

# 2024 Tax Reference Guide

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## **Ordinary Income - Tax Rates/Brackets**

In general, the ordinary income tax rates/brackets apply to all income, unless otherwise specified (such as long-term capital gains). Ordinary income normally includes wages, income from self-employment, businesses, rental income, interest, ordinary dividends, and short-term capital gains (assets held for a year or less).

## Single Filers

|          | Taxable Income      |                    |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Rate | From                | То                 |
| 0%       | Standard or Itemize | d Deduction Amount |
| 10%      | \$0                 | \$11,600           |
| 12%      | \$11,601            | \$47,150           |
| 22%      | \$47,151            | \$100,525          |
| 24%      | \$100,526           | \$191,950          |
| 32%      | \$191,951           | \$243,725          |
| 35%      | \$243,726           | \$609,350          |
| 37%      | \$609,351           | No limit           |

#### Head of Household

|          | Taxable Income      |                    |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Rate | From                | То                 |
| 0%       | Standard or Itemize | d Deduction Amount |
| 10%      | \$0                 | \$16,550           |
| 12%      | \$16,551            | \$63,100           |
| 22%      | \$63,101            | \$100,500          |
| 24%      | \$100,501           | \$191,950          |
| 32%      | \$191,951           | \$243,700          |
| 35%      | \$243,701           | \$609,350          |
| 37%      | \$609,351           | No limit           |

## Married Filing Joint (and Surviving Spouse)

|          | Taxable Income      |                    |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Rate | From                | То                 |
| 0%       | Standard or Itemize | d Deduction Amount |
| 10%      | \$0                 | \$23,200           |
| 12%      | \$23,201            | \$94,300           |
| 22%      | \$94,301            | \$201,050          |
| 24%      | \$201,051           | \$383,900          |
| 32%      | \$383,901           | \$487,450          |
| 35%      | \$487,451           | \$731,200          |
| 37%      | \$731,201           | No limit           |

#### **Married Filing Separately**

|          | Taxable Income      |                    |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Rate | From                | То                 |
| 0%       | Standard or Itemize | d Deduction Amount |
| 10%      | \$0                 | \$11,600           |
| 12%      | \$11,601            | \$47,150           |
| 22%      | \$47,151            | \$100,525          |
| 24%      | \$100,526           | \$191,950          |
| 32%      | \$191,951           | \$243,725          |
| 35%      | \$243,726           | \$365,600          |
| 37%      | \$365,601           | No limit           |

# Long-Term Capital Gains & Qualified Dividends - Tax Rates/Brackets

Long-term capital gains tax rates/brackets generally apply to investment assets held for over a year and to qualified dividends. A Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) of 3.8% may apply to certain investment income (such as dividends and interest income) and long- and short-term gains. Short-term capital gains (assets held for a year or less) are taxed at ordinary income tax rates, and collectibles (such as coins or art) are taxed at a maximum rate of 28%. To learn more about the taxation rules for asset sales and investment income, see IRS Publication 550.

# Single Filers

|          | Taxable Income |           |
|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Tax Rate | From           | То        |
| 0%       | \$0            | \$47,025  |
| 15%      | \$ 47,026      | \$518,900 |
| 20%      | \$518,901      | No limit  |

#### Head of Household

|          | Taxable Income |           |
|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Tax Rate | From           | То        |
| 0%       | \$0            | \$63,000  |
| 15%      | \$63,001       | \$551,350 |
| 20%      | \$551,351      | No limit  |

## 3 8% Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT)

| 5.0% Net investment income rax (Niir)        |                             |   |                           |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Filing Status                                | Single or Head of Household | Married Filing Joint (and Surviving Spouse) | Married Filing Separately |
| AGI Income Limit When 3.8% NIIT Takes Effect | \$200,000                   | \$250,000                                   | \$125,000                 |

## Married Filing Joint (and Surviving Spouse)

|          | Taxable Income |           |
|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Tax Rate | From           | То        |
| 0%       | \$0            | \$94,050  |
| 15%      | \$94,051       | \$583,750 |
| 20%      | \$583,751      | No limit  |

## **Married Filing Separately**

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|----------|----------------|-----------|
|          | Taxable Income |           |
| Tax Rate | From           | То        |
| 0%       | \$0            | \$47,025  |
| 15%      | \$47,026       | \$291,850 |
| 20%      | \$291,851      | No limit  |

## **Standard Deduction & Additional Standard Deduction**

The standard deduction effectively creates a 0% tax bracket because it reduces your taxable income dollar for dollar (see page 1). In general, you can either take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions, but not both. To learn more about these deductions, see the <u>instructions to the Form 1040</u> or Schedule A.

