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Individual Income Tax Planning

Adoption credit

Adoption credit	2019	2020
Maximum credit	\$14,080	\$14,300
Phaseout threshold amount	\$211,160	\$214,520
Completed phaseout amount after	\$251,160	\$254,520

Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

Maximum AMT exemption amount	2019	2020
Married filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$111,700	\$113,400
Single or head of household	\$71,700	\$72,900
Married filing separately	\$55,850	\$56,700

AMT income exemption phaseout threshold	2019	2020
Married filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$1,020,600	\$1,036,800

Single or head of household	\$510,300	\$518,400
Married filing separately	\$510,300	\$518,400

AMT tax rate (26% rate applies to AMTI at or below amount; 28% applies to AMTI above amount)	2019	2020
All taxpayers except married filing separately	\$194,800	\$197,900
Married filing separately	\$97,400	\$98,950

Charitable deductions

Use of auto	2019	2020
Deductible standard mileage rate	\$0.14	\$0.14

Charitable fundraising "insubstantial benefit" limitation	2019	2020
Low-cost article (re: unrelated business income)	\$11.10	\$11.20

Gifts to donor in return for contribution	20	019	2020
Token gift maximum cost ¹	\$	11.10	\$11.20
Minimum contribution amount ¹	\$	55.50	\$56
2% threshold amount ²	\$	111	\$112

¹ Contribution is fully deductible if minimum contribution amount is met and cost of token gift does not exceed maximum

Child tax credit

Amount of credit	2019	2020
Maximum credit per qualifying child	\$2,000	\$2,000
Nonrefundable credit for dependents who are not qualifying children	\$500	\$500

Phaseout credit reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of MAGI over:	2019	2020
Single	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married Filing Jointly	\$400,000	\$400,000
Married Filing Separately	\$200,000	\$200,000

Refundability up to specified percentage of earned income in excess of specified amount	2019	2020
Percentage	15%	15%
Amount	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maximum refundable amount of credit	\$1,400	\$1,400

 $^{^2}$ Charitable contribution is fully deductible if the benefit received by the donor doesn't exceed the lesser of the threshold amount or 2% of the amount of the contribution

Classroom expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers

Classroom expense deduction	2019	2020
Maximum above-the-line deduction	\$250	\$250

Earned income tax credit (EITC)

Investment income limit	2019	2020
Excessive investment income limit ("disqualified income limit")	\$3,600	\$3,650

Maximum amount of EITC per number of children	2019	2020
0 children	\$529	\$538
1 child	\$3,526	\$3,584
2 children	\$5,828	\$5,920
3 or more children	\$6,557	\$6,660

Maximum amount of earned income on which EITC is based (earned income over this amount but under the threshold phaseout amount will not change the amount of the credit received)	2019	2020
0 children	\$6,920	\$7,030
1 child	\$10,370	\$10,540
2 or more children	\$14,570	\$14,800

Threshold phaseout amount for joint filers per number of children	2019	2020
0 children	\$14,450	\$14,680
1 child	\$24,820	\$25,220
2 children	\$24,820	\$25,220
3 or more children	\$24,820	\$25,220

Threshold phaseout amount for other filers per number of children	2019	2020
0 children	\$8,650	\$8,790
1 child	\$19,030	\$19,330
2 children	\$19,030	\$19,330
3 or more children	\$19,030	\$19,330

Completed phaseout amount for joint filers per number of children	2019	2020
0 children	\$21,370	\$21,710
1 child	\$46,884	\$47,646
2 children	\$52,493	\$53,330
3 or more children	\$55,952	\$56,844

Completed phaseout amount for other filers per number of children	2018	2020
0 children	\$15,270	\$15,820
1 child	\$40,320	\$41,756
2 children	\$45,802	\$47,440
3 or more children	\$49,194	\$50,954

Expatriation

Covered expatriate	2019	2020
An individual with "average annual net income tax" of more than this amount for the five taxable years ending before his or her loss of citizenship is a covered expatriate for the purposes of IRC §877A(g)(1)	\$168,000	\$171,000
IRC §877A(3) exclusion amount	\$725,000	\$737,000

Foreign earned income

Amount excluded from income	2019	2020
Exclusion amount	\$105,900	\$107,600

Itemized deductions

Phaseout threshold	2019	2020
Married filing jointly	N/A	N/A
Head of household	N/A	N/A
Unmarried	N/A	N/A
Married filing separately	N/A	N/A

