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# INCOME

#### **Ordinary Income Tax Rates and Brackets**

Tax Rate	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household
10%	\$0 - \$18,450	\$0 - \$13,150
15%	\$18,450 – \$74,900	\$13,150 - \$50,200
25%	\$74,900 – \$151,200	\$50,200 - \$129,600
28%	\$151,200 - \$230,450	\$129,600 - \$209,850
33%	\$230,450 – \$411,500	\$209,850 - \$411,500
35%	\$411,500 – \$464,850	\$411,500 – \$439,000
39.6%	\$464,850+	\$439,000+
Tax Rate	Single	Married, Filing Separately
10%	\$0 – \$9,225	\$0 – \$9,225
10% 15%	\$0 – \$9,225 \$9,225 – \$37,450	\$0 - \$9,225 \$9,225 - \$37,450
15%	\$9,225 – \$37,450	\$9,225 – \$37,450
15% 25%	\$9,225 - \$37,450 \$37,450 - \$90,750	\$9,225 – \$37,450 \$37,450 – \$75,600
15% 25% 28%	\$9,225 - \$37,450 \$37,450 - \$90,750 \$90,750 - \$189,300	\$9,225 – \$37,450 \$37,450 – \$75,600 \$75,600 – \$115,225
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Source: IRS

#### 0.9% Medicare Hospital Insurance Tax

Filing Status	Earned Income Threshold
Married, Filing Jointly	\$250,000
Head of Household	\$200,000
Single	\$200,000
Married, Filing Separately	\$125,000

0.9% tax on income above threshold.

Source: IRS

#### Standard and Itemized Deductions

Filing Status	Standard Deduction	Itemized Deduction (Pease Limitation Threshold)
Married, Filing Jointly	\$12,600	\$309,900
Head of Household	\$9,250	\$284,050
Single	\$6,300	\$258,250
Married, Filing Separately	\$6,300	\$154,950

Taxpayer's allowable itemized deductions are reduced by 3% of AGI above threshold. The maximum reduction is limited to 80% of the original allowable deduction.

Source: IRS

#### **Personal Exemptions**

Personal Exemption	\$4,000
Filing Status	Personal Exemption Phase-out Threshold
Married, Filing Jointly	\$309,900 - \$432,400
Head of Household	\$284,050 – \$406,550
Single	\$258,250 - \$380,750
Married, Filing Separately	\$154,950 – \$216,200

The total amount of exemptions that may be claimed by a taxpayer is reduced by 2% for each \$2,500, or portion thereof by which the taxpayer's AGI exceeds the applicable threshold level.

Source: IRS

#### **Alternative Minimum Tax Rates**

AMT Tax Rate	Married Individuals Filing a Separate Return	All Others
26%	\$0 – \$92,700	\$0 - \$185,400
28%	\$92,700+	\$185,400+

Source: IRS

Ranges are permanently adjusted for inflation.

# **Alternative Minimum Tax Exemption**

Filing Status	2014 Exemption	2015 Exemption	2015 AMT Exemption Phase-out Threshold
Married, Filing Jointly	\$82,100	\$83,400	\$158,900+
Married, Filing Separately	\$41,050	\$41,700	\$79,450+
Unmarried*	\$52,800	\$53,600	\$119,200+

<sup>\*</sup>This includes single and head of household.

Rates are permanently adjusted for inflation.

Source: IRS

#### INVESTMENT

# Capital Gains and Qualified Dividends

Rate for Tax Payers:	Long Term Capital Gains	Dividend Income
39.6% Income Tax Bracket	20%	20%
Between 25% and 39.6% Income Tax Bracket	15%	15%
Below 25% Income Tax Bracket	0%	0%

Source: www.taxpolicycenter.org

# 3.8% Surtax on Investment Income

Filing Status	Threshold (modified AGI)
Married, Filing Jointly	\$250,000
Married, Filing Separately	\$125,000
Single	\$200,000
Head of Household	\$200,000

