



Social Security

Understanding Your Benefits



Agenda

- What Social Security is
- Full, early and delayed benefits
- Social Security and work
- Family benefits
- Future of Social Security



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Social Security



The Basics

- Social insurance
- Payroll deductions
- Provides income if a worker retires, become disabled, and for survivors if the supporting worker dies

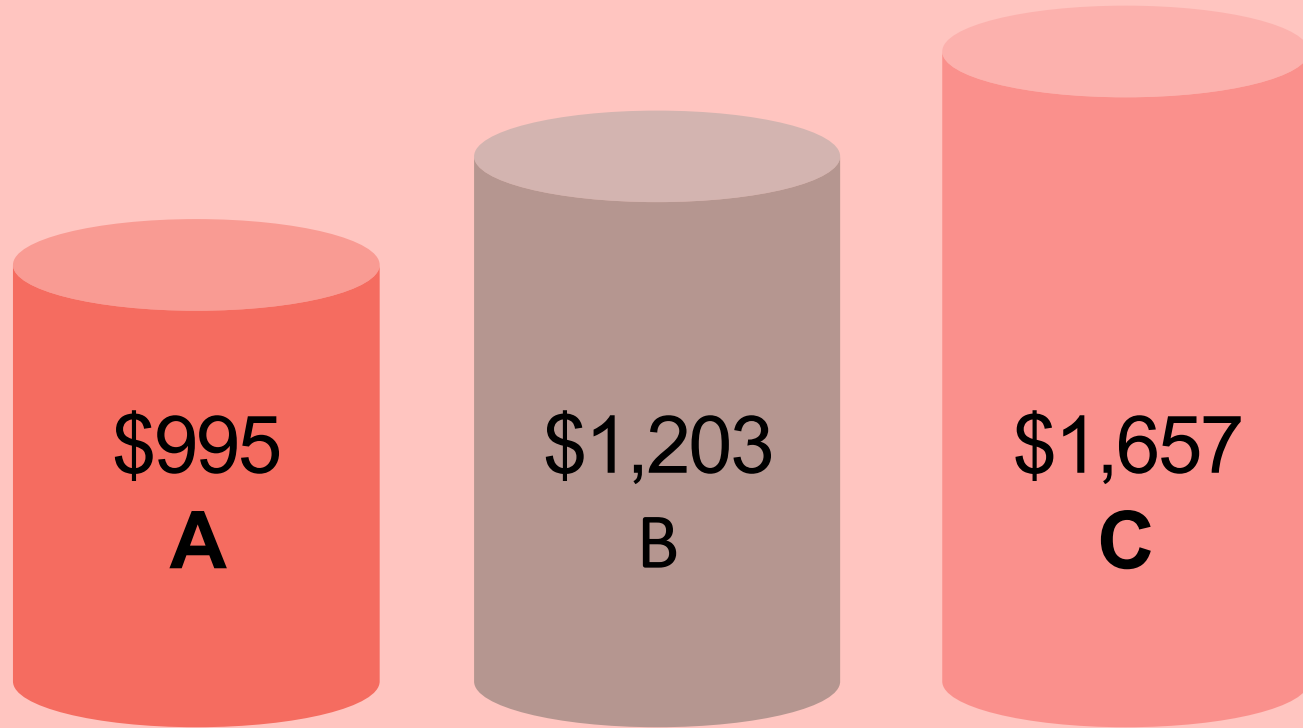
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Social Security

- Generally replaces about 40% of income for an average worker
- Not enough to retire on – and it wasn't meant to be – but for many it makes up most or all of their retirement income

QUIZ: What's the Average Benefit?



Source: Social Security Administration

Retirement Benefits



Eligibility and Contributions

- You or spouse worked 10 or more years
- Employers and workers each contribute 7.65% of pay through FICA tax (6.2% for Social Security + 1.45% for Medicare)
- FICA limit = \$**147,000**

When You Can Claim Benefit

Early

Beginning
at age 62
(reduced benefit)

Full Retirement Age

Age 66 or 67
100%
(full benefit)

