

Social Security Benefits Worksheet—Lines 20a and 20b

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- Before you begin:**
- ✓ Complete Form 1040, lines 21 and 23 through 32 if they apply to you.
 - ✓ Figure any write-in adjustments to be entered on the dotted line next to line 36 (see the instructions for line 36 on page 35).
 - ✓ If you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2005, enter “D” to the right of the word “benefits” on line 20a.
 - ✓ Be sure you have read the **Exception** on page 27 to see if you can use this worksheet instead of a publication to find out if any of your benefits are taxable.

<p>1. Enter the total amount from box 5 of all your Forms SSA-1099 and Forms RRB-1099 1.</p>	<p>1.</p>	
<p>2. Enter one-half of line 1 2.</p>	<p>2.</p>	
<p>3. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 7, 8a, 9a, 10 through 14, 15b, 16b, 17 through 19, and 21 3.</p>	<p>3.</p>	
<p>4. Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040, line 8b 4.</p>	<p>4.</p>	
<p>5. Add lines 2, 3, and 4 5.</p>	<p>5.</p>	
<p>6. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 23 through 32, plus any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 36 6.</p>	<p>6.</p>	
<p>7. Is the amount on line 6 less than the amount on line 5?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No. None of your social security benefits are taxable.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Subtract line 6 from line 5 7.</p>		
<p>8. If you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2005, enter \$25,000 • Married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time in 2005, skip lines 8 through 15; multiply line 7 by 85% (.85) and enter the result on line 16. Then go to line 17 	<p>8.</p>	
<p>9. Is the amount on line 8 less than the amount on line 7?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No. None of your social security benefits are taxable. You do not have to enter any amounts on line 20a or 20b of Form 1040. But if you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2005, enter -0- on line 20b. Be sure you entered “D” to the right of the word “benefits” on line 20a.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Subtract line 8 from line 7 9.</p>		
<p>10. 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 2005 10.</p>	<p>10.</p>	
<p>11. Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0- 11.</p>	<p>11.</p>	
<p>12. Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 10 12.</p>	<p>12.</p>	
<p>13. Enter one-half of line 12 13.</p>	<p>13.</p>	
<p>14. Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 13 14.</p>	<p>14.</p>	
<p>15. Multiply line 11 by 85% (.85). If line 11 is zero, enter -0- 15.</p>	<p>15.</p>	
<p>16. Add lines 14 and 15 16.</p>	<p>16.</p>	
<p>17. Multiply line 1 by 85% (.85) 17.</p>	<p>17.</p>	
<p>18. Taxable social security benefits. Enter the smaller of line 16 or line 17 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the amount from line 1 above on Form 1040, line 20a. • Enter the amount from line 18 above on Form 1040, line 20b. 	<p>18.</p>	

TIP If any of your benefits are taxable for 2005 **and** they include a lump-sum benefit payment that was for an earlier year, you may be able to reduce the taxable amount. See Pub. 915 for details.