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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE



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# 1997 1040A

## Instructions

Including Instructions for  
Schedules 1 and 2

### Explore IRS e-file!

- The quickest way to file—by computer or phone
- The fastest way to get refunds
- The surest way to avoid filing errors and error notices

More details on page 5.

### Check Your Social Security Numbers (SSNs)!

Incorrect or missing SSNs may increase your tax or reduce your refund. See page 6.

### Receiving a Refund?

- Have it directly deposited! See the instructions for lines 31b–31d on page 33.
- Check its status with TeleTax! See page 40.

### Quick and Easy Access to Tax Help and Forms

#### COMPUTER

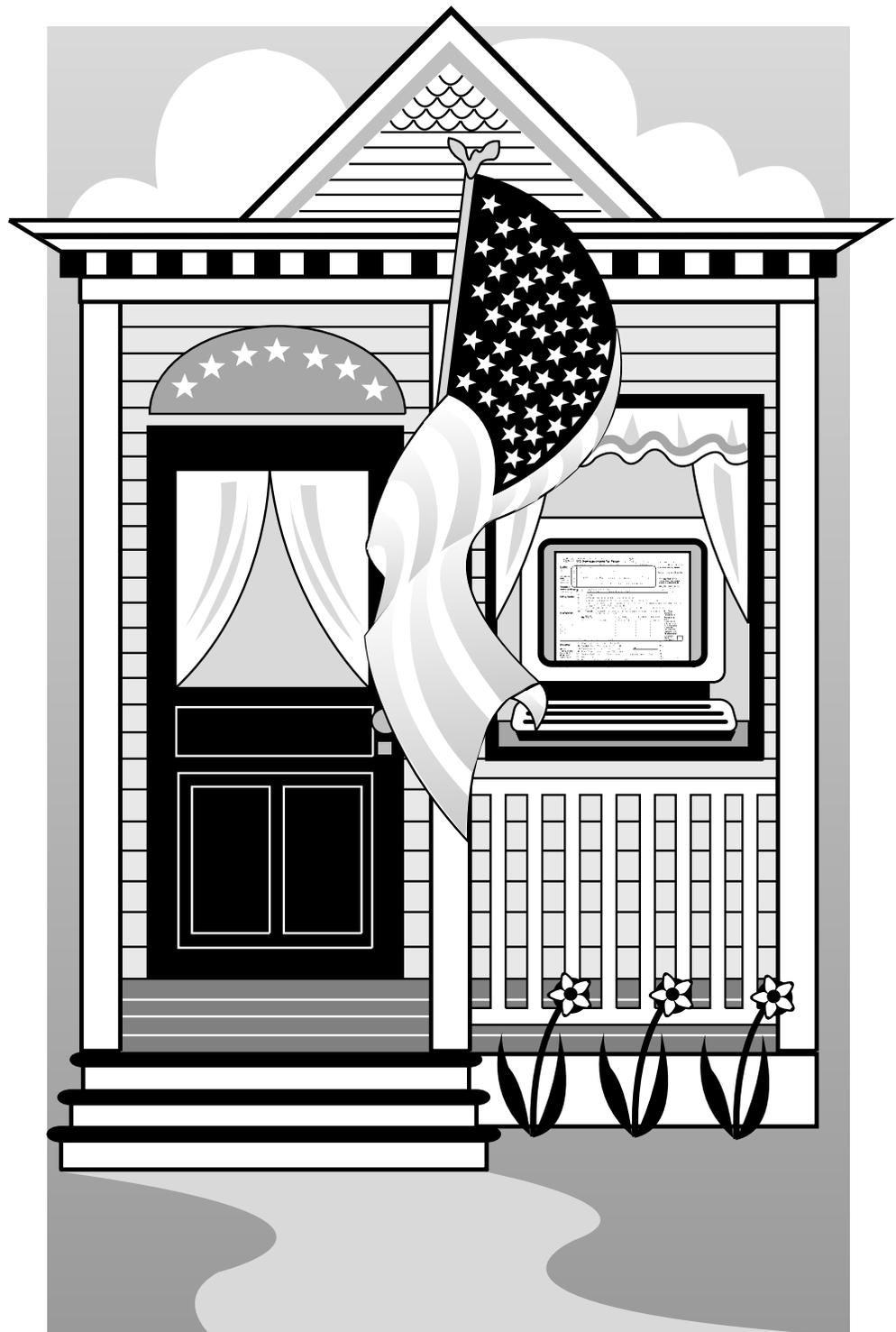
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703-321-8020

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From your fax machine's  
telephone, dial—  
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**See Page 4!**



# Tax Return Page References

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Form

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

## 1040A (99) U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 1997

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**Label** (See page 14.) Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

OMB No. 1545-0085

14 L A B E L  H E R E	Your first name	Init.	Last name	
	If a joint return, spouse's first name	Init.	Last name	
	Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 14.		Apt. no.	
	City, town or post office. If you have a foreign address, see page 14.		State	ZIP code

Your social security number

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Spouse's social security number

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**For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 42.**

**Presidential Election Campaign Fund** (See page 14.)

Do you want \$3 to go to this fund? . . . . .	14	Yes	No
If a joint return, does your spouse want \$3 to go to this fund? . . . . .			

**Note:** Checking "Yes" will not change your tax or reduce your refund.

- 1  Single . . . . . 14
- 2  Married filing joint return (even if only one had income) . . . . . 14
- 3  Married filing separate return. Enter spouse's social security number above and full name here. ▶ . . . . . 15
- 4  Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 15.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶ . . . . . 15
- 5  Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (year spouse died ▶ 19 . . . . .). (See page 16.) . . . . . 16

**6a**  Yourself. If your parent (or someone else) can claim you as a dependent on his or her tax return, do not check box 6a.

**b**  Spouse . . . . . 16

**c Dependents.** If more than six dependents, see page 16.

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Dependent's social security number	(3) Dependent's relationship to you	(4) No. of months lived in your home in 1997	No. of your children on 6c who:
					• lived with you
					• did not live with you due to divorce or separation (see page 17)
					Dependents on 6c not entered above
					Add numbers entered in boxes above

**d** Total number of exemptions claimed . . . . . ▶

<b>7</b> Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2.	7	Dollars	Cents
<b>8a</b> Taxable interest income. Attach Schedule 1 if required.	8a	18	18
<b>b</b> Tax-exempt interest. DO NOT include on line 8a.	19	8b	
<b>9</b> Dividends. Attach Schedule 1 if required.	9	19	
<b>10a</b> Total IRA distributions.	10a	19	
<b>10b</b> Taxable amount (see page 19).	10b	19	
<b>11a</b> Total pensions and annuities.	11a	19	
<b>11b</b> Taxable amount (see page 19).	11b	19	
<b>12</b> Unemployment compensation.	12	21	
<b>13a</b> Social security benefits.	13a	21	
<b>13b</b> Taxable amount (see page 21).	13b	21	
<b>14</b> Add lines 7 through 13b (far right column). This is your <b>total income</b> .	14		
<b>15</b> IRA deduction (see page 21).	15	21	
<b>16</b> Subtract line 15 from line 14. This is your <b>adjusted gross income</b> . If under \$29,290 (under \$9,770 if a child did not live with you), see the EIC instructions on page 27.	16		

34 Attach Copy B of W-2 and 1099-R here.

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1997 Form 1040A

# Tax Return Page References

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1997 Form 1040A page 2

<b>17</b>	Enter the amount from line 16.	<b>17</b>	
<b>18a</b>	Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> You were 65 or older <input type="checkbox"/> Blind <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse was 65 or older <input type="checkbox"/> Blind	Enter number of boxes checked ▶ 18a	
<b>b</b>	If you are married filing separately and your spouse itemizes deductions, see page 23 and check here . . . . . ▶ 18b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>(23)</b>
<b>19</b>	Enter the <b>standard deduction</b> for your filing status. <b>But</b> see page 24 if you checked any box on line 18a or 18b <b>OR</b> someone can claim you as a dependent. • Single—4,150    • Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)—6,900 • Head of household—6,050    • Married filing separately—3,450	<b>19</b>	<b>(24)</b>
<b>20</b>	Subtract line 19 from line 17. If line 19 is more than line 17, enter 0.	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	Multiply \$2,650 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6d.	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b>	Subtract line 21 from line 20. If line 21 is more than line 20, enter 0. This is your <b>taxable income</b> . <b>If you want the IRS to figure your tax, see page 24.</b> ▶	<b>22</b>	<b>(24)</b>
<b>23</b>	Find the tax on the amount on line 22 (see page 24).	<b>23</b>	<b>(24)</b>
<b>24a</b>	Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Schedule 2.	<b>24a</b>	<b>(24)</b>
<b>b</b>	Credit for the elderly or the disabled. Attach Schedule 3.	<b>24b</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>c</b>	Adoption credit. Attach Form 8839.	<b>24c</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>d</b>	Add lines 24a, 24b, and 24c. These are your <b>total credits</b> .	<b>24d</b>	
<b>25</b>	Subtract line 24d from line 23. If line 24d is more than line 23, enter 0.	<b>25</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>26</b>	Advance earned income credit payments from Form(s) W-2.	<b>26</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>27</b>	Household employment taxes. Attach Schedule H.	<b>27</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>28</b>	Add lines 25, 26, and 27. This is your <b>total tax</b> . ▶	<b>28</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>29a</b>	Total Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099.	<b>29a</b>	<b>(26)</b>
<b>b</b>	1997 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 1996 return.	<b>29b</b>	<b>(26)</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>Earned income credit.</b> Attach Schedule EIC if you have a qualifying child.	<b>29c</b>	<b>(27)</b>
<b>d</b>	Nontaxable earned income: amount ▶ <b>(29)</b> and type ▶ <b>(29)</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines 29a, 29b, and 29c. These are your <b>total payments</b> . ▶	<b>29e</b>	<b>(33)</b>
<b>30</b>	If line 29e is more than line 28, subtract line 28 from line 29e. This is the amount you <b>overpaid</b> .	<b>30</b>	<b>(33)</b>
<b>31a</b>	Amount of line 30 you want <b>refunded to you</b> . If you want it directly deposited, see page 33 and fill in 31b, 31c, and 31d.	<b>31a</b>	<b>(33)</b>
<b>b</b>	Routing number <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>		
<b>c</b>	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings		
<b>d</b>	Account number <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>		
<b>32</b>	Amount of line 30 you want <b>applied to your 1998 estimated tax</b> . <b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>(33)</b>
<b>33</b>	If line 28 is more than line 29e, subtract line 29e from line 28. This is the <b>amount you owe</b> . For details on how to pay, see page 34.	<b>33</b>	<b>(34)</b>
<b>34</b>	Estimated tax penalty (see page 34). <b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>(34)</b>

**Sign here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and accurately list all amounts and sources of income I received during the tax year. Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Keep a copy of this return for your records.	Your signature <b>(34)</b>	Date	Your occupation
	Spouse's signature. If joint return, BOTH must sign.	Date	Spouse's occupation
	Preparer's signature <b>(34)</b>	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Paid preparer's use only</b>	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address	EIN	Preparer's SSN
		ZIP code	

# Quick and Easy Access to Tax Help and Forms



## PERSONAL COMPUTER

*Why not use a personal computer and modem to get the forms and information you need?*

Here is a sample of what you will find when you visit the IRS's Internet Web Site at — [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov)

- Forms and Instructions
- Publications
- Educational Materials
- IRS Press Releases and Fact Sheets
- TeleTax Topics on About 150 Tax Topics
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

## You can also reach us using

- Telnet at [iris.irs.ustreas.gov](http://iris.irs.ustreas.gov)
- File Transfer Protocol at [ftp.irs.ustreas.gov](http://ftp.irs.ustreas.gov)
- Direct Dial (by modem)—You can also dial directly to the Internal Revenue Information Services (IRIS) at **703-321-8020**. IRIS is an on-line information service on FedWorld.



## FAX

*Just call **703-368-9694** from the telephone connected to the fax machine to get the following:*

## Forms and Instructions

We can fax you over 100 of the most requested forms and instructions. (See page 36 for a partial list of the items.)

## TeleTax Topics

We can also fax you TeleTax topics covering about 150 tax topics. (See page 41 for a list of the topics.)



## MAIL

*You can order forms, instructions, and publications by completing the order blank on page 37.*



## PHONE

*You can also get forms and information, including the status of your refund, by phone.*

## Forms and Publications

You can order forms, instructions, and publications by phone. Just call **1-800-TAX-FORM** (1-800-829-3676) between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The best time to call is before 9 a.m. or after 2 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays are the best days to call. (The hours are Pacific time in Alaska and Hawaii, Eastern time in Puerto Rico.) You should receive your order or notification of its status within 7 to 15 workdays.

## TeleTax Topics

You can listen to pre-recorded messages covering about 150 tax topics. (See page 40 for the number to call and page 41 for a list of the topics.)

## Refund Information

You can check on the status of your 1997 refund using TeleTax's Refund Information service. (See page 40.)



## WALK-IN

*You can pick up certain forms, instructions, and publications at many post offices, libraries, and IRS offices. See page 36 for a partial list of products. You can also photocopy, or print out from a CD-ROM or the Internet, many other products at participating libraries.*



## CD-ROM

*To order the CD-ROM, call **202-512-1800** or connect to [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs) by computer.*

The CD-ROM contains over 2,000 tax forms and publications for small businesses, return preparers, and others who frequently need current or prior year tax products. Popular tax forms on the CD-ROM may be filled-in electronically, then printed out for submission. Other products on the CD-ROM include the Internal Revenue Bulletin, Tax Supplements, and Internet resources for the tax professional with links to the World Wide Web. The CD-ROM can be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Superintendent of Documents for \$17 plus the cost of either regular postage (\$3) or express delivery (\$8.50).

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**You can also get help in other ways**—See pages 35–36 for information.

# IRS *e-file*. Click. Zip. Fast Roundtrip!



You can take advantage of the benefits of *e-file* if:

- you're expecting a **REFUND** and want it in **half the time**
  - you want to file the **FASTEST** and most **ACCURATE** way possible (thereby reducing your likelihood of receiving an error notice)
  - you want **PROOF** your return has been accepted
- OR -
- if you want to file your Federal and state tax returns together



## Filing Season

*e-file* means a fast refund—even faster with Direct Deposit!



## *e-file* Using A Tax Professional

Whether you prepare your own return and have a professional *e-file* it *or* have a tax professional prepare AND *e-file* your return, look for this sign.

## *e-file* From Your Personal Computer

File electronically from home using tax preparation software, a personal computer and modem.

## *e-file* By Phone

With *TeleFile*, a tax return can be filed with a Touch-Tone phone in about 10 minutes. It's FREE, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for those who receive the *TeleFile Tax Package*.

Get all the details on page 7.

"IRS offers a number of electronic services to make tax time easier. Forms and information are available on the Internet or by fax. In addition, you can file your return electronically using *e-file*! Last year, over 19 million taxpayers (people just like you!) chose an *e-file* option to send us their tax return—mostly because they wanted a **FAST REFUND!** With *e-file*, we offer a number of filing options. You can ask your tax professional to *e-file* your return, or if you prefer, file it from home using your personal computer. If you receive a *TeleFile Tax Package*, use a Touch-Tone telephone."

Mike Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS

"I've been filing electronically for the past four years and think it's GREAT! It's simple, FAST, and what's more provides an acknowledgment that IRS received my return! I particularly like the Direct Deposit feature! I truly believe that if more taxpayers tried it, they'd be convinced that it's the **ONLY** way to file their tax return especially since it lessens their likelihood of receiving an error notice."

James Donelson,  
Chief Taxpayer Service, IRS

## IRS Customer Service Standards



At the IRS our goal is to continually improve the quality of our services. To achieve that goal, we have developed customer service standards in the following areas:

- Easier filing
- Access to information
- Accuracy
- Prompt refunds
- Initial contact resolution
- Canceling penalties
- Resolving problems
- Simpler forms

If you would like information about the IRS standards and a report of our accomplishments, see **Pub. 2183**.

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## Before You Fill In Form 1040A

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For details on these and other changes, see **Pub. 553** or *What's Hot* at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

### What's New for 1997?

**Social Security Numbers (SSNs).** You must include on your return the correct SSN of each person you claim as a—

- Dependent on Form 1040A (for example, your child).
- Qualifying person for the child and dependent care credit on **Schedule 2**.
- Qualifying child on **Schedule EIC** for the earned income credit.

