

Social Security Benefits Worksheet—Lines 14a and 14b

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- Before you begin:**
- ✓ Complete Form 1040A, lines 16 and 17, if they apply to you.
 - ✓ If you are married filing separately and you **lived apart** from your spouse for all of 2011, enter "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 14a. If you do not, you may get a math error notice from the IRS.
 - ✓ Be sure you have read the **Exception**, later, to see if you can use this worksheet instead of a publication to find out if any of your benefits are taxable.

1. Enter the total amount from **box 5** of **all** your **Forms SSA-1099** and **Forms RRB-1099**. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 14a. 1.
2. Enter one-half of line 1 2.
3. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040A, lines 7, 8a, 9a, 10, 11b, 12b, and 13 3.
4. Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040A, line 8b 4.
5. Add lines 2, 3, and 4 5.
6. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040A, lines 16 and 17 6.
7. Is the amount on line 6 less than the amount on line 5?
 - ☐ **No.** None of your social security benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on Form 1040A, line 14b.
 - ☐ **Yes.** Subtract line 6 from line 5 7.
8. If you are:
 - 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 2011, enter \$25,000.
 - Married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time in 2011, skip lines 8 through 15; multiply line 7 by 85% (.85) and enter the result on line 16. Then go to line 17.
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9. Is the amount on line 8 less than the amount on line 7?
 - ☐ **No.** None of your social security benefits are taxable. Enter -0- on Form 1040A, line 14b. If you are married filing separately and you **lived apart** from your spouse for all of 2011, be sure you entered "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 14a.
 - ☐ **Yes.** Subtract line 8 from line 7 9.
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 2011 10.
11. Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0- 11.
12. Enter the **smaller** of line 9 or line 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% (.85). If line 11 is zero, enter -0- 15.
16. Add lines 14 and 15 16.
17. Multiply line 1 by 85% (.85) 17.
18. **Taxable social security benefits.** Enter the **smaller** of line 16 or line 17. Also enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 14b 18.



If any of your benefits are taxable for 2011 **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.