

Table 2.A20—Monthly benefits for retired and disabled workers

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1972	Increased 1/12 of 1% for each month between ages 65 and 72 for which no benefits received after 1970 (PIA based on AMW only). Applicable only to worker whose benefit has not been actuarially reduced.																																	
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Table 2.A20—Monthly benefits for retired and disabled workers—Continued

Year enacted	Age	Percentage of PIA	Condition or qualification
Disabled worker			
1956	50–64	...	Disability insured. Waiting period of 6 calendar months. Reduced by amount of workers' compensation.
1958	...	...	Reduction for workers' compensation eliminated.
1960	Under 50	...	...
1965	...	...	Reduced if benefits plus workers' compensation exceed 80% of the higher of AMW or high 5-year average taxable earnings in covered employment. Adjusted periodically for rises in wage levels.
1967	...	...	Reduced if benefits plus workers' compensation exceed 80% of the higher of AMW or high 5-year average earnings in covered employment, regardless of taxable limit.
1972	...	...	Reduced if benefits plus workers' compensation exceed 80% of the highest of (a) AMW, (b) high 5-year average earnings or (c) highest annual earnings in the period consisting of year of disability onset and 5 preceding years in covered employment.
	...	...	Waiting period reduced to 5 full calendar months.
1983	Partial offset for receipt of pension based on noncovered employment phased in over a 5-year period beginning in 1986 for individuals first eligible for Social Security and noncovered pension after 1985.

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NOTE: PIA = primary insurance amount; AMW = average monthly wage; ... = not applicable.

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Table 2.A21—Monthly benefits for spouses and children of retired and disabled workers

Year enacted	Age	Percentage of PIA	Condition or qualification
<i>Wife</i>			
1939	65 or older	50	Fully insured.
1956	62–64	...	Reduced 25/36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967	...	...	Maximum \$105.
1969	...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1977	...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1983	...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	65 and 2 months–67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 50% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Table 2.A20).
	62–66	...	Reduced 25/36 of 1% for each of the first 36 months under the age at which 50% of PIA is payable, plus 5/12 of 1% for each of up to 24 earlier months of benefit receipt.
1984	...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
<i>Divorced wife</i>			
1965	65 or older	...	Fully insured. Dependent. Married 20 years. Not counted toward family maximum.
	62–64	...	Reduced 25/36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967	...	...	Maximum \$105.
1969	...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1972	...	...	Dependency requirement eliminated.
1977	...	...	Married 10 years.
	...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982 and married 20 years.
1983	...	...	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	Can be independently entitled to benefits if divorced for 2 years or more (after marriage of 10 or more years) and worker could be entitled to benefits if he applied. Effective with benefits for months after December 1984.
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<i>Wife (mother)</i>			
1950	Under 65	...	Fully insured. Caring for eligible child.
1965	Eligible child excludes student aged 18–21.
1967	...	...	Maximum \$105.
1969	...	...	Maximum eliminated.
1977	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1981	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16–17.
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Year enacted	Age	Percentage of PIA	Condition or qualification
Child			
1939	Under 18	...	Fully insured. ^a
1965	18–21	...	Full-time student.
1972	Benefits extended to end of quarter or semester in which 22nd birthday occurs while undergraduate student.
	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
1981	18–22	...	Student benefits eliminated (to be phased out gradually for those entitled before May 1982), except for elementary or secondary school students under age 19.
1996	Stepchildren must be dependent on worker.
Disabled child			
1956	18 or older	...	Fully insured. ^a Disabled before age 18.
1972	Disabled before age 22.
	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
Husband			
1950	65 or older	50	Fully and currently insured. Dependent.
1961	62–64	...	Reduced 25/36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
1967	Currently insured requirement eliminated. Maximum \$105.
1969	Maximum eliminated.
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1984	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Divorced husband			
1977 ^b	65 or older	...	Fully insured. Married 10 years. Not counted toward family maximum.
	62–64	...	Reduced 25/36 of 1% for each month under age 65.
	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
1983	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible after June 1983.
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Year enacted	Age	Percentage of PIA	Condition or qualification
Husband (father)			
1978 ^c	Under 65	...	Fully insured. Caring for eligible child. Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
1981	...	...	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16–17.
1983	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
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- a. Under the Act of 1939, generally not available to child of married female worker. Under the Act of 1950, available if female worker is fully and currently insured. Currently insured requirement eliminated by the Act of 1967.
- b. Northern District of California District Court decision in *Oliver v. Califano*, June 24, 1977. Statutory change enacted in 1983.
- c. Eastern District of Pennsylvania District Court decision in *Cooper v. Califano*, December 29, 1978. Statutory change enacted in 1983.

