



Update

This update provides information about Social Security taxes, benefits, and costs for 2023. By law, some numbers change automatically each year to keep up with changes in price and wage levels.

Information for people who work

Social Security and Medicare taxes		
Social Security taxes	2022	2023
Employee/employer (each)	6.2% on earnings up to \$147,000	6.2% on earnings up to \$160,200
Self-employed *Can be offset by income tax provisions	12.4%* on earnings up to \$147,000	12.4%* on earnings up to \$160,200
Medicare taxes	2022	2023
Employee/employer (each)	1.45% on all earnings	1.45% on all earnings
Self-employed *Can be offset by income tax provisions	2.9%* on all earnings	2.9%* on all earnings
High-income earners also pay an additional 0.9% in Medicare taxes on earnings above certain amounts. Check with the Internal Revenue Service for more details.		
Work credits		
When you work, you earn credits toward Social Security benefits. The number of credits you need to be eligible for Social Security benefits depends on your age and the type of benefit for which you are applying. You can earn a maximum of four credits each year. Most people need 40 credits to qualify for retirement benefits.		
	2022	2023
	\$1,510 earns one credit	\$1,640 earns one credit

Information for people who receive Social Security benefits

Earnings limits		
Under federal law, people who receive Social Security benefits, and who have not reached full retirement age, are entitled to receive all of their benefits as long as their earnings are under the limits indicated below. For people born between 1943 and 1954, the full retirement age is 66. The full retirement age increases gradually each year until it reaches age 67 for people born in 1960 or later.		
	2022	2023
At full retirement age or older	No limit on earnings	No limit on earnings
Under full retirement age	\$19,560 For every \$2 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from benefits.	\$21,240 For every \$2 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from benefits.
In the year you reach full retirement age	\$51,960 For every \$3 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from benefits until the month you reach full retirement age.	\$56,520 For every \$3 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from benefits until the month you reach full retirement age.
Disability beneficiaries' earnings limits: If you work while you receive disability benefits, you must tell us about your earnings no matter how little you earn. You may have unlimited earnings during a trial work period of up to 9 months (not necessarily in a row) and still receive full benefits. Once you have completed your 9-month trial work period, we will determine if you are still entitled to disability benefits. You also may be eligible for other work incentives to help you make the transition back to work.		
	2022	2023
Substantial Gainful Activity (non-blind)	\$1,350 per month	\$1,470 per month
Substantial Gainful Activity (blind)	\$2,260 per month	\$2,460 per month
Trial work period month	\$970 per month	\$1,050 per month

Information for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Monthly federal SSI payment (maximum)		
	2022	2023
Individual	\$841	\$914
Couple	\$1,261	\$1,371
Monthly income limits		
	2022	2023
Individual whose income is only from wages	\$1,767	\$1,913
Individual whose income is not from wages	\$861	\$934
Couple whose income is only from wages	\$2,607	\$2,827
Couple whose income is not from wages	\$1,281	\$1,391
<p>NOTE: If you have income, your monthly payment generally will be lower than the maximum federal SSI amount. Remember, you must report all of your income to us. Some states add money to the federal SSI payment. If you live in one of these states, you may qualify for a higher payment. Your income can be greater than the limits indicated and you still may qualify.</p>		

Information for people on Medicare

Most Medicare costs increase this year to keep up with the rise in health care costs.		
	2022	2023
Hospital Insurance (Part A)		
For first 60 days in a hospital, patient pays	\$1,556	\$1,600
For 61st through 90th days in a hospital, patient pays	\$389 per day	\$400
Beyond 90 days in a hospital, patient pays (for up to 60 more days)	\$778 per day	\$800
For first 20 days in a skilled nursing facility, patient pays	\$0	\$0
For 21st through 100th days in a skilled nursing facility, patient pays	\$194.50 per day	\$200
<p>Part A Premium Buy-In: The amount of the premium you pay to buy Medicare Part A depends on the number of Social Security credits you have earned. If you have:</p>		
40 credits	\$0	\$0
30-39 credits	\$274 per month	\$278 per month
Less than 30 credits	\$499 per month	\$506 per month
Medical Insurance (Part B)		
	2022	2023
Premium	\$170.10 per month**	\$164.90 per month**
Deductible	\$233 per year	\$226 per year
	After the patient has paid the deductible, Part B pays for 80% of covered services.	
<p>NOTE: If you get Medicare and your income is low, your state may pay your Medicare premiums and, in some cases, your deductibles and other out-of-pocket medical expenses. Contact your local medical assistance (Medicaid) agency, social services, or welfare office for more information.</p>		
<p>**Standard monthly premium is \$164.90. Some people with higher incomes pay higher premiums.</p>		



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