

WHY YOU SHOULD CHECK YOUR Social Security statement

If you're not close to retirement, you may not think much about your Social Security statement. But you can — and should — check it once a year. Here's why:

- There could be errors in your wages that need to be corrected.
- You can see how much you've paid into Social Security.
- You can get an estimate of your future Social Security payments.
- You can make sure your address or direct deposit information is correct.

Check your statement for free online at the official Social Security website at ssa.gov. Make sure you are on a website that ends in “.gov” or it's not the official website.