#### **Standard Deduction**

| Filing Status                               | Deduction Limit |
|---|-----------------|
| Single & Married Filing Separately          | \$14,600        |
| Married Filing Joint (and Surviving Spouse) | \$29,200        |
| Head of Household                           | \$21,900        |

## **Additional Standard Deduction**

| Filing Status                   | Deduction Limit |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Blind or over 65                | Add \$1,550 per |
| Build of over 03                | person          |
| Blind or over 65, and unmarried | Add \$1,950     |

# Other Key Tax Deductions & Credits (that do not require you to itemize)

Tax deductions reduce your taxable income dollar for dollar, whereas tax credits reduce your tax liability dollar for dollar. Generally, tax credits offer larger tax benefits for income in lower tax brackets, and tax deductions provide larger tax benefits for income in higher tax brackets.

## **Tax Deductions**

| Student Loan Interest Deduction*   | Amount                                 |
|--|--|
| For interest paid on qualified education loans (deduction phase out starts at \$165,000 for joint filers, \$80,000 for all other filers) | \$2,500                                |
| Educator Expense Deduction*  |  |
| Eligible educators can deduct certain unreimbursed expenses for classroom materials  | \$300                                  |
| Health Savings Account (HSA)*  |  |
| Must be coverage under a qualifying high-deductible health plan (if over age 55 you can contribute an additional \$1,000)                | For self \$4,150<br>For family \$8,300 |

## **Tax Credits**

| Child Tax Credit*  | Amount  |
|--|---------|
| For child under the age of 17 (credit phase out starts at \$400,000 for joint filers, \$200,000 for single filers)               | \$2,000 |
| Lifetime Learning Tax Credit*  |         |
| For qualified education expenses<br>(credit phase out starts at \$160,000<br>for joint filers, \$80,000 for all other<br>filers) | \$2,000 |
| American Opportunity Tax Credit*   |         |
| Qualified education expenses (credit<br>phase out starts at \$160,000 for joint<br>filers, \$80,000 for all other filers)        | \$2,500 |

# Gift, Trust & Estate - Tax Rates/Brackets & Limits

# Trust & Estate Ordinary Income Tax Rates & Brackets

|          | Taxable Income                        |          |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Tax Rate | From                                  | То       |
| 0%       | Standard or Itemized Deduction Amount |          |
| 10%      | \$0                                   | \$3,100  |
| 24%      | \$3,101                               | \$11,150 |
| 35%      | \$11,151                              | \$15,200 |
| 37%      | \$15,201                              | No limit |

# **Annual & Lifetime Gifting Limits**

| Maximum estate & gift tax rate   | 40%                        |
|--|----------------------------|
| Annual gift tax exclusion  | \$18,000                   |
| Unified estate & estate tax exemption (Note: This is a lifetime unified amount that covers gifts, estates, and | \$13,610,000<br>per person |
| the generation-skipping tax.)  |                            |
| Annual exclusion for gifts to noncitizen spouse  | \$185,000                  |

# **Retirement Plan Contribution Limits**

# Employer-Sponsored Plans\*

| Туре   | Limit   |
|--|---|
| Overall limit for contributions to employer-sponsored defined contribution plans (does not include 457(b) plans)                               | \$69,000  |
| 401(k), Roth 401(k), 403(b), and<br>457(b) plans; employee elective<br>deferral limit  | \$23,000  |
| Catch-up contribution limit for age 50 and over for 401(k) and Roth 401(k) (special catch-up limits may also apply to 403(b) and 457(b) plans) | \$7,500   |
| SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k) plans; employee elective deferral limit   | \$16,000  |
| Catch-up contribution limit for age 50 and over for SIMPLE plans   | \$3,500   |
| SEP IRA plans: only employer contributions are allowed   | Lesser of \$69,000<br>or 25% of wages<br>(20% for owners) |
| Catch-up contribution limit for age 50 and over for SEP IRA plans  | Not allowed   |

## Traditional IRAs & Roth IRAs\*

| Account Type                                 | Limit           |
|--|-----------------|
| Traditional IRA                              | \$7,000         |
| (Potentially tax deductible, see note below) | Ψ7,000          |
| Catch-up contribution for age 50 and over    | \$1,000         |
| Roth IRA                                     |                 |
| (No tax deduction allowed, and income limits | \$7,000         |
| apply, see note below)                       |                 |
| Catch-up contribution for age 50 and over    | \$1,000         |
| Roth Conversions                             | No annual limit |

Note: Other limitations may apply, see <u>IRS Publication 590-A</u>.

- Deductibility of Traditional IRA contributions: If you or your spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan, your deduction may be limited or completely phased out.
- Roth IRA contribution limits: If your income is over certain limits, your contributions may be limited or completely phased out.

Source: This document is a summary of information found at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website, Revenue Procedure 2023-34, and IRS Notice 2023-75.

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<sup>\*</sup>Limitations may apply to certain tax deductions, tax credits, or contributions to retirement plans, such as income limitations or limitations based on eligible expenses. Consult the IRS website or work with a tax professional to ensure all rules and limitations are considered.

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