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1956	62–64																										
1961	...	82.5	...																										
1965	60–61	...	Reduced 5/9 of 1% for each month under age 62.																										
1972	65 or older	100	Limited, if husband retired before age 65, to amount husband would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.																										
	60–64	...	Reduced 19/40 of 1% each month under age 65. In addition, for a widow aged 62–64 whose husband retired before age 65 limited to amount he would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.																										
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1965	60 or older	82.5	Fully insured. Dependent. Married 20 years. Not counted toward family maximum. Reduced 5/9 of 1% for each month under age 62.																										
1972	65 or older	100	Limited, if former husband retired before age 65, to amount he would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.																										
	60–64	...	Reduced 19/40 of 1% for each month under age 65. In addition, for widow aged 62–64 whose former husband retired before age 65, limited to amount he would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.																										

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Year enacted	Age	Percentage of PIA	Condition or qualification
Surviving divorced wife (cont.)			
1977	Dependency requirement eliminated.
	Increased by any delayed retirement increment former husband would be receiving.
	Married 10 years.
	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982 and married 20 years.
1983	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	65 and 2 months–67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 100% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Widow).
	60–66	...	The percent of reduction for each month depends on the age at which 100% of PIA is payable. The percentage is adjusted so that the total reduction, in equal monthly steps, is always 28 1/2% at age 60.
1984	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Disabled surviving divorced wife			
1967	50–59	82.5	Fully insured. Dependent. Married 20 years. Not counted toward family maximum. Reduced 13 1/3%, plus 43/198 of 1% for each month under age 62.
1972	...	100	Reduced 28 1/2%, plus 43/240 of 1% for each month under age 60.
	Dependency requirement eliminated.
1977	Increased by any delayed retirement increment husband (or former husband) would be receiving.
	Married 10 years.
	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982 and married 20 years.
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	Additional reduction for each month under age 60 eliminated.
1984	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Widowed mother			
1939	Under 65	75	Fully or currently insured. Caring for eligible child.
1965	Eligible child excludes student over age 18.
1977	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1981	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16–17.
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Surviving divorced mother			
1950	Under 65	75	Fully or currently insured. Caring for eligible child. Dependent. Not counted toward family maximum.
1965	Eligible child excludes student over age 18.
1972	Dependency requirement eliminated.
1977	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
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Child			
1939	Under 18	50	Fully or currently insured. ^a Student aged 16–17.
1946	Student requirement eliminated.
1950	Plus 25% of PIA divided among the children.
1960	...	75	Additional 25% of PIA eliminated.

