

FASTTAXFACTS2011

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Welcome to our annual at-a-glance compilation of federal and state tax information. User-friendly tax rate schedules, facts, figures and assorted data make this time-saving section a handy companion. Keep it within arm's reach as you enter the upcoming busy season.

2011 TAX DATA SCHEDULE

	2011 Federal	2011 California		2011 Federal	2011 California
Standard Deductions			IRC Section 179 Deduction	\$500,000	\$25,000
Single	\$ 5,800	\$3,769	Sec. 179 Purchase Phaseout	\$2,000,000	\$200,000
Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse	11,600	7,538	Sec. 179 Deduction Allowed on Qualified Real Property	\$250,000	N/A
Married Filing Separately	5,800	3,769			
Head of Household	8,500	7,538	Beginning of Personal Exemption Phaseout Range—Based on Federal AGI		
Additional for Age 65 and Older or Blind—Married	1,150		Single	none	\$166,565
Additional for Age 65 and Older or Blind—Unmarried (per individual for each situation, age or blind)	1,450		Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse	none	333,134
Taxpayer Claimed as a Dependent	950	950	Married Filing Separately	none	166,565
			Head of Household	none	249,852
Personal or Dependent Exemption (Social Security Number required)	3,700		Beginning of Itemized Deduction Phaseout Range—Based on Federal AGI		
			Single	none	\$166,565
California Exemption Credits			Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse	none	323,134
Single, Married Filing Separately, Head of Household		\$ 102	Married Filing Separately	none	166,565
Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse		204	Head of Household	none	249,852
Dependent		315	Rate Reduced over federal AGI limits	N/A	6%
Blind or Age 65 and Older		102	Schedule A Medical Deduction		
Senior Head of Household Credit			Based on federal AGI	7.5%	7.5%
2% of California taxable income, maximum California AGI of \$65,153 with maximum credit of		\$1,228	Schedule A Miscellaneous Deduction		
			Based on federal AGI	2%	2%
Joint Custody Head of Household Credit and Dependent Parent Credit			Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) Rate		
Each is 30% of net tax with maximum credit of		\$401	AMTI Less Exemption up to \$175,000	26%	
			AMTI Less Exemption over \$175,000 (\$87,500 if Married Filing Separately)	28%	
Child and Dependent Care Credit			AMTI Less Exemption		7.00%
Percentage of federal credit for California AGI limits			AMT Exemption Amounts		
\$0–40,000		50%	Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse	\$74,450	\$81,673
40,001–70,000		43%	Single, Head of Household	48,450	61,256
70,001–100,000		34%	Married Filing Separately	37,225	40,836
100,001 or more		0%	Estate or Trust	22,500	40,836
California Renter's Credit			AMT Exemption Phaseout Amounts		
Married Filing Jointly, Head of Household, Surviving Spouse if AGI is below \$71,318		\$120	Married Filing Jointly, Surviving Spouse	\$150,000	\$306,276
Single or Married Filing Separately if AGI is below \$35,659		60	Single, Head of Household	112,500	229,708
			Married Filing Separately, Estate or Trust	75,000	153,137
			Self-Employed Health Insurance Premiums		
			Adjustment for AGI, percentage of total qualifying health insurance premiums	100%	100%

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2011 TAX DATA SCHEDULE

	2011 Federal	2011 California
Auto Standard Mileage Allowances		
Business	.51	.55
Charity work—general	.14	.14
Medical or moving	.19	.24

U.S. Savings Bond Interest Exclusion Phaseout Based on Modified AGI

Joint Return, Surviving Spouse	\$106,650–136,650
All Other	71,100–86,100

California SDI

Federal tax deduction*	
Annual wage limit	\$93,316
Rate	1.20%
Tax	1,119.79

*Amounts paid to a voluntary program in lieu of the state programs are not deductible, but may be a credit on California return.

2011 FEDERAL TAX RATE SCHEDULE

Taxable Income	But Not Over	Pay	+	Of The Amount Over
\$0	\$8,500	\$0	10%	\$0
8,500	34,500	850.00	15%	8,500
34,500	83,600	4,750.00	25%	34,500
83,600	174,400	17,025.00	28%	83,600
174,400	379,150	42,449.00	33%	174,400
379,150	and more	110,016.50	35%	379,150

Head of Household

\$0	\$12,150	\$0	10%	\$0
12,150	46,250	1,215.00	15%	12,150
46,250	119,400	6,330.00	25%	46,250
119,400	193,350	24,617.50	28%	119,400
193,350	379,150	45,323.50	33%	193,350
379,150	and more	106,637.50	35%	379,150

Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying widow(er)

\$0	\$17,000	\$0	10%	\$0
17,000	69,000	1,700.00	15%	17,000
69,000	139,350	9,500.00	25%	69,000
139,350	212,300	27,087.50	28%	139,350
212,300	379,150	47,513.50	33%	212,300
379,150	and more	102,574.00	35%	379,150

Married Filing Separately

\$0	\$8,500	\$0	10%	\$0
8,500	34,500	850.00	15%	8,500
34,500	69,675	4,750.00	25%	34,500
69,675	106,150	13,543.75	28%	69,675
106,150	189,575	23,756.75	33%	106,150
189,575	and more	51,287.00	35%	189,575

Estate or Nongrantor Trust

\$0	\$2,300	\$0	15%	\$0
2,300	5,450	345.00	25%	2,300
5,450	8,300	1,132.50	28%	5,450
8,300	11,350	1,930.50	33%	8,300
11,350	and more	2,937.00	35%	11,350

2011 STATE TAX RATE SCHEDULE

Single, Married Filing Separately, Fiduciary Return

\$0	\$7,316	\$0	1.00%	\$0
7,316	17,346	73.16	2.00%	7,316
17,346	27,377	273.76	4.00%	17,346
27,377	38,004	675.00	6.00%	27,377
38,004	48,029	1,312.62	8.00%	38,004
48,029	and more	2,114.62	9.30%	48,029

An additional 1% surcharge applies to taxable income in excess of \$1 million.

Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)

\$0	\$14,632	\$0	1.00%	\$0
14,632	34,692	146.32	2.00%	14,632
34,692	54,754	547.52	4.00%	34,692
54,754	76,008	1,350.00	6.00%	54,754
76,008	96,058	2,625.24	8.00%	76,008
96,058	and more	4,229.24	9.30%	96,058

An additional 1% surcharge applies to taxable income in excess of \$1 million.

Head of Household

\$0	\$14,642	\$0	1.00%	\$0
14,642	34,692	146.42	2.00%	14,642
34,692	44,721	547.42	4.00%	34,692
44,721	55,348	948.58	6.00%	44,721
55,348	65,376	1,586.20	8.00%	55,348
65,376	and more	2,388.44	9.30%	65,376

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LUXURY AUTO LIMIT

Taxpayer leasing so-called "luxury" autos needs to add back an amount to income to offset the full deduction of the lease payments.

Year	First	Second	Third	Thereafter
2011				
(Passenger Autos)	11,060	4,900	2,950	1,775
2011				
(Trucks & Vans)	11,260	5,200	3,150	1,875

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES

	2010	2011
Social Security Tax		
Maximum wage base	\$106,800	\$106,800
Social Security rate—employee	6.2%	4.2%
Social Security rate—employer	6.2%	6.2%
Social Security rate—self-employed	12.4%	10.4%
Medicare Tax		
Maximum wage base	Unlimited	Unlimited
Medicare rate—employee	1.45%	1.45%
Medicare rate—self-employed	2.9%	2.9%

Earned Income Ceilings for Social Security Benefits

Under full retirement age	\$14,160	\$14,160
Full retirement age	Unlimited	Unlimited
Monthly Medicare Part B Premium	\$110.50	\$115.40

RETIREMENT PLAN LIMITATIONS

	2010	2011
Maximum 401(k) or 403(b) Deferral	\$16,500	\$16,500
Maximum Defined Contribution Plan Contribution	49,000	49,000
Maximum Annual Benefit for Defined Benefit Plans	195,000	195,000
Annual Compensation Limit for Computing Plan Benefits	245,000	245,000
Annual Compensation Limit for the Definition of Highly Compensated Employee IRC Section 414(q)	110,000	110,000
Compensation Minimum for SEP plan	550	550
Maximum Contribution for SIMPLE plan	11,500	11,500
Catch-up Contribution for 401(k) or 403(b) for taxpayers age 50 and older	5,500	5,500
Catch-up Contribution for SIMPLE for taxpayers age 50 and older	2,500	2,500
Key Employee for Top Heavy Purposes:		
Officers Earning Over	\$160,000	\$160,000
A 5-percent Owner or a 1-percent Owner Earning Over	150,000	150,000

TRADITIONAL AND ROTH IRAs

	2010	2011
Contribution Limit	\$5,000	\$5,000
Catch-up Contribution age 50 and older	1,000	1,000

IRA Deduction Phaseout for Active Participants

Single	\$56,000–66,000	\$56,000–66,000
Married Filing Jointly	89,000–109,000	90,000–110,000
Married Filing Separately	0–10,000	0–10,000

IRA Deduction Phaseout for Spousal Contributions

Married Filing Jointly	167,000–177,000	169,000–179,000
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Roth IRA Contribution Phaseout

Single	\$105,000–120,000	107,000–122,000
Married Filing Jointly	167,000–177,000	169,000–179,000
Married Filing Separately	0–10,000	0–10,000

Roth IRA Conversion Phaseout

Single	no AGI Limit	no AGI Limit
Married Filing Jointly	no AGI Limit	no AGI Limit
Married Filing Separately	no AGI Limit	no AGI Limit

IRA & PENSION CREDIT

Tax Credit Rate applied to maximum contribution of \$2,000 Based on AGI for various pension/IRA plans

Joint Filers	Heads of Household	All Other Filers	Credit Rate
\$0–34,000	\$0–25,500	\$0–17,000	50%
34,001–36,500	25,501–27,375	17,001–18,250	20%
36,501–56,500	27,376–42,375	18,251–28,250	10%
Over 56,500	Over 42,375	Over 28,250	0%

ESTATE AND GIFT TAX

Phaseout and Repeal of Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Taxes

Calendar Year	Estate/GST tax transfer exemption	Highest estate and gift tax rate
2011	\$5 million	35%

Gift tax:

Annual Gift Limitation of \$13,000 for 2011.
Lifetime Exemption of \$5 million after Dec. 31, 2010.

EDUCATION-RELATED TAX BENEFITS

Coverdell Educational Savings Accounts

Annual Contribution Limit	\$2,000
Contribution Phaseout based on modified AGI	
Single	\$95,000–110,000
Married Filing Jointly	190,000–220,000

Student Loan Interest Deduction

Maximum interest deduction	\$2,500
Deduction phaseout based on modified AGI	
Single	\$60,000–75,000
Married Filing Jointly	120,000–150,000

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Tax Practitioner Hotlines

IRS Priority Service: (866) 860-4259
FTB: (916) 845-7057
FTB Fax: (916) 845-9300
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EDD: (888) 745-3886
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Application for Taxpayer ID Number

Federal Form SS-4: (800) 829-4933
Federal Form SS-4 Fax: (859) 669-5760
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