



Social Security: With You Through Life's Journey...



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What's New in 2025?

- The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) is **\$967 per month for an eligible person** and **\$1,450 per month for an eligible couple in 2025.**
- **For 2025**, the monthly Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) base premium is **\$518**, and the **45%** reduced premium is **\$285.**
- **For 2025**, the Medicare Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) monthly base premium is **\$185** (or higher depending on your income).



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What is the Social Security Fairness Act?

The Social Security Fairness Act (Act) was signed into law on January 5, 2025.

The Act ends the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). This law increases Social Security benefits for certain types of workers, including some:

- teachers, firefighters, and police officers in many states;
- federal employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System; and
- people whose work had been covered by a foreign social security system.

To learn more below about the steps the Social Security Administration is taking to implement the law, visit:

ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html



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5 STEPS

Toward Your Financial Security



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1 Get to know *your*
Social Security

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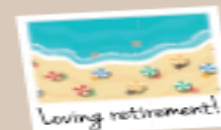
2 Verify your
earnings



40 Credits
needed for
Retirement and
Medicare benefits

3 Estimate your
benefits

 +  +  =
Social Security Savings Investments



4 Apply for
benefits



Retirement



Disability



Medicare

5 Manage your
benefits

my Social Security



Sample Social Security Statement



Your Social Security Statement

WANDA WORKER

January 20, 2024

Important Information That May Affect Your Benefits

The benefit estimates below are based on your earnings that were taxed for Social Security. Your benefits may be reduced if you participate in a retirement plan or receive a pension based on earnings not covered by Social Security. See *Earnings Not Covered by Social Security* box.

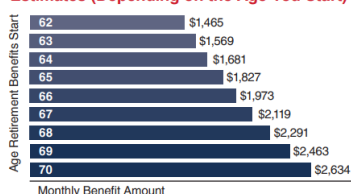
Retirement Benefits

You have earned enough credits to qualify for retirement benefits. To qualify for benefits, you earn "credits" through your work — up to four each year.

Your full retirement age is **67**, based on your date of birth: April 5, 1962. As shown in the chart, you can start your benefits at any time between ages **62** and **70**. For each month you wait to start your benefits, your monthly benefit will be higher—for the rest of your life.

These personalized estimates are based on your earnings to date and assume you continue to earn \$54,489 per year until you start your benefits. Learn more at ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/learn.html.

Personalized Monthly Retirement Benefit Estimates (Depending on the Age You Start)



Disability Benefits

You have earned enough credits to qualify for disability benefits. If you became disabled right now and you have enough recent work, your monthly payment would be about **\$2,083**. Learn more at ssa.gov/disability.

Survivors Benefits

You have earned enough credits for your eligible family members to receive survivors benefits. If you die this year, members of your family who may qualify for monthly benefits include:

Minor child:	\$1,562
Spouse, if caring for a disabled child or child younger than age 16:	\$1,562
Spouse, if benefits start at full retirement age:	\$2,083
Total family benefits cannot be more than:	\$3,802

Your spouse or minor child may be eligible for an additional one-time death benefit of **\$255**. Learn more at ssa.gov/survivors.

Medicare

You have enough credits to qualify for Medicare at age 65. Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people:

- age 65 and older,
- under 65 with certain disabilities, and
- of any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

Even if you do not retire at age 65, you may need to sign up for Medicare within 3 months of your 65th birthday to **avoid a lifetime late enrollment penalty**. Special rules may apply if you are covered by certain group health plans through work.

For more information about Medicare, visit medicare.gov or ssa.gov/medicare or call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

We base benefit estimates on current law, which Congress has revised before and may revise again to address needed changes. Learn more about Social Security's future at ssa.gov/ThereForMe.

Earnings Record

Review your earnings history below to ensure it is accurate because we base your future benefits on our record of your earnings. There's a limit to the amount of earnings you pay Social Security taxes on each year. Earnings above the limit do not appear on your earnings record. We have combined your earlier years of earnings below, but you can view your complete earnings record online with [my Social Security](https://my.ssa.gov). If you find an error, view your full earnings record online and call **1-800-772-1213**.