Kiddie tax

Unearned income limit	2019	2020
Amount exempt from tax	\$1,100	\$1,100
Additional amount taxed at child's rate	\$1,100	\$1,100
Unearned income over this amount generally taxed at parents' tax rates ¹	\$2,200	\$2,200

Parent's election	2019	2020
Election to include child's income on parent's return child's gross income requirement	I : '	\$1,100 - \$11,000

AMT	2019	2020
		Lesser of \$7,900 + child's earned income or \$72,900

¹ Taxed at parents' tax rates in 2020. In 2018 and 2019, taxed at trust and estate income tax rates (special rules apply to alternative minimum tax purposes) but retroactive election may be made to tax at parents' tax rates.

Medicare tax (additional payroll tax and unearned income contribution tax)

Payroll tax	2019	2020
Additional Medicare payroll tax (and self-employment tax) percentage rate	0.90%	0.90%

Applies to wages/self-employment income exceeding	2019	2020
Individuals	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married filing jointly	\$250,000	\$250,000
Married filing separately	\$125,000	\$125,000

Tax on unearned income	2019	2020
Unearned income Medicare contribution tax rate	3.80%	3.80%

Applies to lesser of (a) net investment income or (b) modified adjusted gross income exceeding	2019	2020
Individuals	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married filing jointly	\$250,000	\$250,000
Married filing separately	\$125,000	\$125,000

Nanny tax

Compensation threshold	2019	2020
Domestic employee coverage threshold	\$2,100	\$2,200

Personal exemption amount

Amount	2019	2020
Personal exemption amount	N/A	N/A

Married filing jointly		2020
Phaseout threshold amount	N/A	N/A
Completed phaseout amount after	N/A	N/A

Head of household		2020
Phaseout threshold amount	N/A	N/A
Completed phaseout amount after	N/A	N/A

Unmarried	2019	2020
Phaseout threshold amount	N/A	N/A
Completed phaseout amount after	N/A	N/A

Married filing separately	2019	2020
Phaseout threshold amount	N/A	N/A
Completed phaseout amount after	N/A	N/A

"Saver's Credit"

Elective Deferrals and IRA or ABLE Contributions by Certain Individuals	2019	2020
Maximum credit amount	\$1,000	\$1,000

Applicable percentage of 50% applies to AGI	2019	2020
Joint Return	\$0 - \$38,500	\$0 - \$39,000
Head of Household	\$0 - \$28,875	\$0 - \$29,250
Other	\$0 - \$19,250	\$0 - \$19,500

Applicable percentage of 20% applies to AGI	2019	2020
Joint Return	\$38,501 - \$41,500	\$39,001 - \$42,500
Head of Household	\$28,876 - \$31,125	\$29,251 - \$31,875
Other	\$19,251 - \$20,750	\$19,501 - \$21,250

Applicable percentage of 10% applies to AGI	2019	2020
Joint Return	\$41,501 - \$64,000	\$42,501 - \$65,000
Head of Household	\$31,126 - \$48,000	\$31,876 - \$48,750
Other	\$20,751 - \$32,000	\$21,251 - \$32,500

Applicable percentage of 0% applies to AGI	2019	2020
Joint Return	Over \$64,000	Over \$65,000
Head of Household	Over \$48,000	Over \$48,750
Other	Over \$32,000	Over \$32,500

Standard deductions

Amounts	2019	2020
Married filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$24,400	\$24,800
Head of household	\$18,350	\$18,650
Unmarried	\$12,200	\$12,400
Married filing separately	\$12,200	\$12,400
DependentStandard deduction cannot exceed the greater of:	\$1,100 or \$350 + earned income	\$1,100 or \$350 + earned income
Additional deduction for aged or blind (single or head of household)	\$1,650	\$1,650
Additional deduction for aged or blind (all other filing statuses)	\$1,300	\$1,300

Standard mileage rates

Applicable rates	2019	2020
Use of auto for business purposes (cents per mile)	\$0.58	\$0.575
Use of auto for medical purposes (cents per mile)	\$0.20	\$0.17
Use of auto for moving purposes (cents per mile)	\$0.20	\$0.17

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