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2018 tax planning tables



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2018 important deadlines

Last day to ...

January 16

- Pay fourth-quarter 2017 federal individual estimated income tax

January 25

- Buy in to close a short-against-the-box position (regular-way settlement) for 2017

April 1

- Take 2017 required minimum distribution (RMD) from traditional IRAs if you reached age 70½ in 2017

April 17

- File 2017 federal individual income tax return (or make payment with extension)
- Pay first-quarter 2018 federal individual estimated income tax
- Make 2017 contribution to traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or Education Savings Account (ESA)

June 15

- Pay second-quarter 2018 federal individual estimated income tax

September 17

- Pay third-quarter 2018 federal individual estimated income tax

October 15

- File 2017 federal individual income tax return subject to automatic extensions

November 30

- Double up to avoid violating the “wash sale” rule

December 31

- Sell stock or listed options to realize a gain or loss
- Take 2018 RMDs from traditional IRAs and most qualified plans if you reached age 70½ before 2018
- Complete a Roth IRA conversion
- Complete a 529 plan contribution
- Sell shares acquired through the 2018 exercise of incentive stock options (ISOs) in disqualifying disposition to limit alternative minimum tax (AMT) exposure
- Complete gifts for the current calendar year (charitable or other)

2018 income tax rate schedules*

Married taxpayer filing jointly/surviving spouse

Taxable income*		Tax		
Over	But not over	Pay	+ % on excess	Of the amount over
\$ 0	\$ 19,050	\$ 0.00	10%	\$ 0
\$ 19,050	\$ 77,400	\$ 1,905.00	12%	\$ 19,050
\$ 77,400	\$ 165,000	\$ 8,907.00	22%	\$ 77,400
\$ 165,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 28,179.00	24%	\$ 165,000
\$ 315,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 64,179.00	32%	\$ 315,000
\$ 400,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 91,379.00	35%	\$ 400,000
\$ 600,000	–	\$161,379.00	37%	\$ 600,000

Single taxpayer

Taxable income*		Tax		
Over	But not over	Pay	+ % on excess	Of the amount over
\$ 0	\$ 9,525	\$ 0	10%	\$ 0
\$ 9,525	\$ 38,700	\$ 952.50	12%	\$ 9,525
\$ 38,700	\$ 82,500	\$ 4,453.50	22%	\$ 38,700
\$ 82,500	\$ 157,500	\$ 14,089.50	24%	\$ 82,500
\$ 157,500	\$ 200,000	\$ 32,089.50	32%	\$ 157,500
\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 45,689.50	35%	\$ 200,000
\$ 500,000	–	\$ 150,689.50	37%	\$ 500,000

Head of household

Taxable income*		Tax		
Over	But not over	Pay	+ % on excess	Of the amount over
\$ 0	\$ 13,600	\$ 0	10%	\$ 0
\$ 13,600	\$ 51,800	\$ 1,360.00	12%	\$ 13,600
\$ 51,800	\$ 82,500	\$ 5,944.00	22%	\$ 51,800
\$ 82,500	\$ 157,500	\$ 12,698.00	24%	\$ 82,500
\$ 157,500	\$ 200,000	\$ 30,698.00	32%	\$ 157,500
\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 44,298.00	35%	\$ 200,000
\$ 500,000	–	\$149,298.00	37%	\$ 500,000

Married taxpayer filing separately

Taxable income*		Tax		
Over	But not over	Pay	+ % on excess	Of the amount over
\$ 0	\$ 9,525	\$ 0	10%	\$ 0
\$ 9,525	\$ 38,700	\$ 952.50	12%	\$ 9,525
\$ 38,700	\$ 82,500	\$ 4,453.50	22%	\$ 38,700
\$ 82,500	\$ 157,500	\$ 14,089.50	24%	\$ 82,500
\$ 157,500	\$ 200,000	\$ 32,089.50	32%	\$ 157,500
\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 45,689.50	35%	\$ 200,000
\$ 300,000	–	\$ 80,689.50	37%	\$ 300,000

* Taxable income is income after all deductions (including either itemized or standard deduction).

