

F.Y.I.: SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is a U.S. government program. It pays a monthly amount of money to workers who are retired (at least age 62) or disabled. In general, you qualify for benefits if you have worked at least 10 different years. A worker's spouse or child may also be eligible for benefits.

To help pay for Social Security (and Medicare), your boss must send the government an amount equal to 13.3% of your gross pay. Part of that amount (5.65% of your gross pay) should be deducted from your check each week. It is usually listed on your check as a combination of "FICA" and "Medicare." The other 7.65% is paid by your boss and is not deducted from your check. This money goes to your account at Social Security.



It is a good idea to check with Social Security to see if all your earnings are included in their records. If not, you can correct your record.

You can also call Social Security to find out what your benefits will be when you retire. Call their toll-free number at **1-800-722-1213**.

Please note:

H2A and undocumented workers do not qualify for Social Security benefits.