

Social Security wage base for 2020

The Social Security wage base will increase from \$132,900 to \$137,700 in 2020, higher than the \$137,100 projected in the April 2019 Annual Report of The Board of Trustees. (OASDI and SSI program rates & limits, 2020.)

The Medicare tax rate for 2019 remains at 1.45% of all covered earnings for employers and employees. The Additional Medicare Tax of 0.9% applies to earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing joint). While employers are required to withhold the additional 0.9% on covered wages over \$200,000, there is no employer matching contribution.

For a quick reference chart see the following page.

For the federal and state rates and limits for 2019 see our special report.

For the complete Social Security Administration fact sheet go here.

Social Security, Medicare and disability insurance contributions 2019 compared to 2020

| Description | 2019 | 2020 | Increase |
|---|---|---|-------------|
| Social Security tax rate for employees | 6.20% | 6.20% | -0- |
| Social Security tax rate for employers | 6.20% | 6.20% | -0- |
| Social Security wage base | \$132,900.00 | \$137,700.00 | \$ 4,800.00 |
| Maximum Social Security tax for employees | \$ 8,239.80 | \$ 8,537.40 | \$ 297.60 |
| Medicare tax rate for employers | 1.45% | 1.45% | -0- |
| Medicare tax rate for employees | 1.45%* | 1.45% | -0- |
| Medicare tax rate for employees on wages above \$200,000* | 2.35% (1.45% Medicare +0.9% Additional Medicare) | 2.35% (1.45% Medicare +0.9% Additional Medicare) | -0- |
| Medicare wage base | No limit | No limit | N/A |

Employers must withhold the Additional Medicare Tax of .9% of wages over \$200,000. There is no employer matching contribution.



Qualified pension plan limits for 2020

The dollar limitations for qualified retirement and certain non-qualified plans that become effective January 1, 2020, were released by the IRS in Notice 2019-59.

The dollar limitations adjusted by reference to IRC §415(d) are modified annually for inflation and consequently, most of them are changed for 2020.

Of particular note, the 2020 pretax limit that applies to elective deferrals to 401(k), 403(b) and most 457(b) plans is increased to \$19,500, up from \$19,000 in 2019. The dollar limitation for catch-up contributions for participants age 50 is \$6,500, up from \$6,000 in 2019.

Plan participants in qualified retirement plans will need to consider the impact of the 2020 dollar limitations in their overall financial planning.

A summary of some of the cost-of-living adjustments applicable to dollar limitations for qualified retirement plans and other items for 2020 is provided on the following pages.

Footnotes

Qualified retirement plan limitations (2020 vs. 2019)

| Description | 2020 limit | 2019 limit | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Participant pretax contribution limit for 401(k) and 403(b) plans | \$19,500 | \$19,000 | |
| Section 402(g)(1) | | | |
| Deferral limit for deferred compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempts | \$19,500 | \$19,000 | |
| Section 457(e)(15) | | | |
| Dollar Limitation for Catch-Up Contributions for Participants Age 50 or over in 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457 plans and SEPs | \$6,500 | \$6,000 | |
| Section 414(v)(2)(B)(i) | | | |
| Dollar Limitation for Catch-Up for Participants Age 50 or over Contributions to a SIMPLE IRA or a SIMPLE 401(k) | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | |
| Section 414(v)(2)(B)(ii) | | | |
| Defined Benefit Plan Limit ¹ | Lesser of \$230,000 | Lesser of \$225,000 | |
| Section 415(b)(1)(A) | or 100% of the participant's 3-year high compensation | or 100% of the participant's 3-year high compensation | |
| Defined Contribution Plan Limit | Lesser of \$57,000 or | Lesser of \$56,000 or | |
| Section 415(c)(1)(A) | 100% of participant's compensation | 100% of participant's compensation | |
| Maximum ESOP account balance subject to a 5-year distribution period/increments for additional year | \$1,150,000/\$230,000 | \$1,130,000/\$225,000 | |
| Section 409(o)(1)(C)(ii) | | | |
| Highly Compensated Employee dollar threshold | \$130,000 | \$125,000 | |
| Section 414(q)(1)(B) | | | |
| Definition of Key Employee in a Top-Heavy Plan – officer compensation threshold | \$185,000 | \$180,000 | |
| Section 416(i)(1)(A)(i) | | | |
| Annual limit on includible compensation for benefits and allocations ² | \$285,000 | \$280,000 | |
| Sections 401(a)(17), 404(l), 408(k)(3)(C) and 408(k)(6)(D)(ii) | | | |
| SEP employee participation floor | \$600 | \$600 | |
| Section 408(k)(2)(C) | | | |
| Simple Retirement Accounts contribution limit | \$13,500 | \$13,000 | |
| Section 408(p)(2)(E) | | | |
| Compensation amount of control employees for fringe benefit valuation purposes | \$115,000/\$230,000 | \$110,000/\$225,000 | |
| Treas. Reg. Section 1.61-21(f)(5)(i) and (iii) | | | |

¹ For a participant who separated from service before January 1, 2020, the participant's limitation under a defined benefit plan under IRC §415(b)(1)(B) is computed by multiplying the participant's compensation limitation, as adjusted through 2019, by 1.0176.

² For eligible participants in certain governmental plans that allow cost-of-living adjustments to the compensation limit to be taken into account, such limit is increased to \$425,000 for 2019, up from \$415,000 in 2019

Health Savings Account limits for 2019 and 2020

Health Savings Accounts limits for 2019 and 2020

In Rev. Proc. 2019-25, the IRS announced the 2020 inflation adjustments that will apply to Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) under IRC §223 effective for calendar year 2020.

| Health Savings Account limit type | 2019 | 2020 | | | |
|--|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Contribution* | | | | | |
| Self (IRC §223(b)(2)(A)) | \$3,500 | \$3,550 | | | |
| Family (IRC §223(b)(2)(B)) | \$7,000 | \$7,100 | | | |
| Out-of-pocket | | | | | |
| Self (IRC §223(c)(2)(A)) | \$6,750 | \$6,900 | | | |
| Family (IRC §223(c)(2)(A)) | \$13,500 | \$13,800 | | | |
| Deductible (high-deductible health plan) | | | | | |
| Self (IRC §223(c)(2)(A)) | \$1,350 | \$1,400 | | | |
| Family (IRC §223(c)(2)(A)) | \$2,700 | \$2,800 | | | |

^{*} Additional contribution of \$1,000 is permitted for individuals age 55 and older. Those enrolled in Medicare are not eligible to participate.

Form W-2 reporting reminder

Employer contributions and employee pre-tax contributions to an HSA are required to be reported on Form W-2, box 12, Code W. Employer and employee pretax contributions, that when combined exceed the annual calendar year limit, are required to be treated as taxable wages and reported in Form W-2, boxes 1, 3 (up to the Social Security limit) and 5. (2019 Form W-2 instructions, page 10.)