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1972	Benefits extended to end of quarter or semester in which 22nd birthday occurs while undergraduate student.
	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
1981	18–22	...	Student category eliminated (to be phased out gradually for those entitled before May 1982), except for elementary or secondary school students under age 19.
1996	Stepchildren must be dependent on worker.
Disabled child			
1956	18 or older	50	Fully or currently insured. ^a Disabled before age 18. Plus 25% of PIA divided among the children.
1960	...	75	Additional 25% of PIA eliminated.
1972	Disabled before age 22.
	Includes grandchild under certain circumstances.
Parent			
1939	65 or older	50	Fully insured. Dependent. No surviving widow or child under age 18.
1946	No surviving eligible widow or child.
1950	...	75	...
1956	62–64	...	Women.
1958	No-other-survivor requirement eliminated.
1961	62 or older	82.5	75% each if two parents.
Widower			
1950	65 or older	75	Fully and currently insured. Dependent.
1961	62 or older	82.5	...
1967	Currently insured requirement eliminated.
1972	65 or older	100	Limited, if wife retired before age 65, to amount wife would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.
	60–64	...	Reduced 19/40 of 1% for each month under age 65. In addition, for a widower aged 62–64 whose wife retired before age 65, limited to amount she would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.
1977	Dependency requirement eliminated.
	Increased by any delayed retirement increment wife would be receiving.
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1984	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Disabled widower			
1967	50–61	82.5	Fully insured. Dependent. Reduced 5/9 of 1% per month between ages 60–62, plus 43/198 of 1% for each month under age 60.
1972	50–59	100	Reduced 28 1/2%, plus 43/240 of 1% for each month under age 60. Disability requirement eliminated for ages 60–61.
	Dependency requirement eliminated.
1977	Increased by any delayed retirement increment wife would be receiving.
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Disabled widower (cont.)			
1983	Noncovered pension offset not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	...	...	Additional reduction for each month under age 60 eliminated.
1984	...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Surviving divorced husband			
1980 ^b	65 or older	100	Fully insured. Married 10 years. Increased by any delayed retirement credit former wife would be receiving. Limited, if former wife retired before age 65, to amount she would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA. Not counted toward family maximum. Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
	60–64	...	Reduced 19/40 of 1% for each month under age 65. In addition, for a widower aged 62–64 whose wife retired before age 65, limited to amount she would be receiving if still living, but not less than 82 1/2% of PIA.
1983	...	...	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	65 and 2 months–67	...	Beginning in year 2000, the age at which 100% of PIA is payable will be gradually increased (see Widower).
	60–66	...	The percent of reduction for each month depends on the age at which 100% of PIA is payable. The percentage is adjusted so that the total reduction, in equal monthly steps, is always 28 1/2% at age 60.
1984	...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Disabled surviving divorced husband			
1980 ^b	50–59	100	Fully insured. Married 10 years. Increased by any delayed retirement credit former wife would be receiving. Reduced 28 1/2%, plus 43/240 of 1% for each month under age 60. Not counted toward family maximum. Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered employment (noncovered pension offset).
1983	...	...	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
	...	...	Additional reduction for each month under age 60 eliminated.
1984	...	...	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.
Widowed father			
1975 ^c	Under 65	75	Fully or currently insured. Caring for eligible child under age 18.
1977	...	...	Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset). Reduction does not apply if eligible for such pension before December 1982.
1981	...	...	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16–17.
1983	...	...	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
1984	...	...	Noncovered pension offset to two-thirds of such pension.
Surviving divorced father			
1979 ^d	Under 65	75	Fully or currently insured. Caring for eligible child under age 18. Reduced by full amount of pension payable based on own earnings in noncovered governmental employment (noncovered pension offset).
1981	...	...	Eligible child excludes nondisabled child aged 16–17.
1983	Noncovered pension offset provision not applicable if first eligible for such pension before July 1983 and dependent. Reduced by only two-thirds of such pension if first eligible for it after June 1983.
1984	Noncovered pension offset limited to two-thirds of such pension.

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NOTE: PIA = primary insurance amount; ... = not applicable.

- a. Under the Act of 1939, generally not available to child of married female worker. Under the Act of 1950, available if female worker is fully and currently insured; currently insured requirement eliminated by the Act of 1967.
- b. Oregon District Court decision in *Ambrose v. Harris*, July 17, 1980. Statutory change enacted in 1983.
- c. Supreme Court decision in *Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld*, March 19, 1975. Statutory change enacted in 1983.
- d. Western District Court decision in *Yates v. Califano*, January 28, 1979. Statutory change enacted in 1983.

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2.A OASDI: Benefit Types and Levels

Table 2.A23—Monthly benefits for transitionally insured workers and their spouses and surviving spouses, aged 72 before 1969

Type of benefit	Effective date	Amount
<i>Enacted in 1965</i>		
Worker	September 1965	\$35.00
	October 1966	Same as benefit for individual receiving special age-72 benefits (see Table 2.A24)
Wife	September 1963	One-half of worker's benefit
Widow	September 1963	Same as worker's benefit
<i>Enacted in 1983</i>		
Husband	May 1983	One-half of worker's benefit
Widower	May 1983	Same as worker's benefit

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Table 2.A24—Monthly benefits for individuals and couples insured for special age-72 (Prouty) benefits

