i>Wives and husbands of disabled workers</i>				
1958 ^a	12,920	7,869	5,035	16
1959 ^b	54,299	32,844	21,301	154
1960	54,187	38,326	15,756	105
1965	69,183	55,230	13,813	140
1970	96,304	74,913	21,227	164
1975	148,741	116,624	31,942	175
1980	108,500	74,922	32,616	962
1981	95,575	64,333	30,360	882
1982	77,835	45,463	31,540	832
1983	80,079	43,820	35,369	890
1984	81,834	46,433	34,470	931
1985	83,511	48,522	34,101	888
1986	82,435	47,711	33,797	927
1987	77,316	43,881	31,652	1,783
1988	73,790	41,627	29,634	2,529
1989	69,113	39,212	27,750	2,151
1990	69,667	40,458	27,023	2,186
1991	72,754	43,543	26,747	2,464
1992	78,083	47,841	27,502	2,740
1993	74,605	45,602	26,276	2,727
1994	69,549	42,824	24,240	2,485
1995	63,097	37,972	22,833	2,292
1996	57,528	33,638	21,775	2,115
1997	50,818	25,779	23,329	1,710
1998	47,550	23,190	22,693	1,667
1999	46,164	21,949	22,557	1,658
2000	43,941	19,801	22,399	1,741
2001	43,412	19,535	21,979	1,898
2002	45,600	20,621	22,863	2,116
2003	47,183	20,580	24,269	2,334
2004	48,016	19,423	26,070	2,523
2005	50,187	18,877	28,679	2,631
2006	49,521	16,837	30,270	2,414
2007	47,583	15,529	29,539	2,515
2008	50,756	15,899	32,033	2,824
2009	54,112	16,963	33,980	3,169
2010	53,987	17,445	32,960	3,582

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Benefits not necessarily payable at time of award.

Beginning with 2006, individuals whose benefits have been reinstated under the Expedited Reinstatement provisions are no longer included. Therefore, the statistics reported in this publication differ from those reported by the Office of the Chief Actuary.

a. January–November.

b. Includes December 1958.

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Table 6.D3—Number and average monthly benefit for wives and husbands, by basis of entitlement, age, and sex, 2010

Basis of entitlement and age	Wives						Husbands	
	Total		Of retired workers		Of disabled workers			
	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)
All wives and husbands	383,941	419.60	333,536	438.50	50,405	294.10	24,993	342.00
By age								
By basis of entitlement								
Care of children	29,155	329.30	11,710	497.10	17,445	216.70	1,274	179.30
Under 35	6,616	185.10	708	421.10	5,908	156.90	300	126.80
35–39	4,243	246.20	848	440.80	3,395	197.60	221	144.50
40–44	4,631	299.70	1,351	462.70	3,280	232.60	246	173.60
45–49	4,673	369.60	2,069	494.90	2,604	270.00	216	189.40
50–54	3,760	438.00	2,330	522.90	1,430	299.70	145	211.80
55–59	2,669	501.90	2,104	543.20	565	348.70	83	280.50
60–61	1,137	548.20	1,008	570.50	129	372.10	33	325.90
62–64	1,426	425.10	1,292	436.50	134	315.30	30	337.10
Age								
62–64	354,786	427.00	321,826	436.40	32,960	335.10	23,719	350.70
62	235,833	382.20	206,740	390.20	29,093	325.40	7,549	276.20
63	144,830	366.10	121,179	375.90	23,651	315.80	3,329	235.80
64	44,566	369.30	41,422	371.60	3,144	338.90	1,733	257.30
65–69	46,437	444.90	44,139	447.00	2,298	405.80	2,487	343.50
65–69	106,413	530.80	103,071	534.80	3,342	408.90	11,212	426.00
65	39,057	450.40	37,582	452.60	1,475	392.10	2,523	345.40
66	46,386	632.30	45,327	636.70	1,059	444.60	4,476	520.40
67	10,536	475.40	10,168	478.30	368	395.90	1,827	394.80
68	6,155	443.00	5,908	445.50	247	384.50	1,346	377.10
69	4,279	427.90	4,086	429.40	193	397.00	1,040	333.30
70–74	9,279	388.20	8,870	387.10	409	410.70	3,040	294.60
75 or older	3,261	385.70	3,145	386.50	116	361.60	1,918	292.90
By sex								
Wives								
Not divorced	336,203	417.80	290,228	437.90	45,975	291.30	...	...
Divorced	47,738	431.70	43,308	442.80	4,430	323.30	...	...
Husbands of—								
Retired workers	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,411	360.40
Disabled workers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,582	231.90

