

Social Security Column

5 WAYS TO USE SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE

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Social Security is here for you, not just when you need us financially, but when you need accurate information about our programs, retirement, and more. There are many online sources for Social Security information, but you need to make sure you're getting the right information.

By using www.socialsecurity.gov, you know that what you're reading and watching is approved by our experts and specifically created for you. Here are five of our resources that can offer you invaluable information.

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Our online calculators, such as the Retirement Estimator, the Life Expectancy Calculator, and the Early or Late Retirement Calculator, can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.

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Verify your annual earnings and review estimates of your future Social Security benefits when you access your *Social Security Statement*, one of the many services available with a *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Do you have to pay taxes on Social Security benefits? How do you apply for Social Security retirement benefits? What is your full retirement age? Discover the answers to your Social Security related questions at our Frequently Asked Questions page at www.socialsecurity.gov/faq.

With so many services available online, Social Security is here for you when your schedule allows. And we're the authority for Social Security program and benefits information. Be sure to tell friends and family about all the business they can do with us from the comfort of their home or office at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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