



# Tax efficient retirement planning for people 55+

## HOW MUCH OF MY SOCIAL SECURITY IS GOING TO BE TAXABLE?

### Married / Joint Tax Filers

The amount of Social Security that gets taxed depends on your total income.

Example 1: If your combined Social Security benefits are \$40,000, and your only other income is a \$24,000 annual pension, approximately 15% of your Social Security benefits will be taxable.

Example 2: If your combined Social Security benefits are \$50,000 and you expect to spend \$60,000 of your pre-tax retirement savings, approximately 82% of your Social Security benefits would be taxable.

Combined Social Security Benefits for the Household

Modified Adjusted Gross Income+ Tax-Exempt Interest	Combined Social Security Benefits for the Household						
	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	
\$4,000	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	
\$8,000	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	8%	
\$12,000	0%	0%	0%	5%	8%	12%	
\$16,000	0%	0%	5%	9%	13%	17%	
\$20,000	0%	5%	10%	14%	19%	22%	
\$24,000	5%	12%	15%	21%	24%	27%	
\$28,000	15%	18%	24%	27%	30%	32%	
\$32,000	25%	29%	32%	34%	36%	37%	
\$36,000	39%	40%	41%	41%	41%	41%	
\$40,000	56%	51%	49%	48%	47%	46%	
\$44,000	73%	63%	58%	55%	53%	51%	
\$48,000	85%	74%	66%	61%	58%	56%	
\$52,000	85%	85%	75%	68%	64%	61%	
\$56,000	85%	85%	83%	75%	70%	66%	
\$60,000	85%	85%	85%	82%	75%	71%	
\$64,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	81%	75%	
\$68,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	80%	
\$72,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	

### Single Tax Filers

The amount of Social Security that gets taxed depends on your total income.

Example 1: If your Social Security benefits are \$30,000, and your only other income is a \$24,000 annual pension, approximately 29% of your Social Security benefits will be taxable.

Example 2: If your Social Security benefits are \$50,000 and you expect to spend \$48,000 of your pre-tax retirement savings, approximately 75% of your Social Security benefits would be taxable.

Social Security Benefits for Single Filer

Modified Adjusted Gross Income+ Tax-Exempt Interest	Social Security Benefits for Single Filer					
	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000
\$4,000	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%
\$8,000	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%	13%
\$12,000	0%	0%	3%	9%	14%	19%
\$16,000	0%	3%	10%	16%	21%	25%
\$20,000	0%	13%	18%	24%	28%	30%
\$24,000	20%	23%	29%	33%	35%	36%
\$28,000	40%	40%	41%	41%	41%	42%
\$32,000	71%	57%	52%	50%	48%	47%
\$36,000	85%	74%	63%	58%	55%	53%
\$40,000	85%	85%	75%	67%	62%	59%
\$44,000	85%	85%	85%	75%	69%	64%
\$48,000	85%	85%	85%	84%	75%	70%
\$52,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	82%	76%
\$56,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	81%
\$60,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
\$64,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
\$68,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
\$72,000	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%

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