

# Key Tax Facts for 2021

STANDARD DEDUCTION		
Married filing jointly/surviving spouse	\$25,100	
Single	\$12,550	
Head of household	\$18,800	
Married filing separately	\$12,550	
Dependent taxpayers	\$1,100	
ADDITIONAL STANDARD DEDUCTION		
	65+ or blind	65+ and blind
Married/surviving spouse	\$1,350	\$2,700
Unmarried	\$1,700	\$3,400
ADOPTION CREDIT		
Maximum credit	\$14,400	
Phaseout range	\$216,660-\$256,660	
EDUCATION CREDITS		
American Opportunity—max. credit	\$2,500	
Phaseout threshold—joint filers	\$160,000-\$180,000	
Phaseout threshold—all other filers	\$80,000-\$90,000	
Lifetime Learning—max. credit	\$2,000	
Phaseout threshold—joint filers	\$160,000-\$180,000	
Phaseout threshold—all other filers	\$80,000-\$90,000	
EDUCATOR EXPENSE DEDUCTION		
Max. deduction	\$250	
EDUCATION SAVINGS BOND EXCLUSION		
Phaseout range—joint filers	\$124,800-\$154,800	
Phaseout range—all other filers	\$83,200-\$98,200	
STUDENT LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION		
Maximum deduction	\$2,500	
Phaseout range—joint filers	\$140,000-\$170,000	
Phaseout range—all other filers	\$70,000-\$85,000	
LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE DEDUCTION		
Age at close of year	Premiums eligible for medical expense deduction	
40 or younger	\$450	
Older than 40 but not more than 50	\$850	
Older than 50 but not more than 60	\$1,690	
Older than 60 but not more than 70	\$4,520	
Older than 70	\$5,640	
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		
	Self-only	Family
HDHP deductible	\$1,400	\$2,800
Out-of-pocket expense cap	\$7,000	\$14,000
Max. contribution	\$3,600	\$7,200
MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		
	Self-only	Family
HDHP deductible	\$2,400-\$3,600	\$4,800-\$7,150
Out-of-pocket expense cap	\$4,800	\$8,750
HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS		
Max. salary reduction contribution	\$2,750	

TRANSPORTATION FRINGE BENEFITS			
Vanpool/transit pass monthly exclusion	\$270		
Qualified parking monthly exclusion	\$270		
CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATES			
Type of return	Joint return/surviving spouse	Head of household	Single
Maximum zero rate amount	\$80,800	\$54,100	\$40,400
Maximum 15% rate amount	\$501,600	\$473,750	\$445,850
INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT DEDUCTION			
Max. deduction	\$6,000		
Catch-up contribution age 50 or older	\$1,000		
Phaseout range—joint filers	\$104,000-\$124,000		
Phaseout range—single/head of household	\$65,000-\$75,000		
Phaseout range—married filing separately	\$0-\$10,000		
Phaseout range—joint filer/active participant spouse	\$196,000-\$206,000		
ROTH IRA CONTRIBUTION			
Max. contribution	\$6,000		
Catch-up contribution age 50 or older	\$1,000		
Phaseout range—joint filers	\$198,000-\$208,000		
Phaseout range—single/head of household	\$125,000-\$140,000		
Phaseout range—married filing separately	\$0-\$10,000		
RETIREMENT SAVINGS CONTRIBUTION CREDIT			
Credit percentage	50%	20%	10%
AGI limit—joint filers	\$0-\$39,500	\$39,501-\$43,000	\$43,001-\$66,000
AGI limit—head of household	\$0-\$29,625	\$29,626-\$32,250	\$32,251-\$49,500
AGI limit—other filers	\$0-\$19,750	\$19,751-\$21,500	\$21,501-\$33,000
SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES			
Max. net taxable self-employment earnings	\$142,800		
“Nanny tax” threshold	\$2,300		
FOREIGN INCOME			
Foreign earned income exclusion	\$108,700		
ANNUAL EXCLUSION FOR GIFTS			
Gift tax exclusion	\$15,000		
Exclusion for gifts to a non-citizen spouse	\$159,000		
MILEAGE ALLOWANCES			
Standard business mileage allowance	56¢		
Medical and moving allowance	16¢		
Charitable mileage allowance	14¢		