

Social Security Payment Receives \$600 COLA Increase, SSA Handles 463K Calls in One Day

Description

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has recently debunked false rumors circulating among Social Security recipients about a supposed \$600 increase in benefits. These claims led to over 463,000 calls in a single day to the SSA, highlighting the impact of misinformation on eager beneficiaries.

Commissioner Martin O'Malley clarified that the \$600 payment increase is untrue and urged recipients not to fall for such scams. The SSA emphasized the importance of relying on official sources for accurate information, especially regarding scheduled payment dates and future cost-of-living adjustments.

Looking ahead, the annual COLA adjustment for 2025 is expected to be announced in October, with a possible 2.57% increase. Recipients are advised to consult the SSA's official website for reliable updates and resources to combat Social Security scams.

In conclusion, staying informed through trusted sources like the SSA is crucial to protect oneself from misinformation and ensure accurate updates on Social Security benefits.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. Debunked /dɪˈbʌŋkt/ (verb): To expose the falseness or hollowness of a myth idea or belief.
- 2. Misinformation / mis.in.fər'mei.[ən/ (noun): False or misleading information.

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- 3. **Beneficiaries** / bɛnɪˈfɪ[əriz/ (noun): Individuals who receive benefits from a program.
- 4. Clarified /'klær.r.faɪd/ (verb): To make a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible.
- 5. **Adjustments** /ə'dʒʌst.mənts/ (noun): Small alterations or movements made to achieve a desired fit appearance or result.
- 6. **Consult** /kən'sʌlt/ (verb): To seek information or advice from someone.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What false rumor did the SSA debunk recently among Social Security recipients?



Option: A. \$300 increase in benefits Option: B. \$600 increase in benefits Option: C. \$1000 increase in benefits Option: D. No increase in benefits

2. How many calls did the SSA receive in a single day due to the false rumors?

Option: A. 100,000 calls Option: B. 250,000 calls Option: C. 463,000 calls Option: D. 700,000 calls

3. Who clarified that the \$600 payment increase is untrue?

Option: A. Secretary of Treasury

Option: B. Commissioner Martin O'Malley

Option: C. President of SSA

Option: D. Chairperson of Social Security

ESL-NEWS.COM 4. What is the expected COLA adjustment for 2025?

Option: A. 1.75% Option: B. 2.57% Option: C. 3.10% Option: D. 5%

5. What resource should recipients consult for reliable updates and to combat Social Security scams?

Option: A. Facebook groups Option: B. Twitter influencers Option: C. SSA's official website Option: D. WhatsApp messages

6. According to the content what is crucial to protect oneself from misinformation regarding Social Security benefits?

Option: A. Following rumors on social media Option: B. Relying on unofficial sources

Option: C. Consulting the SSA's official website

Option: D. Ignoring all updates

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. \$600 increase in benefits 2. C. 463,000 calls 3. B. Commissioner Martin O'Malley 4. B. 2.57% 5. C. SSA's official website 6. C. Consulting the SSA's official website



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What financial term refers to the profits a company makes?

Option: Outage Option: Earnings Option: Rebound Option: Penalized

2. Which term is associated with the cost of borrowing money or the return on investment?

Option: Misinformation

Option: Interest Option: Trends Option: Debunked

3. What term is used to describe the use of goods and services by households? ESL-NEWS

Option: Framework Option: Consumption Option: Reforms

Option: Adjustments

4. Which term refers to changes or amendments made to existing policies or procedures?

Option: Beneficiaries Option: Reforms

Option: Policymakers Option: Surpassed

5. What term is used to describe a decrease or reduction in value quantity or quality?

Option: Rallied

Option: Expectations

Option: Decline

Option: Disappointing

6. Which term refers to help or support provided to someone or something?

Option: Revive Option: Assistance Option: Vulnerability Option: Disruption

7. What term is used to describe a period when a service or equipment is unavailable or not functioning?



Option: Stimulate Option: Outage Option: Apology Option: Adjustments

8. Which term means to exceed or go beyond a certain level or standard?

Option: Interest Option: Surpassed Option: Margins Option: Vulnerability

9. What term refers to the difference between the cost price and the selling price of a product?

Option: Earnings

Option: Misinformation

Option: Margins Option: Adjustments

10. Which term means to seek information or advice from an expert or professional? ESL-NEWS.CO

Option: Rally Option: Consult Option: Clarified Option: Revive

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Companies may need to make	to their strategies in response to market
changes.	
12. The spokesperson	the statements made earlier to provide more accurate
information.	
13. The new marketing campaign aims to	interest in the brand among younger
audiences.	
14 are responsible fo	r creating and implementing laws and regulations.
15. The recent data breach exposed the	of the company's cybersecurity



measures.		
16. The strike by workers caused a major	in the production schedule.	
17. Fact-checking websites aim to debunk	circulating on social media.	
18. The new scholarship program will benefit many	from underprivileged	
backgrounds.		
19. The government has established a	for sustainable development goals.	
20. Tax incentives are often used to	economic growth in specific industries.	
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)		
21. After a period of recession the economy showed signs of recovery and growth.		
22. The myth about the effectiveness of that product was proven false with scientific evidence.		
23. Analysts study market patterns and consumer behavior to identify future movements.		
24. The team came together and performed exceptionally well under pressure.		
25. The company's performance exceeded what investors had anticipated for the quarter.		
26. The CEO issued a formal statement expressing regret for the lapses in customer service.		
27. Despite facing multiple challenges the business showed a strong ability to recover and adapt.		
28. Global markets are highly with developments in one region affecting others.		
29. Investors eagerly awaited the company's financial report to know its profits and losses.		
30. Individuals who violate company policies may face disciplinary actions or fines.		

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Earnings 2. Interest 3. Consumption 4. Reforms 5. Decline 6. Assistance 7. Outage 8. Surpassed 9. Margins 10. Consult

Gap-Fill: 11. Adjustments 12. Clarified 13. Revive 14. Policymakers 15. Vulnerability 16. Disruption

17. Misinformation



18. Beneficiaries 19. Framework 20. Stimulate

Matching sentence: 1. Rebound 2. Debunked 3. Trends 4. Rallied 5. Expectations 6. Apology 7. Resilient 8. Interconnected 9. Earnings 10. Penalized

CATEGORY

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