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## 2025 INCOME AND PAYROLL TAX RATES

### SINGLE TAXPAYER RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 11,925    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 11,925         | 48,475       | 1,192.50           | 12% | 11,925         |
| 48,475         | 103,350      | 5,578.50           | 22% | 48,475         |
| 103,350        | 197,300      | 17,651.00          | 24% | 103,350        |
| 197,300        | 250,525      | 40,199.00          | 32% | 197,300        |
| 250,525        | 626,350      | 57,231.00          | 35% | 250,525        |
| 626,350        | -----        | 188,769.75         | 37% | 626,350        |

### MARRIED FILING JOINTLY RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 23,850    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 23,850         | 96,950       | 2,385.00           | 12% | 23,850         |
| 96,950         | 206,700      | 11,157.00          | 22% | 96,950         |
| 206,700        | 394,600      | 35,302.00          | 24% | 206,700        |
| 394,600        | 501,050      | 80,398.00          | 32% | 394,600        |
| 501,050        | 751,600      | 114,462.00         | 35% | 501,050        |
| 751,600        | -----        | 202,154.50         | 37% | 751,600        |

### HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 17,000    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 17,000         | 64,850       | 1,700.00           | 12% | 17,000         |
| 64,850         | 103,350      | 7,442.00           | 22% | 64,850         |
| 103,350        | 197,300      | 15,912.00          | 24% | 103,350        |
| 197,300        | 250,500      | 38,460.00          | 32% | 197,300        |
| 250,500        | 626,350      | 55,484.00          | 35% | 250,500        |
| 626,350        | -----        | 187,031.50         | 37% | 626,350        |

### MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 11,925    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 11,925         | 48,475       | 1,192.50           | 12% | 11,925         |
| 48,475         | 103,350      | 5,578.50           | 22% | 48,475         |
| 103,350        | 197,300      | 17,651.00          | 24% | 103,350        |
| 197,300        | 250,525      | 40,199.00          | 32% | 197,300        |
| 250,525        | 375,800      | 57,231.00          | 35% | 250,525        |
| 375,800        | -----        | 101,077.25         | 37% | 375,800        |

### TRUSTS AND ESTATES RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 3,150     | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 3,150          | 11,450       | 315.00             | 24% | 3,150          |
| 11,450         | 15,650       | 2,307.00           | 35% | 11,450         |
| 15,650         | -----        | 3,777.00           | 37% | 15,650         |

### SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX

|               | Minimum Taxable Wage Base | Tax Rate | Maximum Tax |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Employee      | \$176,100                 | 6.2%     | \$10,918.20 |
| Self-employed | \$176,100                 | 12.4%    | \$21,836.40 |

### MEDICARE PART A PAYROLL TAX

|               | Taxable Wage Base                          | Tax Rate | Maximum Tax  |
|---------------|--|----------|--------------|
| Employee      | Initial \$250,000 (joint filers)           | 1.45%    | \$3,625.00   |
|               | Initial \$125,000 (married filing sep.)    | 1.45%    | \$1,812.50   |
|               | Initial \$200,000 (all others)             | 1.45%    | \$2,900.00   |
|               | Wages over \$250,000 (joint filers)        | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$125,000 (married filing sep.) | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$200,000 (all others)          | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
| Employer      | All wages                                  | 1.45%    |              |
| Self-employed | Initial \$250,000 (joint filers)           | 2.9%     | \$7,250.00   |
|               | Initial \$125,000 (married filing sep.)    | 2.9%     | \$3,625.00   |
|               | Initial \$200,000 (all others)             | 2.9%     | \$5,800.00   |
|               | Wages over \$250,000 (joint filers)        | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$125,000 (married filing sep.) | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$200,000 (all others)          | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |

### MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS BY INCOME

| Single                | Married Filing Jointly | Income-Related Monthly Adjusted Amount | Total Monthly Premium |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Up to \$106,000       | Up to \$212,000        | \$0.00                                 | \$185.00              |
| \$106,001 - \$133,000 | \$212,001 - \$266,000  | \$74.00                                | \$259.00              |
| \$133,001 - \$167,000 | \$266,001 - \$334,000  | \$185.00                               | \$370.00              |
| \$167,001 - \$200,000 | \$334,001 - \$400,000  | \$295.90                               | \$480.90              |
| \$200,001 - \$500,000 | \$400,001 - \$750,000  | \$406.90                               | \$591.90              |
| \$500,001 or more     | \$750,001 or more      | \$443.90                               | \$628.90              |

