



2026 ANNUAL LIMITS RELATED TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

RETIREMENT PLANS	
Employee deferrals 401(k), 403(b), 457(b)	\$24,500
Catch-up contribution	\$8,000
IRA or ROTH IRA	\$7,500
Catch-up contribution	\$1,100
Defined Contribution Plans	\$72,000
Defined benefit	\$275,000
SIMPLE IRA	\$17,000
SIMPLE catch-up 50+	\$4,000
SIMPLE catch-up 60-63	\$5,750
Maximum annual compensation limit	\$360,000
Highly compensated employee (HCE) limit	\$160,000
Key employee/officer compensation	\$235,000
Social Security Covered compensation	\$183,600

ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES	
Estate tax exemption per individual ¹	\$15,000,000
Estate tax exemption per married couple ²	\$30,000,000
Maximum estate tax rate	40%
* Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan do not have estate taxes	
* Illinois state tax exemption ³	\$4,000,000

SOCIAL SECURITY	
Social Security maximum taxable earnings	\$184,500
Earnings limitation (below FRA)	\$24,480
Reaching FRA in 2026	\$65,160
(the limit is only for months before you reach FRA)	
FICA tax rate—employee	7.65%
SECA tax rate—self-employed	15.3%
SS average monthly benefit – retired worker	\$2,071
SS average monthly benefit – aged couple	\$3,208
Social Security cost of living adjustment	2.8%

SOCIAL SECURITY FRA	
Year of Birth	Social Security FRA
1943–1954	66
1955–1959	66 and 10 months
1960–and later	67

* Regardless of your full retirement age, your retirement benefit will be higher the longer you wait to apply, up to age 70.

¹ Federal tax rate is adjusted for inflation in future years and may be changed with new legislation

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³ Illinois imposes their tax on a graduated scale, consult your advisor for more information

⁴ Certain uninsured aged individuals who have fewer than 30 quarters of coverage, and certain individuals with disabilities who have exhausted other entitlements, will pay the full premium, which will be \$518 a month in 2025. Individuals who had at least 30 quarters of coverage, or were married to someone with at least 30 quarters of coverage, may buy into Part A at a reduced monthly premium rate, which will be \$285 in 2025.

MEDICARE	
Monthly Premium Rate:	
Part A ⁴	\$518
Part B	\$185
Part A:	
First 60 days—patient pays a deductible	\$1,676
Next 30 days—patient pays per day	\$419
Next 60 days—patient pays per day (lifetime reserve days)	\$838
Part A (skilled nursing benefits):	
First 20 days—patient pays per day	\$0
Next 80 days—patient pays per day	\$209.50
Over 100 days—patient pays per day	All costs
Part B:	
Annual Deductible	\$257
Standard Coinsurance Rate	20%
Part D (prescription drug coverage):	
Deductible	\$590
Out-of-pocket maximum	\$2,100
*After reaching the out-of-pocket maximum, beneficiaries pay \$0 for the covered prescription drugs for the rest of the year.	

2026 MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM RATES:			
YOU PAY		If your 2023 income was:	
Premium	PART D Surcharge	INDIVIDUAL	MARRIED COUPLE
\$185.00	\$0	\$106,000 or less	\$212,000 or less
\$259.00	\$13.70	\$106,000–\$133,000	\$212,000–\$266,000
\$370.00	\$35.30	\$133,000–\$167,000	\$266,000–\$334,000
\$480.90	\$57.00	\$167,000–\$200,000	\$334,000–\$400,000
\$591.90	\$78.60	\$200,000–\$500,000	\$400,000–\$750,000
\$628.90	\$85.80	Above \$500,000	Above \$750,000
YOU PAY	PART D Surcharge	If you are married filing separately and your 2023 income was:	
\$185.00	\$0	\$106,000 or less	
\$591.90	\$78.60	\$106,000–\$394,000	
\$85.80	\$85.80	Above \$394,000	

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Minimum Deductible Amount	
Single	\$1,700
Family	\$3,400
Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount	
Single	\$8,500
Family	\$17,000
HSA Contribution Maximum	
Single	\$4,400
Family	\$8,750
Catch-up contributions (age 55+)	\$1,000