It's time to review HSA and other employee health spending account benefits

HRA- and HSA-eligible health plans constitute what are called "consumer-driven" health plans (CDHPs) because they give employees the choice of electing health plan options that best meet their projected out-of-pocket medical expenses. CDHPs also raise payroll challenges because the rules governing each of these medical reimbursement account options (FSA, HRA, HSA and MSA) are unique in terms of their tax treatment and reporting.

How companies name their health plans may not clearly communicate the type of medical reimbursement vehicle that applies, causing time-consuming and potentially costly errors in payroll system configurations.

To avoid year-end reporting complications, now is a good time to review employee elections and how they are being handled in your payroll system.

2020 inflation adjustments for fringe benefits and Form W-2 penalties



In Revenue Procedure 2019-44, the IRS announced the inflation adjustments that will apply to various fringe benefits in 2020.

Medical Savings Account (MSA) limits go up in 2020

Summarized below are the 2020 limits that apply to MSAs under IRC § 220(c)(2)(A).

| Provision | Self-only coverage | Family coverage |
|---|--|---|
| High-deductible health plan: annual deductible | Not less than \$2,350 (unchanged from 2019) and not more than \$3,550 (up from \$3,500 in 2019) | Not less than \$4,750 (up from \$4,650 in 2019) and not more than \$7,100 (up from \$7,000 in 2019) |
| Annual out-of-pocket (other than for premiums) | Not to exceed \$4,750 (up from \$4,650 in 2019) | Not to exceed \$8,650 (up from \$8,550 in 2019) |

Adoption assistance limit goes up in 2020

The limit on qualified adoption assistance (including special-needs children) under IRC §23(a)(3) for 2019 is \$14,300, up from \$14,080 in 2019.

For 2020, the amount excludable from an employee's gross income begins to phase out under IRC \S 137(b)(2)(A) for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$214,520 and is completely phased out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of \$254,520 or more.

Health flexible spending account (FSA) limit goes up in 2020

The 2020 annual limit on the amount of pretax contributions employees can make toward their health flexible spending account through a cafeteria plan under IRC $\S125(i)$ is $\S2,750$, up from $\S2,700$ in 2019.

Transportation fringe benefits (parking and transit) increase in 2020

The 2020 monthly limit on parking benefits under IRC $\S132(f)(2)(B)$ is \$270, up from \$265 in 2019.

The 2020 aggregate monthly limit for transportation in a commuter highway vehicle and any transit pass under IRC $\S132(f)(2)(A)$ is also \$270, an increase from \$265 in 2019.

Foreign earned income exclusion for 2020

For taxable years beginning in 2020, the foreign earned income exclusion amount under § 911(b)(2)(D)(i) is \$107,600.

Reporting penalties for Forms W-2/1099 increase in 2021

The penalties that apply to late of incorrect Forms W-2 are indexed each year for inflation. Following are the penalties that apply to late or incorrect Forms W-2 required to be furnished to employees and/or filed with the Social Security Administration in 2021.

| §6721 Failure to timely file an accurate information return with IRS (for returns required to be filed in 2021) | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Filed/corrected | | | | | | |
| On or after | On or before | Penalty | Maximum | Maximum small employer | | |
| 1/1 | 1/31 | \$0 | N/A | N/A | | |
| 2/1 | 2/28 | \$50 | \$565,000 | \$197,500 | | |
| 3/1 | 8/1 | \$110 | \$1,696,000 | \$565,000 | | |
| 8/1 | | \$280 | \$3,392,000 | \$1,130,500 | | |
| | Intentional disregard | \$560 | No limit | No limit | | |

| §6722 Failure to timely furnish an accurate employee statement (for returns required to be filed in 2021) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Filed/corrected | | | | | | | | |
| On or after On or before Penalty Maximum Maximum small employer | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1 | 1/31 | \$0 | N/A | N/A | | | | |
| 2/1 | 2/28 | \$50 | \$565,000 | \$197,500 | | | | |
| 3/1 | 8/1 | \$110 | \$1,696,000 | \$565,000 | | | | |
| 8/1 | | \$280 | \$3,392,000 | \$1,130,500 | | | | |
| | Intentional disregard | \$560 | No limit | No limit | | | | |

Federal mileage rates and luxury vehicle limit for 2020



Effective January 1, 2020, the business standard mileage rate for use of a car (including vans, pickup trucks and panel trucks) decreases from \$0.580 to \$0.575 and the rate for medical and relocation mileage decreases from \$0.20 to \$0.17. Mileage related to charity is set by law and remains at \$0.14 per mile. (*Notice* 2020-05.)

It is important to note that under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. Taxpayers also cannot claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred after December 31, 2017, except members of the Armed Forces on active duty moving under orders to a permanent change of station.

Note that the business standard mileage rate may not be used (1) after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS), (2) after claiming the IRC §179 deduction for that vehicle, (3) after claiming depreciation using a method other than straight-line for the estimated useful life, or (4) to compute the deductible expenses for more than four vehicles used simultaneously. (Rev. Proc. 2010-51, IRB 883.)

For the rates and limits applicable in 2019 see our special report.

Luxury vehicle limitation for 2020

Pursuant to the vehicle valuation limit that applies to use of the optional fleet-average and vehicle cents-per-mile valuation methods, the maximum fair market value of the vehicle (including trucks and vans) first made available to employees in calendar year 2020 is \$50,400, unchanged from 2019.

Summary of mileage rates – 2019 compared to 2020

| Type of mileage | Effective January 1, 2019 | Effective January 1, 2020 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Business standard | \$0.580 | \$0.575 |
| Charity | \$0.140 | \$0.140 |
| Relocation and medical | \$0.200 | \$0.170 |

Per diem rates under high-low substantiation method for 2020

In Notice 2019-55, the IRS released the per diem reimbursement rates that will apply effective October 1, 2019 (or, optionally, January 1, 2020). The per diem reimbursement rate for high-cost areas increases from \$287 to \$297 and from \$195 to \$200 for low-cost areas. There were also numerous changes to the areas that qualify as high-cost.

| Description | High-cost area | Low-cost area |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lodging, meals and incidentals | \$297 (was \$287) | \$200 (was \$195) |
| Lodging only | \$226 (was \$216) | \$140 (was \$135) |
| Meals and incidentals only | \$71 (no change) | \$60 (no change) |
| Incidental expenses only | \$5 (no change) | \$5 (no change) |

The special M&IE rates for taxpayers in the transportation industry remain unchanged from last year at \$66 for any locality of travel in the continental United States (CONUS) and \$71 for any locality of travel outside the continental United States (OCONUS). (See Rev. Proc. 2011-47.)

Note that transportation between places of lodging or business and places where meals are taken, and the mailing cost of filing travel vouchers and paying employer-sponsored charge card billings, are no longer included in incidental expenses.

The per diem rates for each locality of travel in the continental United States (CONUS) can be found at www.gsa.gov. Per diem rates for travel outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) are available on the U.S. Department of Defense website. Foreign per diem rates can be found on the U.S. Department of State website.



