

Maximize Social Security in Your Retirement Strategy







# **Key topics**







Explore the benefits of waiting to claim Social Security Discuss strategies to create a comprehensive plan Take the first step toward creating your plan



# Which will contribute to your retirement income plan?





# "How can I make my money last while covering my retirement expenses?"



**Your Retirement Goals** 



# Identify your retirement expenses



Make use of savings and income sources



## Allocating your retirement paycheck





# Funding your retirement paycheck



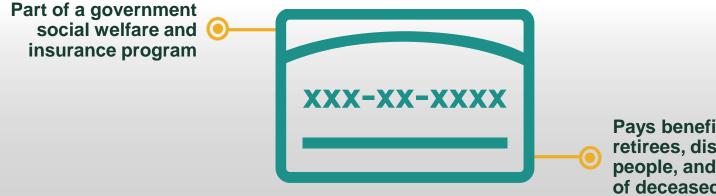


#### Social Security's Role in Your Retirement Strategy





# What is Social Security?



Pays benefits to retirees, disabled people, and survivors of deceased workers



# **Qualifying for Social Security**



You worked for a "covered" employer



You earned at least 40 "credits"



You are at least 62 years old



# 1. You worked for a "covered" employer





# 2. You earned at least 40 credits



For illustrative purposes only.



# 3. You are at least 62 years old





# **Full Retirement Age**

lf you were born in…	Your Full Retirement Age is
1943–1954	66 years
1955	66 years, 2 months
1956	66 years, 4 months
1957	66 years, 6 months
1958	66 years, 8 months
1959	66 years, 10 months
1960 or later	67 years



# Why it's better to wait until Full Retirement Age



Your benefit is calculated based on your Full Retirement Age



Eligible to claim at age 62



Not waiting: Permanently reduced benefit amount



Waiting: Benefit increases each year until age 70



# **Deciding when to claim**



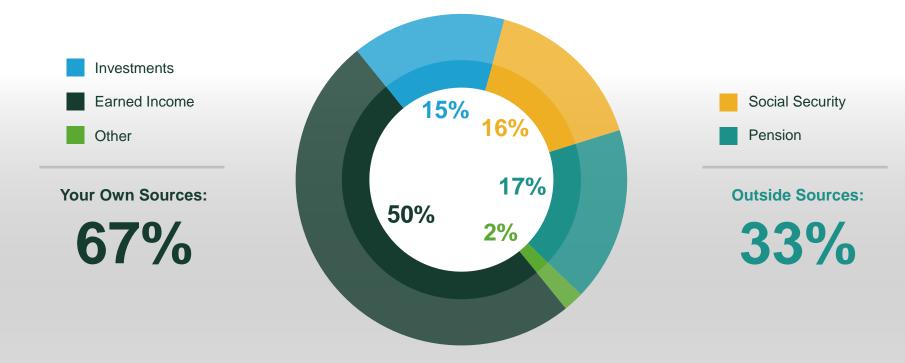


### **Reasons to wait**





# Social Security as part of your retirement paycheck



Source: Social Security Administration, "Income of the Aged Chartbook, 2012" published April 2014. Based on highest quintile of \$63,648. For illustrative purposes only.



# **Social Security Benefit Calculator**

New self-led, digital experience that helps you determine a Social Security claiming strategy that works best for your retirement plan.

#### OUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT CALCULATOR HELPS YOU:

- Compare estimated monthly & lifetime benefits across different claiming ages
- · Review individual, spousal and survivor benefits in various scenarios
- See how waiting to claim may or may not maximize your monthly benefit