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 6.D4—Number of children, by type of benefit, selected years 1940–2010

Year	All children	Children of—		
		Retired workers	Deceased workers	Disabled workers
		<i>Total</i>		
1957	313,163	81,842	231,321	...
1960	415,719	69,979	241,430	104,310
1965	783,202	134,187	451,399	197,616
1970	1,090,865	182,595	591,724	316,546
1975	1,331,913	225,579	591,118	515,216
1976	1,327,197	236,805	578,905	511,487
1977	1,365,513	259,447	587,589	518,477
1978	1,234,658	214,284	566,992	453,382
1979	1,191,521	247,800	544,549	399,172
1980	1,174,112	248,658	540,246	385,208
1981	1,086,547	211,406	535,487	339,654
1982	916,715	182,849	473,396	260,470
1983	752,839	144,945	380,992	226,895
1984	721,564	131,986	351,326	238,252
1985	713,632	128,076	332,531	253,025
1986	700,627	122,652	319,800	258,167
1987	685,299	117,984	310,573	256,742
1988	706,031	116,659	324,346	265,026
1989	675,362	106,491	307,484	261,387
1990	695,307	108,105	303,616	283,586
1991	726,908	107,261	301,459	318,188
1992	794,571	108,686	304,300	381,585
1993	816,454	106,566	311,290	398,598
1994	824,239	102,983	310,051	411,205
1995	808,578	101,239	306,044	401,295
1996	798,485	98,655	302,480	397,350
1997	757,346	97,594	297,204	362,548
1998	763,170	96,893	294,851	371,426
1999	773,166	99,826	295,196	378,144
2000	776,676	115,358	297,686	363,632
2001	796,174	110,680	302,445	383,049
2002	846,361	116,186	310,395	419,780
2003	852,354	111,992	305,409	434,953
2004	858,562	115,391	309,472	433,699
2005	907,547	123,494	314,786	469,267
2006	897,035	126,860	321,155	449,020
2007	902,296	126,678	322,326	453,292
2008	960,873	140,581	329,397	490,895
2009	1,007,671	156,412	319,127	532,132
2010	1,044,506	155,193	320,293	569,020

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Table 6.D4—Number of children, by type of benefit, selected years 1940–2010—Continued

Year	All children	Children of—		
		Retired workers	Deceased workers	Disabled workers
<i>Children under age 18</i>				
1940	59,382	8,249	51,133	...
1945	127,514	7,215	120,299	...
1950	122,641	25,495	97,146	...
1955	238,795	40,402	198,393	...
1960	391,366	57,239	231,611	102,516
1965	523,453	84,707	263,637	175,109
1970	678,940	99,353	337,960	241,627
1975	806,770	115,347	300,139	391,284
1980	573,828	111,610	227,139	235,079
1981	512,939	84,793	228,317	199,829
1982	457,445	81,502	222,738	153,205
1983	444,467	80,117	211,396	152,954
1984	449,242	74,328	202,163	172,721
1985	464,908	74,128	200,576	190,204
1986	465,115	70,915	196,008	198,192
1987	451,370	66,672	184,668	195,030
1988	452,519	63,586	192,278	196,655
1989	446,308	59,073	189,285	197,950
1990	468,439	60,588	189,792	218,059
1991	502,442	60,618	191,537	250,287
1992	559,725	61,034	192,689	306,002
1993	575,247	59,515	198,469	317,263
1994	586,342	57,677	201,598	327,067
1995	571,650	57,215	198,848	315,587
1996	561,687	56,126	194,333	311,228
1997	517,118	54,841	184,237	278,040
1998	516,100	54,218	182,118	279,764
1999	522,946	57,019	182,159	283,768
2000	525,390	68,440	184,762	272,188
2001	542,147	64,207	188,300	289,640
2002	578,906	66,992	192,226	319,688
2003	580,166	63,793	187,060	329,313
2004	578,844	65,490	188,435	324,919
2005	609,993	69,008	189,509	351,476
2006	585,334	69,819	189,654	325,861
2007	573,067	65,783	184,922	322,362
2008	605,931	73,528	183,754	348,649
2009	645,853	84,590	179,477	381,786
2010	662,361	79,649	173,723	408,989

