

Federal Income Tax Brackets & Rates

The New 2024 Federal Income Tax Brackets & Rates

Federal income tax brackets and rates for 2024 are shown below.

	Single	Married, Filing Jointly or Surviving Spouse	Married Filing Separately	Head of Household	Trusts & Estates
10%	\$0 - \$11,600	\$0 - \$23,200	\$0 - \$11,600	\$0 - \$16,550	\$0 - \$3,100
12%	\$11,601 - \$47,150	\$23,201 - \$94,300	\$11,601 - \$47,150	\$16,551 - \$63,100	—
22%	\$47,151 - \$100,525	\$94,301 - \$201,050	\$47,151 - \$100,525	\$63,101 - \$100,500	—
24%	\$100,526 - \$191,950	\$201,051 - \$383,900	\$100,526 - \$191,950	\$100,501 - \$191,950	\$3,101 - \$11,150
32%	\$191,951 - \$243,725	\$383,901 - \$487,450	\$191,951 - \$243,725	\$191,951 - \$243,700	—
35%	\$243,726 - \$609,350	\$487,451 - \$731,200	\$243,726 - \$365,600	\$243,701 - \$609,350	\$11,151 - \$15,200
37%	\$609,351 or more	\$731,201 or more	\$365,601 or more	\$609,351 or more	\$15,201 or more

Medicare Part B Premiums for 2024

Medicare Part B premiums are determined by your income **modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)** that is reported on your IRS tax return from two years prior. If your income is higher than certain limits, then the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) will apply as detailed in the table below. The amount shown is per month, per person.

Single	Married, Filing Jointly or Surviving Spouse	Married Filing Separately	Medicare Premiums
\$0 - \$103,000	\$0 - \$206,000	\$0 - \$103,000	\$174.70
\$103,001 - \$129,000	\$206,001 - \$258,000	—	\$244.60
\$129,001 - \$161,000	\$258,001 - \$322,000	—	\$349.40
\$161,001 - \$193,000	\$322,001 - \$386,000	—	\$454.20
\$193,001 - \$500,000	\$386,001 - \$750,000	\$103,001 - \$397,000	\$559.00
\$500,000 or more	\$750,000 or more	\$397,000 or more	\$594.00

The New 2024 Federal Income Tax Bracket & Rates for Capital Gains

Capital gains are taxed at different rates from ordinary income. For example, while there are seven tax brackets for ordinary income, ranging from 10% to 37%, there are three for capital gains, ranging from 0%, 15% and 20%.

This is a major advantage for anyone who has substantial capital gains income. The capital gains tax rate is considerably lower than the tax rate on a comparable amount of ordinary income.

Just as is the case with the income brackets for ordinary income, the income brackets for capital gains have also increased from 2023.

	Single	Married, Filing Jointly or Surviving Spouse	Married Filing Separately	Head of Household	Trusts & Estates
0%	\$0 - \$47,025	\$0 - \$94,050	\$0 - \$47,025	\$0 - \$63,000	\$0 - \$3,150
15%	\$47,026 - \$518,900	\$94,051 - \$583,750	\$47,026 - \$291,850	\$63,001 - \$551,350	\$3,151 - \$15,450
20%	\$518,901 or more	\$583,751 or more	\$291,851 or more	\$551,351 or more	\$15,451 or more

The Standard Deduction for 2024

As you probably know – or you’ll find out when you file your 2023 tax return – personal exemptions were eliminated under the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) in 2017. The \$4,050 you could claim up until 2017 for yourself, your spouse and any eligible dependents is now history, although, TCJA is set to expire after 2025, so we could see the previous rules return.

In its place, the standard deduction was increased substantially. That will work out well for singles and couples with no dependents, but it could be a negative for anyone with dependents because the value of the personal exemption may have been greater than the increase in the standard deduction.

Like other numbers in the tax code, the standard deduction will increase for 2024. Here’s how that will look:

	2023	2024
Single	\$13,850	\$14,600
Married, Filing Jointly & Surviving Spouse	\$27,700	\$29,200
Head of Household	\$20,800	\$21,900
Married Individuals Filing Separate	\$13,850	\$14,600

Other Tax Numbers Changing in 2024

199A Qualified Business Income Deduction. Having begun in the 2018 tax year, TCJA provides business owners with a 20% deduction against qualified business income. It’s officially referred to as the Section 199A deduction, and it applies to qualified business income attributable to a business owner of a pass-through entity like an S-Corporation or partnership.

