

Tax Forecasting Worksheet

This worksheet is designed for estimation purposes only and does not cover all the possible adjustments that may be required to arrive at actual taxable income (for example, Social Security benefits may be taxable in some circumstances) or to compute final income tax liability (for example, lump-sum distribution tax on retirement distributions). It should be adequate for most purposes and is a good starting point for discussions with your tax adviser, who can assist you in making exact calculations.

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Income

2017

1. Salaries per Form W-2 _____
2. Non-qualified dividends and interest income _____
3. Net business income (losses) _____
4. Net capital gains and qualified dividend income^a _____
5. Other gains (losses) _____
6. Passive income (losses) (subject to limitations) _____
7. Other income, including 85% of Social Security benefits, if applicable _____
8. **Total income**
(sum of lines 1 – 7) \$ _____

Adjustments

9. Alimony paid _____
10. Keogh contributions _____
11. Deductible IRA contributions _____
12. Moving expenses (job-related, subject to limitations) _____
13. Other _____
14. **Adjusted gross income (AGI)**
(subtract lines 9 – 13 from line 8) \$ _____

Deductions

15. Medical and dental expenses (excess over 10% of line 14; regardless of age)
or self-employed health insurance _____
16. State and local income taxes (or sales taxes) _____
17. Real estate and property taxes (non-business property) _____
18. Home mortgage interest _____
19. Investment interest (limited to investment income) _____
20. Charitable contributions _____
21. Casualty or theft losses (excess over \$100 plus 10% of line 14) _____
22. Miscellaneous expenses (excess over 2% of line 14) _____
23. **Total deductions** (sum of lines 15 – 22) \$ _____
- OR 23a. Standard deduction^b**, if greater (lines 15 – 23 must all show \$0.00) \$ _____
24. **Personal exemptions** (\$4,050 in 2017 and \$4,150 in 2018)^b _____
25. **Regular taxable income** (subtract lines 23 and 24 from line 14) \$ _____
26. **Regular tax** (see tax rate tables)^a _____
27. **Tax credits** _____
28. Regular tax (net) (subtract line 27 from line 26) _____
29. Alternative minimum tax^c _____
30. Other taxes (self-employment tax, household help, and so forth) _____
31. **Total tax** (sum of lines 28, 29, and 30) _____
32. **Total withholding and estimated tax payments** \$ _____
33. **Balance due** (refund) (subtract line 32 from line 31) \$ _____

- a. If your taxable income includes net capital gain and qualified dividend income, you may be eligible for a tax rate on that income that is lower than the tax rate that applies to your other income. Refer to IRS Form 1040, Schedule D.
- b. The standard deduction and personal exemptions are not allowed when calculating the alternative minimum tax (AMT).
- c. Use IRS Form 6251 as a worksheet and review the discussion on AMT in the online version of this article.