

2026 Advanced tax planning & support

Current as of Jan. 1, 2026



Long-term capital gains and qualified dividends tax

2025 taxpayers with taxable income in the specified ranges*

Filing status	0%	15%	20%
MFJ/SS	\$0 – \$96,700	\$96,701 – \$600,050	over \$600,050
MFS	\$0 – \$48,350	\$48,351 – \$300,000	over \$300,000
HOH	\$0 – \$64,750	\$64,751 – \$566,700	over \$566,700
Single	\$0 – \$48,350	\$48,351 – \$533,400	over \$533,400
Estates & Trusts	\$0 – \$3,250	\$3,251 – \$15,900	over \$15,900

2026 taxpayers with taxable income in the specified ranges*

Filing status	0%	15%	20%
MFJ/SS	\$0 – \$98,900	\$98,901 – \$613,700	over \$613,700
MFS	\$0 – \$49,450	\$49,451 – \$306,850	over \$306,850
HOH	\$0 – \$66,200	\$66,201 – \$579,600	over \$579,600
Single	\$0 – \$49,450	\$49,451 – \$545,500	over \$545,500
Estates & Trusts	\$0 – \$3,300	\$3,301 – \$16,250	over \$16,250

Short-term gain (profits on assets held 12 months or less) taxed at ordinary rates.

* Additional 3.8% tax imposed on the lesser of the individual's Net Investment Income or the excess of the individual's MAGI over certain thresholds (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly or surviving spouse, \$125,000 for married couples filing separately, \$200,000 for all other taxpayers)

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Education incentive limits and MAGI phaseouts

Education funding source	Filing status	Benefit limit	MAGI phaseout 2025	MAGI phaseout 2026
Coverdell Education Savings Account contributions	MFJ	Up to \$2,000 per student	\$190,001 – \$219,999	\$190,001 – \$219,999
	Others		\$95,001 – \$109,999	\$95,001 – \$109,999
Qualified Tuition Program (Section 529 Plan) contributions	All filers	Set by plan	None	None
American Opportunity Credit (first four years of higher education)	MFJ	Up to \$2,500 per student	\$160,001 – \$179,999	\$160,001 – \$179,999
	Single, HOH*		\$80,001 – \$89,999	\$80,001 – \$89,999
Lifetime Learning Credit	MFJ	Up to \$2,000 per return	\$160,001 – \$179,999	\$160,001 – \$179,999
	Single, HOH*		\$80,001 – \$89,999	\$80,001 – \$89,999
U.S. savings bond income exclusion	MFJ	Interest on redeemed bonds is tax-free	\$149,251 – \$179,249	\$152,651 – \$182,649
	Single, HOH*		\$99,501 – \$114,499	\$101,801 – \$116,799
Student loan interest deduction	MFJ	Up to \$2,500 (above the line)	\$170,001 – \$199,999	\$175,001 – \$204,999
	Single, HOH*		\$85,001 – \$99,999	\$85,001 – \$99,999

*MFS not eligible

AMT rates for individuals

AMTI threshold			
Filing status	2025	2026	AMT Rate
Single, MFJ, HOH	\$0 – \$239,100	\$0 – \$244,500	26%
	\$239,101 or more	\$244,501 or more	28%
MFS	\$0 – \$119,550	\$0 – \$122,250	26%
	\$119,551 or more	\$122,251 or more	28%

AMT exemption		
Filing status	2025	2026
Single/HOH	\$88,100	\$90,100
MFJ	\$137,000	\$140,200
MFS	\$68,500	\$70,100

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

Annual contribution limits	2025	2026
Individual	\$4,300	\$4,400
Family	\$8,550	\$8,750
Age 55 or older, add catch-up contribution	\$1,000	\$1,000

Estate, gift and GST taxes

Gift type	2025	2026
Gift tax annual exclusion	\$19,000	\$19,000
Estate and gift tax exclusion	\$13,990,000*	\$15,000,000*
GST tax exemption	\$13,990,000	\$15,000,000

