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2026 tax rate schedules

If taxable income Is:		Then the gross tax payable Is:		
Over	But not over	Amount	Plus (percent)	Of the amount over
SINGLE TAXPAYERS (OTHER THAN SURVIVING SPOUSES AND HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS)				
$0	$12,400	$0.00	10%	$0
$12,401	$50,400	$1,240.00	12%	$12,400
$50,401	$105,700	$5,800.00	22%	$50,400
$105,701	$201,775	$17,966.00	24%	$105,700
$201,776	$256,225	$41,024.00	32%	$201,775
$256,226	$640,600	$58,448.00	35%	$256,225
$640,601		$192,979.25	37%	$640,600
MARRIED INDIVIDUALS (AND SURVIVING SPOUSES) FILING JOINT RETURN				
$0	$24,800	$0	10%	$0
$24,801	$100,800	$2,480	12%	$24,800
$100,801	$211,400	$11,600	22%	$100,800
$211,401	$403,550	$35,932	24%	$211,400
$403,551	$512,450	$82,048	32%	$403,550
$512,451	$768,700	$116,896	35%	$512,450
$768,701		$206,583.50	37%	$768,700
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD				
$0	$17,700	$0	10%	$0
$17,701	$67,450	$1,770	12%	$17,700
$67,451	$105,700	$7,740	22%	$67,450
$105,701	$201,775	$16,155	24%	$105,700
$201,776	$256,225	$39,207	32%	$201,775
$256,226	$640,600	$56,631	35%	$256,225
$640,601		$191,171.00	37%	$640,600
MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING SEPARATE RETURNS				
$0	$12,400	$0.00	10%	$0
$12,401	$50,400	$1,240.00	12%	$12,400
$50,401	$105,700	$5,800.00	22%	$50,400
$105,701	$201,775	$17,966.00	24%	$105,700
$201,776	$256,225	$41,024.00	32%	$201,775
$256,226	$384,350	$58,448.00	35%	$256,225
$384,351		$103,291.75	37%	$384,350
FIDUCIARY (ESTATES AND TRUSTS) TAXPAYERS				
$0	$3,300	$0	10%	$0
$3,301	$11,700	$330	24%	$3,300
$11,701	$16,000	$2,346	35%	$11,700
$16,001		$3,851	37%	$16,000

Income tax exemptions and deductions	2026	2025 (OBBBA adjustments indicated in bold)	2024
STANDARD DEDUCTIONS			
Single	$16,100	**$15,750**	$14,600
Married filing jointly	$32,200	**$31,500**	$29,200
Head of household	$24,150	**$23,625**	$21,900
Married filing separately	$16,100	**$15,750**	$14,600
ELDERLY AND BLIND DEDUCTIONS			
Single	$1,650	$2,000	$1,950
Married	$2,050	$1,600	$1,550
65+ additional deduction	$6,000	**$6,000**	
65+ ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION PHASEOUT			
Single/head of household	$75,000 - $175,000	**$75,000 - $175,000**	
Married filing jointly	$150,000 - $250,000	**$150,000 - $250,000**	
KIDDIE TAX			
Amount exempt from tax	First $1,350	First $1,350	First $1,300
Amount taxed at child's rate	Next $1,350	Next $1,350	Next $1,300
Unearned income over $2,700	Taxed at the parent's marginal rate	Taxed at the parent's marginal rate	Taxed at the parent's marginal rate
ADOPTION CREDIT			
Maximum credit	$17,760	$17,280	$16,810
Phaseout amounts	$265,080 - $305,080	$259,190 - $299,190	$252,150 - $292,150
AMT EXEMPTION			
Single	$90,100	$88,100	$85,700
Married filing jointly	$140,200	$137,000	$133,300
AMT EXEMPTION PHASEOUT			
Single	$500,000 - $680,200	$626,350 - $978,750	$609,350 - $952,150
Married filing jointly	$1,000,000 - $1,280,400	$1,252,700 - $1,800,700	$1,218,700 - $1,751,900
CHILD TAX CREDIT			
Maximum total credit	$2,200	**$2,000**	$2,000
Refundable portion	$1,700	**$1,700**	$1,700
ORIGINAL $2,000 CHILD TAX CREDIT PHASEOUT			
Single	$200,000 - $244,000	**$200,000 - $243,000**	$200,000 - $240,000
Married	$400,000 - $444,000	**$400,000 - $443,000**	$400,000 - $440,000
CREDIT FOR OTHER DEPENDENTS			
	$500	$500	$500
NO-TAX ON TIPS DEDUCTION			
All filers	$25,000	$25,000	
NO-TAX ON TIPS DEDUCTION PHASEOUT			
Single/head of household	$150,000 - $400,000	**$150,000 - $400,000**	
Married filing jointly	$300,000 - $550,000	**$300,000 - $550,000**	
NO-TAX ON OVERTIME DEDUCTION			
Single/head of household	$12,500	**$12,500**	
Married filing jointly	$25,000	**$25,000**	
NO-TAX ON OVERTIME DEDUCTION PHASEOUT			
Single/head of household	$150,000 - $275,000	**$150,000 - $275,000**	
Married filing jointly	$300,000 - $550,000	**$300,000 - $550,000**	
AUTO LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION			
All filers for "qualified passenger vehicle loan interest"	$10,000	**$10,000**	
AUTO LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION PHASEOUT			
Single/head of household	$100,000 - $149,000	**$100,000 - $149,000**	
Married filing jointly	$200,000 - $249,000	**$200,000 - $249,000**	

