

Tax Brackets for 2015

Taxable income (i.e., income minus deductions and exemptions) between:

Married, joint	
\$0 – \$18,450	10%
\$18,451 – \$74,900	15%
\$74,901 – \$151,200	25%
\$151,201 – \$230,450	28%
\$230,451 – \$411,500	33%
\$411,501 – \$464,850	35%
over \$464,850	39.6%

Single	
\$0 – \$9,225	10%
\$9,226 – \$37,450	15%
\$37,451 – \$90,750	25%
\$90,751 – \$189,300	28%
\$189,301 – \$411,500	33%
\$411,501 – \$413,200	35%
over \$413,200	39.6%

Married, separate	
\$0 – \$9,225	10%
\$9,226 – \$37,450	15%
\$37,451 – \$75,600	25%
\$75,601 – \$115,225	28%
\$115,226 – \$205,750	33%
\$205,751 – \$232,425	35%
over \$232,425	39.6%

Head of Household	
\$0 – \$13,150	10%
\$13,151 – \$50,200	15%
\$50,201 – \$129,600	25%
\$129,601 – \$209,850	28%
\$209,851 – \$411,500	33%
\$411,501 – \$439,000	35%
over \$439,000	39.6%

Estates and Trusts	
\$0 – \$2,500	15%
\$2,501 – \$5,900	25%
\$5,901 – \$9,050	28%
\$9,051 – \$12,300	33%
over \$12,300	39.6%

Corporations	
\$0 – \$50,000	15%
\$50,001 – \$75,000	25%
\$75,001 – \$100,000	34%
\$100,001 – \$335,000	39%
\$335,001 – \$18,333,333	34 – 38%
over \$18,333,333	35%

Standard Deduction

Married, joint	\$12,600
Single	\$6,300
Married, separate	\$6,300
Head of Household	\$9,250

Blind or over 65: add \$1,250 if married, \$1,550 if single or head of household

Itemized Deduction Personal Exemption Phaseout Begins

Married, joint	\$309,900
Single	\$258,250
Married, separate	\$154,950
Head of Household	\$284,050

Personal Exemption	\$4,000
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Kiddie Tax Exemption	\$2,100
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Alternative Minimum Tax Exemption Amount

Married, joint	\$83,400
Single, HOH ³	\$53,600
Married, separate	\$41,700

Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualified Dividend Rates

10% and 15% brackets	0%
25%, 28%, 33% and 35% brackets	15%
39.6% bracket	20%

Capital gains on collectibles	28%
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Unrecaptured 1250 depreciation	25%
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IRA and Pension Plan Limits

IRA contribution

Under age 50	\$5,500
Age 50 and over	\$6,500

Phaseout for deducting IRA contribution

Married, joint	\$98,000 – \$118,000 AGI
Single, HOH ³	\$61,000 – \$71,000 AGI
Married, separate	\$0 – \$10,000 AGI

Phaseout for deducting spousal IRA

\$183,000 – \$193,000 AGI

Phaseout of Roth contribution eligibility

Married, joint	\$183,000 – \$193,000 MAGI
Single, HOH ³	\$116,000 – \$131,000 MAGI
Married, separate	\$0 – \$10,000 MAGI

SEP contribution

Lesser of 25% of compensation or \$53,000

Compensation to participate in SEP	\$600
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SIMPLE elective deferral

Under age 50	\$12,500
Age 50 and over	\$15,500

401(k), 403(b) ⁴ , 457 and SARSEP elective deferral under age 50	\$18,000
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401(k), 403(b) ⁴ , 457 ⁵ and SARSEP elective deferral age 50 and over	\$24,000
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Annual defined contribution limit	\$53,000
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Annual defined benefit limit	\$210,000
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Highly compensated employee makes	\$120,000
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Key Employee in top-heavy plan makes	\$170,000
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Annual compensation taken

into account for qualified plans	\$265,000
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Retirement Tax Credit

A percentage tax credit for an IRA, 401(k), 403(b)⁴ or 457⁵ plan contribution, in addition to deduction or exclusion, if

Married, joint	Below \$61,000 MAGI
Head of Household	Below \$45,750 MAGI
Single; Married, separate	Below \$30,500 MAGI

Gift and Estate Tax

Gift tax annual exclusion	\$14,000
Estate and gift tax rate	40%
Estate tax exemption	\$5,430,000
Lifetime gift exemption	\$5,430,000
GST ⁶ exemption	\$5,430,000
Annual exclusion for gifts to noncitizen spouse	\$147,000

Additional Medicare Tax Where Income Exceeds \$200,000 (\$250,000 married, joint)

Additional tax on excess of earned income ¹	0.9%
Additional tax on Net Investment Income ²	3.8%

Health Care

Eligible Long-Term Care	Deduction Limit
Age 40 or less	\$380
Age 41 to 50	\$710
Age 51 to 60	\$1,430
Age 61 to 70	\$3,800
Ages over 70	\$4,750

Per Diem Limitation for LTC Benefits

\$330		
Affordable Care Act: Monthly penalty for failure to maintain minimum essential coverage: One-twelfth of greater of a) flat dollar amount or b) percentage of income.		
2014	\$95	1.0%
2015	\$325	2.0%
2016	\$695	2.5%

Household maximum is 3 times the flat dollar amount. Income is household income reduced by standard deductions and personal exemptions.