High-cost localities of travel under the high-low substantiation method (effective October 1, 2019)

| Key | County/other defined location |
|---|--|
| Arizona | |
| Sedona | City limits of Sedona |
| California | |
| Mill Valley/San Rafael/Novato (Oct. 1-Oct. 31 and June 1-Sept. 30) | Marin |
| Monterey (July 1-Aug. 31) | Monterey |
| Napa (Oct. 1-Nov. 30 and April 1-Sept. 30) | Napa |
| Oakland | Alameda |
| San Francisco | San Francisco |
| San Mateo/Foster City/Belmont | San Mateo |
| Santa Barbara (July 1-Aug. 31) | Santa Barbara |
| Santa Monica | City limits of Santa Monica |
| Sunnyvale/Palo Alto/San Jose | Santa Clara |
| Colorado | |
| Aspen (Oct. 1-March 31 and June 1-Sept. 30) | Pitkin |
| Crested Butte/Gunnison (Dec. 1-March 31) | Gunnison |
| Denver/Aurora (Oct. 1-Oct. 31) | Denver, Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson |
| Grand Lake (Dec. 1-March 31) | Grand |
| Silverthorne/Breckenridge (Dec. 1-March 31) | Summit |
| Telluride | San Miguel |
| Vail | Eagle |
| Delaware | |
| Lewes (July 1-Aug. 31) | Sussex |
| District of Columbia | |
| Washington, DC (Oct. 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Sept. 30) | Also the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax and the counties of Arlington and Fairfax in Virginia; the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's in Maryland (see also Maryland and Virginia) |

Per diem rates under high-low substantiation method for 2020

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| Key | County/other defined location |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Florida | |
| Boca Raton/Delray Beach/Jupiter (Dec. 1-April 30) | Palm Beach and Hendry |
| Fort Lauderdale (Jan. 1-April 30) | Broward |
| Fort Myers (Feb. 1-March 31) | Lee |
| Fort Walton Beach/DeFuniak Springs (June 1-July 31) | Okaloosa and Walton |
| Key West (Oct. 1-July 31) | Monroe |
| Miami (Dec. 1-March 31) | Miami-Dade |
| Naples (Feb. 1-April 30) | Collier |
| Vero Beach (Dec. 1-April 30) | Indian River |
| Georgia | |
| Jekyll Island/Brunswick (June 1-July 31) | Glynn |
| Illinois | |
| Chicago (Oct. 1-Nov. 30 and April 1-Sept. 30) | Cook and Lake |
| Maine | |
| Bar Harbor/Rockport (July 1-Aug. 31) | Hancock and Knox |
| Maryland | |
| Ocean City (July 1-Aug. 31) | Worcester |
| Washington, DC, metro area (Oct. 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Sept. 30) | Montgomery and Prince George's |
| Massachusetts | |
| Boston/Cambridge (Oct. 1-Nov. 30 and March 1-Sept. 30) | Suffolk, city of Cambridge |
| Falmouth (July 1-Aug. 31) | City limits of Falmouth |
| Hyannis (July 1-Aug. 31) | Barnstable less the city of Falmouth |
| Martha's Vineyard (June 1-Sept. 30) | Dukes |
| Nantucket (June 1-Sept. 30) | Nantucket |
| Michigan | |
| Petoskey (July 1-Aug. 31) | Emmet |
| Traverse City (July 1-Aug. 31) | Grand Traverse |
| Montana | |
| Big Sky/West Yellowstone/Gardiner (June 1-Sept. 30) | Gallatin and Park |

| Key County/other defined location New Mexico Carlsbad Eddy New York Lake Placid (July 1-Aug. 31) New York City (Oct. 1-Dec. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Oregon County/other defined location Eddy Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond |
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| Carlsbad Eddy New York Lake Placid (July 1-Aug. 31) New York City (Oct. 1-Dec. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Eddy Essex Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond |
| New York Lake Placid Essex (July 1-Aug. 31) New York City Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond |
| Lake Placid (July 1-Aug. 31) New York City (Oct. 1-Dec. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Essex Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond |
| (July 1-Aug. 31) New York City (Oct. 1-Dec. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond |
| (Oct. 1-Dec. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Richmond |
| Oregon |
| |
| Portland Multnomah (Oct. 1-Oct. 31 and June 1-Sept. 30) |
| Seaside Clatsop (July 1-Aug. 31) |
| Pennsylvania |
| Hershey (June 1-Aug.31) |
| Philadelphia (Oct. 1-Nov. 30 and April 1-Sept. 30) |
| Rhode Island |
| Jamestown, Middletown and Newport (June 1-Aug. 31) |
| South Carolina |
| Charleston Charleston, Berkeley and (Oct. 1-Oct. 31 and March 1-Sept. 30) Dorchester |
| Tennessee |
| Nashville Davidson |
| Texas |
| Midland/Odessa Midland, Andrews, Ector and Martin |
| Pecos Reeves |
| Utah |
| Park City Summit (Dec. 1-March 31) |
| Virginia |
| Wallops Island Accomack (July 1-Aug. 31) |
| Washington, DC, metro area (Oct. 1-June 30 and Sept. 1-Sept. 30) Arlington and Fairfax |
| Washington |
| Seattle King |
| Vancouver Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania |
| (Oct. 1-Oct. 31 and June 1-Sept. 30) |
| Wyoming Cody. |
| Cody Park (June 1-Sept. 30) |
| Jackson/Pinedale (June 1-Sept. 30) Teton and Sublette |

2019 FUTA credit reduction

According to the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), the Virgin Islands continues to have a federal unemployment tax (FUTA) credit reduction for calendar year 2019. Virgin Islands employers will pay FUTA taxes for calendar year 2019 at a net rate of 3.3%, composed of a FUTA credit reduction rate of 2.7% and the 0.6% minimum FUTA rate. (U.S. Department of Labor website.)

Employers in the Virgin Islands will pay their FUTA taxes for calendar year 2019 at a higher FUTA tax rate than employers in other jurisdictions because it failed to repay its outstanding federal UI loans by November 10, 2019. These additional FUTA taxes are used to pay down Virgin Islands' federal unemployment insurance loan balance.

The increased 2019 FUTA taxes are due from Virgin Islands employers with their fourth guarter 2019 FUTA tax deposit, due January 31, 2020.

Virgin Islands again receives waiver of the BCR for 2019

As we reported, the Virgin Islands again requested a waiver of the benefit cost ratio (BCR) for 2019, which was approved by the USDOL, removing an additional potential credit reduction of 1.2%. Had the request not been approved, Virgin Islands employers would have paid 2019 FUTA taxes at a rate of 4.5%. (See EY Payroll Newsflash Vol. 20, #138, 9-9-2019, for more details.)

Background

The Social Security Act requires a reduction in the FUTA tax credit when a jurisdiction has an outstanding federal unemployment insurance loan balance on January 1 of the second consecutive year. The reduction in the FUTA tax credit is 0.3% for the first year and an additional 0.3% (or more) for each succeeding year until the loan is repaid.

Federal law discourages states from carrying their federal unemployment insurance loan balances over several years by further reducing the FUTA credit beginning in the fifth year of the loan. This add-on to the FUTA credit reduction is referred to as the BCR.