There are income limits, which, depending on your type of business, could impact your ability to take the deduction. For single filers and all other returns, the full phase out is \$50,000 over the below thresholds. For those married, filing jointly, it is \$100,000 over the below thresholds:

	2023	2024
Single	\$182,100	\$191,950
Married, Filing Jointly	\$364,200	\$383,900
All Other Returns	\$182,100	\$191,950

Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

The AMT was created in the 1960s to impose taxes on taxpayers who claim an excessive amount of tax preferences. It provides a second set of tax rates that will be imposed if their taxes calculated under this alternative method is greater than the taxes imposed under the normal calculation.

The tax code provides an income exemption to the AMT, below which the tax will not apply. There is also an income phase-out beyond which the exemption no longer applies. Both are indexed for inflation. The income exemption figures are as follows:

	2023	2024
Single	\$81,300	\$85,700
Married, Filing Jointly & Surviving Spouse	\$126,500	\$133,300
Married, Filing Separately	\$63,250	\$66,650
Trusts & Estates	\$28,400	\$29,900

Below are the thresholds where the rate goes from 26% to 28%:

	2023	2024
Married, Filing Separately	\$110,350	\$116,600
All Other Returns	\$220,700	\$232,600

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Retirement Contributions and Benefit Limits

A number of retirement related contribution amounts and benefit calculation limits will change for 2024.

	2023	2024
415 limits – DC plan	\$66,000	\$69,000
415 limits – DB plan	\$265,000	\$275,000
Maximum Includible Compensation	\$330,000	\$345,000
Social Security Taxable Wage Basis	\$160,200	\$168,600
HCE Pay	\$150,000	\$155,000
Key EE: Officer	\$215,000	\$220,000
Key EE: 1% Owner	\$150,000	\$150,000
SEP Minimum Compensation	\$750	\$750
Maximum Elective Contributions For 401(k), 403(b), 457(b)	\$22,500	\$23,000
“Catch-up contribution”	\$7,500	\$7,500
Simple 401(k)	\$15,500	\$16,000
“Catch-up contribution”	\$3,500	\$3,500
IRA Contribution	\$6,500	\$7,000
“Catch-up contribution”	\$1,000	\$1,000
SEP-IRA	25% of net compensation or \$66,000, whichever is less	25% of net compensation or \$69,000, whichever is less

Estate Planning

The lifetime gift and estate tax exemption is scheduled to increase from \$12.92 million in 2023 to \$13.610 million in 2024. The annual gift tax exclusion will increase from \$17,000 in 2023 to \$18,000 in 2024.

Social Security Changes for 2024

Maximum Taxable Earnings	2023	2024
Social Security (OASDI only)	\$160,200	\$168,600
Quarter of Coverage	\$1,640	\$1,730
Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts Under Full Retirement Age	\$21,240/year (\$1,770/month) \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit	\$22,320/year (\$1,860/month) \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit
Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts at Full Retirement Age	\$56,520/year (\$4,710/month) Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.	\$59,250/year (\$4,937.50/month) Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.
Maximum Social Security Benefit if Retiring at Full Retirement Age	\$3,627/month	\$3,822/month

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Health Savings Accounts

	2023	2024
HSA Contribution Limit	Self only: \$3,850/year Family: \$7,750/year	Self only: \$4,150/year Family: \$8,300/year
“Catch-up contribution” for age 55+	\$1,000	\$1,000
High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) Minimum Deductible	Self only: \$1,500/year Family: \$3,000/year	Self only: \$1,600/year Family: \$3,200/year
HDHP Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amounts	Self only: \$7,500/year Family: \$15,000/year	Self only: \$8,050/year Family: \$16,100/year
Health FSA Contribution	\$3,050/year with maximum carryover of \$610	\$3,200/year with maximum carryover of \$640

Additional Medicare Tax

An Additional Medicare Tax of 0.9% will be imposed on all wage and self-employment income in excess of the following thresholds. Note that employers are not required to match the 0.9%.

	2023	2024
Single	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married, Filing Jointly & Surviving Spouse	\$250,000	\$250,000
All Other Returns	\$125,000	\$125,000

Net Investment Income Tax

The Net investment Income Tax of 3.8% will apply to net investment income that exceeds the MAGI threshold below:

	2023	2024
Single	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married, Filing Jointly & Surviving Spouse	\$250,000	\$250,000
All Other Returns	\$125,000	\$125,000

Sources:

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