

## 6.B OASDI Benefits Awarded: Retired Workers

**Table 6.B5—Number and average age of retired-worker awardees, and percentage distribution by age:  
By sex and year of award action, selected years 1940–2021**

| Year of<br>award<br>action <sup>a</sup> | Number<br>(thousands) | Average<br>age | Percentage distribution by age <sup>b</sup> |      |       |                                |  |                           |       |             |      |      |      |  |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|---|------|-------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------|-------------|------|------|------|--|
|   |                       |                | Total, all<br>ages                          |      |       | 62                             |  |                           | 63    |             |      | 64   |      |  |
|   |                       |                | 65 to<br>FRA <sup>c</sup>                   |      | Total | Newly<br>entitled <sup>e</sup> | Disability<br>conversions <sup>f</sup> | FRA to<br>69 <sup>g</sup> | 70–74 | 75 or older |      |      |      |  |
| <i>Men</i>                              |                       |                |   |      |       |                                |  |                           |       |             |      |      |      |  |
| 1940                                    | 117                   | 68.1           | 100.0                                       | ...  | ...   | ...                            | ...                                    | 17.1                      | 17.1  | ...         | 58.8 | 16.5 | 7.6  |  |
| 1945                                    | 166                   | 69.6           | 100.0                                       | ...  | ...   | ...                            | ...                                    | 15.9                      | 15.9  | ...         | 43.3 | 28.1 | 12.7 |  |
| 1950                                    | 444                   | 68.7           | 100.0                                       | ...  | ...   | ...                            | ...                                    | 21.9                      | 21.9  | ...         | 47.3 | 21.0 | 9.8  |  |
| 1955                                    | 629                   | 68.4           | 100.0                                       | ...  | ...   | ...                            | ...                                    | 29.4                      | 29.4  | ...         | 38.0 | 24.7 | 7.8  |  |
| 1960                                    | 630                   | 66.8           | 100.0                                       | ...  | ...   | ...                            | ...                                    | 48.1                      | 42.3  | 5.8         | 36.6 | 13.2 | 2.1  |  |
| 1965                                    | 743                   | 65.7           | 100.0                                       | 15.6 | 10.0  | 6.0                            | ...                                    | 31.6                      | 25.8  | 5.8         | 25.9 | 7.7  | 3.2  |  |
| 1970                                    | 814                   | 64.4           | 100.0                                       | 19.0 | 12.8  | 8.5                            | ...                                    | 48.7                      | 39.6  | 9.1         | 9.3  | 1.3  | 0.4  |  |
| 1975                                    | 902                   | 64.0           | 100.0                                       | 25.8 | 14.1  | 9.0                            | ...                                    | 43.6                      | 32.0  | 11.6        | 6.5  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 1980                                    | 942                   | 63.9           | 100.0                                       | 30.1 | 13.1  | 8.5                            | ...                                    | 42.4                      | 31.8  | 10.6        | 5.2  | 0.6  | 0.1  |  |
| 1985                                    | 986                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 45.5 | 8.2   | 11.6                           | ...                                    | 31.2                      | 18.2  | 13.1        | 2.9  | 0.5  | 0.2  |  |
| 1986                                    | 1,011                 | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 47.0 | 8.2   | 11.8                           | ...                                    | 29.2                      | 17.2  | 12.0        | 3.1  | 0.6  | 0.1  |  |
| 1987                                    | 970                   | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 47.6 | 8.1   | 11.4                           | ...                                    | 28.8                      | 16.8  | 12.0        | 3.4  | 0.6  | 0.1  |  |
| 1988                                    | 944                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 48.2 | 8.1   | 9.9                            | ...                                    | 28.6                      | 16.6  | 12.0        | 4.1  | 0.9  | 0.2  |  |
| 1989                                    | 983                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 48.0 | 7.1   | 9.3                            | ...                                    | 30.1                      | 17.5  | 12.6        | 4.6  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 1990                                    | 964                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 47.2 | 7.6   | 11.3                           | ...                                    | 27.6                      | 16.4  | 11.1        | 5.1  | 1.0  | 0.2  |  |
| 1991                                    | 996                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 46.8 | 8.1   | 10.9                           | ...                                    | 27.9                      | 17.2  | 10.7        | 5.1  | 0.9  | 0.2  |  |
| 1992                                    | 989                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 48.2 | 7.3   | 11.4                           | ...                                    | 27.2                      | 16.6  | 10.6        | 5.0  | 0.8  | 0.1  |  |
| 1993                                    | 980                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 48.7 | 8.0   | 11.0                           | ...                                    | 26.7                      | 16.1  | 10.5        | 4.5  | 0.9  | 0.2  |  |
| 1994                                    | 923                   | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 49.0 | 7.4   | 11.4                           | ...                                    | 27.1                      | 15.7  | 11.5        | 4.0  | 1.0  | 0.1  |  |
| 1995                                    | 916                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 49.3 | 7.3   | 10.5                           | ...                                    | 27.5                      | 15.8  | 11.8        | 4.0  | 1.1  | 0.3  |  |
| 1996                                    | 895                   | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 49.9 | 7.1   | 9.7                            | ...                                    | 27.6                      | 14.9  | 12.6        | 4.5  | 1.1  | 0.1  |  |
