

Tax Facts and Figures

Business Expenses

2018 Standard Mileage Rate Per Mile	2018 Standard Deduction for Meals— High Low Method (Per Day)
Business.....54.5¢	High cost localities.....\$68
Medical and moving*.....18.0¢	All other localities.....\$57
Charitable.....14.0¢	Transportation workers.....\$63
Depreciation.....25.0¢	
Section 179 Expense Limits	Qualified Transportation Benefits (exclusion from income allowed, but no employer deduction)
Regular 179 limits.....\$1,000,000	Commuter benefits (per month)....\$260
SUV limits.....\$25,000	Parking benefits (per month).....\$260
Investment phaseout begins.....\$2,500,000	

*The moving expense deduction is available only to active duty military servicemembers pursuant to a permanent change of station (PCS) order.

2018 Retirement Plan Limits

401(k)/403(b) Deferral Limits	Roth IRA Phaseout Range
Under age 50.....\$18,500	MFJ.....\$189,000–\$199,000
Age 50 and over.....\$24,500	Single, HOH.....\$120,000–\$135,000
IRA Contribution Limits	MFS.....\$0–\$10,000
Under age 50.....\$5,500	SIMPLE Deferral Limits
Age 50 and over.....\$6,500	Under age 50.....\$12,500
IRA Deduction Phaseout Range if Covered by Employer Plan	Age 50 and over.....\$15,500
MFJ.....\$101,000–\$121,000	Qualified Retirement Plans
Single, HOH.....\$63,000–\$73,000	Profit sharing/SEP
MFS.....\$0–\$10,000	limits.....25%/55,000
Spouse not covered.....\$189,000–\$199,000	Defined benefit plan limits...\$220,000
	Compensation limits.....\$275,000

Education Tax Benefits

American Opportunity Credit	Education Savings Account (ESA)
MFJ phaseout....\$160,000–\$180,000	MFJ phaseout.....\$190,000–\$220,000
Single, HOH phaseout.....\$80,000–\$90,000	All others.....\$95,000–\$110,000
Maximum credit: \$2,500 per student	Annual contribution limit: \$2,000 per beneficiary
Up to 40% (\$1,000) may be refundable	Student Loan Interest Deduction
Lifetime Learning Credit	MFJ phaseout.....\$135,000–\$165,000*
MFJ phaseout...\$114,000–\$134,000*	Single, HOH phaseout....\$65,000–\$80,000*
Single, HOH phaseout.....\$57,000–\$67,000*	Maximum deduction: \$2,500 per return
Maximum credit: \$2,000 per return	U.S. Savings Bonds Interest Exclusion
	MFJ phaseout.....\$119,550–\$149,550*
	Single, HOH phaseout....\$79,700–\$94,700*

Qualified Tuition Plans (529 plans)

- Distributions for qualifying expenses for college students are not taxable.
- Distributions up to \$10,000 per student are now allowed for tuition expenses for a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school.

* **Note:** Phaseout ranges may change slightly when the IRS revises its 2018 inflation-adjusted amounts to follow the chained-CPI inflation rates.

2018 Tax Rates: Capital Gain and Dividend Income

If income is...	Maximum tax rate %	If asset is held...
Gain from the sale of collectibles	28%	More than 1 year
Taxable portion of gain on qualified small business stock (section 1202 exclusion)	28%	More than 5 years
Unrecaptured section 1250 gain	25%	More than 1 year
Long-term capital gain	See below	More than 1 year
Qualified dividend income	See below	More than 60 days
Taxable Income		
Single.....\$0 to \$38,600	0%	
MFJ/QW.....\$0 to 77,200		
MFS.....\$0 to \$38,600		
HOH.....\$0 to \$51,700		
Estates and trusts.....\$0 to \$2,600		
Taxable Income		
Single.....\$38,601 to \$425,800	15%	
MFJ/QW.....\$77,201 to \$479,000		
MFS.....\$38,601 to \$239,500		
HOH.....\$51,701 to \$452,400		
Estates and trusts.....\$2,601 to \$12,700		
Taxable Income		
Single.....\$425,801 and over	20%	
MFJ/QW.....\$479,001 and over		
MFS.....\$239,501 and over		
HOH.....\$452,401 and over		
Estates and trusts.....\$12,701 and over		
Short-term capital gain	37%	1 year or less
Ordinary dividend income	37%	60 days or less

Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT)

3.8% additional tax on investment income if MAGI above threshold amount

Filing status	Single, HOH	MFJ, QW	MFS
Threshold amount	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$125,000

Contact Us

There are many events that occur during the year that can affect your tax situation. Preparation of your tax return involves summarizing transactions and events that occurred during the prior year. In most situations, treatment is firmly established at the time the transaction occurs. However, negative tax effects can be avoided by proper planning. Please contact us in advance if you have questions about the tax effects of a transaction or event, including the following:

- Pension or IRA distributions.
- Significant change in income or deductions.
- Job change.
- Marriage.
- Attainment of age 59½ or 70½.
- Sale or purchase of a business.
- Sale or purchase of a residence or other real estate.
- Retirement.
- Notice from IRS or other revenue department.
- Divorce or separation.
- Self-employment.
- Charitable contributions of property in excess of \$5,000.

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