## 2026 INCOME AND PAYROLL TAX RATES

### SINGLE TAXPAYER RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 12,400    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 12,400         | 50,400       | 1,240.00           | 12% | 12,400         |
| 50,400         | 105,700      | 5,800.00           | 22% | 50,400         |
| 105,700        | 201,775      | 17,966.00          | 24% | 105,700        |
| 201,775        | 256,225      | 41,024.00          | 32% | 201,775        |
| 256,225        | 640,600      | 58,448.00          | 35% | 256,225        |
| 640,600        | -----        | 192,979.25         | 37% | 640,600        |

### MARRIED FILING JOINTLY RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 24,800    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 24,800         | 100,800      | 2,480.00           | 12% | 24,800         |
| 100,800        | 211,400      | 11,600.00          | 22% | 100,800        |
| 211,400        | 403,550      | 35,932.00          | 24% | 211,400        |
| 403,550        | 512,450      | 82,048.00          | 32% | 403,550        |
| 512,450        | 768,700      | 116,896.00         | 35% | 512,450        |
| 768,700        | -----        | 206,583.50         | 37% | 768,700        |

### HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 17,700    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 17,700         | 67,450       | 1,770.00           | 12% | 17,700         |
| 67,450         | 105,700      | 7,740.00           | 22% | 67,450         |
| 105,700        | 201,750      | 16,155.00          | 24% | 105,700        |
| 201,750        | 256,200      | 39,207.00          | 32% | 201,750        |
| 256,200        | 640,600      | 56,631.00          | 35% | 256,200        |
| 640,600        | -----        | 191,171.00         | 37% | 640,600        |

### MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 12,400    | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 12,400         | 50,400       | 1,240.00           | 12% | 12,400         |
| 50,400         | 105,700      | 5,800.00           | 22% | 50,400         |
| 105,700        | 201,775      | 17,966.00          | 24% | 105,700        |
| 201,775        | 256,225      | 41,024.00          | 32% | 201,775        |
| 256,225        | 384,350      | 58,448.00          | 35% | 256,225        |
| 384,350        | -----        | 103,291.75         | 37% | 384,350        |

### TRUSTS AND ESTATES RATES

| Taxable Income |              | Tax Before Credits |     |                |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Over           | But not over | Flat amount        | +   | Of excess over |
| \$ 0           | \$ 3,300     | \$ 0               | 10% | \$ 0           |
| 3,300          | 11,700       | 330.00             | 24% | 3,300          |
| 11,700         | 16,000       | 2,346.00           | 35% | 11,700         |
| 16,000         | -----        | 3,851.00           | 37% | 16,000         |

### SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX

|               | Minimum Taxable Wage Base | Tax Rate | Maximum Tax |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Employee      | \$184,500                 | 6.2%     | \$11,439    |
| Self-employed | \$184,500                 | 12.4%    | \$22,878    |

### MEDICARE PART A PAYROLL TAX

|               | Taxable Wage Base                          | Tax Rate | Maximum Tax  |
|---------------|--|----------|--------------|
| Employee      | Initial \$250,000 (joint filers)           | 1.45%    | \$3,625.00   |
|               | Initial \$125,000 (married filing sep.)    | 1.45%    | \$1,812.50   |
|               | Initial \$200,000 (all others)             | 1.45%    | \$2,900.00   |
|               | Wages over \$250,000 (joint filers)        | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$125,000 (married filing sep.) | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$200,000 (all others)          | 2.35%    | (no maximum) |
| Employer      | All wages                                  | 1.45%    |              |
| Self-employed | Initial \$250,000 (joint filers)           | 2.9%     | \$7,250.00   |
|               | Initial \$125,000 (married filing sep.)    | 2.9%     | \$3,625.00   |
|               | Initial \$200,000 (all others)             | 2.9%     | \$5,800.00   |
|               | Wages over \$250,000 (joint filers)        | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$125,000 (married filing sep.) | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |
|               | Wages over \$200,000 (all others)          | 3.8%     | (no maximum) |

### MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS BY INCOME

| Single                | Married Filing Jointly | Income-Related Monthly Adjusted Amount | Total Monthly Premium |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Up to \$109,000       | Up to \$218,000        | \$0.00                                 | \$202.90              |
| \$109,001 - \$137,000 | \$218,001 - \$274,000  | \$81.20                                | \$284.10              |
| \$137,001 - \$171,000 | \$274,001 - \$342,000  | \$202.90                               | \$405.80              |
| \$171,001 - \$205,000 | \$342,001 - \$410,000  | \$324.60                               | \$527.50              |
| \$205,001 - \$500,000 | \$410,001 - \$750,000  | \$446.30                               | \$649.20              |
| \$500,001 or more     | \$750,001 or more      | \$487.00                               | \$689.90              |

**CORPORATE TAX RATE**

Taxable income is taxed at a flat rate of 21%.

**ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX**

Taxpayers are subject to an “alternative minimum tax” (AMT) instead of the regular income tax when they have substantial “preference income.” This is income that is treated favorably under the regular income tax. Basically, the taxpayer must pay whichever tax is higher—the regular tax or the AMT.

| Filing Status               | 2025 Exemption | 2026 Exemption |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Single or head of household | \$88,100       | \$90,100       |
| Married filing jointly      | \$137,000      | \$140,200      |
| Married filing separately   | \$68,500       | \$70,100       |
| Estates and trusts          | \$30,700       | \$31,400       |

The exemption amounts are phased out for higher-income taxpayers. The phaseout threshold begins at:

| Filing Status          | 2025        | 2026        |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Married filing jointly | \$1,252,700 | \$1,000,000 |
| All other taxpayers    | \$626,350   | \$500,000   |

  

| AMT Income in Excess of Exemption | 2025       | 2026       | AMT Rate |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| First                             | \$239,100* | \$244,500* | 26%      |
| Above                             | \$239,100  | \$244,500  | 28%      |

\* \$119,550 / \$122,250 for married persons filing separately.

**KIDDIE TAX ON UNEARNED INCOME**

|              | 2025    | 2026    | Income Tax Bracket |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| First        | \$1,350 | \$1,350 | No tax             |
| Next         | \$1,350 | \$1,350 | Child's bracket    |
| Amounts over | \$2,700 | \$2,700 | Parent's bracket   |

The “kiddie tax” applies to: a) a child under age 18; b) a child age 18 with earned income not exceeding one-half of his or her support; or c) a child age 19-23 with earned income not exceeding one-half of his or her support and who is a full-time student. Also, the child must not file a joint return and must have at least one living parent at the end of the tax year.

**CHILD TAX CREDIT**

|  | 2025                                    | 2026                                    |
|--|---|---|
| Standard Child Tax Credit (nonrefundable)  | \$2,200*                                | \$2,200*                                |
| Additional Child Tax Credit (refundable even if no tax is owed)                      | \$1,700*                                | \$1,700*                                |
| Credit for Other Dependents (nonrefundable)  | \$500                                   | \$500                                   |
| Phaseout (credits are reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 of MAGI above these amounts) | \$200,000 (single)<br>\$400,000 (joint) | \$200,000 (single)<br>\$400,000 (joint) |

\*Amounts are indexed for inflation.

The eight qualifying tests for eligibility are age, relationship, support, dependent status, citizenship, length of residency, family income, and work-eligible Social Security numbers for both the child and the person claiming the credit.

**INCOME TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Retired taxpayers with incomes over certain threshold amounts are subject to income tax on their Social Security retirement benefits. The special tax base for determining whether a taxpayer's benefits are subject to tax equals one-half of Social Security benefits plus all other income (including tax-exempt income).

| Filing Status               | Tax Base   | % of Benefits Taxed |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Single or head of household | \$25,000 - \$34,000  | 50%                 |
|                             | Over \$34,000  | 85%                 |
| Married filing jointly      | \$32,000 - \$44,000  | 50%                 |
|                             | Over \$44,000  | 85%                 |
| Married filing separately   | Depends on whether the spouses live together during the tax year |                     |

For example, a married couple filing jointly has an adjusted gross income of \$30,000, tax-exempt interest of \$3,000, and \$24,000 in Social Security benefits. The special tax base for the couple equals \$45,000, and \$6,850 of the Social Security benefits are taxable ( $.50 \times \$12,000 = \$6,000$ ;  $.85 \times \$1,000 = \$850$ ; total \$6,850).

**Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts**

|                           | 2025                          | 2026                          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Under full retirement age | \$23,400/year (\$1,950/month) | \$24,480/year (\$2,040/month) |

**NOTE:** One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.

|                                   |                               |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year reaching full retirement age | \$62,160/year (\$5,180/month) | \$65,160/year (\$5,430/month) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|

**NOTE:** Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.

**STANDARD DEDUCTION**

**Amount** - The standard deduction is a flat amount that a taxpayer may deduct in lieu of itemizing deductions. The standard deduction amount for each taxpayer category is:

| Taxpayer Status           | 2025     | 2026     |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Single                    | \$15,750 | \$16,100 |
| Married filing jointly    | \$31,500 | \$32,200 |
| Head of household         | \$23,625 | \$24,150 |
| Married filing separately | \$15,750 | \$16,100 |

**Age 65 or Blind** - Taxpayers who are age 65 or older, or who are blind, may take an additional standard deduction (provided they do not itemize). For 2025, the additional standard deduction amount was \$1,600 if married or \$2,000 if the person was unmarried and not a surviving spouse. For 2026, the additional standard deduction amount is \$1,650 if married or \$2,050 if the person is unmarried and not a surviving spouse.