Work Year	Earnings Taxed for Social Security	Earnings Taxed for Medicare (began 1966)
1971-1980	\$ 2,142	\$ 2,142
1981-1990	87,102	87,102
1991-2000	246,069	246,069
2001	34,147	34,147
2002	34,846	34,846
2003	36,021	36,021
2004	38,032	38,032
2005	39,711	39,711
2006	41,829	41,829
2007	43,971	43,971
2008	45,170	45,170
2009	44,603	44,603
2010	45,666	45,847
2011	47,093	47,093
2012	48,560	48,560
2013	49,095	49,095
2014	50,605	50,605
2015	51,996	51,996
2016	52,108	52,108
2017	53,251	53,251
2018	53,966	53,966
2019	54,559	54,559
2020	54,489	54,489
2021	Not yet recorded	

Taxes Paid

Total estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes paid over your working career based on your Earnings Record:

Social Security taxes	Medicare taxes
You paid: \$75,568	You paid: \$18,158
Employer(s): \$77,498	Employer(s): \$18,158

Earnings Not Covered by Social Security

You may also have earnings from work not covered by Social Security, where you did not pay Social Security taxes. This work might have been for federal, state, or local government or in a foreign country. If you participate in a retirement plan or receive a pension from this work, your Social Security benefits may be affected by:

Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) – Your retirement or disability benefit may be reduced, but not eliminated, by the WEP. The reduction amount, if any, depends on the number of years and the amount earned in jobs in which you paid Social Security taxes, and the year you turn age 62 or become disabled. To estimate the WEP's effect on your Social Security benefit, visit ssa.gov/WEP-CHART. In 2024, the maximum monthly reduction is \$587. Learn more at ssa.gov/WEP.

Government Pension Offset (GPO) – If you qualify for benefits as a current or former spouse, widow, or widower, the GPO may reduce or eliminate your benefits. If the 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. Learn more at ssa.gov/GPO.

Important Things to Know about Your Social Security Benefits

- Social Security benefits are not intended to be your only source of retirement income. You may need other savings, investments, pensions, or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money when you retire.
- You need at least 10 years of work (40 credits) to qualify for retirement benefits. Your benefit amount is based on your highest 35 years of earnings. If you have fewer than 35 years of earnings, years without work count as 0 and may reduce your benefit amount.
- To keep up with inflation, benefits are adjusted through "cost of living adjustments."
- If you get retirement or disability benefits, your spouse and children may qualify for benefits.
- When you apply for either retirement or spousal benefits, you may be required to apply for both benefits at the same time.
- If you and your spouse both work, use the [my Social Security](https://my.ssa.gov) Retirement Calculator to estimate spousal benefits.
- The age you claim benefits will affect the benefit amount for your surviving spouse. For example, claiming benefits after your full retirement age may increase the Spouse, if benefits start at full retirement age amount on page 1; claiming early may reduce it.
- If you are divorced and were married for 10 years, you may be able to claim benefits on your ex-spouse's record. If your ex-spouse receives benefits on your record, that does not affect your or your current spouse's benefit amounts.
- Learn more about benefits for you and your family at ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html.
- When you are ready to apply, visit ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/apply.html.
- The Statement is updated annually. It is available online, or by mail upon request.

