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Here are some helpful tips on obtaining your Social Security benefits information.

## Preferred Method: Obtaining Your Statement Online

 <p><b>1</b> <b>Go to the SSA website</b></p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/mystatement">www.ssa.gov/mystatement</a></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Sign in or create an account</b></p> <p>At the bottom of the page are two blue buttons. If you have already created an account, click "Sign In," otherwise click "Create an Account."</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>To get started, select a button:</p> <div style="display: flex; gap: 10px;"> <span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Sign In</span> <span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Create an Account</span> </div> </div>
<p><b>3</b> <b>Creating a new account? Do it a few days ahead of time!</b></p> <p>If you need to create a new account, PLEASE DO IT A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF TIME. It is common for people to have problems with the website's security screening questions which are sometimes obscure and misleading.</p> <p>If you get a question wrong, you will be locked out for 24 hours. If you get a question wrong on your second try, you will be locked out permanently and will have to go to a local Social Security office in person to get your account unlocked. (Not fun!)</p>	
 <p><b>4</b> <b>Print or save your statement</b></p> <p>Once you are logged in, click on the "Print / Save Your Full Statement" link near the bottom of the page. (If you don't see it, make sure you're on the "My Home/Overview" tab.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">  <p><a href="#">Print / Save Your Full Statement</a> Get a copy of your Statement information in a convenient, print-friendly format.</p> </div>	 <p><b>5</b> <b>Send it to us</b></p> <p>Save or print your statement, then send it to us via email, fax, or US mail. Or, if you're in the neighborhood, feel free to deliver it to us in person.</p>




## Alternative 1: Obtaining Your Earnings History in Person

 <p><b>1</b> <b>Schedule an appointment</b></p> <p>It's usually a good idea to call ahead and schedule an appointment. Call your local office directly (numbers below), or call the national hotline at <b>1-800-772-1213</b>.</p>	 <p><b>2</b> <b>Prepare yourself – Know what to say!</b></p> <p>If you ask your local Social Security office to give you a Social Security Statement, they'll decline your request. Give us a call and ask for a copy of our "In-Person Request Instructions," which will explain exactly what to ask for and how to respond if you encounter any resistance.</p>												
<p><b>3</b> <b>Go get it!</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b><u>Fort Collins</u></b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b><u>Boulder</u></b></td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b><u>Greeley</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>4th Floor</td> <td>Suite 101</td> <td>Suite A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Here is a list of the Social Security Offices in Northern Colorado:</td> <td>301 South Howes St. Fort Collins, CO 80521 (866) 336-7385</td> <td>4949 Pearl East Circle Boulder, CO 80301 (800) 772-1213</td> <td>5400 West 11th St. Greeley, CO 80634 (877) 405-9195</td> </tr> </table>			<b><u>Fort Collins</u></b>	<b><u>Boulder</u></b>	<b><u>Greeley</u></b>		4th Floor	Suite 101	Suite A	Here is a list of the Social Security Offices in Northern Colorado:	301 South Howes St. Fort Collins, CO 80521 (866) 336-7385	4949 Pearl East Circle Boulder, CO 80301 (800) 772-1213	5400 West 11th St. Greeley, CO 80634 (877) 405-9195
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## Alternative 2: Obtaining Your Estimated Retirement Benefits Online

Instead of a full earnings history, this method provides you with the monthly benefits amounts available to you at certain ages. This is the least-accurate way to run a Social Security Analysis report, but it is better than nothing. We only recommend using this method if all else has failed.

 <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Click on the “Retirement Estimator” link in the middle of the page.</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Click on the blue “Estimate Your Retirement Benefits” button.</p> 
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Verify your personal information, check the box to agree to the Terms of Service, and click the “Submit” button.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Enter last year’s earnings and click the “Next” button.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>You will get an estimate of your retirement benefits at three ages - 62, full retirement age, and 70. Send us these figures.</p>

## Obtaining Social Security Information on a Deceased or Ex-Spouse

To run a report with widow(er) or divorcee benefits, we need to know your deceased or ex-spouse’s PIA (Primary Insurance Amount), which is the monthly amount they would be eligible for at their FRA (Full Retirement Age). Here are a few methods that you may use.

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Dig out an old statement</b></p>  <p>If you have access to an old Social Security Statement and have a good idea of their earnings since that time, we can make limited calculations based on that information. The PIA can be found on Page 2 of the statement.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Request the information in person</b></p>  <p>If you have the social security number of your deceased or ex-spouse, you can go to your local Social Security office and ask them to give you their PIA (Primary Insurance Amount). It’s not necessary to tell them you’re divorced or widowed – just tell them you’re trying to calculate spousal benefits.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Offer to exchange information</b></p>  <p>If you’re divorced and on speaking terms with your ex, offer to exchange Social Security statements with them. Tell them you’re having someone run a report to help you figure out how to maximize your benefits, and we would be willing to run one for them too. Remind them that you can both claim benefits off of each other and it won’t cost either of you a dime.</p>
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## Sending your information to us

### US Mail or In Person

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Loveland, CO 80537

### Fax

(970) 663-3216

### Email

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