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Social Security Announces Redesigned *Statement* -- Now Available with a *my Social Security Account*

Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, today introduced a new look and feel to the *Social Security Statement*, available online through the *my Social Security* portal at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and by mail. The *Statement* is one of the most effective tools people can use to learn about their earnings and future Social Security benefits. This fresh look will allow millions of people to see their earnings information and estimates of future benefits quickly and securely.

“One of my top priorities is to provide information to people in clear and plain terms about Social Security’s programs and services,” said Acting Commissioner Kijakazi. “The streamlined *Social Security Statement* contains clear messaging and makes it easier to find information at a glance, helping to simplify our complex programs for the public.”

Your Social Security Statement
October 3, 2021

Retirement Benefits
You have enough credits to qualify for retirement benefits. To qualify for benefits, you must receive enough credits (40) in total, with at least one credit earned in each of five calendar years during which you were at least 21 years old. For each credit, you must have earned at least \$1,470 in 2021. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement.

Personalized Monthly Retirement Benefit Estimates (Depending on the Age You Start)

Age You Start	Estimated Monthly Benefit
62	\$1,000
63	\$1,050
64	\$1,100
65	\$1,150
66	\$1,200
67	\$1,250
68	\$1,300
69	\$1,350
70	\$1,400

Disability Benefits
You have enough credits to qualify for disability benefits. A disability benefit is based on your monthly payment, which is about \$1,350 a month.

Survivors Benefits
You have enough credits to qualify for survivors benefits. To receive survivors benefits, if you are the surviving spouse of a worker who has enough credits to qualify for retirement benefits, you must be at least 60 years old (62 if you are 65 or older) and you must be the surviving spouse of a worker who has enough credits to qualify for retirement benefits.

Medicare
You have enough credits to qualify for Medicare at age 65. Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people age 65 and older.

Earnings Record
Your earnings record shows the amount of money you earned each year from 2010 to 2020. For more information about Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-772-6222 (TTY: 1-877-488-6448).

Statement Highlights

- Benefit eligibility information and estimates right on page one in easy-to-find labeled boxes.
- Personalized retirement benefit estimates right up front for all claiming ages in a color bar chart.
- Earnings record in one column for easier reviewing.
- Added key points about benefits that are not very clear to the public.

The agency conducted extensive research, review, and testing to make the updated *Statement* easy to understand. The new *Statement* is shorter, uses visuals and plain

language, and includes fact sheets tailored to a person's age and earnings history. It also includes important information people have come to expect from the *Statement*, such as how much a worker and family members could expect to receive in Social Security benefits and a personalized earnings history, in a clear, concise manner. Examples of the new *Statement* and fact sheets are available at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/statement.html.

More than 61 million people have already created *my Social Security* accounts. U.S. citizens age 18 or older can easily view their redesigned *Social Security Statement* online by creating a *my Social Security* account. People age 60 or older who do not receive benefits and do not have a *my Social Security* account will receive their *Statement* by mail three months before their birthday. Workers should check their *Statement* at least once a year for accuracy.

People can check information and conduct most Social Security business through their personal *my Social Security* account. If they already receive Social Security benefits, they can start or change direct deposit online, request a replacement SSA-1099, and if they need proof of their benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter from their account.

In addition to obtaining their personalized *Social Security Statement*, people not yet receiving benefits can use their account to request a replacement Social Security card online if they meet certain requirements. The portal also includes a retirement calculator and links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits.

Many Social Security services are also conveniently available by dialing toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**.

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