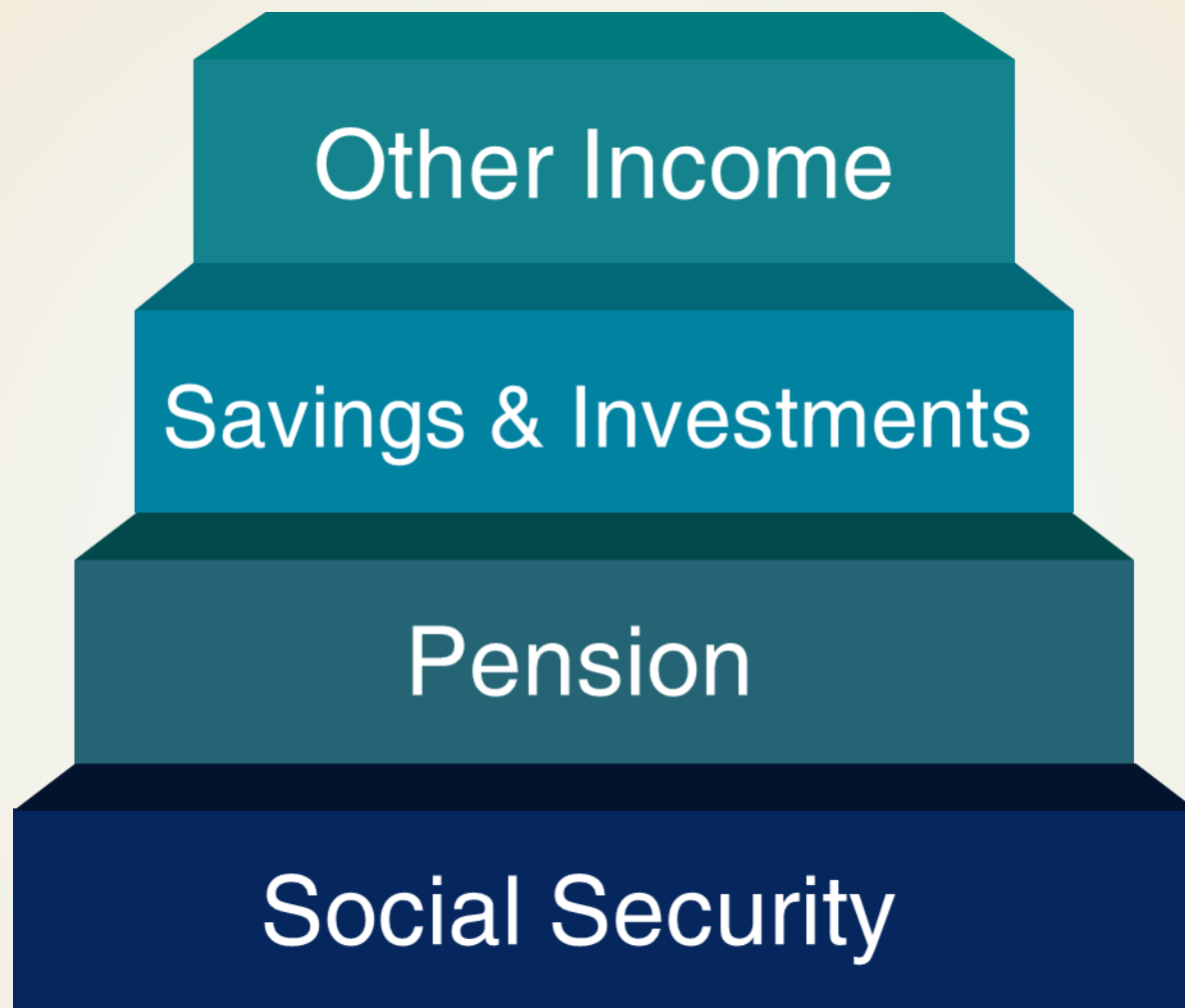
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Who Pays for Social Security?



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What is FICA?

- Stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act
 - May show on paycheck as OASDI or Social Security
- Federal payroll tax deducted from workers' paychecks, matched by employer, and reported by employer to IRS
- Total FICA tax = 15.3% of gross wages. You and your employer each pay 7.65%
 - 6.2% for Social Security
 - 1.45% for Medicare
- FICA taxes help fund Social Security retirement, disability, survivor benefits and Medicare health insurance

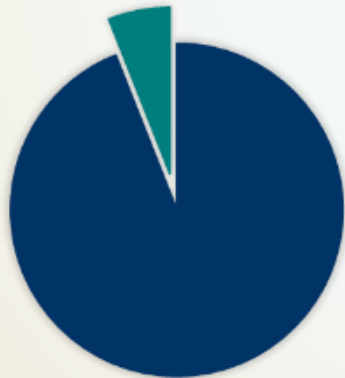


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Did You Know?

About **184 million workers** will pay Social Security taxes in 2024.



