

# **2021 TAX GUIDE**

#### Ordinary Income Tax

	If Taxable income						
	ls over		But not over		The marginal tax rate is		
Married filing	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2026*
jointly and qualifying	\$0	\$0	\$19,750	\$19,900	10%	10%	10%
widow(er)s	\$19,750	\$19,900	\$80,250	\$81,050	12%	12%	15%
	\$80,250	\$81,050	\$171,050	\$172,750	22%	22%	25%
	\$171,050	\$172,750	\$326,600	\$329,850	24%	24%	28%
	\$326,600	\$329,850	\$414,700	\$418,850	32%	32%	32%
	\$414,700	\$418,850	\$622,050	\$628,300	35%	35%	35%
	\$622,050	\$628,300			37%	37%	37%
Single	\$0	\$0	\$9,875	\$9,950	10%	10%	10%
	\$9,875	\$9,950	\$40,125	\$40,525	12%	12%	15%
	\$40,125	\$40,525	\$85,525	\$86,375	22%	22%	25%
	\$85,525	\$86,375	\$163,300	\$164,925	24%	24%	28%
	\$163,300	\$164,925	\$207,350	\$209,425	32%	32%	32%
	\$207,350	\$209,425	\$518,400	\$523,600	35%	35%	35%
	\$518,400	\$523,600			37%	37%	37%

\* brackets will be indexed for inflation, rates are set to increase in 2026 with the expiration of the rate cuts in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA)

### Important Thresholds and Limits

	LIMITATION		
Туре	2020	2021	
Standard Deduction (Single/Married Filing Jointly)	\$12,400 /\$24,800	\$12,550 /\$25,100	
Additional Standard Deduction Age 65+ or Blind (Single/MFJ)	\$1,650 /\$1,300	\$1,700 /\$1,350	
Maximum elective deferral to retirement plans, e.g., 401(k), 403(b), 457 (gov't and tax-exempt employers)	\$19,500	\$19,500	
Catch-up contribution limit for $401(k)$ , $403(b)$ , and certain 457 plans (over age 50)	\$6,500	\$6,500	
Limit on annual additions to defined contribution and SEP plans	\$57,000	\$58,000	
Maximum annual compensation taken into account for contributions to retirement plans	\$285,000	\$290,000	
Health flexible spending account (FSA) maximum salary reduction contribution (FSA)	\$2,750	\$2,750	
Health savings accounts (HSA) contribution limits (individual coverage/family coverage)	\$3,550 /\$7,100	\$3,600 /\$7,200	
HSA Catch-up contribution limit (over age 55)	\$1000	\$1000	

## Tax on LT capital gains and qualified dividends\*

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	ls over		But not over		The marginal tax rate is	
Married filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,800	0%	0%
	\$80,000	\$80,800	\$496,600	\$501,600	15%	15%
	\$496,600	\$501,600			20%	20%
Single	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,400	0%	0%
	\$40,000	\$40,400	\$441,450	\$445,850	15%	15%
	\$441,450	\$445,850			20%	20%

\*TCJA did not change the long-term capital gains rates. The income brackets are adjusted for inflation each year, however based on current tax law there will be no change in the rates when other TCJA changes expire

Additional 3.8% federal net investment income (NII) tax applies to individuals on the lesser of NII or modified AGI in excess of \$200,000 (single) or \$250,000 (married/filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s).

#### Social Security

Base amount of modified AGI causing Social Security benefits to be taxable (no change from 2020)

Туре	Up to 50% Taxable	Up to 85% taxable
Married filing jointly	\$32,001 - \$44,000	>\$44,000
Single	\$25,001 - \$34,000	>\$34,000

## Maximum earnings before Social Security Benefits are reduced

Туре	2020	2021
Under full retirement age (\$1 withheld for every \$2 above limit)	\$18,240	\$18,950
Full retirement age and over	No limit*	No limit*

\*interim annual limit of \$50,520 applies for month prior to attaining full retirement age during year individual reaches full retirement age (\$1 withheld for every \$3 above limit)

#### Traditional and Roth IRAs

- Lesser of compensation or \$6,000
- Up to \$6,000 contribution can be made for nonworking spouse
- Catch-up contributions (age 50 and over): \$1,000
- Deductibility Contributions to Roth IRAs are not deductible
- Conversion eligibility There is no income restriction on eligibility for Roth IRA conversion. REMINDER: for taxpayers with non-deductible IRA contributions (form 8606) as well as traditional, SEP or SIMPLE IRA balances, pro-rata rules are applied when non-deductible IRA balances are converted.