The BCR was triggered on again in 2019 for the Virgin Islands, which began borrowing in 2009 and still had a federal unemployment insurance loan balance as of January 1, 2019.

The BCR penalty may be waived if the jurisdiction's governor submits an application to the U.S. Secretary of Labor no later than July 1 of the penalty year and the jurisdiction takes no action (legislative, judicial or administrative) during the 12-month period ending September 30 that would reduce unemployment insurance trust fund solvency during that same time period.

Should the BCR add-on be waived, as is normally the case if the conditions are met, another penalty, referred to as the 2.7 add-on, can apply if the jurisdiction's average unemployment insurance tax rate is inadequate. The 2.7 addon penalty rate cannot be avoided or waived once activated.

As of November 12, 2019, the USDOL shows the Virgin Islands' outstanding UI loan balance was \$63,304,933.

The 2019 FUTA credit reduction, which applies only to the Virgin Islands, is shown below.

2019 FUTA credit reduction

| State | First year of loan | 2018 FUTA credit reduction | Net 2018 FUTA rate | 2019 FUTA credit reduction | 2019 BCR add-on ¹ | 2019 net FUTA rate | 2019 FUTA cost in excess of the standard \$42 per employee |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Virgin Islands | 2009 | 2.4% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 0.0% | 3.3% | \$189 |

¹ BCR courtesy of the U.S. Department of USDOL. The 2.7 add-on could in certain cases apply if the BCR add-on is waived; however, the USDOL indicated that this will not be the case for 2019.

State unemployment insurance taxable wage bases for 2018-2020



State unemployment insurance (SUI) trust funds are largely financed by employer contributions (except in Alaska, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where employees also make contributions). States are required to maintain a SUI wage base of no less than the limit set under the Federal Unemployment Insurance Act (FUTA). The 2020 FUTA wage base of \$7,000 has remained unchanged since 1983, despite increases in the federal minimum wage and annual cost-of-living adjustments over the last 36 years.

Some states are conservative in their approach to maintaining adequate SUI trust fund reserves. Consequently, the SUI wage base is flexible, meaning it is indexed to the average wage or varies based on the SUI trust fund balance. According to the United Stated Department of Labor (DOL), 23 states and the Virgin Islands had a flexible wage base in 2019. Conversely, in 2019, the wage base was fixed in 27 states and Puerto Rico. (DOL, Comparison of State Unemployment Laws, 2019.)

The strain on SUI trust fund reserves of the financial markets collapse in 2009 sparked numerous state wage base changes. As a result, only three jurisdictions continue to have a fixed wage base of \$7,000 (Arizona, California and Puerto Rico, though Puerto Rico passed legislation that allows the taxable wage base to increase to as much as \$10,500 at the Secretary's discretion), compared to seven in 2010 (although in Louisiana and Tennessee the taxable wage base can decrease to \$7,000 when the trust fund reaches a certain level, and in Florida the taxable wage base reverted to \$7,000 beginning in 2015).

Preliminary list of 2020 state unemployment taxable wage bases

Following is a preliminary list of the 2020 state unemployment insurance (SUI) taxable wage bases (as compared to 2019) and employee SUI withholding rates, if applicable. Wage bases shown in bold changed from the prior year.

State unemployment taxable wage bases for 2018-2020

| State | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2020 employee contribution rates |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Alabama | 8,000* | 8,000* | 8,000* | |
| Alaska | 41,500 | 39,900 | 39,500 | Employee SUI withholding rate is 0.5% on wages up to \$41,500 |
| Arizona | 7,000* | 7,000* | 7,000* | |
| Arkansas** | 7,000 | 10,000 | 10,000* | |
| California | 7,000* | 7,000* | 7,000* | |
| Colorado | 13,600 | 13,100 | 12,600 | |
| Connecticut | 15,000* | 15,000* | 15,000* | |
| Delaware** | 16,500 | 16,500 | 16,500 | |
| District of Columbia | 9,000* | 9,000* | 9,000* | |
| Florida | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Georgia | 9,500* | 9,500* | 9,500* | |
| Hawaii | 48,100 | 46,800 | 45,900 | |
| Idaho | 41,600 | 40,000 | 38,200 | |
| Illinois | 12,740 | 12,960 | 12,960* | |

| State | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2020 employee contribution rates |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Indiana | 9,500* | 9,500* | 9,500* | |
| lowa | 31,600 | 30,600 | 29,900 | |
| Kansas | 14,000* | 14,000* | 14,000* | |
| Kentucky** | 10,800 | 10,500 | 10,200 | |
| Louisiana | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,700 | |
| Maine | 12,000* | 12,000* | 12,000* | |
| Maryland | 8,500* | 8,500* | 8,500* | |
| Massachusetts | 15,000* | 15,000* | 15,000* | |
| Michigan** | 9,000 | 9,000 | \$9,500 | |
| Minnesota | 35,000 | 34,000 | 32,000 | |
| Mississippi | 14,000* | 14,000* | 14,000* | |
| Missouri | 11,500 | 12,000 | 12,500 | |
| Montana | 34,100 | 33,000 | 32,000 | |
| Nebraska** | 9,000/ 24,000 * | 9,000* | 9,000* | |
| Nevada | 32,500 | 31,200 | 30,500 | |
| New Hampshire | 14,000* | 14,000* | 14,000* | |
| New Jersey** | 35,300 | 34,400 | 33,700 | Employee SUI withholding rate is 0.425% on wages up to \$35,300 |
| New Mexico | 25,800 | 24,800 | 24,200 | |
| New York** | 11,600 | 11,400 | 11,100 | |
| North Carolina | 25,200 | 24,300 | 23,500 | |
| North Dakota | 37,900 | 36,400 | 35,500 | |
| Ohio** | 9,000* | 9,500 | 9,500* | |
| Oklahoma | 18,700 | 18,100 | 17,600 | |
| Oregon | 42,100 | 40,600 | 39,300 | |
| Pennsylvania | 10,000* | 10,000* | 10,000* | Employee SUI withholding 0.06% on total wages |
| Puerto Rico** | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Rhode Island** | 24,000/25,500 | 23,600/25,100 | 23,000/24,500 | |
| South Carolina | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 | |
| South Dakota | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | |
| Tennessee** | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Texas | 9,000* | 9,000* | 9,000* | |
| Utah | 36,600 | 35,300 | 34,300 | |
| Vermont | 16,100 | 15,600 | 17,600 | |
| Virginia | 8,000* | 8,000* | 8,000* | |
| Virgin Islands | \$28,900 | 26,500 | 24,200 | |



State unemployment taxable wage bases for 2018-2020

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| State | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2020 employee contribution rates |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Washington | 52,700 | 49,800 | 47,300 | |
| West Virginia | 12,000* | 12,000* | 12,000* | |
| Wisconsin | 14,000* | 14,000* | 14,000* | |
| Wyoming | 26,400 | 25,400 | 24,700 | |
| FUTA | 7,000* | 7,000* | 7,000* | |

Legend

- * Law sets the taxable wage base; legislation would be necessary to change.
- ** See footnote below.

