

OASDI Benefits in Current-Payment Status

Table 4.
OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, September 2002–September 2003

Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
2002				
September	6,857	4,787	191	1,879
October	6,863	4,783	191	1,888
November	6,871	4,781	192	1,898
December	6,875	4,773	194	1,908
2003				
January	6,835	4,745	177	1,914
February	6,843	4,741	178	1,924
March	6,855	4,737	181	1,937
April	6,866	4,737	183	1,946
May	6,873	4,735	185	1,953
June	6,835	4,731	187	1,917
July	6,786	4,729	186	1,870
August	6,788	4,726	186	1,876
September	6,798	4,725	188	1,885
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
2002				
September	5,192	3,993	120	1,079
October	5,198	3,992	120	1,086
November	5,208	3,993	121	1,093
December	5,285	4,045	124	1,115
2003				
January	5,257	4,024	111	1,123
February	5,267	4,024	113	1,130
March	5,278	4,025	115	1,139
April	5,288	4,027	116	1,145
May	5,296	4,029	117	1,150
June	5,277	4,029	119	1,128
July	5,249	4,030	120	1,099
August	5,254	4,031	120	1,103
September	5,264	4,033	122	1,109

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Month	All beneficiaries	Widow(er)s and parents ^a	Widowed mothers and fathers ^b	Children
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
2002				
September	757.20	834.10	628.00	574.40
October	757.40	834.60	628.50	574.90
November	758.00	835.20	630.60	576.00
December	768.70	847.40	640.20	584.60
2003				
January	769.20	848.10	629.20	586.60
February	769.60	848.80	631.00	587.20
March	769.90	849.60	632.60	587.80
April	770.20	850.20	634.00	588.40
May	770.60	850.80	635.20	588.80
June	772.00	851.60	639.20	588.60
July	773.50	852.20	643.90	587.50
August	774.10	853.00	645.10	588.00
September	774.40	853.60	646.60	588.50

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

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

- a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s aged 60 or older, disabled widow(er)s aged 50 or older, and dependent parents of deceased workers aged 62 or older.
- b. A widow(er) or surviving divorced parent caring for the entitled child of a deceased worker who is under age 16 or is disabled.

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