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## For 2023, Some Social Security Potpourri

If you are among the millions of *Jeopardy!* fans, you are familiar with the category of *Potpourri*. You know, it's a little of this and a little of that. Well, we want to start the year by highlighting various Social Security changes for 2023. We're calling this our *Potpourri ... of Numbers*:

**\$1,640** – Amount of Social Security-taxed earnings needed to earn one work credit. You need 40 overall to be eligible for a retirement benefit, but you can only earn four in a year regardless of your total earnings.

**\$160,200** – Maximum amount of earnings on which you pay Social Security (FICA) tax.

**\$21,240** – Allowable earnings amount for workers receiving Social Security but who are not yet in their Full Age year. If amount is exceeded, \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 over.

**\$56,520** – Allowable earnings amount for workers receiving Social Security in their Full Age Year. If amount exceeded, withholding is \$1 for every \$3 over. Upon reaching your Full Age month, there is no earnings limit.

**\$1,470** – Monthly gross earnings amount used to determine if a disabled individual is working at a “substantial” level. If yes, benefits may not be payable.

**\$914** – Monthly maximum standard federal payment for a single individual receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

[Social Security Changes - COLA Fact Sheet \(ssa.gov\)](https://ssa.gov)



## Before We Break into “It’s a Small World” ...

... we should tell you why we’ve gone all international here. All our publications, as well as our website, have long been available in both English and Spanish. But on our online **Multilanguage Gateway**, you can find publications in 15 other languages. The fact sheets and booklets there cover SSA’s benefit programs (Retirement, Disability, Survivors) as well as Medicare and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Here’s the language list:

Arabic	Korean
Chinese ( <i>traditional</i> )	Polish
Chinese ( <i>simplified</i> )	Portuguese
Farsi	Russian
French	Tagalog
Greek	Ukrainian
Haitian Creole	Vietnamese
Italian	

There is also information on our free interpreter services in these 15 languages. [Languages | SSA](#)

Also, new arrivals to the U.S. should check out our **Immigration** webpage for topics such as benefits for refugees, Social Security numbers for noncitizens, and wages earned by foreign students. [Immigration | SSA](#)

Now for a little quiz ... the words *Multilanguage Gateway* are shown below in three different languages. Can you identify the languages without clicking on the links?

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## We're All in This Together

If you are receiving our newsletter, most likely it means you are serving the community in some fashion. You are interested in Social Security because you are on the front lines helping people receive the benefits and services to which they are entitled. To assist you, we have set up web pages that are specific to your profession. We hope that you find your page to be helpful.

**Educators** Check out the toolkit of information and resources to develop engaging and informative lessons on Social Security and the importance of planning for the future. [Information for Educators | Social Security Administration \(ssa.gov\)](#)

**Faith-Based Groups** Find out how you can inform your congregation or members about the programs and services we offer. [Faith-Based and Community Groups | SSA](#)

**Financial Planners** Learn how you can help your clients plan for their Social Security retirement and Medicare benefits. [Information for Financial Planners | SSA](#)

**Human Resource Professionals** Provides links to forms and publications you may need to assist your employees. [Information for Human Resource Professionals | SSA](#)

**School Professionals** Explains how students can qualify for benefits if they have a medical condition. [Information for Teachers and School Officials \(ssa.gov\)](#)

**Service Providers for the Homeless** Explains that homeless individuals with a disability have the same rights when filing for benefits as everyone else. [Social Security Online - Individuals Experiencing Homelessness - Home Page \(ssa.gov\)](#)

**Veterans** Find out how veterans can have their disability claim expedited. [Information for Military & Veterans | SSA](#)

If you don't see your group here, it may still be found at [Agency Resources | SSA](#)

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## So, About That Resolution to Read More ...

.... we thought we'd help by providing some interesting material. Here are the 10 newest SSA publications issued over the last few months:

**Social Security Numbers for Noncitizens** Learn the occasions when a noncitizen needs a SSN and what documents must be submitted.

**Your Right to Representation** When conducting business with SSA, a person can have an attorney or nonattorney help with the issue.

**SSI for Noncitizens** Under certain circumstances, noncitizens can qualify for Supplemental Security Income benefits.

**Nutrition Assistance Program** Although SSA does not manage any of the federal, state, or local nutrition programs, we refer people to the appropriate agency.

**Retire Online** Provides the step-by-step process for filing for benefits electronically.

**What Every Woman Should Know** About Social Security, that is ....

**If You Work for a Nonprofit Organization** Some religious, educational, or charitable organizations may not participate in Social Security. However, employees can still pay the taxes required to receive benefits.

**Social Security Numbers for Children** It's important to get a SSN for your child. Find out why here.

**Fact Sheet: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)** Provides information on qualifying, how to apply, and how the benefit is computed.

**Medicare in Puerto Rico** The rules for enrolling in Part B are a little different than in the U.S.

You can find all these publications and more on our site: [Publications | SSA](#)