
MANUAL CHECKS of SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Fraud perpetrators may not be aware that some social security number combinations are not authorized and may randomly select a number that was never issued.

The List below shows the first digits of valid social security numbers that were issued to each state and territory. Some states or territories have only one three-digit number. Most have more than one number, usually one or more series of numbers in a given range. Some three-digit numbers may be assigned to more than one state or territory.

Initial digits in the 700 to 729 series were issued by the Railroad Retirement Agency years ago. Social security numbers in this range probably belong to older workers.

As of December 1988, the three-digit numbers from 650 to 699 and 730 to 999 were not yet assigned to any state or territory.

The Social Security Administration assigns numbers according to the location at which a person applies for his or her card. When the first digits of a social security number do not match the residence history of an individual, the number may be invalid. Additional documentation is required including the actual social security card. Lenders should ask the individual where he or she applied for the card. If the location is inconsistent with the listing below, explain to the individual that the assistance must be suspended and cannot be reinstated until the validity of the social security number can be verified.

Valid Social Security Numbers - Initial Three Digits

001-003	New Hampshire	501-502	North Dakota
004-007	Maine	503-504	South Dakota
008-009	Vermont	505-508	Nebraska
010-034	Massachusetts	509-515	Kansas
035-039	Rhode Island	516-517	Montana
040-049	Connecticut	518-519	Idaho
050-134	New York	520	Wyoming
135-158	New Jersey	521-524	Colorado
159-211	Pennsylvania	525	New Mexico
212-220	Maryland	526-527	Arizona
221-222	Delaware	528-529	Utah

223-231	Virginia	530	Nevada
232-236	West Virginia	531-539	Washington
232	North Carolina /1	540-544	Oregon
237-246	North Carolina	545-573	California
247-251	South Carolina	574	Alaska
252-260	Georgia	575-576	Hawaii
261-267	Florida	577-579	Washington, DC
268-302	Ohio	580	Virgin Islands
303-317	Indiana	580-584	Puerto Rico
318-361	Illinois	585-	New Mexico
362-386	Michigan	586	Guam
387-399	Wisconsin	586	American Samoa
400-407	Kentucky	586	Philippine Island
408-415	Tennessee	587-588	Mississippi
416-424	Alabama	589-595	Florida
425-428	Mississippi	596-599	Puerto Rico
429-432	Arkansas	600-601	Arizona
433-439	Louisiana	602-626	California
440-448	Oklahoma	627-645	Texas
449-467	Texas	646-647	Utah
468-477	Minnesota	648-649	New Mexico
478-485	Iowa	700-729	Railroad
486-500	Missouri		Retirement

/1Number 232, with middle digits 30, has been allocated to North Carolina from West Virginia