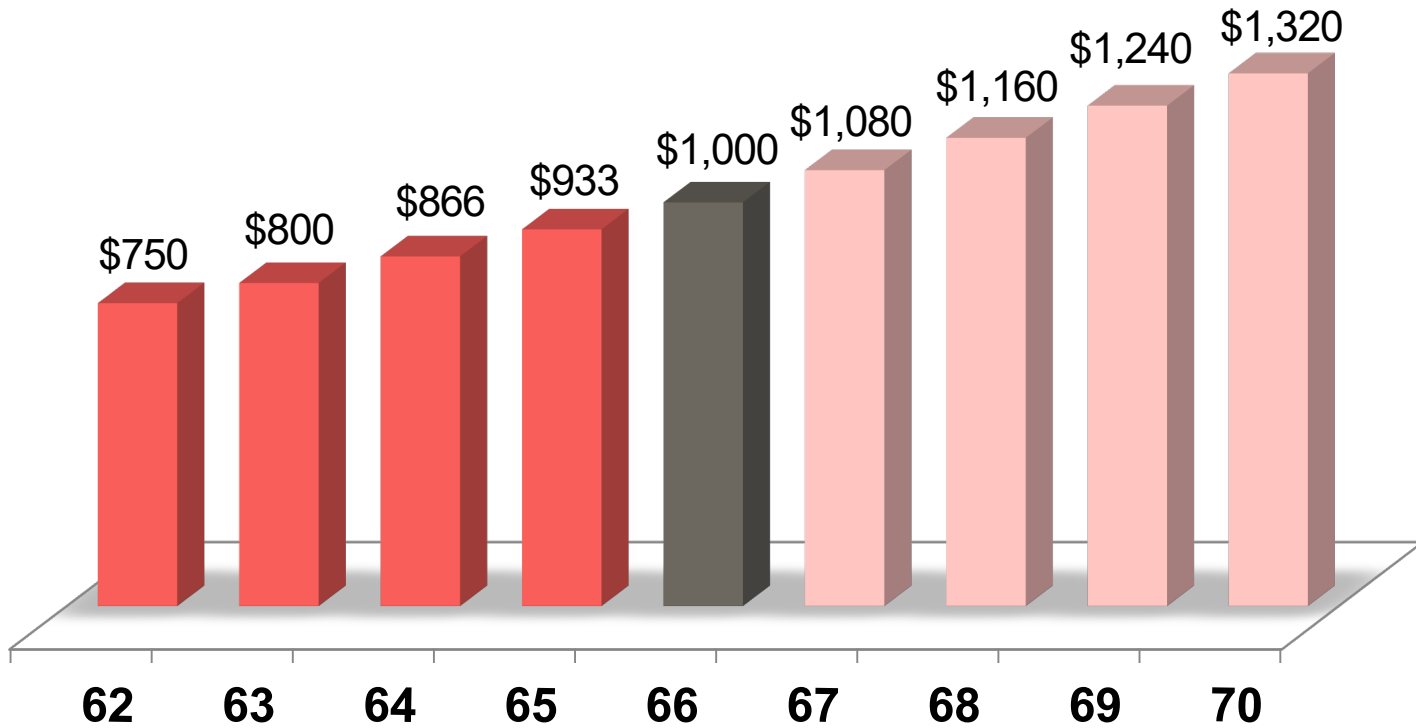
Delayed

Up to
age 70
(increased benefit)

Full Retirement Age

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

Full Retirement Age





Discussion

Retirement Benefits



When to Claim?

- There's no one "right" age
- Assess your living expenses
- Make an informed decision
- Claiming early reduces benefits for you and your family

Retirement Benefits



Ways to Get Your Benefits Estimate

- My Social Security Account
www.ssa.gov/myaccount
- Complete and mail Form SSA-7004
- Call 800.772.1213
- Mailed to those age 60+ who have not started benefits and don't have a My Social Security Account

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Make an Informed Decision

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2021 Holiday Schedule When Social Security Offices are Closed
Some services are always available online

Social Security Glossary of Terms
From A to Z, frequently used names of benefits, policies and procedures

2021's Biggest Social Security Changes
COLA increase, plus new tax cap, earnings test limits



