

2021 Tax Rate Schedule

Taxable income (\$)	Base amount of tax (\$)	Plus	Rate on excess (%) (marginal tax rate or tax bracket)	Of the amount over (\$)
Single				
0 – 9,950	0.00	+	10	0
9,951 – 40,525	995.00	+	12	9,950
40,526 – 86,375	4,664.00	+	22	40,525
86,376 – 164,925	14,751.00	+	24	86,375
164,926 – 209,425	33,603.00	+	32	164,925
209,426 – 523,600	47,843.00	+	35	209,425
523,601 & Over	157,804.25	+	37	523,600
Married filing jointly and surviving spouses				
0 – 19,900	0.00	+	10	0
19,901 – 81,050	1,990.00	+	12	19,900
81,051 – 172,750	9,328.00	+	22	81,050
172,751 – 329,850	29,502.00	+	24	172,750
329,851 – 418,850	67,206.00	+	32	329,850
418,851 – 628,300	95,686.00	+	35	418,850
628,301 & Over	168,993.50	+	37	628,300
Head of household				
0 – 14,200	0.00	+	10	0
14,201 – 54,200	1,420.00	+	12	14,200
54,201 – 86,350	6,220.00	+	22	54,200
86,351 – 164,900	13,293.00	+	24	86,350
164,901 – 209,400	32,145.00	+	32	164,900
209,401 – 523,600	46,385.00	+	35	209,400
523,601 & Over	156,355.00	+	37	523,600
Married filing separately				
0 – 9,950	0.00	+	10	0
9,951 – 40,525	995.00	+	12	9,950
40,526 – 86,375	4,664.00	+	22	40,525
86,376 – 164,925	14,751.00	+	24	86,375
164,926 – 209,425	33,603.00	+	32	164,925
209,426 – 314,150	47,843.00	+	35	209,425
314,151 & Over	84,496.75	+	37	314,150
Estates and trusts				
0 – 2,650	0.00	+	10	0
2,651 – 9,550	265.00	+	24	2,650
9,551 – 13,050	1,921.00	+	35	9,550
13,051 & Over	3,146.00	+	37	13,050
Standard Deductions & Personal Exemption				
Filing Status		Standard deduction		
Married, filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s		25,100		
Single or married filing separately		12,550		
Head of household		18,800		
Dependent filing own tax return		1,100*		
Additional deductions for non-itemizers				
Blind or over 65		Add 1,350		
Blind or over 65 and unmarried or not a surviving spouse		Add 1,700		
Child Tax Credit				
Credit per Child under 17		2,000 (1,400 refundable)		
Income phase-outs begin at AGI of:		400,000 joint, 200,000 all other		



Tax Rates on Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualified Dividends

If taxable income falls below \$40,400 (single/married-filing separately), \$80,800 (joint), \$54,100 (head of household), \$2,700 (estates)	0%
If taxable income falls at or above \$40,400 (single/married-filing separately), \$80,800 (joint), \$54,100 (head of household), \$2,700 (estates)	15%
If income falls at or above \$445,850 (single), \$250,800 (married-filing separately), \$501,600 (joint), \$473,750 (head of household), \$13,250 (estates)	20%

Exemption Amounts for Alternative Minimum Tax **

Married filing jointly or surviving spouses	114,600
Single	73,600
Married, filing separately	57,300
Estates and trusts	25,700

28% tax rate applies to income over:

Married filing separately	99,950
All others	199,900

Exemption amounts phase out at:

Married filing jointly or surviving spouses	1,047,200
Single and married, filing separately	523,600
Estates and Trusts	85,650

Education Credits, Deductions, and

Credit/Deduction/Account	Maximum credit, deduction, and distribution	Income phaseouts begin at AGI of:
American Opportunity Tax Credit/Hope	\$2,500 credit	160,000 Joint 80,000 all others
Lifetime learning credit	\$2,000 credit	119,000 joint 59,000 all others
Savings bond interest tax-free if used for education	Deduction - limited to amount of qualified expenses	124,800 joint 83,200 all others
Coverdell	2,000 maximum contribution; not deductible	190,000 joint 95,000 all others
529 plan (K-12)	\$10,000 distribution	None
529 plan (Higher Ed.)***	Distribution limited to amount of qualified expenses	None

Tax Deadlines

January 15 - 4th installment of the previous year's estimated taxes due
April 15 - Tax filing deadline, or request extension to Oct. 15. 1 st installment of 2021 taxes due. Last day to file amend return for 2017. Last day to contribute to: Roth or traditional IRA for 2020; HSA for 2020; Keogh or SEP for 2020 (unless tax filing deadline has been extended).
June 15 - 2nd installment of estimated taxes due
September 15 - 3rd installment of estimated taxes due
October 15- Tax returns due for those who requested an extension. Last day to contribute to SEP or Keogh for 2020 if extension was filed.
December 31 - Last day to: 1) pay expenses for itemized deductions; 2) complete transactions for capital gains or losses; 3) establish a Keogh plan for 2021; 4) establish and fund a solo 401(k) for 2021; 5) complete 2021 contributions to employer-sponsored 401(k) plans; 6) correct excess contributions to IRAs and qualified plans to avoid penalty.