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Table 6.D4—Number of children, by type of benefit, selected years 1940–2010—Continued

Year	All children	Children of—		
		Retired workers	Deceased workers	Disabled workers
<i>Disabled adult children</i>				
1957	29,507	17,249	12,258	...
1960	24,353	12,740	9,819	1,794
1965	21,398	10,017	8,668	2,713
1970	24,547	11,348	9,425	3,774
1975	32,707	14,636	11,182	6,889
1976	34,517	15,602	11,546	7,369
1977	36,210	--	--	7,885
1978	33,611	15,378	11,013	7,220
1979	33,419	15,967	10,999	6,453
1980	33,470	16,650	10,626	6,194
1981	30,545	15,365	9,745	5,435
1982	28,707	14,772	9,685	4,250
1983	33,639	17,309	11,223	5,107
1984	36,427	18,330	12,556	5,541
1985	39,083	19,661	12,709	6,713
1986	40,525	20,295	13,244	6,986
1987	39,665	20,761	12,117	6,787
1988	38,702	20,544	11,512	6,646
1989	37,001	19,668	10,975	6,358
1990	38,772	20,862	11,277	6,633
1991	41,086	21,850	11,684	7,552
1992	47,009	23,615	13,846	9,548
1993	47,246	23,173	13,819	10,254
1994	44,483	22,119	12,590	9,774
1995	43,275	21,566	11,930	9,779
1996	40,583	20,169	11,061	9,353
1997	38,701	19,611	10,616	8,474
1998	39,941	19,932	10,914	9,095
1999	41,748	20,467	11,430	9,851
2000	43,845	22,567	11,621	9,657
2001	43,042	21,307	11,872	9,863
2002	46,636	22,881	12,685	11,070
2003	47,235	22,024	12,920	12,291
2004	48,772	22,531	13,999	12,242
2005	53,807	25,154	14,982	13,671
2006	58,519	25,679	17,467	15,373
2007	67,517	28,359	20,368	18,790
2008	79,694	32,712	24,369	22,613
2009	79,769	35,734	22,821	21,214
2010	81,681	35,533	21,942	24,206

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Table 6.D4—Number of children, by type of benefit, selected years 1940–2010—Continued