Standard deductions

Married/joint	Single	Head of household	Married/separate
\$24,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$12,000

Additional standard deductions

Married, age 65 or older or blind	\$ 1,300*
Married, age 65 or older and blind	\$ 2,600*
Single, age 65 or older or blind	\$ 1,600
Single, age 65 or older and blind	\$ 3,200

* per person

Tax credit for dependents

	Modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)	Tax credit for each child younger than age 17
Married/joint	\$0-\$400,000	\$2,000
Individual	\$0-\$200,000	\$2,000

Tax credit is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 by which the taxpayer's MAGI exceeds the maximum threshold.

Taxpayers may be eligible for an additional \$500 credit for qualifying dependents age 17 or older.

Alternative minimum tax (AMT)

Tax brackets

AMT income	Tax
Up to \$191,100*	26%
Over \$191,100	28%

* \$95,550 if married filing separately

AMT exemption

	Exemption	Phased out on excess over
Married filing joint and surviving spouse	\$109,400	\$1,000,000
Unmarried individual	\$70,300	\$500,000
Married filing separately	\$54,700	\$500,000
Estates and trusts	\$24,600	\$500,000

Capital gains and losses and dividends

	Long-term capital gain rate (longer than one year)		
	0%	15%	20%
Single	\$0–\$38,600	\$38,600– \$425,800	\$425,800 +
Married filing jointly and surviving spouse	\$0–\$77,200	\$77,200– \$479,000	\$479,000 +
Head of household	\$0–\$51,700	\$51,700– \$452,400	\$452,400 +
Married filing separately	\$0–\$38,600	\$38,600– \$239,500	\$239,500 +
Trusts and estates	\$0–\$2,600	\$2,600– \$12,700	\$12,700 +

Determine your capital gain bracket by adding your net long-term capital gains and/or qualified dividends to your other taxable income net of deductions.

For example, assume a joint filer has net taxable income of \$90,000 which includes a \$10,000 long-term capital gain. Since the gain (after adding other taxable income) falls between \$77,200 and \$479,000, the gain will be taxed at 15%.

Short-term capital gain rate (one year or less)	Taxed at ordinary income tax rate.
Dividends	Qualified dividends are taxed at the long-term capital gain rates. Nonqualified dividends are taxed at ordinary income tax rates.

Netting capital gains and losses

1. Net short-term gains and short-term losses.
2. Net long-term gains and long-term losses.
3. Net short-term against long-term.
4. Deduct up to \$3,000 of excess losses against ordinary income per year.
5. Carry over any remaining losses to future tax years.

Education planning

Education Savings Accounts (ESA)

- Maximum nondeductible contribution is \$2,000 per child, per year.
- Maximum contribution amount is lowered if a contributor's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is between:
 - \$95,000 and \$110,000 for individual filers
 - \$190,000 and \$220,000 for joint filers
- No contributions can be made if contributor's MAGI exceeds the stated limits or the beneficiary is age 18 or older.
- Interest, dividends, and capital gains grow tax-deferred and may be distributed federal-income-tax free as long as the money is used to pay qualified education expenses.

529 plans

- Earnings accumulate tax-deferred; qualified withdrawals may be federal-income-tax-free.
- State-tax incentives available in some states.
- Contributions up to \$75,000 (single) and \$150,000 (married couples) allowed in one year without a reduction in the applicable gift/estate tax exclusion (see page 11). No additional gifting in the current year or next four years without incurring potential gift tax implications.

Please consider the investment objectives, risk, charges, and expenses carefully before investing in a 529 savings plan. The official statement for a specific plan, which contains this and other information, can be obtained by calling your Financial Advisor. Read it carefully before you invest.

