

Social Security Facts :

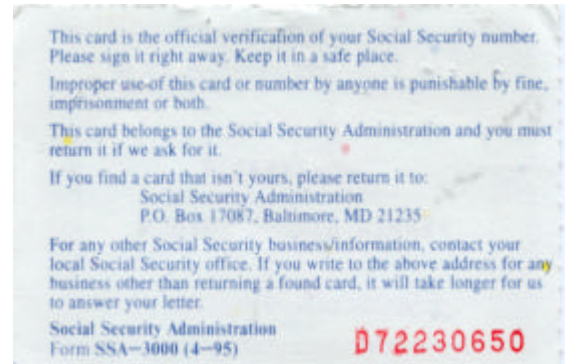


A Tool for Law Enforcement Officers

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Social Security Facts:

- The Social Security act was signed by FDR on August 14, 1935.
- Ernest Ackerman was the first recipient of Social Security benefits. He received a one-time lump sum payout of 17 cents.
- FICA stands for the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.
- Social Security numbers were first issued in 1936. To date, over 415 million different numbers have been issued.
- When someone dies his or her Social Security number is NOT reused. The nine-digit Social Security number allows for approximately 1 billion possible combinations. At this point there is no need to recycle numbers.
- From 1946 to 1972 there was a legend on the bottom of the card which read “FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES—NOT IDENTIFICATION.”
- The group number (the two middle digits) is not a code used for identifying the race of the cardholder.

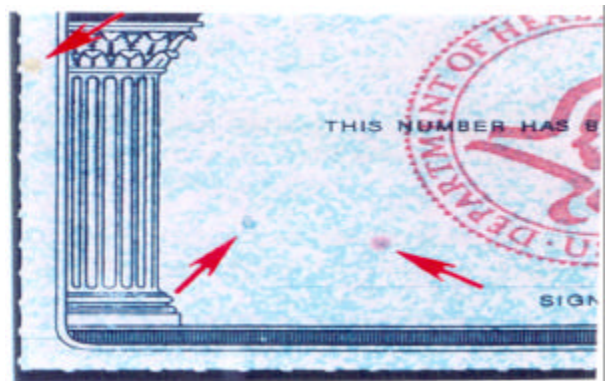


VALID SOCIAL SECURITY CARD CURRENT FORMAT

Document Security Features:



“The Feel of Steel”



Random colored Planchettes



Micro-printed signature line



Perforated edges

Sample:

078 - 05 - 1120

AREA number	GROUP number	SERIAL number
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By the way, the number above is the most abused Social Security number of all time.

In 1938, The Woolworth Company used a copy of an employee's actual Social Security card to show how a card would fit into one of its wallets. To date, over 40,000 people have claimed the number as their own.

Social Security **AREA** Numbers:

Number	Issuing State	Number	Issuing State
001-003	New Hampshire	520	Wyoming
004-007	Maine	521-524	Colorado (also 650-653)
008-009	Vermont	525	New Mexico (also 585, 648-649)
010-034	Massachusetts	526-527	Arizona (also 600-601, 764-765)
035-039	Rhode Island	528-529	Utah (also 646-647)
040-049	Connecticut	530	Nevada (also 680)
050-134	New York	531-539	Washington
135-138	New Jersey	540-544	Oregon
159-211	Pennsylvania	545-573	California (also 602-626)
212-220	Maryland	574	Alaska
221-222	Delaware	575-576	Hawaii *750-751
223-231	Virginia *691-699	577-579	District of Columbia
232-236	West Virginia	580	Virgin Islands
237-246	North Carolina (also 232,681-690)	580-584	Puerto Rico (also 596-599)
247-251	South Carolina (also 654-658)	585	New Mexico (also 585, 648-649)
252-260	Georgia (also 667-675)	586	Guam, American Samoa, Philippines
261-267	Florida (also 589-595,766-772)	587-588	Mississippi *725-755 also (587-588)
268-302	Ohio	589-595	Florida (also 589-595,766-772)
303-317	Indiana	596-599	Puerto Rico (also 596-599)
318-361	Illinois	600-601	Arizona (also 600-601, 764-765)
362-386	Michigan	602-626	California (also 602-626)
387-399	Wisconsin	627-645	Texas (also 627-645)
400-407	Kentucky	646-647	Utah (also 646-647)
408-415	Tennessee *756-763	648-649	New Mexico (also 585, 648-649)
416-424	Alabama	650-653	Colorado (also 650-653)
425-428	Mississippi *725-755 also (587-588)	654-658	South Carolina (also 654-658)
429-432	Arkansas (also 676-679)	659-665	Louisiana (also 659-665)
433-439	Louisiana (also 659-665)	667-675	Georgia (also 667-675)
440-448	Oklahoma	676-679	Arkansas (also 676-679)
449-467	Texas (also 627-645)	680	Nevada (also 680)
468-477	Minnesota	681-690	North Carolina (also 232,681-690)
478-485	Iowa	**700-728	Railroad Board
486-500	Missouri	729-733	Enumeration at Entry (process implemented 2002 to authentic-information provided by noncitizen SSN applicants)
501-502	North Dakota		Arizona (also 600-601, 764-765)
503-504	South Dakota		Florida (also 589-595,766-772)
505-508	Nebraska		
509-515	Kansas	764-765	
516-517	Montana	766-772	
518-519	Idaho		

GROUP Numbers:

GROUP numbers for any given **AREA** are issued as follows, once all possible **GROUP** numbers in a set being assigned before the next set is issued. (00 is not used)

1. **Odd numbers 01 to 09**
2. **Even numbers 10 to 98**
3. **Even numbers 02 to 08**
4. **Odd numbers 11 to 99**

Every month the Social Security Administration publishes a list of the highest **GROUP** number issued for each **AREA**. By knowing the highest group number issued in a particular **AREA** you can determine whether or not a number you are examining is fraudulent.

As an example, if the highest group number for **AREA 520** is **82** and the number you are checking has a group number of **04** then the number you are checking is a fraud, because even numbers between **02** and **08** have not yet been issued in this area.

SERIAL Numbers:

The **SERIAL** numbers are a straight numerical sequence from **0001 – 9999**. (0000 is never used)

INVALID Social Security numbers:

- Any of the three fields contain all zeros
- **AREA** number “666” never has and never will be used
- **AREA** numbers 650-699
- **AREA** numbers 729 to 999 except for 764 and 765
- **AREA** number 550, **GROUP 19** (i.e. 550-19-0001)
- **AREA** number 586, **GROUPS 19,29,59** and 79-99

The Following numbers are used in Movies and Advertising and are invalid: 987-65-4320 thru 987-65-4329 as well as the following:

002-28-1852	078-05-1120
128-03-6045	165-16-7999
165-20-7999	189-09-2294
212-09-9999	468-28-8779
042-10-3580	095-07-3645
135-01-6629	165-18-7999
165-22-7999	212-09-7694
306-30-2348	549-24-1889
062-36-0749	141-18-6941
165-24-7999	308-12-5070

For more information regarding Social Security Fraud contact the Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov or call (410) 965-3388

The information contained in this report is intended for use by Law Enforcement officers for the purpose of identifying fraud.