EDUCATION

529 Account – no federal limit on contributions, annual withdrawal amount is \$20,000	
Lifetime Learning Credit \$2,000 per tax return	
Single	\$80,000–\$90,000
Married filing jointly	\$160,000–\$180,000
Education loan deduction (maximum \$2,500)	
Single	\$85,000–\$100,000
Married filing jointly	\$175,000–\$205,000

INCOME TAX

Standard deduction	
Single	\$16,100
Married filing jointly	\$32,200
Head of household	\$24,150
Married filing separately	\$16,100
Kiddie tax limited standard deduction ⁵	\$1,350
Medicare Contribution tax	
Single (1.45% up to)	\$200,000
Married filing jointly (1.45% up to)	\$200,000
Self-employment tax ⁶	2.9%

2026 TAX RATE SCHEDULES

If Taxable Income Is		Then the Gross Payable Is:		
Over	But Not Over	Amount	Plus (percent)	Of the Amount Over
SINGLE TAXPAYERS (other than surviving spouses and heads of households)				
\$0	\$12,400	-----	10% of taxable income	-----
\$12,400	\$50,400	\$1,240	12%	\$12,400
\$50,400	\$105,700	\$5,800	22%	\$50,400
\$105,700	\$201,775	\$17,966	24%	\$105,700
\$201,775	\$256,225	\$41,024	32%	\$201,775
\$256,225	\$640,600	\$58,448	35%	\$256,225
\$640,600	--	\$192,979	37%	\$640,600
HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS				
\$0	\$17,700	-----	10% of taxable income	-----
\$17,700	\$67,450	\$1,770	12%	\$17,700
\$67,450	\$105,700	\$7,740	22%	\$67,450
\$105,700	\$201,750	\$16,155	24%	\$105,700
\$201,750	\$256,200	\$39,207	32%	\$201,750
\$256,200	\$640,600	\$56,631	35%	\$256,200
\$640,600	--	\$191,171	37%	\$626,350
MARRIED COUPLES FILING JOINTLY (and surviving spouses)				
\$0	\$24,800	-----	10% of taxable income	-----
\$24,800	\$100,800	\$2,480	12%	\$24,800
\$100,800	\$211,400	\$11,600	22%	\$100,800
\$211,400	\$403,550	\$35,932	24%	\$211,400
\$403,550	\$512,450	\$82,048	32%	\$403,550
\$512,450	\$768,700	\$116,896	35%	\$513,450
\$768,700	--	\$206,584	37%	\$768,700
MARRIED COUPLES FILING SEPARATELY				
\$0	\$12,400	-----	10% of taxable income	-----
\$12,400	\$50,400	\$1,240	12%	\$12,400
\$50,400	\$105,700	\$5,800	22%	\$50,400
\$105,700	\$201,775	\$17,966	24%	\$105,700
\$201,775	\$256,225	\$41,024	32%	\$201,775
\$256,225	\$384,350	\$58,448	35%	\$256,225
\$384,350	--	\$103,294	37%	\$384,350
ESTATES & TRUSTS TAX RATES				
\$0	\$3,300	-----	10% of taxable income	-----
\$3,300	\$11,700	\$330	24%	\$3,300
\$11,700	\$16,000	\$2,346	35%	\$11,700
\$16,000	--	\$3,851	37%	\$16,000

DEDUCTIONS & TAX CREDITS

Child tax credit	
Dependent (under 17)	\$2,200
Income limits	
Single	\$200,000
Married filing jointly	\$400,000
Phase-out (\$50 for every \$1,000 over threshold)	
Section 179	
Maximum deduction	\$2,560,000
Phase-out threshold	\$4,090,000
Adoption Credit	
Maximum credit	\$17,760
Amount refundable	\$5,120
Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit (monthly limitation)	
Qualified parking	\$340
Qualified highway / transit	\$340
Foreign Earned Income exclusion	
Income limitation	\$132,900

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT)	EXEMPTION	PHASE-OUT
Single	\$90,100	\$500,000
Married filing jointly	\$140,200	\$1,000,000
Married filing separately	\$70,100	\$500,000
Trust and estates	\$31,400	\$104,800

AMT RATES

Tax rate up to \$244,500	26%
Tax rate over \$244,500	28%

⁵ The kiddie tax only applies to unearned income, such as interest, dividends, capital gains, and income from trusts or custodial accounts.

⁶ The self-employed pay the full 2.9% Medicare tax, but can deduct the employer portion.

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