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Retirement Benefits

We are not giving you estimates because our records show that you are already receiving or have qualified for benefits

If the benefits are based on your own record, you received a notice of your benefit amount when you first qualified. Each year, you get an updated notice showing the annual cost-of-living increase. If you continue working while qualified for benefits and those earnings increase your benefit amount, we will send you additional notices of the new amounts. And when you die, we will base benefit payments for your survivors on your benefit amount.

If you are getting benefits as the spouse or the widow or widower of someone else, we must look at both records to determine how much you are entitled to. Please call us at 1-800-772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office so that we can discuss this with you.

Disability Benefits

We are not giving you estimates because our records show that you are already receiving or have qualified for benefits.

Survivors Benefits

We are not giving you estimates because our records show that you are already receiving or have qualified for benefits. What you can do with a *my* Social Security account if you are receiving benefits:

- Set up or change direct deposit
- Get a Social Security 1099 (SSA-1099) form
- Opt out of mailed notices for those available online
- Print a benefit verification letter
- Change your address

Medicare

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).

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

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. **If you find an error**, view your full earnings record online and call **1-800-772-1213**.

	Earnings Taxed for	Earnings Taxed for Medicare
Work Year	Social Security	(began 1966)
1966-1980	\$1,570	\$1,570
1981-1990	\$49,484	\$72,853
1991-2000	\$82,727	\$82,727
2001-2005	\$66,427	\$66,427
2006	\$25,500	\$25,500
2007	\$22,500	\$22,500
2008	\$8,700	\$8,700
2009	\$800	\$800
2010	\$1,600	\$1,600
2011	\$2,932	\$2,932
2012	\$400	\$400
2013	\$1,600	\$1,600
2014	\$0	\$0
2015	\$7,000	\$7,000
2016	\$0	\$0
2017	\$4,750	\$4,750
2018	\$5,000	\$5,000
2019	\$0	\$0
2020	\$8,749	\$8,749
2021	\$0	\$0
2022	\$16,250	\$16,250
2023	\$0	\$0
2024	Not yet recorded	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 You paid: \$24,189 Employer(s): \$13,157 Medicare taxes You paid: \$5,999 Employer(s): \$3,402

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 40 credits of work (at least 10 years) to qualify for retirement benefits. The amount of your benefit 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 also may qualify for benefits.
- If you and your spouse both work, use the my Social Security Retirement Calculator to estimate spousal benefits.
- If you are divorced and were married for 10 years, you may be able to claim benefits on your exspouse's record. If your ex-spouse receives benefits on your record, that does not affect your or your current spouse's benefit amounts.
- If you receive a pension from earnings not covered by Social Security, your benefits may have been reduced prior to January 2024. The Social Security Fairness Act ended the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset. Learn more at <u>ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html</u>.
- Learn more about benefits for you and your family at ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html.
- The Statement is updated annually. It is available online, or by mail upon request.