| 1997 <sup>h</sup>                       | 904                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 50.5 | 6.6   | 9.7                            | ...                                    | 26.9                      | 14.9  | 12.0        | 4.7  | 1.3  | 0.2  |  |
| 1998                                    | 909                   | 63.8           | 100.0                                       | 49.6 | 7.1   | 9.9                            | ...                                    | 27.3                      | 14.7  | 12.6        | 4.6  | 1.3  | 0.2  |  |
| 1999                                    | 940                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 49.3 | 7.3   | 9.8                            | ...                                    | 27.4                      | 14.8  | 12.6        | 4.7  | 1.3  | 0.2  |  |
| 2000                                    | 1,115                 | 64.1           | 100.0                                       | 41.6 | 6.1   | 9.4                            | ...                                    | 31.7                      | 20.3  | 11.4        | 9.9  | 1.1  | 0.2  |  |
| 2001                                    | 992                   | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 46.8 | 6.7   | 12.1                           | ...                                    | 30.8                      | 18.1  | 12.7        | 2.8  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 2002                                    | 1,001                 | 63.7           | 100.0                                       | 46.4 | 7.1   | 13.8                           | ...                                    | 29.7                      | 17.1  | 12.6        | 2.1  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 2003                                    | 969                   | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 49.5 | 6.9   | 13.2                           | 3.7                                    | 23.3                      | 11.7  | 11.6        | 2.7  | 0.5  | 0.1  |  |
| 2004                                    | 1,010                 | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 50.3 | 7.1   | 11.1                           | 5.2                                    | 22.9                      | 11.6  | 11.3        | 2.7  | 0.5  | 0.1  |  |
| 2005                                    | 1,061                 | 63.6           | 100.0                                       | 50.2 | 7.2   | 9.6                            | 7.2                                    | 22.4                      | 11.2  | 11.2        | 2.7  | 0.5  | 0.2  |  |
| 2006                                    | 1,057                 | 63.8           | 100.0                                       | 45.6 | 7.7   | 9.2                            | 9.7                                    | 23.9                      | 11.8  | 12.1        | 3.1  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 2007                                    | 1,075                 | 64.0           | 100.0                                       | 42.4 | 7.4   | 9.3                            | 12.1                                   | 24.6                      | 12.0  | 12.1        | 3.2  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 2008                                    | 1,200                 | 64.0           | 100.0                                       | 42.5 | 7.0   | 8.4                            | 13.4                                   | 24.7                      | 12.4  | 12.3        | 3.2  | 0.6  | 0.2  |  |
| 2009                                    | 1,452                 | 64.0           | 100.0                                       | 44.3 | 7.2   | 7.4                            | 11.7                                   | 25.3                      | 12.7  | 12.6        | 3.4  | 0.6  | 0.1  |  |
| 2010                                    | 1,387                 | 64.1           | 100.0                                       | 42.6 | 8.3   | 6.9                            | 10.6                                   | 26.6                      | 13.5  | 13.0        | 4.1  | 0.7  | 0.2  |  |
| 2011                                    | 1,340                 | 64.0           | 100.0                                       | 41.4 | 7.2   | 7.5                            | 10.3                                   | 27.8                      | 14.3  | 13.6        | 4.7  | 0.9  | 0.2  |  |
| 2012                                    | 1,419                 | 64.2           | 100.0                                       | 37.2 | 6.5   | 6.7                            | 11.5                                   | 31.5                      | 16.2  | 15.3        | 5.2  | 1.2  | 0.2  |  |
| 2013                                    | 1,447                 | 64.3           | 100.0                                       | 34.8 | 6.0   | 6.1                            | 10.8                                   | 34.7                      | 17.8  | 16.9        | 5.8  | 1.6  | 0.2  |  |
| 2014                                    | 1,433                 | 64.4           | 100.0                                       | 34.5 | 6.1   | 6.0                            | 10.3                                   | 33.9                      | 17.0  | 16.9        | 7.1  | 1.9  | 0.1  |  |
| 2015                                    | 1,475                 | 64.5           | 100.0                                       | 31.9 | 6.2   | 5.9                            | 10.1                                   | 34.3                      | 17.6  | 16.8        | 9.0  | 2.4  | 0.2  |  |
| 2016                                    | 1,519                 | 64.6           | 100.0                                       | 30.4 | 6.0   | 5.9                            | 9.8                                    | 34.6                      | 18.1  | 16.4        | 10.1 | 3.0  | 0.2  |  |
| 2017                                    | 1,531                 | 64.7           | 100.0                                       | 29.0 | 6.0   | 6.0                            | 10.4                                   | 35.4                      | 18.5  | 17.0        | 9.0  | 4.1  | 0.2  |  |
| 2018                                    | 1,581                 | 64.8           | 100.0                                       | 27.4 | 5.9   | 6.0                            | 10.4                                   | 35.8                      | 19.0  | 16.7        | 10.1 | 4.3  | 0.2  |  |
| 2019                                    | 1,620                 | 64.9           | 100.0                                       | 25.7 | 5.7   | 6.0                            | 10.5                                   | 36.0                      | 19.4  | 16.6        | 11.0 | 5.0  | 0.2  |  |
| 2020                                    | 1,706                 | 65.0           | 100.0                                       | 23.5 | 5.8   | 6.1                            | 10.6                                   | 36.0                      | 19.6  | 16.4        | 12.1 | 5.9  | 0.1  |  |
| 2021                                    | 1,607                 | 65.1           | 100.0                                       | 24.1 | 6.3   | 6.5                            | 11.8                                   | 30.2                      | 15.8  | 14.4        | 13.3 | 7.5  | 0.1  |  |