If you do not, at the time we process your return, we may disallow that person as a dependent and reduce or disallow any other tax benefits (such as the credits listed above) based on that person. To find out how to get an SSN, see page 14.

**Exception.** If the person does not have and cannot get an SSN, enter that person's individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) or adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN). However, you **cannot** claim a person as a qualifying child on Schedule EIC unless he or she has an SSN. See page 14 for details on ITINs. See below for details on ATINs.

**Adoption Expenses.** If you paid qualified adoption expenses in 1997 and the adoption was final in or before 1997, you may be able to take a credit of up to \$5,000 (\$6,000 for a child with special needs). See **Form 8839** for details. If you received employer-provided adoption benefits in 1997, you must use Form 8839 to figure the amount of benefits you may exclude from your income.

**Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ATINs).** If you have a child who was placed with you by an authorized placement agency, you may be able to claim the child as your dependent and also claim the child and dependent care credit. However, if you do not know the child's SSN, you must get an ATIN for the child from the IRS. See **Form W-7A** for details.

**Spousal IRAs.** On a joint return, up to \$2,000 may be contributed to each spouse's IRA even if only one spouse had earned income. Enter the total of both spouses' IRA deductions on line 15. See the worksheet on page 23 for details.

**Penalty-Free IRA Distributions.** The additional tax on an early distribution from an IRA may not apply if you paid medical expenses in 1997. See **Form 5329** for details.

**Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs).** If you or your employer made contributions to your MSA for 1997, you must use **Form 8853** and Form 1040.

**Long-Term Care Insurance.** If you received benefits under a long-term care insurance contract, see the instructions for **Form 8853**. You may be able to deduct the amount you paid for the insurance, but you must use Form 1040 and **Schedule A** to do so. Also, the unreimbursed expenses for the care of a chronically ill

individual may be deductible as a medical expense on Schedule A.

**Accelerated Death Benefits.** See the instructions for **Form 8853** if you received accelerated death benefits under a life insurance contract or from a viatical settlement provider. Generally, a viatical settlement is an arrangement that lets terminally ill individuals sell their life insurance policies.

**Earned Income Credit (EIC).** You may be able to take this credit if you earned less than \$29,290 (less than \$9,770 if you do not have any qualifying children). See the instructions for lines 29c and 29d that begin on page 27.

**Caution:** *If it is determined that you are not entitled to the EIC you claim, you may not be allowed to take the credit for certain future years. For details, see **Pub. 596**.*

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### What To Look for in 1998

**Dependent Child Credit.** You may be able to take a \$400 credit for each of your dependent children under age 17. For more than two eligible dependent children, you may be able to take a larger credit.

**Student Loan Interest Deduction.** You may be able to deduct up to \$1,000 of the interest you pay on a loan for qualified higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents. The deduction is allowed in figuring adjusted gross income. But you **cannot** take the deduction if you can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's 1998 tax return.

**Credits for Higher Education Expenses.** You may be able to take the Hope credit for the tuition and related expenses you pay for yourself, your spouse, or dependents to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution. However, this credit only applies to the first 2 years of postsecondary education. For qualified expenses paid after June 30, 1998, you may be able to take the Lifetime Learning Credit. This credit is not limited to the first 2 years of postsecondary education.

**Education IRAs.** You may be able to contribute up to \$500 each year to an education IRA for a person under age 18. The contributions are not deductible.

**IRA Deduction Restored for Some People Covered by Retirement Plans.** You may be able to take an IRA deduction if you are covered by a retirement plan and your 1998 modified adjusted gross income is less than \$40,000 if not married (\$60,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). If you are not covered by a plan but your spouse is, new rules apply.

**Roth IRAs.** You may be able to contribute up to \$2,000 to a Roth IRA. Although the contributions are not deductible, the earnings may be tax free depending on when and why withdrawals are made.

**Penalty-Free IRA Distributions.** The additional tax on an early distribution from an IRA may not apply if you pay higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, or your (or your spouse's) children or grandchildren. The tax also may not apply if you pay

expenses related to the purchase of a home by a first-time homebuyer.

**Estimated Tax Penalty.** You generally will not owe the estimated tax penalty if your 1998 tax return shows a tax balance due the IRS of less than \$1,000.

## How To Avoid Common Mistakes

Mistakes may delay your refund or result in notices being sent to you.

1. Make sure you enter the correct social security number (SSN) for each person you claim as a dependent on line 6c or a qualifying child on Schedule EIC.
2. Check your math, especially when figuring your taxable social security benefits, deduction for exemptions, taxable income, Federal income tax withheld, total payments, and refund or amount you owe.
3. Remember to **sign** and date Form 1040A and enter your occupation.
4. Be sure you enter the correct tax on line 23. Also, enter your total tax on line 28.
5. Make sure you use the correct filing status. If you think you can file as Head of household, read the instructions for line 4 on page 15 to make sure you qualify.
6. Make sure your name, address, and SSN are correct on the peel-off label. If not, enter the correct information.
7. If you are married filing jointly and did not get a peel-off label, or you are married filing separately, enter your spouse's SSN in the space provided on page 1 of Form 1040A. Also, enter your SSN in the space provided next to your name.

8. Enter your standard deduction on line 19. Also, if you check any box on line 18a or you (or your spouse if filing jointly) can be claimed as a dependent on someone's 1997 return, be sure you see page 24 to find the amount to enter on line 19.
9. If you (or your spouse if you check the box on line 6b) were age 65 or older or blind, be sure to check the appropriate boxes on line 18a.
10. If you can be claimed as a dependent on someone's 1997 return, such as your parents' return, do not check the box on line 6a. If filing a joint return and your spouse can be claimed as a dependent, do not check the box on line 6b.
11. Attach your W-2 form(s) and any other required forms and schedules.
12. If you owe tax, be sure to include the required information on your payment. See the instructions for line 33 on page 34 for details.

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## Do Both the Name and Social Security Number (SSN) on Your Tax Forms Agree With Your Social Security Card?

If not, your refund may be delayed or you may not receive credit for your social security earnings.

If your Form W-2, Form 1099, or other tax document shows an incorrect SSN or name, notify your employer or the form-issuing agent as soon as possible to make sure your earnings are credited to your social security record. If the name or SSN on your social security card is incorrect, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

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## Explore IRS *e-file*!

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Millions of people **JUST LIKE YOU** file their tax returns **ELECTRONICALLY** using an *e-file* option because they offer:

- **A Fast Refund IN HALF THE TIME — Even Faster with Direct Deposit**
- **Faster Processing and Increased Accuracy**
- **An Acknowledgment of IRS Receipt within 48 hours**

In many cases, *e-file* options allow you to file your state tax return with your Federal return. What's more, with *e-file*, your return is less likely to have errors therefore lessening your chances of receiving a letter from IRS. Here's how you can participate with *e-file*:

### See A Tax Professional



Many tax professionals file returns electronically for their clients. You can prepare your own return and have a professional transmit it electronically or you can have your return both prepared AND transmitted electronically. Look for the

"AUTHORIZED IRS *e-file* PROVIDER" sign. Tax professionals may charge a fee to *e-file* your return and fees may vary depending on the professional and the specific services requested.

### Use A Personal Computer

If you have a modem, personal computer and tax preparation software, you can *e-file* your tax return from the convenience of your home. Tax preparation software is available at your local computer retailer or through various web sites over the Internet. Through a tax return transmitter, you can file 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A tax return transmitter may charge a fee for transmitting your return.

### Visit a VITA/TCE Site

The IRS offers FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Many of these sites also offer *e-file*. See page 35 for details on these programs.

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## Ask Your Employer or Financial Institution

Some businesses offer *e-file* FREE to their employees as a benefit. Others offer it for a fee to customers. Ask your employer or financial institution if they offer electronic filing. If they don't, why not suggest that they offer it as a benefit or service?

## Use a Phone



For millions of eligible taxpayers, *TeleFile* is the easiest way to file. The call only takes about 10 minutes! It allows taxpayers to file simple Federal tax returns using a Touch-Tone telephone. It's completely paperless. Eligible taxpayers will automatically receive the *TeleFile Tax Package* in the mail. **Parents!: If your children receive a *TeleFile Tax Package*, please encourage them to use *TeleFile*!**

## What if a Taxpayer Died?

If a taxpayer died before filing a return for 1997, the taxpayer's spouse or personal representative may have to file and sign a return for that taxpayer. A personal representative can be an executor, administrator, or anyone who is in charge of the deceased taxpayer's property.

If the deceased taxpayer did not have to file a return but had tax withheld, a return must be filed to get a refund. The person who files the return should print "**DECEASED**," the deceased taxpayer's name, and the date of death across the top of the return.

**If your spouse died in 1997** and you did not remarry in 1997, or if your spouse died in 1998 before filing a return for 1997, you can file a joint return. A joint return should show your spouse's 1997 income before death and your income for all of 1997. Print "**FILING AS SURVIVING SPOUSE**" in the area where you sign the return. If someone else is the personal representative, he or she must also sign.

The surviving spouse or personal representative should promptly notify all payers of income, including financial institutions, of the taxpayer's death. This will ensure the proper reporting of income earned by the taxpayer's estate or heirs. A deceased taxpayer's social security number should not be used for tax years after the year of death, except for estate tax return purposes.

**Claiming a Refund for a Deceased Taxpayer.** If you are filing a joint return as a surviving spouse, you only need to file the tax return to claim the refund. If you are a court-appointed representative, file the return and attach a copy of the certificate that shows your appointment. All other filers requesting the deceased taxpayer's refund must file the return and attach **Form 1310**.

For more details, use TeleTax topic 356 (see page 40) or see **Pub. 559**.

## What Are the Filing Dates, Penalties, and Extensions?



*If you were a participant in Operation Joint Guard or you were in the Persian Gulf area combat zone, see **Pub. 3**.*

**When Is Your Tax Return Due?** Not later than **April 15, 1998**.

**What if You Cannot File on Time?** If you need more time to complete your return, file **Form 4868** with the IRS by April 15, 1998. This form will get you an automatic 4-month extension. If you later find that you still need more time, **Form 2688** may get you an additional extension. However, even if you get an extension, the tax you owe is still due April 15, 1998. If you make a payment with Form 4868 or Form 2688, see the instructions for line 29e on page 33.

**What if You File or Pay Late?** If you file or pay late, the IRS can charge you interest and penalties on the amount you owe.

If you file late, the penalty is usually 5% of the amount due for each month or part of a month your return is late, unless you have a reasonable explanation. If you do, attach it to your return. The penalty cannot usually be more than 25% of the tax due. We will charge you interest on the penalty from the due date of the return (including extensions). If your return is more than 60 days late, the minimum penalty will be \$100 or the amount of any tax you owe, whichever is smaller.

If you pay your taxes late, the penalty is usually 1/2 of 1% of the unpaid amount for each month or part of a month the tax is not paid. The penalty cannot be more than 25% of the unpaid amount. It applies to any unpaid tax on the return.

**Are There Other Penalties?** Yes. Other penalties can be imposed for negligence, substantial understatement of tax, and fraud. We will charge you interest on these penalties from the due date of the return (including extensions). Criminal penalties may be imposed for willful failure to file, tax evasion, or making a false statement. See **Pub. 17** for details.

In addition to any other penalties, the law imposes a penalty of \$500 for filing a frivolous return. A frivolous return is one that does not contain information needed to figure the correct tax or shows a substantially incorrect tax, because you take a frivolous position or desire to delay or interfere with the tax laws. This includes altering or striking out the preprinted language above the space where you sign.

## Where Do You File?

See the back cover for filing instructions and addresses.

**Private Delivery Services.** You can use certain private delivery services designated by the IRS to meet the "timely mailing as timely filing/paying" rule for tax returns and payments. The IRS publishes a list of the designated private delivery services in September of each year. The list published in September 1997 includes only the following:

- Airborne Express (Airborne): Overnight Air Express Service, Next Afternoon Service, Second Day Service.
- DHL Worldwide Express (DHL): DHL "Same Day" Service, DHL USA Overnight.
- Federal Express (FedEx): FedEx Priority Overnight, FedEx Standard Overnight, FedEx 2Day.
- United Parcel Service (UPS): UPS Next Day Air, UPS Next Day Air Saver, UPS 2nd Day Air, UPS 2nd Day Air A.M.

The private delivery service can tell you how to get written proof of the mailing date.

**Caution:** Private delivery services cannot deliver items to P.O. boxes. You must use the U.S. Postal Service to mail any item to an IRS P.O. box address.

## How Do You Get a Copy of Your Tax Return?

If you need a copy of your tax return, use **Form 4506**. If you have questions about your account, call or write your local IRS office. If you want a printed copy of your account, it will be mailed to you free of charge.

## Filing Requirements

### Do You Have To File?

**Note:** These rules apply to all U.S. citizens, regardless of where they live, and resident aliens.

Use **Chart A, B, or C** to see if you must file a return.



*Even if you do not otherwise have to file a return, you should file one to get a refund of any Federal income tax withheld. You should also file if you are eligible for the earned income credit.*

### Exception for Children Under Age 14

If you are planning to file a return for your child who was under age 14 on January 1, 1998, and certain other conditions apply, you may elect to include your child's income on your return. But you must use Form

1040 and **Form 8814** to do so. If you make this election, your child does not have to file a return. For details, use TeleTax topic 553 (see page 40) or see Form 8814.

### Nonresident Aliens and Dual-Status Aliens

These rules also apply to nonresident aliens and dual-status aliens who were married to U.S. citizens or residents at the end of 1997 and who have elected to be taxed as resident aliens. Other nonresident aliens and dual-status aliens have different filing requirements. They may have to file **Form 1040NR** or **Form 1040NR-EZ**. Specific rules apply to determine if you are a resident or nonresident alien. See **Pub. 519** for details, including the rules for students and scholars who are aliens.

**Chart A—For Most People**

IF your filing status is . . .	AND at the end of 1997 you were* . . .	THEN file a return if your gross income** was at least . . .
Single	under 65	\$6,800
	65 or older	7,800
Married filing jointly***	under 65 (both spouses)	\$12,200
	65 or older (one spouse)	13,000
	65 or older (both spouses)	13,800
Married filing separately	any age	\$2,650
Head of household (see page 15)	under 65	\$8,700
	65 or older	9,700
Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 16)	under 65	\$9,550
	65 or older	10,350

\* If you turned 65 on January 1, 1998, you are considered to be age 65 at the end of 1997.

\*\* **Gross income** means all income you received in the form of money, goods, property, and services that is not exempt from tax, including any gain on the sale of your home (even if you may exclude or postpone part or all of the gain). **Do not**

include social security benefits unless you are married filing a separate return and you lived with your spouse at any time during 1997.

\*\*\* If you did not live with your spouse at the end of 1997 (or on the date your spouse died) and your gross income was at least \$2,650, you must file a return regardless of your age.

## Chart B—For Children and Other Dependents

(See the instructions for line 6c that begin on page 16 to find out if someone can claim you as a dependent.)

If your parent (or someone else) can claim you as a dependent, use this chart to see if you must file a return.

In this chart, **unearned income** includes taxable interest and dividends. **Earned income** includes wages, tips, and taxable scholarship and fellowship grants.

**Caution:** *If your gross income was \$2,650 or more, you usually cannot be claimed as a dependent unless you were under age 19 or a student under age 24. For details, see **Test 4—Income** on page 16.*

**Single dependents.** Were you **either** age 65 or older **or** blind?

**No.** You must file a return if—

Your unearned income was:	AND	The total of that income plus your earned income was:
\$1 or more		over \$650
\$0		over \$4,150

**Yes.** You must file a return if **any** of the following apply.

- Your earned income was over \$5,150 (\$6,150 if 65 or older **and** blind).
- Your unearned income was over \$1,650 (\$2,650 if 65 or older **and** blind).
- Your gross income was more than—

The larger of:	PLUS	This amount:
\$650 or your earned income (up to \$4,150)		\$1,000 (\$2,000 if 65 or older <b>and</b> blind)

**Married dependents.** Were you **either** age 65 or older **or** blind?

**No.** You must file a return if **either** of the following apply.

- Your gross income was at least \$5 and your spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.