Year enacted	Effective date	Age	Amount ^a (dollars)	
			Individual	Couple
1966	October 1966	72	35.00	52.50
1967	February 1968	...	40.00	60.00
1969	January 1970	...	46.00	69.00
1971	January 1971	...	48.30	72.50
1972 ^b	September 1972	...	58.00	87.00
1973 ^c	June–December 1974	...	61.50	92.30
1973 ^d	March 1974	...	62.10	93.20
	June 1974	...	64.40	96.60
	June 1975	...	69.50	104.40
	June 1976	...	74.10	111.20
	June 1977	...	78.50	117.80
	June 1978	...	83.70	125.60
	June 1979	...	92.00	138.10
	June 1980	...	105.20	157.90
	June 1981	...	117.00	175.70
	June 1982	...	125.60	188.60
1983 ^e	December 1983	...	129.90	...
	December 1984	...	134.40	...
	December 1985	...	138.50	...
	December 1986	...	140.30	...
	December 1987	...	146.10	...
	December 1988	...	151.90	...
	December 1989	...	159.00	...
1990	December 1990	72 before 1972 ^f	167.50	...
	December 1991	...	173.60	...
	December 1992	...	178.80	...
	December 1993	...	183.40	...
	December 1994	...	188.50	...
	December 1995	...	193.40	...
	December 1996	...	199.00	...
	December 1997	...	203.10	...
	December 1998	...	205.70	...
	December 1999 ^g	...	210.80	...
	December 2000	...	218.10	...
	December 2001	...	223.70	...
	December 2002	...	226.80	...
December 2003	...	231.50	...	

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NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- Monthly benefit reduced by amount of any government pension excluding workers' compensation benefits and veterans' compensation for service-connected disability or death. Not available for persons receiving assistance.
- Provision for future automatic cost-of-living adjustments.
- Suspended by legislation in 1973.
- Beginning June 1975, subject to automatic cost-of-living adjustments. Benefits no longer available to persons receiving payments under the Supplemental Security Income program.
- Separate rate for couples eliminated. Rate for individuals applied to all beneficiaries.
- Effective for applications after November 5, 1990.
- The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for December 1999 was originally determined to be 2.4 percent, based on the consumer price index (CPI). The underlying CPI was later recomputed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; a 2.5 percent COLA would have been consistent with the recomputed CPI. Pursuant to Public Law 106-554, benefits were calculated and paid in August 2001 and later as if the COLA for December 1999 had been 2.5 percent. Affected beneficiaries received a one-time payment to cover the shortfall that occurred before August 2001.

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Table 2.A25—Lump-sum benefits and vocational rehabilitation services, by type of benefit

Year enacted	Provision
<i>Lump-sum refund</i>	
1935	Persons not insured at age 65 eligible for lump-sum refund equal to 3.5 percent of cumulative wage credits.
1939	Lump-sum refund eliminated.
<i>Lump-sum death payment</i>	
1935	Under age 65: 3.5 percent of cumulative wage credits. Aged 65 or older and fully insured: 3.5 percent of cumulative wage credits, less monthly benefits received.
1939	Fully and currently insured: 6 times PIA if no survivor eligible for monthly benefits.
1950	3 times PIA for all deaths.
1954	3 times PIA with maximum of \$255.
1981	Payable only to a widow or widower who was living with the worker at time of the death or to a widow, widower, or children eligible for monthly benefits. Amount of lump sum fixed at \$255.
<i>Vocational rehabilitation services</i>	
1965	Available to selected disabled individuals. Costs of services payable from OASDI trust funds to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Reimbursement in any year may not exceed 1 percent of the total amount of OASDI disability benefits disbursed in the prior year.
1972	Maximum annual reimbursement increased to 1.25 percent for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and 1.50 percent thereafter.
1981	Reimbursement from trust funds for cost of rehabilitation services made if the services result in the disabled individual's return to work (performance of substantial gainful activity for 9 consecutive months).
1999	Enhancements including expanded beneficiary choice of service providers and extended health care for beneficiaries who return to work.

