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Standard Deduction Amount, 1970-2017

Year	Single Person	Head of Household	Married Couple	Year	Single Person	Head of Household	Married Couple
1970	1,100	1,100	1,100	1994	3,800	5,600	6,350
1971	1,050	1,050	1,050	1995	3,900	5,750	6,550
1972	1,300	1,300	1,300	1996	4,000	5,900	6,700
1973	1,300	1,300	1,300	1997	4,150	6,050	6,900
1974	1,300	1,300	1,300	1998	4,250	6,250	7,100
1975	1,600	1,600	1,900	1999	4,300	6,350	7,200
1976	1,700	1,700	2,100	2000	4,400	6,450	7,350
1977	2,200	2,200	3,200	2001	4,550	6,650	7,600
1978	2,200	2,200	3,200	2002	4,700	6,900	7,850
1979	2,300	2,300	3,400	2003	4,750	7,000	9,500
1980	2,300	2,300	3,400	2004	4,850	7,150	9,700
1981	2,300	2,300	3,400	2005	5,000	7,300	10,000
1982	2,300	2,300	3,400	2006	5,150	7,550	10,300
1983	2,300	2,300	3,400	2007	5,350	7,850	10,700
1984	2,300	2,300	3,400	2008	5,450	8,000	10,900
1985	2,400	2,400	3,550	2009	5,700	8,350	11,400
1986	2,480	2,480	3,670	2010	5,700	8,400	11,400
1987	2,540	2,540	3,760	2011	5,800	8,500	11,600
1988	3,000	4,400	5,000	2012	5,950	8,700	11,900
1989	3,100	4,550	5,200	2013	6,100	8,950	12,200
1990	3,250	4,750	5,450	2014	6,200	9,100	12,400
1991	3,400	5,000	5,700	2015	6,300	9,250	12,600
1992	3,600	5,250	6,000	2016	6,300	9,300	12,600
1993	3,700	5,450	6,200	2017	6,350	9,350	12,700

Notes:

The standard deduction was first adopted in 1944. From 1944-1969, it was equal to 10 percent of adjusted gross income, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Beginning in 1985, the blind and those aged 65 or over received larger standard deductions.

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