Your unearned income was:	AND	The total of that income plus your earned income was:
\$1 or more		over \$650
\$0		over \$3,450

**Yes.** You must file a return if **any** of the following apply.

- Your earned income was over \$4,250 (\$5,050 if 65 or older **and** blind).
- Your unearned income was over \$1,450 (\$2,250 if 65 or older **and** blind).
- Your gross income was at least \$5 and your spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.
- Your gross income was more than—

The larger of:	PLUS	This amount:
\$650 or your earned income (up to \$3,450)		\$800 (\$1,600 if 65 or older <b>and</b> blind)

## Chart C—Other Situations When You Must File

You must also file a return if you received any advance earned income credit (EIC) payments from your employer. These payments should be shown in box 9 of your W-2 form.

You must file a return using Form 1040 if **any** of the following apply for 1997:

- You owe any special taxes, such as social security and Medicare tax on tips you did not report to your employer, or
- You owe uncollected social security and Medicare or RRTA tax on tips you reported to your employer or on your group-term life insurance, or
- You had net earnings from self-employment of at least \$400, or
- You earned wages of \$108.28 or more from a church or a qualified church-controlled organization that is exempt from employer social security and Medicare taxes, or
- You owe tax on a qualified retirement plan, including an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), or on a medical savings account (MSA). But if you are filing a return only because you owe the tax on a qualified retirement plan, you can file **Form 5329** by itself.

### Would It Help You To Itemize Deductions on Form 1040?

You may be able to reduce your tax by itemizing deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040). Itemized deductions include amounts you paid for state and

local income taxes, real estate taxes, mortgage interest, and medical expenses. You may also include gifts to charity. You would usually benefit by itemizing if—

**Your filing status is:**

**AND**

**Your itemized deductions are more than:**

#### Single

- |                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| • Under 65                     | • \$4,150 |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind  | • 5,150   |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind | • 6,150   |

#### Married filing jointly

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| • Under 65 (both spouses)   | • \$6,900 |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind (one spouse)  | • 7,700   |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind (both spouses)  | • 8,500   |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind (one spouse)   | • 8,500   |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind (one spouse) and<br>65 or older <b>and</b> blind (other spouse) | • 9,300   |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind (both spouses)   | • 10,100  |

#### Married filing separately \*

- |                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| • Your spouse itemizes deductions | • \$0   |
| • Under 65                        | • 3,450 |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind     | • 4,250 |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind    | • 5,050 |

#### Head of household

- |                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| • Under 65                     | • \$6,050 |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind  | • 7,050   |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind | • 8,050   |

#### Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

- |                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| • Under 65                     | • \$6,900 |
| • 65 or older <b>or</b> blind  | • 7,700   |
| • 65 or older <b>and</b> blind | • 8,500   |

\* If you can take an exemption for your spouse, see **Standard Deduction Chart for People Age 65 or Older or Blind** on page

24 for the amount that applies to you.

If someone can claim you as a dependent, it would benefit you to itemize deductions if they total more

than your standard deduction figured on the **Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents** on page 24.

## Where To Report Certain Items From 1997 Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099

Report any amounts shown on these forms as **Federal income tax** withheld on Form 1040A, line 29a.

Form	Item and Box in Which it Should Appear	Where To Report on Form 1040A
W-2	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. (box 1) Allocated tips (box 8) Advance EIC payments (box 9) Dependent care benefits (box 10) Adoption benefits (box 13, code T) Employer contributions to an MSA (box 13, code R)	Line 7 See <b>Tip income</b> on page 18 Line 26 Schedule 2, line 10 Form 8839, line 13 Must file Form 1040
W-2G	Gambling winnings (box 1)	Must file Form 1040
1098	Mortgage interest (box 1) Points (box 2) Refund of overpaid interest (box 3)	Must file Form 1040 to deduct See the instructions on Form 1098
1099-A	Acquisition or abandonment of secured property	See Pub. 544
1099-B	Stocks, bonds, etc. (box 2) Bartering (box 3)	Must file Form 1040
1099-C	Canceled debt (box 2)	Must file Form 1040 if taxable (see the instructions on Form 1099-C)
1099-DIV	Ordinary dividends (box 1b) Capital gain distributions (box 1c) Nontaxable distributions (box 1d) Investment expenses (box 1e) Foreign tax paid (box 3)	Line 9 Must file Form 1040 Line 9 Must file Form 1040
1099-G	Unemployment compensation (box 1) State or local income tax refund (box 2)	Line 12. But if you repaid any unemployment compensation in 1997, see the instructions for line 12 on page 21 See the instructions on page 18
1099-INT	Interest income (box 1) Interest on U.S. savings bonds and Treasury obligations (box 3) Early withdrawal penalty (box 2) Foreign tax paid (box 5)	Line 8a See the instructions for line 8a that begin on page 18 Must file Form 1040
1099-LTC	Long-term care and accelerated death benefits	Must file Form 1040 if required to file Form 8853 (see the instructions for Form 8853)
1099-MISC	Miscellaneous income	Must file Form 1040
1099-MSA	Distributions from medical savings accounts	Must file Form 1040
1099-OID	Original issue discount (box 1) Other periodic interest (box 2) Early withdrawal penalty (box 3)	See the instructions on Form 1099-OID Must file Form 1040
1099-PATR	Patronage dividends and other distributions from a cooperative (boxes 1, 2, 3, and 5)	Must file Form 1040 if taxable (see the instructions on Form 1099-PATR)
1099-R	Distributions from IRAs* Distributions from pensions, annuities, etc. Capital gain (box 3)	See the instructions for lines 10a and 10b on page 19 See the instructions for lines 11a and 11b that begin on page 19 See the instructions on Form 1099-R
1099-S	Gross proceeds from real estate transactions (box 2) Buyer's part of real estate tax (box 5)	Must file Form 1040

\*This includes distributions from SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs.



**Need More Information or Forms?** You can use a personal computer, fax, or phone to get what you need. See page 4.

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## Who Can Use Form 1040A?

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You can use Form 1040A if **all five** of the following apply.

1. You only had **income** from the following sources:
  - Wages, salaries, tips
  - Interest and dividends
  - Taxable scholarship and fellowship grants
  - Pensions, annuities, and IRAs
  - Unemployment compensation
  - Taxable social security and railroad retirement benefits
  - Alaska Permanent Fund dividends
2. The only **adjustment to income** you can claim is the IRA deduction.

3. You **do not** itemize deductions.
4. Your taxable income (line 22) is less than \$50,000.
5. The only **tax credits** you can claim are:
  - Earned income credit
  - Credit for child and dependent care expenses
  - Credit for the elderly or the disabled
  - Adoption credit

You can also use Form 1040A if you received advance earned income credit (EIC) payments or you owe household employment taxes or the alternative minimum tax.

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## When Must You Use Form 1040?

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You **must** use Form 1040 if **any** of the following apply.

1. You received **any** of the following types of income:
  - Income from self-employment (business or farm income)
  - Certain tips you did not report to your employer. See **Tip income** on page 18
  - Capital gain distributions or nontaxable distributions
  - Income received as a partner in a partnership, shareholder in an S corporation, or a beneficiary of an estate or trust
2. You received or paid interest on securities transferred between interest payment dates.
3. You can exclude **either** of the following types of income:

- Foreign earned income you received as a U.S. citizen or resident alien
  - Certain income received from sources in a U.S. possession if you were a bona fide resident of American Samoa for all of 1997
4. You had a financial account in a foreign country, such as a bank account or securities account.  
**Exception.** If the combined value of the accounts was \$10,000 or less during all of 1997 or if the accounts were with a U.S. military banking facility operated by a U.S. financial institution, you may file Form 1040A.
  5. You received a distribution from a foreign trust.
  6. You are reporting original issue discount (OID) in an amount more or less than the amount shown on Form 1099-OID.

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## Line Instructions for Form 1040A

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### How Should You Fill In the Form?

- Use a black or blue ballpoint pen on the copy you send us. The machines may not be able to read red ink or pencil.
- Print names and words in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
- Line up dollar amounts with the decimal points. Do not use commas or dollar signs.

- If you do not have an entry for a line, leave it blank. Do not enter a dash or a 0 unless the instructions for a specific line tell you to enter 0.
- We encourage you to round off cents to the nearest whole dollar. See **Rounding Off to Whole Dollars** on page 18. If you do round off, leave the boxes blank to the right of the decimal points.

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## Name, Address, and Social Security Number (SSN)

**Use the Peel-Off Label.** Using the peel-off label in this booklet will speed the processing of your return. It also prevents common errors that can delay refunds or result in unnecessary notices. Attach the label to your return **after** you have finished it. Cross out any errors and print the correct information. Add any missing items, such as your apartment number.

**Address Change.** If the address on your peel-off label is not your current address, cross out the old address and print your new address. If you plan to move after filing your return, see page 35.

**Name Change.** If you changed your name, be sure to report the change to your local Social Security Administration office **before** you file your return. This prevents delays in processing your return and issuing refunds. It also safeguards your future social security benefits. If you received a peel-off label, cross out your former name and print your new name.

**What if You Do Not Have a Label?** Print the information in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in the spaces provided. Be sure to enter your SSN(s) in the appropriate boxes. If you are married filing a separate return, print your husband's or wife's name on line 3 instead of below your name.

**Social Security Number (SSN).** An incorrect or missing SSN may increase your tax or reduce your refund. **To apply for an SSN,** get **Form SS-5** from your local Social Security Administration (SSA) office or call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213. Fill in Form SS-5 and return it to the SSA. It usually takes about 2 weeks to get an SSN.

**IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) for Aliens.** The IRS will issue you an ITIN if you are a nonresident or resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get a social security number (SSN). **To apply for an ITIN,** file **Form W-7** with the IRS. It usually takes about 30 days to get an ITIN. **Enter your ITIN wherever your SSN is requested on your tax return.**

**Note:** *An ITIN is for tax use only. It does not entitle you to social security benefits or change your employment or immigration status under U.S. law.*

**Nonresident Alien Spouse.** If your spouse is a nonresident alien and you file a joint or separate return, your spouse must have either an SSN or an ITIN.

**P.O. Box.** Enter your box number instead of your street address **only** if your post office does not deliver mail to your home.

**Foreign Address.** Print the information in the following order: city, province or state, and country. Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. Please **do not** abbreviate the country name.

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## Presidential Election Campaign Fund

This fund helps pay for Presidential election campaigns. The fund reduces candidates' dependence on large contributions from individuals and groups and places candidates on an equal financial footing in the general election.

If you want \$3 to go to this fund, check the "Yes" box. If you are filing a joint return, your spouse may also have \$3 go to the fund. If you check "Yes," your tax or refund will not change.

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## Filing Status

Check **only** the filing status that applies to you. The ones that will usually give you the lowest tax are listed last.

- Married filing separately
- Single
- Head of household
- Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child



*More than one filing status may apply to you. Choose the one that will give you the lowest tax.*

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## Line 1

### Single

You may check the box on line 1 if **any** of the following was true on December 31, 1997:

- You were never married, or
- You were legally separated, according to your state law, under a decree of divorce or of separate maintenance, or
- You were widowed before January 1, 1997, and did not remarry in 1997.

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## Line 2

### Married Filing Jointly

You may check the box on line 2 if **any** of the following is true:

- You were married as of December 31, 1997, even if you did not live with your spouse at the end of 1997, or
- Your spouse died in 1997 and you did not remarry in 1997, or
- Your spouse died in 1998 before filing a 1997 return.

A husband and wife may file a joint return even if only one had income or if they did not live together all year. However, both persons must sign the return and both are responsible. This means that if one spouse does not pay the tax due, the other may have to. If you file a joint return for 1997, you may not, after the due date for filing that return, amend it to file as married filing separately.

**Nonresident Aliens and Dual-Status Aliens.** You may be able to file a joint return. See **Pub. 519** for details.



**Need More Information or Forms?** You can use a personal computer, fax, or phone to get what you need. See page 4.

### Line 3

#### Married Filing Separately

If you are married and file a separate return, you will usually pay more tax than if you file a joint return. Generally, you report only your own income, exemptions, deductions, and credits. Different rules apply to people in community property states. See page 18.



*You may be able to file as head of household if you had a child living with you and you lived apart from your spouse during the last 6 months of 1997. See **Married Persons Who Live Apart** on this page.*

### Line 4

#### Head of Household

This filing status is for **unmarried** individuals who provide a home for certain other persons. (Some **married persons who live apart** may also qualify. See this page.) You may check the box on line 4 **only if** you were unmarried or legally separated as of December 31, 1997, and **either 1 or 2** below apply to you.

1. You paid over half the cost of keeping up a home that was the main home for all of 1997 of your **parent** whom you can claim as a dependent. Your parent did not have to live with you in your home; or
2. You paid over half the cost of keeping up a home in which you lived and in which one of the following also lived for more than half of the year (if half or less, see the **Exception** on this page).
  - Your **unmarried** child, adopted child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc., or stepchild. This child does not have to be your dependent. But in this case, print the child's name in the space provided on line 4. If you do not enter the name, it will take us longer to process your return.
  - Your **married** child, adopted child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc., or stepchild. This child must be your dependent. But if your married child's other parent claims him or her as a dependent under the rules for **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents** on page 17, this child does not have to be your dependent. Print the child's name on line 4. If you do not enter the name, it will take us longer to process your return.
  - Your **foster** child, who must be your dependent.
  - Any other relative you can claim as a dependent. For the definition of a relative, see **Test 1—Relationship** on the next page. But

for this purpose, the **Exception** at the end of that test does not apply.

**Note:** You **cannot** file as head of household if your child, parent, or relative described earlier is your dependent under the rules on page 17 for **Person Supported by Two or More Taxpayers**.

**Married Persons Who Live Apart.** Even if you were not divorced or legally separated in 1997, you may be able to file as head of household. You may check the box on line 4 if **all five** of the following apply.

1. You **must** have lived apart from your spouse for the **last 6 months** of 1997. **Caution:** Temporary absences for special circumstances, such as for business, medical care, school, or military service, count as time lived in the home.
2. You file a separate return from your spouse.
3. You paid over half the cost of keeping up your home for 1997.
4. Your home was the main home of your child, adopted child, stepchild, or foster child for more than half of 1997 (if half or less, see the **Exception** below).
5. You claim this child as your dependent or the child's other parent claims him or her under the rules for **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents** on page 17. If this child is not your dependent, be sure to print the child's name on line 4. If you do not enter the name, it will take us longer to process your return.



*If all five apply, you may be able to take the credit for child and dependent care expenses, and the earned income credit. You can also take the standard deduction even if your spouse itemizes deductions. For more details, see the instructions for these topics.*

**Keeping Up a Home.** To find out what is included in the cost of keeping up a home, see **Pub. 501**.

If you used payments you received under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (formerly Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC)) or **other public assistance** programs to pay part of the cost of keeping up your home, you **cannot** count them as money you paid. However, you must include them in the total cost of keeping up your home to figure if you paid over half of the cost.

**Dependent.** To find out if someone is your dependent, see the instructions for line 6c.

**Exception.** You can count temporary absences, such as for school, vacation, or medical care, as time lived in the home. If the person for whom you kept up a home was born or died in 1997, you may still file as head of household as long as the home was that person's main home for the part of the year he or she was alive.

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## Line 5

### Qualifying Widow(er) With Dependent Child

You may check the box on line 5 and use joint return tax rates for 1997 if **all five** of the following apply.

1. Your spouse died in 1995 or 1996 and you did not remarry in 1997.
2. You have a child, adopted child, stepchild, or foster child whom you claim as a dependent.
3. This child lived in your home for all of 1997. Temporary absences, such as for school, vacation, or medical care, count as time lived in the home.
4. You paid over half the cost of keeping up your home.
5. You could have filed a joint return with your spouse the year he or she died, even if you did not actually do so.

If your spouse died in 1997, you may not file as qualifying widow(er) with dependent child. Instead, see the instructions for line 2.

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### Exemptions

For each exemption you can take, you can deduct \$2,650 on line 21.

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## Line 6b

### Spouse

Check the box on line 6b if you file either **(1)** a joint return, or **(2)** a separate return and your spouse had no income and is not filing a return. However, **do not** check the box if your spouse can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return. If you were divorced or legally separated at the end of 1997, you cannot take an exemption for your former spouse. If, at the end of 1997, your divorce was not final (an interlocutory decree), you are considered married for the whole year.

**Death of Your Spouse.** If your spouse died in 1997 and you did not remarry by the end of 1997, check the box on line 6b if you could have taken an exemption for your spouse on the date of death. For other filing instructions, see **What if a Taxpayer Died?** on page 8.

