



Facts You Need to Know About Taxes

Your Reference Guide to:

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2019 Income Tax Rates

Marrieds Filing Jointly or a Qualifying Widow(er)

If your taxable income is over:	But not over:	The tax is:
\$0	\$19,400	10% of the taxable income
\$19,400	\$78,950	\$1,940 plus 12% of the excess over \$19,400
\$78,950	\$168,400	\$9,086 plus 22% of the excess over \$78,950
\$168,400	\$321,450	\$28,765 plus 24% of the excess over \$168,400
\$321,450	\$408,200	\$65,497 plus 32% of the excess over \$321,450
\$408,200	\$612,350	\$93,257 plus 35% of the excess over \$408,200
\$612,350		\$164,709.50 plus 37% of the excess over \$612,350

Head of Households

If your taxable income is over:	But not over:	The tax is:
\$0	\$13,850	10% of the taxable income
\$13,850	\$52,850	\$1,385 plus 12% of the excess over \$13,850
\$52,850	\$84,200	\$6,065 plus 22% of the excess over \$52,850
\$84,200	\$160,700	\$12,962 plus 24% of the excess over \$84,200
\$160,700	\$204,100	\$31,322 plus 32% of the excess over \$160,700
\$204,100	\$510,300	\$45,210 plus 35% of the excess over \$204,100
\$510,300		\$152,380 plus 37% of the excess over \$510,300

Singles

If your taxable income is over:	But not over:	The tax is:
\$0	\$9,700	10% of the taxable income
\$9,700	\$39,475	\$970 plus 12% of the excess over \$9,700
\$39,475	\$84,200	\$4,543 plus 22% of the excess over \$39,475
\$84,200	\$160,725	\$14,382.50 plus 24% of the excess over \$84,200
\$160,725	\$204,100	\$32,748.50 plus 32% of the excess over \$160,725
\$204,100	\$510,300	\$46,628.50 plus 35% of the excess over \$204,100
\$510,300		\$153,798.50 plus 37% of the excess over \$510,300

Married Filing Separately

If your taxable income is over:	But not over:	The tax is:
\$0	\$9,700	10% of the taxable income
\$9,700	\$39,475	\$970 plus 12% of the excess over \$9,700
\$39,475	\$84,200	\$4,543 plus 22% of the excess over \$39,475
\$84,200	\$160,725	\$14,382.50 plus 24% of the excess over \$84,200
\$160,725	\$204,100	\$32,748.50 plus 32% of the excess over \$160,725
\$204,100	\$306,175	\$46,628.50 plus 35% of the excess over \$204,100
\$306,175		\$82,354.75 plus 37% of the excess over \$306,175

Trusts and Estates

If your taxable income is over:	But not over:	The tax is:
\$0	\$2,600	10% of the taxable income
\$2,600	\$9,300	\$260 plus 24% of the excess over \$2,600
\$9,300	\$12,750	\$1,868 plus 35% of the excess over \$9,300
\$12,750		\$3,075.50 plus 37% of the excess over \$12,750

Alternative Minimum Tax

Standard Deduction Amounts for 2019	
Marrieds filing jointly	\$24,400
Singles	\$12,200
Married filing separately	\$12,200
Heads of households	\$18,350

Additional Standard Deductions	
At least age 65 and single	\$1,650
At least age 65 and married	\$1,300
Married, both over 65	\$2,600
Blind	\$1,300

Child and Family Credits	
Qualifying child (under 17)	\$2,000
Other dependent	\$500
Refundable amount	\$1,400
Credit phaseout Married, filing jointly	AGI over \$400,000
All other taxpayers	AGI over \$200,000

2019 Business Tax Rates	
Corporate Tax Rate	21%
Deduction for Pass-Through Business Income	20%

Estate and Gift Taxes

Estates. The federal estate tax exemption in 2019 is about \$11,400,000. With appropriate tax filings and tax elections, married couples may secure a \$22,800,000 exemption regardless of which spouse dies first or how the couple owns their property (assuming that they both die in 2019). Amounts in excess of the exemption are taxed at a 40% rate.