Source: IRS

	Maximum Long Term Capital Gain Rate
Collectible Gain	28%
Gain on qualified small business stock equal to the section 1202 exclusion	28%
Un-recaptured section 1250 gain	25%

Source: IRS

# **Deduction Limits for Charitable Gifts**

	Percentage AGI Limitation	
	Public	Private
Cash	50%	30%
Ordinary Income Property	50%	30%
Capital Gain Property	30%	20%

Source: IRS

# **ESTATE**

#### Income Tax Rates for Beneficiaries of Estates and Trusts

Tax Rate		Tax Rate	
15%	\$0 - \$2,500	33%	\$9,050 - \$12,300
25%	\$2,500 - \$5,900	36.9%	\$12,300+
28%	\$5,900 - \$9,050		

Source: IRS

Generation-Skipping Transfer (GST) Tax		
GST Tax Rate	40%	
GST Tax Exemption	\$5.43 million	

Estate and Gift Tax	
Estate Tax Exclusion	\$5.43 million
Top Marginal Estate Tax Rate	40%
Annual Gift Tax Exclusion	\$14,000

Source: IRS

# RETIREMENT

# Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

Contribution Limits	Traditional/Roth IRA*
Maximum Contribution	\$5,500
Catch-up Provision for Individuals 50 and up	\$1,000

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{``Total combined contributions to Traditional and Roth cannot exceed these amounts.}$ 

Source: IRS

# Modified AGI Phase-out Range for Contributions for Individuals Covered by a Retirement Plan

Filing Status	Traditional IRA	Roth IRA
Married, Filing Jointly	\$98,000 - \$118,000	\$183,000 -\$193,000
Married, Filing Separately	\$0 - \$10,000	\$0 - \$10,000
Married, Filing Jointly when only one spouse is covered by a qualified plan	\$183,000 – \$193,000	NA
Single	\$61,000 - \$71,000	\$116,000 - \$131,000
Head of Household	\$61,000 – \$71,000	\$116,000 – \$131,000

Source: IRS

#### Other Qualified Plans

Contribution Limits	
Limit on annual additions to defined contribution plans	\$53,000
Maximum elective deferral to retirement plans, i.e. 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, and 457(b) plans	\$18,000
Catch-up contribution limit (for individuals 50 and over)	\$6,000
Maximum annual compensation taken into account for contributions	\$265,000
Maximum elective deferral to SIMPLE 401(k) plans	\$12,500
Catch-up contribution limit for SIMPLE plans (for individuals 50 and over) \$3,000	
Annual benefit limit under defined benefit plans	\$210,000

Source: IRS

#### **Eligible Long-Term Care Premiums**

Long-term care premiums are includible as medical care expenses under Schedule A, Itemized Deductions, with the following limitations:

Attained Age Before the Close of the Taxable Year	Limitation on Premiums
40 or less	\$380
More than 40 but not more than 50	\$710
More than 50 but not more than 60	\$1,430
More than 60 but not more than 70	\$3,800
More than 70	\$4,750
More than 70	. ,

Source: IRS

# SOCIAL SECURITY

# **Social Security Benefits**

Maximum earnings subject to Social Security Tax (FICA)	\$118,500
Employee's share of Social Security Tax	6.2%
Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)	1.7%
Retirement earnings test exempt amount for individuals below FRA. \$1 in benefits withheld for every \$2 in earnings over this limit.	\$15,720/year \$1,310/month
Retirement earning test exempt amount for individuals attaining FRA in 2014 (applies only to earnings made in months prior to attaining FRA). \$1 in benefits withheld for every \$3 in earnings above this limit.	\$41,880/year \$3,490/month

Source: www.ssa.gov

#### Tax on Social Security

Combined Income (joint)*	Combined Income (single)*	Amount of Social Security subject to tax
\$32,000 - \$44,000	\$25,000 - \$34,000	up to 50%
\$44,000 +	\$34,000 +	up to 85%

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Combined income" is the sum of adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits.

Source: www.ssa.gov

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