Maximum estate, gift and GST tax rate: 40% in 2025 and 2026

*Plus the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount, if applicable

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Social Security

Base provisional income amounts for benefit taxation		
Filing status	Taxable up to 50%	Taxable up to 85%
MFJ	\$32,000	\$44,000
Single, HOH, MFS (lived apart)	\$25,000	\$34,000
MFS (shared residence)	N/A	\$0

FICA and Medicare tax ceiling	2025	2026
Maximum earnings before benefits are reduced	Exemption amount	Exemption amount
Under full retirement age (FRA) (lose \$1 for every \$2 over limit)	\$23,400	\$24,480
Year FRA reached – months to FRA only (lose \$1 for every \$3 over limit)	\$62,160	\$65,160
Month FRA reached and later	No limit	No limit

Maximum compensation subject to FICA	Max. taxable income	Max. taxable income
Social Security tax	\$176,100	\$184,500
Medicare tax	No limit	No limit

• 2025 & 2026 Social Security tax rate: 12.4% self-employed, 6.2% employees

• 2025 & 2026 Medicare tax rate: 2.9% self-employed, 1.45% employees. Additional 0.9% tax on earned income exceeding \$200,000 (Single/HOH); \$250,000 (MFJ); \$125,000 (MFS)

Credits and exclusions

Foreign income		
Tax category	2025	2026
Foreign earned income exclusion	\$130,000	\$132,900
Maximum foreign housing exclusion of qualified housing expenses	\$18,200 (\$39,000 – \$20,800)	\$18,606 (\$39,870 – \$21,264)

Adoption credit

	2025	2026
Credit amount/limit on exclusion amount	\$17,280	\$17,670

Adoption credit phaseout		
Phaseout begins (MAGI for all taxpayers)	\$259,191	\$265,081
Phaseout ends (MAGI for all taxpayers)	\$299,189	\$305,079

SALT deduction limit for individuals

Filing status	2025	2026
Deduction Limit (non-MFS)	\$40,000	\$40,400
Deduction Limit (MFS)	\$20,000	\$20,200
Phaseout Threshold (non-MFS)	\$500,000	\$505,000
Phaseout Threshold (MFS)	\$250,000	\$252,500

SALT deduction limit reduced by 30% of MAGI in excess of threshold amount, but not below \$10,000

Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs)

Maximum contribution	2025	2026
Pretax limit*	\$3,300	\$3,400

* Voluntary employee salary reduction for contribution to health FSAs

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Income taxes

2025 tax				
If taxable income is:	Over	But not more than	The tax is	Of the amount over
MFJ	\$0	\$23,850	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	23,850	96,950	2,385.00 + 12%	23,850
	96,950	206,700	11,157.00 + 22%	96,950
	206,700	394,600	35,302.00 + 24%	206,700
	394,600	501,050	80,398.00 + 32%	394,600
	501,050	751,600	114,462.00 + 35%	501,050
	751,600	—	202,154.50 + 37%	751,600
MFS	\$0	\$11,925	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	11,925	48,475	1,192.50 + 12%	11,925
	48,475	103,350	5,578.50 + 22%	48,475
	103,350	197,300	17,651.00 + 24%	103,350
	197,300	250,525	40,199.00 + 32%	197,300
	250,525	375,800	57,231.00 + 35%	250,525
	375,800	—	101,077.25 + 37%	375,800
Head of Household	\$0	\$17,000	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	17,000	64,850	1,700.00 + 12%	17,000
	64,850	103,350	7,442.00 + 22%	64,850
	103,350	197,300	15,912.00 + 24%	103,350
	197,300	250,500	38,460.00 + 32%	197,300
	250,500	626,350	55,484.00 + 35%	250,500
	626,350	—	187,031.50 + 37%	626,350
Single	\$0	\$11,925	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	11,925	48,475	1,192.50 + 12%	11,925
	48,475	103,350	5,578.50 + 22%	48,475
	103,350	197,300	17,651.00 + 24%	103,350
	197,300	250,525	40,199.00 + 32%	197,300
	250,525	626,350	57,231.00 + 35%	250,525
	626,350	—	188,769.75 + 37%	626,350
Estates & Trusts	\$0	\$3,150	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	3,150	11,450	315.00 + 24%	3,150
	11,450	15,650	2,307.00 + 35%	11,450
	15,650	—	3,777.00 + 37%	15,650