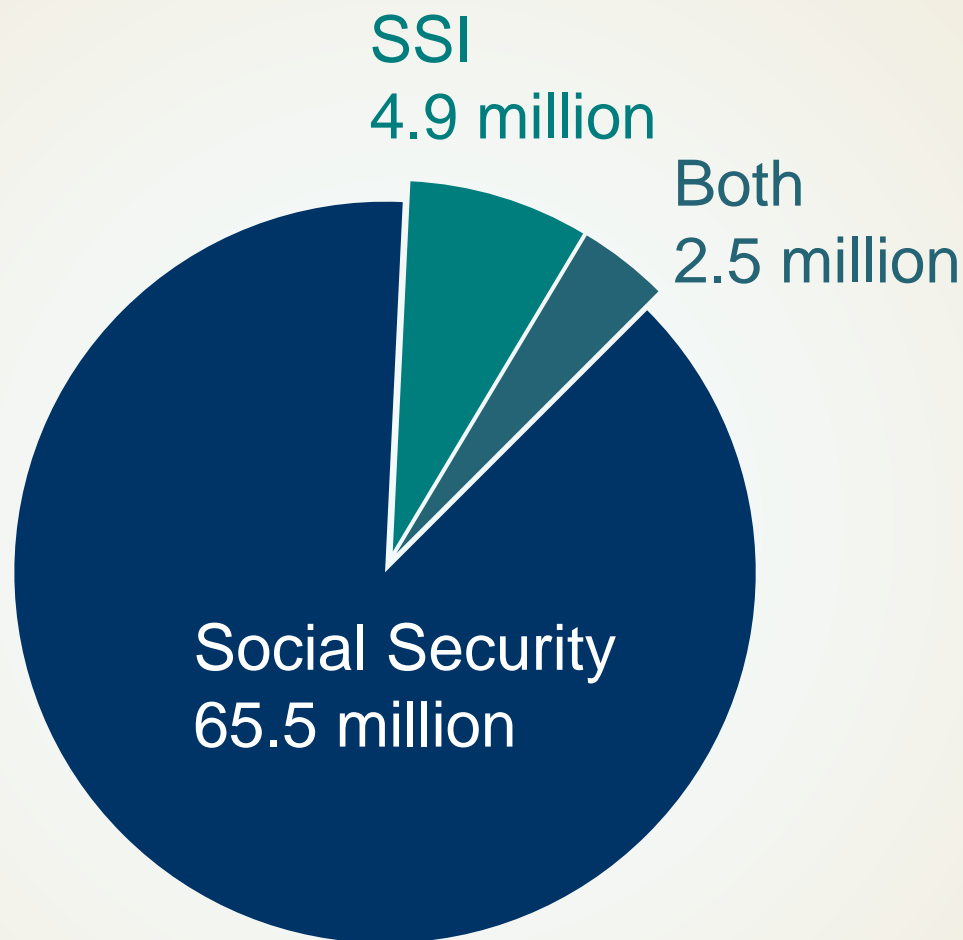
About **94%** of all workers are covered by Social Security.



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Social Security Program Beneficiaries



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How Do You Become Eligible for Retirement Benefits?

- By earning “credits” when you work and pay Social Security taxes
- You need 40 credits (10 years of work) and you must be 62 or older
- In 2025, each \$1,810 in earnings gives you one credit
- You can earn a maximum of 4 credits per year

Note: To earn 4 credits in 2025, you must earn at least \$7,240.

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How Social Security Determines Your Benefit

Benefits are based on earnings

Step 1 - Your wages are adjusted for changes in wage levels over time

Step 2 - Find the monthly average of your **35 highest** earnings years

Step 3 - Result is “average indexed monthly earnings” (AIME)

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2025 Retirement Benefit Formula

If your average monthly earnings are = **\$8,000**

Then your monthly benefit would be = **\$3,167**

Average Monthly Earnings = \$8,000

90% of First..... **\$1,226** is **\$1,103**

32% of Earnings over \$1,226 through \$7,391... **\$6,165** is **\$1,973**
(\$7,391 - \$1,226 = \$6,165)

15% of Earnings over \$7,391..... **\$609** is **\$91**

\$8,000 is \$3,167

**Payments rounded to whole dollar amounts*



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Full Retirement Age Chart

Year of Birth	Full Retirement Age
1943-1954	66
1955	66 and 2 months
1956	66 and 4 months
1957	66 and 6 months
1958	66 and 8 months
1959	66 and 10 months
1960 and later	67

The benefit amount is affected by the retirement age.

Early Retirement:

- Benefits as early as 62
- 20 to 30 % reduction

Full Retirement:

- Full benefits at full retirement age

Delayed Retirement:

- Benefits increase automatically if retirement is delayed past full retirement age

