

Taxation of Social Security Benefits

A portion of Social Security benefits may be subject to income taxation. The following worksheet will assist in determining that tax.

1. Social Security benefits for the year \$ _____
 2. 50% of line 1 _____
 3. Modified adjusted gross income:
 - a. AGI less net Social Security benefits received _____
 - b. Tax-exempt interest and dividends received or accrued _____
 - c. Line 3a plus line 3b _____
 4. Provisional income (line 2 plus line 3c) _____
 5. Applicable “first-tier” threshold _____
 6. Line 4 less line 5 (not less than zero) _____
 7. 50% of line 6 _____
 8. Amount of benefits subject to tax (smaller of line 2 or line 7) _____
- If provisional income (line 4) does not exceed the corresponding first-tier threshold (line 5), no amount is taxable. However, if provisional income exceeds the corresponding threshold, continue with the worksheet below.*
9. Applicable second-tier threshold¹ \$ _____
 10. Line 4 minus line 9 (if less than zero then enter zero) _____
 11. 85% of line 10 _____
 12. Amount taxable under first-tier (from line 8, above) _____
 13. Applicable dollar amount¹ _____
 14. Smaller of line 12 or line 13 _____
 15. Line 11 plus line 14 _____
 16. 85% of line 1 _____ _____
 17. Amount of benefits subject to tax (smaller of line 15 or line 16) _____

Filing Status	First Tier Threshold (for line 5)	Second Tier Threshold (for line 9)	Applicable Dollar Amount (for line 13)
Married filing jointly	\$32,000	\$44,000	\$6,000
Married filing separately (but lived together part of the year)	\$0	\$0	\$0
All others	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$4,500

Note: This is not an official IRS worksheet.

Caution: Any increase in income, such as from the sale of stock or a retirement plan distribution, may subject one to an unexpected tax on the Social Security benefits.

¹ See applicable column in table.