**TEMPORARY DEDUCTION FOR SENIORS**

For tax years 2025 through 2028, taxpayers who are age 65 or older may claim an additional \$6,000 deduction (\$12,000 total for a married couple where both spouses qualify), regardless of itemization status. This deduction phases out when modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers).

ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

**NOTE:** Starting in 2026, the tax benefit for itemized deductions for taxpayers in the 37% tax bracket is limited to 35%.

**Interest Expense** - Most personal interest paid is not deductible, with certain important exceptions:

| Deductible  | Not Deductible  |
|---|---|
| 1. Mortgage interest on one or two residences up to \$750,000 of indebtedness (applies only to new mortgages taken out after December 15, 2017; older mortgages remain tied to the \$1,000,000 cap) | 1. Auto loan interest (with the exception of qualified passenger vehicle loan interest on cars with final assembly in the U.S.) |
| 2. Points on home mortgages   | 2. Credit card interest   |
| 3. Business interest  | 3. Home equity loan interest*   |
| 4. Investment interest up to net investment income  | 4. Most other consumer loan interest  |
|   | 5. Prepaid interest other than points on home mortgages   |

**State and Local Taxes** - Itemizers may deduct either state and local income taxes or state and local sales taxes. Also, itemizers may deduct state and local real property taxes and personal property taxes. The cap on the combined deduction for state property and income taxes was \$40,000 in 2025 and is \$40,400 in 2026, subject to phaseout when MAGI exceeds \$500,000 in 2025 and \$505,000 in 2026 for both individuals and joint filers. Taxpayers may not deduct state and local taxes in calculating the AMT unless they are deductible in computing adjusted gross income (“above-the-line” deductions, not itemized).

**Medical and Dental Expenses** - Expenses paid for nearly all medical, dental, and vision care during the year, and not reimbursed by insurance or other means, are deductible by itemizers to the extent that the total of such expenses exceeds 7.5% of AGI.

**Losses** - Individuals can deduct certain types of losses, including 1) business losses incurred in the taxpayer’s unincorporated business and 2) investment losses if the investment was originally motivated by profit. Casualty and theft losses are not deductible except for declared national disasters in 2025 or declared national, state, or municipal disasters in 2026.

\*The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) retains the previous \$750,000 indebtedness limit (\$375,000 for married filing separately) and acquisition indebtedness requirements. Eligible loans must be used to buy, build, or improve the taxpayer’s residence, excluding home equity loans or lines of credit for other purposes.

DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED TIPS AND OVERTIME PAY

For tax years 2025 through 2028, both itemizers and nonitemizers may deduct qualified overtime compensation (up to \$25,000 for joint filers and \$12,500 for all others) and qualifying tip income (up to \$25,000 for all filers), subject to a MAGI phaseout starting at \$150,000 (\$300,000 for joint filers). These sources of income are included in AGI, subject to payroll tax, and potentially subject to state income tax.

DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME

Owners of pass-through entities are taxed on business income at their individual income tax rates but may claim a 20% deduction of their share of the business income—even if they elect to use the standard deduction instead of itemizing.

Generally, the deduction (subject to a phaseout) is not available to owners of specified service trades or businesses who earn more than the following thresholds on qualified business income (QBI):

| Taxpayer Status           | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Married filing jointly    | \$394,600 | \$403,500 |
| Married filing separately | \$197,300 | \$201,775 |
| All others                | \$197,300 | \$201,750 |

In 2025, these business owners faced a deduction phase-in limitation of \$50,000 (\$100,000 for married filing jointly). In 2026, that limit is \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married filing jointly).

In 2026, there is a minimum QBI deduction of \$400 for taxpayers who materially participate in an active trade or business and have at least \$1,000 of QBI.



