



2026 ANNUAL LIMITS RELATING TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

2026 Tax Rate Schedule

Taxable Income (\$)	Base Amount of Tax (\$)	Plus	Rate on Excess (%) (also called marginal tax rate or tax bracket)	Of the Amount Over (\$)
SINGLE				
0 to 12,400		+	10	
12,401 to 50,400	1,240.00	+	12	12,400
50,401 to 105,700	5,800.00	+	22	50,400
105,701 to 201,775	17,966.00	+	24	105,700
201,776 to 256,225	41,024.00	+	32	201,775
256,226 to 640,600	58,448.00	+	35	256,225
Over 640,600	192,979.25	+	37	640,600
MARRIED FILING JOINTLY AND SURVIVING SPOUSES				
0 to 24,800		+	10	
24,801 to 100,800	2,480.00	+	12	24,800
100,801 to 211,400	11,600.00	+	22	100,800
211,401 to 403,550	35,932.00	+	24	211,400
403,551 to 512,450	82,048.00	+	32	403,550
512,451 to 768,700	116,896.00	+	35	512,450
Over 768,700	206,583.50	+	37	768,700
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD				
0 to 17,700		+	10	
17,701 to 67,450	1,770.00	+	12	17,700
67,451 to 105,700	7,740.00	+	22	67,450
105,701 to 201,750	16,155.00	+	24	105,700
201,751 to 256,200	39,207.00	+	32	201,750
256,201 to 640,600	56,631.00	+	35	256,200
Over 640,600	191,171.00	+	37	640,600
MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY				
0 to 12,400		+	10	
12,401 to 50,400	1,240.00	+	12	12,400
50,401 to 105,700	5,800.00	+	22	50,400
105,701 to 201,775	17,996.00	+	24	105,700
201,776 to 256,225	41,024.00	+	32	201,775
256,226 to 384,350	58,448.00	+	35	256,225
Over 384,350	103,291.75	+	37	384,350
ESTATES AND TRUSTS				
0 to 3,300		+	10	
3,301 to 11,700	330.00	+	24	3,300
11,701 to 16,000	2,346.00	+	35	11,700
Over 16,000	3,851.00	+	37	16,000

Gift and Estate Tax Exclusions and Credits

Maximum estate, gift & GST rates	40%
Estate, gift & GST exclusions	\$15,000,000
Gift tax annual exclusion	\$19,000
Exclusion on gifts to non-citizen spouse	\$194,000

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Standard Deductions & Child Tax Credit

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married, filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)s	\$32,200
Single or married, filing separately	\$16,100
Head of household	\$24,150
Dependent filing own tax return	\$1,350*
ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS FOR NON-ITEMIZERS	
Blind, or older than 65**	Add \$1,650
Enhanced standard deduction for individuals 65+^	Add \$6,000
CHILD TAX CREDIT	
Credit per child under 17	\$2,200 (\$1,700 refundable)
Income phaseouts begin at AGI of:	\$400,000 joint, \$200,000 all other

*Greater of \$1,350 or \$450 plus the individual's earned income.
 **Blind or over 65, unmarried & not a surviving spouse: \$2,050.
 ^Phaseout begins at \$75,000 (single) and \$150,000 (joint).

Tax Rates on Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualified Dividends

If taxable income falls below \$49,450 (single/married-filing separately), \$98,900 (joint), \$66,200 (head of household), \$3,300 (estates)	0%
If taxable income falls at or above \$49,450 (single/married-filing separately), \$98,900 (joint), \$66,200 (head of household), \$3,300 (estates)	15%
If income falls at or above \$545,500 (single), \$306,850 (married-filing separately), \$613,700 (joint), \$579,600 (head of household), \$16,250 (estates)	20%

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

Exemption Amounts for AMT

Married, filing jointly or surviving spouses	\$140,200
Single	\$90,100
Married, filing separately	\$70,100
Estates and Trusts	\$31,400

28% TAX RATE APPLIES TO INCOME OVER:

Married, filing separately	\$122,250
All others	\$244,500

EXEMPTION AMOUNTS PHASE OUT AT:

Married, filing jointly or surviving spouses	\$1,000,000
Single and married, filing separately	\$500,000
Estates and trusts	\$104,800

Standard Mileage Rates

Business Use	72.5¢ per mile	Moving Use	20.5¢ per mile
Medical Use	20.5¢ per mile	Charity Use	14¢ per mile

