

2026 Key Figures Related to Financial Planning

Income taxes

2026 Tax Rate	Single Filers	Married Filing Jointly	Head of Household
10%	\$0 – \$12,400	\$0 – \$24,800	\$0 – \$17,700
12%	\$12,401 – \$50,400	\$24,801 – \$100,800	\$17,701 – \$67,450
22%	\$50,401 – \$105,700	\$100,801 – \$211,400	\$67,451 – \$105,700
24%	\$105,701 – \$201,775	\$211,401 – \$403,550	\$105,701 – \$201,775
32%	\$201,776 – \$256,225	\$403,551 – \$512,450	\$201,776 – \$256,200
35%	\$256,226 – \$640,600	\$512,451 – \$768,700	\$256,201 – \$640,600
37%	\$640,601 or more	\$768,701 or more	\$640,601 or more

Standard deductions

- Married filing jointly \$32,200
- Head of household \$24,150
- Single \$16,100

Additional

Taxpayers who are age 65 or older or blind can claim an additional standard deduction: \$1,650 if married (this amount doubles if both are over 65 and blind); \$2,050 if unmarried.

Education incentives

- **American Opportunity Tax Credit** . . . \$2,500/student
- **Lifetime Learning Credit** \$2,000/student
- **Phase-outs for American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit**
 - Married filing jointly \$160,000 – \$180,000
 - Single \$80,000 – \$90,000
- **Phase-outs for Exclusion of Qualified U.S. Savings Bond Income**
 - Married filing jointly \$152,650 – \$182,650
 - Single \$101,800 – \$116,800

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

- **HDHP minimum deductible amount**
 - Single \$1,700
 - Family \$3,400
- **HDHP maximum out-of-pocket amount**
 - Single \$8,500
 - Family \$17,000
- **HSA statutory contribution maximum**
 - Single \$4,400
 - Family \$8,750
 - Catch-up contribution (age 55 or older) \$1,000

Capital gains tax

Rates on dividends and gains for assets held at least 12 months:

Married Filing Jointly	Single	% Gains
\$0 – \$98,900	\$0 – \$49,450	0%
\$98,901 – \$613,700	\$49,451 – \$545,400	15%
\$613,701 +	\$545,501 +	20%

In addition, the 3.8% net investment income tax may apply to dividends and capital gains on income over certain thresholds.

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Kiddie tax

(Unearned income under age 19, or full-time students under age 24)

- Amount exempt from tax \$1,350
- Additional amount taxed at child's rate \$1,350
- Over this amount taxed parents' rate \$2,700

IRAs

- **IRA maximum contribution limit** \$7,500
- **IRA age 50+ catch-up contribution** \$1,100
- **Phase-out range for deductible contributions to traditional IRAs**
 - Married filing jointly:
 - Both spouses \$129,000–\$149,000 as participants in qualified plan
 - One spouse \$242,000–\$252,000 as participants in qualified plan
 - Single/head of household \$81,000–\$91,000 in qualified plan
- **Phase-out range for contributions to Roth IRAs**
 - Married filing jointly \$242,000–\$252,000
 - Single/head of household \$153,000–\$168,000

Gift and estate tax

- Annual gift tax exclusion \$19,000
- Estate and gift tax basic exclusion \$15,000,000
- Applicable credit amount \$5,945,800
- Generation-skipping exemption \$15,000,000
- Maximum estate tax rate 40%

Qualified plans

- SEP plan participant maximum 25% percentage of compensation
- SEP plan participant maximum dollar \$72,000 allocation limit
- SEP minimum compensation amount \$800
- SIMPLE IRA \$17,000 Maximum employee contribution
- SIMPLE IRA \$4,000 Catch-up – Age 50 or older
- SIMPLE IRA \$5,250 Catch-up – Age 60 – 63

- 403(b) TSA elective employee deferral \$24,500
- 403(b) TSA catch-up – Age 50 or older \$8,000
- 403(b) TSA catch-up – Age 60 – 63 \$5,250
- 403(b) TSA catch-up \$3,000 15 or more years of service with current employer
- Defined contribution maximum employer 25% percentage deduction limit (of eligible payroll)
- Defined contribution plan \$72,000 annual contribution limit
- Maximum elective deferral to retirement plans \$24,500 (e.g., 401(k), 403(b) & 457)
- 401(k) Age 50+ catch-up contribution \$8,000
- 401(k) Age 60 – 63 catch-up contribution \$11,250
- Annual includable compensation limit \$360,000
- Highly compensated employee \$160,000 compensation limit
- Annual retirement benefit limit \$290,000 under defined benefit plan (not to exceed 100% of compensation)

Social Security

- **Benefits**
 - Full retirement age (FRA), born 1960 or later 67
 - Portion of benefit paid at age 62 70%
- **Maximum earnings before Social Security benefits are reduced**
 - Before full retirement age \$24,480 (lose \$1 for every \$2 of earnings above limit)
 - Year of full retirement age \$65,160 (lose \$1 for every \$3 of earnings above limit)
 - After full retirement age No limit
- **Tax (FICA)**

Social Security tax paid on income up to \$184,500	Percent Withheld
– Employer pays	6.2%
– Employee pays	6.2%
– Self-employed pays	12.4%



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Medicare

- **Medicare tax paid on all income**
 - Employer pays 1.45% varies per income
 - Employee pays 1.45% varies per income
Plus 0.9% on income over \$200,000 (single) or \$250,000 (joint)
 - Self-employed pays 2.9% varies per income
- **3.8% net investment income tax paid on the lesser of net investment income or excess of MAGI over**
 - Married filing jointly \$250,000 varies per income
 - Single or \$200,000 varies per income head of household
 - Married filing separately . . \$125,000 varies per income

Estates and trusts

2026 Tax Rate	
10%	Not over \$3,300
24%	\$3,301 – \$11,700
35%	\$11,701 – \$16,000
37%	Over \$16,000

Estates and trusts exemptions/exclusions

- Estates \$600
- Simple trusts \$300
(required to distribute all income)
- Complex trusts \$100
(may accumulate income)

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