

 **SOCIAL SECURITY**

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The Social Security Statement



- The Statement provides you with estimates of monthly Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits
- The Statement allows you to check your earnings history for accuracy

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Find Out About Your Social Security

**Request Your
Social Security Statement for:**

Estimates of benefits at different retirement ages

Different wage estimates

www.socialsecurity.gov

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Social Security's Online Services



- Retirement & Disability Applications
- Retirement/Survivors/Disability Planner
- Medicare Card Replacements
- Request a *Statement*
- Request a Benefit Verification Letter
- Change of Address

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History - Social Security's Programs

<p>1935</p> <p>Retirement Insurance</p>	<p>1939</p> <p>Survivors Insurance</p>	<p>1956</p> <p>Disability Insurance</p>
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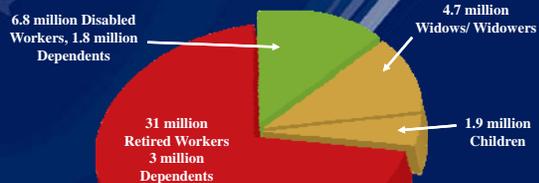
Other Programs

<p>1965</p> <p>Medicare</p>	<p>1972</p> <p>Supplemental Security Income</p>	<p>2003</p> <p>Medicare Part D</p>
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Who Gets Benefits from Social Security?

49 Million People



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Why Are Changes Needed?

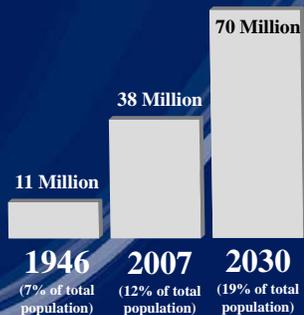
The Number of Workers Per Beneficiary Is Decreasing



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America Is Getting Older

U.S. Population Age 65 & Older



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You Need to Work to Earn Social Security Credits

- Each \$1,090 in earnings gives you one credit
- You can earn a maximum of 4 credits per year



Example: To earn 4 credits in 2009, you must earn at least \$4,360. Earning 40 credits throughout your working life will qualify you for a retirement benefit.

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Your Age When You Retire Affects Your Benefits

If You're A Worker and Retire

- At age 62, you get a lower monthly payment permanently
- At your full retirement age, you get your full benefit
- You get an even higher monthly payment if you work past your full retirement age

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In Addition to the Retiree, Who Else Can Get Benefits?

Your Spouse

- At age 62
- At any age if caring for child under 16 or disabled
- Divorced spouses may qualify

Your Child

- Not married under 18
(under 19 if still in high school)
- Not married and disabled before age 22

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Full Retirement Age

Year of Birth	Full Retirement Age
1937	65
1938	65 & 2 months
1939	65 & 4 months
1940	65 & 6 months
1941	65 & 8 months
1942	65 & 10 months
1943 – 1954	66
1955	66 & 2 months
1956	66 & 4 months
1957	66 & 6 months
1958	66 & 8 months
1959	66 & 10 months
1960 & later	67

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How Social Security Determines Your Benefit

Social Security benefits are based on earnings

- Step 1 Your wages are adjusted for changes in wage levels
- Step 2 Find the monthly average of your 35 highest earnings years
- Step 3 Result is “average indexed monthly earnings”

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You Can Work & Still Receive Benefits



If You Are	You Can Make Up To	If You Make More, Some Benefits Will Be Withheld
Under Full Retirement Age	\$14,160/yr. (\$1,180/mo.)	\$1 for every \$2
The Year Full Retirement Age is Reached	\$37,680/yr. (\$3,140/mo.)	\$1 for every \$3
Month of Full Retirement Age and Above	No Limit	No Limit

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What Will You Need When Applying for Your Social Security Benefits?

- ✓ Social Security number for each applicant
- ✓ Proof of age (birth certificate)
- ✓ Latest W-2 or self-employment tax return
- ✓ Earnings estimate
- ✓ Bank information for direct deposit
- ✓ Information about marriages/divorces
- ✓ Information about military or railroad service

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Who Can Get Survivors Benefits?

Widow or Widower:

- Reduced benefits at age 60
- If disabled as early as age 50
- At any age if caring for child under 16 or disabled
- Divorced widows/widowers may qualify

Your Child if:

- Not married under age 18 (under 19 if still in high school)
- Not married and disabled before age 22

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When Can I Sign Up for Medicare?



Medicare Enrollment Periods:

- Initial - at age 65
- Special - if still working
- General - January-March

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Medicare Coverage

- Part A Hospital Insurance**
 - Covers most inpatient hospital expenses.
2009 Deductible \$1,068
- Part B Supplementary Medical Insurance**
 - Covers 80% doctor bills & other outpatient medical expenses after 1st \$135 in approved charges.
2009 Monthly Premium \$96.40
- Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Plan**
 - Covers a major portion of prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries.
2009 average Monthly Premium \$38.00

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How Will the Prescription Drug Plan Affect You?

- You will pay the first \$295 (called an “annual deductible”)
- Medicare will pay 75% of costs above \$295 up to \$2,700 in drug spending. You will pay only 25% of these costs
- You will pay 100% of the drug costs above \$2,700 until you reach \$6,155 in out-of-pocket spending. Your out-of-pocket spending includes the annual deductible and prescription co-payments. It does not include the monthly premiums you pay for your drug plan.
- Medicare will pay about 95% of the costs after you have spent \$6,155
- Extra help is available through Social Security for low-income beneficiaries to meet the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payment costs of the program.

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