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## Line 6c

### Dependents

You can take an exemption for each of your dependents who was alive during some part of 1997. This includes a baby **born** in 1997 or a person who **died** in 1997. For more details, see **Pub. 501**. Any person who meets **all five** of the following tests qualifies as your dependent.

If you have **more than six** dependents, attach a statement to your return with the required information.

#### Test 1—Relationship

The person must be your relative. But see **Exception** at the end of this test, **Test 1**. The following people are considered your relatives:

- Your child, stepchild, adopted child; a child who lived in your home as a family member if placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption; or a foster child (any child who lived in your home as a family member for the whole year).
- Your grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.
- Your son-in-law, daughter-in-law.
- Your parent, stepparent, parent-in-law.
- Your grandparent, great-grandparent, etc.
- Your brother, sister, half brother, half sister, stepbrother, stepsister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.
- Your aunt, uncle, nephew, niece if related by blood.

Any relationships established by marriage are not treated as ended by divorce or death.

**Exception.** A person who lived in your home as a family member for the entire year can also be considered a dependent. However, the relationship must not violate local law.

#### Test 2—Married Person

If the person is married and files a joint return, you cannot take an exemption for the person.



*If the person and the person's spouse file a joint return only to get a refund of all tax withheld, you may be able to claim him or her if the other four tests are met. See Pub. 501 for details.*

#### Test 3—Citizen or Resident

The person must be **one** of the following:

- A U.S. citizen or resident alien, or
- A resident of Canada or Mexico, or
- Your adopted child who is not a U.S. citizen but who lived with you all year in a foreign country.

#### Test 4—Income

Generally, the person's gross income must be less than \$2,650. Gross income does not include nontaxable income, such as welfare benefits or nontaxable social security benefits. Income earned by a permanently and totally disabled person for services performed at a sheltered workshop school is generally not included for purposes of the income test. See Pub. 501 for details.

**Exception for Your Child.** Your child can have gross income of \$2,650 or more if:

1. Your child was **under age 19** at the end of 1997, **or**
2. Your child was **under age 24** at the end of 1997 **and** was a **student**.

Your child was a **student** if during any 5 months of 1997 he or she—

- Was enrolled as a full-time student at a school, or
- Took a full-time, on-farm training course. The course had to be given by a school or a state, county, or local government agency.

A **school** includes technical, trade, and mechanical schools. It does not include on-the-job training courses, correspondence schools, or night schools.



**Need More Information or Forms?** You can use a personal computer, fax, or phone to get what you need. See page 4.

## Test 5—Support

The general rule is that you had to provide over half the person's total support in 1997. If you file a joint return, support can come from either spouse. If you remarried, the support provided by your new spouse is treated as support coming from you. For exceptions to the support test, see **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents** and **Person Supported by Two or More Taxpayers** on this page.

Support includes food, a place to live, clothing, medical and dental care, and education. It also includes items such as a car and furniture, but only if they are for the person's own use or benefit. In figuring total support:

- Use the actual cost of these items. But you should figure the cost of a place to live at its fair rental value.
- Include money the person used for his or her own support, even if this money was not taxable. Examples are gifts, savings, social security and welfare benefits, and other public assistance payments. This support is treated as **not** coming from you.

Support **does not** include items such as income tax, social security and Medicare tax, life insurance premiums, scholarship grants, or funeral expenses.

If you care for a foster child, see Pub. 501 for special rules that apply.

**Children of Divorced or Separated Parents.** Special rules apply to determine if the support test is met for children of divorced or separated parents. The rules also apply to children of parents who lived apart during the last 6 months of the year, even if they do not have a separation agreement. For these rules, a **custodial parent** is the parent who had custody of the child for most of the year. A **noncustodial parent** is the parent who had custody for the shorter period of time or who did not have custody at all. See Pub. 501 for the definition of custody.

The general rule is that the custodial parent is treated as having provided over half of the child's total support if both parents together paid over half of the child's support. This means that the custodial parent can claim the child as a dependent if the other dependency tests are also met.

But if you are the noncustodial parent, you are treated as having provided over half of the child's support and can claim the child as a dependent if both parents together paid over half of the child's support, the other dependency tests are met, and **either 1 or 2** below applies.

1. The custodial parent agrees not to claim the child's exemption for 1997 by signing **Form 8332** or a similar statement. But you (as the noncustodial parent) **must** attach this signed Form 8332 or similar statement to your return. Instead of attaching Form 8332, you can attach a copy of certain pages of your divorce decree or separation agreement if it went into effect after 1984 (see

## Children Who Did Not Live With You Due to Divorce or Separation on this page), or

2. Your divorce decree or written separation agreement went into effect before 1985 and it states that you (the noncustodial parent) can claim the child as a dependent. But you must have given at least \$600 for the child's support in 1997. This rule does not apply if your decree or agreement was changed after 1984 to say that you cannot claim the child as your dependent.

**Person Supported by Two or More Taxpayers.** Even if you did not pay over half of another person's support, you might still be able to claim him or her as a dependent if **all five** of the following apply.

1. You and one or more other eligible person(s) (see below) together paid over half of another person's support.
2. You paid over 10% of that person's support.
3. No one alone paid over half of that person's support.
4. Tests 1 through 4 on page 16 are met.
5. Each other eligible person who paid over 10% of support completes **Form 2120**, and you attach these forms to your return. The form states that only you will claim the person as a dependent for 1997.

An **eligible person** is someone who could have claimed another person as a dependent except that he or she did not pay over half of that person's support.

**Line 6c, Column (2).** You must enter each dependent's social security number (SSN). If you do not enter the correct SSN, at the time we process your return, we may disallow the exemption claimed for the dependent.



*For details on how your dependent can get an SSN, see page 14. If your dependent will not have an SSN by April 15, 1998, see **What if You Cannot File on Time?** on page 8.*

If your dependent child was born and died in 1997 and you do not have an SSN for the child, attach a copy of the child's birth certificate and print "DIED" in column (2).

**Line 6c, Column (4).** Enter the number of months your dependent lived with you in 1997. Count temporary absences, such as for school, vacation, or medical care, as time lived in your home. If your dependent was born or died in 1997, enter "12." If your dependent lived in Canada or Mexico during 1997, do not enter a number. Instead, print "CN" or "MX," whichever applies.

**Children Who Did Not Live With You Due to Divorce or Separation.** If you are claiming a child who did not live with you under the rules on this page for **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**, attach **Form 8332** or similar statement to your return. But see **Exception** on page 18. If your divorce decree or separation agreement went into effect after 1984 and it states you

can claim the child as your dependent without regard to any condition, such as payment of support, you may attach a copy of the following pages from the decree or agreement instead.

1. Cover page (put the other parent's SSN on that page), and
2. The page that states you can claim the child as your dependent, and
3. Signature page with the other parent's signature and date of agreement.

**Note:** You must attach the required information even if you filed it in an earlier year.

**Exception.** You do not have to attach Form 8332 or similar statement if your divorce decree or written separation agreement went into effect before 1985 and it states that you can claim the child as your dependent.

**Other Dependent Children.** Enter the total number of children who did not live with you for reasons other than divorce or separation on the line labeled "Dependents on 6c not entered above." Include dependent children who lived in Canada or Mexico during 1997.

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## Adjusted Gross Income

### Rounding Off to Whole Dollars

You may find it easier to do your return if you round off cents to the nearest whole dollar. You can drop amounts that are less than 50 cents. For example, \$129.39 becomes \$129. Increase amounts that are 50 cents or more to the next whole dollar. For example, \$235.50 becomes \$236. If you do round off, do so for all amounts. But if you have to add two or more amounts to figure the amount to enter on a line, include cents when adding and only round off the total.

**Example.** You received two W-2 forms, one showing wages of \$5,009.55 and one showing wages of \$8,760.73. On Form 1040A, line 7, you would enter 13,770 (\$5,009.55 + \$8,760.73 = \$13,770.28).

### Refunds of State or Local Income Taxes

If you received a refund, credit, or offset of state or local income taxes in 1997, you may receive a **Form 1099-G**. None of your refund is taxable if, in the year the tax was paid to the state or other taxing authority, you:

- Filed Form 1040EZ,
- Filed Form 1040A, or
- Used TeleFile.

But if the refund, credit, or offset was for a tax you deducted as an **itemized deduction**, you may have to report part or all of it as income on Form 1040 for 1997. Use TeleTax topic 405 (see page 40) or see **Pub. 525** for details.

### Community Property States

Community property states are Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. If you and your spouse lived in a community property state, you must usually follow state law to determine what is community

income and what is separate income. For details, see **Pub. 555**.

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## Line 7

### Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.

Enter the total of your wages, salaries, tips, etc. If a joint return, also include your spouse's income. For most people, the amount to enter on this line should be shown in box 1 of their **Forms W-2**. But the following types of income must also be included in the total on line 7.

- Wages received as a **household employee** for which you did not receive a W-2 form because your employer paid you less than \$1,000 in 1997.
- **Tip income** you did not report to your employer. But you must use Form 1040 and **Form 4137** if **(1)** you received tips of \$20 or more in any month and did not report the full amount to your employer OR **(2)** your W-2 form(s) shows **allocated tips** that you **must** report as income. You must report the allocated tips shown on your W-2 form(s) unless you can prove that you received less. Allocated tips should be shown in box 8 of your W-2 form(s). They are not included as income in box 1. See **Pub. 531** for more details.
- **Disability pensions** shown on **Form 1099-R** if you have not reached the minimum retirement age set by your employer. Disability pensions received after you reach that age and other pensions shown on Form 1099-R (other than payments from an IRA, including a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) are reported on lines 11a and 11b of Form 1040A. Payments from an IRA are reported on lines 10a and 10b.
- **Scholarship and fellowship grants** not reported on a W-2 form. Also, print "SCH" and the amount in the space to the left of line 7. **Exception.** If you were a degree candidate, include on line 7 **only** the amounts you used for expenses other than tuition and course-related expenses. For example, amounts used for room, board, and travel must be reported on line 7.
- **Dependent care benefits**, which should be shown in box 10 of your W-2 form(s). But first complete **Schedule 2** to see if you may exclude part or all of the benefits.
- **Employer-provided adoption benefits**, which should be shown in box 13 of your W-2 form(s) with code **T**. But first complete **Form 8839** to see if you may exclude part or all of the benefits.

**Missing or Incorrect Form W-2?** If you do not get a W-2 form from your employer by February 2, 1998, use TeleTax topic 154 (see page 40) to find out what to do. Even if you do not get a W-2, you must still report your earnings on line 7. If you lose your Form W-2 or it is incorrect, ask your employer for a new one.

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## Line 8a

### Taxable Interest

Each payer should send you a **Form 1099-INT** or **Form 1099-OID**. Report **all** of your taxable interest income on line 8a. But you must fill in and attach **Schedule 1, Part I**, if:



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- You had over \$400 of taxable interest income, or
- You received interest from a seller-financed mortgage and the buyer used the property as a personal residence, or
- You are claiming the exclusion of interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989, or
- You received interest as a nominee or a Form 1099-INT for tax-exempt interest.

Include taxable interest from seller-financed mortgages, banks, savings and loan associations, money market certificates, credit unions, savings bonds, etc. Interest credited in 1997 on deposits that you could not withdraw because of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the financial institution may not have to be included in your 1997 income. For details, see **Pub. 550**.



*If you get a 1997 Form 1099-INT for U.S. savings bond interest that includes amounts you reported before 1997, see Pub. 550.*

## Line 8b

### Tax-Exempt Interest

If you received any tax-exempt interest, such as from municipal bonds, report it on line 8b. Include any exempt-interest dividends from a mutual fund. **Do not** include interest earned on your IRA.

## Line 9

### Dividends

Each payer should send you a **Form 1099-DIV**. Report your total gross dividends on line 9. But you must fill in and attach **Schedule 1**, Part II, if the total is over \$400 or you received dividends as a nominee (that is, in your name but the dividends actually belong to someone else). (See page 49.) But you must use Form 1040 if you had capital gain or nontaxable distributions.

For more information, see **Pub. 550**.

## Lines 10a and 10b

### IRA Distributions

You should receive a **Form 1099-R** showing the amount of the distribution from your individual retirement arrangement (IRA). Unless otherwise noted in the line 10a and 10b instructions, an IRA includes a simplified employee pension (SEP) and a savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE) IRA. Leave line 10a blank and enter the total distribution on line 10b.

**Exception. Do not** enter your total IRA distribution on line 10b if **either 1 or 2** below applies.

1. You made nondeductible contributions to any of your IRAs (other than SIMPLE IRAs) for 1997 or an earlier year. Instead, use **Form 8606** to figure the amount to enter on line 10b; enter the total

distribution on line 10a. If you made nondeductible contributions for 1997, also see **Pub. 590**.

2. You rolled your IRA or SEP distribution over into another IRA or SEP, **or** you rolled your SIMPLE IRA distribution over into another SIMPLE IRA. Enter the total distribution on line 10a and print "ROLLOVER" next to line 10b. If the total on line 10a was rolled over, enter zero on line 10b. If the total was not rolled over, enter the part not rolled over on line 10b. But if **1** above also applies, use Form 8606 to figure the taxable part.

If you rolled over the distribution **(1)** in 1998 or **(2)** from a conduit IRA into a qualified plan, attach a statement explaining what you did.

**Caution:** *You may have to pay additional tax if (1) you received an early distribution from your IRA and the total distribution was not rolled over, or (2) you were born before July 1, 1926, and received less than the minimum required distribution. To find out if you owe this tax, see Pub. 590. If you do owe this tax, you must use Form 1040.*

## Lines 11a and 11b

### Pensions and Annuities

You should receive a **Form 1099-R** showing the amount of your pension and annuity payments. See page 21 for details on rollovers and lump-sum distributions.

**Do not** report on lines 11a and 11b disability pensions received before you reach the minimum retirement age set by your employer. Instead, report them on line 7.



*Attach Form 1099-R to Form 1040A if any Federal income tax was withheld.*

**Fully Taxable Pensions and Annuities.** If your pension or annuity is fully taxable, enter it on line 11b; **do not** make an entry on line 11a. Your payments are fully taxable if **either** of the following applies:

- You did not contribute to the cost (see page 20) of your pension or annuity, or
- You got back your entire cost tax free before 1997.

Fully taxable pensions and annuities also include military retirement pay shown on Form 1099-R. For details on military disability pensions, see **Pub. 525**. If you received a **Form RRB-1099-R**, see **Pub. 575** to find out how to report your benefits.

**Partially Taxable Pensions and Annuities.** If your pension or annuity is partially taxable and your Form 1099-R does not show the taxable part, you must use the General Rule to figure the taxable part. The General Rule is explained in **Pub. 939**. However, if your annuity starting date (defined on page 20) was **after** July 1, 1986, you may be able to use the Simplified Method explained on page 20. But if your annuity starting date was **after** November 18, 1996, and items **1, 2, and 3** under **Simplified Method** apply,

you **must** use the Simplified Method to figure the taxable part.

You can ask the IRS to figure the taxable part for you for a \$75 fee. For details, see Pub. 939.

If your Form 1099-R shows a taxable amount, you may report that amount on line 11b. But you may be able to report a lower taxable amount by using the General Rule or the Simplified Method.

Once you have figured the taxable part of your pension or annuity, enter that amount on line 11b and the total on line 11a.

**Annuity Starting Date.** Your annuity starting date is the later of the first day of the first period for which you received a payment, or the date the plan's obligations became fixed.

**Simplified Method.** If your annuity starting date (defined above) was **after** July 1, 1986, and all three of the following apply, you can use this simple method. But if your annuity starting date was **after** November 18, 1996, and all three of the following apply, you **must** use the Simplified Method.

1. The payments are for **(a)** your life or **(b)** your life and that of your beneficiary.
2. The payments are from a qualified employee plan, a qualified employee annuity, or a tax-sheltered annuity.
3. At the time the pension or annuity payments began, either you were under age 75 or the number of years of guaranteed payments was fewer than 5. See Pub. 575 for the definition of guaranteed payments.

If all three apply, use the worksheet below to figure the taxable part of your pension or annuity. For more details on the Simplified Method, see Pub. 575 or **Pub. 721** for U.S. Civil Service retirement.

