

# Monthly FERS annuity payments for letter carriers who retire on Dec. 1, 2024

The Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) covers federal and postal employees hired on or after Jan. 1, 1984. FERS employees earn retirement benefits from three sources: the FERS Basic Annuity, Social Security and the Thrift Savings Plan.

An additional Special Annuity Supplement is paid to FERS annuitants who retire at Minimum Retirement Age (MRA) plus 30 years or more, or at age 60 plus 20 years or more. It is approximately calculated by taking an individual's Social Security age 62 benefit estimate, multiplied by the number of years of FERS

coverage, divided by 40. It is payable to age 62 and then ends. Social Security benefits are payable beginning at age 62.

The table below provides monthly basic annuity, survivor deduction and net annuity amount estimates for letter carriers who plan to take optional retirement on Dec. 1, 2024. Estimates are computed by using the given high-3 averages, which are based on the basic pay earned by full-time Step O/P carriers and vary by length of postal/military/federal service. Reduced annuity amounts reflect the difference between the given basic annuity and survivor reduction figures.

Years of Service <sup>2</sup>	CC Grade 1 / High-3 Average <sup>1</sup> : 74,081			CC Grade 2 / High-3 Average <sup>1</sup> : 75,636		
	Basic Annuity	Max. Survivor Deduction <sup>3</sup>	Max. Survivor Reduced Annuity <sup>4</sup>	Basic Annuity	Max. Survivor Deduction <sup>3</sup>	Max. Survivor Reduced Annuity <sup>4</sup>
20	\$1,235	\$123	\$1,111	\$1,261	\$126	\$1,135
21	1,296	130	1,167	1,324	132	1,191
22	1,358	136	1,222	1,387	139	1,248
23	1,420	142	1,278	1,450	145	1,305
24	1,482	148	1,333	1,513	151	1,361
25	1,543	154	1,389	1,576	158	1,418
26	1,605	161	1,445	1,639	164	1,475
27	1,667	167	1,500	1,702	170	1,532
28	1,729	173	1,556	1,765	176	1,588
29	1,790	179	1,611	1,828	183	1,645
30	1,852	185	1,667	1,891	189	1,702
31	1,914	191	1,722	1,954	195	1,759
32	1,975	198	1,778	2,017	202	1,815
33	2,037	204	1,833	2,080	208	1,872
34	2,099	210	1,889	2,143	214	1,929
35	2,161	216	1,945	2,206	221	1,985
36	2,222	222	2,000	2,269	227	2,042
37	2,284	228	2,056	2,332	233	2,099
38	2,346	235	2,111	2,395	240	2,156
39	2,408	241	2,167	2,458	246	2,212
40	2,469	247	2,222	2,521	252	2,269
Each additional year <sup>5</sup>	61.73	6.17	55.56	63.03	6.30	56.73

1. High-3 averages for both grades (formerly levels) are for carriers who have worked full time on a continuous basis between Dec. 1, 2021, and Nov. 30, 2024, at Step O/P.

2. Years of service includes any unused sick leave.

3. The reduction for survivor's annuity is the amount necessary to provide maximum benefits (50 percent of basic annuity) to a surviving spouse.

4. If covered by the NALC Health Benefit Plan, a further deduction of either \$554.36 per month if for self plus one (code 323), \$480.54 if for self and family (code 322), or \$237.05 if for self only (code 321) will be made. In addition, premiums for any coverage under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program will reduce the net annuity further.

5. Under FERS rules, there is no maximum allowable yearly annuity. However, given the FERS formula of 1 percent per year, it is highly unlikely that any FERS employee will ever exceed the 80 percent maximum limit under CSRS.

6. FERS employees who retire at age 62 or later with at least 20 years of service receive an additional 10 percent—their annuities are calculated at 1.1 percent times years of service times high-3 average salary.