*Greater of \$1,100 or \$350 plus individual's earned income.
 **Indexed for inflation and scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025.
 ***\$10,000 lifetime 529 distribution can be applied to student loan debt.

Gift and Estate Tax Exclusions and Credits			
Maximum estate, gift & GST rates	40%		
Estate, gift & GST exclusions	11,700,000		
Gift tax annual exclusion	15,000		
Exclusion on gifts to non-citizen spouse	159,000		
Retirement Plan Contribution Limits			
Annual compensation used to determine contribution for most plans	290,000		
Defined-contribution plans, basic limit	58,000		
Defined-benefit plans, basic limit	230,000		
401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, 457(b) plans, Roth 401(k) plans elective deferrals	19,500		
Catch-up provision for individuals 50 and over, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, 457(b) plans, Roth 401(k) plans	6,500		
SIMPLE plans, elective deferral limit	13,500		
SIMPLE plans, catch-up contribution for individuals 50 and over	3,000		
Individual Retirement Accounts			
IRA type	Contribution Limit	Catch-up at 50+	Income limits
Traditional nondeductible	6,000	1,000	None
Traditional deductible	6,000	1,000	If covered by a plan ; 105,000 - 125,000 joint 66,000 - 76,000 Single, HOH 0-10,000 married filing separately If one spouse is covered by a plan: 198,000 - 208,000 joint.
Roth	6,000	1,000	198,000 - 208,000 Joint 125,000 - 140,000 Single & HOH 0 - 10,000 married filing separately
Roth conversion			No income limit
Health Savings Accounts			
Annual limit	Maximum deductible contribution	Expense limits (deductibles & co-pays)	Minimum annual deductible
Individuals	3,600	7,000	1,400
Families	7,200	14,000	2,800
Catch-up for 55 and older	1,000		
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 2021		
40 or less	450		
41 – 50	850		
51 – 60	1,690		
61 – 70	4,520		
Over 70	5,640		
Medicare Premiums & Deductibles			
Part B deductible	203.00		
Part A (inpatient services) deductible for first 60 days of hospitalization	1,484.00		
Part A deductible for days 61-90 of hospitalization	371.00/day		
Part A deductible for more than 90 days of hospitalization	742.00/day		
3.8% Tax on Lesser of Net Investment Income or Excess of MAGI Over			
Married filing jointly	250,000		
Single	200,000		
Married filing separately	125,000		

Social Security			
Benefits			
Estimated maximum monthly benefit if turning full retirement age (66) in 2021	3,148		
Retirement earnings exempt amounts	18,960 under FRA 50,520 during year reach FRA No limit after FRA		
Tax (FICA)			
SS tax paid on income up to \$137,700	% withheld	Maximum tax payable	
Employer pays	6.20%	8,853.60	
Employee pays	6.20%	8,853.60	
Self-employed pays:	12.40%	17,707.20	
Medicare tax paid on all income			
Employer pays	1.45%	varies per income	
Employee pays	1.45% plus 0.9% on income over 200,000 (single) or 250,000 (joint)	varies per income	
Self-employed pays:	2.90% plus 0.9% on income over 200,000 (single) 250,000 (joint)	varies per income	
Tax on Social Security benefits: income brackets			
Filing status	Provisional income*	Amount of Social Security subject to tax	
Married filing jointly	under 32,000 32,000 - 44,000 Over 44,000	0 Up to 50% Up to 85%	
Single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), married filing separately and living apart from spouse	Under 25,000 25,000 - 34,000 Over 34,000	0 Up to 50% Up to 85%	
Married filing separately and living with spouse	Over 0	Up to 85%	
*Provisional income = adjusted gross income (not incl. Social Security) plus tax-exempt interest plus 50% of Social Security benefit			
Medicare Premiums for High-Income Taxpayers			
MAGI Single	MAGI Joint	Part B Premium	Part D income adjustment
88,000 or less	176,000 or less	148.50	0.00
88,001 - 111,000	176,001 - 222,000	207.90	12.30
111,001 - 138,000	222,001 - 276,000	297.00	31.80
138,001 - 165,000	276,001 - 330,000	386.10	51.20
165,001 – 500,000	330,001 – 750,000	475.20	70.70
Above 500,000	Above 750,000	504.90	77.10
Uniform Lifetime Table (partial)			
Age of IRA owner or plan participant	Life expectancy (in years)	Age of IRA owner or plan participant	Life expectancy (in years)
70	27.4	86	14.1
71	26.5	87	13.4
72	25.6	88	12.7
73	24.7	89	12.0
74	23.8	90	11.4
75	22.9	91	10.8
76	22	92	10.2
77	21.2	93	9.6
78	20.3	94	9.1
79	19.5	95	8.6
80	18.7	96	8.1
81	17.9	97	7.6
82	17.1	98	7.1
83	16.3	99	6.7
84	15.5	100	6.3
85	14.8	101	5.9

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