

Worksheet 1 - Taxable Social Security Benefits

Calculation for Form 1040, Lines 20a and 20b

- If you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2010, enter 'D' to the right of the word 'benefits' on Form 1040, line 20a.
- Do not use this worksheet if you repaid benefits in 2010 and your total repayments (box 4 of Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099) were more than your gross benefits for 2010 (box 3 of Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099). None of your benefits are taxable for 2010. For more information see Repayments More Than Gross Benefits in IRS Pub 915.
- If you are filing Form 8815, Exclusion of Interest From Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued after 1989, do not include the amount from line 8a of Form 1040 on line 3 of this worksheet. Instead, include the amount from Schedule B Form 1040, line 2.
- If you received a lump-sum social security benefits payment in 2010 that was for an earlier year (or years), Enter your benefits received on line 1, then see: Figuring your taxable benefits under the Lump-Sum Election Method at the bottom of this page.

1. Enter the total amount from **box 5** of ALL your **Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099**.
 Also enter this amount on Form 1040, line 20a

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| Not Applicable | 0. | | | | | | |

2. Enter one-half of line 1 2. 10,000.

3. Combine the amounts from Form 1040, lines 7, 8a, 9a, 10 through 14, 15b, 16b, 17 through 19, and 21. 3. 0.

4. Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040, line 8b. 4. 0.

5. Enter the total of any exclusions/adjustments for:

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| Adoption benefits (Form 8839) | 0. | | | |
| Foreign earned income/housing (Form 2555, lines 45 and 50) | 0. | | | |
| Income excluded by residents of American Samoa (Form 4563, line 15) | 0. | | | |
| Income excluded by residents of Puerto Rico | 0. | 5. | | 0. |

6. Add lines 2, 3, 4, and 5 6. 10,000.

7. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 23 through 32, and any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 36 7. 0.

8. Is the amount on line 7 less than the amount on line 6?

No. Stop; none of your social security benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on Form 1040, line 20b.

Yes. Subtract line 7 from line 6 8. 10,000.

9. If you are:

Married filing jointly, enter \$32,000

Single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), or married filing separately
and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2010, enter \$25,000 9. 0.

Note: If you are married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time in 2010, skip lines 9 through 16; multiply line 8 by 85% (.85) and enter the result on line 17. Then go to line 18.

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| 10. | Is the amount on line 9 less than the amount on line 8? | | |
| No. | Stop; None of your benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on Form 1040 line 20b. If you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2010, be sure you entered 'D' to the right of the word 'benefits' on Form 1040, line 20a. | | |
| Yes. | Subtract line 9 from line 8 | 10. | <u>0.</u> |
| 11. | Enter \$12,000 if married filing jointly; \$9,000 if single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), or married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2010 | 11. | <u>0.</u> |
| 12. | Subtract line 11 from line 10. If zero or less, enter -0- | 12. | <u>0.</u> |
| 13. | Enter the smaller of line 10 or line 11 | 13. | <u>0.</u> |
| 14. | Enter one-half of line 13 | 14. | <u>0.</u> |
| 15. | Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 14 | 15. | <u>0.</u> |
| 16. | Multiply line 12 by 85% (.85). If line 12 is zero, enter -0- | 16. | <u>0.</u> |
| 17. | Add lines 15 and 16 | 17. | <u>8,500.</u> |
| 18. | Multiply line 1 by 85% (.85) | 18. | <u>17,000.</u> |
| 19. | Taxable social security benefits. Enter the smaller of line 17 or line 18. Also enter this amount on Form 1040, line 20b | 19. | <u>8,500.</u> |

Figuring your taxable benefits under the Lump-Sum Election Method:

If you received a lump-sum social security benefits payment in 2010 that was for an earlier year (or years) and you elect to complete Worksheets 2 and 4 in IRS Pub 915 to compute the taxable amount, access Worksheets 2 and 4 here.

[CLICK TO ACCESS WORKSHEETS 2 and 4](#)

- **Taxable benefits under the lump-sum election method.**
From Worksheet 4, line 21 0.
- **Using the Lump-Sum Election Method and also contributing to an IRA**
If you are using the Lump-Sum Election Method and are contributing to a traditional or Roth IRA in 2010, check the box and enter your taxable Social Security benefits under the Lump-Sum election method 0.

