### CALENDAR YEAR

#### Beneficiaries (December 31)

**Retired workers & families**
- **Retired workers**: 31,525, 32,273, 33,275, 34,270, 35,233, 36,431, 37,820, 39,250, 40,746, 42,327, 43,992, 45,738, 47,559
- **Wives & husbands**: 2,431, 2,370, 2,323, 2,268, 2,221, 2,184, 2,149, 2,110, 2,069, 2,029, 1,991, 1,950, 1,905
- **Children**: 404, 525, 549, 571, 592, 616, 642, 671, 703, 728, 748, 773, 800

**Survivors**
- **Children**: 1,892, 1,915, 1,907, 1,894, 1,883, 1,877, 1,870, 1,865, 1,862, 1,860, 1,859, 1,859, 1,860
- **Mothers & fathers**: 165, 160, 154, 148, 143, 139, 134, 130, 126, 122, 118, 115, 111
- **Aged widows & widowers**: 4,211, 4,149, 4,080, 3,994, 4,022, 4,024, 3,967, 3,897, 3,814, 3,727, 3,632, 3,524, 3,406
- **Disabled widows & widowers**: 225, 231, 237, 243, 246, 247, 249, 251, 253, 254, 255, 255, 254
- **Parents**: 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

**Special age-72/Prouty**
- **Total**: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

**Total**: 40,945, 41,625, 42,526, 43,390, 44,342, 45,519, 46,832, 48,174, 49,573, 51,049, 52,597, 54,214, 55,897

**Memo:**
- **Male retired workers**: 16,110, 16,456, 16,926, 17,393, 17,879, 18,479, 19,166, 19,854, 20,560, 21,296, 22,063, 22,860, 23,683
- **Female retired workers**: 11,035, 11,169, 11,347, 11,527, 11,706, 11,885, 12,065, 12,245, 12,425, 12,605, 12,782, 12,960, 13,138
- **Dually entitled as wives**: 2,687, 2,735, 2,791, 2,841, 2,910, 2,993, 3,076, 3,160, 3,248, 3,347, 3,453, 3,564, 3,681
- **Other**: 9,163, 9,501, 9,960, 10,421, 10,802, 11,272, 11,845, 12,457, 13,111, 13,792, 14,496, 15,247, 16,037
- **Total, female retired workers**: 15,416, 15,818, 16,349, 16,876, 17,354, 17,953, 18,654, 19,396, 20,186, 20,102, 20,399, 22,879, 23,876

**Average benefit (December 31)**

**Retired workers & families**
- **Retired workers**: $1,079, $1,153, $1,163, $1,173, $1,184, $1,217, $1,230, $1,261, $1,298, $1,340, $1,382, $1,425, $1,470
- **Wives & husbands**: $532, $568, $571, $573, $576, $584, $594, $605, $621, $638, $655, $672, $689
- **Children**: $538, $568, $576, $584, $593, $608, $624, $643, $666, $692, $719, $746, $774

**Survivors**
- **Children**: $704, $745, $753, $761, $770, $785, $803, $824, $850, $879, $908, $938, $969
- **Mothers & fathers**: $782, $835, $844, $853, $864, $882, $903, $927, $957, $990, $1,024, $1,059, $1,095
- **Aged widows & widowers**: $1,040, $1,112, $1,123, $1,135, $1,148, $1,171, $1,197, $1,228, $1,266, $1,309, $1,354, $1,401, $1,450
- **Disabled widows & widowers**: $646, $684, $684, $685, $686, $694, $703, $715, $731, $748, $766, $784, $803
- **Parents**: $918, $979, $990, $1,003, $1,016, $1,038, $1,064, $1,093, $1,130, $1,170, $1,211, $1,254, $1,298

**Memo:** "excess" benefit
- **Dually-entitled widows**: $603, $647, $656, $665, $675, $691, $710, $731, $759, $789, $821, $855, $891
- **Dually-entitled wives**: $215, $231, $230, $229, $228, $231, $234, $238, $244, $252, $259, $267, $275

### FISCAL YEAR

#### Benefit outlays

**Retired workers & families**
- **Retired workers**: $359.0, $378.8, $412.7, $435.1, $452.7, $471.9, $497.3, $527.7, $561.5, $600.4, $643.5, $690.2, $740.4
- **Wives & husbands**: $21.9, $22.4, $23.3, $23.5, $23.3, $23.6, $23.9, $24.4, $24.9, $25.6, $26.4, $27.1
- **Children**: $3.1, $3.3, $3.7, $4.0, $4.2, $4.4, $4.7, $5.1, $5.5, $5.9, $6.3, $6.8, $7.2

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### Benefit outlays (continued)

#### Survivors

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#### Memo:

- Regular benefits: $476.7
- Retroactive and death benefits: $3.1
- Average caseload, fiscal year: 40,682
- Average wage for indexing: $40,405
- Taxable maximum: $97,500
- Percent of PIA paid to age-62 retiree: 75.0%
- PIA for mythical "lifelong average" retired worker (age 62): $1,413
- Maximum PIA (age 62): $2,168
- NRA for worker reaching 62 this year: 66.00
- COLA this calendar year: 2.3%

### KEY ASSUMPTIONS

- Average wage for indexing
- Taxable maximum
- PIA for mythical "lifelong average" retired worker (age 62)
- Maximum PIA (age 62)
- NRA for worker reaching 62 this year
- Percent of PIA paid to age-62 retiree
- COLA this calendar year

By convention, most Social Security program statistics are by calendar year. Benefit payments in the federal government’s fiscal year (October through September) roughly track figures for the preceding December—for example, regular benefits in fiscal 2006 approximately equal recipients in December 2005 times their average amount, times twelve. COLAs and a rising NRA complicate that relationship, but it remains a useful rule of thumb.

Details may not add to totals because of rounding. A few beneficiaries are not identified by sex.

Outlays reflect benefit costs only and omit other mandatory spending (chiefly the payment to railroad retirement) and discretionary (administrative) costs.

Dually-entitled retired workers are insured based on their own past earnings but qualify for a higher benefit on their spouse’s (or deceased spouse’s). In those cases, Social Security pays the larger amount—technically, a primary benefit plus a reduced secondary benefit. About 98% are female. They are classified as retired workers, but their benefit payments are pro-rated between the retired-worker and spouse or survivor categories.

COLA = cost-of-living adjustment, PIA = primary insurance amount, NRA = "normal retirement age" (when retired worker can collect 100% of PIA).