

2015 Allowable Tax Benefits

Standard Deduction

Under Age 65

Married, Filing Joint	\$12,600
Single	\$6,300
Married, Filing Separate	\$6,300
Head of Household	\$9,250

Additional—Age 65 or Older

Married (or Qualifying Widow)	\$1,250
Single	\$1,550

Additional—Blind

Married (or Qualifying Widow)	\$1,250
Single	\$1,550

Personal Exemption

\$4,000

Maximum Child Tax Credit

\$1,000 per child under age 17 at the end of the year

Standard Mileage Deductions

Business Standard Mileage Rate	57.5 cents
Medical Standard Mileage Rate	23.0 cents
Moving Standard Mileage Rate	23.0 cents
Charitable Serv Standard Mile Rate	14.0 cents

Deductible IRA Contribution

If taxpayer and spouse NOT covered by employer-sponsored plan:

If younger than 50	\$5,500
If 50 or older	\$6,500

Maximum 401(k) Employee Contribution

If younger than 50	\$18,000
If 50 or older	\$24,000

Self-Employed Medical Insurance Premium Deduction

100%

Annual Gift Tax Exclusion (per person)

\$14,000

Estate Tax Exclusion

\$5.43 million

2015 Other Tax Items

2015 Social Security Tax Rates

	Employers & Employees	Self- Employed	Wage Limits
Social Security	6.20%	12.40%	\$118,500
Medicare	1.45%	2.90%	no limit
Total	7.65%	15.30%	

2015 Itemizable Deductions

Among other items they include:

- Interest and taxes on your home
- Uninsured medical expenses above 10.0% of AGI (7.5% if age 65 or older)
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions above 2.0% of AGI
- Uninsured casualties or theft losses above 10.0% of AGI
- Contributions to qualified charities
- You can itemize state and local income taxes only; state and local sales tax deduction expired at the end of 2013

2015 Safe Harbor for Underpayment Penalty

Avoid underpayment penalties by paying (through withholding or estimated tax payments):

AGI \$150,000 or less (\$75,000 married filing separate)

- 100% of prior tax liability or
- 90% of current year tax liability

AGI \$150,000 or greater (\$75,000 married filing separate)

- 110% of prior year tax or
- 90% of current year tax liability

2015 AMT Exemption Amount

Single	\$53,600
Married, Filing Joint	\$83,400
Married, Filing Separate	\$41,700
Head of Household	\$53,600