#### FIND IT & OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY INSIGHTS ON NETBENEFITS:

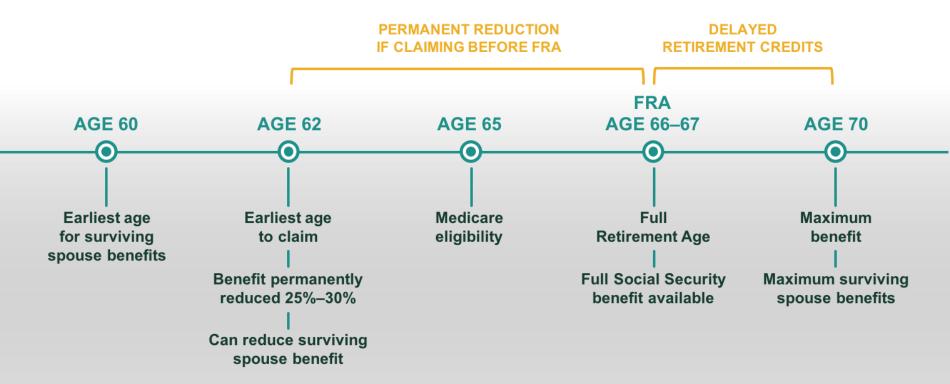
- Calculator: When should you claim Social Security?
- What to know about Social Security

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# When to claim your benefit





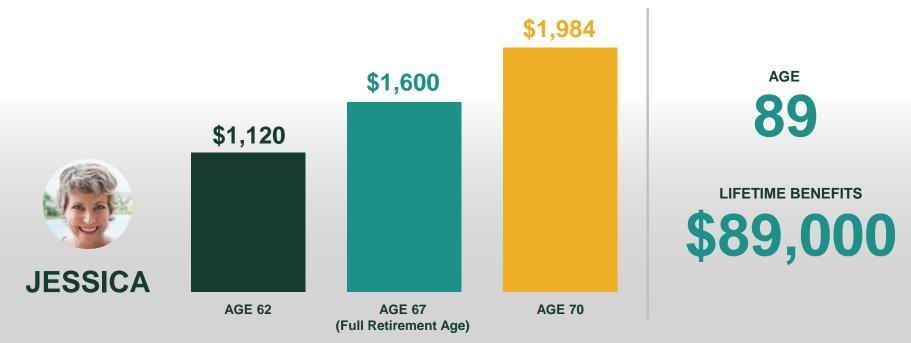
# Claiming before Full Retirement Age

FULL RETIREMENT AGE OF 67

**BENEFITS %** AGE **62** → **70%** → 87% 65 68 **→ 108% →124%** 70



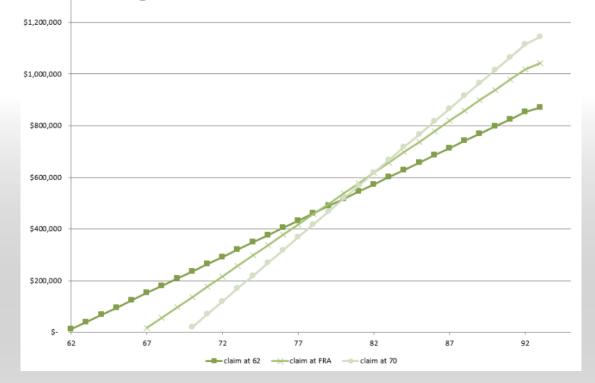
# Waiting to claim



Hypothetical example assumes an individual turning 62 in 2022. The hypothetical example is calculated by Fidelity Financial Solutions, based on data and methodology published by Social Security Administration as of March 2021. All benefits are calculated in today dollar and before tax. The actual benefit would be adjusted for inflation and might be subject to income tax. Lifetime benefits are based on life expectancy of 89. The lifetime number is sensitive to, and would change with, the life expectancy assumption.



### Your break-even age



Example assumes an individual turning 62 in 2022 with earnings of \$147,000 which is the maximum taxable wage for social security in 2022. The hypothetical example is calculated by Fidelity Financial Solutions Team, based on data and methodology published by Social Security Administration as of March 2022. Benefits are calculated in today's dollar.



# Ways to claim Social Security



Your own work record



A spouse's work record (current or ex-spouse)



A deceased spouse's work record (including ex-spouse)



# **Spousal benefit**



Your benefit will be reduced if you claim before your FRA. Your maximum spousal benefit is half of your spouse's total Social Security benefit.

