

2025 Tax Guide (OBBBA Update)

Retirement Plan Contribution Limits - catch up age 50+			
Annual compensation used to determine contribution for most plans			\$350,000
Defined contribution plans, basic limit			\$70,000
Defined benefit plans, basic limit			\$280,000
401(k) / 403(b) / 457(b) / Roth 401(k) plans - elective deferrals			\$23,500
401(k) / 403(b) / 457(b) / Roth 401(k) plans - catch-up 50+ / 60-63			\$7,500 / \$11,250
SIMPLE plans - elective deferrals			\$16,500
SIMPLE plans - catch-up at 50+ / 60-63			\$3,500 / \$5,250
Max ESOP balance subject to 5 year distribution period			\$1,415,000
Individual Retirement Accounts - catch up age 50+			
IRA type	Contribution limit	Catch-up	Phaseouts (AGI)
Traditional Nondeductible	\$7,000	\$1,000	No Income Limit
Traditional Deductible	\$7,000	\$1,000	If covered by qualified plan: MFJ - \$126,000 to \$146,000 Single & HOH - \$79,000 to \$89,000 MFS - \$0 to \$10,000
			If one spouse covered by a plan: MFJ - \$236,000 to \$246,000 MFJ - \$236,000 to \$246,000
			Single & HOH - \$150,000 to \$165,000 MFS - \$0 to \$10,000
Roth	\$7,000	\$1,000	No Income Limit
Roth conversion			No Income Limit
Medicare Premiums & Deductibles			
Part B premium			\$185.00
Part B deductible			\$257.00
Part A (inpatient services) deductible < 61 days of hospitalization			\$1,676.00 per benefit period
Part A deductible 61 - 90 days of hospitalization			\$419.00 per day
Part A deductible > 90 days of hospitalization			\$838.00 per day
Part B / Part D Premiums for High-Income Taxpayers			
2023 MAGI Single *	2023 MAGI MFJ *	Part B	Part D
\$106,000 or less	\$212,000 or less	\$185.00	\$0.00
\$106,001 to \$133,000	\$212,001 to \$265,000	\$256.90	\$13.30
\$133,001 to \$166,000	\$265,001 to \$332,000	\$364.90	\$34.30
\$166,001 to \$199,000	\$332,001 to \$398,000	\$472.80	\$55.40
\$199,001 to \$500,000	\$398,001 to \$750,000	\$581.00	\$76.50
above \$500,000	above \$750,000	\$617.00	\$83.50
"Trump" Accounts (2025-2027) (Available July 2026)			
Special type of IRA for those born in these years. \$1,000 gov't contribution. Up to \$5,000 non-deductible contributions allowed. No distributions < age 18. Limited to low-cost U.S. equity index investments.			

* Can be appealed if a life-altering event occurs, use Form SSA-44.

