

SECURE ACT 2.0-2024 CHANGES

Here are 2024 retirement plan changes

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 sets forth a number of changes affecting retirement plans in 2024. The changes can be made after December 31, 2023.

- Regarding mandatory Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), they still must begin at age 73.
- Employers may transfer former employees' retirement accounts from a retirement plan to an individual retirement account (IRA) if their balances are greater than \$1,000 but no greater than \$5,000. For 2024 the act increases the limit from \$5,000 to \$7,000, effective for distributions made after December 31, 2023.
- Generally, an additional 10% tax applies to early distributions from tax-preferred retirement accounts, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, unless an exception applies. The act provides an exception for certain distributions used for emergency expenses, which are "unforeseeable or immediate financial needs relating to personal or family emergency expenses." Only one distribution is permissible per year of up to \$1,000, and a participant has the option to repay the distribution within three years. No further emergency distributions are permissible during the three-year repayment period unless repayment occurs.
- A plan sponsor may amend its plan to offer short-term emergency savings accounts (ESAs) as part of a defined contribution plan. ESAs must be funded post-tax with Roth contributions, and participants may be automatically enrolled at a rate of up to 3% of compensation. Contributions are capped at \$2,500 (indexed for inflation) or a lower amount determined by the sponsor, and there cannot be minimum contribution or balance requirements. Participants must be allowed to take at least one withdrawal per month; the first four withdrawals per year cannot be subject to fees. ESAs may be invested in cash, interest-bearing deposit accounts, and principal preservation accounts. There is a fiduciary safe harbor for automatic enrollment.

An employer may make matching contributions under a 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan, governmental 457(b) plan, or SIMPLE IRA with respect to "qualified student loan payments." A qualified student loan payment is broadly defined as any indebtedness incurred by the employee solely to pay qualified higher education expenses. For purposes of the nondiscrimination test applicable to elective contributions, the plan may test separately the employees who receive matching contributions on student loan repayments.

The act allows the hardship distribution rules for Section 403(b) plans to those of Section 401(k) plans. As such, a 403(b) plan may distribute qualified nonelective contributions, qualified matching contributions, and earnings on any of these contributions (including elective deferrals). Also, distributions from a 403(b) plan are not treated as failing to be made upon hardship solely because the employee does not take available loans.

STANDARD MILEAGE RATES

Use	2024	2023
Business	.67 per mile	.655 per mile
Moving	.21 per mile*	.22 per mile*
Medical	.21 per mile	.22 per mile
Charitable	.14 per mile	.14 per mile

*For members of the U.S. Armed Forces (or their spouse or dependents). The rates apply to EV's, hybrids, gas and diesel vehicles.

2024 FEDERAL TRUST AND ESTATE TAX

Estate Taxes

	2024	2023
Estate tax exemption/Unified tax credit	\$13,610,000	\$12,920,000
Married Couple Estate Exemption	\$27,220,000	\$25,840,000
Top estate tax rate	40%	40%

Gift Taxes

	2024	2023
Lifetime gift tax exemption	\$13,610,000	\$12,920,000
Annual gift tax exclusion		
Gifts per person	\$18,000	\$17,000
Joint gifts by spouse	\$36,000	\$34,000
Top gift tax rate	40%	40%

2024 FEDERAL TRUST AND ESTATE TAX

If taxable income is:	The tax is:
\$ 0 - \$ 3,100	10% of the taxable income
\$ 3,101 - \$11,150	\$ 310.00 + 24% of excess over \$ 3,100
\$11,151 - \$15,200	\$2,242.00 + 35% of excess over \$11,150
\$15,201 - or more	\$3,659.50 + 37% of excess over \$15,200

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

You may deduct this much of your annual premiums

If your age is	2024	2023
Over 70	\$ 5,880	\$ 5,960
61 to 70	\$ 4,710	\$ 4,770
51 to 60	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,790
41 to 50	\$ 880	\$ 890
40 and under	\$ 470	\$ 480

CAPITAL GAINS — 2024 & 2023

Holding Period	Top Capital Gains Rate	
	2024	2023
12 months or less	37% ¹	37% ¹
More than 12 months	20% ^{1,2}	20% ^{1,2}
Depreciation recapture on real estate	25%	25%
Collectibles and certain small business stock	28%	28%

¹Capital gain rates may be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax.

²Rate for taxpayers in the top income tax bracket. (Middle income tax brackets pay 15%.)

2024 DEDUCTION FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST

Deduction on interest for qualifying mortgages up to \$750,000 (\$375,000 if married/filing separately); homes under agreement before 12/15/17 for purchase prior to 1/1/18 (provided purchase occurred by 4/1/18) grandfathered under previous \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 if married/filing separately) limits.

