Table 2.OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, July 2003–July 2004

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2003						
July	32,508	29,395	2,643	470		
August	32,534	29,425	2,638	471		
September	32,570	29,462	2,635	474		
October	32,603	29,495	2,632	476		
November	32,620	29,515	2,627	478		
December	32,633	29,532	2,622	480		
2004						
January	32,685	29,589	2,613	482		
February	32,719	29,626	2,608	485		
March	32,719	29,631	2,600	488		
April	32,736	29,649	2,596	490		
May	32,767	29,682	2,593	493		
June	32,792	29,718	2,589	484		
July	32,823	29,766	2,585	472		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2003						
July	27,832	26,434	1,195	202		
August	27,875	26,478	1,194	203		
September	27,923	26,525	1,193	205		
October	27,968	26,570	1,191	206		
November	28,040	26,641	1,191	208		
December	28,658	27,231	1,214	213		
2004						
January	28,752	27,326	1,211	215		
February	28,806	27,380	1,209	217		
March	28,821	27,397	1,206	218		
April	28,850	27,426	1,204	220		
May	28,893	27,469	1,202	221		
June	28,935	27,517	1,201	217		
July	28,985	27,574	1,200	212		
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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2003						
July	856.20	899.30	452.40	430.70		
August	856.80	899.80	452.60	431.60		
September	857.30	900.30	452.60	432.20		
October	857.80	900.80	452.70	432.80		
November	859.60	902.60	453.50	434.40		
December	878.20	922.10	463.10	444.20		
2004						
January	879.70	923.50	463.40	446.00		
February	880.40	924.20	463.60	446.90		
March	880.90	924.60	463.70	447.70		
April	881.30	925.00	463.80	448.40		
May	881.80	925.50	463.80	448.70		
June	882.40	925.90	463.90	448.90		
July	883.10	926.40	464.10	448.40		

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.

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