Year	All children	Children of—		
		Retired workers	Deceased workers	Disabled workers
<i>Students</i>				
1965	238,351	39,463	179,094	19,794
1970	387,378	71,894	244,339	71,145
1975	492,436	95,596	279,797	117,043
1976	544,739	108,197	295,058	141,484
1977	574,760	--	--	148,227
1978	544,396	105,719	291,434	147,243
1979	553,889	117,118	292,766	144,005
1980	566,814	120,398	302,481	143,935
1981	543,063	111,248	297,425	134,390
1982	430,563	86,575	240,973	103,015
1983	274,726	47,519	158,373	68,834
1984	235,895	39,328	136,577	59,990
1985	209,641	34,287	119,246	56,108
1986	194,987	31,442	110,556	52,989
1987	194,264	30,551	108,788	54,925
1988	214,810	32,529	120,556	61,725
1989	192,053	27,750	107,224	57,079
1990	188,096	26,655	102,547	58,894
1991	183,380	24,793	98,238	60,349
1992	187,837	24,037	97,765	66,035
1993	193,961	23,878	99,002	71,081
1994	193,414	23,187	95,863	74,364
1995	193,653	22,458	95,266	75,929
1996	196,215	22,360	97,086	76,769
1997	201,527	23,142	102,351	76,034
1998	207,129	22,743	101,819	82,567
1999	208,472	22,340	101,607	84,525
2000	207,441	24,351	101,303	81,787
2001	210,985	25,166	102,273	83,546
2002	220,819	26,313	105,484	89,022
2003	224,953	26,175	105,429	93,349
2004	230,946	27,370	107,038	96,538
2005	243,747	29,332	110,295	104,120
2006	253,182	31,362	114,034	107,786
2007	261,712	32,536	117,036	112,140
2008	275,248	34,341	121,274	119,633
2009	282,049	36,088	116,829	129,132
2010	300,464	40,011	124,628	135,825

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

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Table 6.D5—Number and average monthly benefit for children, by type of benefit and age, 2010

Age	Total children		Children of—					
			Retired workers		Deceased workers		Disabled workers	
	Total number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)
All children								
Total	1,044,506	470.30	155,193	545.30	320,293	752.30	569,020	291.00
Children under age 18								
Subtotal	662,361	411.10	79,649	534.40	173,723	723.10	408,989	254.60
Under 1	48,033	286.30	2,230	466.30	8,616	640.90	37,187	193.30
1	21,614	331.00	1,120	476.60	5,939	638.60	14,555	194.30
2	23,514	347.60	1,405	470.70	6,788	659.90	15,321	197.90
3	25,095	352.50	1,644	472.40	7,214	659.30	16,237	204.10
4	26,631	359.60	1,915	465.40	7,666	674.90	17,050	206.00
5	28,246	363.60	2,196	469.00	7,982	675.80	18,068	212.90
6	29,912	372.50	2,439	465.20	8,461	690.20	19,012	219.20
7	31,829	376.80	2,769	474.80	8,872	695.30	20,188	223.30
8	34,163	386.80	3,083	482.00	9,520	704.80	21,560	232.80
9	36,575	395.90	3,695	484.10	10,040	717.70	22,840	240.20
10	38,907	401.80	4,190	494.30	10,635	721.70	24,082	244.40
11	41,101	414.30	4,791	498.50	11,018	734.00	25,292	259.00
12	43,700	422.00	5,509	513.90	11,344	738.20	26,847	269.60
13	46,333	439.60	6,394	532.00	11,673	760.00	28,266	286.40
14	48,936	453.40	7,277	548.30	12,212	764.30	29,447	301.10
15	50,622	478.00	8,435	561.60	12,810	775.50	29,377	324.30
16	49,535	510.90	10,242	595.10	12,857	787.80	26,436	343.70
17	37,615	545.80	10,315	619.60	10,076	810.60	17,224	346.80
Disabled adult children								
Subtotal	81,681	489.40	35,533	484.10	21,942	677.90	24,206	326.50
Under 20	28,345	475.50	5,649	483.50	10,632	679.80	12,064	291.60
20–24	15,623	488.80	5,244	510.50	4,434	677.10	5,945	329.40
25–29	11,068	507.10	5,861	501.30	2,285	688.30	2,922	376.90
30–34	10,220	515.30	6,755	497.90	1,609	700.20	1,856	418.20
35–39	8,908	493.10	6,707	475.30	1,170	681.50	1,031	394.80
40 or older	7,517	477.80	5,317	432.90	1,812	633.30	388	366.00
Students aged 18–19								
Subtotal	300,464	595.40	40,011	621.60	124,628	806.30	135,825	394.30
18	299,999	595.60	39,906	621.80	124,495	806.50	135,598	394.40
19	465	463.10	105	549.20	133	608.70	227	338.00

