

Social Security Benefits Worksheet (2019)

Caution: Do not use this worksheet if any of the following apply.

- 1) If the taxpayer made a 2019 traditional IRA contribution and was covered (or spouse was covered) by a qualified retirement plan, see *IRA Deduction and Taxable Social Security* on Page 14-6.
- 2) The taxpayer repaid any benefits in 2019 and total repayments (box 4) were more than total benefits for 2019 (box 3). None of the benefits are taxable for 2019.
- 3) Use the worksheet in IRS Pub. 915 if any of the following apply:
 - Form 2555 (Foreign Earned Income) is being filed;
 - Form 4563 (Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa) is being filed;
 - Form 8815 (Exclusion of Interest From Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989) is being filed;
 - The taxpayer is excluding income from sources within Puerto Rico or
 - The taxpayer is excluding employer-provided adoption benefits.

Computation of Amount for Line 5b of Form 1040

- 1) Enter the total amount from box 5 of all Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099. Also enter this amount on Form 1040, line 5a..... 1) _____
- 2) Enter one-half of line 1 2) _____
- 3) Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 4d, and 6 and Schedule 1, line 9.... 3) _____
- 4) Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040, line 2a 4) _____
- 5) Add lines 2, 3, and 4..... 5) _____
- 6) Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, Schedule 1, lines 10 through 19, plus any write-in adjustments entered on the dotted line next to line 22..... 6) _____
- 7) Is the amount on line 6 less than the amount on line 5?

No None of the social security benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on Form 1040, line 5b.

Yes Subtract line 6 from line 5..... 7) _____
- 8) If taxpayer is:
 - MFJ, enter \$32,000.
 - Single, HOH, QW, or MFS and the taxpayer lived apart from his spouse for all of 2019, enter \$25,000.
 - MFS and taxpayer lived with his spouse at any time in 2019, skip lines 8 through 15; multiply line 7 by 85% (0.85) and enter the result on line 16. Then go to line 17 8) _____
- 9) Is the amount on line 8 less than the amount on line 7?

No None of the social security benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on line 5b of Form 1040. If the taxpayer is married filing separately and lived apart from his spouse for all of 2019, also enter "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 5a.

Yes Subtract line 8 from line 7..... 9) _____
- 10) Enter \$12,000 if MFJ; \$9,000 if single, HOH, QW, or MFS and the taxpayer lived apart from his spouse for all of 2019..... 10) _____
- 11) Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0-..... 11) _____
- 12) Enter the smaller of line 9 or 10..... 12) _____
- 13) Enter one-half of line 12 13) _____
- 14) Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 13 14) _____
- 15) Multiply line 11 by 85%. If line 11 is zero, enter -0- 15) _____
- 16) Add lines 14 and 15 16) _____
- 17) Multiply line 1 by 85% (0.85) 17) _____
- 18) Taxable social security benefits. Enter the smaller of line 16 or line 17. Also enter this amount on Form 1040, line 5b..... 18) _____

Note: If a portion of social security benefits is taxable for 2019 and includes benefits received in 2019 that were for an earlier year, the taxable portion shown on this worksheet may be reduced. See *Social security lump-sum election* on Page 4-16 for details.