

**Table 46.**  
**Number, average primary insurance amount, and average monthly family benefit, by family composition, 2008**

Family composition	Number of families	Number of beneficiaries	Average primary insurance amount (dollars)	Average monthly family benefit <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Percentage of families receiving maximum family benefit <sup>b</sup>
Worker only					
Men	368,933	368,933	1,244.50	1,212.90	10.8
Women	340,725	340,725	947.60	928.60	22.4
Worker with children					
By sex of worker					
Men	80,565	217,018	1,224.60	1,750.80	86.3
Women	68,165	182,139	940.70	1,275.60	88.9
By number of children					
1 child	79,885	159,770	1,113.90	1,540.30	84.8
2 children	45,640	136,920	1,092.70	1,556.20	90.3
3 or more children	23,205	102,467	1,031.40	1,462.30	91.2
Worker with—					
Spouse aged 62 or older <sup>c</sup>	6,674	13,376	1,612.00	1,913.60	8.2
Spouse aged 62 or older and 1 or more children	183	602	1,482.60	2,347.90	65.6
Spouse and 1 child	4,066	12,203	1,288.40	1,892.20	88.2
Spouse and 2 children	4,179	16,716	1,248.90	1,828.90	88.4
Spouse and 3 or more children	3,425	19,109	1,188.10	1,723.30	89.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account. The data may understate the number of families with dependents because records of awards to dependents made in a different calendar year are not available for inclusion.

Data exclude expedited reinstatement cases; they include beneficiaries whose benefits are being withheld.

- a. Benefits awarded before the December cost-of-living increase are converted to the December rates before averages are computed.
- b. Includes families and worker-only beneficiaries for whom the primary insurance amount is equal to the family maximum amount.
- c. If the spouse is also entitled to a retired-worker benefit, only the benefit amount received as a spouse is included.

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## Awards to Disabled-Worker Families

**Table 47.**  
**Distribution, by family composition and age of worker, 2008**

Family composition	Total, all ages	Under 30	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54	55–59	60– FRA
<i>Number</i>									
Worker only	709,658	54,839	21,953	31,433	55,351	89,507	145,797	184,335	126,443
Worker with—									
Spouse									
Aged 62 or older <sup>a</sup>	6,857	1	2	2	9	46	210	1,137	5,450
Child in care	11,670	1,056	1,249	1,811	2,114	2,067	1,688	1,173	512
Children									
1 child	79,885	6,986	5,429	9,293	14,862	15,988	14,786	8,916	3,625
2 children	45,640	4,805	6,261	9,722	10,282	7,191	4,561	2,138	680
3 or more children	23,205	2,990	4,874	6,082	4,547	2,522	1,386	629	175
Families receiving maximum benefit <sup>b</sup>	257,471	43,788	22,473	32,033	39,448	38,373	38,473	29,811	13,072
<i>Percent</i>									
Worker only	100.0	7.7	3.1	4.4	7.8	12.6	20.5	26.0	17.8
Worker with—									
Spouse									
Aged 62 or older <sup>a</sup>	100.0	c	c	c	0.1	0.7	3.1	16.6	79.5
Child in care	100.0	9.0	10.7	15.5	18.1	17.7	14.5	10.1	4.4
Children									
1 child	100.0	8.7	6.8	11.6	18.6	20.0	18.5	11.2	4.5
2 children	100.0	10.5	13.7	21.3	22.5	15.8	10.0	4.7	1.5
3 or more children	100.0	12.9	21.0	26.2	19.6	10.9	6.0	2.7	0.8
Families receiving maximum benefit <sup>b</sup>	29.4	62.0	56.5	54.9	45.3	32.7	22.8	15.0	9.5

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Annual Award and Termination Transaction file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account. The data may understate the number of families with dependents because records of awards to dependents made in a different calendar year are not available for inclusion.

Data exclude expedited reinstatement cases; they include beneficiaries whose benefits are being withheld.

Starting with 2007, age is based on date of entitlement and not date of award. Entitlement can be retroactive and thus precede the date of award.

FRA = full retirement age.

a. Includes spouses aged 62 or older with children.

b. Includes families and worker-only beneficiaries for whom the primary insurance amount is equal to the family maximum amount.

c. Less than 0.05 percent.

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