

TAX YEAR
2026

Tax Facts and Figures

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2026 Federal Tax Rate Schedules

Single Taxable Income

$ 0	to	12,400	×	10.0%	minus	$ 0.00	=	Tax
12,401	to	50,400	×	12.0%	minus	248.00	=	Tax
50,401	to	105,700	×	22.0%	minus	5,288.00	=	Tax
105,701	to	201,775	×	24.0%	minus	7,402.00	=	Tax
201,776	to	256,225	×	32.0%	minus	23,544.00	=	Tax
256,226	to	640,600	×	35.0%	minus	31,230.75	=	Tax
640,601	and over		×	37.0%	minus	44,042.75	=	Tax

MFJ or QSS Taxable Income

$ 0	to	24,800	×	10.0%	minus	$ 0.00	=	Tax
24,801	to	100,800	×	12.0%	minus	496.00	=	Tax
100,801	to	211,400	×	22.0%	minus	10,576.00	=	Tax
211,401	to	403,550	×	24.0%	minus	14,804.00	=	Tax
403,551	to	512,450	×	32.0%	minus	47,088.00	=	Tax
512,451	to	768,700	×	35.0%	minus	62,461.50	=	Tax
768,701	and over		×	37.0%	minus	77,835.50	=	Tax

MFS Taxable Income

$ 0	to	12,400	×	10.0%	minus	$ 0.00	=	Tax
12,401	to	50,400	×	12.0%	minus	248.00	=	Tax
50,401	to	105,700	×	22.0%	minus	5,288.00	=	Tax
105,701	to	201,775	×	24.0%	minus	7,402.00	=	Tax
201,776	to	256,225	×	32.0%	minus	23,544.00	=	Tax
256,226	to	384,350	×	35.0%	minus	31,230.75	=	Tax
384,351	and over		×	37.0%	minus	38,917.75	=	Tax

HOH Taxable Income

$ 0	to	17,700	×	10.0%	minus	$ 0.00	=	Tax
17,701	to	67,450	×	12.0%	minus	354.00	=	Tax
67,451	to	105,700	×	22.0%	minus	7,099.00	=	Tax
105,701	to	201,750	×	24.0%	minus	9,213.00	=	Tax
201,751	to	256,200	×	32.0%	minus	25,353.00	=	Tax
256,201	to	640,600	×	35.0%	minus	33,039.00	=	Tax
640,601	and over		×	37.0%	minus	45,851.00	=	Tax

Additional Medicare Tax

0.9% additional tax on wage income above threshold

Filing status	Single, HOH, QSS	MFJ	MFS
Threshold amount	$200,000	$250,000	$125,000

2026 Qualifying Relative Limit

The qualifying relative income limit is..... $5,300

2026 Senior Deduction

Deduction, per person (age 65 or older)..... $6,000
Deduction phases out when MAGI exceeds $75,000 ($150,000 MFJ)

2026 Standard Deduction

The basic standard deduction for 2026 is:

Single or MFS..... $16,100
MFJ or QSS..... $32,200
HOH..... $24,150

Age 65 and/or blind. The additional amounts for age 65 or older and/or blind, per person, per event in 2026 are:

MFJ, QSS, or MFS $1,650
Single or HOH..... $2,050

Dependent. The standard deduction in 2026 for an individual who may be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer cannot exceed the greater of $1,350, or earned income plus $450.

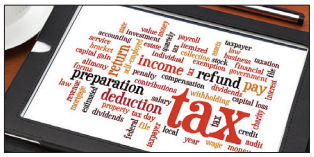
Child Tax Credit and Credit for Other Dependents

Child Tax Credit	$2,200 per qualifying child.
Child Tax Credit phaseout begins	MFJ.....$400,000 Single, HOH, MFS.....$200,000
Credit for Other Dependents	$500 per dependent (not a qualifying child).

Social Security Highlights

Employee's portion of FICA	**2026**	**2025**	**2024**
Maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax (Medicare no limit)	$184,500	$176,100	$168,600
Social Security tax rate	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%
Medicare tax rate*	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%
Maximum Social Security tax	$11,439.00	$10,918.20	$10,453.20

* Plus 0.9% on wages above threshold amount, plus 3.8% on unearned income above threshold amount.



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Business Expenses

2026 Standard Mileage Rate Per Mile
Business....72.5¢
Medical and moving*....20.5¢
Charitable....14.0¢
Depreciation....35.0¢

Section 179 Expense Limits
Regular 179 limits....$2,560,000
SUV limits....$32,000
Investment phaseout begins....$4,090,000

2026 Standard Deduction for Meals—High Low Method (Per Day)
High cost localities....$86
All other localities....$74
Transportation workers....$80

Qualified Transportation Benefits (exclusion from income allowed, but no employer deduction)
Commuter benefits (per month)....$340
Parking benefits (per month)....$340

*The moving expense deduction is available only to active duty military servicemembers pursuant to a permanent change of station (PCS) order.