Arkansas. 2019 legislation (SB 298/Act 512) year changes the way that Arkansas determines the SUI wage base starting with tax years after 2019. The SUI wage base, set by law at \$10,000 for 2018-2019, will now be determined each year by the average seasonally unadjusted UI benefit rate for the preceding fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Depending on the UI benefit rate, the SUI wage base could range from \$7,000 to \$10,000. In addition, during times when the UI trust fund balance falls below a specified level, the SUI wage base could increase to \$11,000 or \$12,000. UI benefit conditions are so favorable that the 2020 SUI taxable wage base will drop to \$7,000, down from \$10,000 for 2019.

Delaware. 2013 legislation (HB 168) increased the SUI taxable wage base to a minimum of \$10,500 and a maximum of \$18,500 by tying the wage limit to the balance of the state's unemployment trust fund-the higher the trust fund balance, the lower the taxable wage base. 2019 legislation (HB 198) freezes the taxable wage base at \$16,500 for 2020 (under the bill language from July 1, 2019 to October 29, 2020) so the Division of Unemployment Insurance and the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council may determine whether the formula used to calculate the annual figure should be revised.

Kentucky. The taxable wage base was expected to continue to increase by \$300 each calendar vear until it reaches \$12,000 in 2022; however. the taxable wage base for 2017-2018 remained at \$10,200 because the UI trust fund balance exceeded \$200 million as of the prior September 30. The SUI taxable wage base increased to \$10,500 for 2019 and to \$10,800 for 2020.

Michigan, 2015 SB 500 set the taxable wage base to \$9,000 for any calendar year that the UI trust fund balance exceeds \$2.5 billion as of the previous June 30 (\$9,500 for delinquent employers). Based on a UI trust fund balance of \$4,626,453,952 as of June 30, 2019, the SUI taxable wage base should continue to be \$9,000 for calendar year 2020 for nondelinquent employers, although the Michigan UI agency has not yet announced the taxable wage base for 2020.

Nebraska. 2019 legislation (LB 428) increases the SUI taxable wage base to \$24,000 for employers assigned the maximum rate (5.4% for calendar year 2019). This change is effective for calendar year 2020. The taxable wage base remains \$9,000 for all other employers.

New Jersey. Employee rate includes the Workforce Development/Supplemental Workforce Funds surcharge.

New York. The taxable wage base will continue to increase as follows: 2021 - \$11,800; 2022 -\$12,000; 2023 - \$12,300; 2024 - \$12,500; 2025 - \$12,800; 2026 - \$13,000; for each year thereafter, computed as 16% of the state's average annual wage.

Ohio. 2016 legislation (SB 235) increased the SUI taxable wage base to \$9,500 for calendar years 2018-2019. The taxable wage base reverts to \$9,000 effective January 1, 2020 (unless changed by future legislation).

Puerto Rico. 2017 legislation grants the territory's Secretary of Labor the discretion to increase the taxable wage base to as much as \$10,500 if deemed necessary.

Rhode Island. Negative-balanced employers assigned the maximum tax rate will have a taxable wage base that is \$1,500 higher than other employers (e.g., because the 2020 taxable wage base is \$24,000, these negative-balanced employers will pay taxes on the first \$25,500 in wages).

Tennessee. Under Tennessee UI law, if the UI trust fund balance on December 31 of any year is less than \$900 million, the taxable wage base is \$9,000. If the trust fund balance is above \$900 million, but less than \$1 billion on December 31, the taxable wage base is \$8,000. If the trust fund balance is over \$1 billion on December 31, the taxable wage base is \$7,000. The Tennessee UI trust fund balance as of November 30, 2019, was \$1,278,357,436. If the balance remains above \$1 billion as of December 31, 2019, the 2020 taxable wage base will remain \$7,000.

2020 state disability and paid family leave insurance wage base and rates

Six jurisdictions - California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island - operate state disability insurance (SDI) programs. Another nine jurisdictions - California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington - are now operating, or will soon be operating, paid family and medical leave (PFML) insurance programs.

Depending on the jurisdiction, the employee may pay all contributions to the SDI and/or PFML program through wage withholding, or the employer and the employee may share the cost of the insurance coverage. Most states allow employers to use a private insurance company or self-insured plan in lieu if paying into the state insurance fund(s).

The following chart shows the state SDI and PFML rates and taxable wage limits for 2020 based on information currently available.

Changes or additions from 2019 are highlighted in yellow.

| State disability and paid family medical leave insurance Tax year 2020 | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| State/jurisdiction | Employee contribution | Employer contribution | Taxable wage limit if applicable (1) | | | | |
| California | | | | | | | |
| Disability | 1.0% | None | \$122,909 | | | | |
| Paid family medical leave | Included in disability | N/A | Included in disability | | | | |
| Connecticut | | | | | | | |
| Disability | None | None | None | | | | |
| Paid family medical leave | 0.5% (effective January 1, 2021) | None | Social Security wage limit | | | | |
| District of Columbia | | | | | | | |
| Disability | None | None | None | | | | |
| Paid family medical leave | None | 0.62% | None, payroll tax is on total wages | | | | |
| Hawaii | | | | | | | |
| Disability | 50% of cost but not more than 0.5% of covered weekly wages up to a maximum. Weekly contribution of \$5.60 | Difference between cost and worker's contribution | \$1,119.44 (weekly) | | | | |
| Paid family medical leave | None | None | None | | | | |
| Massachusetts (4) | | | | | | | |
| Disability | None | None | None | | | | |
| Paid family medical leave | 0.75% (Employees pay 100% of family leave portion. If employer of 25 or more employees, 40% of medical insurance portion, otherwise employee pays 100%.) | For employers of 25 or more employees, 60% of medical insurance portion of rate, otherwise employees pay 100%. | \$137,700 (Social Security wage limit) | | | | |

2020 state disability and paid family leave insurance wage base and rates

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| State/jurisdiction | Employee contribution | Employer contribution | Taxable wage limit if applicable (1) |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| New Jersey (3) | | | |
| Disability | 0.26% | New employers pay 0.5% of taxable wages if in state plan; otherwise, experience rating applies. For other employers, experience rates range from 0.1% to 0.75%. | \$134,900 |
| Paid family medical leave | 0.16% | None | \$134,900 |
| New York | | | |
| Disability | 0.5% up to: \$0.14 daily \$0.60 weekly \$1.20 biweekly \$1.30 semimonthly \$2.60 monthly | Balance of costs over employee contributions necessary to provide benefits | None |
| Paid family medical leave | 0.27% (maximum of \$196.72 per year) | None | \$1,401.17 (weekly) |
| Oregon | | | |
| Disability | None | None | None |
| Paid family medical leave | 60% of 1.0% (Effective 1/1/2022, for employers of 25 or more, employees pay 60%; if less than 25 employees, employees pay 100%) | 40% of 1.0% (Effective 1/1/2022, employers of 25 or more employees pay 40%; if less than 25 employees, employers pay 0%) | Social Security wage limit |
| Puerto Rico (2) | | | |
| Disability | 0.3% | 0.3% | \$9,000 |
| Paid family medical leave | None | None | None |
| Rhode Island | | | |
| Disability | 1.3% | None | \$72,300 |
| Paid family medical leave | Included in disability | N/A | Included in disability |
| Washington | | | |
| Disability | None | None | None |
| Paid family medical leave | 63% of 0.4% | 37% of 0.4% | \$137,700 (Social Security wage limit) |

Footnotes:

- (1) Represents maximum annual earnings unless another period is specified. Where employer contribution is stated as a percentage, the taxable wage limit applies.
- (2) Puerto Rico. Not anticipated to change for 2020.
- (3) New Jersey legislation (A 3975) effective January 1, 2020, separates the computation of the temporary disability and family leave insurance taxable wage base from that of the SUI taxable wage base and increases the figure by almost four times the previous level to fund expanded disability benefits.
- (4) According to Massachusetts representatives, the total rate will remain at 0.75% until at least October 2020.