Social Security Benefits		Social Security Full Retirement Age (FRA)			
Initiate benefits at	Max monthly benefit	Year of Birth	FRA	% at age 62	% at age 70
At age 62	\$2,831	1943-1954	66	75.00%	132.00%
FRA	\$4,018	1955	66 + 2 mo.	74.17%	130.67%
At age 70	\$5,018	1956	66 + 4 mo.	73.33%	129.33%
		1957	66 + 6 mo.	72.50%	128.00%
Retirement earnings exempt amounts	\$23,400 under FRA	1958	66 + 8 mo.	71.67%	126.67%
	\$62,160 in yr. reach FRA	1959	66 + 10 mo.	70.83%	125.33%
	no limit after FRA	1960 or later	67	70.00%	124.00%
Taxation of Benefits		AGI + provisional income **		Taxable portion	
MFJ		under \$32,000		0%	
		\$32,000 to \$44,000		up to 50%	
		over \$44,000		up to 85%	
Single / HOH / MFS (living apart from spouse)		under \$25,000		0%	
		\$25,000 to \$34,000		up to 50%	
		over \$34,000		up to 85%	
MFS (living w/ spouse)		over \$0		up to 85%	
Payroll Taxes - Social Security paid on income to \$176,100 / Medicare on all income					
Tax (FICA)	% withheld	Max tax payable			
Employer pays	6.20%	\$10,918.20			
Employee pays	6.20%	\$10,918.20			
Self-employed pays	12.40%	\$21,836.40			
Medicare tax *					
Employer pays	1.45%	varies per income			
Employee pays	1.45%	varies per income			
Self-employed pays	2.90%	varies per income			
You Can Work and Receive Social Security Benefits					
If you are	You can make up to	If you make more, some benefits will be withheld			
Before FRA in 2025	\$23,400 (\$1,950/m)	\$1 for every \$2			
Turning FRA in 2025	\$62,160 (\$5,180/m)	\$1 for every \$3			
Month you attain FRA	no limit	no limit			
Deductibility of LTC Insurance Premiums on Qualified Policies					
Attained age before close of tax year / Amount of LTC premiums that qualify as medical expense					
under 40 / \$480		51 to 60 / \$1,800		over 70 / \$6,010	
41 to 50 / \$905		61 to 70 / \$4,810			
Health Savings Accounts - catch up age 55+					
Household	Max deductible contrib.	Deductible/Co-pay limits		Min deductible	
Individuals	\$4,300	\$8,300		\$1,650	
Families	\$8,550	\$16,600		\$3,300	
Catch-up	\$1,000	-		-	

* Additional 0.9% for wages exceeding \$200,000 (Single) and \$250,000 (MFJ).

** Provisional income = adjusted gross income (not incl. SS) + tax-exempt interest + 50% of SS benefit

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2025 Tax Rate Schedule						
Taxable income			Base amount of tax		Marginal tax rate	Of the amount over
Single						
\$0	to	\$11,925	\$0.00	+	10.0%	\$0
\$11,926	to	\$48,475	\$1,192.50	+	12.0%	\$11,925
\$48,476	to	\$103,350	\$5,578.50	+	22.0%	\$48,475
\$103,351	to	\$197,300	\$17,651.00	+	24.0%	\$103,350
\$197,301	to	\$250,525	\$40,199.00	+	32.0%	\$197,300
\$250,526	to	\$626,350	\$57,231.00	+	35.0%	\$250,525
	over	\$626,350	\$188,769.75	+	37.0%	\$626,350
Married Filing Joint (MFJ) / Surviving Spouses						
\$0	to	\$23,850	\$0.00	+	10.0%	\$0
\$23,851	to	\$96,950	\$2,385.00	+	12.0%	\$23,850
\$96,951	to	\$206,700	\$11,157.00	+	22.0%	\$96,950
\$206,701	to	\$394,600	\$35,302.00	+	24.0%	\$206,700
\$394,601	to	\$501,050	\$80,398.00	+	32.0%	\$394,600
\$501,051	to	\$751,600	\$114,462.00	+	35.0%	\$501,050
	over	\$751,600	\$202,154.50	+	37.0%	\$751,600
Head of Household (HOH)						
\$0	to	\$17,000	\$0.00	+	10.0%	\$0
\$17,001	to	\$64,850	\$1,700.00	+	12.0%	\$17,000
\$64,851	to	\$103,350	\$7,442.00	+	22.0%	\$64,850
\$103,351	to	\$197,300	\$15,912.00	+	24.0%	\$103,350
\$197,301	to	\$250,500	\$38,460.00	+	32.0%	\$197,300
\$250,501	to	\$626,350	\$55,484.00	+	35.0%	\$250,500
	over	\$626,350	\$187,031.50	+	37.0%	\$626,350
Married Filing Separately (MFS)						
\$0	to	\$11,925	\$0.00	+	10.0%	\$0
\$11,926	to	\$48,475	\$1,192.50	+	12.0%	\$11,925
\$48,476	to	\$103,350	\$5,578.50	+	22.0%	\$48,475
\$103,351	to	\$197,300	\$17,651.00	+	24.0%	\$103,350
\$197,301	to	\$250,525	\$40,199.00	+	32.0%	\$197,300
\$250,526	to	\$375,800	\$57,231.00	+	35.0%	\$250,525
	over	\$375,800	\$101,077.25		37.0%	\$375,800
Estates & Trusts						
\$0	to	\$3,150	\$0.00	+	10.0%	\$0
\$3,151	to	\$11,450	\$315.00	+	24.0%	\$3,150
\$11,451	to	\$15,650	\$2,307.00	+	35.0%	\$11,450
	over	\$15,650	\$3,777.00	+	37.0%	\$15,650
Kiddie Tax						
Dependent children < age 19 (< 24 for full-time students) pay federal income tax at a rate equal to that of their parents' marginal tax rate on unearned income—including capital gain distributions, dividends, and interest income > \$2,700.						

