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## 2012 Tax Planning and Estimated Taxes

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### 2012 Inflation Adjusted Amounts

See [page 1-2](#) through [page 1-5](#) for more 2012 inflation adjusted amounts.

### 2012 Standard Deduction

The basic standard deduction for 2012 is:

Single or MFS . . . . .	\$ 5,950
MFJ or QW . . . . .	\$11,900
HOH . . . . .	\$ 8,700

**Age 65 and/or blind.** The additional amounts for age 65 or older and/or blind, per person, per event in 2012 are:

MFJ, QW, or MFS . . . . .	\$ 1,150
Single or HOH . . . . .	\$ 1,450

**Dependent.** The standard deduction in 2012 for an individual who may be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer cannot exceed the greater of \$950, or earned income plus \$300.

## 2012 Federal Tax Rate Schedule

### Single Taxable Income

\$ 0 to 8,700	× 10%	minus	\$ 0.00	= Tax
8,701 to 35,350	× 15%	minus	435.00	= Tax
35,351 to 85,650	× 25%	minus	3,970.00	= Tax
85,651 to 178,650	× 28%	minus	6,539.50	= Tax
178,651 to 388,350	× 33%	minus	15,472.00	= Tax
388,351 and over	× 35%	minus	23,239.00	= Tax

### MFJ or QW Taxable Income

\$ 0 to 17,400	× 10%	minus	\$ 0.00	= Tax
17,401 to 70,700	× 15%	minus	870.00	= Tax
70,701 to 142,700	× 25%	minus	7,940.00	= Tax
142,701 to 217,450	× 28%	minus	12,221.00	= Tax
217,451 to 388,350	× 33%	minus	23,093.50	= Tax
388,351 and over	× 35%	minus	30,860.50	= Tax

### MFS Taxable Income

\$ 0 to 8,700	× 10%	minus	\$ 0.00	= Tax
8,701 to 35,350	× 15%	minus	435.00	= Tax
35,351 to 71,350	× 25%	minus	3,970.00	= Tax
71,351 to 108,725	× 28%	minus	6,110.50	= Tax
108,726 to 194,175	× 33%	minus	11,546.75	= Tax
194,176 and over	× 35%	minus	15,430.25	= Tax

### HOH Taxable Income

\$ 0 to 12,400	× 10%	minus	\$ 0.00	= Tax
12,401 to 47,350	× 15%	minus	620.00	= Tax
47,351 to 122,300	× 25%	minus	5,355.00	= Tax
122,301 to 198,050	× 28%	minus	9,024.00	= Tax
198,051 to 388,350	× 33%	minus	18,926.50	= Tax
388,351 and over	× 35%	minus	26,693.50	= Tax

## 2012 Personal Exemptions

The personal exemption per person for 2012 is . . . . . \$3,800

**Phaseout.** For 2012, the personal exemption phaseout for higher income taxpayers does not apply. See *Expiring Tax Provisions*, [page 1-6](#).

## 2012 Itemized Deduction Phaseout

For 2012, the itemized deduction phaseout for higher income taxpayers does not apply. See *Expiring Tax Provisions*, [page 1-6](#).

## Social Security Highlights

Employee's portion of FICA	2012	2011	2010
Maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax (Medicare no limit)	\$110,100.00	\$106,800.00	\$106,800.00
Social Security tax rate	<b>4.20% thru February; 6.20% after February</b>	4.20%	6.20%
Medicare tax rate	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%
Maximum Social Security tax	<b>\$ 6,459.20</b>	\$ 4,485.60	\$ 6,621.60

See *Social Security and Medicare*, [page 1-5](#), for more information.