Federal income tax withholding for 2020

This IRS released the 2020 Publication 15, Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide and the 2020 Publication 15-T, Federal Income Tax Withholding Methods.

Starting in 2020, the formulas and tables used in computing federal income tax withholding are moved from Publication 15 to the new Publication 15-T. Publication 15-T is designed to work with the 2020 Form W-4 that was significantly modified to conform to changes under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in particular, the elimination of personal allowances through 2025.

Not all employees are required to submit the new 2020 Form W-4, only newly-hired employees who first receive wages in 2020, employees who claimed exemption from withholding in 2019 and employees who wish to change their Form W-4 in 2020. Accordingly, some employees will continue to have a Form W-4 on file that was submitted in 2019 or earlier years. Publication 15-T is designed to work with Forms W-4 submitted before and after January 1, 2020.

As explained in Publication 15-T, for 2020 and later years, there are two tables used to compute federal income tax withholding:

- ► Standard Withholding Rate Schedules. This table is used if the employee's Form W-4 is from 2019 or earlier, or if the box in step 2 of the Form W-4 for 2020 and later years is not checked.
- ► Form W-4, Step 2, Checkbox, Withholding Rate Schedules. This table is used if the Form W-4 is from 2020 or later years and the box in step 2 of Form W-4 is checked.

The 2020 annual percentage withholding tables for automated payroll systems are reproduced at right.

2020 annual percentage withholding tables for automated payroll systems

Standard Withholding Rate Schedules (Use these if the Form W-4 is from 2019 or earlier, or if the Form W-4 is from 2020 or later and the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 is NOT checked.)

| If the Adjusted Annual Wage Amount (line 2a) is | | The tentative amount to withhold is | | Plus this percentage | of the amount that the Adjusted Annual Wage exceeds | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--|-----|----|---------|
| At | least | But | t less than | | | | | |
| | Α | | В | | С | D | | E |
| Married filing jointly | | | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 11,900 | \$ | 0.00 | О% | \$ | 0 |
| \$ | 11,900 | \$ | 31,650 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 11,900 |
| \$ | 31,650 | \$ | 92,150 | \$ | 1,975.00 | 12% | \$ | 31,650 |
| \$ | 92,150 | \$ | 182,950 | \$ | 9,235.00 | 22% | \$ | 92,150 |
| \$ | 182,950 | \$ | 338,500 | \$ | 29,211.00 | 24% | \$ | 182,950 |
| \$ | 338,500 | \$ | 426,600 | \$ | 66,543.00 | 32% | \$ | 338,500 |
| \$ | 426,600 | \$ | 633,950 | \$ | 94,735.00 | 35% | \$ | 426,600 |
| \$ | 633,950 | | | \$ | 167,307.50 | 37% | \$ | 633,950 |
| Single or married filing separately | | | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 3,800 | \$ | 0.00 | 0% | \$ | 0 |
| \$ | 3,800 | \$ | 13,675 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 3,800 |
| \$ | 13,675 | \$ | 43,925 | \$ | 987.50 | 12% | \$ | 13,675 |
| \$ | 43,925 | \$ | 89,325 | \$ | 4,617.50 | 22% | \$ | 43,925 |
| \$ | 89,325 | \$ | 167,100 | \$ | 14,605.50 | 24% | \$ | 89,325 |
| \$ | 167,100 | \$ | 211,150 | \$ | 33,271.50 | 32% | \$ | 167,100 |
| \$ | 211,150 | \$ | 522,200 | \$ | 47,367.50 | 35% | \$ | 211,150 |
| \$ | 522,200 | | | \$ | 156,235.00 | 37% | \$ | 522,200 |
| He | ad of household | | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 10,050 | \$ | 0.00 | О% | | \$0 |
| \$ | 10,050 | \$ | 24,150 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 10,050 |
| \$ | 24,150 | \$ | 63,750 | \$ | 1,410.00 | 12% | \$ | 24,150 |
| \$ | 63,750 | \$ | 95,550 | \$ | 6,162.00 | 22% | \$ | 63,750 |
| \$ | 95,550 | \$ | 173,350 | \$ | 13,158.00 | 24% | \$ | 95,550 |
| \$ | 173,350 | \$ | 217,400 | \$ | 31,830.00 | 32% | \$ | 173,350 |
| \$ | 217,400 | \$ | 528,450 | \$ | 45,926.00 | 35% | \$ | 217,400 |
| \$ | 528,450 | | | \$ | 154,793.50 | 37% | \$ | 528,450 |

Federal income tax withholding for 2020

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| Form W-4, Step 2, Checkbox, Withholding Rate Schedules (Use these if the Form W-4 is from 2020 or later and the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 IS checked.) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--|----|---------|
| If the Adjusted Annual Wage Amount (line 2a) is | | am | e tentative ount to hhold is | Plus this percentage | tha Anı | the amount t the Adjusted nual Wage reeds | | |
| At | least | Bu | t less than | | | | | |
| _ | Α | | В | | С | D | | E |
| Ма | rried filing joint | ly | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 12,400 | \$ | 0.00 | 0% | \$ | 0 |
| \$ | 12,400 | \$ | 22,275 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 12,400 |
| \$ | 22,275 | \$ | 52,525 | \$ | 987.50 | 12% | \$ | 22,275 |
| \$ | 52,525 | \$ | 97,925 | \$ | 4,617.50 | 22% | \$ | 52,525 |
| \$ | 97,925 | \$ | 175,700 | \$ | 14,605.50 | 24% | \$ | 97,925 |
| \$ | 175,700 | \$ | 219,750 | \$ | 33,271.50 | 32% | \$ | 175,700 |
| \$ | 219,750 | \$ | 323,425 | \$ | 47,367.50 | 35% | \$ | 219,750 |
| \$ | 323,425 | | | \$ | 83,653.75 | 37% | \$ | 323,425 |
| Sin | Single or married filing separately | | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 6,200 | \$ | 0.00 | 0% | \$ | 0 |
| \$ | 6,200 | \$ | 11,138 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 6,200 |
| \$ | 11,138 | \$ | 26,263 | \$ | 493.75 | 12% | \$ | 11,138 |
| \$ | 26,263 | \$ | 48,963 | \$ | 2,308.75 | 22% | \$ | 26,263 |
| \$ | 48,963 | \$ | 87,850 | \$ | 7,302.75 | 24% | \$ | 48,963 |
| \$ | 87,850 | \$ | 109,875 | \$ | 16,635.75 | 32% | \$ | 87,850 |
| \$ | 109,875 | \$ | 265,400 | \$ | 23,683.75 | 35% | \$ | 109,875 |
| \$ | 265,400 | | | \$ | 78,117.50 | 37% | \$ | 265,400 |
| He | ad of household | | | | | | | |
| \$ | 0 | \$ | 9,325 | \$ | 0.00 | 0% | \$ | 0 |
| \$ | 9,325 | \$ | 16,375 | \$ | 0.00 | 10% | \$ | 9,325 |
| \$ | 16,375 | \$ | 36,175 | \$ | 705.00 | 12% | \$ | 16,375 |
| \$ | 36,175 | \$ | 52,075 | \$ | 3,081.00 | 22% | \$ | 36,175 |
| \$ | 52,075 | \$ | 90,975 | \$ | 6,579.00 | 24% | \$ | 52,075 |
| \$ | 90,975 | \$ | 113,000 | \$ | 15,915.00 | 32% | \$ | 90,975 |
| \$ | 113,000 | \$ | 268,525 | \$ | 22,963.00 | 35% | \$ | 113,000 |
| \$ | 268,525 | | | \$ | 77,396.75 | 37% | \$ | 268,525 |

