Table 9.

OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, January 2005–December 2005

		Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers	
Month	All beneficiaries	and parents ^a	and fathers ^b	Children
		Number (tho	usands)	
January	85	53	3	28
February	75	44	3	27
March	83	49	4	30
April	81	48	4	29
May	75	46	3	26
June	66	41	3	22
July	70	43	3	24
August	70	42	3	24
September	65	37	3	25
October	73	41	3	29
November	78	44	3	31
December	54	30	2	22
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)			
January	758.30	821.10	701.50	647.50
February	716.10	764.60	691.80	641.90
March	709.90	753.00	687.70	642.90
April	701.90	739.70	675.20	642.50
May	699.00	737.50	684.20	632.80
June	696.90	740.50	691.40	618.70
July	701.90	748.00	687.70	622.50
August	698.80	742.60	682.70	625.00
September	700.50	745.10	680.30	636.00
October	697.50	744.00	672.90	634.50
November	698.80	744.70	686.50	634.70
December	738.70	782.40	707.80	682.80

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

NOTE: Award actions are processed not only for new beneficiaries but also for persons already on the rolls whose benefits in one category are terminated but who become entitled to another type of benefit. These actions are called conversions. Benefit conversions are included in the data, except for conversions of benefits for children of retired workers to benefits for children of deceased workers upon the death of the worker.

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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.