Social Security planning

	2026	2025	2024
WAGE BASE	$184,500	$176,100	$168,600
FICA TAX – EMPLOYEE	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%
Social Security portion	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%
Medicare portion	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%
FICA TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED	15.30%	15.30%	15.30%
Social Security portion	12.40%	12.40%	12.40%
Medicare portion	2.90%	2.90%	2.90%
ADDITIONAL MEDICARE PAYROLL TAX	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Single	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Joint	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
QUARTER OF COVERAGE	$1,890	$1,810	$1,730
EARNINGS LIMITATIONS			
Under full retirement age ($1 reduced for every $2 earned)	$23,400	$23,400	$22,320
Year of full retirement age ($1 reduced for every $3 earned)	$62,160	$62,160	$59,520
Beginning the month of full retirement age	No limit on earnings	No limit on earnings	No limit on earnings
COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT	2.80%	2.50%	3.20%
MAXIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT	$4,152	$4,018	$3,822
PERCENTAGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SUBJECT TO TAX			
Single filers with combined income			
Less than $25,000	0%	0%	0%
Between $25,000 - $34,000	50%	50%	50%
Over $34,000	85%	85%	85%
Joint filers with combined income			
Less than $32,000	0%	0%	0%
Between $32,000 - $44,000	50%	50%	50%
Over $44,000	85%	85%	85%

Retirement plan limits

	2026	2025	2024
ELECTIVE DEFERRAL LIMITS			
401(k), 403(b), and 457(b) plans	$24,500	$23,500	$23,000
Catch-up contribution	$8,000	$7,500	$7,500
Catch-up contribution (age 60-63 in 2025)	$11,250	$11,250	
SIMPLE IRAS	$17,000	$16,500	$16,000
Catch-up contribution	$4,000	$3,500	$3,500
Catch-up contribution (age 60-63 in 2025)	$5,250	$5,250	
TRADITIONAL AND ROTH IRAS CONTRIBUTION LIMITS	$7,500	$7,000	$7,000
Catch-up contribution	$1,100	$1,000	$1,000
TRADITIONAL IRA DEDUCTION PHASEOUT FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS			
Single	$81,000 - $91,000	$79,000 - $89,000	$77,000 - $87,000
Married filing jointly	$129,000 - $149,000	$126,000 - $146,000	$123,000 - $143,000
Married filing separately	$0 - $10,000	$0 - $10,000	$0 - $10,000
Spousal IRA	$242,000 - $252,000	$236,000 - $246,000	$230,000 - $240,000
ROTH IRA CONTRIBUTION PHASEOUTS			
Single	$153,000 - $168,000	$150,000 - $165,000	$146,000 - $161,000
Married filing jointly	$242,000 - $252,000	$236,000 - $246,000	$230,000 - $240,000
Married filing separately	$0 - $10,000	$0 - $10,000	$0 - $10,000
MAXIMUM INCLUDABLE COMPENSATION	$360,000	$350,000	$345,000
DEFINED BENEFIT LIMIT	$290,000	$280,000	$275,000
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION LIMIT	$72,000	$70,000	$69,000
HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES	>$160,000	>$160,000	>$155,000
HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS (408(K))	$150,000	$145,000	
KEY EMPLOYEE	>$235,000	>$230,000	>$220,000
SEP MINIMUM COMPENSATION LIMIT	$800	$750	$750
RETIREMENT SAVER'S CREDITS (MAXIMUM)			
Single	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Married	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000
RETIREMENT SAVER'S CREDIT PHASEOUT (SINGLE)			
50%	$0 - $24,250	$0 - $23,750	$0 - $23,000
20%	$24,251 - $25,250	$23,751 - $25,500	$23,001 - $25,000
10%	$26,251 - $40,250	$25,501 - $39,500	$25,001 - $38,250
RETIREMENT SAVER'S CREDIT PHASEOUT (MARRIED)			
50%	$0 - $48,500	$0 - $47,000	$0 - $46,000
20%	$48,501 - $52,500	$47,001 - $51,000	$46,001 - $50,000
10%	$52,501 - $80,500	$51,001 - $79,000	$50,001 - $76,500
QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)	$111,000	$108,000	$105,000
QCD AMOUNT TO SPLIT-INTEREST ENTITY	$55,000	$54,000	$53,000
ELIGIBLE DISTRIBUTION TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	$10,500	$10,300	$10,000
QUALIFIED LONG-TERM CARE DISTRIBUTION	$2,600	$2,600	

