



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



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How Do You Qualify 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
- Each \$1,470 in earnings gives you one credit
- You can earn a maximum of 4 credits per year

Note: To earn 4 credits in 2021, you must earn at least \$5,880.

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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”

ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/Benefits.html

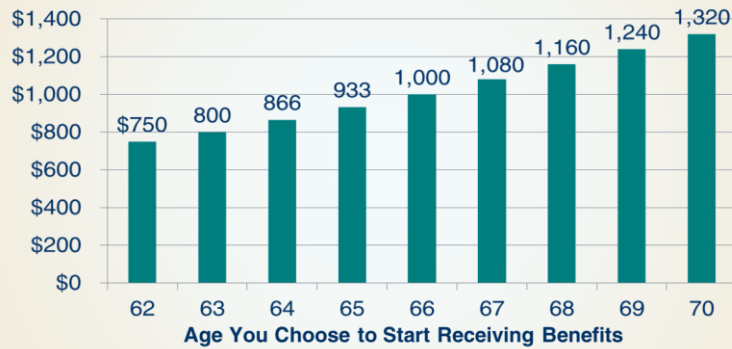


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What Is the Best Age to Start Receiving Social Security Retirement Benefits?

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



Note: This example assumes a benefit of \$1,000 at a full retirement age of 66



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Year of Birth	Full Retirement Age	A \$1000 retirement benefit taken at age 62 would be reduced by	A \$500 spouse benefit taken at age 62 would be reduced by
1943-1954	66	25%	30%
1955	66 and 2 months	25.83%	30.83%
1956	66 and 4 months	26.67%	31.67%
1957	66 and 6 months	27.5%	32.5%
1958	66 and 8 months	28.33%	33.33%
1959	66 and 10 months	29.17%	34.17%
1960 +	67	30%	35%



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Working While Receiving Benefits

If you are	You can make up to	If you earn more, some benefits will be withheld
Under Full Retirement Age	\$18,960/yr.	\$1 for every \$2
The Year Full Retirement Age is Reached	\$50,520/yr. before month of full retirement age	\$1 for every \$3
Month of Full Retirement Age and Above	No Limit	No Limit

Retirement Earnings Test Calculator:
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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); or
- 18 or older and disabled. (The disability must have started before age 22.)



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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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We're There If You Lose A Loved One



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Survivor Benefits

Child	May receive benefits if unmarried and younger than age 18 (or younger than 19 if still in high school)
Disabled Child	May receive benefits after age 18 if unmarried (unless married to another beneficiary) 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:

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



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Spouse (living) benefits


- Can start from age 62 to Full Retirement Age (FRA)
- 50% at FRA or less if you start prior to FRA (reduction for each month you take it early)

Divorced spouses qualify if marriage lasted at least 10 years and other conditions are met

Survivor (death) benefits

- Can start from age 60 to Full Retirement Age (FRA)
- 71.5% at age 60 and increases each month you wait, up to 100% if you start at FRA, or as early as age 50 if disabled

Divorced spouses qualify if marriage lasted at least 10 years and other conditions are 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 spouse's at full retirement age if benefit is higher.



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Other Survivor Benefits

- **Parents' Benefits** – For a parent who is age 62 and was receiving at least one-half of his or her financial support from the son or daughter who died.
- **Lump Sum Death Payment** – A surviving spouse or child may receive a one-time lump-sum death payment of \$255.00 if they meet certain requirements.