American Opportunity Credit

Maximum credit	\$2,500 per student for first four years of qualified expenses paid
MAGI phaseouts:	
Married filing jointly	\$160,000–\$180,000
Single filer	\$80,000–\$90,000

Lifetime Learning Credit

Maximum credit	20% of first \$10,000 (per tax return) of qualified expenses paid in 2018
MAGI phaseouts:	
Married filing jointly	\$114,000–\$134,000
Single filer	\$57,000–\$67,000

Exclusion of U.S. Savings Bond interest

MAGI phaseouts:	
Married filing jointly	\$119,300–\$149,300
Others	\$79,550–\$94,550

Bonds must be titled in name(s) of taxpayer(s) only. Owner must be age 24 or older at time of issue. Must be Series EE issued after 1989 or any Series I bonds. Proceeds must be used for qualified postsecondary education expenses of the taxpayer, spouse, or dependent.

Student loan interest deduction

Maximum deduction	\$2,500
MAGI phaseouts:	
Married filing jointly	\$135,000–\$165,000
Others	\$65,000–\$80,000

Kiddie tax

Children who have not reached the age of 19 by the end of the tax year are subject to the “kiddie tax” rules. If the child continues to be a full-time student, the rules apply until he or she turns age 24. If a child is age 18 or older and provides more than half of his or her own support, the kiddie tax rules do not apply. Unearned income of a child subject to the kiddie tax rules is taxed at trust tax rates.

* see page 12

Estimated annual college costs

	Public	Private
2018	\$22,020	\$48,170
2023	\$25,651	\$57,211
2028	\$29,882	\$67,949
2033	\$34,809	\$80,702

Total yearly costs for in-state tuition, fees, books, and room and board (transportation and miscellaneous expenses not included). Base is 2017–2018 school year. Costs for all future years projected by Wells Fargo Advisors in November 2017 assuming a 3.1% national average increase per year for public and a 3.5% national average increase per year for private.

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Retirement accounts

Pretax 401(k), 403(b), 457, Roth 401(k), or 403(b)

Employee maximum deferral contributions	Catch-up contribution (if age 50 or older)
\$18,500	\$6,000

Combined limit for Roth 401(k) or Roth 403(b) and pretax traditional 401(k) or pretax 403(b) deferral contributions is \$18,500 for those younger than 50.

Traditional and Roth IRA

Maximum contribution	Catch-up contribution (if age 50 or older)
\$5,500	\$1,000

2018 contributions must be made no later than the tax-filing deadline, regardless of tax extensions. Traditional IRA contributions cannot be made for the year the owner turns age 70½ or subsequent years.

Traditional IRA deductibility limits

If neither individual nor spouse is a participant in another plan:
\$5,500* maximum deduction

If the individual is an active participant in another plan:

Married/joint MAGI [†]	Single MAGI [†]	Deduction
Up to \$101,000	Up to \$63,000	\$5,500**
\$101,000–\$121,000	\$63,000–\$73,000	Phased out
\$121,000 and over	\$73,000 and over	\$0

* If a spouse (working or nonworking) is not covered by a retirement plan but his or her spouse is covered, the spouse who is not covered is allowed full deductibility up to \$189,000 joint MAGI, phased out at \$199,000 joint MAGI.

[†] Modified adjusted gross income

[‡] Maximum deduction is \$6,500 if age 50 or older.

Note: Phaseout for married filing separately is \$0 – \$10,000.

Roth IRA qualifications

- Contribution amount is limited if modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is between:
 - \$120,000 and \$135,000 for individual returns*
 - \$189,000 and \$199,000 for married/joint filers
 - \$0 and \$10,000 for married filing separate
- Cannot contribute if MAGI exceeds limits.
- Contributions are not deductible.
- Contributions are allowed after the age of 70½ if made from earned income.

* Includes single filers, head of household, and married filing separately if you did not live with your spouse at any time during the year.

