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Social Security and Medicare: Current Facts and Figures

The Many Faces of Social Security

- Nearly 184 million workers contribute to Social Security through payroll taxes.
- Over 68 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits:
 - Nearly 54 million people receive retirement benefits
 - 5.8 million people receive survivors' benefits
 - 8.4 million people receive disability benefits.
- [Beneficiaries by state](#)

Average August 2024 Monthly Social Security Benefit

- A retired worker: \$1,872
- A retired couple: \$3,033
- Disabled worker: \$1,539
- Disabled worker with spouse and child: \$2,452
- Widow or widower: \$1,784
- Young widow or widower with two children: \$3,990
- Maximum Monthly Social Security Benefit: \$3,822 (for worker retiring at Full Retirement Age).

Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2025: 2.5%

2025 Social Security and Medicare Contribution Amounts

Social Security: 6.2% for both workers and employers. This contribution is paid on earnings up to \$176,100.

Medicare: 1.45% for both workers and employers on all wages.

2024 Social Security Eligibility

Full Retirement Age: Depends on your birth year.

Early Retirement Age: 62 (drawing benefits before the full retirement age can reduce Social Security benefits up to 30 percent)

Social Security: When and How to Apply for Benefits

Generally, you should apply for Social Security benefits four months before the date you want your benefits to begin. Click here for more information on when you can apply for Social Security: <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/>. You can apply in one of the following ways:

- Visit your local Social Security office. Call 1-800-772-1213 to find the nearest office.
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call Social Security at TTY 1-800-325-0778.
- Online: <https://secure.ssa.gov/iClaim/rib>

The Many Faces of Medicare

- Nearly 184 million workers contribute to Medicare through payroll taxes.
- Approximately 67.5 million people receive Medicare benefits, including:
 - 60.4 million people age 65 and older
 - 7.1 million people with disabilities under 65
- [Beneficiaries by state](#)

2024 Medicare Part A (Hospital Coverage)

Deductible: \$1,632 (first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care)
Coinsurance: \$0 (Days 1-60), \$408 per day (Days 61-90)

2024 Medicare Part B (Physician Coverage)

For all beneficiaries: Part B deductible is \$240 and the Part B copayment is 20%.

Individual's income in 2023	Couple's income in 2023	Your 2024 Part B Monthly Premium
\$103,000 or less	\$206,000 or less	\$174.70
\$103,000 - \$129,000	\$206,000 - \$258,000	\$244.60
\$129,000 - \$161,000	\$258,000 - \$322,000	\$349.40
\$161,000 - \$193,000	\$322,000 - \$386,000	\$454.20
\$193,000 - \$500,000	\$386,000 - \$750,000	\$559.00
\$500,000 and Above	\$750,000 and Above	\$594.00

2025 Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage)

Monthly Premium: Varies by plan
Deductible: Varies by plan, \$590 maximum

Doughnut Hole: Will be eliminated under the Inflation Reduction Act beginning in January.

Cap on Out-of-pocket Costs: \$2,000

In addition to a monthly plan premium, high-income individuals will pay an income-related monthly adjustment amount as noted below:

Individual's income in 2023	Couple's income in 2023	Income-related monthly adjustment amount
\$103,000 or less	\$206,000 or less	\$0.00
\$103,000 - \$129,000	\$206,000 - \$258,000	\$12.90
\$129,000 - \$161,000	\$258,000 - \$322,000	\$33.30
\$161,000 - \$193,000	\$322,000 - \$386,000	\$53.80
\$193,000 - \$500,000	\$386,000 - \$750,000	\$74.20
\$500,000 and Above	\$750,000 and Above	\$81.00

Medicare: When and How to Apply for Benefits

Medicare is available for people age 65 or older, younger people with disabilities and people with End Stage Renal Disease. If you sign up after you turn 65, you may be penalized unless you have other coverage.

For information about when to apply for Medicare go to <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare>. To apply for Medicare, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.medicare.gov.