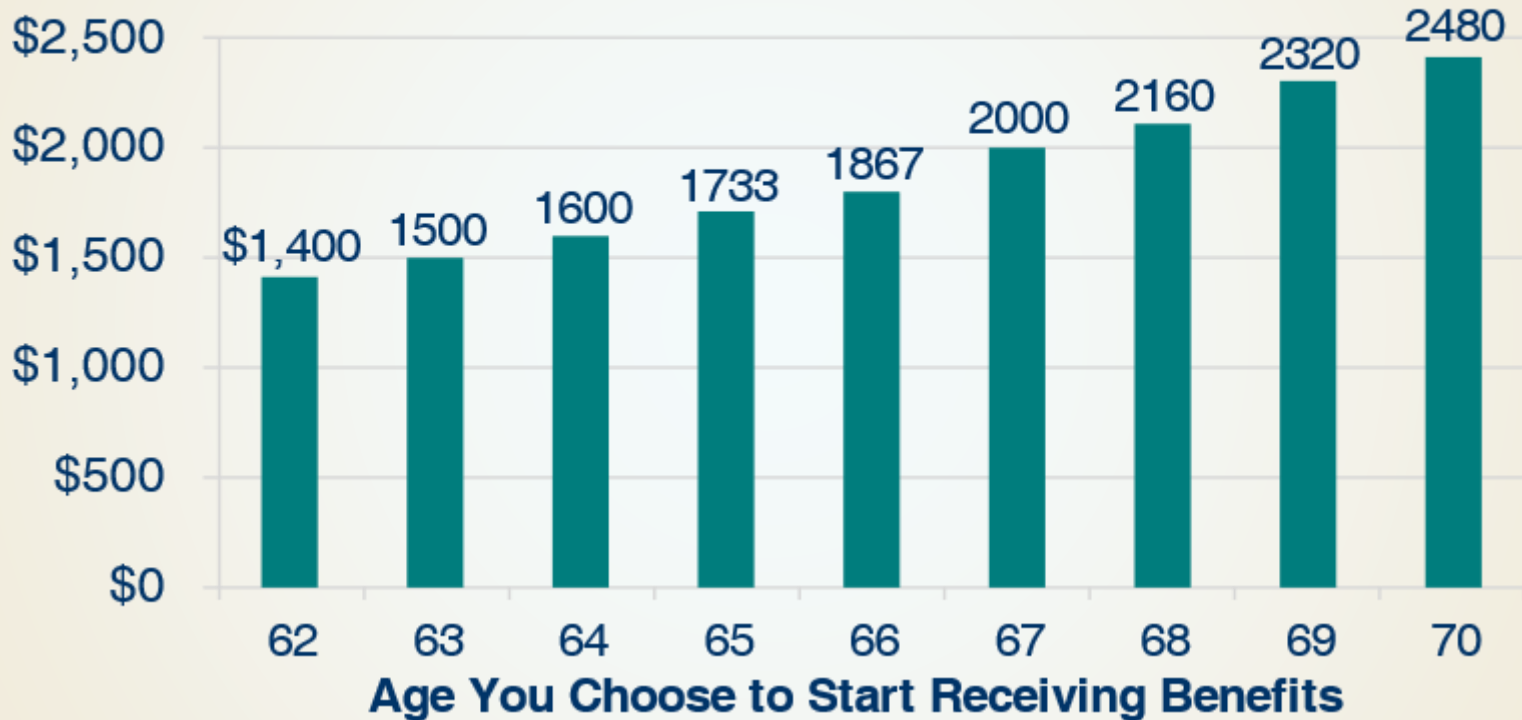


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What Is the Best Age to Start Receiving Social Security Retirement Benefits?

Monthly Benefit Amounts Differ Based on the Age You Decide to Start Receiving Benefits



Note: This example assumes a benefit of \$2,000 at a full retirement age of 67



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Benefits for a Spouse

- Maximum benefit = 50% of worker's unreduced benefit
- Reduction for early retirement
- If spouse's own benefit is less than 50% of the worker's, they will be combined to equal to 50% of the worker's
- Does not reduce payment to the worker
- Benefit is unreduced if spouse is caring for worker's child younger than age 16 or disabled
- Spouse benefits are not payable until worker collects

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Benefits for Divorced Spouses

You may receive benefits on your former spouse's record (even if he or she has remarried) if:

- Marriage lasted at least 10 years
- You are unmarried
- You are age 62 or older
- Your ex-spouse is at least 62 and eligible for Social Security retirement or disability benefits, even if not collecting
- Benefit you would receive based on your own work is less than benefit you would receive based on ex-spouse's work

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Auxiliary Benefits for Children

A child must have:

- A parent who's disabled or retired and entitled to Social Security benefits; or
- A parent who died after having worked long enough in a job where they paid Social Security taxes.

The child must also be:

- Unmarried;
- Younger than age 18;
- 18-19 years old and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12);
- 18 or older and disabled from a disability that started before age 22.