Retirement plan limits

Maximum elective deferral to SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k) plans	\$ 12,500
Catch-up contribution for SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k) plans (if age 50 or older)	\$ 3,000
Maximum annual defined contribution plan limit	\$ 55,000
Maximum compensation for calculating qualified plan contributions	\$275,000
Maximum annual defined benefit limit	\$220,000
Threshold for highly compensated employee	\$120,000
Threshold for key employee in top-heavy plans	\$ 175,000
Maximum SEP contribution is lesser of limit or 25% of eligible income	\$ 55,000

Uniform Lifetime/Minimum Distribution Table

Age	Life Expectancy Factor	Age	Life Expectancy Factor
70	27.4	88	12.7
71	26.5	89	12.0
72	25.6	90	11.4
73	24.7	91	10.8
74	23.8	92	10.2
75	22.9	93	9.6
76	22.0	94	9.1
77	21.2	95	8.6
78	20.3	96	8.1
79	19.5	97	7.6
80	18.7	98	7.1
81	17.9	99	6.7
82	17.1	100	6.3
83	16.3	101	5.9
84	15.5	102	5.5
85	14.8	103	5.2
86	14.1	104	4.9
87	13.4	105	4.5

Social Security benefits

Earnings test

The earnings test indicates the level of earnings permissible for Social Security benefits recipients without incurring a reduction of benefits. These limits are indexed to increases in national earnings.

Worker younger than full retirement age	\$17,040
Year worker reaches full retirement age (applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age)	\$45,360
Worker at full retirement age	No limit

Maximum monthly benefit: \$2,788

This benefit is for an individual who reaches full retirement age in 2018 and earns at least the maximum wage base amount for the best 35 years.

Information provided by the Social Security Administration.

Taxation thresholds

Up to a certain percentage of an individual's Social Security benefits is subject to taxation when his or her provisional income* exceeds certain threshold amounts:

	Up to 50% taxed	Up to 85% taxed
Married/joint	\$32,000–\$44,000	More than \$44,000
Single	\$25,000–\$34,000	More than \$34,000
Married filing separately	85% taxable†	

* Provisional income generally includes modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) plus nontaxable interest and one-half of Social Security benefits.

† There is an exception to this rule if you lived apart from your spouse for the entire year. Consult your tax advisor for more information.

Social Security tax rates

Maximum wage base for Social Security	\$128,400
Employee	6.20%
Employer	6.20%
Self-employed	12.40%

Medicare tax rates

Thresholds

Single	\$200,000
Married/joint	\$250,000
Married/separate	\$125,000
Trust/estate	\$12,500

	Below threshold	Above threshold
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Tax rate on employee compensation

Compare thresholds to Medicare wages as reported on IRS Form W-2

Employee's tax rate	1.45%	2.35%*
Employer's tax rate	1.45%	1.45%

Tax rate on self-employment income

Compare threshold to net self-employment income as determined on IRS Form 1040 Schedule SE

Owner's rate	2.90%	3.80%*
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Tax rate on net investment income

Compare threshold to MAGI

Investor's tax rate	0.00%	3.80%
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* Includes the 0.9% Medicare surtax.

Health and long-term care

Long-term care deduction for medical care*

Age attained before the close of the taxable year	Limit on premiums
40 or less	\$ 420
More than 40 but not more than 50	\$ 780
More than 50 but not more than 60	\$ 1,560
More than 60 but not more than 70	\$ 4,160
More than 70	\$ 5,200

* Limitations apply based on type of taxpayer. You should consult your tax advisor regarding your situation.

Health Savings Account (HSA) limits

Maximum contribution

Single	Family
\$3,450	\$6,850

\$1,000 catch-up contribution allowed per individual age 55 or older

Minimum health insurance plan deductible

Single	Family
\$1,350	\$2,700

Maximum out-of-pocket expenses

Single	Family
\$6,650	\$13,300

Estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax

Gift tax annual exclusion

\$15,000

An individual can give up to \$15,000 per person per year to any number of beneficiaries (family or nonfamily) without paying gift tax or “using up” any available applicable exclusion amount.