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Table 2.A26—Monthly benefit amount for selected beneficiary families with first eligibility in 2003, by average indexed monthly earnings for stipulated yearly wage levels, effective December 2003 (in dollars)

Beneficiary family	Federal minimum wage ^a	75% of average wage	Average wage ^b	150% of average wage	Maximum taxable earnings ^c
Retired-worker families^d					
Average indexed monthly earnings	1,271.00	2,058.00	2,744.00	4,038.00	5,729.00
Primary insurance amount	774.10	1,031.20	1,255.30	1,611.20	1,870.20
Maximum family benefit	1,161.10	1,840.70	2,293.20	2,820.40	3,273.70
Monthly benefit amount for retired worker claiming benefits at age 62					
Worker alone	593.00	790.00	962.00	1,235.00	1,433.00
Worker with spouse claiming benefits at—					
Full retirement age or older ^e	980.00	1,305.00	1,589.00	2,040.00	2,368.00
Age 62	870.00	1,159.00	1,411.00	1,812.00	2,103.00
Survivor families^f					
Average indexed monthly earnings	1,035.00	2,059.00	2,745.00	4,118.00	6,720.00
Primary insurance amount	696.90	1,031.50	1,255.60	1,623.40	2,021.90
Maximum family benefit	1,045.40	1,841.50	2,293.50	2,841.80	3,539.10
Monthly benefit amount for survivor of worker deceased at age 40					
1 surviving child	522.00	773.00	941.00	1,217.00	1,516.00
Widowed mother or father and 1 child	1,044.00	1,546.00	1,882.00	2,434.00	3,032.00
Widowed mother or father and 2 children	1,044.00	1,839.00	2,292.00	2,841.00	3,537.00
Disabled-worker families^g					
Average indexed monthly earnings	1,175.00	2,058.00	2,744.00	4,117.00	6,535.00
Primary insurance amount	742.60	1,031.20	1,255.30	1,623.30	1,993.70
Maximum family benefit ^h	1,019.60	1,546.80	1,882.90	2,435.00	2,990.50
Monthly benefit amount for disabled worker age 50					
Worker alone	742.00	1,031.00	1,255.00	1,623.00	1,993.00
Worker, spouse, and 1 child	1,018.00	1,545.00	1,881.00	2,433.00	2,989.00

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- a. Annual earnings are calculated by multiplying the federal minimum wage by 2,080 hours (see Table 3.B3). Increases in the minimum wage during the year are prorated.
- b. See Table 2.A8.
- c. See Table 2.A9.
- d. Assumes the worker began to work at age 22, retired at age 62 in 2003 with maximum reduction, and had no prior period of disability.
- e. The full retirement age is the earliest age at which an unreduced spousal benefit is payable.
- f. Assumes the deceased worker began to work at age 22, died in 2003 at age 40, had no earnings in that year, and had no prior period of disability.
- g. Assumes the worker began to work at age 22, became disabled at age 50 in 2003, had no earnings in that year, and had no prior period of disability.
- h. The Amendments of 1980 to the Social Security Act provide for a different family maximum amount in disability cases. For disabled workers entitled after June 1980, the maximum is the smaller of (1) 85 percent of the worker's average indexed monthly earnings (or 100 percent of the primary insurance amount, if larger) or (2) 150 percent of the primary insurance amount.

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2.A OASDI: Benefit Types and Levels

Table 2.A27—Minimum and maximum monthly retired-worker benefits payable to individuals who retired at age 62, by year they attained age 62, 1957–2004 (in dollars)