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Medicare

Part A = Hospital Insurance

Part B = Medical Insurance

Part C = Medicare Advantage Plans

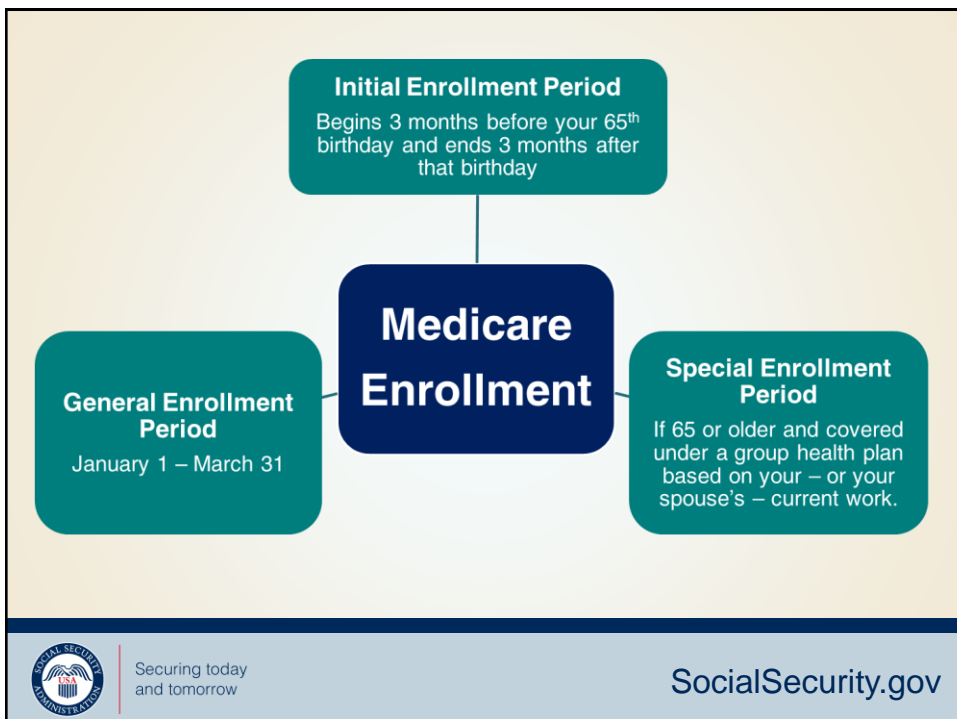
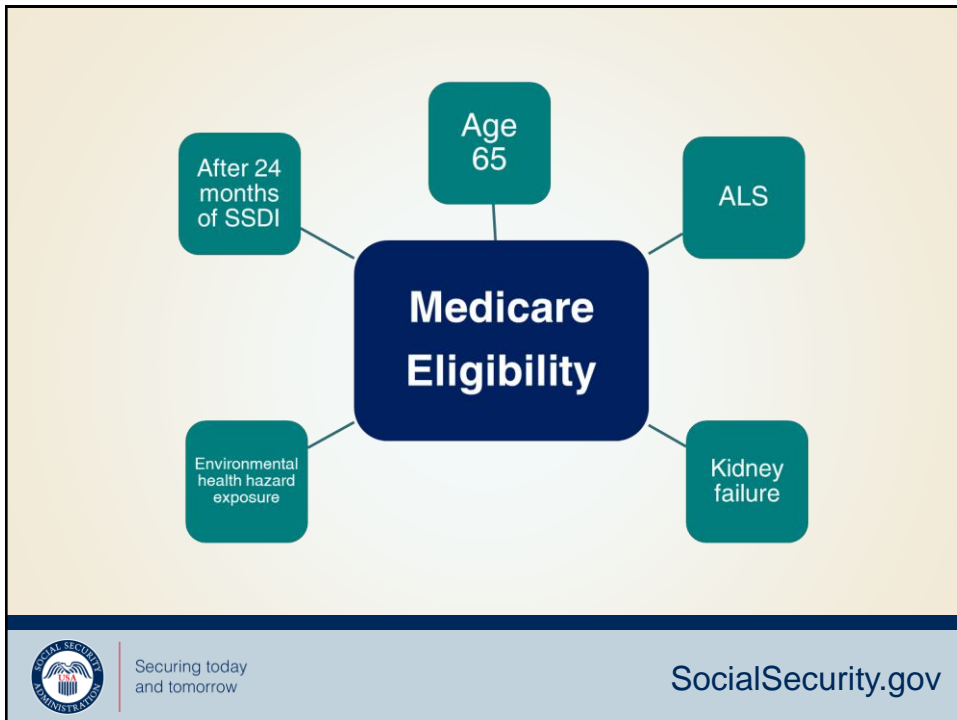
Part D = Prescription Drug Plans

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Medicare Standard Part B Premiums for 2021

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 \$88,000 or less Married couples with a MAGI of \$176,000 or less	2021 standard premium = \$148.50	Your plan premium is \$0
Individuals with a MAGI above \$88,000 up to \$111,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$176,000 up to \$222,000	Standard premium + \$59.40	Your plan premium + \$12.30
Individuals with a MAGI above \$111,000 up to \$138,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$222,000 up to \$276,000	Standard premium + \$148.50	Your plan premium + \$31.80
Individuals with a MAGI above \$138,000 up to \$165,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$276,000 up to \$330,000	Standard premium + \$237.60	Your plan premium + \$51.20
Individuals with a MAGI above \$165,000 up to \$500,000 Married couples with a MAGI above \$330,000 up to \$750,000	Standard premium + \$326.70	Your plan premium + \$70.70
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 + \$356.40	Your plan premium + \$77.10



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1-800-MEDICARE or Medicare.gov

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Medicare Applications



The screenshot shows the Social Security Administration's website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'Numbers & Cards', 'Benefits', 'Information for...', 'Business & Government', and 'Our Agency'. Below this is a search bar and a section titled 'How To Apply Online For Just Medicare'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Medicare enrollment using our online application', explains that it's convenient, quick, and easy, and provides instructions on how to use the online application. The right column, titled 'Publications', lists several documents: 'Medicare', 'Apply Online For Medicare In Less Than 10 Minutes - Even If You Are Not Ready To Retire', 'How To Apply Online For Medicare Only', and 'Checklist For The Online Medicare, Retirement, And Spouses Application'. At the bottom of the left column, there are three buttons: 'Apply for Medicare Only', 'Return to a Saved Application', and 'Check Application Status'.

