

Worksheet VIII – Taxable Social Security Benefits for Form 2

The taxable amount of your social security benefits for Montana and federal purposes may be different. Complete this worksheet to figure out how much, if any, of your social security benefits are taxable in Montana.

Montana does not tax Tier I Railroad Retirement benefits. If you reported any portion of these benefits on your Form 2, line 20b as taxable benefits, enter that amount as a Montana subtraction on Form 2, Schedule II, line 23.

				Column A (for single, joint, separate, or head of household)	Column B (for spouse when filing separately using filing status 3a)
1	Enter the total amount from box 5 of all your federal Form SSA-1099s	1		1	
2	Multiply line 1 by 50% (0.50) and enter result here	2		2	
3	Add the amounts on Form 2, lines 7, 8a, 9, 10 through 14, 15b, 16b, 17 through 19 and 21. Enter the result here	3		3	
4	Add the amounts on Form 2, Schedule I, lines 1 through 4, and 6 through 15, along with tax-exempt interest that you reported on Form 2, line 8b, which is not included on Form 2, Schedule I, line 1 ...	4		4	
5	Add lines 2, 3 and 4 and enter the result here	5		5	
6	Add the amounts on Form 2, lines 24 through 33 plus any write-in adjustments on line 37 with the amounts on Form 2, Schedule II, lines 2 through 22, and 24 through 35. Enter the result here	6		6	
7	Is the amount on line 6 less than the amount on line 5? No ► None of your social security benefits are taxable. Enter zero on line 18 and go to line 19. Yes ► Subtract line 6 from line 5 and enter the result here	7		7	
8	Enter the amount that corresponds to your filing status. If your filing status is: • married filing jointly, enter \$32,000 in column A; • single or head of household, enter \$25,000 in column A; • married filing separately, enter \$16,000 in columns A and B	8		8	
9	Is the amount on line 8 less than the amount on line 7? No ► None of your social security benefits are taxable. Enter zero on line 18 and go to line 19. Yes ► Subtract line 8 from line 7 and enter the result here	9		9	
10	Enter the amount that corresponds to your filing status. If your filing status is: • married filing jointly, enter \$12,000 in column A; • single or head of household, enter \$9,000 in column A; • married filing separately, enter \$6,000 in columns A and B	10		10	
11	Subtract line 10 from line 9 and enter the result here. If less than zero, enter zero	11		11	
12	Enter here the smaller of line 9 or line 10	12		12	
13	Multiply line 12 by 50% (0.50) and enter the result here	13		13	
14	Enter here the smaller of line 2 or line 13	14		14	
15	Multiply line 11 by 85% (0.85) and enter result here. If line 11 is zero, enter zero	15		15	
16	Add lines 14 and 15; enter the result here	16		16	
17	Multiply line 1 by 85% (0.85) and enter result here	17		17	
18	Enter the smaller of line 16 or 17. This is your Montana taxable social security benefits.	18		18	
19	Enter the federal taxable amount of social security benefits that you reported on Form 2, line 20b	19		19	
20a	If line 19 equals line 18, the amount of the federal taxable social security benefits that you reported on Form 2, line 20b is the same amount that is taxed by Montana. No adjustment is necessary.				
20b	If line 19 is less than line 18, enter the difference here and as a Montana addition on Form 2, Schedule I, line 5. This is the additional amount of your social security benefits that is taxed by Montana.	20b		20b	
20c	If line 19 is greater than line 18, enter the difference here and as a Montana subtraction on Form 2, Schedule II, line 23. This is the amount of your social security benefits that is taxed by the federal government but not by Montana.	20c		20c	