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Local Offices

Local offices are currently unable to accept walk-in visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appointments may be available in limited, critical situations. See ssa.gov/coronavirus for more information.

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Are You Ready For Retirement? Social Security Can Help

Do you think you may be ready to retire and want to apply for Social Security benefits? We're here to help you make an informed decision about when to apply for benefits based on your individual and family circumstances.

Would it be better for you to start getting benefits early with a smaller monthly amount over a longer period? Or perhaps wait for a larger monthly payment over less time? The answer is personal and depends on several factors, such as your current and anticipated cash needs, your health, and your family history on longevity. You should consider other sources of retirement income including any plans you may have to work in retirement. Most importantly, you should study your future financial needs and obligations, and estimate your future Social Security benefit.

The easiest way to estimate your future Social Security benefits is with a personal **my Social Security** account. You can create your free account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. With your account you can see how much you might receive each month based on the age you want to start receiving benefits.

We encourage you to weigh all the factors carefully before making the crucial decision about when to begin receiving Social Security benefits. This decision affects the monthly benefit amount you will receive for the rest of your life, and may affect benefits for your survivors.

Social Security's Retirement Portal

Whether you're ready to learn about, apply for, or manage your retirement benefits, our retirement portal makes it easy for you to find the information you need. How easy? You can do it from your computer, tablet, and even smartphone!

In our retirement portal, you can:

- Get our **Retirement publications**.
- Estimate your benefits with one of our many **calculators**.
- Find your **Full Retirement Age**.
- Learn about retirement **benefits for a spouse and family members**.

You and your loved ones can discover all of these resources at www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement.



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and tomorrow



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Need a replacement Social Security Card?

Request one at

[SSA.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html)



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Top Five Fraud And Scam Prevention Tools

Knowledge is power and having the right tools to fight fraud can make a huge difference. Knowledge can also help those you love and want to protect. We put together a list of the five most important resources about Social Security scams you should know about:

1. Read and share our fact sheet Beware of Social Security Phone Scams to learn how to spot fake calls and emails at www.ssa.gov/fraud/assets/materials/EN-05-10535.pdf.

2. Visit our Office of the Inspector General's Scam Awareness page at oig.ssa.gov/scam for information on phone scams — and how to report them.
3. Read our blog post at blog.ssa.gov/protecting-your-social-security-number-from-identity-theft to learn how to protect your Social Security number from identity theft.
4. Create your own personal [my Social Security](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to help you keep track of your records and identify any suspicious activity.
5. Visit our Fraud Prevention and Reporting page at www.ssa.gov/fraud to understand how we combat fraud.

Please share these resources about scams with your friends and family — and help us spread the word on social media.

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Telephone and email scammers are pretending to be government employees. Scammers will try to scare you and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. Don't be fooled! Social Security will **not**:



- Threaten you
- Tell you there is a problem with or suspend your Social Security number
- Demand immediate payment from you
- Require payment by retail gift card, pre-paid debit card, internet currency, wire transfer, or by mailing cash

If you receive a call or email like this, please report it to the Office of the Inspector General at <https://oig.ssa.gov>.