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By sex and year of award action, selected years 1940–2021—Continued**

| Year of award action <sup>a</sup> | Number<br>(thousands) | Average age | Percentage distribution by age <sup>b</sup> |                             |                                     |                        |       |             |      |      |      |      |      |     |                  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------------------|--|
|                                   |                       |             | Total, all ages                             |                             |                                     | 62                     |       |             | 63   |      |      | 64   |      |     | FRA <sup>d</sup> |  |
|                                   |                       |             | Total                                       | Newly entitled <sup>e</sup> | Disability conversions <sup>f</sup> | FRA to 69 <sup>g</sup> | 70–74 | 75 or older |      |      |      |      |      |     |                  |  |
| <i>Women</i>                      |                       |             |   |                             |                                     |                        |       |             |      |      |      |      |      |     |                  |  |
| 1940                              | 15                    | 67.4        | 100.0                                       | ...                         | ...                                 | ...                    | ...   | ...         | 20.8 | 20.8 | ...  | 62.3 | 12.5 | 4.3 |                  |  |
| 1945                              | 20                    | 68.5        | 100.0                                       | ...                         | ...                                 | ...                    | ...   | ...         | 24.0 | 24.0 | ...  | 45.0 | 23.6 | 7.3 |                  |  |
| 1950                              | 123                   | 68.0        | 100.0                                       | ...                         | ...                                 | ...                    | ...   | ...         | 22.3 | 22.3 | ...  | 53.6 | 19.6 | 4.4 |                  |  |
| 1955                              | 281                   | 67.8        | 100.0                                       | ...                         | ...                                 | ...                    | ...   | ...         | 36.6 | 36.6 | ...  | 38.7 | 18.1 | 6.6 |                  |  |
| 1960                              | 351                   | 65.2        | 100.0                                       | 27.1                        | 13.3                                | 8.1                    | ...   | 18.4        | 17.4 | 1.0  | 22.2 | 8.2  | 2.7  |     |                  |  |
| 1965                              | 440                   | 65.3        | 100.0                                       | 32.6                        | 12.1                                | 6.0                    | ...   | 19.9        | 16.9 | 3.0  | 17.4 | 6.7  | 5.4  |     |                  |  |
| 1970                              | 524                   | 63.9        | 100.0                                       | 35.8                        | 14.3                                | 7.2                    | ...   | 31.3        | 25.7 | 5.5  | 9.2  | 1.7  | 0.6  |     |                  |  |
| 1975                              | 603                   | 63.7        | 100.0                                       | 41.6                        | 13.7                                | 7.0                    | ...   | 29.3        | 22.0 | 7.3  | 6.8  | 1.2  | 0.4  |     |                  |  |
| 1980                              | 671                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 45.9                        | 11.5                                | 6.5                    | ...   | 29.9        | 22.1 | 7.7  | 5.0  | 0.9  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 1985                              | 697                   | 63.4        | 100.0                                       | 57.9                        | 7.4                                 | 9.8                    | ...   | 21.3        | 12.2 | 9.1  | 2.6  | 0.8  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 1986                              | 713                   | 63.4        | 100.0                                       | 57.5                        | 7.0                                 | 10.4                   | ...   | 21.6        | 12.6 | 8.9  | 2.5  | 0.9  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 1987                              | 681                   | 63.3        | 100.0                                       | 58.9                        | 7.2                                 | 9.6                    | ...   | 20.8        | 11.8 | 9.0  | 2.6  | 0.7  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 1988                              | 667                   | 63.3        | 100.0                                       | 59.4                        | 6.9                                 | 7.9                    | ...   | 21.8        | 12.8 | 9.0  | 3.1  | 0.7  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 1989                              | 674                   | 63.4        | 100.0                                       | 57.9                        | 6.5                                 | 9.4                    | ...   | 21.6        | 12.8 | 8.8  | 3.3  | 1.0  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1990                              | 679                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 55.9                        | 7.2                                 | 9.8                    | ...   | 21.5        | 12.7 | 8.9  | 4.1  | 1.0  | 0.5  |     |                  |  |
