

2022 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2020 through the third quarter of 2021, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 5.9 percent COLA for 2022. Other important 2022 Social Security information is as follows:

Tax Rate	2021	2022
Employee	7.65%	7.65%
Self-Employed	15.30%	15.30%

NOTE: The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount (see below). The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% on all earnings. Also, as of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes. The tax rates shown above do not include the 0.9 percent.

	2021	2022			
Maximum Taxable Earnings					
Social Security (OASDI only)	\$142,800	\$147,000			
Medicare (HI only)	No Limit				
Quarter of Coverage					
	\$1,470	\$1,510			
Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts					
Under full retirement age	\$18,960/yr.	\$19,560/yr.			
Onder fail retirement age	(\$1,580/mo.)	(\$1,630/mo.)			
NOTE: One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings					
above the limit.					
The year an individual reaches full	\$50,520/yr.	\$51,960/yr.			
retirement age	(\$4,210/mo.)	(\$4,330/mo.)			
NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full					
retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in					
earnings above the limit.					

Beginning the month an individual	None
attains full retirement age	None

	2021	2022			
Social Security Disability Thresholds					
Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)					
Non-Blind	\$1,310/mo.	\$1,350/mo.			
Blind	\$2,190/mo.	\$2,260/mo.			
Trial Work Period (TWP)	\$ 940/mo.	\$ 970/mo.			
Maximum Social Security Benefit: Worker Retiring at Full					
Retiremen	nt Age	_			
	\$3,148/mo.	\$3,345/mo.			
SSI Federal Payment Standard					
Individual	\$ 794/mo.	\$ 841/mo.			
Couple	\$1,191/mo.	\$1,261/mo.			
SSI Resource Limits					
Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000			
Couple	\$3,000	\$3,000			
SSI Student Exclusion					
Monthly limit	\$1,930	\$2,040			
Annual limit	\$7,770	\$8,230			
Estimated Average Monthly Social Security Benefits Payable in					
January	2022				
	Before	After			
	5.9% COLA	5.9% COLA			
All Retired Workers	\$1,565	\$1,657			
Aged Couple, Both Receiving	\$2,599	\$2,753			
Benefits					
Widowed Mother and Two Children	\$3,009	\$3,187			
Aged Widow(er) Alone	\$1,467	\$1,553			
Disabled Worker, Spouse and One or More Children	\$2,250	\$2,383			
All Disabled Workers	\$1,282	\$1,358			