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Table 6.D6—Number of mothers and fathers, by type of benefit, 1950–2010

Year	Total	Mothers	Fathers	Widowed			Surviving divorced mothers and fathers
				Subtotal	With at least 1 child under age 16 ^a	Entitled solely because of at least 1 disabled child ^b	
1950	41,101	41,101	...	41,089	41,089	...	12
1951	78,323	78,323	...	78,181	78,181	...	142
1952	64,875	64,875	...	64,776	64,776	...	99
1953	71,945	71,945	...	71,861	71,861	...	84
1954	70,775	70,775	...	70,699	70,699	...	76
1955	76,018	76,018	...	75,927	75,927	...	91
1956	67,475	67,475	...	67,410	67,410	...	65
1957	88,174	88,174	...	88,102	86,088	2,014	72
1958 ^c	81,467	81,467	...	81,392	80,130	1,262	75
1959 ^d	102,020	102,020	...	101,933	100,234	1,699	87
1960	92,607	92,607	...	92,507	90,939	1,568	100
1961	98,449	98,449	...	98,374	96,778	1,596	75
1962	99,925	99,925	...	99,835	98,099	1,736	90
1963	104,960	104,960	...	104,866	102,828	2,038	94
1964	106,249	106,249	...	106,137	103,778	2,359	112
1965	100,005	100,005	...	99,804	97,972	1,832	201
1966	107,135	107,135	...	106,677	105,270	1,407	458
1967	110,762	110,762	...	110,283	108,842	1,441	479
1968	113,765	113,765	...	113,323	111,869	1,454	442
1969	116,922	116,922	...	116,434	115,035	1,399	488
1970	112,377	112,377	...	111,887	110,459	1,428	490
1971	116,548	116,548	...	115,996	114,266	1,730	552
1972	117,699	117,699	...	117,034	113,822	3,212	665
1973	118,775	118,775	...	112,511	109,574	2,937	6,264
1974	109,221	109,221	...	102,584	99,705	2,879	6,637
1975	116,224	111,372	4,852	108,002	103,597	4,405	8,222
1976	113,520	107,339	6,181	105,158	99,781	5,377	8,362
1977	118,821	111,473	7,348	109,050	103,492	5,558	9,771
1978	110,015	103,391	6,624	100,247	96,834	3,413	9,768
1979	110,424	103,805	6,619	99,413	96,249	3,164	11,011
1980	107,809	99,922	7,887	96,005	92,768	3,237	11,804
1981	99,653	92,138	7,515	81,079	78,069	3,010	11,059
1982	86,786	80,198	6,588	70,019	67,301	2,718	10,179
1983	82,464	76,271	6,193	66,711	63,304	3,407	9,560
1984	73,794	68,164	5,630	59,256	54,962	4,294	8,908
1985	72,241	66,992	5,249	62,881	58,507	4,374	9,360
1986	69,340	64,147	5,193	60,200	55,639	4,561	9,140
1987	64,777	59,626	5,151	56,329	52,051	4,278	8,448
1988	62,676	57,859	4,817	54,833	50,655	4,178	7,843
1989	59,525	54,916	4,609	51,992	48,226	3,766	7,533
1990	58,060	53,346	4,714	50,879	47,673	3,206	7,181
1991	57,896	52,889	5,007	50,787	47,695	3,092	7,109
1992	56,402	51,273	5,129	49,341	46,302	3,039	7,061
1993	56,408	51,358	5,050	49,465	46,420	3,045	6,943
1994	54,732	49,825	4,907	48,217	45,346	2,871	6,515

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6.D OASDI Benefits Awarded: Dependents and Survivors

Table 6.D6—Number of mothers and fathers, by type of benefit, 1950–2010—Continued