**CAPITAL GAINS AND DIVIDENDS****2025 Maximum Tax Rate on Long-Term Capital Gains and Most Corporate Dividends**

| Tax Rate | Single               | Married (Joint)      | Married (Separate)   | Head of Household    | Estate or Trust    |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 0%       | \$0 - \$48,350       | \$0 - \$96,700       | \$0 - \$48,350       | \$0 - \$64,750       | \$0 - \$3,250      |
| 15%      | \$48,351 - \$533,400 | \$96,701 - \$600,050 | \$48,351 - \$300,000 | \$64,751 - \$566,700 | \$3,251 - \$15,900 |
| 20%      | over \$533,400       | over \$600,050       | over \$300,000       | over \$566,700       | over \$15,900      |

**2026 Maximum Tax Rate on Long-Term Capital Gains and Most Corporate Dividends**

| Tax Rate | Single               | Married (Joint)      | Married (Separate)   | Head of Household    | Estate or Trust    |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 0%       | \$0 - \$49,450       | \$0 - \$98,900       | \$0 - \$49,450       | \$0 - \$66,200       | \$0 - \$3,300      |
| 15%      | \$49,451 - \$545,500 | \$98,901 - \$613,700 | \$49,451 - \$306,850 | \$66,201 - \$579,600 | \$3,301 - \$16,250 |
| 20%      | over \$545,500       | over \$613,700       | over \$306,850       | over \$579,600       | over \$16,250      |

**Holding Period** - The long-term rate generally applies to gains on the sale of capital assets held for more than one year.

**Short-Term Capital Gains** - Net short-term capital gains (on sales of capital assets held for one year or less) are taxed at ordinary income rates.

**Collectibles** - Long-term capital gain from the sale of collectibles is taxed at a top rate of 28%.

**Capital Losses** - After capital gains and losses are netted against one another, any remaining net capital loss may be used to offset ordinary income up to \$3,000 per year. Any excess net capital loss may be carried over and used in future years.

**Sale of a Principal Residence** - A seller of any age who has owned and used real property as a principal residence for at least two of the last five years can exclude from gross income up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 if married filing jointly) of gain realized on a sale.

**Additional Tax on High-Income Taxpayers** - Individuals with more than \$200,000 in income (\$250,000 for a married couple filing jointly) who also have investment income will pay an additional tax of 3.8% on net investment income or the excess of MAGI over the threshold amount (whichever amount is less). Investment income is defined as the sum of gross income from items such as interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, and rents, as well as net gain attributable to the disposition of property (i.e., capital gains).

**LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS - Deductibility Limits**

|      | 40 and Younger | 41-50 | 51-60   | 61-70   | 71 and Older |
|------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------|
| 2025 | \$480          | \$900 | \$1,800 | \$4,810 | \$6,020      |
| 2026 | \$500          | \$930 | \$1,860 | \$4,960 | \$6,200      |

Benefits received under a qualified long-term care insurance policy generally are excludable from gross income as amounts received for personal injuries and sickness, subject to a per diem limit (\$420 in 2025 and \$430 in 2026).

**529 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Annual amount per child without incurring the gift tax | \$19,000  |
| Accelerate 5 years of giving into 1 year               |           |
| Per individual   | \$95,000  |
| Per couple   | \$190,000 |

Starting July 4, 2025, the OBBBA redefined “qualified higher education expenses” to include tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, and costs for postsecondary credentials. It also permitted tax-exempt 529 distributions for K-12 expenses (public, private, or religious), covering tuition, curriculum, books, online resources, testing fees, and therapies for students with disabilities. The annual K-12 tuition limit was \$10,000 in 2025 and is \$20,000 in 2026.

**CHILD SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (TRUMP ACCOUNTS)**

Starting after July 4, 2026, individuals can make after-tax contributions up to \$5,000 to accounts for U.S. citizen minors. Employers can contribute up to \$2,500 of that \$5,000 total. The U.S. Treasury will provide \$1,000 of seed funding for eligible children born during 2025-2028.

**DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC CHARITIES**

**NOTE:** Starting in 2026, nonitemizers can deduct up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 married filing jointly) for cash contributions to qualified charities (not including donor-advised funds). Itemizers are subject to a “giving floor” and can only deduct charitable contributions that exceed 0.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI).

| Type of Property Contributed   | Deemed Amount of Contribution | Percentage Limitation 2025 and 2026 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cash   | Actual dollar amount          | 60%                                 |
| Appreciated ordinary income property or appreciated short-term capital gain property | Donor's tax basis             | 50%                                 |
| Appreciated long-term capital gain property  |                               |                                     |
| (a) General rule   | Fair market value             | 30%                                 |
| (b) Election made to reduce amount of contribution                                   | Donor's tax basis             | 50%                                 |
| (c) Tangible personal property put to unrelated use by donee charity                 | Donor's tax basis             | 50%                                 |

The applicable percentage limitation is applied to the donor's annual contribution base (AGI determined without regard to any net operating loss carryback). Any deductible contributions that exceed the current year's limitations may be carried over and deducted in the five succeeding tax years (subject to limitations).

**INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS****Traditional IRA**

**Contribution Limit** - \$7,000 (\$8,000 for taxpayers age 50+) in 2025. \$7,500 (\$8,600 for taxpayers age 50+) in 2026. There is no age limit on making contributions to a traditional IRA.

**Deduction Limit on Qualified Retirement Plan Participants -**

- Taxpayers who do not participate in qualified retirement plans can deduct contributions to an IRA.
- Taxpayers who do participate in qualified retirement plans are subject to a reduced deduction based on MAGI.
- In 2025, the MAGI phaseout of the deduction for single taxpayers begins at \$79,000 and the deduction is lost at \$89,000. The MAGI phaseout of the deduction for married taxpayers filing jointly begins at \$126,000 and the deduction is lost at \$146,000.
- In 2026, the MAGI phaseout of the deduction for single taxpayers begins at \$81,000 and the deduction is lost at \$91,000. The MAGI phaseout of the deduction for married taxpayers filing jointly begins at \$129,000 and the deduction is lost at \$149,000.

**Roth IRA**

**Contribution Limit** - \$7,000 (\$8,000 for taxpayers age 50+) in 2025. \$7,500 (\$8,600 for taxpayers age 50+) in 2026.

**Contribution Limit Based on MAGI** - The amount taxpayers can contribute to a Roth IRA is subject to a MAGI phaseout.

- In 2025, the MAGI phaseout on Roth IRA contributions by single taxpayers begins at \$150,000 and no contribution is permitted if MAGI is \$165,000 or more. The MAGI phaseout on Roth IRA contributions for married taxpayers filing jointly begins at \$236,000 and no contribution is permitted if MAGI is \$246,000 or more.
- In 2026, the MAGI phaseout on Roth IRA contributions by single taxpayers begins at \$153,000 and no contribution is permitted if MAGI is \$168,000 or more. The MAGI phaseout on Roth IRA contributions for married taxpayers filing jointly begins at \$242,000 and no contribution is permitted if MAGI is \$252,000 or more.

**Deduction Limit** - There is no deduction for a contribution to a Roth IRA.



**DOLLAR LIMITS FOR QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLANS**

|   | 2025      | 2026      |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Defined Contribution Plans - Annual additions limit for defined contribution plans [IRC Sec. 415(c)]  | \$70,000  | \$72,000  |
| Defined Benefit Plans - Annual benefit limit for defined benefit plans [IRC Sec. 415(b)]  | \$280,000 | \$290,000 |
| 401(k) - Annual limit on deferrals [IRC Sec. 402(g)]  | \$23,500  | \$24,500  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$7,500   | \$8,000   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$11,250  | \$11,250  |
| 403(b) - Annual limit on deferrals [IRC Sec. 402(g)]  | \$23,500  | \$24,500  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$7,500   | \$8,000   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$11,250  | \$11,250  |
| Salary Reduction SEPs (SARSEPs) - Annual limit on elective deferral [IRC Sec. 402(g)]   | \$23,500  | \$24,500  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$7,500   | \$8,000   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$11,250  | \$11,250  |
| Annual Limit on Elective Deferrals to 457 Plans [IRC Sec. 457(b)(2)(A)]   | \$23,500  | \$24,500  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$7,500   | \$8,000   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$11,250  | \$11,250  |
| Maximum Annual Compensation - Amount of employee compensation that may be taken into account by plan formula (QRPs, 403(b), SEPs) [IRC Sec. 401(a)(17)] | \$350,000 | \$360,000 |
| Nondiscrimination Rules - For "highly compensated employees" [IRC Sec. 414(q)(1)]   | \$160,000 | \$160,000 |
| Annual Compensation Subject to SEP Discrimination Rules [IRC Sec. 408(k)(3)(C)]   | \$350,000 | \$360,000 |
| Compensation Threshold for SEP Participation [IRC Sec. 408(k)(2)(C)]  | \$750     | \$800     |
| Annual Limit on Elective Deferrals to SIMPLE Plans [IRC Sec. 408(p)]  | \$16,500  | \$17,000  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$3,500   | \$4,000   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$5,250   | \$5,250   |
| Annual Limit on Elective Deferrals to SIMPLE Plans for Small and Qualifying Medium-Sized Businesses [IRC Sec. 408(p)(2)]                                | \$17,600  | \$18,100  |
| Plus: age 50+ catch-up  | \$3,850   | \$3,850   |
| Plus: special age 60-63 catch-up  | \$5,250   | \$5,250   |

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMDs)**

The required beginning date for RMDs is April 1 of the year after the retirement account owner turns 73.