**Caution:** *If you received U.S. Civil Service retirement benefits and you chose the lump-sum credit option, use the worksheet in Pub. 721. **Do not** use the worksheet below.*

**Age at Annuity Starting Date.** If you are the retiree, use your age on the annuity starting date. If you are the survivor of a retiree, use the retiree's age on his or her annuity starting date. If you are the beneficiary of an employee who died, see Pub. 575. If there is more than one beneficiary, see Pub. 575 or Pub. 721 to figure each beneficiary's taxable amount.

**Changing Methods.** If your annuity starting date was **after** July 1, 1986, and **before** November 19, 1996, you may be able to change from the General Rule to the Simplified Method (or the other way around). For details, see Pub. 575 or Pub. 721.

**Cost.** Your cost is generally your net investment in the plan as of the annuity starting date. It should be shown in box 9b of Form 1099-R for the first year you received payments from the plan.

**Death Benefit Exclusion.** If you are the beneficiary of a deceased employee or former employee who died **before** August 21, 1996, amounts paid to you by, or on behalf of, an employer because of the death of the employee may qualify for a death benefit exclusion of up to \$5,000. If you are entitled to this exclusion, add it to the amount you enter on line 2 of the worksheet.

## Simplified Method Worksheet—Lines 11a and 11b (keep for your records)



**Note:** *If you had more than one partially taxable pension or annuity, figure the taxable part of each separately. Enter the total of the taxable parts on Form 1040A, line 11b. Enter the total pension or annuity payments received in 1997 on Form 1040A, line 11a.*

1. Enter the total pension or annuity payments received this year. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 11a . . . . .	1. _____
2. Enter your cost in the plan at the annuity starting date plus any death benefit exclusion (see above) . . . . .	2. _____
3. Enter the appropriate number from the table below . . . . .	3. _____
4. Divide line 2 by the number on line 3 . . . . .	4. _____
5. Multiply line 4 by the number of months for which this year's payments were made. If your annuity starting date was <b>before</b> 1987, skip lines 6 and 7 and enter this amount on line 8. Otherwise, go to line 6 . . . . .	5. _____
6. Enter the amount, if any, recovered tax free in years after 1986 . . . . .	6. _____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 2 . . . . .	7. _____
8. Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 5 or line 7 . . . . .	8. _____
9. <b>Taxable amount.</b> Subtract line 8 from line 1. Enter the result, but not less than zero. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 11b. If your Form 1099-R shows a larger amount, use the amount on this line instead of the amount from Form 1099-R . . . . .	9. _____

### Table for Line 3 Above

IF the age at annuity starting date (see above) was . . .	AND your annuity starting date was—	
	before November 19, 1996, enter on line 3:	after November 18, 1996, enter on line 3:
55 or under	300	360
56-60	260	310
61-65	240	260
66-70	170	210
71 or older	120	160



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Do this even if the Form 1099-R shows a taxable amount. The payer of the annuity cannot add the death benefit exclusion to your cost when figuring the taxable amount.

Special rules apply if you are the survivor under a joint and survivor's annuity. For details, see Pub. 575.

**Rollovers.** A rollover is a tax-free distribution of cash or other assets from one retirement plan that is contributed to another plan. Use lines 11a and 11b to report a rollover, including a direct rollover, from one qualified employer's plan to another or to an IRA or SEP.

Enter on line 11a the total distribution before income tax or other deductions were withheld. This amount should be shown in box 1 of **Form 1099-R**. From the total on line 11a, subtract any contributions (usually shown in box 5) that were taxable to you when made. From that result, subtract the amount that was rolled over either directly or within 60 days of receiving the distribution. Enter the remaining amount, even if zero, on line 11b. Print "ROLLOVER" next to line 11b.

Special rules apply to partial rollovers of property. For more details on rollovers, including distributions under qualified domestic relations orders, see Pub. 575.

**Lump-Sum Distributions.** If you received a lump-sum distribution from a profit-sharing or retirement plan, your Form 1099-R should have the "Total distribution" box in box 2b checked. Enter the total distribution on line 11a and the taxable part on line 11b.



*You may be able to pay less tax on the distribution if you were at least age 59½ on the date of the distribution, you meet certain other conditions, and you choose to use **Form 4972** to figure the tax on any part of the distribution. You may also be able to use Form 4972 if you are the beneficiary of a deceased employee who was either age 59½ or older on the date of death or was born before 1936. But you must use Form 1040 to do so. For details, see Form 4972.*

You must use Form 1040 if you owe additional tax because you received an early distribution from a qualified retirement plan and the total amount was not rolled over. See Pub. 575 to find out if you owe this tax.

## Line 12

### Unemployment Compensation

You should receive a **Form 1099-G** showing the total unemployment compensation paid to you in 1997.

If you received an overpayment of unemployment compensation in 1997 and you repaid any of it in 1997, subtract the amount you repaid from the total amount you received. Enter the result on line 12. Also, print "REPAID" and the amount you repaid in the space to the left of line 12. If you repaid

unemployment compensation in 1997 that you included in gross income in an earlier year, you can deduct the amount repaid. But you must use Form 1040 to do so. See **Pub. 525** for details.

**Note:** If you received **Alaska Permanent Fund dividends**, report them on line 12.

## Lines 13a and 13b

### Social Security Benefits

You should receive a **Form SSA-1099** showing in box 3 the total social security benefits paid to you. Box 4 will show the amount of any benefits you repaid in 1997. If you received railroad retirement benefits treated as social security, you should receive a **Form RRB-1099**.

To find out if any of your benefits are taxable, first complete Form 1040A, line 15, if it applies to you. Then, complete the worksheet on page 22. However, **do not** use the worksheet if any of the following apply.

- You made IRA contributions for 1997 and you were covered by a retirement plan at work. Instead, use the worksheets in **Pub. 590** to see if any of your social security benefits are taxable and to figure your IRA deduction.
- You file **Form 8815** or you exclude employer-provided adoption benefits. Instead, use the worksheet in **Pub. 915**.
- You repaid any benefits in 1997 and your total repayments (box 4) were more than your total benefits for 1997 (box 3). **None** of your benefits are taxable for 1997. In addition, you may be able to take an itemized deduction for part of the excess repayments if they were for benefits you included in gross income in an earlier year. But you must use Form 1040 to do so. See Pub. 915.

## Line 15

### IRA Deduction



*You can make contributions to your IRA even if you cannot deduct them. But you must use **Form 8606** to report these nondeductible contributions.*

If you made contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) for 1997, you may be able to take an IRA deduction. But you must have had earned income to do so. You should receive a statement by June 1, 1998, that shows all contributions to your IRA for 1997. Use the worksheet on page 23 to figure the amount, if any, of your IRA deduction. **But read the following list before you fill in the worksheet.**

- If you were age 70½ or older at the end of 1997, you cannot deduct any contributions made to your IRA for 1997 or treat them as nondeductible contributions.
- You **cannot** deduct contributions to a 401(k) plan, SIMPLE plan, or the Federal Thrift Savings Plan.

These amounts are not included as income in box 1 of your W-2 form.

- You must file a joint return to deduct contributions to your spouse's IRA. Enter the total IRA deduction for you and your spouse on line 15.
- If you made contributions to your IRA in 1997 that you deducted for 1996, **do not** include them in the worksheet.
- If you received a distribution from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or section 457 plan that is included in box 1 of your W-2 form, do not include that distribution on line 6 of the worksheet. The distribution should be shown in box 11 of your W-2 form.
- Do not include rollover contributions in figuring your deduction. Instead, see the instructions for lines 10a and 10b on page 19.
- Do not include trustee's fees that were billed separately and paid by you for your IRA. You may be able to deduct those fees as an itemized deduction. But you must use Form 1040 to do so.
- If the total of your IRA deduction on Form 1040A plus any nondeductible contribution on your

Form 8606 is less than your total IRA contributions for 1997, see **Pub. 590** for special rules.



By April 1 of the year after the year in which you reach age 70½, you must start taking minimum required distributions from your IRA. If you do not, you may have to pay a 50% additional tax on the amount that should have been distributed. For details, including how to figure the minimum required distribution, see Pub. 590.

You **must** use Form 1040 if you owe tax on any excess contributions made to an IRA, or any excess accumulations in an IRA. For details, see Pub. 590.

**Were You Covered by an Employer Retirement Plan?** If you were covered by a plan at work, your IRA deduction may be reduced or eliminated. But you can still make contributions to an IRA even if you cannot deduct them. In any case, the income earned on your IRA contributions is not taxed until it is paid to you. The "Pension plan" box in box 15 of your W-2 form should be checked if you were covered by a plan (such as a 401(k) or SIMPLE plan). This box should be checked even if you were not vested in the plan.

### Social Security Benefits Worksheet—Lines 13a and 13b (keep for your records)



If you are married filing separately and you **lived apart** from your spouse for all of 1997, print "D" in the space to

the right of the word "benefits" on line 13a.

- Enter the total amount from **box 5** of all your **Forms SSA-1099** and **Forms RRB-1099** 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Note:** If line 1 is zero or less, **stop**; none of your social security benefits are taxable. Otherwise, go to line 2.
- Enter one-half of line 1 . . . . . 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Add the amounts on Form 1040A, lines 7, 8a, 9, 10b, 11b, and 12. Do not include amounts from box 5 of Forms SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 . . . . . 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040A, line 8b . . . . . 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- Add lines 2, 3, and 4 . . . . . 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040A, line 15 . . . . . 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- Subtract line 6 from line 5 . . . . . 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter 25,000 (32,000 if married filing jointly; 0 if married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time during 1997) . . . . . 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- Subtract line 8 from line 7. If zero or less, enter 0 . . . . . 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- Is line 9 more than zero?**  
**No. Stop;** none of your social security benefits are taxable. Do not enter any amount on line 13a or 13b of Form 1040A. **But** if you are married filing separately and you **lived apart** from your spouse for all of 1997, enter 0 on line 13b. Be sure to print "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 13a.  
**Yes.** Go to line 10.
- Enter 9,000 (12,000 if married filing jointly; 0 if married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time during 1997) . . . . . 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter 0 . . . . . 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the **smaller** of line 9 or line 10 . . . . . 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter one-half of line 12 . . . . . 13. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the **smaller** of line 2 or line 13 . . . . . 14. \_\_\_\_\_
- Multiply line 11 by 85% (.85). If line 11 is zero, enter 0 . . . . . 15. \_\_\_\_\_
- Add lines 14 and 15 . . . . . 16. \_\_\_\_\_
- Multiply line 1 by 85% (.85) . . . . . 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- Taxable social security benefits.** Enter the **smaller** of line 16 or line 17 . . . . . 18. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Enter the amount from line 1 on Form 1040A, line 13a.
  - Enter the amount from line 18 on Form 1040A, line 13b.



If part of your benefits are taxable for 1997 **and** they include benefits paid in 1997 that were for an earlier year, you may be able to reduce the taxable amount shown on the worksheet. See Pub. 915 for details.

 **Need More Information or Forms?** You can use a personal computer, fax, or phone to get what you need. See page 4.

If you were covered by a retirement plan and you file **Form 8815** or you excluded employer-provided adoption benefits, see Pub. 590 to figure the amount, if any, of your IRA deduction.

**Married Persons Filing Separate Returns.** If you were not covered by a retirement plan but your spouse was, **you** are considered covered by a plan unless you **lived apart** from your spouse for all of 1997.

**Tax Computation**

**Line 18a**

If you were age 65 or older or blind, check the appropriate boxes on line 18a. If you were married and checked the box on line 6b of Form 1040A and your spouse was age 65 or older or blind, also check the appropriate boxes for your spouse. Be sure to enter the total number of boxes checked in the box provided on line 18a.

**Age.** If you were age 65 or older on January 1, 1998, check the "65 or older" box on your 1997 return.

**Blindness.** If you were completely blind as of December 31, 1997, attach a statement to your return describing this condition. If you were partially blind, you must attach a statement certified by your eye doctor or registered optometrist that:

- You cannot see better than 20/200 in your better eye with glasses or contact lenses, or
- Your field of vision is 20 degrees or less.

If your eye condition is not likely to improve beyond the conditions listed above, attach a statement certified by your eye doctor or registered optometrist to this effect. Keep a copy of this statement for your records. If you attached this statement in an earlier year, you do not have to file another one. But you must attach a note saying that you have already filed a statement.

**Line 18b**

If you are married filing a separate return and your spouse itemizes deductions on Form 1040, check the box on line 18b. You **CANNOT** take the standard deduction even if you were age 65 or older or blind (that is, you completed line 18a). Enter zero on line 19 and go to line 20.



*Your Federal income tax will be less if you take any itemized deductions that you may have, such as state and local income taxes, but you must use Form 1040 to do so.*

**IRA Deduction Worksheet—Line 15** (keep for your records)



**Note:** Read the list that begins on page 21 before completing.

- Were you, or your spouse if filing jointly, covered by a retirement plan at work (see page 22)?  
**Yes.** Go to line 2.  
**No.** Skip lines 2–4, enter 2,000 on line 5, and go to line 6.
- Enter 35,000 (50,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); 10,000 if married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time in 1997) . . . . . 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 14. If this amount is equal to or more than the amount on line 2, none of your IRA contributions are deductible. **Stop** here. For details on nondeductible IRA contributions, see Form 8606 . . . . . 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- Subtract line 3 from line 2. **If the result is \$10,000 or more, enter 2,000 on line 5 and go to line 6** . . . . . 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- Multiply line 4 by 20% (.20). If the result is not a multiple of \$10, round it up to the next multiple of \$10 (for example, round \$490.20 to \$500.00). If the result is \$200 or more, enter the result. But if it is less than \$200, enter 200 . . . . . 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 7 . . . . . 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** If married filing jointly and line 6 is less than \$4,000, **stop** here and see **Pub. 590** to figure your IRA deduction.

Deductible IRA contributions	Your IRA	Spouse's IRA
7. Enter IRA contributions made, or that will be made by April 15, 1998, for 1997 to your IRA on line 7a and to your spouse's IRA on line 7b . . . . .	7a. _____	7b. _____
8. On line 8a, enter the <b>smallest</b> of line 5, line 6, or line 7a. On line 8b, enter the <b>smallest</b> of line 5, line 6, or line 7b. This is the most you can deduct. Add the amounts on lines 8a and 8b and enter the total on Form 1040A, line 15. Or, if you want, you may deduct a smaller amount and treat the rest as a nondeductible contribution (see Form 8606) . . . . . ▶	8a. _____	8b. _____

**Line 19**

**Standard Deduction**

Most people can find their standard deduction by looking at line 19 of Form 1040A. But if you checked **any** box on **line 18a**, OR you (or your spouse if filing jointly) can be claimed as a dependent on someone's 1997 return, use the chart or worksheet below that applies to you to figure your standard deduction. Also, if you checked the box on **line 18b**, you **cannot** take the standard deduction even if you were age 65 or older or blind.

**Line 22**

**Taxable Income**

**If You Want, the IRS Will Figure Your Tax and Some of Your Credits.**

**Tax.** If you have paid too much, we will send you a refund. If you did not pay enough, we will send you a bill. For details, including who is eligible and what to do, see **Pub. 967**.

**Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.** If you can take this credit and you want us to figure it for you, see the instructions for **Schedule 3**.

**Earned Income Credit (EIC).** Answer the questions on page 27 to see if you can take this credit. If you can take the EIC and you want us to figure it for you, follow the instructions for question 4 or 9, whichever applies to you.

**Line 23**

**Tax**

Find your tax in the Tax Table on pages 43–48.

**Form 8615.** If this return is for a child who was under age 14 on January 1, 1998, and the child had more than \$1,300 of investment income, such as taxable interest or dividends, Form 8615 must be used to figure the tax. But if neither of the child's parents was alive at the end of 1997, do not use Form 8615. Instead, use the Tax Table to figure the child's tax.

**Line 24a**

**Child and Dependent Care Credit**

You may be able to take this credit if you paid someone to care for your child **under age 13** or your dependent or spouse who could not care for himself or herself. For details, see the instructions for **Schedule 2**.

**Standard Deduction Chart for People Age 65 or Older or Blind—Line 19**

If someone can claim you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) as a dependent, use the worksheet below instead.

Enter the number from the box on line 18a of Form 1040A.

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**Caution:** Do not use the number of exemptions from line 6d.

IF your filing status is . . .	AND the number in the box above is . . .	THEN enter on Form 1040A, line 19 . . .
Single	1	5,150
	2	6,150
Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)	1	7,700
	2	8,500
	3	9,300
	4	10,100
Married filing separately	1	4,250
	2	5,050
	3	5,850
	4	6,650
Head of household	1	7,050
	2	8,050

**Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents—Line 19** (keep for your records)

Use this worksheet **ONLY** if someone can claim you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) as a dependent.



1. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 7. If none, enter 0 . . . . . 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Minimum amount . . . . . 2. 650.00
3. Enter the **larger** of line 1 or line 2 . . . . . 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status:
  - Single, enter 4,150
  - Married filing separately, enter 3,450
  - Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), enter 6,900
  - Head of household, enter 6,050
 . . . . . 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Standard deduction.**
  - a. Enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 4. If under 65 and not blind, stop here and enter this amount on Form 1040A, line 19. Otherwise, go to line 5b. . . . . 5a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If 65 or older or blind, multiply \$1,000 (\$800 if married filing jointly or separately, or qualifying widow(er)) by the number on Form 1040A, line 18a . . . . . 5b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Add lines 5a and 5b. Enter the total here and on Form 1040A, line 19 . . . . . 5c. \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 24b**

**Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled**

You may be able to take this credit if by the end of 1997 **(1)** you were age 65 or older, or **(2)** you retired on **permanent and total disability** and you had taxable disability income in 1997.

But you usually **cannot** take the credit if the amount on Form 1040A, line 17, is \$17,500 or more (\$20,000 if married filing jointly and only one spouse is eligible for the credit; \$25,000 if married filing jointly and both spouses are eligible; \$12,500 if married filing separately). See **Schedule 3** and its instructions for details.

**Line 24c**

**Adoption Credit**

You may be able to take this credit if you paid expenses in 1997 to adopt a child and the adoption was final in or before 1997. See **Form 8839** for details.

**Line 26**

**Advance Earned Income Credit Payments**

If you received advance earned income credit (EIC) payments, enter them on line 26. These payments should be shown in box 9 of your W-2 form(s).

**Line 27**

**Household Employment Taxes**

If **any** of the following apply, see **Schedule H** and its instructions to find out if you owe these taxes.

1. You paid **any one** household employee (defined on this page) cash wages of \$1,000 or more in 1997.

2. You withheld Federal income tax during 1997 at the request of any household employee.
3. You paid **total** cash wages of \$1,000 or more in **any** calendar **quarter** of 1996 or 1997 to household employees.



*For purposes of item 1, do not count amounts paid to an employee who was under age 18 at any time in 1997 and was a student.*

**Household Employee.** Any person who does household work is a household employee if you can control what will be done and how it will be done. Household work includes work done in or around your home by babysitters, nannies, health aides, maids, yard workers, and similar domestic workers.

**Line 28**

**Total Tax**

If you owe the alternative minimum tax, include that tax in the total on line 28.

**Alternative Minimum Tax.** If **both 1 and 2** below apply to you, use the worksheet below to see if you owe this tax and, if you do, the amount to include on line 28.

1. The amount on Form 1040A, line 17, plus any tax-exempt interest on Form 1040A, line 8b, is more than \$45,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); more than \$33,750 if single or head of household; more than \$22,500 if married filing separately.
2. The amount on Form 1040A, line 21, is \$10,600 or more.

**Caution:** *If filing for a child under age 14, add the amount on Form 1040A, line 17, to the child's tax-exempt interest from private activity bonds issued*

**Alternative Minimum Tax Worksheet** (keep for your records)



1. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 17, plus any tax-exempt interest from private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986 . . . . .	1. _____
2. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status:	
• Single or Head of household, enter 33,750	} . . . . . 2. _____
• Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), enter 45,000	
• Married filing separately, enter 22,500	
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, <b>stop</b> ; you do not owe this tax . . . . .	3. _____
• If you are married filing separately, go to line 4.	
• All others, enter the amount from line 3 on line 6 and go to line 7.	
4. Subtract 75,000 from the amount on line 1. If zero or less, enter 0 here and on line 5, and go to line 6 . . . . .	4. _____
5. Multiply line 4 by 25% (.25) . . . . .	5. _____
6. Add lines 3 and 5 . . . . .	6. _____
7. Multiply line 6 by 26% (.26) . . . . .	7. _____
8. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 23 . . . . .	8. _____
9. <b>Alternative minimum tax.</b> If line 8 is equal to or more than line 7, you do not owe this tax. If line 8 is less than line 7, subtract line 8 from line 7 and enter the result. Also, include this amount in the total on Form 1040A, line 28. Print "AMT" and show the amount to the right of the word "tax" on line 28 . . . . .	9. _____

after August 7, 1986. If that total is more than the total of \$1,300 plus the amount on Form 1040A, line 7, **do not** file this form. Instead, file Form 1040 for the child. Use **Form 6251** to see if the child owes this tax.

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## Line 29a

### Federal Income Tax Withheld

Add the amounts shown as Federal income tax withheld on your **Forms W-2** and **1099-R**. Enter the total on line 29a. The amount of Federal income tax withheld should be shown in box 2 of Form W-2 and box 4 of Form 1099-R.

If you received a 1997 Form 1099 showing Federal income tax withheld on dividends, interest income, or unemployment compensation, include the amount withheld in the total on line 29a. This should be shown in box 2 of Form 1099-DIV and in box 4 of the other 1099 forms. If Federal income tax was withheld from your Alaska Permanent Fund dividends, include the tax withheld in the total on line 29a.

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## Line 29b

### 1997 Estimated Tax Payments

Enter any payments you made on your estimated Federal income tax (**Form 1040-ES**) for 1997. Include any overpayment from your 1996 return that you applied to your 1997 estimated tax.

If you and your spouse paid joint estimated tax but are now filing separate income tax returns, either of you can claim all of the amount paid. Or you can each claim part of it. See **Pub. 505** for details on how to report your payments. If you or your spouse paid separate estimated tax but you are now filing a joint income tax return, add the amounts you each paid. Follow these instructions even if your spouse died in 1997 or in 1998 before filing a 1997 return. Also, see Pub. 505 if:

1. You were divorced in 1997 and you made joint estimated tax payments with your former spouse, or
2. You changed your name and you made estimated tax payments using your former name.



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## Lines 29c and 29d

### Earned Income Credit (EIC)

The EIC reduces the tax you owe and may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax. The credit can be as much as—

- \$332 if you do not have a qualifying child (defined on page 28),

- \$2,210 if you have one qualifying child, or
- \$3,656 if you have more than one qualifying child.

### Who Can Take the EIC

Answer the questions on this page to see if you can take this credit. **But you cannot** take the credit if **any** of the following apply:

- Your filing status is married filing separately.

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## Questions To See If You Can Take the Earned Income Credit

If you were in the military stationed outside the United States, see **Special Rules** on page 30 before you begin.

### All filers:

1. Is the total of lines 8a, 8b, and 9 on Form 1040A over \$2,250?

- No.** Go to question 2.  
 **Yes. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit.

2. Do you have at least one qualifying child (defined on page 28)?

- No.** Skip to question 5.  
 **Yes.** Go to question 3.

### If you have at least one qualifying child:

3. Is the amount on Form 1040A, line 16, less than \$25,760 (less than \$29,290 if you have more than one qualifying child)?

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit.  
 **Yes.** Go to question 4.

4. Is the total of your **taxable and nontaxable earned income** (see page 29) less than \$25,760 (less than \$29,290 if you have more than one qualifying child)? (Nontaxable earned income includes military housing and subsistence, and contributions to a 401(k) plan.)

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit. Print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.  
 **Yes.** You can take the credit. **If you want the IRS to figure it for you, stop.** Print "EIC" directly to the right of line 29c and attach Schedule EIC to your return. Also, enter the amount and type of any nontaxable earned income on line 29d. **If you want to figure the credit yourself, stop** and complete the worksheet on page 28 now.

### If you do not have a qualifying child:

5. Is the amount on Form 1040A, line 16, less than \$9,770?

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit.  
 **Yes.** Go to question 6.

6. Were you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of 1997?

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit. Print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.  
 **Yes.** Go to question 7.

7. Can you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) be claimed as a dependent on someone else's 1997 tax return?

- Yes. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit.  
 **No.** Go to question 8.

8. Was your home (and your spouse's if filing a joint return) in the United States for more than half of 1997?

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit. Print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.  
 **Yes.** Go to question 9.

9. Is the total of your **taxable and nontaxable earned income** (see page 29) less than \$9,770? (Nontaxable earned income includes military housing and subsistence, and contributions to a 401(k) plan.)

- No. Stop.** You **cannot** take the credit. Print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.  
 **Yes.** You can take the credit. **If you want the IRS to figure it for you, print "EIC"** directly to the right of line 29c. Also, enter the amount and type of any nontaxable earned income on line 29d. **If you want to figure the credit yourself, complete the worksheet on page 28.**

- You were a nonresident alien for any part of 1997 and your filing status is any status **except** married filing jointly.
- You, or your spouse if filing a joint return, **(1)** were the qualifying child of another person in 1997, or **(2)** do not have a social security number (defined below). If you cannot take the credit for either of these reasons, print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.

**Social Security Number (SSN).** For purposes of the EIC, an SSN means a number issued by the Social Security Administration to a U.S. citizen or to a person who has permission from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to work in the United States.

**Qualifying Child**

A qualifying child is a child who:

1. Is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child, **and**
2. Was (at the end of 1997)—
  - under age 19, or
  - under age 24 and a student (see page 29), or
  - any age and permanently and totally disabled (see page 29), **and**

3. Lived with you in the United States for more than half of 1997 (for all of 1997 if a foster child). If the child did not live with you for the required time, see the **Exception** on page 29.

**Caution:** *The child must have an SSN (defined on this page) unless the child was born and died in 1997.*

A child does not always have to be your dependent to qualify. But if the child was married or is also a qualifying child of another person (other than your spouse if filing a joint return), special rules apply. See **Married Child and Qualifying Child of More Than One Person** on page 29.

**Example.** You are divorced and have a 7-year-old son. Although you had custody of your son, he is claimed as a dependent on his other parent's 1997 tax return. Your son is **your** qualifying child because he meets each of the three requirements listed earlier. Your son is not a qualifying child of his other parent because he did not live with the other parent for more than half of 1997 and the **Exception** on page 29 does not apply.

The following explains some of the terms used earlier.

- A **foster child** is any child you cared for as your own child. For example, if you acted as the parent

**Earned Income Credit Worksheet—Line 29c** (keep for your records)



**Caution:** *If you were a household employee who did not receive a Form W-2 because your employer paid you less than \$1,000 in 1997, see **Special Rules** on page 30 before*

*completing this worksheet. Also, see **Special Rules** if Form 1040A, line 7, includes any amount paid to an inmate in a penal institution.*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 7 . . . . .</li> <li>2. If you received a taxable scholarship or fellowship grant that was not reported on a W-2 form, enter that amount here . . . . .</li> <li>3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .</li> <li>4. Enter any <b>nontaxable earned income</b> (see page 29). Types of nontaxable earned income include contributions to a 401(k) plan, and military housing and subsistence. These should be shown in box 13 of your W-2 form . . . . .</li> <li>5. Add lines 3 and 4 . . . . .</li> <li>6. Look up the amount on <b>line 5</b> above in the <b>EIC Table</b> on pages <b>31–32</b> to find your credit. Enter the credit here . . . . .</li> <li>If line 6 is zero, <b>stop</b>. You <b>cannot</b> take the credit. Print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c of Form 1040A.</li> <li>7. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 16 . . . . .</li> <li>8. <b>Is line 7 less than—</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,450 if you do not have a qualifying child?</li> <li>• \$11,950 if you have at least one qualifying child?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Go to line 9 now.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> Look up the amount on <b>line 7</b> above in the <b>EIC Table</b> on pages <b>31–32</b> to find your credit. Enter the credit here . . . . .</li> </ul> </li> <li>9. <b>Earned income credit.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you checked "Yes" on line 8, enter the amount from line 6.</li> <li>• If you checked "No" on line 8, enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 6 or line 8. }</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> </ol>
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**Next:** Take the amount from line 9 above and enter it on Form 1040A, line 29c.

**AND**

If you had any nontaxable earned income (see line 4 above), enter the amount and type of that income on line 29d.

**AND**

Complete **Schedule EIC** and attach it to your return **ONLY** if you have a qualifying child.

**Note:** *If you included the alternative minimum tax on line 28, subtract it from the amount on line 9 above. Then, enter the result (if more than zero) on Form 1040A,*

*line 29c. Also, replace the amount on line 9 above with the amount entered on Form 1040A, line 29c.*



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of your niece or nephew, this child is considered your foster child.

- A child placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption is an **adopted child** even if the adoption is not final.
- A **grandchild** is any descendant of your son, daughter, or adopted child. For example, a grandchild includes your great-grandchild, great-great-grandchild, etc.
- A **student** is a child who during any 5 months of 1997—
  1. Was enrolled as a full-time student at a school, or
  2. Took a full-time, on-farm training course. The course had to be given by a school or a state, county, or local government agency.

A **school** includes technical, trade, and mechanical schools. It does not include on-the-job training courses, correspondence schools, or night schools.

- A child is **permanently and totally disabled** if **both** of the following apply.
  1. He or she cannot engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a physical or mental condition.
  2. A doctor determines the condition has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least a year or can lead to death.

**Exception.** The child, including a foster child, is considered to have lived with you for all of 1997 if **both** of the following apply.

1. The child was born or died in 1997.
2. Your home was the child's home for the entire time he or she was alive during 1997.

Temporary absences, such as for school, vacation, or medical care, count as time lived at home.

**Married Child.** If your child was married at the end of 1997, that child is a qualifying child only if you can claim him or her as your dependent on Form 1040A, line 6c. But if this child's other parent claimed him or her as a dependent under the rules on page 17 for **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**, this child is your qualifying child.

**Qualifying Child of More Than One Person.** If a child meets the conditions to be a qualifying child of more than one person, only the person who had the **highest** modified AGI (adjusted gross income) for 1997 may treat that child as a qualifying child. The other person(s) **cannot** claim the credit for people who do not have a qualifying child. If the other person is your spouse and you are filing a joint return, this rule does not apply. If you cannot take the credit because of this rule, print "NO" directly to the right of line 29c.

**Example.** You and your 5-year-old daughter moved in with your mother in April 1997. You are not a qualifying child of your mother. Your daughter meets the conditions to be a qualifying child for both you and your mother. Your modified AGI for 1997 was \$8,000 and your mother's was \$14,000. Because your

mother's modified AGI was higher, your daughter is your mother's qualifying child. You **cannot** take any EIC, even if your mother does not claim the credit.

### Taxable Earned Income

This is usually the amount reported on Form 1040A, line 7. But if line 7 includes an amount for a taxable scholarship or fellowship grant that was not reported on a W-2 form or an amount paid to an inmate in a penal institution, subtract that amount from the total on line 7. The result is your taxable earned income for purposes of the earned income credit. If you subtracted income paid to an inmate, also print "PRI" and the amount subtracted in the space to the left of line 7 of Form 1040A.

Also, if line 7 of Form 1040A includes any amount paid to a household employee who did not receive a W-2 form, see **Special Rules** on page 30.

### Nontaxable Earned Income

Certain earned income is not taxable, but it must be included to see if you can take the earned income credit. It is also used to figure the credit. It includes anything of value (money, goods, or services) that is not taxable which you received from your employer for your work. Some examples are listed below.

- Basic quarters and subsistence allowances, the value of in-kind quarters and subsistence, and combat zone excluded pay received from the U.S. military. These amounts should be shown in box 13 of your 1997 W-2 form with code **Q**.
- Housing allowances or rental value of a parsonage for clergy members.
- Meals and lodging provided for the convenience of your employer.
- Voluntary salary deferrals. If you chose to have your employer contribute part of your pay to certain retirement plans (such as a 401(k) plan or the Federal Thrift Savings Plan) instead of having it paid to you, the "Deferred compensation" box in box 15 of your W-2 form should be checked. The amount deferred should be shown in box 13 of your W-2 form.
- Excludable dependent care benefits from Schedule 2, line 18.
- Excludable employer-provided adoption benefits from Form 8839, line 22.
- Voluntary salary reductions, such as under a cafeteria plan, unless they are included in box 1 of your W-2 form(s). For details, see **Pub. 596**.



*Nontaxable earned income does not include welfare benefits, such as those listed below.*

### Effect of Credit on Certain Welfare Benefits

Any refund you receive as the result of claiming the earned income credit will not be used to determine if you are eligible for the following benefit programs, or how much you can receive from them.

