

**Table 545. Social Security (OASDI)—Benefits by Type of Beneficiary: 1990 to 2010**

[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 headline, Table 546, and Appendix III]

Type of beneficiary	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Number of benefits<sup>1</sup> (1,000)</b> . . . . .	<b>39,832</b>	<b>43,387</b>	<b>45,415</b>	<b>47,688</b>	<b>48,434</b>	<b>49,123</b>	<b>49,865</b>	<b>50,898</b>	<b>52,523</b>	<b>54,032</b>
Retired workers <sup>2</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	24,838	26,673	28,499	29,953	30,461	30,976	31,528	32,274	33,514	34,593
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	3,011	4,185	5,042	6,198	6,519	6,807	7,099	7,427	7,788	8,204
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	3,367	3,290	2,963	2,722	2,680	2,632	2,585	2,525	2,502	2,477
Children (1,000) . . . . .	3,187	3,734	3,803	3,986	4,025	4,041	4,051	4,132	4,231	4,313
Under age 18 . . . . .	2,497	2,956	2,976	3,097	3,130	3,133	3,120	3,118	3,158	3,209
Disabled children <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	600	686	729	759	769	777	795	871	921	949
Students <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	89	92	98	130	127	131	136	142	152	155
Of retired workers . . . . .	422	442	459	483	488	490	494	525	561	580
Of deceased workers . . . . .	1,776	1,884	1,878	1,905	1,903	1,899	1,892	1,915	1,921	1,913
Of disabled workers . . . . .	989	1,409	1,466	1,599	1,633	1,652	1,665	1,692	1,748	1,820
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	304	275	203	184	178	171	165	160	160	158
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	5,111	5,226	4,901	4,643	4,569	4,494	4,436	4,380	4,327	4,286
Parents <sup>2</sup> (1,000) . . . . .	6	4	3	2	2	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	844	955	1,002	1,044	1,079	1,153	1,164	1,176
Retired worker and wife <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,027	1,221	1,420	1,586	1,660	1,726	1,776	1,894	1,913	1,930
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	587	682	786	894	938	978	1,004	1,063	1,064	1,068
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> . . . . .	298	354	416	464	485	502	516	551	556	561
Children of retired workers . . . . .	259	322	395	465	493	518	538	568	570	577
Children of deceased workers . . . . .	406	469	550	625	656	684	704	745	747	752
Children of disabled workers . . . . .	164	183	228	265	279	290	299	318	318	318
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	409	478	595	689	725	757	782	835	842	849
Widows and widowers, nondisabled <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	556	680	810	920	967	1,008	1,040	1,112	1,124	1,134
Parents <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	482	591	704	810	851	892	918	979	988	998
Special benefits <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	167	192	217	238	247	256	261	276	276	276
<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT, CONSTANT (2010) DOLLARS<sup>10</sup></b>										
Retired workers <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	988	1,028	1,064	1,100	1,116	1,134	1,126	1,202	1,182	1,176
Retired worker and wife <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,682	1,744	1,789	1,827	1,849	1,875	1,854	1,975	1,942	1,930
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	962	974	991	1,030	1,045	1,062	1,048	1,109	1,081	1,068
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> . . . . .	488	506	524	534	540	546	538	575	564	561
Children of deceased workers . . . . .	665	670	693	720	731	743	735	777	759	752
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	670	683	750	794	807	822	816	871	854	849
Widows and widowers, nondisabled <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	911	971	1,021	1,060	1,077	1,095	1,086	1,160	1,141	1,134
<b>Number of benefits awarded (1,000)</b> . . . . .	<b>3,717</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>5,697</b>
Retired workers <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,665	1,609	1,961	1,883	2,000	1,999	2,036	2,279	2,740	2,634
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	468	646	622	796	830	799	805	877	971	1,027
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> . . . . .	379	322	385	367	379	378	364	395	429	409
Children . . . . .	695	809	777	859	908	897	902	961	1,008	1,045
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	58	52	40	40	38	36	34	33	33	32
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup> . . . . .	452	445	505	514	517	512	570	590	547	550
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>407.6</b>	<b>493.3</b>	<b>520.8</b>	<b>552.8</b>	<b>585.0</b>	<b>615.4</b>	<b>675.5</b>	<b>701.6</b>
Monthly benefits <sup>12</sup> . . . . .	247.6	332.4	407.4	493.1	520.6	552.6	584.8	615.2	675.3	701.4
Retired workers <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	156.8	205.3	253.5	304.3	321.7	342.9	364.3	384.0	424.0	443.4
Disabled workers <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	22.1	36.6	49.8	71.7	78.4	85.0	91.3	98.1	109.5	115.1
Wives and husbands <sup>2,4</sup> . . . . .	14.5	17.9	19.4	20.6	20.5	21.5	22.1	22.6	24.2	24.6
Children . . . . .	12.0	16.1	19.3	23.3	24.5	25.8	27.0	28.2	30.2	30.7
Under age 18 . . . . .	9.0	11.9	14.1	17.0	17.9	18.8	19.5	20.1	21.2	21.4
Disabled children <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	2.5	3.6	4.6	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.8	8.0
Students <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
Of retired workers . . . . .	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.1
Of deceased workers . . . . .	8.6	10.7	12.5	14.5	15.1	15.8	16.5	17.0	18.1	18.0
Of disabled workers . . . . .	2.2	3.7	4.7	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.7	8.2	8.5
Widowed mothers <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Widows and widowers <sup>2,8</sup> . . . . .	40.7	54.8	63.9	71.7	73.4	75.9	78.5	80.7	85.6	86.0
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.

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