Education

Coverdell Education Savings Account	\$2,000
Coverdell contribution eligibility phaseout	
Married, joint	\$190,000 – \$220,000
All others	\$95,000 – \$110,000

Student loan interest deduction limit	\$2,500
Interest deduction phaseout	
Married, joint	\$130,000 – \$160,000 MAGI
All others	\$65,000 – \$80,000 MAGI

Phaseout of Lifetime Learning Credits	
Married, joint	\$110,000 – \$130,000
All others	\$55,000 – \$65,000

Tax-free savings bonds interest phaseout	
Married, joint	\$115,750 – \$145,750 MAGI
All others	\$77,200 – \$92,200 MAGI

- Total Employee Medicare Tax is 1.45% + 0.9% = 2.35%
- Including interest, dividends, capital gains, and annuity distributions
- Head of Household
- Special increased limit may apply to certain 403(b) contributors with 15 or more years of service
- In last 3 years prior to year of retirement, 457 plan participants may be able to double elective deferral if needed to catch-up on prior missed contributions, but if they do, they cannot use catch-up
- Generation Skipping Transfer

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Social Security⁷

Maximum wage base	\$118,500
Amount needed to earn one credit	\$1,220
Amount needed to earn four credits	\$4,880
Full retirement age	66 years, 0 months
Social Security Tax Rates	
Employee	7.65%
Employer	7.65%
Self-Employed	15.30%
Maximum monthly retirement benefit at full retirement age	
Family maximum	\$3,994
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.7%
Maximum earnings (during work years) subject to tax	\$118,500

Income⁸ (in retirement) causing Social Security benefits to be taxable

Married, joint	
50% taxable	\$32,000 – \$44,000 MAGI
85% taxable	Over \$44,000 MAGI
Single	
50% taxable	\$25,000 – \$34,000 MAGI
85% taxable	Over \$34,000 MAGI

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 \$15,720. In the year of full retirement age, \$1 in benefits will be lost for every \$3 of earnings in excess of \$41,880 (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.

Average monthly benefit (December 2013)⁹

Average monthly retirement benefit	
Men	\$1,451
Women	\$1,134
Average monthly survivor benefit	
Men	\$1,084
Women	\$1,248

7 Source: Social Security Administration, www.ssa.gov 11/06/2014.

8 Income is most income including muni bond interest but only 1/2 of Social Security.

9 Source: Fast Facts and Figures about Social Security, 2014.

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Uniform Lifetime Table

Use to calculate Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs and qualified plans **during** owner's life. Do not use this table if owner has spousal beneficiary more than 10 years younger. Instead use Joint Life Table from IRS Pub. 590.

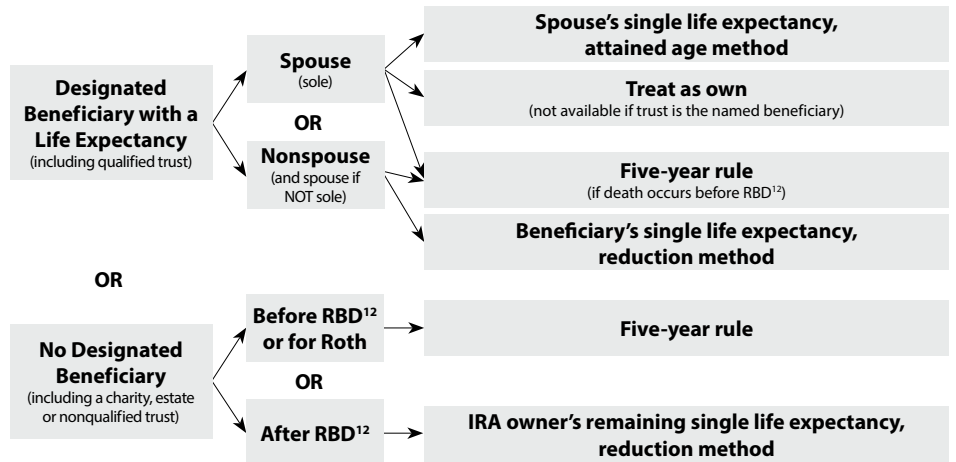
Taxpayer's Age	Life Expectancy	Taxpayer's Age	Life Expectancy
70	27.4	93	9.6
71	26.5	94	9.1
72	25.6	95	8.6
73	24.7	96	8.1
74	23.8	97	7.6
75	22.9	98	7.1
76	22.0	99	6.7
77	21.2	100	6.3
78	20.3	101	5.9
79	19.5	102	5.5
80	18.7	103	5.2
81	17.9	104	4.9
82	17.1	105	4.5
83	16.3	106	4.2
84	15.5	107	3.9
85	14.8	108	3.7
86	14.1	109	3.4
87	13.4	110	3.1
88	12.7	111	2.9
89	12.0	112	2.6
90	11.4	113	2.4
91	10.8	114	2.1
92	10.2	115+	1.9

Single Life Table

Use to calculate Minimum Required Distributions from IRAs and qualified plans **after** owner's death. See IRS Pub. 590 for complete table of ages 0 through 111+.

Age	Multiple	Age	Multiple
39	44.6	64	21.8
40	43.6	65	21.0
41	42.7	66	20.2
42	41.7	67	19.4
43	40.7	68	18.6
44	39.8	69	17.8
45	38.8	70	17.0
46	37.9	71	16.3
47	37.0	72	15.5
48	36.0	73	14.8
49	35.1	74	14.1
50	34.2	75	13.4
51	33.3	76	12.7
52	32.3	77	12.1
53	31.4	78	11.4
54	30.5	79	10.8
55	29.6	80	10.2
56	28.7	81	9.7
57	27.9	82	9.1
58	27.0	83	8.6
59	26.1	84	8.1
60	25.2	85	7.6
61	24.4	86	7.1
62	23.5	87	6.7
63	22.7	88	6.3

IRA Beneficiary Options



*RBD defined as "Required Beginning Date" (April 1 following the year a Traditional IRA or Simple IRA holder reached age 70½).

