

2021 Tax Reference Sheet

Income Tax Brackets for 2021

Taxable income (i.e. income minus deductions):

Single

Not over \$9,950	10%
\$9,951–\$40,525	12%
\$40,526–\$86,375	22%
\$86,376–\$164,925	24%
\$164,926–\$209,425	32%
\$209,426–\$523,600	35%
Over \$523,600	37%

Married, Filing Jointly

Not Over \$19,900	10%
\$19,901–\$81,050	12%
\$81,051–\$172,750	22%
\$172,751–\$329,850	24%
\$329,851–\$418,850	32%
\$418,851–\$628,300	35%
Over \$628,300	37%

Married, Separate

Not Over \$9,950	10%
\$9,951–\$40,525	12%
\$40,526–\$86,375	22%
\$86,376–\$164,925	24%
\$164,926–\$209,425	32%
\$209,426–\$314,150	35%
Over \$314,150	37%

Head of Household (HOH)

Not Over \$14,200	10%
\$14,201–\$54,200	12%
\$54,201–\$86,350	22%
\$86,351–\$164,900	24%
\$164,901–\$209,400	32%
\$209,401–\$523,600	35%
Over \$523,600	37%

Estates and Trusts

Not Over \$2,650	10%
\$2,651–\$9,550	24%
\$9,551–\$13,050	35%
Over \$13,050	37%

Corporations

Over \$0	21%
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Standard Deduction

Married, joint	\$25,100
Single	\$12,550
Married, separate	\$12,550
HOH	\$18,800

Blind or over 65: add \$1,350 if married, \$1,700 if single and not a surviving spouse

Kiddie Tax Exemption

The first \$1,100 of unearned investment income is exempt, the next \$1,100 is taxed in the child's bracket and any amount over \$2,200 is taxed at the greater of the parent's top bracket or the child's bracket.

0.9% Healthcare Surtax on Earnings Threshold

Single	\$200,000
Married, joint	\$250,000

3.8% Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT)

Threshold (Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI))

Single	\$200,000
Married, joint	\$250,000
Estates/trusts	\$13,050

Alternative Minimum Tax Exemption Amount (Taxable Income)

Married, joint	\$114,600
Single, HOH	\$73,600
Married, separate	\$57,300

Long-term Capital Gains and Qualified

Dividend Rates

Single

Not over \$40,400	0%
\$40,401–\$445,850	15%
Over \$445,850	20%

Married, Filing Jointly and Surviving Spouse

Not over \$80,800	0%
\$80,801–\$501,600	15%
Over \$501,600	20%

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

& Employer Plan Limits

IRA contribution (limited to earned income)

Under age 50	\$6,000
Age 50 and over	\$7,000

Phaseout for deducting IRA contribution if covered by a retirement plan at work (MAGI)

Married, joint	\$105,000–\$125,000
Single, HOH	\$66,000–\$76,000
Married, separate	\$0–\$10,000

Phaseout for deducting IRA for non covered spouse (MAGI)

	\$198,000–\$208,000
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Phaseout of Roth contribution eligibility (MAGI)

Married, joint	\$198,000–\$208,000
Single, HOH	\$125,000–\$140,000
Married, separate	\$0–\$10,000

Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) contribution

Up to 25% of compensation, limit	\$58,000
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Compensation to participate in SEP \$650

SIMPLE elective deferral

Under age 50	\$13,500
Age 50 and over	\$16,500

401(k), 403(b)¹, 457 and Salary Reduction

Simplified Employee Pension (SARSEP) elective deferral under age 50 \$19,500

401(k), 403(b)¹, 457² and SARSEP catch up amount age 50 and over \$6,500

Annual defined contribution limit \$58,000

Annual defined benefit limit \$230,000

Highly compensated employee \$130,000

Key Employee in top heavy plans \$185,000

Annual compensation taken into account for qualified plans \$290,000

Retirement Tax Credit (AGI)

A percent tax credit for an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan contribution, in addition to deduction or exclusion, if

Married, joint	\$66,000 or below
HOH	\$49,500 or below
Single; Married, separate	\$33,000 or below

Gift and Estate Tax

Gift tax annual exclusion	\$15,000
Highest estate and gift tax rate	40%
Estate tax exclusion	\$11,700,000
Lifetime gift tax exclusion	\$11,700,000
GST exemption	\$11,700,000
Annual exclusion for gifts to noncitizen spouse	\$159,000

Education

Student loan interest deduction limit	\$2,500
Interest deduction is phased out (MAGI)	
Married, joint	\$140,000–\$170,000
All others	\$70,000–\$85,000
Phaseout of Lifetime Learning Credits (MAGI)	
Married, joint	\$160,000–\$180,000
All others	\$80,000–\$90,000
Tax-free savings bonds interest phased out (MAGI)	
Married, joint	\$124,800–\$154,800
All others	\$83,200–\$98,200

Social Security

Maximum annual earnings subject to Social Security tax \$142,800

Employee payroll tax rates:

Employee Old Age, Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) 6.2%

Medicare Tax (HI) 1.45% No Limit Income³ (in retirement) causing Social Security benefits to be taxable

Married, joint (MAGI)

50% taxable	\$32,000
85% taxable	\$44,001

Single (MAGI)

50% taxable	\$25,000
85% taxable	\$34,001

Loss of Social Security retirement benefits: In years prior to full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be lost for every \$2 of earnings in excess of \$18,960. In the calendar year of full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be lost for every \$3 of monthly earnings in excess of \$50,520 (applies only to months of earnings prior to full retirement age). There is no limit on earnings beginning the month an individual attains full retirement age.

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¹ Special increased limit may apply to certain 403(b) contributors with 15 or more years of service.

² In last 3 years prior to year of retirement, 457 plan participant may be able to double elective deferral if needed to catch-up on prior missed contributions, but if they do, they cannot use the catch up amount for age 50 and over.

³ Income is most income including muni bond interest but only ½ of Social Security.

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