| 1991                              | 685                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 56.1                        | 7.1                                 | 9.5                    | ...   | 22.3        | 13.9 | 8.4  | 3.8  | 0.9  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1992                              | 708                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 56.7                        | 6.9                                 | 9.8                    | ...   | 21.5        | 12.5 | 9.0  | 3.7  | 1.1  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1993                              | 704                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 56.0                        | 6.8                                 | 10.2                   | ...   | 22.4        | 13.6 | 8.8  | 3.1  | 1.1  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1994                              | 690                   | 63.4        | 100.0                                       | 57.6                        | 6.7                                 | 10.2                   | ...   | 21.0        | 11.8 | 9.1  | 3.3  | 1.0  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1995                              | 684                   | 63.5        | 100.0                                       | 55.4                        | 6.6                                 | 10.1                   | ...   | 22.6        | 12.8 | 9.7  | 3.5  | 1.4  | 0.4  |     |                  |  |
| 1996                              | 684                   | 63.4        | 100.0                                       | 57.4                        | 5.9                                 | 9.4                    | ...   | 22.7        | 12.5 | 10.2 | 3.4  | 1.0  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 1997 <sup>h</sup>                 | 809                   | 65.4        | 100.0                                       | 48.2                        | 5.5                                 | 7.5                    | ...   | 19.5        | 10.5 | 8.9  | 4.4  | 6.4  | 8.5  |     |                  |  |
| 1998                              | 733                   | 64.0        | 100.0                                       | 53.1                        | 7.0                                 | 8.9                    | ...   | 22.0        | 12.4 | 9.6  | 4.1  | 2.4  | 2.5  |     |                  |  |
| 1999                              | 737                   | 63.6        | 100.0                                       | 55.1                        | 6.8                                 | 9.2                    | ...   | 22.6        | 12.5 | 10.1 | 3.8  | 1.8  | 0.7  |     |                  |  |
| 2000                              | 854                   | 63.8        | 100.0                                       | 52.2                        | 5.9                                 | 9.3                    | ...   | 23.6        | 13.9 | 9.7  | 6.5  | 2.2  | 0.4  |     |                  |  |
| 2001                              | 795                   | 63.7        | 100.0                                       | 51.3                        | 7.1                                 | 11.5                   | ...   | 23.7        | 12.8 | 10.9 | 3.1  | 2.6  | 0.6  |     |                  |  |
| 2002                              | 811                   | 63.6        | 100.0                                       | 52.9                        | 6.6                                 | 12.2                   | ...   | 23.9        | 12.7 | 11.2 | 2.3  | 1.8  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 2003                              | 822                   | 63.6        | 100.0                                       | 54.3                        | 6.4                                 | 12.2                   | 3.1   | 18.0        | 7.8  | 10.2 | 3.7  | 1.9  | 0.4  |     |                  |  |
| 2004                              | 874                   | 63.6        | 100.0                                       | 55.0                        | 6.7                                 | 10.6                   | 4.5   | 17.6        | 7.5  | 10.1 | 3.8  | 1.6  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 2005                              | 939                   | 63.6        | 100.0                                       | 54.3                        | 6.9                                 | 9.5                    | 6.2   | 17.1        | 7.4  | 9.7  | 3.8  | 1.8  | 0.3  |     |                  |  |
| 2006                              | 942                   | 63.8        | 100.0                                       | 50.2                        | 7.5                                 | 9.4                    | 8.4   | 18.2        | 7.7  | 10.5 | 4.0  | 2.0  | 0.4  |     |                  |  |
