

Tax Tables 2021 Edition

2021 Tax Rate Schedule

TAXABLE INCOME (\$)		BASE AMOUNT OF TAX (\$)	PLUS	MARGINAL TAX RATE	OF THE AMOUNT OVER (\$)
OVER	NOT OVER				
SINGLE					
\$0	\$9,950	\$0	+	10.0	\$0
\$9,950	\$40,525	\$995	+	12.0	\$9,950
\$40,525	\$86,375	\$4,664	+	22.0	\$40,525
\$86,375	\$164,925	\$14,751	+	24.0	\$86,375
\$164,925	\$209,425	\$33,603	+	32.0	\$164,925
\$209,425	\$523,600	\$47,843	+	35.0	\$209,425
\$523,600		\$157,804.25	+	37.0	\$523,600
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD					
\$0	\$14,200	\$0	+	10.0	\$0
\$14,200	\$54,200	\$1,420	+	12.0	\$14,200
\$54,200	\$86,350	\$6,220	+	22.0	\$54,200
\$86,350	\$164,900	\$13,293	+	24.0	\$86,350
\$164,900	\$209,400	\$32,145	+	32.0	\$164,900
\$209,400	\$523,600	\$46,385	+	35.0	\$209,400
\$523,600		\$156,355	+	37.0	\$523,600
MARRIED FILING JOINTLY AND SURVIVING SPOUSES					
\$0	\$19,900	\$0	+	10.0	\$0
\$19,900	\$81,050	\$1,990	+	12.0	\$19,900
\$81,050	\$172,750	\$9,328	+	22.0	\$81,050
\$172,750	\$329,850	\$29,502	+	24.0	\$172,750
\$329,850	\$418,850	\$67,206	+	32.0	\$329,850
\$418,850	\$628,300	\$95,686	+	35.0	\$418,850
\$628,300		\$168,993.50	+	37.0	\$628,300
MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY					
\$0	\$9,950	\$0	+	10.0	\$0
\$9,950	\$40,525	\$995	+	12.0	\$9,950
\$40,525	\$86,375	\$4,664	+	22.0	\$40,525
\$86,375	\$164,925	\$14,751	+	24.0	\$86,375
\$164,925	\$209,425	\$33,603	+	32.0	\$164,925
\$209,425	\$314,150	\$47,843	+	35.0	\$209,425
\$314,150		\$84,496.75	+	37.0	\$314,150
ESTATES AND TRUSTS					
\$0	\$2,650	\$0	+	10.0	\$0
\$2,650	\$9,550	\$265	+	24.0	\$2,650
\$9,550	\$13,050	\$1,921	+	35.0	\$9,550
\$13,050		\$3,146	+	37.0	\$13,050

Kiddie Tax: all net unearned income over a threshold amount of \$2,200 for 2021 is taxed using the brackets and rates of the child's parents

Tax Rates on Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualified Dividends

LTCG TAX	TAXABLE INCOME			
	SINGLE FILERS	MARRIED FILING JOINTLY	HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY
0%	\$0 – \$40,400	\$0 – \$80,800	\$0 – \$54,100	\$0 – \$40,400
15%	\$40,401 – \$445,850	\$80,801 – \$501,600	\$54,101 – \$473,750	\$40,401 – \$250,800
20%	\$445,851 or more	\$501,601 or more	\$473,751 or more	\$250,801 or more

Net Investment Income Tax

3.8% tax on the lesser of: (1) Net Investment Income, or (2) MAGI in excess of \$200,000 for single filers or head of households, \$250,000 for married couples filing jointly, and \$125,000 for married couples filing separately.

Standard Deductions & Personal Exemption

FILING STATUS	STANDARD DEDUCTION	PERSONAL EXEMPTION	PHASEOUTS BEGIN AT AGI OF:
Single	\$12,550	N/A	N/A
Head of household	\$18,800	N/A	N/A
Married, filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s	\$25,100	N/A	N/A
Married, filing separately	\$12,550	N/A	N/A
Dependent filing own tax return	\$1,100*	N/A	N/A
ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS FOR NON-ITEMIZERS			
Blind or over 65 Married Filing Jointly			Add \$1,350
Blind or over 65 and unmarried and not a surviving spouse			Add \$1,700

*For taxable years beginning in 2021, the standard deduction amount under § 63(c)(5) for an individual who may be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer cannot exceed the greater of (1) \$1,100, or (2) the sum of \$350 and the individual's earned income.