Year ^a	Minimum benefit payable		Maximum benefit payable			
	At retirement	Effective December 2003 ^b	At retirement		Effective December 2003 ^b	
			Men	Women	Men	Women
1957	24.00	318.30	...	86.80	...	784.70
1958	24.00	318.30	...	86.80	...	784.70
1959	26.40	318.30	...	92.80	...	784.70
1960	26.40	316.90	...	95.20	...	804.90
1961	26.40	315.10	...	96.00	...	810.70
1962	32.00	314.20	93.60	96.80	817.90	817.90
1963	32.00	312.60	94.40	97.60	823.30	823.30
1964	32.00	312.60	95.20	98.40	828.70	828.70
1965	35.20	312.20	102.80	105.40	826.90	826.90
1966	35.20	309.50	102.80	106.20	829.80	829.80
1967	35.20	307.70	105.40	108.80	846.70	846.70
1968	^c 44.00	303.70	^c 121.00	^c 124.80	851.90	851.90
1969	44.00	300.70	124.80	128.40	867.40	867.40
1970	51.20	296.40	146.80	151.90	880.30	880.30
1971	56.40	292.50	163.60	170.50	886.10	886.10
1972	56.40	288.40	167.10	172.90	885.90	885.90
1973	67.60	284.40	207.60	212.90	895.60	895.60
1974	67.60	279.80	217.00	219.70	910.00	910.00
1975	75.10	276.10	253.10	253.10	931.00	931.00
1976	81.20	272.90	285.60	285.60	961.30	961.30
1977	86.40	270.80	319.40	319.40	1,003.60	1,003.60
1978	91.50	269.60	354.60	354.60	1,049.60	1,049.60
1979	97.60	270.70	^d 388.90	^d 388.90	1,081.10	1,081.10
1980	97.60	246.00	^d 402.80	^d 402.80	1,018.70	1,018.70
1981	97.60	214.90	432.00	432.00	955.50	955.50
1982	^e	^e	474.60	474.60	944.30	944.30
1983	^e	^e	526.40	526.40	974.80	974.80
1984	^e	^e	559.40	559.40	1,001.00	1,001.00
1985	^e	^e	591.30	591.30	1,022.80	1,022.80
1986	^e	^e	630.50	630.50	1,057.70	1,057.70
1987	^e	^e	662.10	662.10	1,096.50	1,096.50
1988	^e	^e	686.70	686.70	1,091.50	1,091.50
1989	^e	^e	734.00	734.00	1,121.70	1,121.70
1990	^e	^e	774.60	774.60	1,130.80	1,130.80
1991	^e	^e	810.00	810.00	1,121.90	1,121.90
1992	^e	^e	854.10	854.10	1,141.10	1,141.10
1993	^e	^e	893.60	893.60	1,159.20	1,159.20
1994	^e	^e	948.00	948.00	1,198.60	1,198.60
1995	^e	^e	965.90	965.90	1,188.10	1,188.10
1996	^e	^e	999.90	999.90	1,198.80	1,198.80
1997	^e	^e	1,049.10	1,049.10	1,222.50	1,222.50
1998	^e	^e	1,109.60	1,109.60	1,266.50	1,266.50
1999	^e	^e	1,183.60	1,183.60	^f 1,333.50	^f 1,333.50

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Table 2.A27—Minimum and maximum monthly retired-worker benefits payable to individuals who retired at age 62, by year they attained age 62, 1957–2004 (in dollars)—Continued

Year ^a	Minimum benefit payable		Maximum benefit payable			
	At retirement	Effective December 2003 ^b	At retirement		Effective December 2003 ^b	
			Men	Women	Men	Women
2000	e	e	1,241.70	1,241.70	1,364.90	1,364.90
2001	e	e	1,307.30	1,307.30	1,388.40	1,388.40
2002	e	e	1,375.30	1,375.30	1,423.70	1,423.70
2003	e	e	1,404.30	1,404.30	1,433.70	1,433.70
2004	e	e	1,414.80	1,414.80

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NOTES: Benefit first available at age 62 to female workers effective November 1956 and to male workers effective August 1961.

... = not applicable.

- a. Assumes the worker began to work at age 22, retired at the beginning of the year, had no prior disability, and received the maximum reduction. Through 1999, the assumed reduction was 36 months at 5/9 of 1 percent per month or 20 percent. In 2000, with the increase in the full retirement age (FRA) to 65 and 2 months, the reduction increased to 20.008333 percent (see Tables 2.A17.1 and 2.A20). In 2001, the FRA increased to 65 and 4 months for a maximum reduction to 21.666667 percent. In 2002, the FRA increased to 65 and 6 months for a maximum reduction of 22.5 percent. In 2003, the FRA increased to 65 and 8 months for a maximum reduction of 23.333333 percent. In 2004, the FRA increased to 65 and 10 months for a maximum reduction of 24.16667 percent.
- b. Final benefit amount payable after Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) premium or any other deduction is rounded to next lower \$1.
- c. Effective February 1968.
- d. Derived from transitional guarantee computation based on primary insurance amount (PIA) table of 1978.
- e. In 1981, legislation eliminated the minimum PIA for workers who attain age 62 in 1982 or later. (The minimum is retained until 1991 for members of religious orders who were under a vow of poverty, provided that the order had elected Social Security coverage before December 29, 1981.)
- f. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for December 1999 was originally determined to be 2.4 percent, based on the consumer price index (CPI). The underlying CPI was later recomputed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; a 2.5 percent COLA would have been consistent with the recomputed CPI. Pursuant to Public Law 106-554, benefits were calculated and paid in August 2001 and later as if the COLA for December 1999 had been 2.5 percent. Affected beneficiaries received a one-time payment to cover the shortfall that occurred before August 2001.