Estate and gift tax planning

	2026	2025	2024
ANNUAL GIFT EXCLUSION	$19,000	$19,000	$18,000
ESTATE TAX APPLICABLE EXCLUSION AMOUNT	$15,000,000	$13,990,000	$13,610,000
GIFT TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT	$15,000,000	$13,990,000	$13,610,000
NONCITIZEN SPOUSE ANNUAL GIFT EXCLUSION	$194,000	$190,000	$185,000
GST EXEMPTION	$15,000,000	$13,990,000	$13,610,000
SPECIAL USE VALUATION LIMIT (QUALIFIED REAL PROPERTY IN THE DECEDENT'S GROSS ESTATE)	$1,460,000	$1,420,000	$1,390,000

Medicare and health care planning	2026	2025	2024
MEDICARE PART A MONTHLY PREMIUM AMOUNTS			
40+ quarters of coverage	$0	$0	$0
30-39 quarters of coverage	$311	$285	$278
< 30 quarters of coverage	$565	$518	$505
MEDICARE PART A HOSPITAL INSURANCE			
First 60 days – deductible	$1,736	$1,676	$1,632
Next 30 days – per day	$434	$419	$408
Next 60 days – per day	$868	$838	$816
MEDICARE PART B MONTHLY PREMIUM AMOUNTS	$202.90 - $689.90	$185 - $628.90	$174.70 - $594
SKILLED NURSING BENEFITS			
First 20 days – per day	$0	$0	$0
Next 80 days – per day	$217	$209.50	$204
Over 100 days – per day	All	All	All
PART B DEDUCTIBLE	$283	$257	$240
PART D DEDUCTIBLE	$615	$590	$545
Coverage limit	N/A	N/A	$5,030
Out-of-pocket threshold	$2,000	$2,000	$8,000
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT LIMITS			
Individual	$4,400	$4,300	$4,150
Family	$8,750	$8,550	$8,300
Catch up contribution (age 55 or older)	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT MINIMUM DEDUCTIBLE			
Individual	$1,700	$1,650	$1,600
Family	$3,400	$3,300	$3,200
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET			
Individual	$8,500	$8,300	$8,050
Family	$17,000	$16,600	$16,100
LONG-TERM CARE PER DIEM LIMIT	$430	$420	$410
LONG-TERM CARE PREMIUM DEDUCTION LIMITS			
Age 40 or under	$500	$480	$470
Age 41-50	$930	$900	$880
Age 51-60	$1,860	$1,800	$1,760
Age 61-70	$4,960	$4,810	$4,710
Over age 70	$6,200	$6,020	$5,880

Education planning

	2026	2025	2024
INTEREST EXCLUSION ON EE SAVING BONDS			
Single phaseouts	$101,800 - $116,800	$99,500 - $114,500	$96,800 - $111,800
Married filing jointly phaseouts	$152,650 - $182,650	$149,250 - $179,250	$145,200 - $175,200
COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PHASEOUT			
Single phaseouts	$95,000 - $110,000	$95,000 - $110,000	$95,000 - $110,000
Married filing jointly phaseouts	$190,000 - $220,000	$190,000 - $220,000	$190,000 - $220,000
LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT			
Maximum credit	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000
Single phaseouts	$80,000 - $90,000	$80,000 - $90,000	$80,000 - $90,000
Married filing jointly phaseouts	$160,000 - $180,000	$160,000 - $180,000	$160,000 - $180,000
AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY CREDIT			
Maximum credit	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500
Single phaseouts	$80,000 - $90,000	$80,000 - $90,000	$80,000 - $90,000
Married filing jointly phaseouts	$160,000 - $180,000	$160,000 - $180,000	$160,000 - $180,000
INTEREST DEDUCTION FOR EDUCATION LOANS			
Maximum deduction	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500
Single phaseouts	$85,000 - $100,000	$85,000 - $100,000	$75,000 - $90,000
Married filing jointly phaseouts	$175,000 - $205,000	$170,000 - $200,000	$155,000 - $185,000

Investment planning

	2026	2025	2024
TOP LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAIN RATE	20%	20%	20%
TOP RATE ON QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS	20%	20%	20%
MEDICARE SURTAX ON NET INVESTMENT INCOME	3.80%	3.80%	3.80%
Single taxpayers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Married taxpayers	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Estates and trusts	$16,000	$15,650	$15,200

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