Year	Total	Mothers	Fathers	Widowed			Surviving divorced mothers and fathers
				Subtotal	With at least 1 child under age 16 ^a	Entitled solely because of at least 1 disabled child ^b	
1995	51,645	46,874	4,771	45,368	42,817	2,551	6,277
1996	49,150	44,732	4,418	43,538	41,192	2,346	5,612
1997	43,504	39,805	3,699	38,565	36,396	2,169	4,939
1998	42,395	38,533	3,862	37,739	35,577	2,162	4,656
1999	41,756	37,926	3,830	37,271	35,092	2,179	4,485
2000	40,491	36,521	3,970	36,197	34,241	1,956	4,294
2001	41,323	37,106	4,217	36,728	34,753	1,975	4,595
2002	40,829	36,534	4,295	36,186	34,264	1,922	4,643
2003	39,206	34,712	4,494	34,797	32,979	1,818	4,409
2004	40,030	35,499	4,531	35,876	34,176	1,700	4,154
2005	38,248	34,036	4,212	34,256	32,872	1,384	3,992
2006	35,981	31,995	3,986	32,216	30,954	1,262	3,765
2007	33,597	29,869	3,728	29,954	28,691	1,263	3,643
2008	32,717	28,831	3,886	29,215	28,003	1,212	3,502
2009	32,878	28,612	4,266	29,262	27,992	1,270	3,616
2010	31,797	27,528	4,269	28,330	27,056	1,274	3,467

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTE: . . . = not applicable.

- a. Prior to August 1981, benefits were payable to mothers and fathers caring for a child under age 18. For mothers and fathers caring for a child who was at least age 14 and who were entitled in August 1981, benefits were continued until the child attained age 18 or September 1983, whichever came earlier.
- b. Excludes mothers and fathers who had both disabled and nondisabled entitled children in their care.
- c. January–November.
- d. Includes December 1958.

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6.D OASDI Benefits Awarded: Dependents and Survivors

Table 6.D7—Number and average monthly benefit for widow(er)s, by age and sex, 2010

Age, sex, and type of benefit	Nondisabled				Disabled widow(er)s		Widowed mothers and fathers	
	Widows		Widowers		Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)
	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)	Number	Average monthly benefit ^a (dollars)				
All widow(er)s	478,434	932.90	38,530	674.70	33,259	666.80	31,797	821.20
By age								
Under 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	949	631.60
25–29	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,382	679.60
30–34	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,936	698.40
35–39	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,680	764.20
40–44	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,543	841.30
45–49	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,299	906.50
50–54	...	...	...	...	16,298	663.20	3,742	941.80
55–59	...	...	...	...	16,707	668.90	1,624	931.50
60–64	156,027	1,087.90	18,057	863.40	248	759.70	541	844.20
60	64,719	1,087.60	6,695	838.30	119	698.80	163	843.50
61	25,785	1,127.80	5,257	858.30	74	862.80	144	890.00
62	24,292	1,081.20	2,637	919.60	27	765.00	97	813.40
63	20,776	1,052.10	1,746	873.30	21	772.00	80	818.30
64	20,455	1,082.80	1,722	880.80	7	646.50	57	819.40
65–69	103,449	926.20	7,322	740.50	6	550.30	101	844.30
65	48,453	1,013.90	3,429	895.90	6	550.30	101	844.30
66	17,861	997.60	1,469	795.80	...	...	...	...
67	12,867	798.20	961	500.10	...	...	...	...
68	12,401	770.10	775	492.50	...	...	...	...
69	11,867	762.70	688	463.20	...	...	...	...
70–74	61,021	747.10	3,537	396.40	...	...	...	...
70	11,949	756.50	671	392.80	...	...	...	...
71	12,313	734.60	692	405.00	...	...	...	...
72	12,316	736.20	690	399.20	...	...	...	...
73	12,223	755.60	707	381.70	...	...	...	...
74	12,220	752.90	777	402.70	...	...	...	...
75–79	61,626	803.10	3,487	381.00	...	...	...	...
75	12,718	773.50	710	368.70	...	...	...	...
76	11,951	790.20	704	395.70	...	...	...	...
77	12,323	796.60	712	391.20	...	...	...	...
78	12,343	822.50	644	372.20	...	...	...	...
79	12,291	833.40	717	376.50	...	...	...	...
80 or older	96,311	889.90	6,127	367.80	...	...	...	...
By sex								
Men	...	...	38,530	674.70	2,740	510.10	4,269	691.30
Women	478,434	932.90	...	...	30,519	680.90	27,528	841.30
Widow or mother	411,667	928.80	...	...	25,966	678.00	24,372	842.80
Surviving divorced wife or mother	66,767	957.90	...	...	4,553	697.30	3,156	830.50

