

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

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children
<i>Number (thousands)</i>				
2003				
March	32,399	29,256	2,660	484
April	32,435	29,292	2,656	487
May	32,466	29,325	2,652	489
June	32,481	29,353	2,646	481
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
<i>Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)</i>				
2003				
March	27,655	26,246	1,202	208
April	27,706	26,296	1,200	210
May	27,749	26,340	1,199	211
June	27,784	26,380	1,197	207
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

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OASDI Benefits in Current-Payment Status

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children
<i>Average monthly benefit (dollars)</i>				
2003				
March	853.60	897.10	451.80	429.50
April	854.20	897.70	452.00	430.20
May	854.70	898.20	452.00	430.90
June	855.40	898.70	452.20	431.00
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

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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