Gifts. The lifetime federal gift tax exemption in 2019 is about \$11,400,000. Amounts transferred in excess of the exemption are taxed at 40%.

For 2019, the annual exclusion from the gift tax is \$15,000. A gift no larger than \$15,000 may be given to each of as many people as you wish without incurring gift tax or using up your lifetime federal gift tax exclusion. To qualify for the annual exclusion, the gift must be of a "present interest," meaning that the person receiving the gift must have the immediate right to use and enjoy the gift, without strings attached. Couples may "split" their gifts to secure a \$30,000 annual exclusion.

Developments occurring after January 1, 2019, are not reflected in this guide.

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AMT Tax Rates for 2019		
Rate	Married filing separately	All other filers
26%	Up to \$97,400	Up to \$194,800
28%	More than \$97,400	More than \$194,800
AMT Exemption Amounts		
Single individual		\$71,700
Marrieds filing jointly		\$111,700
Marrieds filing separately		\$55,850
AMT Exemption Phaseout		
		Begins above
Marrieds Filing Jointly		\$1,020,600
Singles		\$510,300
Married Filing Separately		\$510,300

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Taxes

Additional Medicare Tax	0.9% tax on wages and self-employment income over:
Marrieds filing jointly	\$250,000
Singles	\$200,000
Married filing separately	\$125,000
Net Investment Income Tax	Additional 3.8% tax on net investment income if Modified Adjusted Gross Income exceeds:
Marrieds filing jointly	\$250,000
Singles	\$200,000
Marrieds filing separately	\$125,000
Head of household	\$200,000
Qualifying widow(er)	\$250,000

College Savings Incentives

Section 529 plans. No federal tax need be paid on the income earned on amounts accumulated in a state-sponsored Section 529 plan. When withdrawals are made and used for qualified education expenses (college or up to \$10,000 of elementary or secondary school expenses), they won't be taxed either.

Coverdell Education Savings Accounts (CESAs). You can contribute up to \$2,000 a year per child to a CESA. Earnings grow tax free as long as withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses. Eligibility to contribute the full amount phases out between a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of \$95,000 and \$110,000 (singles); between \$190,000 and \$220,000 (marrieds filing jointly).

American Opportunity Tax Credit. The maximum American Opportunity Tax Credit is 100% of the first \$2,000 and 25% for the next \$2,000 of qualified tuition and related expenses. The credit phases out at MAGI of \$160,000 for marrieds filing jointly (\$80,000 for singles).

Lifetime Learning Credit. The maximum Lifetime Learning Credit is \$2,000, with the credit phasing out at modified adjusted gross income of \$116,000 for marrieds filing jointly (\$58,000 for singles).

U.S. Savings Bonds income exclusion. For 2019 the income from certain U.S. Savings Bonds used to pay qualified higher education expenses may be excluded from tax. Eligibility for the exclusion phases out from \$121,600 to \$151,600 for marrieds filing jointly, \$81,100 and \$96,100 for all other returns.

Interest deduction for education loans. A tax deduction is available for up to \$2,500 in qualified education loan interest. Eligibility for the deduction phases out between MAGI of more than \$70,000 and \$85,000 (singles); between \$140,000 and \$170,000 (marrieds filing jointly).

Other Credits and Deductions

Long-term care insurance premiums. In some instances, portions of the premiums paid for qualified long-term care insurance may be tax deductible. For 2019 they are: \$420 for those who are age 40 or under at the end of the tax year; \$790, if older than 40 but not older than 50; \$1,580, older than 50 but not older than 60; \$4,220, older than 60 but not older than 70; \$5,270, older than 70.

Adoption credit. You may be able to take a tax credit of up to \$14,080 for qualifying expenses paid to adopt an eligible child. Phaseout begins at modified adjusted gross income of \$211,160, and is phased out completely at \$251,160.

