2021 quick reference

Contribution limits and tax reference



Tax-advantaged accounts

Traditional IRA

Under age 50: \$6,000 Age 50 and above: \$7,000*

Phase-out ranges for IRA contribution deductibility for individuals covered by an employer plan:

Married, filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)

\$105.000 - \$125.000 MAGI*

Married, filing separately

\$0 - \$10.000 MAGI

Single or head of household

\$66.000 - \$76.000 MAGI

Full deduction is permitted below phase-out range, scaled partial deduction is permitted within range and no deduction is permitted above range.

Taxpayers can instruct the IRS to directly deposit their tax refund into their IRA. Current contribution limits apply.

Roth IRA

Under age 50: \$6,000 Age 50 and above: \$7,000*

Phase-out ranges for Roth contribution eligibility:

Married, filing jointly \$198.000 - \$208.000 MAGI

Married, filing separately \$0 - \$10.000 MAGI

Single or head of household

\$125.000 - \$140.000 MAGI

Full contribution is permitted below phase-out range, scaled partial contribution is permitted within range and no contribution is permitted above range.

SEPIRA

- Up to the lesser of \$58,000 or 25% of eligible compensation with a \$290,000 compensation cap
- Minimum of \$600 in compensation required to participate in SEP.

SIMPLE IRA

Under age 50: \$13,500 Age 50 and above: \$16.500*

401(k), 403(b), 457§, SARSEP

Under age 50: \$19,500 **Age 50 and above:** \$26,000^{||}

Uni-k Plans

Under age 50: \$19,500 **Age 50 and above:** \$26,000"

Plus an additional 25% of income as defined by the plan, or approximately 20% of your self-employment income. Total contributions to a participant's account, not counting catch-up contributions for those age 50 and over, cannot exceed \$58,000.

Defined benefit plan

\$230,000

For a participant who separated from service before January 1, 2021, the limitation for defined benefit plans under Section 415(b)(1)(B) is computed by multiplying the participant's compensation limitation, as adjusted through 2020, by 1.0122.

Education accounts

529 college savings account

No age or income restrictions for contributions or beneficiaries.

	Annual contribution# per beneficiary	Five-year contribution made in a single year** per beneficiary
Single	\$15,000	\$75,000
Married, filing jointly	\$30,000	\$150,000

Check with your 529 plan on maximum aggregate limits.

Tax-free withdrawals for qualified higher-education expenses; for up to \$10,000 in tuition expenses at elementary or secondary public, private or parochial schools; for fees, books and supplies for a registered apprenticeship program; and for repaying up to \$10,000 in qualified education loans. The earnings portion of withdrawals used for non-qualified expenses are subject to federal income taxes plus an additional 10% tax penalty and may be subject to state income or other taxes.

Coverdell education savings account

Beneficiaries under age 18 and special-need

beneficiaries of any age: \$2,000

Phase-out ranges:

Sinale \$95,000 - \$110,000 MAGI Married, filing jointly \$190,000 - \$220,000 MAGI

^{*}Includes \$1,000 "catch-up." † Modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is found by taking adjusted gross income (AGI) and adding back certain items such as foreign income, foreign-housing deductions, student-loan deductions, IRA-contribution deductions and deductions for higher-education costs. † Includes \$3,000 "catch-up." § If the plan provides, a special "catch-up" limit may apply. || Includes \$6,500 "catch-up." # Contributions are completed gifts subject to the annual gift-tax exclusion and are removed from the contributor's federal estate. Any contributions above this amount will apply against the lifetime gift tax exemption. ** Under a special rule, contributions of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married, filing jointly) can be made in one year and prorated over a five-year period without incurring gift taxes or reducing your unified estate and gift tax credit. If the contributor's taxable estate. Any appreciation on the entire original gift is not considered part of the estate.

Federal tax brackets

Married, filing jointly (and surviving spouses)		
Taxable income	Tax rate	
\$0-\$19,900	10% of the taxable income	
\$19,900-\$81,050	\$1,990 plus 12% of the excess over \$19,900	
\$81,050-\$172,750	\$9,328 plus 22% of the excess over \$81,050	
\$172,750-\$329,850	\$29,502 plus 24% of the excess over \$172,750	
\$329,850-\$418,850	\$67,206 plus 32% of the excess over \$329,850	
\$418,850-\$628,300	\$95,686 plus 35% of the excess over \$418,850	
Over \$628,300	\$168,993.50 plus 37% of the excess over \$628,300	

Married, filing separate returns		
Taxable income	Tax rate	
\$0-\$9,950	10% of the taxable income	
\$9,950-\$40,525	\$995 plus 12% of the excess over \$9,950	
\$40,525-\$86,375	\$4,664 plus 22% of the excess over \$40,525	
\$86,375-\$164,925	\$14,751 plus 24% of the excess over \$86,375	
\$164,925-\$209,425	\$33,603 plus 32% of the excess over \$164,925	
\$209,425-\$314,150	\$47,843 plus 35% of the excess over \$209,425	
Over \$314,150	\$84,496.75 plus 37% of the excess over \$314,150	

Single (other than surviving spouses and heads of households)		
Taxable income	Tax rate	
\$0-\$9,950	10% of the taxable income	
\$9,950-\$40,525	\$995 plus 12% of the excess over \$9,950	
\$40,525-\$86,375	\$4,664 plus 22% of the excess over \$40,525	
\$86,375-\$164,925	\$14,751 plus 24% of the excess over \$86,375	
\$164,925-\$209,425	\$33,603 plus 32% of the excess over \$164,925	
\$209,425-\$523,600	\$47,843 plus 35% of the excess over \$209,425	
Over \$523,600	\$157,804.25 plus 37% of the excess over \$523,600	
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Head of household	
Taxable income	Tax rate
\$0-\$14,200	10% of the taxable income
\$14,200-\$54,200	\$1,420 plus 12% of the excess over \$14,200
\$54,200-\$86,350	\$6,220 plus 22% of the excess over \$54,200
\$86,350-\$164,900	\$13,293 plus 24% of the excess over \$86,350
\$164,900-\$209,400	\$32,145 plus 32% of the excess over \$164,900
\$209,400-\$523,600	\$46,385 plus 35% of the excess over \$209,400
Over \$523,600	\$156,355 plus 37% of the excess over \$523,600

Estates and trusts	
Taxable income	Tax rate
\$0-\$2,650	10% of the taxable income
\$2,650-\$9,550	\$265 plus 24% of the excess over \$2,650
\$9,550-\$13,050	\$1,921 plus 35% of the excess over \$9,550
Over \$13,050	\$3,146 plus 37% of the excess over \$13,050

Long-term capital gains rate			
	0%	15%	20%
Married, filing jointly	\$0-\$80,800	\$80,800-\$501,600	Over \$501,600
Married, filing separately	\$0-\$40,400	\$40,400-\$250,800	Over \$250,800
Single	\$0-\$40,400	\$40,400-\$445,850	Over \$445,850
Head of household	\$0-\$54,100	\$54,100-\$473,750	Over \$473,750
Estates and trusts	\$0-\$2,700	\$2,700-\$13,250	Over \$13,250

Gift tax exclusions	
Annual exclusion	\$15,000
Lifetime exemption	\$11.7 million

Standard deductions*	
Married, filing jointly	\$25,100
Married, filing separately	\$12,550
Single	\$12,550
Head of household	\$18,800

Source: Internal Revenue Service: *The additional standard deduction amount for the aged or the blind is \$1,350. These amounts are increased to \$1,700 if the individual is also unmarried and not a surviving spouse.

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