Interest on home equity lines of credit (HELOC) deductible in certain cases where proceeds are utilized to acquire or improve a residence.

2024/2023 Tax Pocket Guide Strength

Strategic focus
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ONE'S
eyesight.

FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS IN VALUATION,
LITIGATION, MARITAL DISSOLUTIONS
+ TAXING SITUATIONS.

WHERE THE STAKES ARE HIGH, YOU'LL FIND
THE PROFESSIONALS OF

HARPER HOFER & ASSOCIATES.

WE TELL THE STORY OF THE MONEY.*

THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

harperHofer

& ASSOCIATES, LLC

MEMBER, FINANCIAL CONSULTING GROUP

MONEYTALKSWETRANSLATE.COM*

216 16TH STREET, STE 850
DENVER, CO 80202
P: 303.486.0000
F: 303.486.0001

2024 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES*

Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow (Widower)

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 23,200	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 23,200 – \$ 94,300	\$ 2,320 + 12%	\$ 23,200
\$ 94,300 – \$ 201,050	\$ 10,852 + 22%	\$ 94,300
\$ 201,050 – \$ 383,900	\$ 34,227 + 24%	\$ 201,050
\$ 383,900 – \$ 487,450	\$ 78,221 + 32%	\$ 383,900
\$ 487,450 – \$ 731,200	\$ 111,357 + 35%	\$ 487,450
\$ 731,200 and above	\$ 196,669 + 37%	\$ 731,200

Married Filing Separately

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 11,600	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 11,600 – \$ 47,150	\$ 1,160 + 12%	\$ 11,600
\$ 47,150 – \$ 100,525	\$ 5,426 + 22%	\$ 47,150
\$ 100,525 – \$ 191,950	\$ 17,168 + 24%	\$ 100,525
\$ 191,950 – \$ 243,725	\$ 39,110 + 32%	\$ 191,950
\$ 243,725 – \$ 365,600	\$ 55,678 + 35%	\$ 243,725
\$ 365,600 and above	\$ 98,334 + 37%	\$ 365,600

Single

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 11,600	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 11,600 – \$ 47,150	\$ 1,160 + 12%	\$ 11,600
\$ 47,150 – \$ 100,525	\$ 5,426 + 22%	\$ 47,150
\$ 100,525 – \$ 191,950	\$ 17,168 + 24%	\$ 100,525
\$ 191,950 – \$ 243,725	\$ 39,110 + 32%	\$ 191,950
\$ 243,725 – \$ 609,350	\$ 55,678 + 35%	\$ 243,725
\$ 609,350 and above	\$ 183,647 + 37%	\$ 609,350

Head of Household

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 16,550	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 16,550 – \$ 63,100	\$ 1,655 + 12%	\$ 16,550
\$ 63,100 – \$ 100,500	\$ 7,241 + 22%	\$ 63,100
\$ 100,500 – \$ 191,950	\$ 15,469 + 24%	\$ 100,500
\$ 191,950 – \$ 243,700	\$ 37,417 + 32%	\$ 191,950
\$ 243,700 – \$ 609,350	\$ 53,977 + 35%	\$ 243,700
\$ 609,350 and above	\$ 181,954 + 37%	\$ 609,350

The 2024 tax rate on qualified dividends is 0%, 15% or 20%, (plus a 3.8% Medicare Surtax on the 20% bracket) depending on your taxable income and filing status.

Note: TAX AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP

FILING STATUS STANDARD DEDUCTION

	2024	2023
Single; Married Filing Separately	\$14,600	\$13,850
Married Filing Jointly; Surviving Spouse	\$29,200	\$27,700
Head of Household	\$21,900	\$20,800

If you're at least 65 years old or blind, you can claim an additional standard deduction of \$1,850 in 2024 (\$1,950 if you're claiming the single or head of household filing status).

If you're both 65 or older and blind, the additional deduction amount is DOUBLED.

2023 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES*

Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow (Widower)

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 22,000	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 22,000 – \$ 89,450	\$ 2,200 + 12%	\$ 22,000
\$ 89,450 – \$ 190,750	\$ 10,294 + 22%	\$ 89,450
\$ 190,750 – \$ 364,200	\$ 32,580 + 24%	\$ 190,750
\$ 364,200 – \$ 462,500	\$ 74,208 + 32%	\$ 364,200
\$ 462,500 – \$ 693,750	\$ 105,664 + 35%	\$ 462,500
\$ 693,750 and above	\$ 186,602 + 37%	\$ 693,750