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## **Tips for couples**

Similar ages and incomes



**Delay claiming** 

Both planning shorter retirements



**Claim earlier** 

Maximize the survivor benefit



**Claim later** 



## **Tips for couples**

#### 24% Increase

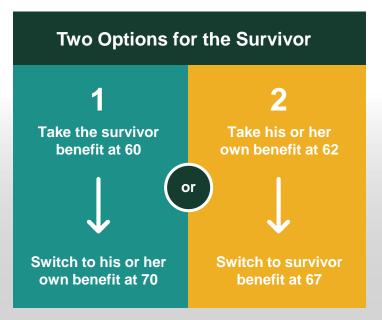


For illustrative purposes only. All lifetime benefits are expressed in today's dollars, calculated using life expectancies of 85 and 94 for husband and wife, respectively. The numbers are sensitive to life expectancy assumptions and could change.



# Survivor benefit

Widow(er) Claims Survivor Benefit At:	% of Deceased Spouse's Benefit:
Age 50–59 (only if disabled)	71.5%
60	71.5%
61	75.57%
62	79.64%
63	83.71%
64	87.79%
65	91.86%
66	95.93%
67	100%



The numbers above assume individual's full retirement age is 67. Depending on your date of birth, you may have a different Full Retirement Age. Please visit SSA.gov to find your own.



# Divorce





You and your ex-spouse are age 62 or older



Marriage lasted at least 10 continuous years



You have not remarried



# Advantages of working in retirement



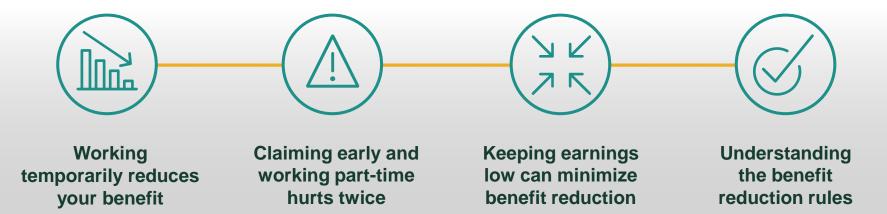


# Do you plan on working in retirement?





# Working in retirement





# **Tax considerations**

#### How working affects your benefit

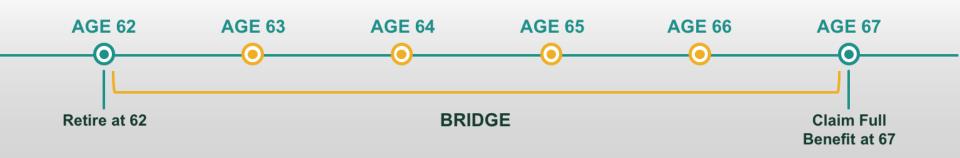
Age	Benefit reduced
Younger than FRA	\$1 for every \$2 over income limit
Reach FRA during year	\$1 for every \$3 over income limit
Reach the month of FRA	No reduction

- A portion of your Social Security benefit might be taxable
- The higher your income, the more likely your benefit will be taxed

VIEW IRS.GOV FOR ANNUAL LIMITS

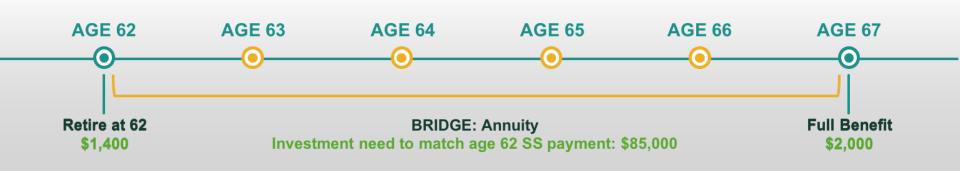


# **Bridge strategy**





# **Bridge strategy implemented**



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# Take the first step



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# **Next steps**



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Note: Anyone born in 1929 or later needs 10 years of work (40 credits) to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. People born before 1929 need fewer years of work. Contact the Social Security Administration for more details.

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