## Additional considerations for Roth IRAs

Contribution Eligibility

	Phase Ou	ut Begins	Phase Out Ends (no longer eligible)		
Туре	2020 2021		2020	2021	
Single	\$124,000	\$125,000	\$139,000	\$140,000	
Married filing jointly	\$196,000	\$198,000	\$206,000	\$208,000	

## **Bonus Information**

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#### Child Tax Credit

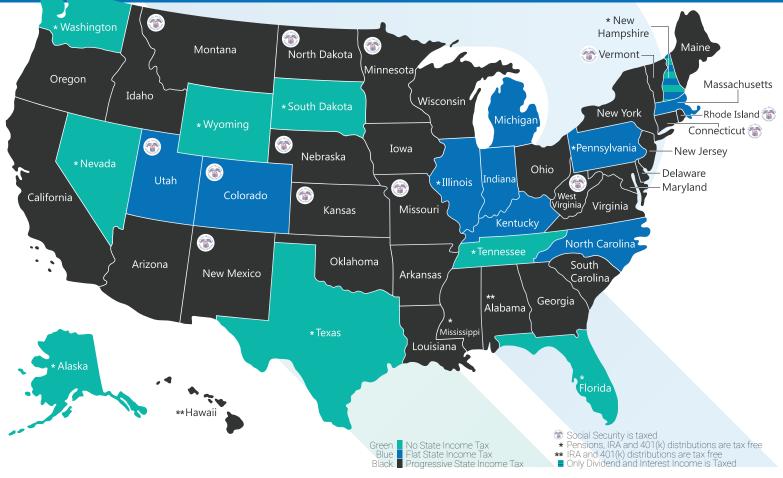
#### 2020

\$2,000 per "qualifying child" (who has not attained age 17 during the year); phased out as income exceeds \$400,000 (married/filing jointly) or \$200,000 (all other); \$1,400 per child is refundable

2021 \$2,000 per "qualifying child" (who has not attained age 18 during the year); phased out as income exceeds \$400,000 (married/filing jointly) or \$200,000 (all other). AND \$1,000 per "qualifying child" (who has not attained the age of 18 during the year) OR \$1,600 per "qualifying child" (who has not attained the age of 6 during the year) This additional credit is phased out as income exceeds \$150,000 (married/filing jointly) or \$75,000 (all other). For 2021 many taxpayers were eligible for advance payments of up to 50% of the total eligible credit. Payments began in July 2021 and are paid monthly through December 2021.

• Estate/Gift Exemptions (no change from 2020) Annual gift tax exclusion: individual, \$15,000; married electing split gifts, \$30,000. Combined lifetime gift tax and gross estate tax exemption: \$11,700,000 (exemption is portable)

# **2021 State Income Taxes**



	Tax Rate Range	Top Bracket	Standard Deduction		Tax Rate Range	Top Bracket	Standard Deduction
Alabama	2%-5%	\$6,000	\$7,500	Montana	1%-6.9%	\$18,700	\$9,580
Alaska	None			Nebraska	2.46%-6.84%	\$64,430	\$14,200
Arizona	2.59%-8%	\$500,000	\$25,100	Nevada	None		
Arkansas	2%-5.9%	\$8,000	\$4,400	New Hampshire	5.00%	\$0	None
California	1%-13.3%	\$1,198,024	\$9,202	New Jersey	1.4%-10.75%	\$1,000,000	None
Colorado	4.55%	\$0	\$25,100	New Mexico	1.7%-5.9%	\$315,000	\$25,100
Connecticut	3%-6.99%	\$1,000,000	None	New York	4%-8.82%	\$2,155,350	\$16,050
Delaware	2.2%-6.6%	\$60,000	\$6,500	North Carolina	5.25%	\$0	\$21,500
Florida	None			North Dakota	1.1%-2.9%	\$440,600	\$25,100
Georgia	1%-5.75%	\$10,000	\$6,000	Ohio	2.85%-4.797%	\$221,300	None
Hawaii	1.4%-11%	\$400,000	\$4,400	Oklahoma	0.5%-5%	\$12,200	\$12,700
Idaho	1.125%-6.925%	\$23,520	\$25,100	Oregon	4.75%-9.9%	\$250,000	\$4,630
Illinois	4.95%	\$0	None	Pennsylvania	3.07%	\$0	None
Indiana	3.23%	\$0	None	Rhode Island	3.75%-5.99%	\$150,550	\$18,100
lowa	0.33%-8.53%	\$75,420	\$5,240	South Carolina	0%-7%	\$15,400	\$25,100
Kansas	3.1%-5.7%	\$60,000	\$7,500	South Dakota	None		
Kentucky	5.00%	\$0	\$5,380	Tennessee	None		
Louisiana	2%-6%	\$100,000	None	Texas	None		
Maine	5.8%-7.15%	\$106,350	\$25,100	Utah	4.95%	\$0	\$1,506 (credit)
Maryland	2%-5.75%	\$300,000	\$4,650	Vermont	3.35%-8.75%	\$248,350	\$12,500
Massachusetts	5.00%	\$0	None	Virginia	2%-5.75%	\$17,000	\$9,000
Michigan	4.25%	\$0	None	Washington	None		
Minnesota	5.35%-9.85%	\$276,200	\$25,050	West Virginia	3%-6.5%	\$60,000	None
Mississippi	3%-5%	\$10,000	\$4,600	Wisconsin	3.54%-7.65%	\$355,910	\$20,470
MIssouri	1.5%-5.4%	\$8,584	\$25,100	Wyoming	None		
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