ABLE Accounts. Beginning in 2015, Congress authorized ABLE Accounts for disabled persons. "ABLE" is the acronym for "Achieving a Better Life Experience." Annual contributions are permitted up to the gift tax annual exclusion amount, \$15,000 in 2019. Additional contributions are permitted in some circumstances. Earnings of ABLE Accounts are tax free, as are distributions for qualified disability expenses, including education, housing, transportation, and employment training, among others. ABLE Account balances won't be counted in determining eligibility for government programs. At the death of the beneficiary, the government may make a claim on the ABLE Account for the amount of its expenses.

Investments

Maximum capital gains tax rates		
	0% tax rate	15% tax rate
Marrieds filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$78,750	\$488,850
Head of household	\$52,750	\$461,700
Single	\$39,375	\$434,550
Estate or trust	\$2,650	\$12,950

IRA Required Minimum Distributions					
Age	Divisor	Percentage	Age	Divisor	Percentage
70.0	27.4	3.6%	93.0	9.6	10.4%
71.0	26.5	3.8%	94.0	9.1	11.0%
72.0	25.6	3.9%	95.0	8.6	11.6%
73.0	24.7	4.0%	96.0	8.1	12.3%
74.0	23.8	4.2%	97.0	7.6	13.2%
75.0	22.9	4.4%	98.0	7.1	14.1%
76.0	22.0	4.5%	99.0	6.7	14.9%
77.0	21.2	4.7%	100.0	6.3	15.9%
78.0	20.3	4.9%	101.0	5.9	16.9%
79.0	19.5	5.1%	102.0	5.5	18.2%
80.0	18.7	5.3%	103.0	5.2	19.2%
81.0	17.9	5.6%	104.0	4.9	20.4%
82.0	17.1	5.8%	105.0	4.5	22.2%
83.0	16.3	6.1%	106.0	4.2	23.8%
84.0	15.5	6.5%	107.0	3.9	25.6%
85.0	14.8	6.8%	108.0	3.7	27.0%
86.0	14.1	7.1%	109.0	3.4	29.4%
87.0	13.4	7.5%	110.0	3.1	32.3%
88.0	12.7	7.9%	111.0	2.9	34.5%
89.0	12.0	8.3%	112.0	2.6	38.5%
90.0	11.4	8.8%	113.0	2.4	41.7%
91.0	10.8	9.3%	114.0	2.1	47.6%
92.0	10.2	9.8%	115+	1.9	52.6%

Retirement Plans and Social Security

Social Security for 2019

Social Security wage base	\$132,900
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Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts

Under full retirement age (\$1 in benefits is withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.)	\$17,640
The year in which full retirement age is reached (\$1 in benefits is withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit but only for months prior to reaching full retirement age.)	\$46,920
After full retirement age is reached	no limit

Taxation of Social Security Benefits

Singles with *Provisional Income**

below \$25,000	pay no tax on benefits
from \$25,000 to \$34,000	pay tax on 50% of benefits
over \$34,000	pay tax on up to 85% of benefits

Marrieds filing a joint return with *Provisional Income**

below \$32,000	pay no tax on benefits
from \$32,000 to \$44,000	pay tax on 50% of benefits
over \$44,000	pay tax on up to 85% of benefits

*The IRS defines *Provisional Income* as your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) plus one-half of your Social Security benefits. (MAGI is AGI plus tax-exempt income.)

Maximum Retirement Plan Contribution Limits for 2019

	Maximum contribution	Maximum contribution for those age 50 and over
Traditional IRA/ Roth IRA	\$6,000	\$7,000
401(k) plans	\$19,000	\$25,000

Phaseout of Deductibility of IRA Contributions Based on MAGI (If you are an active participant in a company retirement plan)

Singles and Heads of Household	\$64,000 to \$74,000
Marrieds filing joint returns and both spouses are active plan participants	\$103,000 to \$123,000
Marrieds filing joint returns and one spouse is active plan participant	\$193,000 to \$203,000
Married filing separately	\$0 to \$10,000

Phaseout of Roth IRA Contributions Based upon MAGI

Singles	\$122,000 to \$137,000
Marrieds filing a joint return	\$193,000 to \$203,000

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