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2.A OASDI: Benefit Types and Levels

Table 2.A28—Minimum and maximum monthly retired-worker benefits payable to individuals who retired at age 65, by year they attained age 65, 1940–2004 (in dollars)

Year ^a	Minimum benefit payable		Maximum benefit payable			
	At retirement	Effective December 2003 ^b	At retirement		Effective December 2003 ^b	
			Men	Women	Men	Women
1940	10.00	337.60	41.20	41.20	654.70	654.70
1941	10.00	337.60	41.60	41.60	654.70	654.70
1942	10.00	337.60	42.00	42.00	662.50	662.50
1943	10.00	337.60	42.40	42.40	662.50	662.50
1944	10.00	337.60	42.80	42.80	662.50	669.60
1945	10.00	337.60	43.20	43.20	669.60	669.60
1946	10.00	337.60	43.60	43.60	677.70	677.70
1947	10.00	337.60	44.00	44.00	684.00	684.00
1948	10.00	337.60	44.40	44.40	684.00	684.00
1949	10.00	337.60	44.80	44.80	691.00	691.00
1950	10.00	337.60	45.20	45.20	699.50	699.50
1951	20.00	337.60	68.50	68.50	699.50	699.50
1952	20.00	337.60	68.50	68.50	699.50	699.50
1953	25.00	337.60	85.00	85.00	772.80	772.80
1954	25.00	337.60	85.00	85.00	772.80	772.80
1955	30.00	337.60	98.50	98.50	772.80	772.80
1956	30.00	337.60	103.50	103.50	816.50	816.50
1957	30.00	337.60	108.50	108.50	853.40	853.40
1958	30.00	337.60	108.50	108.50	853.40	853.40
1959	33.00	337.60	116.00	116.00	853.40	853.40
1960	33.00	337.60	119.00	119.00	874.80	874.80
1961	33.00	337.60	120.00	120.00	881.80	881.80
1962	40.00	337.60	121.00	123.00	889.90	905.00
1963	40.00	337.60	122.00	125.00	896.90	918.50
1964	40.00	337.60	123.00	127.00	905.00	933.90
1965	44.00	337.60	131.70	135.90	905.00	933.90
1966	44.00	337.60	132.70	135.90	911.60	933.90
1967	44.00	337.60	135.90	140.00	933.90	961.50
1968	^c 55.00	337.60	^c 156.00	^c 161.60	947.90	982.00
1969	55.00	337.60	160.50	167.30	975.70	1,016.70
1970	64.00	337.60	189.80	196.40	1,003.00	1,038.70
1971	70.40	337.60	213.10	220.40	1,023.50	1,057.80
1972	70.40	337.60	216.10	224.70	1,038.70	1,079.20
1973	84.50	337.60	266.10	276.40	1,065.20	1,106.50
1974	84.50	337.60	274.60	284.90	1,098.60	1,140.40
1975	93.80	337.60	316.30	333.70	1,140.40	1,203.10
1976	101.40	337.60	364.00	378.80	1,214.30	1,263.80
1977	107.90	337.60	412.70	422.40	1,294.40	1,324.40
1978	114.30	337.60	459.80	459.80	1,361.70	1,361.70
1979	121.80	337.60	503.40	503.40	1,399.50	1,399.50
1980	133.90	337.60	572.00	572.00	1,447.00	1,447.00
1981	153.10	337.60	677.00	677.00	1,498.40	1,498.40
1982	^d 170.30	337.60	^d 679.30	^d 679.30	1,351.30	1,351.30
1983	^d 166.40	307.20	709.50	709.50	1,314.60	1,314.60
1984	^d 150.50	268.00	703.60	703.60	1,259.40	1,259.40
1985	^e	^e	717.20	717.20	1,240.70	1,240.70
1986	^e	^e	760.10	760.10	1,275.30	1,275.30
1987	^e	^e	789.20	789.20	1,307.30	1,307.30
1988	^e	^e	838.60	838.60	1,333.30	1,333.30
1989	^e	^e	899.60	899.60	1,375.00	1,375.00
1990	^e	^e	975.00	975.00	1,423.70	1,423.70
1991	^e	^e	1,022.90	1,022.90	1,417.20	1,417.20
1992	^e	^e	1,088.70	1,088.70	1,454.70	1,454.70
1993	^e	^e	1,128.80	1,128.80	1,464.40	1,464.40
1994	^e	^e	1,147.50	1,147.50	1,450.90	1,450.90
1995	^e	^e	1,199.10	1,199.10	1,474.90	1,474.90
1996	^e	^e	1,248.90	1,248.90	1,497.30	1,497.30
1997	^e	^e	1,326.60	1,326.60	1,545.90	1,545.90
1998	^e	^e	1,342.80	1,342.80	1,532.60	1,532.60
1999	^e	^e	1,373.10	1,373.10	^f 1,547.10	^f 1,547.10