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- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (formerly Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC)).
- Medicaid and supplemental security income (SSI).
- Food stamps and low-income housing.

### Special Rules

**Members of the Military.** If you were on extended active duty outside the United States, your home is considered to be in the United States during that duty period. See **Pub. 596** for the definition of extended active duty.

**Household Employees.** If you were a household employee who did not receive a W-2 form because

your employer paid you less than \$1,000 in 1997, be sure to include the amount you were paid on Form 1040A, line 7. Print "HSH" and the amount not reported on a W-2 form in the space to the left of line 7.

**Inmates.** Amounts paid to inmates in penal institutions for their work are not earned income for purposes of the EIC. If the total on Form 1040A, line 7, includes such income, subtract that income from the amount on line 7. Enter the result on line 1 of the worksheet on page 28. Also, print "PRI" and the amount subtracted in the space to the left of line 7 of Form 1040A.

# 1997 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Table

**To find your credit:** First, read down the "At least — But less than" columns and find the line that includes the amount you entered on line 5 or line 7 of the **Earned Income Credit Worksheet** on page 28. Next, read across to the column that includes the number of qualifying children you have. Then, enter the credit from that column on line 6 or line 8 of that worksheet, whichever applies.

**Caution:** This is *not* a tax table.

If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—			If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—			If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—			If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—									
At least	But less than	No children	One child	Two children	At least	But less than	No children	One child	Two children	At least	But less than	No children	One child	Two children	At least	But less than	No children	One child	Two children	At least	But less than	No children	One child	Two children		
\$1	\$50	\$2	\$9	\$10	3,200	3,250	247	1,097	1,290	6,400	6,450	256	2,185	2,570	9,600	9,650	11	2,210	3,656							
50	100	6	26	30	3,250	3,300	251	1,114	1,310	6,450	6,500	252	2,202	2,590	9,650	9,700	7	2,210	3,656							
100	150	10	43	50	3,300	3,350	254	1,131	1,330	6,500	6,550	248	2,210	2,610	9,700	9,750	3	2,210	3,656							
150	200	13	60	70	3,350	3,400	258	1,148	1,350	6,550	6,600	244	2,210	2,630	9,750	9,800	*	2,210	3,656							
200	250	17	77	90	3,400	3,450	262	1,165	1,370	6,600	6,650	241	2,210	2,650	9,800	11,950	0	2,210	3,656							
250	300	21	94	110	3,450	3,500	266	1,182	1,390	6,650	6,700	237	2,210	2,670	11,950	12,000	0	2,203	3,647							
300	350	25	111	130	3,500	3,550	270	1,199	1,410	6,700	6,750	233	2,210	2,690	12,000	12,050	0	2,195	3,636							
350	400	29	128	150	3,550	3,600	273	1,216	1,430	6,750	6,800	229	2,210	2,710	12,050	12,100	0	2,187	3,625							
400	450	33	145	170	3,600	3,650	277	1,233	1,450	6,800	6,850	225	2,210	2,730	12,100	12,150	0	2,179	3,615							
450	500	36	162	190	3,650	3,700	281	1,250	1,470	6,850	6,900	221	2,210	2,750	12,150	12,200	0	2,171	3,604							
500	550	40	179	210	3,700	3,750	285	1,267	1,490	6,900	6,950	218	2,210	2,770	12,200	12,250	0	2,163	3,594							
550	600	44	196	230	3,750	3,800	289	1,284	1,510	6,950	7,000	214	2,210	2,790	12,250	12,300	0	2,155	3,583							
600	650	48	213	250	3,800	3,850	293	1,301	1,530	7,000	7,050	210	2,210	2,810	12,300	12,350	0	2,147	3,573							
650	700	52	230	270	3,850	3,900	296	1,318	1,550	7,050	7,100	206	2,210	2,830	12,350	12,400	0	2,139	3,562							
700	750	55	247	290	3,900	3,950	300	1,335	1,570	7,100	7,150	202	2,210	2,850	12,400	12,450	0	2,131	3,552							
750	800	59	264	310	3,950	4,000	304	1,352	1,590	7,150	7,200	199	2,210	2,870	12,450	12,500	0	2,123	3,541							
800	850	63	281	330	4,000	4,050	308	1,369	1,610	7,200	7,250	195	2,210	2,890	12,500	12,550	0	2,115	3,531							
850	900	67	298	350	4,050	4,100	312	1,386	1,630	7,250	7,300	191	2,210	2,910	12,550	12,600	0	2,107	3,520							
900	950	71	315	370	4,100	4,150	316	1,403	1,650	7,300	7,350	187	2,210	2,930	12,600	12,650	0	2,099	3,510							
950	1,000	75	332	390	4,150	4,200	319	1,420	1,670	7,350	7,400	183	2,210	2,950	12,650	12,700	0	2,091	3,499							
1,000	1,050	78	349	410	4,200	4,250	323	1,437	1,690	7,400	7,450	179	2,210	2,970	12,700	12,750	0	2,083	3,489							
1,050	1,100	82	366	430	4,250	4,300	327	1,454	1,710	7,450	7,500	176	2,210	2,990	12,750	12,800	0	2,075	3,478							
1,100	1,150	86	383	450	4,300	4,350	332	1,471	1,730	7,500	7,550	172	2,210	3,010	12,800	12,850	0	2,067	3,468							
1,150	1,200	90	400	470	4,350	4,400	332	1,488	1,750	7,550	7,600	168	2,210	3,030	12,850	12,900	0	2,059	3,457							
1,200	1,250	94	417	490	4,400	4,450	332	1,505	1,770	7,600	7,650	164	2,210	3,050	12,900	12,950	0	2,051	3,446							
1,250	1,300	98	434	510	4,450	4,500	332	1,522	1,790	7,650	7,700	160	2,210	3,070	12,950	13,000	0	2,043	3,436							
1,300	1,350	101	451	530	4,500	4,550	332	1,539	1,810	7,700	7,750	156	2,210	3,090	13,000	13,050	0	2,035	3,425							
1,350	1,400	105	468	550	4,550	4,600	332	1,556	1,830	7,750	7,800	153	2,210	3,110	13,050	13,100	0	2,027	3,415							
1,400	1,450	109	485	570	4,600	4,650	332	1,573	1,850	7,800	7,850	149	2,210	3,130	13,100	13,150	0	2,019	3,404							
1,450	1,500	113	502	590	4,650	4,700	332	1,590	1,870	7,850	7,900	145	2,210	3,150	13,150	13,200	0	2,011	3,394							
1,500	1,550	117	519	610	4,700	4,750	332	1,607	1,890	7,900	7,950	141	2,210	3,170	13,200	13,250	0	2,003	3,383							
1,550	1,600	120	536	630	4,750	4,800	332	1,624	1,910	7,950	8,000	137	2,210	3,190	13,250	13,300	0	1,995	3,373							
1,600	1,650	124	553	650	4,800	4,850	332	1,641	1,930	8,000	8,050	133	2,210	3,210	13,300	13,350	0	1,987	3,362							
1,650	1,700	128	570	670	4,850	4,900	332	1,658	1,950	8,050	8,100	130	2,210	3,230	13,350	13,400	0	1,979	3,352							
1,700	1,750	132	587	690	4,900	4,950	332	1,675	1,970	8,100	8,150	126	2,210	3,250	13,400	13,450	0	1,971	3,341							
1,750	1,800	136	604	710	4,950	5,000	332	1,692	1,990	8,150	8,200	122	2,210	3,270	13,450	13,500	0	1,963	3,331							
1,800	1,850	140	621	730	5,000	5,050	332	1,709	2,010	8,200	8,250	118	2,210	3,290	13,500	13,550	0	1,955	3,320							
1,850	1,900	143	638	750	5,050	5,100	332	1,726	2,030	8,250	8,300	114	2,210	3,310	13,550	13,600	0	1,947	3,310							
1,900	1,950	147	655	770	5,100	5,150	332	1,743	2,050	8,300	8,350	111	2,210	3,330	13,600	13,650	0	1,939	3,299							
1,950	2,000	151	672	790	5,150	5,200	332	1,760	2,070	8,350	8,400	107	2,210	3,350	13,650	13,700	0	1,931	3,289							
2,000	2,050	155	689	810	5,200	5,250	332	1,777	2,090	8,400	8,450	103	2,210	3,370	13,700	13,750	0	1,923	3,278							
2,050	2,100	159	706	830	5,250	5,300	332	1,794	2,110	8,450	8,500	99	2,210	3,390	13,750	13,800	0	1,915	3,267							
2,100	2,150	163	723	850	5,300	5,350	332	1,811	2,130	8,500	8,550	95	2,210	3,410	13,800	13,850	0	1,907	3,257							
2,150	2,200	166	740	870	5,350	5,400	332	1,828	2,150	8,550	8,600	91	2,210	3,430	13,850	13,900	0	1,899	3,246							
2,200	2,250	170	757	890	5,400	5,450	332	1,845	2,170	8,600	8,650	88	2,210	3,450	13,900	13,950	0	1,891	3,236							
2,250	2,300	174	774	910	5,450	5,500	329	1,862	2,190	8,650	8,700	84	2,210	3,470	13,950	14,000	0	1,883	3,225							
2,300	2,350	178	791	930	5,500	5,550	325	1,879	2,210	8,700	8,750	80	2,210	3,490	14,000	14,050	0	1,875	3,215							
2,350	2,400	182	808	950	5,550	5,600	321	1,896	2,230	8,750	8,800	76	2,210	3,510	14,050	14,100	0	1,867	3,204							
2,400	2,450	186	825	970	5,600	5,650	317	1,913	2,250	8,800	8,850	72	2,210	3,530	14,100	14,150	0	1,859	3,194							
2,450	2,500	189	842	990	5,650	5,700	313	1,930	2,270	8,850	8,900	68	2,210	3,550	14,150	14,200	0	1,851	3,183							
2,500	2,550	193	859	1,010	5,700	5,750	309	1,947	2,290	8,900	8,950	65	2,210	3,570	14,200	14,250	0	1,843	3,173							
2,550	2,600	197	876	1,030	5,750	5,800	306	1,964	2,310	8,950	9,000	61	2,210	3,590	14,250	14,300	0	1,835	3,162							
2,600	2																									

**1997 Earned Income Credit (EIC) Table Continued** (Caution: This is *not* a tax table.)

If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—			If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—			If the amount on line 5 or line 7 of the worksheet is—		And you have—							
		No children	One child	Two children			No children	One child	Two children			No children	One child	Two children					
At least	But less than	Your credit is—			At least	But less than	Your credit is—			At least	But less than	Your credit is—							
14,900	14,950	0	1,731	3,025	18,700	18,750	0	1,124	2,225	22,500	22,550	0	517	1,425	26,300	26,350	0	0	624
14,950	15,000	0	1,723	3,015	18,750	18,800	0	1,116	2,214	22,550	22,600	0	509	1,414	26,350	26,400	0	0	614
15,000	15,050	0	1,715	3,004	18,800	18,850	0	1,108	2,204	22,600	22,650	0	501	1,404	26,400	26,450	0	0	603
15,050	15,100	0	1,707	2,994	18,850	18,900	0	1,100	2,193	22,650	22,700	0	493	1,393	26,450	26,500	0	0	593
15,100	15,150	0	1,699	2,983	18,900	18,950	0	1,092	2,183	22,700	22,750	0	485	1,383	26,500	26,550	0	0	582
15,150	15,200	0	1,691	2,973	18,950	19,000	0	1,084	2,172	22,750	22,800	0	477	1,372	26,550	26,600	0	0	572
15,200	15,250	0	1,683	2,962	19,000	19,050	0	1,076	2,162	22,800	22,850	0	469	1,362	26,600	26,650	0	0	561
15,250	15,300	0	1,675	2,952	19,050	19,100	0	1,068	2,151	22,850	22,900	0	461	1,351	26,650	26,700	0	0	551
15,300	15,350	0	1,667	2,941	19,100	19,150	0	1,060	2,141	22,900	22,950	0	453	1,340	26,700	26,750	0	0	540
15,350	15,400	0	1,659	2,930	19,150	19,200	0	1,052	2,130	22,950	23,000	0	445	1,330	26,750	26,800	0	0	530
15,400	15,450	0	1,651	2,920	19,200	19,250	0	1,044	2,120	23,000	23,050	0	437	1,319	26,800	26,850	0	0	519
15,450	15,500	0	1,644	2,909	19,250	19,300	0	1,036	2,109	23,050	23,100	0	429	1,309	26,850	26,900	0	0	509
15,500	15,550	0	1,636	2,899	19,300	19,350	0	1,028	2,099	23,100	23,150	0	421	1,298	26,900	26,950	0	0	498
15,550	15,600	0	1,628	2,888	19,350	19,400	0	1,020	2,088	23,150	23,200	0	413	1,288	26,950	27,000	0	0	488
15,600	15,650	0	1,620	2,878	19,400	19,450	0	1,012	2,078	23,200	23,250	0	405	1,277	27,000	27,050	0	0	477
15,650	15,700	0	1,612	2,867	19,450	19,500	0	1,004	2,067	23,250	23,300	0	397	1,267	27,050	27,100	0	0	466
15,700	15,750	0	1,604	2,857	19,500	19,550	0	996	2,056	23,300	23,350	0	389	1,256	27,100	27,150	0	0	456
15,750	15,800	0	1,596	2,846	19,550	19,600	0	988	2,046	23,350	23,400	0	381	1,246	27,150	27,200	0	0	445
15,800	15,850	0	1,588	2,836	19,600	19,650	0	980	2,035	23,400	23,450	0	373	1,235	27,200	27,250	0	0	435
15,850	15,900	0	1,580	2,825	19,650	19,700	0	972	2,025	23,450	23,500	0	365	1,225	27,250	27,300	0	0	424
15,900	15,950	0	1,572	2,815	19,700	19,750	0	964	2,014	23,500	23,550	0	357	1,214	27,300	27,350	0	0	414
15,950	16,000	0	1,564	2,804	19,750	19,800	0	956	2,004	23,550	23,600	0	349	1,204	27,350	27,400	0	0	403
16,000	16,050	0	1,556	2,794	19,800	19,850	0	948	1,993	23,600	23,650	0	341	1,193	27,400	27,450	0	0	393
16,050	16,100	0	1,548	2,783	19,850	19,900	0	940	1,983	23,650	23,700	0	333	1,183	27,450	27,500	0	0	382
16,100	16,150	0	1,540	2,773	19,900	19,950	0	932	1,972	23,700	23,750	0	325	1,172	27,500	27,550	0	0	372
16,150	16,200	0	1,532	2,762	19,950	20,000	0	924	1,962	23,750	23,800	0	317	1,161	27,550	27,600	0	0	361
16,200	16,250	0	1,524	2,751	20,000	20,050	0	916	1,951	23,800	23,850	0	309	1,151	27,600	27,650	0	0	351
16,250	16,300	0	1,516	2,741	20,050	20,100	0	908	1,941	23,850	23,900	0	301	1,140	27,650	27,700	0	0	340
16,300	16,350	0	1,508	2,730	20,100	20,150	0	900	1,930	23,900	23,950	0	293	1,130	27,700	27,750	0	0	330
16,350	16,400	0	1,500	2,720	20,150	20,200	0	892	1,920	23,950	24,000	0	285	1,119	27,750	27,800	0	0	319
16,400	16,450	0	1,492	2,709	20,200	20,250	0	884	1,909	24,000	24,050	0	277	1,109	27,800	27,850	0	0	309
16,450	16,500	0	1,484	2,699	20,250	20,300	0	876	1,899	24,050	24,100	0	269	1,098	27,850	27,900	0	0	298
16,500	16,550	0	1,476	2,688	20,300	20,350	0	868	1,888	24,100	24,150	0	261	1,088	27,900	27,950	0	0	287
16,550	16,600	0	1,468	2,678	20,350	20,400	0	860	1,877	24,150	24,200	0	253	1,077	27,950	28,000	0	0	277
16,600	16,650	0	1,460	2,667	20,400	20,450	0	852	1,867	24,200	24,250	0	245	1,067	28,000	28,050	0	0	266
16,650	16,700	0	1,452	2,657	20,450	20,500	0	845	1,856	24,250	24,300	0	237	1,056	28,050	28,100	0	0	256
16,700	16,750	0	1,444	2,646	20,500	20,550	0	837	1,846	24,300	24,350	0	229	1,046	28,100	28,150	0	0	245
16,750	16,800	0	1,436	2,636	20,550	20,600	0	829	1,835	24,350	24,400	0	221	1,035	28,150	28,200	0	0	235
16,800	16,850	0	1,428	2,625	20,600	20,650	0	821	1,825	24,400	24,450	0	213	1,025	28,200	28,250	0	0	224
16,850	16,900	0	1,420	2,615	20,650	20,700	0	813	1,814	24,450	24,500	0	205	1,014	28,250	28,300	0	0	214
16,900	16,950	0	1,412	2,604	20,700	20,750	0	805	1,804	24,500	24,550	0	197	1,003	28,300	28,350	0	0	203
16,950	17,000	0	1,404	2,594	20,750	20,800	0	797	1,793	24,550	24,600	0	189	993	28,350	28,400	0	0	193
17,000	17,050	0	1,396	2,583	20,800	20,850	0	789	1,783	24,600	24,650	0	181	982	28,400	28,450	0	0	182
17,050	17,100	0	1,388	2,572	20,850	20,900	0	781	1,772	24,650	24,700	0	173	972	28,450	28,500	0	0	172
17,100	17,150	0	1,380	2,562	20,900	20,950	0	773	1,762	24,700	24,750	0	165	961	28,500	28,550	0	0	161
17,150	17,200	0	1,372	2,551	20,950	21,000	0	765	1,751	24,750	24,800	0	157	951	28,550	28,600	0	0	151
17,200	17,250	0	1,364	2,541	21,000	21,050	0	757	1,741	24,800	24,850	0	149	940	28,600	28,650	0	0	140
17,250	17,300	0	1,356	2,530	21,050	21,100	0	749	1,730	24,850	24,900	0	141	930	28,650	28,700	0	0	130
17,300	17,350	0	1,348	2,520	21,100	21,150	0	741	1,720	24,900	24,950	0	133	919	28,700	28,750	0	0	119
17,350	17,400	0	1,340	2,509	21,150	21,200	0	733	1,709	24,950	25,000	0	125	909	28,750	28,800	0	0	108
17,400	17,450	0	1,332	2,499	21,200	21,250	0	725	1,698	25,000	25,050	0	117	898	28,800	28,850	0	0	98
17,450	17,500	0	1,324	2,488	21,250	21,300	0	717	1,688	25,050	25,100	0	109	888	28,850	28,900	0	0	87
17,500	17,550	0	1,316	2,478	21,300	21,350	0	709	1,677	25,100	25,150	0	101	877	28,900	28,950	0	0	77
17,550	17,600	0	1,308	2,467	21,350	21,400	0	701	1,667	25,150	25,200	0	93	867	28,950	29,000	0	0	66
17,600	17,650	0	1,300	2,457	21,400	21,450	0	693	1,656	25,200	25,250	0	85	856	29,000	29,050	0	0	56
17,650	17,700	0	1,292	2,446	21,450	21,500	0	685	1,646	25,250	25,300	0	77	846	29,050	29,100	0	0	45
17,700	17,750	0	1,284	2,436	21,500	21,550	0	677	1,635	25,300	25,350	0	69	835	29,100	29,150	0	0	35
17,750	17,800	0	1,276	2,425	21,550	21,600	0	669	1,625	25,350	25,400	0	61	824	29,150	29,200	0	0	24
17,800	17,850	0	1,268	2,415	21,600	21,650	0	661	1,614	25,400	25,450	0	53	814	29,200	29,250	0	0	14
17,850	17,900	0	1,260	2,404	21,650	21,700	0	653	1,604	25,450	25,500	0	46	803	29,250	29,290	0	0	4
17,900	17,950	0	1,252	2,393	21,700	21,750	0	645	1,593	25,500	25,550	0	38	793	29,290 or more		0	0	0
17,950	18,000	0	1,244	2,383	21,750	21,800	0	637	1,583	25,550	25,600	0	30	782			0	0	0
18,000	18,050	0	1,236	2,372	21,800	21,850	0	629	1,572	25,600	25,650	0	22	772					
18,050	18,100	0	1,228	2,362	21,850	21,900	0	621	1,562	25,650	25,700	0	14	761					
18,100	18,150	0	1,220	2,351	21,900	21,950													