Work

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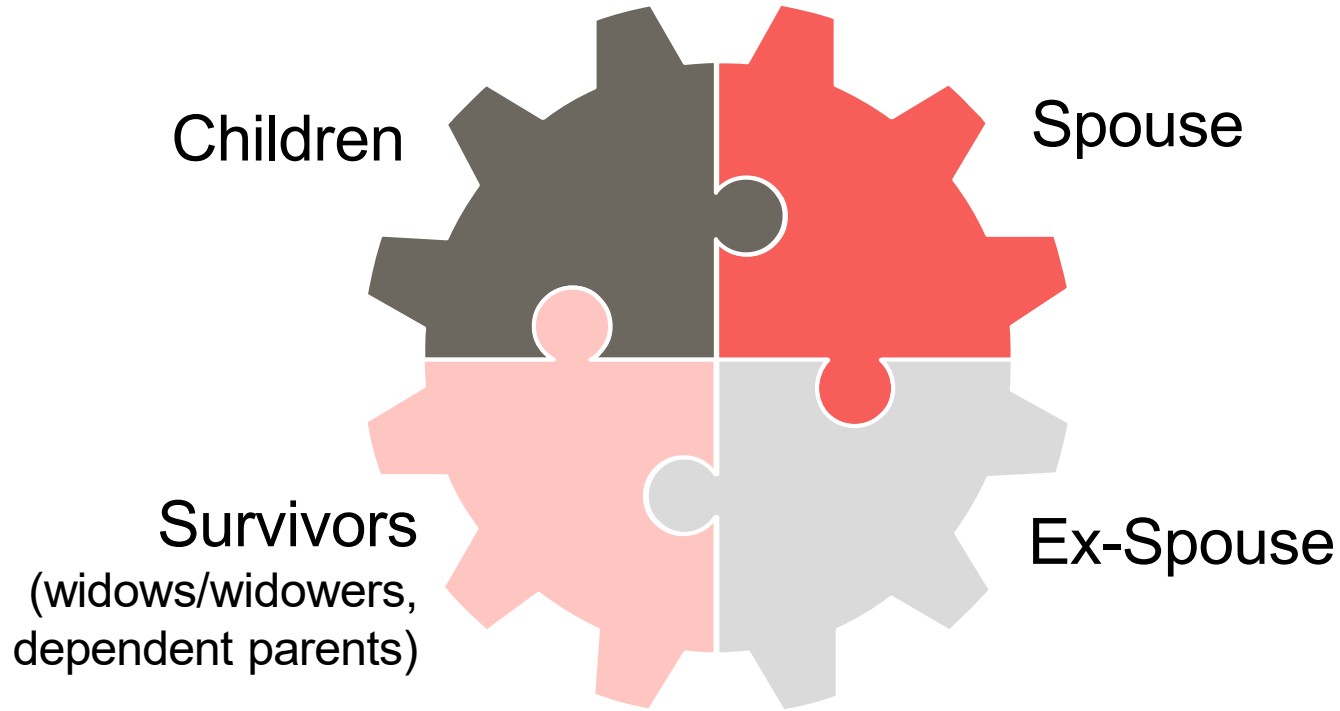
Social Security Earnings Limit

- Applies if you are below full retirement age
- Limit is \$19,560 for 2022
\$1 is deducted for every \$2 earned above the limit
- In the year you reach full retirement age, the limit rises to \$51,960
\$1 is deducted for every \$3 earned above the limit



Family Benefits

Who Can Collect on Your Record?



Children's Benefits

Each qualified child may receive a monthly payment up to one-half of your full retirement benefit amount. They must be:

Unmarried

AND

Under age 18

OR

18-19 years old and
a full-time student
up to grade 12

OR

18 or older and
disabled prior to age
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Spousal Benefits

- Equal to 50% of spouse's benefit at full retirement age
- You cannot collect a spousal benefit until your spouse files for his or her own benefit
- If your spouse claims early, your benefit as a spouse will still be a portion of his or her full retirement age benefit

Ex-Spouse

You are eligible as an ex-spouse if:

- Your marriage lasted at least 10 years
- Your ex-spouse receives his or her own Social Security benefit or is at least 62, and you've been divorced at least two years
- You are at least 62
- You are not remarried
- Your own retirement benefit is less than your spousal benefit

Survivor Benefits

- **Full retirement age**
100% of deceased spouse's benefit
- **Age 60, or 50 (if disabled)**
Reduced benefit
- **If you're caring for an entitled child(ren)**
- **Dependent parents**



Survivor Benefits

REMARRY BEFORE

Age 60

(50 if disabled)

