

# HOW MUCH OF MY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT MAY BE TAXED?

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## INTRODUCTION

Did you know that up to 85% of your Social Security Benefits may be subject to income tax? If this is the case you may want to consider repositioning some of your other income to minimize how much of your Social Security Benefit may be taxed and thereby, maximize your retirement income sources.

## SUMMARY OF INPUT

Tax filing status	Married Filing Jointly	Marginal tax bracket	12.00%
Long-term capital gains/losses (-)	11500.0	Short-term capital gains/losses (-)	0.0
Dividends	\$350	Taxable interest	\$1,100
Tax-free interest	\$0	Pension benefits	\$9,784
Taxable IRA distributions	\$11,400	Other taxable income	\$0
Wages	\$0	Self-employed income/loss (-)	0.0
Deductible IRA contributions	\$0	Social Security received	\$62,400

## ANALYSIS

Based on the worksheet provided in the most recent IRS Publication 915, your Social Security benefit(s) of \$62,400 will be 39% taxable increasing your taxable income by \$24,134 and creating a federal income tax liability of \$2,896.

Social Security Taxation - IRS Publication 915		
1	Total Social Security benefit	\$62,400
2	One-half of line #1	\$31,200
3	Adjusted Gross Income items (without 'adjustments')	\$34,134
4	Add back tax-free interest	\$0
5	Add lines 2,3 and 4	\$65,334
6	Adjustments (deductible IRA contributions)	\$0
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5	\$65,334
8	MAGI base amount	\$32,000
9	Subtract base amount (line 8 from line 7)	\$33,334
10	Enter factor based on filing status	\$12,000
11	Subtract 10 from 9 (min = 0)	\$21,334
12	Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 10	\$12,000
13	Enter one-half of line 12	\$6,000
14	Enter the smaller of line 2 and line 13	\$6,000
15	Multiply line 11 by 85% (min = 0)	\$18,134
16	Add lines 14 and 15	\$24,134
17	Multiply line 1 by 85%	\$53,040
18	Enter the smaller of line 16 or 17	\$24,134
	Taxable Social Security benefit	\$24,134
	Percent of Social Security benefit subject to taxation	39%
	Estimated taxes due	\$2,896

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## Your Social Security Benefit



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