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Table 2.A28—Minimum and maximum monthly retired-worker benefits payable to individuals who retired at age 65, by year they attained age 65, 1940–2004 (in dollars)—Continued

Year ^a	Minimum benefit payable		Maximum benefit payable			
	At retirement	Effective December 2003 ^b	At retirement		Effective December 2003 ^b	
			Men	Women	Men	Women
2000	e	e	1,435.30	1,435.30	1,577.80	1,577.80
2001	e	e	1,538.20	1,538.20	1,633.70	1,633.70
2002	e	e	1,660.50	1,660.50	1,719.00	1,719.00
2003 ^g	e	e	^g 1,721.70	^g 1,721.70	1,757.80	1,757.80
2004	e	e	^h 1,784.80	^h 1,784.80	...	...

SOURCES: Social Security Act of 1935 (the Act), as amended through December 31, 2003; regulations issued under the Act; and precedential case decisions (rulings). Specific laws, regulations, rulings, legislation, and a link to the *Federal Register* can be found at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/regulations/index.htm>. Social Security Administration, "Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2004," *Federal Register*, vol. 68, no. 204 (October 22, 2003).

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. Through 2002, assumptions are that the worker began to work at age 22, retired at the beginning of the year with unreduced benefits, had no earnings after retirement, and had no prior period of disability. Effective 2003, the same assumptions apply except that the benefit is reduced by 2 months, because for a worker retiring at age 65 in 2003, the age at which one can receive an unreduced benefit—the full retirement age (FRA)—has been raised from 65 to 65 and 2 months. In 2004, the FRA is 65 and 4 months, so the benefit is reduced by 4 months.
- b. Final benefit amount payable after Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) premium or any other deduction is rounded to next lower \$1.
- c. Effective for February 1968.
- d. Derived from transitional guarantee computation based on 1978 PIA table.
- e. Minimum PIA eliminated by 1981 legislation for workers who attain age 62 in 1982 or later. (The minimum is retained until 1991 for members of religious orders who are under a vow of poverty, provided that the order had elected Social Security coverage before December 29, 1981.)
- f. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for December 1999 was originally determined to be 2.4 percent, based on the consumer price index (CPI). The underlying CPI was later recomputed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; a 2.5 percent COLA would have been consistent with the recomputed CPI. Pursuant to Public Law 106-554, benefits were calculated and paid in August 2001 and later as if the COLA for December 1999 had been 2.5 percent. Affected beneficiaries received a one-time payment to cover the shortfall that occurred before August 2001.
- g. The full retirement benefit at age 65 and 2 months is \$1,741.10.
- h. The full retirement benefit at age 65 and 4 months is \$1,825.40.

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