2026 Retirement Plan Limits

401(k)/403(b) Deferral Limits
Under age 50....$24,500
Age 50 and over....$32,500
Age 60 thru 63....$35,750

IRA Contribution Limits
Under age 50....$7,500
Age 50 and over....$8,600

IRA Deduction Phaseout Range if Covered by Employer Plan
MFJ....$129,000–$149,000
Spouse not covered....$242,000–$252,000
Single, HOH....$81,000–$91,000
MFS....$0–$10,000

Roth IRA Phaseout Range
MFJ....$242,000–$252,000
Single, HOH....$153,000–$168,000
MFS....$0–$10,000

SIMPLE Deferral Limits
Under age 50....$17,000
Age 50 and over....$21,000
Age 60 thru 63....$22,250

Qualified Retirement Plans
Profit sharing/SEP limits....25%/$72,000
Defined benefit plan limits....$290,000
Compensation limits....$360,000

Education Tax Benefits

American Opportunity Credit
MFJ phaseout....$160,000–$180,000
Single, HOH phaseout....$80,000–$90,000
Maximum credit: $2,500 per student
Up to 40% ($1,000) may be refundable

Lifetime Learning Credit
MFJ phaseout....$160,000–$180,000
Single, HOH phaseout....$80,000–$90,000
Maximum credit: $2,000 per return

Education Savings Account (ESA)
MFJ phaseout....$190,000–$220,000
All others....$95,000–$110,000
Annual contribution limit: $2,000 per beneficiary

Student Loan Interest Deduction
MFJ phaseout....$175,000–$205,000
Single, HOH phaseout....$85,000–$100,000
Maximum deduction: $2,500 per return

U.S. Savings Bonds Interest Exclusion
MFJ phaseout....$152,650–$182,650
Single, HOH phaseout....$101,800–$116,800

Qualified Tuition Plans (529 plans)
- Distributions for qualifying expenses for college students or apprentices are not taxable.
- Distributions up to $10,000 per student are allowed for tuition and other qualified expenses for a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school.
- Cumulative distributions up to $10,000 per beneficiary and sibling for qualified education debt.

2026 Tax Rates: Capital Gain and Dividend Income

If income is…	Maximum tax rate %	If asset is held…
Gain from the sale of collectibles	28%	More than 1 year
Taxable portion of gain on qualified small business stock (section 1202 exclusion)	28%	More than 5 years
Unrecaptured section 1250 gain	25%	More than 1 year
Long-term capital gain	See below	More than 1 year
Qualified dividend income	See below	More than 60 days
Taxable Income Single....$0 to $49,450 MFJ/QSS....$0 to $98,900 MFS....$0 to $49,450 HOH....$0 to $66,200 Estates and Trusts....$0 to $3,300	0%	
Taxable Income Single....$49,451 to $545,500 MFJ/QSS....$98,901 to $613,700 MFS....$49,451 to $306,850 HOH....$66,201 to $579,600 Estates and Trusts....$3,301 to $16,250	15%	
Taxable Income Single....$545,501 and over MFJ/QSS....$613,701 and over MFS....$306,851 and over HOH....$579,601 and over Estates and Trusts....$16,251 and over	20%	
Short-term capital gain	37%	1 year or less
Ordinary dividend income	37%	60 days or less

Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT)

3.8% additional tax on investment income if MAGI above threshold amount

Filing status	Single, HOH	MFJ, QSS	MFS
Threshold amount	$200,000	$250,000	$125,000

2026 Qualified Business Income Deduction Thresholds

MFJ: $403,500	MFS: $201,775	Single, HOH, QSS: $201,750

Contact Us

There are many events that occur during the year that can affect your tax situation. Preparation of your tax return involves summarizing transactions and events that occurred during the prior year. In most situations, treatment is firmly established at the time the transaction occurs. However, negative tax effects can be avoided by proper planning. Please contact us in advance if you have questions about the tax effects of a transaction or event, including the following:

- Pension or IRA distributions.
- Significant change in income or deductions.
- Job change.
- Marriage.
- Attainment of age 59½ or 73.
- Sale or purchase of a business.
- Sale or purchase of a residence or other real estate.
- Retirement.
- Notice from IRS or other revenue department.
- Divorce or separation.
- Self-employment.
- Charitable contributions of property in excess of $5,000.

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