| 2007                              | 961                   | 63.9        | 100.0                                       | 47.6                        | 7.3                                 | 10.0                   | 10.6  | 18.9        | 7.8  | 11.1 | 3.7  | 1.6  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2008                              | 1,079                 | 63.9        | 100.0                                       | 48.3                        | 6.9                                 | 9.0                    | 11.6  | 18.9        | 7.7  | 11.2 | 3.2  | 1.5  | 0.7  |     |                  |  |
| 2009                              | 1,288                 | 63.9        | 100.0                                       | 49.8                        | 6.5                                 | 7.2                    | 10.2  | 20.5        | 8.6  | 11.9 | 3.9  | 1.5  | 0.5  |     |                  |  |
| 2010                              | 1,248                 | 63.9        | 100.0                                       | 47.9                        | 8.1                                 | 7.0                    | 9.8   | 21.6        | 9.3  | 12.2 | 3.8  | 1.6  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2011                              | 1,238                 | 63.8        | 100.0                                       | 46.5                        | 7.3                                 | 8.0                    | 9.8   | 22.1        | 9.7  | 12.4 | 4.2  | 1.8  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2012                              | 1,316                 | 64.0        | 100.0                                       | 42.4                        | 6.9                                 | 7.5                    | 11.4  | 25.2        | 11.2 | 14.1 | 4.5  | 2.0  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2013                              | 1,347                 | 64.2        | 100.0                                       | 40.2                        | 6.4                                 | 6.9                    | 10.7  | 27.8        | 12.3 | 15.4 | 4.9  | 3.0  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2014                              | 1,339                 | 64.2        | 100.0                                       | 39.7                        | 6.6                                 | 6.9                    | 10.3  | 27.5        | 11.9 | 15.5 | 5.7  | 3.1  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2015                              | 1,364                 | 64.4        | 100.0                                       | 37.4                        | 6.6                                 | 6.8                    | 10.0  | 27.9        | 12.3 | 15.7 | 6.7  | 4.1  | 0.5  |     |                  |  |
| 2016                              | 1,392                 | 64.5        | 100.0                                       | 35.5                        | 6.5                                 | 6.8                    | 9.9   | 28.7        | 12.8 | 15.9 | 7.4  | 5.0  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2017                              | 1,444                 | 64.6        | 100.0                                       | 32.9                        | 6.3                                 | 6.8                    | 10.3  | 29.9        | 13.6 | 16.3 | 7.7  | 5.9  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2018                              | 1,501                 | 64.7        | 100.0                                       | 31.0                        | 6.4                                 | 6.9                    | 10.3  | 30.5        | 14.3 | 16.2 | 8.4  | 6.3  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2019                              | 1,554                 | 64.8        | 100.0                                       | 28.9                        | 6.2                                 | 7.1                    | 10.6  | 30.8        | 14.6 | 16.2 | 9.0  | 7.2  | 0.2  |     |                  |  |
| 2020                              | 1,662                 | 65.0        | 100.0                                       | 25.7                        | 6.0                                 | 6.9                    | 10.7  | 33.0        | 17.1 | 15.9 | 10.0 | 7.5  | 0.1  |     |                  |  |
| 2021                              | 1,579                 | 65.0        | 100.0                                       | 26.1                        | 6.4                                 | 7.2                    | 12.0  | 28.1        | 14.1 | 14.0 | 11.5 | 8.6  | 0.1  |     |                  |  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record. Data for 1985–2001 are based on a 1 percent sample. All other years are 100 percent data.

NOTES: Percentage distributions for 2003–2009 differ slightly from those in prior editions of this table because of changes in the methodology of calculating age (see footnote b) and in the presentation of legislated FRA (see footnotes c–g).

Because of differences in data sources and calculation methods, statistics reported in this table may differ from those reported by the Office of the Chief Actuary.

Totals do not necessarily equal the sum of rounded components.

FRA = full retirement age; ... = not applicable.

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