



# Your Social Security Statement

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## What Social Security Means To You

This *Social Security Statement* can help you plan for your financial future. It provides estimates of your Social Security benefits under current law and updates your latest reported earnings.

Please read this *Statement* carefully. If you see a mistake, please let us know. That's important because your benefits will be based on our record of your lifetime earnings. We recommend you keep a copy of your *Statement* with your financial records.

### Social Security is for people of all ages...

We're more than a retirement program. Social Security also can provide benefits if you become disabled and help support your family after you die.

### Work to build a secure future...

Social Security is the largest source of income for most elderly Americans today, but Social Security was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire. You also will need other savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money to live comfortably when you retire.

Saving and investing wisely are important not only for you and your family, but for the entire country. If you want to learn more about how and why to save, you should visit [www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov), a federal government website dedicated to teaching all Americans the basics of financial management.

### About Social Security's future...

Social Security is a compact between generations. Since 1935, America has kept the promise of

security for its workers and their families. Now, however, the Social Security system is facing serious financial problems, and action is needed soon to make sure the system will be sound when today's younger workers are ready for retirement.

Without changes, in 2033 the Social Security Trust Fund will be able to pay only about 77 cents for each dollar of scheduled benefits.\* We need to resolve these issues soon to make sure Social Security continues to provide a foundation of protection for future generations.

### Social Security on the Net...

You can read publications, including *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits*; use our Retirement Estimator to obtain immediate and personalized estimates of future benefits; and when you're ready to apply for benefits, use our improved online application—It's so easy!

Carolyn W. Colvin  
Acting Commissioner

\* These estimates are based on the intermediate assumptions from the Social Security Trustees' Annual Report to the Congress.

# Your Estimated Benefits

<b>*Retirement</b>	You have earned enough credits to qualify for benefits. At your current earnings rate, if you continue working until...	
	your full retirement age (67 years), your payment would be about .....	\$ 1,310 a month
	age 70, your payment would be about .....	\$ 1,706 a month
	age 62, your payment would be about .....	\$ 831 a month
<b>*Disability</b>	You have earned enough credits to qualify for benefits. If you became disabled right now	
	your payment would be about.....	\$ 882 a month
<b>*Family</b>	If you get retirement or disability benefits, your spouse and children also may qualify for benefits.	
<b>*Survivors</b>	You have earned enough credits for your family to receive survivors benefits. If you die this year, certain members of your family may qualify for the following benefits:	
	Your child.....	\$ 716 a month
	Your spouse who is caring for your child.....	\$ 716 a month
	Your spouse, if benefits start at full retirement age .....	\$ 955 a month
	Total family benefits cannot be more than.....	\$ 1,432 a month
	Your spouse or minor child may be eligible for a special one-time death benefit of \$255.	
<b>Medicare</b>	You have enough credits to qualify for Medicare at age 65. Even if you do not retire at age 65, be sure to contact Social Security three months before your 65th birthday to enroll in Medicare.	
	<b>* Your estimated benefits are based on current law. Congress has made changes to the law in the past and can do so at any time. The law governing benefit amounts may change because, by 2033, the payroll taxes collected will be enough to pay only about 77 percent of scheduled benefits.</b>	
	<b>We based your benefit estimates on these facts:</b>	
	Your date of birth (please verify your name on page 1 and this date of birth) .....	March 23, 1969
	Your estimated taxable earnings per year after 2014 .....	\$37,617
	Your Social Security number (only the last four digits are shown to help prevent identity theft) .....	XXX-XX-3310

## How Your Benefits Are Estimated

To qualify for benefits, you earn "credits" through your work — up to four each year. This year, for example, you earn one credit for each \$1,200 of wages or self-employment income. When you've earned \$4,800, you've earned your four credits for the year. Most people need 40 credits, earned over their working lifetime, to receive retirement benefits. For disability and survivors benefits, young people need fewer credits to be eligible.

We checked your records to see whether you have earned enough credits to qualify for benefits. If you haven't earned enough yet to qualify for any type of benefit, we can't give you a benefit estimate now. If you continue to work, we'll give you an estimate when you do qualify.

**What we assumed** — If you have enough work credits, we estimated your benefit amounts using your average earnings over your working lifetime. For 2014 and later (up to retirement age), we assumed you'll continue to work and make about the same as you did in 2012 or 2013. We also included credits we assumed you earned last year and this year.

Generally, the older you are and the closer you are to retirement, the more accurate the retirement estimates will be because they are based on a longer work history with fewer uncertainties such as earnings fluctuations and future law changes. We encourage you to use our online Retirement Estimator to obtain immediate and personalized benefit estimates.

We can't provide your actual benefit amount until you apply for benefits. **And that amount may differ from the estimates above because:**

- (1) Your earnings may increase or decrease in the future.
- (2) After you start receiving benefits, they will be adjusted for cost-of-living increases.

- (3) Your estimated benefits are based on current law. **The law governing benefit amounts may change.**
- (4) Your benefit amount may be affected by **military service, railroad employment or pensions earned through work on which you did not pay Social Security tax.** Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to learn more.

**Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)** — In the future, if you receive a pension from employment in which you do not pay Social Security taxes, such as some federal, state or local government work, some nonprofit organizations or foreign employment, and you also qualify for your own Social Security retirement or disability benefit, your Social Security benefit may be reduced, but not eliminated, by WEP. The amount of the reduction, if any, depends on your earnings and number of years in jobs in which you paid Social Security taxes, and the year you are age 62 or become disabled. For more information, please see *Windfall Elimination Provision* (Publication No. 05-10045) at [www.socialsecurity.gov/WEP](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/WEP).

**Government Pension Offset (GPO)** — If you receive a pension based on federal, state or local government work in which you did not pay Social Security taxes and you qualify, now or in the future, for Social Security benefits as a current or former spouse, widow or widower, you are likely to be affected by GPO. If GPO applies, your Social Security benefit will be reduced by an amount equal to two-thirds of your government pension, and could be reduced to zero. Even if your benefit is reduced to zero, you will be eligible for Medicare at age 65 on your spouse's record. To learn more, please see *Government Pension Offset* (Publication No. 05-10007) at [www.socialsecurity.gov/GPO](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/GPO).

# Your Earnings Record

Years You Worked	Your Taxed Social Security Earnings	Your Taxed Medicare Earnings
1985	50	50
1986	924	924
1987	8,056	8,056
1988	6,279	6,279
1989	7,561	7,561
1990	3,542	3,542
1991	3,937	3,937
1992	799	799
1993	1,004	1,004
1994	5,845	5,845
1995	1,701	1,701
1996	0	0
1997	0	0
1998	0	0
1999	0	0
2000	1,605	1,605
2001	3,615	3,615
2002	5,020	5,020
2003	28,620	28,620
2004	15,705	15,705
2005	25,338	25,338
2006	22,464	22,464
2007	140	140
2008	0	0
2009	0	0
2010	9,503	9,503
2011	915	915
2012	33,272	33,272
2013	37,617	37,617

You and your family may be eligible for valuable benefits:

When you die, your family may be eligible to receive survivors benefits.

Social Security may help you if you become disabled—even at a young age.

A young person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes in as few as two years can be eligible for disability benefits.

Social Security credits you earn move with you from job to job throughout your career.

## Total Social Security and Medicare taxes paid over your working career through the last year reported on the chart above:

Estimated taxes paid for Social Security:

You paid: \$13,099  
Your employers paid: \$13,782

Estimated taxes paid for Medicare:

You paid: \$3,229  
Your employers paid: \$3,229

**Note:** Currently, you and your employer each pay a 6.2 percent Social Security tax on up to \$117,000 of your earnings and a 1.45 percent Medicare tax on all your earnings. If you are self-employed, you pay the combined employee and employer amount, which is a 12.4 percent Social Security tax on up to \$117,000 of your net earnings and a 2.9 percent Medicare tax on your entire net earnings. If you have earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly), you must pay 0.9 percent more in Medicare taxes.

## Help Us Keep Your Earnings Record Accurate

You, your employer and Social Security share responsibility for the accuracy of your earnings record. Since you began working, we recorded your reported earnings under your name and Social Security number. We have updated your record each time your employer (or you, if you're self-employed) reported your earnings.

Remember, it's your earnings, not the amount of taxes you paid or the number of credits you've earned, that determine your benefit amount. When we figure that amount, we base it on your average earnings over your lifetime. If our records are wrong, you may not receive all the benefits to which you're entitled.

**Review this chart carefully** using your own records to make sure our information is correct and that we've recorded each year you worked. You're the only person who can look at the earnings chart and know whether it is complete and correct.

Some or all of your earnings from **last year** may not be shown on your *Statement*. It could be that we still were processing last

year's earnings reports when your *Statement* was prepared. **Note:** If you worked for more than one employer during any year, or if you had both earnings and self-employment income, we combined your earnings for the year.

**There's a limit on the amount of earnings on which you pay Social Security taxes each year.** The limit increases yearly. Earnings above the limit will not appear on your earnings chart as Social Security earnings. (For Medicare taxes, the maximum earnings amount began rising in 1991. Since 1994, **all** of your earnings are taxed for Medicare.)

**Call us right away at 1-800-772-1213** (7 a.m.-7 p.m. your local time) if any earnings for years **before last year** are shown incorrectly. Please have your W-2 or tax return for those years available. (If you live outside the U.S., follow the directions at the bottom of page 4.)

# Some Facts About Social Security

## About Social Security and Medicare...

Social Security pays retirement, disability, family and survivors benefits. Medicare, a separate program run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, helps pay for inpatient hospital care, nursing care, doctors' fees, drugs, and other medical services and supplies to people age 65 and older, as well as to people who have been receiving Social Security disability benefits for two years or more. Medicare does not pay for long-term care, so you may want to consider options for private insurance. Your Social Security covered earnings qualify you for both programs. For more information about Medicare, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call **1-800-633-4227** (TTY **1-877-486-2048** if you are deaf or hard of hearing).