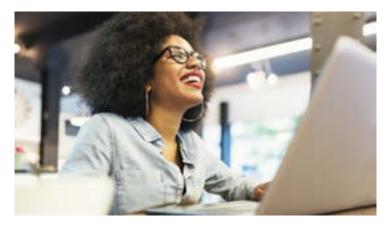
Personal allowance value is \$4,300 when figuring income tax for Forms W-4 from 2019 or earlier years

When computing federal income tax withholding using the percentage method for automated payroll systems for employees who have not submitted a Form W-4 for 2020, the adjusted annual wage amount continues to consider personal allowances. For 2020, multiply each personal allowance claimed on the employee's Form W-4 by \$4,300. (Publication 15-T, page 5.)

What to do if employee has no Form W-4 on file

The assumptions that apply when an employee fails to furnish a Form W-4 to the employer vary depending on when the failure first occurred. (Publication 15-T, page 2.)

- ► If you first paid wages to an employee in 2020, including an employee who was rehired in 2020, and the employee fails to furnish a Form W-4, assume the employee checked on Form W-4 the box for Single or Married filing separately in Step 1(c) and made no entries in Step 2, Step 3 or Step 4 of the 2020 Form W-4.
- ► If an employee was paid wages in 2019 (or earlier years) and failed to furnish a Form W-4, continue to assume that they claimed single and zero personal allowances.



Claiming exemption from federal income tax withholding

Unlike the prior Form W-4, there is no dedicated area where an employee can claim exemption from federal income tax withholding. Instead, employees claim exemption by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). As in the past, when the employee claims exempt in Step 4(c), federal income tax is not withheld from wages apart from supplemental wages of more than \$1 million, where federal income tax is mandatory. (Publication 15-T, page 3.)

The IRS instructs that electronic Form W-4 systems should provide a certification section below Step 4(c) for employees who are eligible and want to claim exemption from withholding. Instead of writing "Exempt," employees certify that they meet the following two conditions: (1) you had no federal income tax liability in 2019, and (2) you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2020.

Nonresident alien employee Forms W-4

When completing the Form W-4, nonresident aliens are required to:

- Not claim exemption from federal income tax withholding.
- ► Request withholding as if they're single, regardless of their actual filing status.
- ► Not claim the child tax credit or credit for other dependents in Step 3 of Form W-4. Note, however, that nonresident aliens who are residents of Canada, Mexico, or South Korea, or a student from India, or a business apprentice from India, may claim, under certain circumstances (see Notice 1392), the child tax credit or credit for other dependents).
- ► Write "Nonresident Alien" or "NRA" in the space below Step 4(c) of Form W-4.

The IRS has clarified that electronic Form W-4 systems should provide a field for nonresident aliens to enter nonresident alien status instead of writing "Nonresident Alien" or "NRA" in the space below Step 4(c) of Form W-4. Employers should instruct nonresident aliens to see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing Form W-4. (Publication 15, pg. 22.)

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Nonresident alien employee income tax withholding adjustment

Add these amounts to employees' wages for calculating income tax withholding. (Nonresident alien students and business apprentices from India aren't subject to this procedure.)

| Table 1: No Form W-4 for 2020 or later on file | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Payroll period | Add additional | | | | | |
| Daily or miscellaneous | \$ 31.20 | | | | | |
| Weekly | \$ 155.80 | | | | | |
| Biweekly | \$ 311.50 | | | | | |
| Semimonthly | \$ 337.50 | | | | | |
| Monthly | \$ 675.00 | | | | | |
| Quarterly | \$ 2,025.00 | | | | | |
| Semiannually | \$ 4,050.00 | | | | | |
| Annually | \$ 8,100.00 | | | | | |

| Table 2: Form W-4 for 2020 or later is on file | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Payroll period | Add additional | | | | | |
| Daily or miscellaneous | \$ 47.70 | | | | | |
| Weekly | \$ 238.50 | | | | | |
| Biweekly | \$ 476.90 | | | | | |
| Semimonthly | \$ 516.70 | | | | | |
| Monthly | \$ 1,033.30 | | | | | |
| Quarterly | \$ 3,100.00 | | | | | |
| Semiannually | \$ 6,200.00 | | | | | |
| Annually | \$12,400.00 | | | | | |

Backup withholding rate

Effective with payments made on and after January 1, 2018, the backup withholding rate is 24%. Backup withholding is required from certain taxable nonwage payments if payees fail to furnish their taxpayer identification numbers to the payer.

State income tax withholding tables and supplemental withholding rates for 2020

State income tax withholding tables and supplemental rates for 2020

To assist you in reviewing your state income tax withholding rates for 2020, below is a chart of the most recent income tax withholding tables published by states and US territories. Reference the column "Revision date" to identify the last year the publication was updated. If the effective date shown in the chart is prior to 2020 and the last column (2020 withholding guide/tables pending?) is "no," we have confirmed with the state that no update is expected for 2020.

New this year, the chart also shows essential withholding rate information for use in evaluating the most appropriate calculation method when making nonperiodic payments to employees.

Withholding on supplemental/nonperiodic wage payments

For federal income tax withholding purposes, employers may optionally use a flat rate of 22% on supplemental wages up to \$1 million for the year provided federal income tax was withheld from regular wages in the previous or current year. If the employee's supplemental wages exceed \$1 million in the year, a mandatory flat rate of 37% applies to supplemental wages over \$ 1 million. This mandatory 37% rate applies even if the employee has submitted a federal Form W-4 claiming exemption from federal income tax withholding. (IRS Reg. §31.3402(g)-1.)