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Effective 2006, age is based on date of entitlement and not date of award. Entitlement can be retroactive and thus precede the date of award.

... = not applicable.

a. Benefits awarded before the December cost-of-living increase are converted to the December rates before averages are computed.

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6.D OASDI Benefits Awarded: Dependents and Survivors

Table 6.D8—Number of widow(er)s, by type of benefit, 1950–2010

Year	Total	Entitled because of age		Entitled because of disability	
		Widows	Widowers	Widows	Widowers
1950	66,735	66,672	63	...	...
1951	89,591	89,324	267	...	...
1952	92,302	91,992	310	...	...
1953	112,866	112,467	399	...	...
1954	128,026	127,626	400	...	...
1955	140,624	140,273	351	...	...
1956	253,524	253,191	333	...	...
1957	244,633	244,172	461	...	...
1958 ^a	199,320	198,948	372	...	...
1959 ^b	252,683	252,100	583	...	...
1960	239,267	238,813	454	...	...
1961	251,275	250,606	669	...	...
1962	267,051	266,465	586	...	...
1963	278,709	278,138	571	...	...
1964	283,263	282,689	574	...	...
1965	359,431	358,875	556	...	...
1966	403,595	403,035	560	...	...
1967	355,589	355,032	557	...	...
1968	375,391	352,280	604	22,438	69
1969	375,753	353,928	625	21,127	73
1970	363,216	347,031	576	15,546	63
1971	381,262	363,689	551	16,960	62
1972	402,809	382,452	544	19,739	74
1973	372,167	351,793	651	19,660	63
1974	363,693	343,317	550	19,793	33
1975	377,246	353,249	476	23,476	45
1976	385,373	362,229	489	22,603	52
1977	416,735	383,057	10,416	22,981	281
1978	403,679	375,750	9,022	18,553	354
1979	445,555	418,883	9,272	17,136	264
1980	452,156	424,690	11,412	15,789	265
1981	480,772	453,307	13,311	13,868	286
1982	492,451	465,070	14,941	12,222	218
1983	501,688	470,764	16,512	14,144	268
1984	499,677	464,979	17,533	16,847	318
1985	501,673	467,197	17,390	16,759	327
1986	491,052	454,903	17,731	18,033	385
1987	475,035	440,803	17,836	16,062	334
1988	457,574	424,107	18,139	14,979	349
1989	449,139	416,154	17,817	14,830	338
1990	451,862	417,925	18,513	15,058	366
1991	468,788	420,190	19,008	28,951	639
1992	472,078	419,413	19,430	32,477	758
1993	466,198	414,941	19,422	31,036	799
1994	459,340	410,323	19,114	29,075	828
1995	444,899	396,725	18,577	28,762	835
1996	438,081	390,962	18,508	27,783	828
1997	440,076	393,014	18,516	27,691	855
1998	443,669	395,231	19,039	28,494	905
1999	469,806	419,205	20,951	28,654	996

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6.D OASDI Benefits Awarded: Dependents and Survivors

