**2022 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES**

 **Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):**

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2020 through the third quarter of 2021, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 5.9 percent COLA for 2022. Other important 2022 Social Security information is as follows:

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| **Tax Rate** | **2021** | **2022** |
| Employee | 7.65% | 7.65% |
| Self-Employed | 15.30% | 15.30% |

 **NOTE:** The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount (see below). The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% on all earnings. Also, as of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than $200,000 ($250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes. The tax rates shown above do not include the 0.9 percent.

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|  | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Maximum Taxable Earnings** |
| Social Security (OASDI only) | $142,800 | $147,000 |
| Medicare (HI only) | No Limit |
| **Quarter of Coverage** |
|  | $1,470 | $1,510 |
| **Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts** |
| Under full retirement age | $18,960/yr.($1,580/mo.) | $19,560/yr.($1,630/mo.) |
| NOTE: One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every $2 in earnings above the limit. |
| The year an individual reaches full retirement age | $50,520/yr.($4,210/mo.) | $51,960/yr.($4,330/mo.) |
| NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every $3 in earnings above the limit. |
| Beginning the month an individual attains full retirement age | None |

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|  | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Social Security Disability Thresholds** |
| Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) |  |
| Non-Blind | $1,310/mo. | $1,350/mo. |
| Blind | $2,190/mo. | $2,260/mo. |
| Trial Work Period (TWP) | $ 940/mo. |  $ 970/mo. |
| **Maximum Social Security Benefit: Worker Retiring at Full Retirement Age** |
|  | $3,148/mo. | $3,345/mo. |
| **SSI Federal Payment Standard** |
| Individual | $ 794/mo. | $ 841/mo. |
| Couple | $1,191/mo. | $1,261/mo. |
| **SSI Resource Limits** |
| Individual | $2,000 | $2,000 |
| Couple | $3,000 | $3,000 |
| **SSI Student Exclusion** |
| Monthly limit | $1,930 | $2,040 |
| Annual limit | $7,770 | $8,230 |
| **Estimated Average Monthly Social Security Benefits Payable in January 2022** |
|  | **Before****5.9% COLA** | **After****5.9% COLA** |
| All Retired Workers | $1,565 | $1,657 |
| Aged Couple, Both Receiving Benefits | $2,599 | $2,753 |
| Widowed Mother and Two Children | $3,009 | $3,187 |
| Aged Widow(er) Alone | $1,467 | $1,553 |
| Disabled Worker, Spouse and One or More Children | $2,250 | $2,383 |
| All Disabled Workers | $1,282 | $1,358 |