Retirement Plan Contribution Limits

Annual compensation used to determine contribution for most plans	\$360,000
Defined-contribution plans, basic limit	\$72,000
Defined-benefit plans, basic limit	\$290,000
401(k), 403(b), 457(b), Roth 401(k) elective deferrals	\$24,500
Catch-up for 50-59 & 64+, 401(k), 403(b), 457(b), Roth 401(k)	\$8,000
Catch-up for 60-63, 401(k), 403(b), 457(b), Roth 401(k)	\$11,250
SIMPLE plans, elective deferral limit	\$17,000
SIMPLE plans, catch-up for 50 and older	\$4,000

Individual Retirement Accounts

IRA Type	Cont. Limit	Catch-Up at 50+	Income Limits
Traditional nondeductible	\$7,500	\$1,100	None
Traditional deductible	\$7,500	\$1,100	If covered by a plan: • \$129,000-\$149,000 joint • \$81,000-\$91,000 single, HOH • 0-\$10,000 married filing separately If one spouse is covered by a plan: • \$242,000-\$252,000 joint
Roth	\$7,500	\$1,100	• \$242,000-\$252,000 joint • \$153,000-\$168,000 single, HOH • 0-\$10,000 married filing separately
Roth Conversion			No income limit

Education Credits, Deductions, & Distributions

Credit/Deduction/Account	Max Credit/Deduction /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	\$160,000 joint \$80,000 all others
Savings bond interest tax-free if used for education	Deduction limited to amount of qualified expenses	\$152,650 joint \$101,800 all others
Coverdell	\$2,000 maximum contribution; not deductible	\$190,000 joint \$95,000 all others
529 plan (K-12)	\$20,000 distribution	None
529 plan (Higher Ed.)*	Distribution limited to amount of qualified expenses	None

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

Medicare

DEDUCTIBLES

Part B Deductible	\$283
Part A (inpatient services) Deductible for first 60 days of hospitalization	\$1,736
Part A Deductible for days 61-90 of hospitalization	\$434/day
Part A Deductible for more than 90 days of hospitalization	\$868/day

PREMIUMS

2024 MAGI Single (\$)	2024 MAGI Joint (\$)	Part B Premium	Part D Income Adjustment
109,000 or less	218,000 or less	\$202.90	\$0
109,001-137,000	218,001-274,000	\$284.10	\$14.50
137,001-171,000	274,001-342,000	\$405.80	\$37.50
171,001-205,000	342,001-410,000	\$527.50	\$60.40
205,001-499,999	410,001-749,999	\$649.20	\$83.30
≥500,000	≥750,000	\$689.90	\$91.00

Social Security

BENEFITS

Estimated maximum monthly benefit if turning full retirement age (67 years) in 2026	\$4,152
Retirement earnings exempt amounts	\$24,480 under FRA \$65,160 during year reach FRA No limit after FRA

TAX (FICA)

	% Withheld	Max Tax Payable
SS tax paid on income up to \$184,500		
• Employer pays	6.2%	\$11,439.00
• Employee pays	6.2%	\$11,439.00
• Self-employed pays	12.4%	\$22,878.00
Medicare tax paid on all income		
• Employer pays	1.45%	varies per income
• Employee pays	1.45%	varies per income
• Self-employed pays	2.90%	varies per income
	Plus 0.9% on income Over \$200,000 single or \$250,000 joint	
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TAX ON BENEFITS: INCOME BRACKETS

Filing Status	Provisional Income**	Amount of SS Subject to Tax
Married filing jointly	Under \$32,000	0
	\$32,000-\$44,000	up to 50%
	Over \$44,000	up to 85%
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 separately and living with spouse	Over \$0	up to 85%

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

Protection Planning

DEDUCTIBILITY OF LTC PREMIUMS ON QUALIFIED PLANS

Attained Age Before Close of Tax Year	Amount of LTC Premiums that Qualify as Med. Expenses in 2026
40 or younger	\$500
41 to 50	\$930
51 to 60	\$1,860
61 to 70	\$4,960
Older than 70	\$6,200

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Annual Limit	Maximum Deductible Contribution	Expense Limits (Deductibles & Co-Pays)	Minimum Annual Deductible
Individuals	\$4,400	\$8,500	\$1,700
Families	\$8,750	\$17,000	\$3,400
Catch-up for 55+	\$1,000		

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