

# 1994 Social Security/SSI/Medicare Information

**Tax Rate\*:** Employee and employer each: 7.65% (6.20% - OASDI, 1.45% - HI)

Self-employed: 15.30% (12.40% - OASDI, 2.90% - HI)

\*Social Security tax for employers and self-employed can be partially offset under income tax rules.

**Maximum Taxable Earnings Base:** OASDI - \$60,600; HI-- No limit

## Maximum FICA/SECA Taxes:

Maximum FICA/SECA Taxes	OASDI	HI
Employee/employer (each):	\$3,757.20	No limit
Self-employed:	\$7,514.40	No limit

## OASDI Covered Workers (in millions, 1994 est.):

Wages	Self-employed	Combined
130.1	13.3	137.8

**Earnings Required for a Quarter of Coverage:** \$620; (\$2,480 for four)

## Retirement Test Exempt Amounts:

-Age 65-69: \$11,160 annually, \$930 monthly (\$1 for \$3 withholding rate)

-Under age 65: \$8,040 annually, \$670 monthly (\$1 for \$2 withholding rate)

**Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium:** \$41.10

**Substantial Gainful Activity:** \$500/mo. non-blind, disabled; \$930/mo. Blind

**Formulae Bend Points:** (Applicable to workers who reach age 62, become disabled, or die in 1994)

## Primary Insurance Amount (PIA)

90% of first \$422 of AIME, plus  
32% of AIME over \$422 thru \$2,545, +  
15% of AIME over \$2,545

## OASI Maximum Family Benefit (MFB)

150% of first \$539 of PIA, plus  
272% of PIA over \$539 thru \$779 +  
134% of PIA over \$779 thru \$1,016, +  
175% of PIA over \$1,016

(DI MFB ranges from 100% - 150% of the PIA, depending on the PIA level)

## Average Monthly Benefits:

Average Monthly Benefits:	12/91	12/92	12/93
Retired worker:	\$629	\$653	\$674
Retired worker and aged spouse:	1,066	1,105	1,140
Disabled worker:	609	626	642
Disabled worker, spouse and children:	1,056	1,075	1,093
Aged widow(er):	583	608	631
Widowed mother/father and 2 children:	1,221	1,257	1,289

<b>Benefits for Jan. 1994 Retirees:</b>	Age 62 PIA	Age 62 Benefit	Age 65 PIA	Age 65 Benefit
Low earner (45% of avg. wages):	\$ 519.90	\$ 415	\$ 505.30	\$ 505
Average earner:	856.90	685	829.80	829
Maximum earner:	1,185.00	948	1,147.50	1,147

**Long-Range Constant Replacement Rate:** Retirement at Age 67 in 2030 or later

Scaled low earner (45% of avg. wages): 56%;  
 Scaled medium earner: 42%;  
 Maximum earner: 28%

**Average Wage Level:** 1991: \$22,811.60; 1992: \$22,935.42

**Age 72 Payments (December 1993):**

	Transitionally Insured (Byrnes)	Special-Age 72 Payment (Prouty)
Individual:	183.40	183.40
Couple:	275.20	366.80

**Minimum PIA:** (generally eliminated for workers eligible after 1981)

-For workers age 62 before 1979: \$267.70 effective 12/93  
 -For retired workers age 62 in 1979-1981, the minimum PIA effective 12/93 can range from \$212.50 to \$267.90 depending on age and year of entitlement  
 -For survivors of certain workers who died before 1982, the minimum PIA effective 1/94 can be as low as \$122.

**Special Minimum PIA (12/93):**

Approximately \$25.27 per year of coverage over 10 years; highest special minimum PIA = \$505.30 based on 30 years of coverage.

<b>Minimum Earnings for Year of Coverage:</b>	1992	1993	1994
Special Minimum:	\$6,210	\$6,435	\$6,750
Windfall Elimination Provision:	\$10,350	\$10,725	\$11,250

**Number of OASDI Beneficiaries (as of 10/93):**

Total OASDI beneficiaries:	42.1 million
OASI beneficiaries:	36.9 million
Retired workers:	26.4 million
Families and survivors:	10.9 million
DI beneficiaries:	5.2 million
Disabled workers:	3.7 million
Family members:	1.5 million

**Trust Funds' Operations (in billions):**

Calendar Year	Fund	Income	Outgo	Fund at End of Year
1992	OASI	\$311.2	\$259.9	\$319.2
1992	DI	31.4	32.0	12.3
1993 (est)	OASI	\$323.6	\$273.6	\$369.1
1993 (est)	DI	32.3	35.4	9.2

**SSI Payment Standard:** \$446 individual, \$669 couple (effective 01/94)

**Federally Administered SSI:**

Number of beneficiaries as of 9/93: 5.9 million  
Expenditures in FY 1993: \$23.6 billion

<b>Census Bureau Poverty Threshold:</b>	1990	1991	1992
Aged Individual:	\$6,268	\$6,532	\$6,729
Couple, aged head:	7,905	8,241	8,487
Family of four:	13,359	13,924	14,333

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