Married Filing Separately

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 11,000	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 11,000 – \$ 44,725	\$ 1,100 + 12%	\$ 11,000
\$ 44,725 – \$ 95,375	\$ 5,147 + 22%	\$ 44,725
\$ 95,375 – \$ 182,100	\$ 16,290 + 24%	\$ 95,375
\$ 182,100 – \$ 231,250	\$ 37,104 + 32%	\$ 182,100
\$ 231,250 – \$ 346,875	\$ 52,832 + 35%	\$ 231,250
\$ 346,875 and above	\$ 93,301 + 37%	\$ 346,875

Single

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 11,000	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 11,000 – \$ 44,725	\$ 1,100 + 12%	\$ 11,000
\$ 44,725 – \$ 95,375	\$ 5,147 + 22%	\$ 44,725
\$ 95,375 – \$ 182,100	\$ 16,290 + 24%	\$ 95,375
\$ 182,100 – \$ 231,250	\$ 37,104 + 32%	\$ 182,100
\$ 231,250 – \$ 578,125	\$ 52,832 + 35%	\$ 231,250
\$ 578,125 and above	\$ 174,238 + 37%	\$ 578,125

Head of Household

If Taxable Income Is Between:	Your Tax Is:	Of Amount Over:
\$ 0 – \$ 15,700	.....10%	\$ 0
\$ 15,700 – \$ 59,850	\$ 1,570 + 12%	\$ 15,700
\$ 59,850 – \$ 95,350	\$ 6,868 + 22%	\$ 59,850
\$ 95,350 – \$ 182,100	\$ 14,678 + 24%	\$ 95,350
\$ 182,100 – \$ 231,250	\$ 35,498 + 32%	\$ 182,100
\$ 231,250 – \$ 578,100	\$ 51,226 + 35%	\$ 231,250
\$ 578,100 and above	\$ 172,624 + 37%	\$ 578,100

The 2023 tax rate on qualified dividends is 0%, 15% or 20%, (plus a 3.8% Medicare Surtax on the 20% bracket) depending on your taxable income and filing status.

Note: TAX AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

	2018-2025	2017
Deduction for each taxpayer, spouse, and dependent *	\$0	\$ 4,050
There is an AGI phaseout beginning at:		
Married, filing jointly	\$0	\$ 313,800
Married, filing separately	\$0	\$ 156,900
Single	\$0	\$ 261,500
Head of household	\$0	\$ 287,650

* There are no personal exemption amounts for 2018 through 2025.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Indexed Contribution & Benefit Limits for Qualified Plans

Type of Plan	2024	2023
Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)*	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500
Section 401(k) plans or SAR-SEPs*	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,500
Section 403(b) plans*	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,500
Section 408(p)(2)(E) SIMPLE contributions*	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,500
Section 457(b)(2) limit*	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,500
Section 415 limit for:		
Defined contribution plans	\$ 69,000	\$ 66,000
Defined benefit plans	\$ 275,000	\$ 265,000
Highly compensated employees Section 414(q)	\$ 155,000	\$ 150,000
FICA taxable wage base		
Social Security	\$ 168,600	\$ 160,200
Medicare (tax rate 1.45% for employees; 2.90% for self-employed)	No limit	No limit
* Age 50 additional contributions		
401(k) type plans	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
SIMPLEs	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
IRAs	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Roth IRAs

AGI limit for maximum contributions:	2024	2023
Joint filers	\$ 240,000	\$ 218,000
Individual filers	\$ 161,000	\$ 153,000

Traditional IRAs

AGI limits for full deductions:	2024	2023
Joint filers	\$123,000-\$143,000*	\$116,000-\$136,000*
Individual filers	\$ 77,000-\$ 87,000	\$ 73,000-\$ 83,000

* Depending on whether you or your spouse are covered by a plan at work. The income limit on converting traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs was eliminated in 2010.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Annual Earned Income Limit	2024	2023
Under full retirement age	\$ 22,320	\$ 21,240
Full retirement age	No Limit	No Limit

For people reaching full retirement age in 2024, the limit is \$59,520 for months prior to attainment. Beginning the month in which they turn full retirement age, there is no limit.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Contribution Limits	2024	2023
Individual, self-only	\$ 4,150	\$ 3,850
Family Coverage	\$ 8,300	\$ 7,750
Catch-up for those age 55 and older	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

For 2024, the minimum deductible for a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) is \$1,600 for self-only coverage and \$3,200 for family coverage. The maximum out-of-pocket limit is \$8,050 for self-only coverage and \$16,000 for family plans.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

AMT Exemptions	2024	2023
Married, filing jointly	\$ 133,300	\$ 126,500
Married, filing separately	\$ 66,650	\$ 63,250
Single/Head of household	\$ 85,700	\$ 81,300