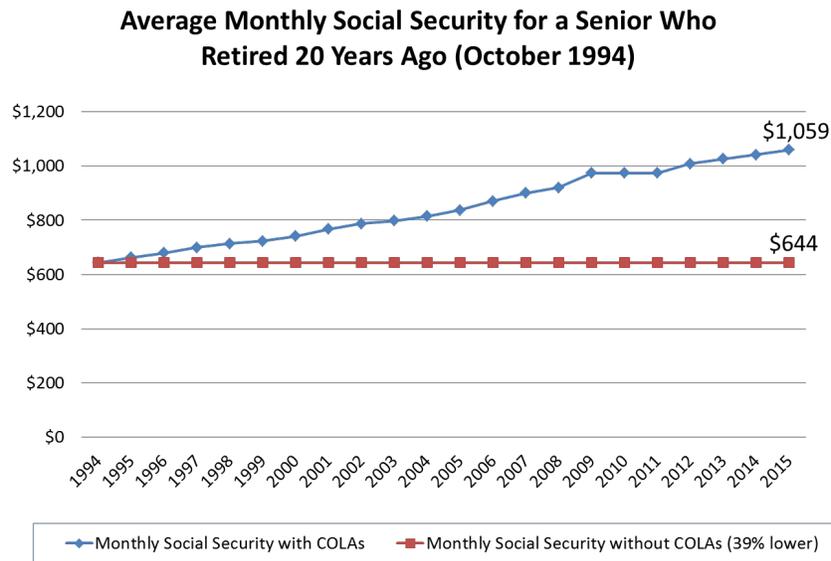


Social Security's 2015 COLA: 1.7 Percent



Social Security Facts:

- Seniors, widows, disabled workers, and children will receive the new COLA starting in January 2015.
- Average Social Security benefit: about \$15,000 a year (2014)
- Since 1975, Social Security benefits have been automatically adjusted each year to maintain purchasing power, keeping millions of seniors from falling into poverty as they age
 - Inflation protection is extremely rare in private-sector retirement plans
- Median annual household income for all retirees: \$28,000 (all income sources, 2012)
- 6 out of 10 seniors rely on Social Security for the majority of their income, and the COLA is especially important for older seniors
 - 76 percent of those who are age 80 or older rely on Social Security for the majority of their income
 - 4 out of every 10 aged widows and widowers rely on Social Security for 90 percent of their income or more

To find out more details about Social Security beneficiaries in each Congressional District, go to http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/

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