2026 tax				
If taxable income is:	Over	But not more than	The tax is	Of the amount over
MFJ	\$0	\$24,800	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	24,800	100,800	2,480.00 + 12%	\$24,800
	100,800	211,400	11,600.00 + 22%	100,800
	211,400	403,550	35,932.00 + 24%	211,400
	403,550	512,450	82,048.00 + 32%	403,550
	512,450	768,700	116,896.00 + 35%	512,450
	768,700	—	206,853.50 + 37%	768,700
MFS	\$0	\$12,400	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	12,400	50,400	1,240.00 + 12%	12,400
	50,400	105,700	5,800.00 + 22%	50,400
	105,700	201,775	17,966.00 + 24%	105,700
	201,775	256,225	41,024.00 + 32%	201,775
	256,225	384,350	58,448.00 + 35%	256,225
	384,350	—	103,291.75 + 37%	384,350
Head of Household	\$0	\$17,700	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	17,700	67,450	1,770.00 + 12%	17,700
	67,450	105,700	7,740.00 + 22%	67,450
	105,700	201,750	16,155.00 + 24%	105,700
	201,750	256,200	39,207.00 + 32%	201,750
	256,200	640,600	56,631.00 + 35%	256,200
	640,600	—	191,171.00 + 37%	640,600
Single	\$0	\$12,400	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	12,400	50,400	1,240.00 + 12%	12,400
	50,400	105,700	5,800.00 + 22%	50,400
	105,700	201,775	17,966.00 + 24%	105,700
	201,775	256,225	41,024.00 + 32%	201,775
	256,225	640,600	58,448.00 + 35%	256,225
	640,600	—	192,979.25 + 37%	640,600
Estates & Trusts	\$0	\$3,300	\$0.00 + 10%	\$0
	3,300	11,700	330.00 + 24%	3,300
	11,700	16,000	2,346.00 + 35%	11,700
	16,000	—	3,851.00 + 37%	16,000

Child tax credit				
	Credit	Phaseout begins at MAGI of:		
		MFJ	Single, MFS	HOH
2025	\$2,200	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
2026	\$2,200	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Kiddie tax			
	First	Next	Amounts over
2025	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$2,700
	No tax	Taxed at child's marginal rate	Taxed at parent's rate
2026	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$2,700
	No tax	Taxed at child's marginal rate	Taxed at parent's rate

Qualified business income deduction phase-in thresholds		
	Taxable income phase-in 2025	Taxable income phase-in 2026
MFJ	\$394,600 – \$494,600	\$403,500 – \$553,500
MFS	\$197,300 – \$247,300	\$201,775 – \$276,775
All others	\$197,300 – \$247,300	\$201,750 – \$276,750

For 2026, there is a minimum deduction of \$400, and taxpayers must have QBI of at least \$1,000 to qualify for the deduction.

Standard deductions			
	MFJ	MFS, Single	HOH
2025	\$31,500	\$15,750	\$23,625
2026	\$32,200	\$16,100	\$24,150

Age 65 and older or blind, add for each:

- MFJ, MFS: \$1,600 (2025); \$1,650 (2026)
- Single, HOH: \$2,000 (2025); \$2,050 (2026)

• Additional \$6,000 for age 65 and older in 2025 and 2026, begins to phase out if MAGI exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 for MFJ)