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Survivor Benefits

Child	May receive benefits if unmarried and younger than age 18, or between ages 18 and 19 and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12)
Disabled Child	May receive benefits after age 18 if unmarried and disabled before age 22
Widow/er or Divorced Widow/er (Remarriage after age 60 will not affect benefits)	May receive full benefits at full retirement age or reduced benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• as early as age 60• as early as 50, if disabled• at any age if caring for child younger than 16 or disabled

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Survivor Benefits

When you pass away, your surviving spouse may:

- Claim survivor benefits at any age between 60 and full retirement age;
- At age 60, receive 71.5% of your full benefit and increases each month they wait up to 100% if they start at full retirement age; or
- At full retirement age, receive 100% of your unreduced benefit.



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Other Survivor Benefits

- Lump Sum Death Payment of \$255 is a one-time payment to surviving spouse or child(ren) who meet certain requirements.
- Parents' Benefits are for a parent age 62 or older who was receiving at least one-half support from their deceased son or daughter.

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Spouse vs. Surviving Spouse Benefits

Spouse (living)	Surviving Spouse (deceased)
May start as early as age 62	May start as early as age 60 or as early as 50 if disabled
50% if you wait until FRA or later	71.5% at age 60, increases each month you wait
Less than 50% if you start before FRA (reduction for each month you take benefit early)	100% if you start at FRA or later

Certain conditions must be met.

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You can switch to retirement on your own record as early as age 62 if that benefit is higher than your surviving spouse's benefit.

OR

You can take retirement as early as age 62, then switch to surviving spouses at full retirement age if benefit is higher.



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Working While Receiving Benefits

If you are	In 2025, you can earn up to	If you earn more, some benefits will be withheld
Under Full Retirement Age	\$23,400/yr.	\$1 for every \$2 earned above the limit
The Year Full Retirement Age is Reached	\$62,160/yr. before month of full retirement age	\$1 for every \$3 earned above the limit
Month of Full Retirement Age and Above	No Limit	No Limit

Retirement Earnings Test Calculator:
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What Income Counts Towards the Earnings Test Limits