Estate and gift tax—basic exclusion

\$11,180,000

Estate or gift taxes apply to the extent that your cumulative transfers (lifetime exclusion gifts plus the taxable estate at death) exceed your applicable exclusion.

Your applicable exclusion consists of your \$11,180,000 basic exclusion plus any “unused” exclusion received from a spouse who predeceased you.

Portability: The election to transfer unused exclusion to a surviving spouse is made by filing an estate tax return. The filing deadline is 9 months after death for taxable estates, or 2 years after death if a return is filed solely to elect portability. (Election is only available if the first spouse died after 12/31/2010.)

Generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax exemption

\$11,180,000

Estate, gift, and GST tax rate

40%

Applies to transfers in excess of the applicable exclusion/GST exemption.

Federal trust and estate income tax

Tax rates*

Taxable income		Tax		
More than	But not more than	Pay	+ % on excess	Of the amount more than
\$ 0	\$ 2,550	\$ 0	10%	\$ 0
\$ 2,550	\$ 9,150	\$ 255.00	24%	\$ 2,550
\$ 9,150	\$ 12,500	\$1,839.00	35%	\$ 9,150
\$ 12,500	–	\$ 3,011.50	37%	\$ 12,500

* See page 4 for corresponding capital gain and qualified dividend rates.

Corporate income tax

- Tax rate—21%
- AMT at corporate level has been eliminated.

Note: There are no special federal capital gains rates for corporations. For corporations, capital losses are deductible only against capital gains.

Wells Fargo Advisors suggested spending guidelines

Mortgage payments	Not to exceed 28% of gross (pretax) income
Combined monthly debt	Not to exceed 36% of monthly gross (pretax) income

Stay abreast of pending tax legislation and keep in touch with your Financial Advisor.

Compounding

At hypothetical rates of return

4%					
Monthly investment		5 years	10 years	20 years	30 years
\$ 50	Amount invested	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000
	Value	\$ 3,326	\$ 7,387	\$ 18,400	\$ 34,818
\$ 100	Amount invested	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 36,000
	Value	\$ 6,652	\$ 14,774	\$ 36,800	\$ 69,636
\$ 500	Amount invested	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 180,000
	Value	\$ 33,260	\$ 73,870	\$ 183,998	\$ 348,181
\$ 1,000	Amount invested	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000
	Value	\$ 66,520	\$ 147,741	\$ 367,997	\$ 696,363

6%					
Monthly investment		5 years	10 years	20 years	30 years
\$ 50	Amount invested	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000
	Value	\$ 3,506	\$ 8,235	\$ 23,218	\$ 50,477
\$ 100	Amount invested	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 36,000
	Value	\$ 7,012	\$ 16,470	\$ 46,435	\$ 100,954
\$ 500	Amount invested	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 180,000
	Value	\$ 35,059	\$ 82,349	\$ 232,176	\$ 504,769
\$ 1,000	Amount invested	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000
	Value	\$ 70,119	\$ 164,699	\$ 464,351	\$ 1,009,538

8%					
Monthly investment		5 years	10 years	20 years	30 years
\$ 50	Amount invested	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000
	Value	\$ 3,698	\$ 9,208	\$ 29,647	\$ 75,015
\$ 100	Amount invested	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 36,000
	Value	\$ 7,397	\$ 18,417	\$ 59,295	\$ 150,030
\$ 500	Amount invested	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 180,000
	Value	\$ 36,983	\$ 92,083	\$ 296,474	\$ 750,148
\$ 1,000	Amount invested	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 360,000
	Value	\$ 73,967	\$ 184,166	\$ 592,947	\$ 1,500,295

Values shown are based on investments made at the beginning of each month, compounded monthly, and do not reflect the return of any particular investment. These tables are for illustrative purposes only and do not reflect the effects of taxes or transaction costs.

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