An individual who inherits retirement account assets must distribute those assets within 10 years of the account owner's death. Whether the owner of the inherited IRA must take RMDs during those 10 years depends on if the original owner passed away after they began taking RMDs. However, the following "eligible designated beneficiaries" are excluded from this change and remain subject to the previous rules, which allow them to "stretch" payments over their life expectancy:

- Surviving spouses
- Minor children (until they reach the age of majority)
- Disabled or chronically ill individuals
- Individuals less than 10 years younger than the decedent

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from an IRA can be taken starting at age 70½ and count toward the donor's RMD if one is due. The outright annual QCD (from the IRA directly to the charity) is tax free up to \$111,000 (annual aggregate limit for 2026). The one-time, life-income QCD (used to fund a new charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity) is tax free up to \$55,000 in 2026.

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - Uniform Lifetime Table**

The Uniform Lifetime Table is used to calculate lifetime RMDs from qualified retirement plans (including 401(k) and 403(b) plans) and IRAs, unless the employee's beneficiary is a spouse who is more than 10 years younger or who is not the sole beneficiary. Married owners with a spouse who is more than 10 years younger use the Joint and Last Survivor Table.

For every calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required, find (1) the account balance on December 31 of the preceding year, (2) the account owner's age on his or her birthday during the distribution calendar year, and (3) the divisor that corresponds to that age in the Uniform Lifetime Table. The RMD for the distribution calendar year is (1) divided by (3).

IRAs funded with annuities may have additional benefits that need to be included when calculating RMD payments.

Since 2023, the age to begin taking RMDs has been 73.

| Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age  | Factor |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| 73  | 26.5   | 81  | 19.4   | 89  | 12.9   | 97  | 7.8    | 105 | 4.6    | 113  | 3.1    |
| 74  | 25.5   | 82  | 18.5   | 90  | 12.2   | 98  | 7.3    | 106 | 4.3    | 114  | 3.0    |
| 75  | 24.6   | 83  | 17.7   | 91  | 11.5   | 99  | 6.8    | 107 | 4.1    | 115  | 2.9    |
| 76  | 23.7   | 84  | 16.8   | 92  | 10.8   | 100 | 6.4    | 108 | 3.9    | 116  | 2.8    |
| 77  | 22.9   | 85  | 16.0   | 93  | 10.1   | 101 | 6.0    | 109 | 3.7    | 117  | 2.7    |
| 78  | 22.0   | 86  | 15.2   | 94  | 9.5    | 102 | 5.6    | 110 | 3.5    | 118  | 2.5    |
| 79  | 21.1   | 87  | 14.4   | 95  | 8.9    | 103 | 5.2    | 111 | 3.4    | 119  | 2.3    |
| 80  | 20.2   | 88  | 13.7   | 96  | 8.4    | 104 | 4.9    | 112 | 3.3    | 120+ | 2.0    |

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - Single Life Expectancy Table**

While the Uniform Lifetime Table determines RMDs during the owner's lifetime, the Single Life Expectancy Table determines RMDs for eligible designated beneficiaries who inherit IRAs or plan accounts. (Beneficiaries who are not eligible designated beneficiaries must withdraw the entire amount in the inherited account by the end of the 10th year following the year of inheritance and may be required to take RMDs in years one through nine.)

Eligible designated beneficiaries calculate RMDs using their birthday in the year following the account owner's death (which is the year distributions must begin), with the life expectancy number reduced by one for each subsequent year. Surviving spouses can take the first distribution in the year the account owner would have turned 73, then use their own age as of their birthday in each subsequent year.

The details of the distribution rules and calculations for inherited accounts are complex. Beneficiaries should work with a professional advisor.

| Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age | Factor | Age  | Factor |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| 0   | 84.6   | 21  | 64.1   | 42  | 43.8   | 63  | 24.5   | 84  | 8.7    | 105  | 2.1    |
| 1   | 83.7   | 22  | 63.1   | 43  | 42.9   | 64  | 23.7   | 85  | 8.1    | 106  | 2.1    |
| 2   | 82.8   | 23  | 62.1   | 44  | 41.9   | 65  | 22.9   | 86  | 7.6    | 107  | 2.1    |
| 3   | 81.8   | 24  | 61.1   | 45  | 41.0   | 66  | 22.0   | 87  | 7.1    | 108  | 2.0    |
| 4   | 80.8   | 25  | 60.2   | 46  | 40.0   | 67  | 21.2   | 88  | 6.6    | 109  | 2.0    |
| 5   | 79.8   | 26  | 59.2   | 47  | 39.0   | 68  | 20.4   | 89  | 6.1    | 110  | 2.0    |
| 6   | 78.8   | 27  | 58.2   | 48  | 38.1   | 69  | 19.6   | 90  | 5.7    | 111  | 2.0    |
| 7   | 77.9   | 28  | 57.3   | 49  | 37.1   | 70  | 18.8   | 91  | 5.3    | 112  | 2.0    |
| 8   | 76.9   | 29  | 56.3   | 50  | 36.2   | 71  | 18.0   | 92  | 4.9    | 113  | 1.9    |
| 9   | 75.9   | 30  | 55.3   | 51  | 35.3   | 72  | 17.2   | 93  | 4.6    | 114  | 1.9    |
| 10  | 74.9   | 31  | 54.4   | 52  | 34.3   | 73  | 16.4   | 94  | 4.3    | 115  | 1.8    |
| 11  | 73.9   | 32  | 53.4   | 53  | 33.4   | 74  | 15.6   | 95  | 4.0    | 116  | 1.8    |
| 12  | 72.9   | 33  | 52.5   | 54  | 32.5   | 75  | 14.8   | 96  | 3.7    | 117  | 1.6    |
| 13  | 71.9   | 34  | 51.5   | 55  | 31.6   | 76  | 14.1   | 97  | 3.4    | 118  | 1.4    |
| 14  | 70.9   | 35  | 50.5   | 56  | 30.6   | 77  | 13.3   | 98  | 3.2    | 119  | 1.1    |
| 15  | 69.9   | 36  | 49.6   | 57  | 29.8   | 78  | 12.6   | 99  | 3.0    | 120+ | 1.0    |
| 16  | 69.0   | 37  | 48.6   | 58  | 28.9   | 79  | 11.9   | 100 | 2.8    |      |        |
| 17  | 68.0   | 38  | 47.7   | 59  | 28.0   | 80  | 11.2   | 101 | 2.6    |      |        |
| 18  | 67.0   | 39  | 46.7   | 60  | 27.1   | 81  | 10.5   | 102 | 2.5    |      |        |
| 19  | 66.0   | 40  | 45.7   | 61  | 26.2   | 82  | 9.9    | 103 | 2.3    |      |        |
| 20  | 65.0   | 41  | 44.8   | 62  | 25.4   | 83  | 9.3    | 104 | 2.2    |      |        |

**ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES****2025 and 2026 Gift and Estate Tax Rates:**

| Over        | But not over | Flat amount | +   | Of excess over |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----|----------------|
| \$0         | \$10,000     | \$0         | 18% | \$0            |
| \$10,000    | \$20,000     | \$1,800     | 20% | \$10,000       |
| \$20,000    | \$40,000     | \$3,800     | 22% | \$20,000       |
| \$40,000    | \$60,000     | \$8,200     | 24% | \$40,000       |
| \$60,000    | \$80,000     | \$13,000    | 26% | \$60,000       |
| \$80,000    | \$100,000    | \$18,200    | 28% | \$80,000       |
| \$100,000   | \$150,000    | \$23,800    | 30% | \$100,000      |
| \$150,000   | \$250,000    | \$38,800    | 32% | \$150,000      |
| \$250,000   | \$500,000    | \$70,800    | 34% | \$250,000      |
| \$500,000   | \$750,000    | \$155,800   | 37% | \$500,000      |
| \$750,000   | \$1,000,000  | \$248,300   | 39% | \$750,000      |
| \$1,000,000 | —            | \$345,800   | 40% | \$1,000,000    |

**Estate Tax****2025****2026**

|                                   |              |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Top estate tax rate               | 40%          | 40%          |
| Estate tax basic exclusion amount | \$13,990,000 | \$15,000,000 |

Portability: The estate executor has up to five years in which to elect portability, allocating the unused portion of a decedent's estate tax applicable exclusion amount to the surviving spouse.

**Gift Tax****2025****2026**

|   |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Top gift tax rate                                 | 40%                | 40%                |
| Annual gift tax exclusion                         | \$19,000 per donee | \$19,000 per donee |
| Annual gift tax exclusion for a noncitizen spouse | \$190,000          | \$194,000          |
| Lifetime gift tax basic exclusion amount          | \$13,990,000       | \$15,000,000       |



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