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Help maximize your retirement income with an annuity



Social Security: When you file matters

Delaying Social Security can have a significant impact on your monthly and lifetime retirement income.

Which monthly income would you rather have?

\$2,969

Claim Social Security
at age 62



\$1,081,000

Total potential
benefit at age 85

or

\$5,181

Claim Social Security
at age 70



\$1,123,000

Total potential
benefit at age 85

Flip over to see how an annuity can help maximize your protected income.

**92% of
US workers
indicated they
are interested
in a deferred
annuity as
a benefit.**

— Franklin Templeton's 2026 Voice
of The American Worker Survey

This example illustrates the maximum possible Social Security benefits for a worker who earned the Social Security taxable maximum (\$168,600 in 2024, \$176,100 in 2025) for at least 35 years and claims benefits in 2026. Monthly benefit amounts are based on Social Security Administration data as of January 2026. Lifetime benefit projections assume survival to age 85 and incorporate a 2.5% annual cost-of-living adjustment, consistent with the 20-year average inflation rate for the period ending December 31, 2025.

Your actual Social Security benefit will vary based on your complete lifetime earnings history, the age you claim benefits, and your full retirement age (determined by your birth year). The average retired worker receives approximately \$2,075 per month at full retirement age (considerably less than the maximum shown). Claiming benefits before full retirement age results in a permanent reduction of up to 30%, while delaying benefits until age 70 increases your benefit by up to 24%.

This information is provided for educational purposes only and should not be considered personalized financial, tax or retirement planning advice. Deciding when to claim Social Security is a complex decision that depends on your individual circumstances, including life expectancy, other income sources, financial needs, employment status and spousal benefits. Consult with a qualified financial professional and review your personalized benefit estimates at [SSA.gov/myaccount](https://ssa.gov/myaccount) before making claiming decisions.

Source: Social Security Administration, "What is the maximum Social Security retirement benefit payable?" (January 2026).

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Maximizing your protected income: A case study

Meet Mary



- She is age 55 and single
- She has \$1 million to invest and considering two options:
 1. Invest in a 60% equity/40% fixed income portfolio and take Social Security at age 62.
 2. Invest in a 60% equity/20% fixed income portfolio, use 20% to purchase an annuity and take Social Security at age 70.
- Plans to retire at 62
- She wants to maximize Social Security

S&P 500 Index represents the equity investment and the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index represents the fixed income investment. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot directly invest in an index. The S&P 500 and Bloomberg Indexes do not include any fees, expenses or sales charges.

Protected lifetime income snapshot (from age 62 to 85)

Total lifetime protected income
(no annuity)

\$822,000

Claim Social Security at age 62

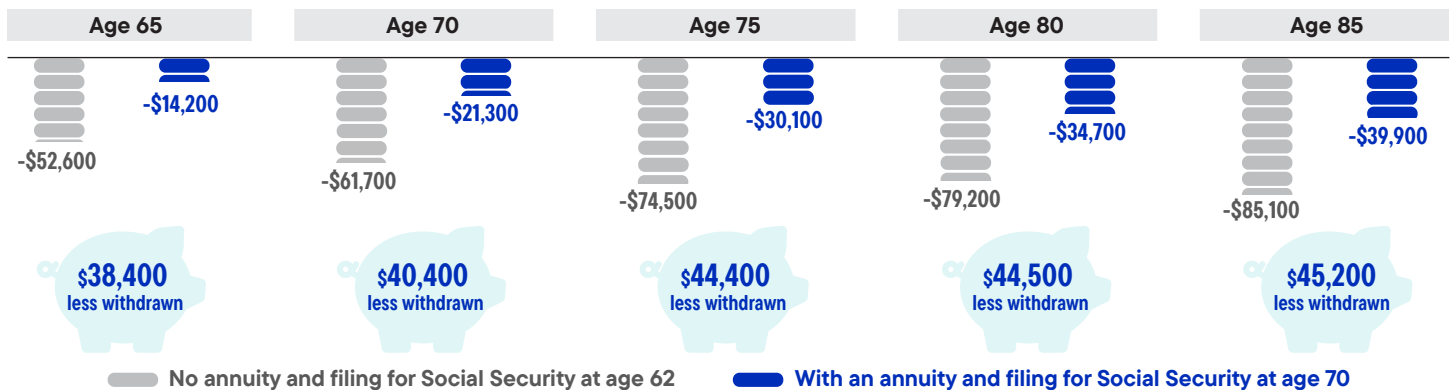
Total lifetime protected income
(with annuity)

\$1,563,000

Claim Social Security at age 70

Hypothetical withdrawals from your investment portfolio at specific ages

By using annuity income to bridge to age 70, Mary preserves portfolio assets during critical early retirement years when sequence-of-returns risk is highest.



Hypothetical illustration: This example is hypothetical and for educational purposes only. It does not represent the performance of any specific Franklin Templeton fund or guarantee future results. Actual results will vary based on market conditions, individual circumstances, and product features.

Projections: Growth projections are based on Franklin Templeton Investment Solutions' Capital Market Expectations as of December 2025 (US stocks: 7.8%, US bonds: 5.4%). These are long-term forward-looking assumptions and actual annual returns will vary significantly. Past performance, including the historical period depicted, does not guarantee future results.

Social security: Social Security benefit amounts shown are 2026 maximum benefits for illustrative purposes and assume maximum earnings history. Your actual benefit will differ based on your earnings record. Social Security rules and benefit amounts are subject to change by Congress. Verify your personal benefit estimate at [SSA.gov/myaccount](https://ssa.gov/myaccount).

Annuity guarantees: Annuity guarantees, including the 5% guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit, are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company. Variable annuity values will fluctuate with market performance. The benefit base used to calculate guaranteed income has no cash value and is not available as a lump sum.

Fees and charges: Analysis does not reflect all taxes, fees, expenses, or sales charges. GLWB riders typically carry annual fees of 0.75%–1.50% of accumulation value. Surrender charges may apply for early withdrawals. Annuity withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income and may incur a 10% IRS penalty if taken before age 59½.

Not investment advice: This information should not be considered investment, tax, or legal advice. Deciding when to claim Social Security and whether to purchase an annuity are complex decisions that depend on your individual circumstances including health, life expectancy, other income sources, legacy goals and risk tolerance.

Independent tools: The Social Security analysis was prepared for illustrative purposes. For personalized Social Security claiming strategies, consult the Social Security Administration or a qualified financial advisor. LifeYield, LLC is an independent company not affiliated with Franklin Templeton.

Consult professionals: Always consult with qualified financial, tax, and legal professionals before making retirement income decisions.

Sources: Franklin Templeton Capital Market Insights Group (projections), Social Security Administration (2026 benefit data), analysis prepared December 2025.



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