

# Age to Receive Social Security Benefits

Year of Birth	Year You Will Turn 62	Your Age for Full Benefits
1937 or earlier	1999 or earlier	65 years
1938	2000	65 years, 2 months
1939	2001	65 years, 4 months
1940	2002	65 years, 6 months
1941	2003	65 years, 8 months
1942	2004	65 years, 10 months
1943 - 1954	2005 - 2016	66 years
1955	2017	66 years, 2 months
1956	2018	66 years, 4 months
1957	2019	66 years, 6 months
1958	2020	66 years, 8 months
1959	2021	66 years, 10 months
1960 or later	2022 or later	67 years

If your full retirement age is older than age 65 (if you were born after 1937), you will still be able to take early Social Security (SS) retirement benefits at age 62 if you choose, but the reduction in your benefit amount will be greater for those born in later years. This reduction is permanent.

For instance, if your full retirement age for unreduced Social Security benefits is age 67, the reduction for starting your benefits at age 62 is about 30 percent; for an individual who is eligible for regular benefits at age 66, the reduction for taking the benefit early at age 62 is about 25 percent.

For more information about how these reductions apply to your circumstances, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Whether or not you decide to take early benefits from Social Security, that decision will not affect your “Pre-Social Security” benefit from Fairfax County – if applicable. The Pre-SS Benefit terminates according to your birth year above, regardless of whether you are receiving early SS benefits.