

Monthly FERS annuity payments for letter carriers who retire on Oct. 1, 2015

The Federal Employees Retirement System 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 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 Oct. 1, 2015. Estimates are computed by using the given high-3 averages, which are based on the basic pay earned by full-time Step O 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 ²	CC Grade 1 / High-3 Average ¹ : \$57,624			CC Grade 2 / High-3 Average ¹ : \$58,833		
	Basic Annuity	50% Survivor Deduction ³	50% Survivor Reduced Annuity ⁴	Basic Annuity	50% Survivor Deduction ³	50% Survivor Reduced Annuity ⁴
20	\$960	\$96	\$864	\$981	\$98	\$882
21	1,008	101	908	\$1,030	\$103	\$927
22	1,056	106	951	\$1,079	\$108	\$971
23	1,104	110	994	\$1,128	\$113	\$1,015
24	1,152	115	1,037	\$1,177	\$118	\$1,059
25	1,201	120	1,080	\$1,226	\$123	\$1,103
26	1,249	125	1,124	\$1,275	\$127	\$1,147
27	1,297	130	1,167	\$1,324	\$132	\$1,191
28	1,345	134	1,210	\$1,373	\$137	\$1,235
29	1,393	139	1,253	\$1,422	\$142	\$1,280
30	1,441	144	1,297	\$1,471	\$147	\$1,324
31	1,489	149	1,340	\$1,520	\$152	\$1,368
32	1,537	154	1,383	\$1,569	\$157	\$1,412
33	1,585	158	1,426	\$1,618	\$162	\$1,456
34	1,633	163	1,469	\$1,667	\$167	\$1,500
35	1,681	168	1,513	\$1,716	\$172	\$1,544
36	1,729	173	1,556	\$1,765	\$176	\$1,588
37	1,777	178	1,599	\$1,814	\$181	\$1,633
38	1,825	182	1,642	\$1,863	\$186	\$1,677
39	1,873	187	1,686	\$1,912	\$191	\$1,721
40	1,921	192	1,729	\$1,961	\$196	\$1,765
Each additional year ⁵	\$48.02	\$4.80	\$43.22	\$49.03	\$4.90	\$44.12

1. High-three averages for both grades (formerly levels) are for carriers who have worked full-time on a continuous basis between Oct. 1, 2012, and Sept. 30, 2015, at Step O (formerly Step 12).
 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% of basic annuity) to a surviving spouse.
 4. If covered by the NALC Health Benefit Plan, a further deduction of either \$327.32 per month if for self and family (code 322) or \$166.70 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% per year, it is highly unlikely that any FERS employee will ever exceed the 80% 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% - their annuities are calculated at 1.1% times years of service times high-three average salary.