Standard Deductions & Personal Exemptions			
Filing Status	Standard Deduction		Phaseouts (Start)
Joint	\$31,500		N/A
Single or MFS	\$15,750		N/A
HOH	\$23,625		N/A
Dependent filing own tax return	\$1,350*		N/A
Additional deductions for non-itemizers			
Blind or over 65	add \$1,600 each	+	add \$6,000** each
Blind or over 65, unmarried & not a surviving spouse	add \$2,000 each	+	add \$6,000** each
Additional deductions (2025 - 2028)			
Tip Income (all filing statuses)	Up to \$25,000	\$150,000 (S, HOH) \$300,000 (MFJ)	
Overtime income (MFJ)	Up to \$25,000	\$300,000	
Overtime income (Non-MFJ)	Up to \$12,500	\$150,000 (S, HOH)	
Qualified car loan interest	Up to \$10,000	\$100,000 (S, HOH) \$200,000 (MFJ)	
Gift & Estate Tax Exclusions & Credit			
Maximum estate, gift & GST rates	40%		
Estate, gift & GST exclusions	\$13,990,000		
Gift tax annual exclusion	\$19,000		
AMT Exemptions & Phaseouts			
Filing status	Exemption	Income phaseout threshold	
MFJ / Qualifying widow(er)	\$137,000	\$1,252,700	
Single & HOH	\$88,100	\$626,350	
MFS	\$68,500	\$626,350	
Tax Rates on Capital Gains & Qualified Dividends (Using Taxable Income)			
Assets held < 1 year			Marginal Rate
Below \$48,350 - Single/MFS / \$96,700 - MFJ / \$64,750 - HOH / \$3,150 - Trusts/Estates			0%
At or above \$48,350 - Single/MFS / \$96,700 - MFJ / \$64,750 - HOH / \$3,150 - Trusts/Estates			15%
At or above \$533,400 - Single / \$300,000 - MFS / \$600,050 - MFJ / \$566,700 - HOH / \$15,650 - Trusts/Estates			20%
Unrecaptured Code Section 1250 property			25%
Collectibles			28%
Education Credits / Deductions / Distributions			
Credit / Deduction / Account	Maximum credit /	Income phaseouts begin at AGI:	
American Opportunity Tax Credit	\$2,500 credit	\$160,000 to \$180,000	MFJ
		\$80,000 to \$90,000	all others
Lifetime Learning Credit	\$2,000 credit	\$160,000 to \$180,000	MFJ
		\$80,000 to \$90,000	all others
Student loan interest deduction	\$2,500 deduction	\$170,000 to \$200,000	MFJ
		\$80,00 to \$90,000	all others
Savings bond interest tax-free if used for education deduction	limited to amount of qualified expenses	\$149,250 to \$179,250	MFJ
		\$99,500 to \$114,500	all others
Coverdell	\$2,000 max contribution (nondeductible)	\$190,000 to \$220,000	MFJ
		\$95,000 to \$110,000	all others
529 Plan (K-12)	\$10,000 distribution		none
529 plan (Higher Ed.) ***	limited to amount of qualified expenses		none

* Greater of \$1,350 or \$450 plus the individual's earned income.