Income that Counts as Earnings



**Gross wages from employment
and/or net earnings from self employment**

Income that Does NOT Count as Earnings

Inheritance payments

Interest and dividends

Pensions

Capital gains

Income from investments

Other sources



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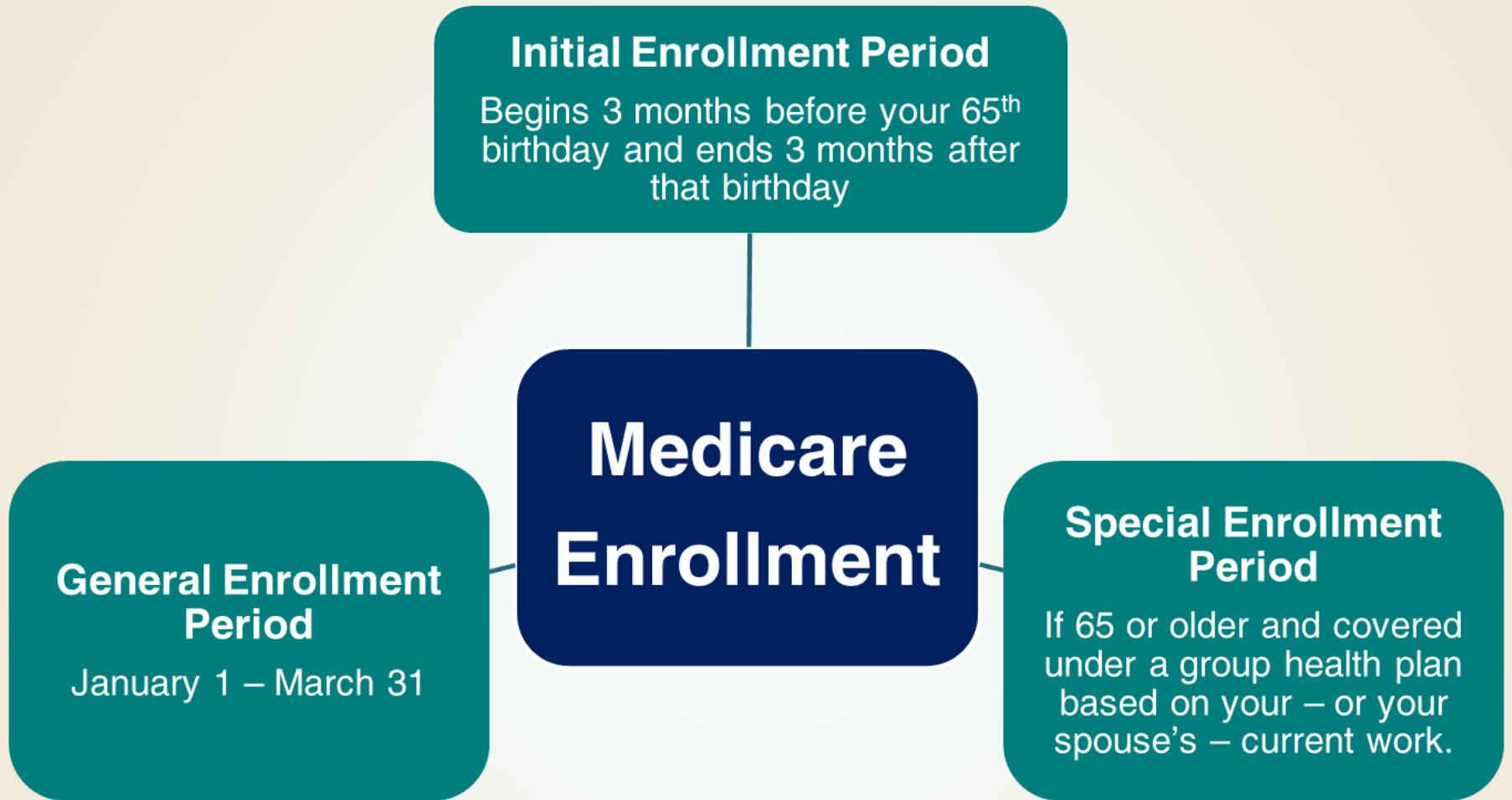
Original Medicare	Medicare Advantage (aka Part C)
Part A (Hospital Insurance) Part B (Medical Insurance)	Part A (Hospital Insurance) Part B (Medical Insurance)
You can add: Part D (Prescription Drug Plan)	Most plans include: Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) Extra Benefits (e.g., vision, hearing, dental, and more)
You can also add: Supplemental insurance coverage (Medigap)	Some plans also include: Lower out-of-pocket costs

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Medicare Enrollment Periods

Enrollment Period:	When the period occurs:
Initial Enrollment Period – Your first opportunity to enroll	3 months before you turn age 65, the month you turn age 65, and 3 months after you turn age 65
General Enrollment Period	Annually, January 1 – March 31
Special Enrollment Period	During any month you remain covered under the group health plan and your, or your spouse's, current employment continues; or In the eight-month period that begins with the month your group health plan coverage or the current employment it is based on ends, whichever comes first.



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Medicare Part B Premiums for 2025

If you're single and file an individual tax return, or married and file a joint tax return:

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)	Part B monthly premium amount	Prescription drug plan monthly premium amount
Individuals with a MAGI of \$106,000 or less Married couples with a MAGI of \$212,000 or less	2025 standard premium = \$185	Your plan premium + \$0
Individuals with a MAGI above \$106,000 up to \$133,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$212,000 up to \$266,000	Standard premium + \$74.00	Your plan premium + \$13.70
Individuals with a MAGI above \$133,000 up to \$167,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$266,000 up to \$334,000	Standard premium + \$185	Your plan premium + \$35.30
Individuals with a MAGI above \$167,000 up to \$200,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$334,000 up to \$400,000	Standard premium + \$295.90	Your plan premium + \$57.00
Individuals with a MAGI above \$200,000 up to \$500,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$400,000 up to \$750,000	Standard premium + \$406.90	Your plan premium + \$78.60
Individuals with a MAGI equal to or greater than \$500,000 Married couples with a MAGI equal to or greater than \$750,000	Standard premium + \$443.90	Your plan premium + \$85.80



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A Qualifying Life-Changing Event May Reduce Monthly Part B/D Premiums

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STEP 1: Type of Life-Changing Event

Check **ONE** life-changing event and fill in the date that the event occurred (mm/dd/yyyy). If you had more than one life-changing event, please call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Reduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Annulment | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Income-Producing Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death of Your Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Pension Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Stoppage | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Settlement Payment |

Date of life-changing event:

mm/dd/yyyy

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Will unemployment benefits affect my Social Security benefits?