Alternative Minimum Tax

EXEMPTION AMOUNTS AND PHASEOUTS

	EXEMPTION AMOUNT/ PHASEOUT AMOUNT BEGINS AT:
Single	\$73,600 / \$523,600
Married, filing jointly or surviving spouses	\$114,600 / \$1,047,200
Married, filing separately	\$57,300 / \$523,600
Estates and trusts	\$25,700 / \$85,650

AMT TAX RATES

	MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY	ALL OTHERS
26% tax rate applies to income at or below:	\$99,950	\$199,900
28% tax rate applies to income over:		

Child Tax Credit

CREDIT	MAXIMUM CREDIT	INCOME PHASEOUTS BEGIN AT MAGI OF:
Child Tax Credit*	\$2,000 per qualifying child	\$400,000 – married filing jointly \$200,000 – all others

*Subject to eligibility requirements

Gift and Estate Tax Exclusions and Credits

Gift tax annual exclusion	\$15,000
Estate, gift & generation skipping tax exclusion amount (per taxpayer)	\$11,700,000
Exclusion on gifts to non-citizen spouse	\$159,000
Maximum estate, gift & generation skipping tax rate	40%

Tax Deadlines

Jan 15, 2021 – 4th installment deadline to pay 2020 estimated taxes due

April 15, 2021 – Last day to file amended return for 2017 (subject to limited exceptions); Last day to contribute to Roth or traditional IRA or HSA for 2020; Last day to contribute to most employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SEPs and profit-sharing plans for 2020 if the federal income tax return deadline for the business that maintains such plans is April 15, 2021 (unless the federal income tax return filing deadline for the business has been extended). Tax filing deadline to request an extension until Oct. 15, 2021, for individuals and businesses whose tax return deadline is April 15, 2021.^{1st} installment deadline to pay 2021 estimated taxes due.

June 15, 2021 – 2nd installment deadline to pay 2021 estimated taxes due

Sept 15, 2021 – 3rd installment deadline to pay 2021 estimated taxes due

Oct 15, 2021 – Last day to file federal income tax return if 6-month extension was requested by April 15, 2021. Last day to recharacterize an eligible Traditional IRA or Roth IRA contribution from 2020 if extension was filed or tax return was filed by April 15, 2021 (and certain conditions were met). Last day to contribute to most employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SEPs and profit-sharing plans for 2020 if the federal income tax return deadline for the business that maintains such plans is April 15, 2021, and federal income tax return extension was filed for such business.

Dec 31, 2021 – Last day to: 1) pay expenses for itemized deductions for 2021; 2) complete transactions for capital gains or losses

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Traditional IRA Deductibility Limits

The max. contribution limit for Traditional IRAs is **\$6,000**; the catch up at age 50+ is **\$1,000**.

FILING STATUS	MODIFIED AGI	CONTRIBUTION
Single/HOH covered by a plan at work	\$66,000 or Less	Fully Deductible
	\$66,001 – \$75,999	Partially Deductible
	\$76,000 or More	Not Deductible
Married Filing Jointly and covered by a plan at work	\$105,000 or Less	Fully Deductible
	\$105,001 – \$124,999	Partially Deductible
	\$125,000 or More	Not Deductible
Married Filing Jointly not covered by a plan at work and spouse is covered by a plan at work	\$198,000 or Less	Fully Deductible
	\$198,001 – \$207,999	Partially Deductible
	\$208,000 or More	Not Deductible
Married Filing Separately and you or your spouse are covered by plan at work *	Less than \$10,000	Partially Deductible
	\$10,000 or More	Not Deductible

If not covered by a plan, single, HOH and married filing jointly/separately (both spouses not covered by a plan) tax filers are able to take a **full deduction** on their IRA contribution

*If spouses did not live together at any time during the year, their filing status is considered Single for purposes of IRA deductions.

Roth IRAs Contribution Limits

The maximum contribution limit for Roth IRAs is **\$6,000**; the catch up at age 50+ is **\$1,000**.

