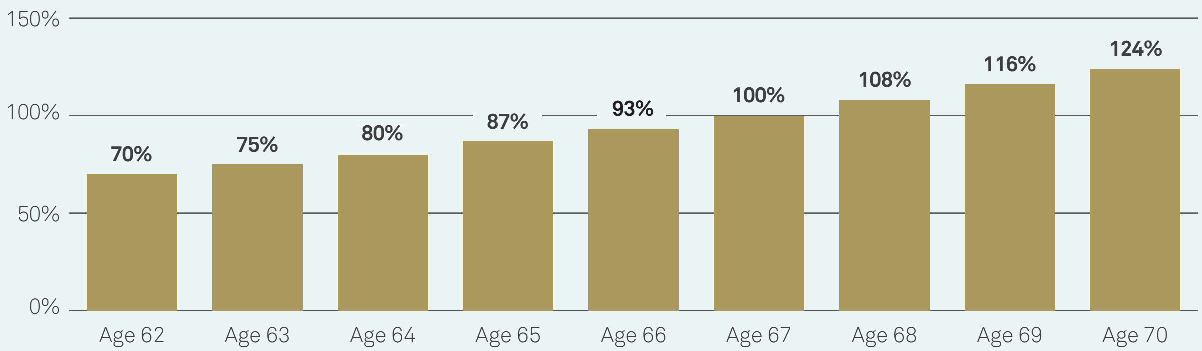
Social Security: When to Claim

IT MAY PAY TO DELAY

Earning

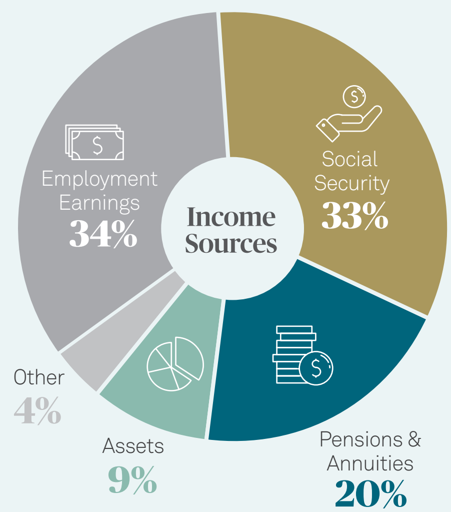
Social Security benefits by retirement age[1]

Percent of primary insurance amount



Approximately **69%** of retirees are receiving **reduced** Social Security benefits because benefits were started before full retirement age.[2]

On average, today's retirees derive 33% of their income from Social Security benefits.[3]



Why Should You Care?

If you wait until you turn 70, which is the latest age at which you can claim benefits, then your benefits can be as much as 32% larger than they would have been had you taken them at age 66.

What's the Good News?

- Delaying claiming Social Security until age 70 will result in a significantly larger monthly check.
- But you can claim as early as age 62 if you need the income.
- Spouses, divorced spouses, widows and widowers can claim Social Security benefits based on the work history of the husband or wife.
- Social Security benefits increase with annual cost of living adjustments to keep pace with inflation.

[1] Applies to people born after December 1959.

[2] "Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin, 2019," Social Security Administration.

[3] "Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2017," Social Security Administration.

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Individuals receiving Social Security as their primary or sole source of income are usually living below, along or just above the national poverty level.

For **50%** of retired Americans ▶ Social Security provides **more than half** of their total income[3]

For **25%** of retired Americans ▶ Social Security provides **90%** or more of their income[3]

[3] Social Security Bulletin, Vol. 77, No. 2, 2017

Take Action!

- ☑ Download your current benefit statement online by creating a My Social Security account at https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/. Check your earnings history for accuracy and share the statement with your financial advisor.
- ☑ Discuss the strategies for integrating your Social Security income with your other sources of income with your financial advisor.
- ☑ If you intend to work while collecting Social Security benefits, learn how it could reduce your benefits.
- ☑ File for Medicare benefits three months prior to turning age 65, regardless of when you choose to file for Social Security.

It's Your 30

Because many investors will spend around 30 years in retirement, now is the time for you and your financial professional to plan for your future. This will be the time when pressures and responsibilities that once filled your days will diminish and you'll have more time to focus on you.*

We believe

To achieve the retirement you desire, first **determine your retirement goals** and then work with your financial advisor to **develop a financial plan.** Discuss the four interconnected financial behaviors — earning, spending, investing and insuring — because they will greatly impact your plan.

*The likelihood of any one individual experiencing a retirement horizon of 30+ years depends on a variety of factors including the age at retirement and health-related issues.

All investments involve risk, including the possible loss of principal.

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