- Social Security does not count unemployment benefits as earnings
- Unemployment does not affect retirement benefits
- Social Security benefits **may** reduce your unemployment compensation
 - Contact your local unemployment office at your state's Dept. of Labor for information on how your state applies the reduction



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Will my Social Security benefit increase if I work?

- Each year SSA reviews records of all working Social Security beneficiaries to determine if recent earnings may increase monthly benefit amount.
- If increase is due, we figure a new benefit amount and pay the increase retroactive to January following the year of earnings.
 - Review is usually completed by October. No need to contact SSA.
- Example: If you had earnings in 2024 that will increase your monthly benefit, we will increase your amount retroactive to January 2025 once we review your record.

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Will I pay federal taxes on my benefits?



If you:

file a federal tax return as an "individual" and your *combined income* is

- between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50% of your benefits.
- more than \$34,000, up to 85% of your benefits may be taxable.



file a joint return, and you and your spouse have a *combined income* that is

- between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50% of your benefits
- more than \$44,000, up to 85% of your benefits may be taxable.



are married and file a separate tax return, you will probably pay taxes on your benefits.

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Voluntary Withholding Request



Form W-4V (Rev. February 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Voluntary Withholding Request (For unemployment compensation and certain Federal Government and other payments.) ► Give this form to your payer. Do not send it to the IRS.		OMB No. 1545-0074	
1 Your first name and middle initial		Last name		2 Your social security number	
3 Home address (number and street or rural route)		City or town		State ZIP code	
4 Claim or identification number (if any) you use with your payer					
5 <input type="checkbox"/> I want federal income tax withheld from my unemployment compensation at a rate of 10% of each payment.					
6 I want federal income tax withheld from (a) my social security benefits, (b) my social security equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, (c) my Commodity Credit Corporation loans, (d) certain crop disaster payments under the Agricultural Act of 1949 or under Title II of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988, or (e) dividends and other distributions from Alaska Native Corporations to its shareholders, at the rate of (check one): 7% <input type="checkbox"/> 10% <input type="checkbox"/> 12% <input type="checkbox"/> 22% <input type="checkbox"/>					
7 <input type="checkbox"/> I want you to stop withholding federal income tax from my payment(s).					
Your signature ►				Date ►	
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How to Apply for Benefits



File online for Retirement, Spouse, Disability, or Medicare Only

- If you have a disability, you can file for Retirement and Disability with same application if you are at least 62 but not yet FRA.
- Survivor* application is not available online.



Schedule a phone appointment at **1-800-772-1213**, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Schedule an in-office appointment at **1-800-772-1213**.

****Child and survivor claims can only be done by phone or in the office.***



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How to Get Help from Social Security

To ensure the best service, customers must make an appointment.

- Many transactions can be completed conveniently and securely online at **SSA.gov**. Our website is the best way for most people to get help.
- If you cannot use our website, **call** our National 800 Number (**1-800-772-1213**) or your local Social Security office for help. We will schedule an appointment to serve you by phone or in person. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**.

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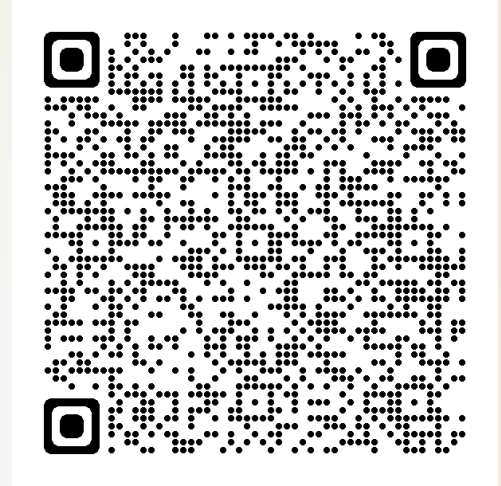


Social Security Number and Card

Applying online is the fastest way to request a Social Security card. Just go to ssa.gov/number-card and answer a few questions to find out the best way to apply.

You can:

- Request a Social Security number for the first time.
- Request a replacement Social Security Number card.
- Update or correct your personal information (e.g., name, date of birth).



You may be able to apply completely online. In some cases, you can start the process online and complete it at a local Social Security office or Card Center. You may also have the option to self-schedule an in-office appointment online to finish the process. If you are unable to self-schedule online, please call **1-800-772-1213** to make an appointment to come into a local office. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**.



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