**Retirement** — If you were born before 1938, your full retirement age is 65. Because of a 1983 change in the law, the full retirement age will increase gradually to 67 for people born in 1960 and later.

Some people retire before their full retirement age. You can retire as early as 62 and take benefits at a reduced rate. If you work after your full retirement age, you can receive higher benefits because of additional earnings and credits for delayed retirement.

**Disability** — If you become disabled before full retirement age, you can receive disability benefits after six months if you have:

- enough credits from earnings (depending on your age, you must have earned six to 20 of your credits in the three to 10 years before you became disabled); and
- a physical or mental impairment that's expected to prevent you from doing "substantial" work for a year or more *or* result in death.

If you are filing for disability benefits, please let us know if you are on active military duty or are a recently discharged veteran, so that we can handle your claim more quickly.

**Family** — If you're eligible for disability or retirement benefits, your current or divorced spouse, minor children or adult children disabled before age 22 also may receive benefits. Each may qualify for up to about 50 percent of your benefit amount.

**Survivors** — When you die, certain members of your family may be eligible for benefits:

- your spouse age 60 or older (50 or older if disabled, or any age if caring for your children younger than age 16); and
- your children if unmarried and younger than age 18, still in school and younger than 19 years old, or adult children disabled before age 22.

If you are divorced, your ex-spouse could be eligible for a widow's or widower's benefit on your record when you die.

**Extra Help with Medicare** — If you know someone who is on Medicare and has limited income and resources, extra help is available for prescription drug costs. The extra help can help pay the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. To learn more or to apply, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**).

## Receive benefits and still work...

You can work and still get retirement or survivors benefits. If you're younger than your full retirement age, there are limits on how much you can earn without affecting your benefit amount. When you apply for benefits, we'll tell you what the limits are and whether work would affect your monthly benefits. When you reach full retirement age, the earnings limits no longer apply.

## Before you decide to retire...

Carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages of early retirement. If you choose to receive benefits before you reach full retirement age, your monthly benefits will be reduced.

To help you decide the best time to retire, we offer a free publication, *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits* (Publication No. 05-10147), that identifies the many factors you should consider before applying. Most people can receive an estimate of their benefit based on their actual Social Security earnings record by using our online Retirement Estimator. You also can calculate future retirement benefits by using the Social Security Benefit Calculators at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Other helpful free publications include:

- *Retirement Benefits* (No. 05-10035)
- *Understanding The Benefits* (No. 05-10024)
- *Your Retirement Benefit: How It Is Figured* (No. 05-10070)
- *Windfall Elimination Provision* (No. 05-10045)
- *Government Pension Offset* (No. 05-10007)
- *Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number* (No. 05-10064)

We also have other leaflets and fact sheets with information about specific topics such as military service, self-employment or foreign employment. You can request Social Security publications at our website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or by calling us at **1-800-772-1213**. Our website has a list of frequently asked questions that may answer questions you have. We have easy-to-use online applications for benefits that can save you a telephone call or a trip to a field office.

You may also qualify for government benefits outside of Social Security. For more information on these benefits, visit [www.govbenefits.gov](http://www.govbenefits.gov).

**If you need more information** — Contact any Social Security office, or call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**. (If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**.) If you have questions about your personal information, you must provide your complete Social Security Number. If you are in the United States, you also may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of Earnings Operations, P.O. Box 33026, Baltimore, MD 21290-3026. If you are outside the United States, please write to the Office of International Operations, P.O. Box 17769, Baltimore, MD 21235-7769, USA.



## Social Security Administration

DANIEL M ROSENBLUM  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
PO BOX 3377  
NEW YORK NY 10163-3377

Date: October 13, 2014  
Claim Number: XXX-XX-3310A

You asked us for information from your record. The information that you requested is shown below. If you want anyone else to have this information, you may send them this letter.

### **Information About Current Social Security Benefits**

Beginning September 2005, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions is \$0.00.

We deduct \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment is \$0.00.

(We must round down to the whole dollar.)

Social Security benefits for a given month are paid the following month. (For example, Social Security benefits for March are paid in April.)

Your Social Security benefits are paid on or about the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Benefits were suspended beginning September 2005.

Benefits were stopped beginning November 2010.

### **Information About Past Social Security Benefits**

From January 2005 to August 2005, the full monthly Social Security benefit before any deductions was \$777.80.

We deducted \$0.00 for medical insurance premiums each month.

The regular monthly Social Security payment was \$777.00.

(We must round down to the whole dollar.)

### **Type of Social Security Benefit Information**

You are entitled to monthly disability benefits.

### **Date of Birth Information**

The date of birth shown on our records is March 23, 1969.

### **Suspect Social Security Fraud?**

Please visit <http://oig.ssa.gov/r> or call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 (TTY 1-866-501-2101).

### **If You Have Questions**

We invite you to visit our web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) on the Internet to find general information about Social Security. If you have any specific questions, you may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local office at 866-964-0783. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY

number, 1-800-325-0778. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY  
5TH FLOOR  
237 W 48TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

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