Table 6.D8—Number of widow(er)s, by type of benefit, 1950–2010—Continued

Year	Total	Entitled because of age		Entitled because of disability	
		Widows	Widowers	Widows	Widowers
2000	505,021	453,334	23,645	26,997	1,045
2001	495,848	443,267	24,309	27,179	1,093
2002	522,537	465,627	27,306	28,211	1,393
2003	508,306	451,583	28,209	27,130	1,384
2004	513,839	456,732	29,033	26,621	1,453
2005	516,949	457,549	29,579	28,127	1,694
2006	512,320	453,754	29,884	27,067	1,615
2007	569,862	509,524	31,528	27,066	1,744
2008	589,940	524,757	34,578	28,500	2,105
2009	547,495	478,914	37,063	29,174	2,344
2010	550,223	478,434	38,530	30,519	2,740

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Beginning with 2006, individuals whose benefits have been reinstated under the Expedited Reinstatement provisions are no longer included. Therefore, the statistics reported in this publication differ from those reported by the Office of the Chief Actuary.

. . . = not applicable.

- a. January–November.
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Table 6.D9—Number and average amount of lump-sum death payment awards, 1940–2010

Year	Number of—		Average lump sum per worker (dollars)
	Deceased workers	Lump-sum payments	
1940	61,080	75,095	145.79
1941	90,941	117,303	144.58
1942	103,322	134,991	144.77
1943	122,185	163,011	145.66
1944	151,869	205,117	145.68
1945	178,813	247,012	146.05
1946	179,588	250,706	151.74
1947	181,992	218,787	162.16
1948	200,090	213,096	161.50
1949	202,154	212,614	164.02
1950	200,411	209,960	147.81
1951	414,470	431,229	138.24
1952	437,896	456,531	178.20
1953	511,986	532,846	174.16
1954	516,158	536,341	207.86
1955	566,830	589,612	202.72
1956	546,984	572,291	200.80
1957	689,282	718,672	201.63
1958 ^a	656,825	683,964	202.52
1959 ^b	822,413	855,032	212.67
1960	778,660	809,194	211.55
1961	813,464	843,308	210.46
1962	865,217	892,261	212.02
1963	968,651	1,015,536	212.61
1964	1,011,414	1,073,044	213.94
1965	989,848	1,046,874	226.01
1966	1,060,335	1,138,317	224.00
1967	1,133,787	1,217,980	222.51
1968	1,158,666	1,216,910	236.30
1969	1,253,467	1,295,897	232.60
1970	1,220,248	1,257,687	243.90
1971	1,251,831	1,283,924	244.20
1972	1,290,133	1,320,637	247.90
1973	1,299,223	1,325,833	253.10
1974	1,285,221	1,307,890	254.64
1975	1,334,914	1,344,095	252.47
1976	1,321,516	1,328,008	251.60
1977	1,227,390	1,240,304	254.17
1978	1,437,275	1,451,140	254.65
1979	1,500,944	1,515,614	254.68
1980	1,552,617	1,566,330	254.70
1981	1,305,261	1,321,565	254.72
1982	797,096	808,041	255.00
1983	805,524	807,537	255.00
1984	825,494	831,761	255.00
1985	823,053	825,395	255.00
1986	809,487	811,946	255.00
1987	810,066	812,814	255.00
1988	839,802	842,037	255.00
1989	829,682	831,825	255.00

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Table 6.D9—Number and average amount of lump-sum death payment awards, 1940–2010—Continued

Year	Number of—		Average lump sum per worker (dollars)
	Deceased workers	Lump-sum payments	
1990	830,799	832,900	255.00
1991	847,838	850,100	255.00
1992	855,073	857,614	255.00
1993	860,861	863,492	255.00
1994	852,289	855,278	255.00
1995	835,360	838,015	255.00
1996	832,304	835,277	255.00
1997	825,176	828,072	255.00
1998	833,770	836,468	255.00
1999	873,890	876,878	255.00
2000	845,135	850,411	255.00
2001	843,983	849,102	255.00
2002	837,338	842,060	255.00
2003	817,591	821,613	255.00
2004	821,491	826,408	255.00
2005	827,492	830,912	255.00
2006	817,859	821,581	255.00
2007	801,546	806,447	255.00
2008	814,112	816,878	255.00
2009	775,580	807,601	255.00
2010	782,649	816,767	255.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

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