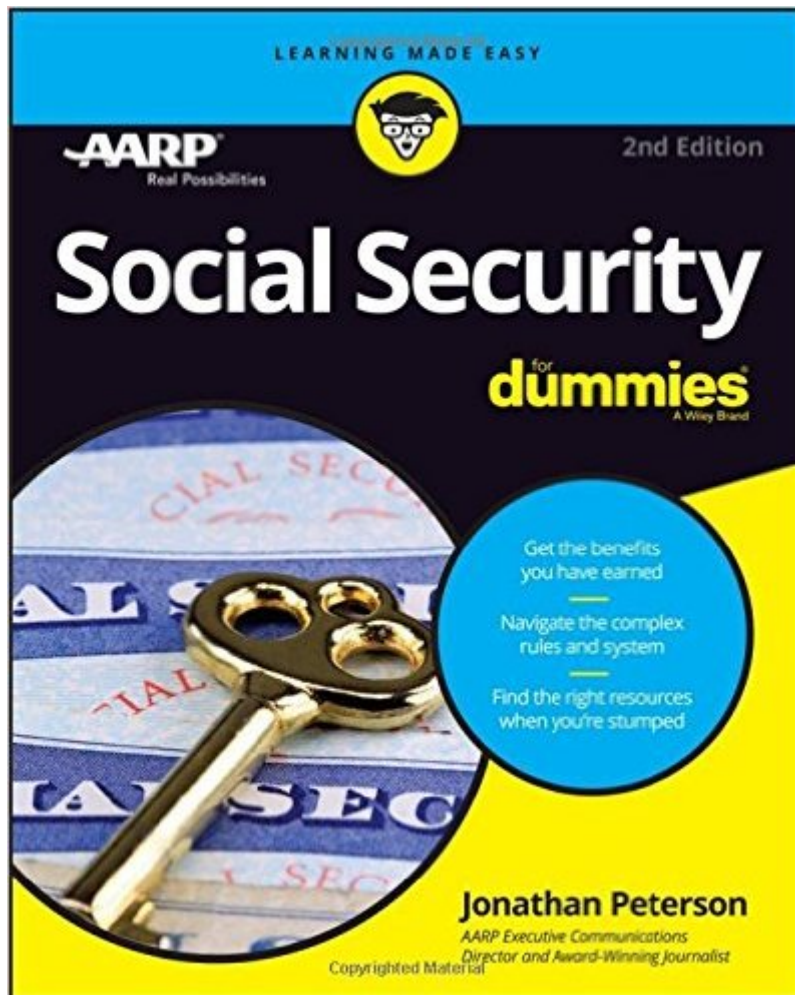


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# Social Security For Dummies



## Synopsis

Social Security For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9781119293330) was previously published as Social Security For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9781118967560). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

Praise for *Social Security For Dummies*: "Social Security for Dummies is a must read for people of any age who want a comfortable retirement. Jonathan Peterson does a great job of explaining this complicated system and helps you understand how to get the most from the benefits you've earned. The difference between a smart claiming strategy and a dumb one can cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars, so you'll want to invest in this book." — Liz Weston, personal finance columnist and author of *The 10 Commandments of Money* "This is your go-to book on Social Security. Chock-full of useful tips, easy to use, and well organized, it answers all your questions about Social Security." — Steve Vernon, author of *Money for Life: Turn Your IRA and 401(k) Into a Lifetime Retirement Paycheck* and CBS MoneyWatch commentator "Social Security for Dummies is indispensable for anyone who wants to get the best possible deal from Social Security — and that means all of us, young and old, because everyone will need Social Security benefits in this era of disappearing pensions and dwindling savings. Strategies for single people, for married couples, for survivors, for divorced people: You can find expert advice on all these subjects and more in this easy-to-understand guide to a very complex subject." — Bob Rosenblatt, editor of HelpwithAging.com and Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance

About the book: Take the mystery out of Social Security and maximize your benefits when you retire. *Social Security For Dummies* is the definitive resource to navigating the often-complex world of Social Security retirement benefits and the U.S. Social Security Administration. If you're nearing retirement age, or assisting someone who is, this guide will show you how to avoid common pitfalls, determine when you should claim your benefits, and figure out how much you can expect to receive each month. This newest edition provides updates to relevant dates and resources as well as an in-depth look at policy changes that will affect those about to retire. Packed with information that will help you make decisions that will maximize your financial well-being, this great resource makes it easy to understand everything you need to know quickly and easily. Understand new Social Security Administration policies and what they mean for you. Determine how to incorporate Social Security into your overall retirement plan. Get answers to common questions. Find resources to use when you're stumped. With *Social Security For Dummies*, you can take charge of your retirement and successfully navigate the U.S. Social Security Administration.

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Before I start, some disclosure. I'm a planner by profession and I answer Social Security questions every day. I've got all the publications and lots more by way of research resources. I won't say I'm an expert but I do lots of research and spend time every day on their website. I'll also disclose that I previously (and likewise positively) reviewed the first edition of Social Security for Dummies. The new edition is just as good if not better. Like that first edition, the second carries AARP's stamp of approval. Also, like the first edition, there isn't a single facet of the programs, benefits, etc. that is not covered thoroughly and well explained. Misnamed, the '...for Dummies' series is, in my opinion, quite good. This book on Social Security is a terrific resource for anyone wanting to know more. It's very well-organized, written and in a voice that will not put people to sleep. Any idea how rare that is? I've been doing this for decades and haven't seen another document this well done since, well, the first edition and this one is even better. The book covers the basics of Social Security and it is well written and coherent. The Social Security booklet on the topic published by the SSA is also pretty well written. What is improved by this book is how they link different strategies about when and how to claim in a way that is actionable and clear. That, the SSA does not do as well. Where there is some grey areas in the SSA documents, this book shines a light into those grey zones to the benefit of the reader and eventual claimant.

The decisions You make today can affect you and generations of your family at the most basic level

of existence including; putting a roof over your head, food on your table and critical medical care. Social Security is one of the best investments you make, one of the least understood, and one of the most myth ridden tools at your disposal, to protect your home, parents, spouse, children, step children, and possibly even your grandchildren .How can this book help you?1. This book breaks down the complex rules, including both common and little known Social Security laws and regulations into an easy to read, understandable 278 page book. But there is even more: Included in the book are phone numbers, web sites, and addresses so if you need to know more specific information about a certain subject the place to go is at your fingertips.2. I love this book, it is easy to understand and easy to read through the whole book. But it is also set up so that it is easy to look up any question you might have and even includes telephone numbers, addresses, web sites, a glossary for Social Security terminology and a chapter on Medicare.3. I am buying one of these books for each of my children and my Mom. Who needs a thorough understanding of social security?1. You need it. When do you need a good understanding of Social Security?1. The day you take your first job and throughout your life.2. (Note: Workers under 24 need six credits earned in three years before the onset of disability to qualify for SSDI. See the book for other age requirements.) Why do you need it?1.

Rules and regulations muddy and fog up the Social Security process making it difficult to navigate the complex system. Experienced attorneys are usually best to consult whenever trying to apply for Social Security benefits, but books such as, Social Security for Dummies, written by Jonathan Peterson, can be a great resource. Simply put, Social Security for Dummies is a great starting point. Anyone thinking of entering, or are currently in, the complex world of Social Security should purchase this book. AARP approved Social Security for Dummies for a reason. Jonathan Peterson, AARP Executive Communication Director, award winning journalist, and author of Social Security for Dummies, does an excellent job summing up, in easy-to-understand language, some of what it takes to tackle the Social Security Administration. It must be stressed, and cannot be stressed enough, that Social Security for Dummies is limited in its ability to fully untangle every aspect of the Social Security system. Jonathan Peterson does a great job leading readers to raise their own questions and offers links to sources to potentially answer those questions. Younger readers can also explore and uncover detailed information about planning for retirement and how to maximize Social Security benefits. You will gain a better understanding of the overall process by reading this book, and every link provided, but potentially not a complete understanding. That said, note even experienced practitioners and attorneys can be ignorant of amendments made to Social Security

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