Allowable Contribution	Modified Adjusted Gross Income		
	Single/HOH	Married Filing Jointly	Married Filing Separately
Full	< \$125,000	< \$198,000	N/A
Partial	\$125,000 – \$139,999	\$198,000 – \$207,999	\$0 – \$9,999
None	≥ \$140,000	≥ \$208,000	≥ \$10,000

*Roth conversion income is not included in Modified Adjusted Gross Income

Other Retirement Plans Contribution Limits

RETIREMENT PLAN TYPE	MAX. CONTRIBUTION LIMIT	CATCH-UP (50+)	INCOME RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS
SEP IRA	The lesser of 25% of compensation or \$58,000	N/A	Employer contributions cannot take into account compensation in excess of \$290,000
SIMPLE IRA	\$13,500	\$3,000	No limit except for the 2% non-elective contributions capped at \$290,000
Defined Benefit Plan	\$230,000	N/A	Capped at \$290,000, or lower limit defined in the plan
401(k)	\$19,500	\$6,500	Employer contributions cannot take into account compensation in excess of \$290,000
403(b), 457(b), Roth 401(k)	\$19,500	\$6,500	Employer contributions cannot take into account compensation in excess of \$290,000

Health Savings Accounts*

ANNUAL LIMIT	MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION
Self-Only HDHP Coverage	\$3,600
Family HDHP Coverage	\$7,200
Catch-up for 55 and older by end of calendar year	\$1,000

*HSAs are only available for taxpayers enrolled in a qualifying high-deductible health plan (HDHP)

Education Credits & Exclusions

CREDIT / EXCLUSION	MAXIMUM CREDIT / EXCLUSION	INCOME PHASEOUTS AT MAGI OF:
American Opportunity Tax Credit/Hope	\$2,500 credit	\$160,000 – \$180,000 joint \$80,000 – \$90,000 all others
Lifetime Learning Credit	\$2,000 credit	\$119,000 – \$139,000 joint \$59,000 – \$69,000 all others
Savings bond interest tax-free if used for education	Exclusion limited to amount of qualified expenses	\$124,800 – \$154,800 joint \$83,200 – \$98,200 all others

Social Security

FILING STATUS	PROVISIONAL INCOME	AMOUNT OF SS SUBJECT TO TAXES
TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS: INCOME BRACKETS		
Single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), married filing separately and living apart from spouse	Under \$25,000	0
	\$25,000 – \$34,000	up to 50%
	Over \$34,000	up to 85%
Married filing jointly	Under \$32,000	0
	\$32,000 – \$44,000	up to 50%
Married filing separately and living with spouse	Over \$0	up to 85%

FICA

SS TAX PAID ON INCOME UP TO \$142,800	PERCENTAGE WITHHELD	MAXIMUM TAX PAYABLE
Tax (FICA)		
Employer pays	6.2%	\$8,853.60
Employee pays	6.2%	\$8,853.60
Self-employed pays	12.4%	\$17,707.20

Medicare Tax

SS TAX PAID ON INCOME	PERCENTAGE WITHHELD
Employer pays	1.45%
Employee pays	1.45% + 0.9% on wages over \$200,000 (single) or \$250,000 (joint)
Self-employed pays	2.90% + 0.9% on self-employment income over \$200,000 (single) or \$250,000 (joint)

Reduction of Social Security Benefits Before Full Retirement Age

AGE WHEN BENEFITS BEGIN	PERCENTAGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS	
	FRA of 66*	FRA of 67*
62	75.0%	70.0%
63	80.0%	75.0%
64	86.7%	80.0%
65	93.3%	86.7%
66	100.0%	93.3%
67	100.0%	100.0%

*Full retirement age determined by year of birth: Source SSA.Gov

Retirement Earnings Exempt Amounts

Before Full Retirement Age (FRA)	\$18,960
During the year in which FRA is reached	\$50,520
After FRA	No limit after FRA

Deductibility of Long-Term Care Premiums on Qualified Policies

ATTAINED AGE BEFORE CLOSE OF TAX YEAR	AMOUNT OF LTC PREMIUMS THAT QUALIFY AS MEDICAL EXPENSES IN 2020
40 or less	\$450
41 to 50	\$850
51 to 60	\$1,690
61 to 70	\$4,520
Over 70	\$5,640

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