** MAGI Phase outs: single - \$75,000-\$175,000; MFJ - \$150,000-\$250,000 (simultaneous for each taxpayer over 65)

*** \$10,000 lifetime 529 distribution can be applied to student loan debt.

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Individual Tax Rates									
Single					Married Filing Joint				
Taxable Income	Ordinary Income	Capital Gains & Dividends	Affordable Health Care Act		Taxable Income	Ordinary Income	Capital Gains & Dividends	Affordable Health Care Act	
			Earned Income	Investment Income**				Earned Income	Investment Income**
\$0 to \$11,925	10%	0%	0%	0%	\$0 to \$23,850	10%	0%	0%	0%
\$11,926 to \$48,350	12%				\$23,851 to \$96,700	12%			
\$48,351 to \$48,475					\$96,701 to \$96,950				
\$48,476 to \$103,350	22%	\$96,951 to \$206,700			22%	15%			
\$103,351 to \$197,300	24%	\$206,701 to \$250,000			24%				
\$197,301 to \$200,000	32%	\$250,001 to \$394,600							
\$200,001 to \$250,525		\$394,601 to \$501,050			32%		0.9%	3.8%*	
\$250,526 to \$533,400	35%	\$501,051 to \$600,050	35%						
\$533,401 to \$626,350		\$600,051 to \$751,600							
over \$626,350	37%	over \$751,600	37%	20%					

*3.8% tax is only imposed on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) in excess of the \$200,000 (\$250,000 joint) threshold

** Investment income for purposes of 3.8% tax = dividends / interest / capital gains / non-qualified annuity distributions / royalties / rents / passive income (NOT qualified retirement distributions)

Miscellaneous Items			
Tax Limits		2025	
Gift tax annual exclusion		\$19,000	
Estate tax exemption		\$13,990,000 + DSUEA *	
Top federal estate tax bracket		37%	
IRA distributions direct to charity / QCDs (over age 70.5)		\$108,000	
IRA / Roth IRA contribution limit		\$7,000	
Catch-up provisions for individuals 50+		\$1,000	
Health Savings Account contribution limit (Individual / Family)		\$4,300 / \$8,550	
Catch-up provisions for individuals 55+		\$1,000	
Phaseout Items		Single	Joint
Itemized deduction phaseout		For 37% bracket Deduction capped at 35%	
Personal exemption phaseout		Eliminated	
Deductible IRA contribution phaseout (qualified plan)		\$79,000 to \$89,000	\$126,000 to \$163,000
If one spouse covered by a plan		\$230,000 to \$240,000	
Roth IRA contribution phaseout		\$150,000 to \$165,000	\$236,000 to \$246,000
AMT exemption		\$88,100	\$137,000
Part B / Part D Premiums begin to increase with MAGI over		\$106,000	\$212,000

* Basic exclusion amount plus deceased spousal unused exclusion amount (DSUEA) -- exclusion is portable for 2011 onward

Retirement Plan Contribution Limits					
Plan		Limit			
Defined contribution plan aggregate limit		\$70,000			
401(k) / 403(b) / 457(b) / Roth 401(k) plans		\$23,500			
Catch-up provision for individuals 50+ / 60-63		\$7,500 / \$11,250			
SIMPLE plans		\$16,500			
Catch-up provision for individuals 50+ / 60-63		\$3,500 / \$5,250			
Estates & Trusts					
Income		Base amount		Rate	Of amount over
0 to \$3,150		\$0		10%	\$0
\$3,151 to \$11,450		\$315		24%	\$3,150
\$11,451 to \$15,650		\$2,307		35%	\$11,450
over \$15,651 *		\$3,777		37%	\$15,650
Short (Sold) Options					
Put/Call Action		Taxable Amount		Taxation (long/short)	
Option expires worthless		Premium		Short	
Option is closed		Net gain / loss of closing		Short	
Call option assigned		Premium (+) strike price (-) security basis		Short or long **	

* Investment income > \$15,651 subject to additional 3.8% surtax

** Underlying security held: > 1 year is **long** term gain / loss | held < 1 year is **short** term gain / loss