Similar to the federal supplemental income tax withholding rate, most states also allow for an optional flat percentage of income tax withholding for wages that are in addition to regular pay. Where allowed, the supplemental rate greatly simplifies income tax withholding calculations on irregular payments such as bonuses, equity compensation and separation pay.

Even if a supplemental rate of withholding is an option, employers should consider any potential impact of over or under-withholding. For instance, consider if the supplemental withholding rate is significantly higher or lower than the withholding result using the applicable marginal withholding rate.

The state supplemental income tax withholding rates currently available for 2020 are shown in the chart below. The chart also shows if the state has a flat tax rate, meaning only one rate of tax applies regardless of the wages paid, or alternatively, the highest marginal withholding rate according to the state's latest computer withholding formula.



State income tax withholding tables and supplemental withholding rates for 2020

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2020 state tax tables and supplemental withholding rates* (as of January 15, 2020)

Changes from 2019 are highlighted in yellow.

| Jurisdiction (Click on the state name to access the withholding tables in effect as of the revision date shown) | Revision date | 2020 withholding guide/tables pending? | Supplemental rate | Flat tax rate | Highest marginal withholding rate |
|---|---------------|---|--|------------------------------|--|
| Alabama | 1/1/2019 | No | 5.00% | N/A | 5.00% |
| Arizona | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | N/A | 5.10% |
| Arkansas | 3/1/2020 | No | 6.90% (6.60% effective 3/1/2020) | N/A | 6.90% (6.60% effective 3/1/2020) |
| California | 1/1/2020 | No | 6.60% and 10.23% on bonus and stock options | N/A | 14.630% |
| Colorado | 1/1/2019 | No (note that a new worksheet applies in 2020 for Forms W-4 received in 2020) | N/A | 4.63% | N/A |
| Connecticut | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | N/A | 6.99% |
| Delaware | 1/1/2017 | No | N/A | N/A | 6.60% |
| District of Columbia | 1/1/2018 | No | N/A | N/A | 8.95% |
| Georgia | 1/1/2020 | No | If annual wages are: Under \$8,000 (2.00%) \$8,000 to \$10,000 (3.00%) \$10,000 to \$12,000 (4.00%) \$12,000 to \$15,000 (5.00%) Over \$15,000 (5.75%) | N/A | 5.75% |
| Hawaii | 1/1/2017 | Yes | N/A | N/A | 11.0% (Note that the highest withholding rate is 7.9%) |
| Idaho | 6/1/2019 | Yes | 6.925% | N/A | 6.925% |
| Illinois | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 4.95% | N/A |
| Indiana | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 3.23% plus local tax rate | N/A |
| Iowa | 1/1/2020 | No | 6.00% (unchanged for 2020 per Department regulation) | N/A | 8.53% |
| Kansas | 1/1/2017 | No | 5.00% | N/A | 5.70% |
| Kentucky | 1/1/2019 | No | N/A | 5.00% | N/A |
| Louisiana | 2/16/2018 | No | N/A | N/A | 6.00% (Note that the highest withholding rate is 5.64%) |
| Maine | 1/1/2020 | No | 5.00% | N/A | 7.15% |

| Jurisdiction (Click on the state name to access the withholding tables in effect as of the revision date shown) | Revision date | 2020 withholding guide/tables pending? | Supplemental rate | Flat tax rate | Highest marginal withholding rate |
|---|---------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Maryland | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 5.75% plus local tax rate; 8.0% for Maryland nonresidents and 3.2% for residents employed in Delaware | N/A |
| Massachusetts | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 5.00% | N/A |
| Michigan | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 4.25% | N/A |
| Minnesota | 1/1/2020 | No | 6.25% | N/A | 9.85% |
| Mississippi | 1/1/2019 | No | N/A | N/A | 5.0% |
| Missouri | 1/1/2020 | No | 5.40% | N/A | 5.40% |
| Montana | 1/1/2019 | No | 6.00% | N/A | 6.60% |
| Nebraska | 12/1/2017 | No | 5.00% | N/A | 6.95% |
| New Jersey | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | N/A | 11.80% |
| New Mexico | 1/1/2020 | No | 4.90% | N/A | 4.90% |
| New York | 1/1/2020 | No | 9.62% (New York City is 4.25%, Yonkers resident is 1.61135% and Yonkers nonresident is 0.50%) | N/A | 9.62% |
| North Carolina | 1/1/2020 | No | N/A | 5.35% | N/A |
| North Dakota | 1/1/2020 | No | 1.84% | N/A | 2.90% |
| Ohio | 1/1/2020 | No | 3.50% (Ohio Administrative Code 5703-7-10, rev. 11-23- 2018) | N/A | 5.164% |
| Oklahoma | 1/1/2020 | No | 5.00% | N/A | 5.00% |
| Oregon | 1/1/2020 | No | 8.00% | N/A | 9.90% |
| Pennsylvania | 11/1/2019 | No | N/A | 3.07% plus employee unemployment insurance tax rate of 0.06% | N/A |
| Puerto Rico | 1/1/2017 | No | N/A | N/A | 33.00% |
| Rhode Island | 1/1/2020 | No | 5.99% | N/A | 5.99% |
| South Carolina | 1/1/2020 | No | 7.00% | N/A | 7.00% |
| Utah | 10/1/2019 | No | Yes | 4.95% | N/A |
| Vermont | 1/1/2020 | No | 30% of federal income tax withholding | N/A | 8.75% |
| Virginia | 1/1/2016 | No | 5.75% | N/A | 5.75% |

State income tax withholding tables and supplemental withholding rates for 2020

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| Jurisdiction (Click on the state name to access the withholding tables in effect as of the revision date shown) | Revision date | 2020 withholding guide/tables pending? | Supplemental rate | Flat tax rate | Highest marginal withholding rate |
|---|---------------|--|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| West Virginia | 1/1/2007 | No | If annual wages are: Less than \$10,000 (3.00%) \$10,000 to \$25,000 (4.00%) \$25,000 to \$40,000 (4.50%) \$40,000 to \$60,000 (6.00%) Over \$60,000 (6.50%) (Based on the Optional one earner/one job tables for the percentage method of withholding from page 20 of the West Virginia withholding guide) | N/A | 6.50% |
| Wisconsin | 11/1/2019 | No | If annual wages are: Less than \$10,910 (4.00%) \$10,910 to \$21,820 (5.84%) \$21,820 to \$240,190 (6.27%) \$240,190 and over (7.65%) | N/A | 7.65% |

^{*} For 2020, there is no supplemental or flat tax rate of withholding for Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey or Puerto Rico.

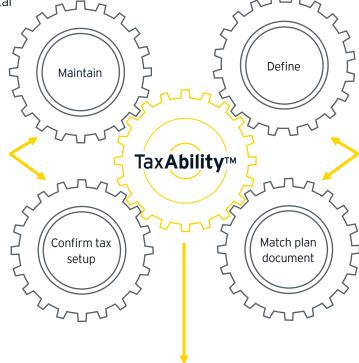


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