

Understanding Social Security and Medicare

Eligibility for Social Security

- 40 credits to be considered fully insured
- 1 credit for every \$1,730 earned income
- Maximum 4 credits per year

Spousal Benefit

- 50% of working spouse benefit
- Must be married at least 12 months
- Divorced spouse also eligible if married at least 10 years and not currently married
- Reduction applies if under Full Retirement Age

Survivor Benefit

- Deceased must have been fully insured
- 100% of benefit to widow(er)
- Reduction applies if under Full Retirement Age (FRA)
- Must be 60 or older

Costs of Medicare Part A

- \$1,632 deductible per period
- Days 1-60: \$0
- Days 61-90: \$408 per day coinsurance
- Days 91+: \$816 per "lifetime reserve day"

Costs of Medicare Part B¹

- \$174.70 monthly premium
- \$240 annual deductible
- 20% coinsurance Medicare approved expenses after deductible is met

Costs of Medicare Part D

- Typically a \$545 deductible and then a 25% coinsurance
- Coverage gap is entered when you and your plan have spent \$4,030
- Catastrophic coverage applies when you have spent \$8,000 out of pocket

Social Security Full Retirement Age (FRA)

Birth Year	Age of Full Benefits
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

- Eligible to receive starting at age 62
- Full benefit reduced by about 6% for every year received early
- Full benefit increased by about 8% for every year received later

How work affects the benefit

Before FRA	Year of FRA	FRA and after
Benefit reduced \$1 for every \$2 earned over \$22,320	Benefit reduced \$1 for every \$3 earned over \$59,520	No reduction in benefits when at Full Retirement Age

Taxation of Social Security



Combined income determines how much of your Social Security benefit is taxed

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Social Security website: www.ssa.gov

Medicare: www.medicare.gov

¹ Premiums can range from \$174.70 to \$594.00, depending on your income level. Visit www.medicare.gov for more information.

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