If you remarry, you cannot receive survivor benefits while you are married

REMARRY AFTER

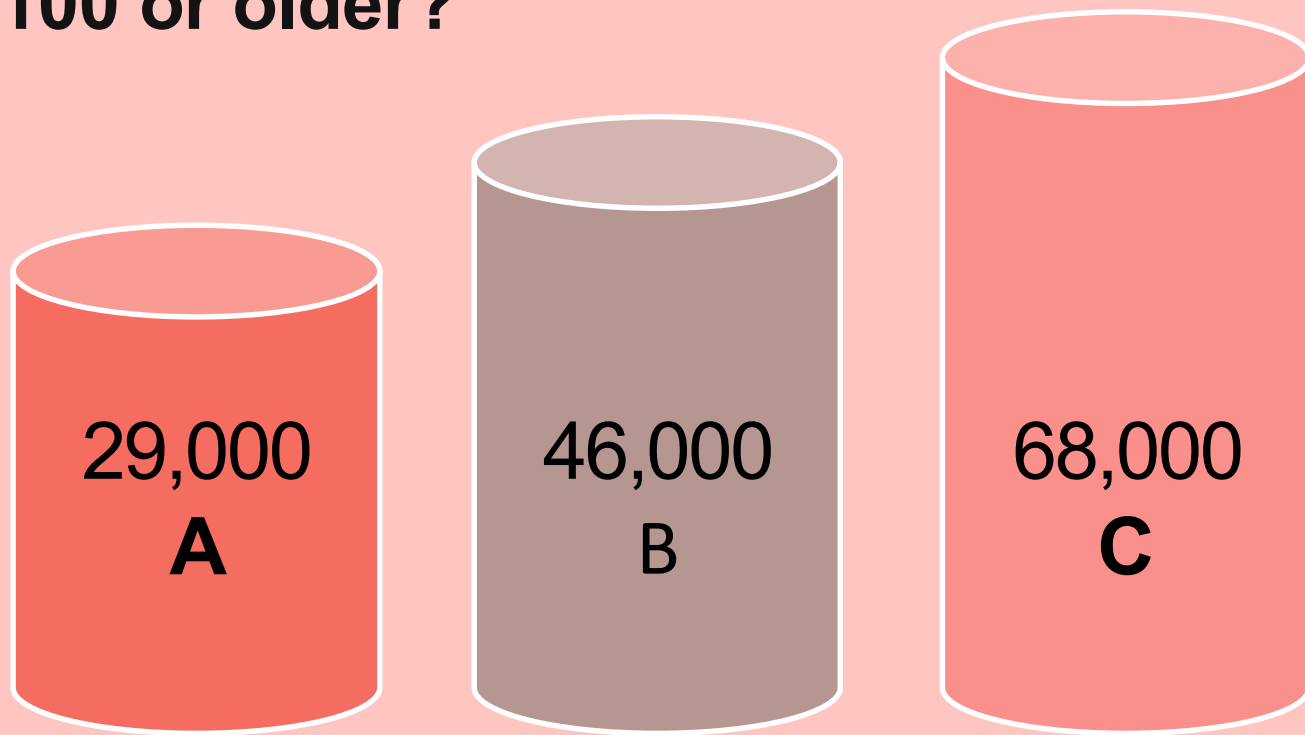
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If you remarry, you will continue to qualify for benefits on your deceased spouse's record

New spouse's benefit may be greater than the survivor benefit, so be sure to check

QUIZ: How many beneficiaries are age 100 or older?





The Future of Social Security

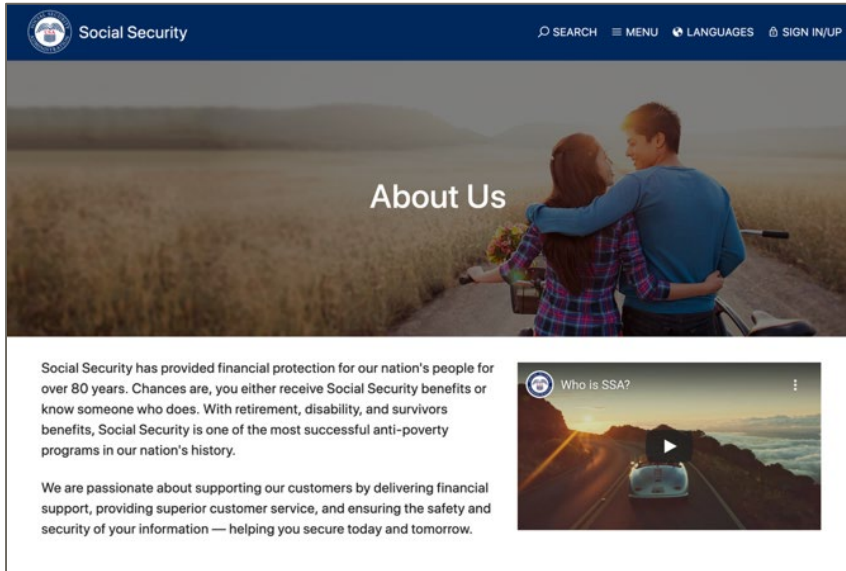
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Future of Social Security

- Social Security is in good shape overall, 5.9% COLA for 2022
- Pandemic did reduce payments into system
- Congressional action is needed to secure the program financially for the future
- AARP will continue to fight to protect the hard-earned benefits of current and future generations

Social Security



Social Security has provided financial protection for our nation's people for over 80 years. Chances are, you either receive Social Security benefits or know someone who does. With retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, Social Security is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history.

We are passionate about supporting our customers by delivering financial support, providing superior customer service, and ensuring the safety and security of your information — helping you secure today and tomorrow.

Who is SSA?

Ways to Apply for Benefits

- www.ssa.gov/myaccount
- www.ssa.gov
- 800.772.1213
- Call local field office
ssa.gov/locator/



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Conclusion

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