If you already have Medicare Part A and wish to add Medicare Part B, simply take or mail forms CMS-40B and CMS-L564 to your local Social Security office

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The screenshot shows the MyMedicare.gov website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Español', 'About Us', 'FAQ', 'Glossary', 'CMS.gov', and 'MyMedicare.gov Login Live Chat'. Below this is a section titled 'The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare' with a row of buttons: 'Getting Started', 'Account Services', 'Claims Menu', 'My Health', 'Plans & Coverage', 'MSP & MSA', 'Security & Privacy', and 'Customer Service'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Getting Started', has a list of links: 'Registering online', 'Benefits', and 'Signing in for the first time'. The right column, titled 'MyMedicare.gov Help', has a section titled 'Getting Started' with the text 'Find information on how you can get started in registering for your own MyMedicare.gov account.' Below this is a section titled 'Benefits of using MyMedicare.gov' with the text 'Registering with MyMedicare.gov gives you access to your personalized information at any time. Registering lets you:' followed by a list of benefits: 'Check your Medicare information, such as your Medicare claims as soon as they are processed and important Medicare-related information specific to you.', 'Find your eligibility, entitlement, and preventive service information.', 'Check your health and prescription drug enrollment information.', 'View your Part B deductible information.', 'Manage your prescription drug list and other personal health information.', and 'Create an "On the Go Report" that allows you to print your health information to share with your healthcare providers.' At the bottom of the right column, there's a link to 'Start your online registration and follow the simple step-by-step process.'

[MyMedicare.gov](https://my.medicare.gov)



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How to Apply for Benefits



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

- If you are disabled, 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 phone appointment at 1-800-772-1213

****Child and survivor claims can only be done by phone.***



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Please visit our Field Office Locator

Social Security Office Locator <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>



We are OPEN to receive your calls

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Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) 2021



Online Services



Retirement



Disability



Medicare Enrollment



my Social Security
Check out your *Social Security Statement*, change your address & manage your benefits online today.



Social Security Number
Your Social Security number remains your first and continuous link with Social Security.



Retirement Estimator
Calculate your benefits based on your actual Social Security earnings record.



FAQs
Get answers to frequently asked questions about Social Security.

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Life Expectancy
Retirement
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GPO
Quick
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WEP
Calculator
Earnings Test
Benefits for Spouses
Estimator
Age



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Retirement Estimator

- Gives estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record
- You can use the Retirement Estimator if:
 - You have enough Social Security credits at this time to qualify for benefits **and**
 - You are **not**:
 - Currently receiving benefits on your own Social Security record;
 - Waiting for a decision about your application for benefits or Medicare;
 - Age 62 or older and receiving benefits on another Social Security record; **or**
 - Eligible for a Pension Based on Work Not Covered By Social Security.

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my Social Security



The screenshot shows the my Social Security website and a mobile app interface. The website header includes the Social Security logo, a search bar, and links for MENU, LANGUAGES, and SIGN UP. The main content area features a large image of a family walking in a field, with text encouraging users to create a personal my Social Security account. Below the image are links for 'CREATE AN ACCOUNT', 'SIGN IN', and 'FINISH SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT'. The mobile app interface on the right shows a similar layout with a 'Sign In or Create an Account' button and a notification about an important message posted on June 10, 2017.

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How to Open a my Social Security Account

1. Visit ssa.gov/myaccount
2. Select: "Sign In or Create an Account"
3. Provide some personal information to verify your identity (answer "out of wallet" questions)
4. Choose a username and password
5. Select how to receive a security code every time you access your account (text or email)

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Are You Having Difficulty Creating an Account?

You may be unable to create a **my Social Security** Account if you have:

- Blocked electronic access to your personal Social Security information
- Recently moved or changed your name
- Placed a freeze on your credit report
 - If you have a credit freeze, you will not be able to proceed with online registration without temporarily removing the freeze



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my Social Security Services

If you do not receive benefits, you can:

- View retirement benefit estimates at different ages or dates when you want to start receiving benefits;
- View possible spouse's benefits;
- Request a replacement Social Security card if you meet certain requirements;
- Check the status of your application or appeal;
- Get a benefit verification letter as proof that you are not getting benefits;
- Get your Social Security Statement to review:
 - Estimates of your future retirement, disability, and survivor benefits;
 - Your earnings once a year to verify the amounts that we posted are correct; and
 - The estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid.

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If you receive benefits or have Medicare, you can:

- Opt out of mailed notices for those available online;
- Request a replacement Social Security card if you meet certain requirements;
- Report your wages if you work and receive Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits;
- Get a benefit verification letter as proof that you are getting benefits;
- Check your benefit and payment information and your earnings record;
- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change direct deposit of your benefit payment;
- Submit your advance designation of representative payee request;
- Request a replacement Medicare card; and
- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

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Beware of Social Security Phone Scams

Telephone scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call:

1. **HANG UP!**
2. **DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
3. **REPORT THE SCAM AT [OIG.SSA.GOV](https://oig.ssa.gov)**

What to look out for



The caller says there is a **problem** with your Social Security number or account.



Scammers **pretend** they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but **they are not**.



Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards.



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Be Alert

Social Security may call you in some situations but will **never**:

- » Threaten you
- » Suspend your Social Security Number
- » Demand immediate payment from you
- » Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer

Be Active

Protect yourself and your friends and family!

- » If you receive a questionable call, just hang up and report the call at oig.ssa.gov
- » Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam
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Q&A Session



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