

Key Retirement and Tax Numbers for 2023



Every year, the Internal Revenue Service announces cost-of-living adjustments that affect contribution limits for retirement plans and various tax deduction, exclusion, exemption, and threshold amounts. Here are a few of the key adjustments for 2023.

Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax

The annual gift tax exclusion (and annual generation-skipping transfer tax exclusion) for 2023 is \$17,000, up from \$16,000 in 2022.

The gift and estate tax basic exclusion amount (and generation-skipping transfer tax exemption) for 2023 is \$12,920,000, up from \$12,060,000 in 2022.

Standard Deduction

A taxpayer can generally choose to itemize certain deductions or claim a standard deduction on the federal income tax return. In 2023, the standard deduction is:

- \$13,850 (up from \$12,950 in 2022) for single filers or married individuals filing separate returns
- \$27,700 (up from \$25,900 in 2022) for married joint filers
- \$20,800 (up from \$19,400 in 2022) for heads of household

The additional standard deduction amount for the blind and those age 65 or older in 2023 is:

- \$1,850 (up from \$1,750 in 2022) for single filers and heads of household
- \$1,500 (up from \$1,400 in 2022) for all other filing statuses

Special rules apply for those who can be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer.

IRAs

The combined annual limit on contributions to traditional and Roth IRAs is \$6,500 in 2023 (up from \$6,000 in 2022), with individuals age 50 or older able to contribute an additional \$1,000. The limit on contributions to a Roth IRA phases out for certain modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) ranges (see chart). For individuals who are active participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, the deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA also phases out for certain MAGI ranges (see chart). The limit on nondeductible contributions to a traditional IRA is not subject to phaseout based on MAGI.

Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans

- Employees who participate in 401(k), 403(b), and most 457 plans can defer up to \$22,500 in compensation in 2023 (up from \$20,500 in 2022); employees age 50 or older can defer up to an additional \$7,500 in 2023 (up from \$6,500 in 2022).
- Employees participating in a SIMPLE retirement plan can defer up to \$15,500 in 2023 (up from \$14,000 in 2022), and employees age 50 or older can defer up to an additional \$3,500 in 2023 (up from \$3,000 in 2022).

Kiddie Tax: Child's Unearned Income

Under the kiddie tax, a child's unearned income above \$2,500 in 2023 (up from \$2,300 in 2022) is taxed using the parents' tax rates.

MAGI Ranges: Contributions to a Roth IRA				
	2022	2023		
Single/Head of household	\$129,000-\$144,000	\$138,000-\$153,000		
Married filing jointly	\$204,000-\$214,000	\$218,000-\$228,000		
Married filing separately	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000		
MAGI Ranges: Deductible Contributions to a Traditional IRA				
	2022	2023		
Single/Head of household	\$68,000-\$78,000	\$73,000-\$83,000		
Married filing jointly	\$109,000-\$129,000	\$116,000-\$136,000		

Note: The 2023 phaseout range is \$218,000 - \$228,000 (up from \$204,000 - \$214,000 in 2022) when the individual making the IRA contribution is not covered by a workplace retirement plan but is filing jointly with a spouse who is covered. The phaseout range is \$0-\$10,000 when the individual is married filing separately and either spouse is covered by a workplace plan.

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