**Line 29e**

Add lines 29a, 29b, and 29c. Enter the total on line 29e. Also, include in the total on line 29e any of the following that apply.

**Amount Paid With Extension of Time To File.** If you filed **Form 4868** to get an automatic extension of time to file, include in the total on line 29e any amount you paid with that form. To the left of line 29e, print "FORM 4868" and show the amount paid. Also, include any amount paid with **Form 2688** if you filed for an additional extension.

**Excess Social Security and Railroad Retirement (RRTA) Taxes Withheld.** If you had more than one employer for 1997 and your total wages were over \$65,400, too much social security tax may have been withheld. If you had more than one railroad employer for 1997 and your total compensation was over \$48,600, too much RRTA tax may have been withheld. For more details, including how to figure the amount to include on line 29e, see **Pub. 505**.

**Refund or Amount You Owe**

**Line 30**

**Amount Overpaid**

If line 30 is under \$1, we will send the refund only if you request it when you file your return.



*If the amount you overpaid is large, you may want to decrease the amount of income tax withheld from your pay. See **Income Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax Payments for 1998** on page 35.*

**Injured Spouse Claim.** If you file a joint return and your spouse has not paid child or spousal support payments or certain Federal debts such as student loans, all or part of the overpayment on line 30 may be used to pay the past-due amount. But **your** part of the overpayment may be refunded to you if certain conditions apply and you complete and attach **Form 8379**. For details, use TeleTax topic 203 (see page 40) or see Form 8379. If you file Form 8379, you **cannot** request direct deposit.

**Lines 31b Through 31d**

**Direct Deposit of Refund**

Complete lines 31b through 31d if you want us to directly deposit the amount shown on line 31a into your account at a bank or other financial institution (such as a mutual fund, brokerage firm, or credit union) instead of sending you a check.

**Why Use Direct Deposit?**

- You get your refund fast—even faster if you *e-file!*
- Payment is more secure—there is no check to get lost.

- More convenient. No trip to the bank to deposit your check.
- Saves tax dollars. A refund by direct deposit costs less than a check.



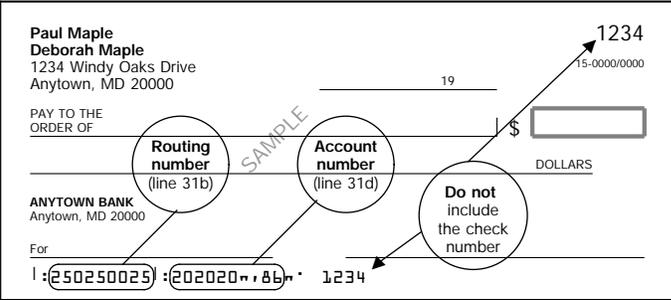
*You can check with your financial institution to make sure your direct deposit will be accepted and to get the correct routing number and account number.*

**Line 31b.** The routing number **must** be **nine** digits. If the first two digits are not 01 through 12 or 21 through 32, the direct deposit will be rejected and a check sent instead. On the sample check below, the routing number is 250250025.

Your check may state that it is payable through a bank different from the financial institution at which you have your checking account. If so, do not use the routing number on that check. Instead, contact your financial institution for the correct routing number to enter on this line.

**Line 31d.** The account number can be up to 17 characters (both numbers and letters). Include hyphens but omit spaces and special symbols. Enter the number from left to right and leave any unused boxes blank. On the sample check below, the account number is 20202086. Be sure **not** to include the check number.

**Caution:** *Some financial institutions will not allow a joint refund to be deposited into an individual account. The IRS is not responsible if a financial institution refuses a direct deposit.*



**Note:** *The routing and account numbers may appear in different places on your check.*

**Line 32**

**Amount Applied to 1998 Estimated Tax**

Enter on line 32 the amount, if any, of the overpayment on line 30 you want applied to your estimated tax for 1998. We will apply this amount to your account unless you attach a statement requesting us to apply it to your spouse's account. Include your spouse's social security number. This election to apply part or all of the amount overpaid to your 1998 estimated tax cannot be changed later.

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## Line 33

### Amount You Owe



*You do not have to pay if line 33 is under \$1.*

Include any estimated tax penalty from line 34 in the amount you enter on line 33. Enclose in the envelope with your return a check or money order payable to the "Internal Revenue Service" (not "IRS") for the full amount when you file. **Do not** send cash. **Do not** attach the payment to your return. Write "1997 Form 1040A" and your name, address, daytime phone number, and social security number (SSN) on your payment. If you are filing a joint return, enter the SSN shown first on your tax return.

**Do not** include any estimated tax payment in your check or money order. Mail any estimated tax payment in an envelope separate from the one you use to pay the tax due on Form 1040A.



*If you owe tax for 1997, you may need to (a) increase the amount of income tax withheld from your pay or (b) make estimated tax payments for 1998. See **Income Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax Payments for 1998** on page 35.*

### Installment Payments

If you cannot pay the full amount shown on line 33 with your return, you may ask to make monthly installment payments. However, you will be charged interest and may be charged a late payment penalty on the tax not paid by April 15, 1998, even if your request to pay in installments is granted. You must also pay a fee. To limit the interest and penalty charges, pay as much of the tax as possible when you file. But before requesting an installment agreement, you should consider other less costly alternatives, such as a bank loan.

To ask for an installment agreement, use **Form 9465**. You should receive a response to your request for installments within 30 days. But if you file your return after March 31, it may take us longer to reply.

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## Line 34

### Estimated Tax Penalty

You may owe this penalty if:

- Line 33 (minus line 27) is at least \$500 and it is more than 10% of the tax shown on your return, or
- You did not pay enough estimated tax by any of the due dates. This is true even if you are due a refund.

The "tax shown on your return" is the amount on line 28 minus the total of any amounts shown on lines 27 and 29c.

**Exceptions to the Penalty.** You will not owe the penalty if your 1996 tax return was for a tax year of 12 full months **AND either** of the following applies:

1. You had no tax liability for 1996 and you were a U.S. citizen or resident for all of 1996, **or**

2. The total of lines 29a and 29b on your 1997 return is at least as much as the tax liability shown on your 1996 return. Your estimated tax payments for 1997 must have been made on time and for the required amount.

**Caution:** *If your 1997 filing status is married filing separately and your 1996 adjusted gross income was over \$75,000, item 2 above may not apply. For details, see **Form 2210** and its instructions.*

**Figuring the Penalty.** If the **Exceptions** above do not apply and you choose to figure the penalty yourself, see **Form 2210** to find out if you owe the penalty. If so, you can use the form to figure the amount. In certain situations, you may be able to lower your penalty. For details, see the Instructions for Form 2210. Enter the penalty on Form 1040A, line 34. Add the penalty to any tax due and enter the total on line 33. If you are due a refund, subtract the penalty from the overpayment you show on line 30. **Do not** file Form 2210 with your return unless Form 2210 indicates that you must do so. Instead, keep it for your records.



*Because Form 2210 is complicated, if you want to you can leave line 34 blank and the IRS will figure the penalty and send you a bill. We will not charge you interest on the penalty if you pay by the date specified on the bill.*

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## Sign Your Return

Form 1040A is not considered a valid return unless you sign it. If you are filing a joint return, your spouse must also sign. Be sure to date your return and enter your occupation(s). If you are filing a joint return as a surviving spouse, see **What if a Taxpayer Died?** on page 8.

**Child's Return.** If your child cannot sign the return, either parent can sign the child's name in the space provided. Then, add "By (your signature), parent for minor child."

**Paid Preparers Must Sign Your Return.** Generally, anyone you pay to prepare your return must sign it by hand in the space provided. Signature stamps or labels cannot be used. The preparer must give you a copy of the return for your records. Someone who prepares your return but does not charge you should not sign your return.

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## Attach Required Forms and Schedules

Attach the first copy or Copy B of Form(s) W-2 to the front of Form 1040A. Attach all other schedules and forms behind Form 1040A in order by number. If you are filing Schedule EIC, put it last. **Do not** attach items unless required to do so.



*If you received a 1997 **Form 1099-R** showing Federal income tax withheld, also attach the first copy or Copy B of that form to the front of Form 1040A.*

If you owe tax and are sending in your payment, **do not** attach it to Form 1040A. Instead, place it loose inside the envelope.

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## General Information

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**What Should You Do If You Move?** If you move after you file, always notify in writing the Internal Revenue Service Center where you filed your last return, or the Chief, Taxpayer Service Division, at your local IRS district office. You can use **Form 8822** to notify us of your new address. If you are expecting a refund, also notify the post office serving your old address. This will help forward your check to your new address.

**How Long Should You Keep Your Tax Return?** Keep a copy of your tax return, worksheets you used, and records of all items appearing on it (such as W-2 and 1099 forms) until the statute of limitations runs out for that return. Usually, this is 3 years from the date the return was due or filed, or 2 years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. You should keep some records longer. For example, keep property records (including those on your home) as long as they are needed to figure the basis of the original or replacement property. For more details, see **Pub. 552**.

**Income Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax Payments for 1998.** If the amount you owe or the amount you overpaid is large, you may want to file a new **Form W-4** with your employer to change the amount of income tax withheld from your 1998 pay. In general, you do not have to make estimated tax payments if you expect that your 1998 tax return will show a tax refund OR a tax balance due the IRS of less than \$1,000. If your total estimated tax (including any household employment taxes and alternative minimum tax) for 1998 is \$1,000 or more, see **Form 1040-ES**. It has a worksheet you can use to see if you have to make estimated tax payments. See **Pub. 505** for more details.

**How Do You Amend Your Tax Return?** File **Form 1040X** to change a return you already filed. Generally, Form 1040X must be filed within 3 years after the date the original return was filed, or within 2 years after the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

**What Are Your Rights as a Taxpayer?** You have the right to be treated fairly, professionally, promptly, and courteously by IRS employees. Our goal at the IRS is to protect your rights so that you will have the highest confidence in the integrity, efficiency, and fairness of our tax system. To ensure that you always receive such treatment, you should know about the many rights you have at each step of the tax process. For details, see **Pub. 1**.

**How Do You Make a Gift To Reduce the Public Debt?** If you wish to do so, make a check payable to

“Bureau of the Public Debt.” You can send it to: Bureau of the Public Debt, Department G, Washington, DC 20239-0601. Or, you can enclose the check with your income tax return when you file.



*If you itemize your deductions for 1998, you may be able to deduct this gift.*

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### Other Ways To Get Help

**Send Your Written Questions to the IRS.** You may send your written tax questions to your IRS District Director. You should get an answer in about 30 days. If you do not have the address, call us. See page 39 for the number.

**Assistance With Your Return.** Many IRS offices can help you prepare your return. An assister will explain a Form 1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040 with Schedules A and B to you and other taxpayers in a group setting. You may also be able to file your return electronically by computer free of charge at many IRS offices. To find the IRS office nearest you, look in the phone book under “United States Government, Internal Revenue Service” or call us. See page 39 for the number.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE).** These programs help older, disabled, low-income, and non-English-speaking people fill in their returns. For details, call us. See page 39 for the number. If you received a Federal income tax package in the mail, take it with you when you go for help. Also take a copy of your 1996 tax return if you have it. **Or** to find the nearest American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax-Aide site, visit AARP’s Internet Web Site at—[www.aarp.org/taxaide/home.htm](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/home.htm).

**On-Line Services.** If you subscribe to an on-line service, ask if on-line filing or tax information is available.

**Large-Print Forms and Instructions.** **Pub. 1615** has large-print copies of Form 1040A, Schedules 1, 2, 3, and EIC, and their instructions. You can use the large-print form and schedules as worksheets to figure your tax, but you cannot file on them. You can get **Pub. 1615** by phone or mail. See page 4.

**Help for People With Disabilities.** Telephone help is available using TTY/TDD equipment. See page 39 for the number to call.

Braille materials are available at libraries that have special services for people with disabilities.

**Help With Unresolved Tax Issues.** The **Problem Resolution Program** is for people who have been unable to resolve their problems with the IRS. If you have a tax problem you cannot clear up through normal channels, write to your local IRS District Director or call your local IRS office and ask for Problem Resolution assistance. People who have access to TTY/TDD equipment may call 1-800-829-4059 to ask for help from Problem Resolution. This office cannot change the tax law or technical decisions. But it can help you clear up problems that resulted from previous contacts. For more details, use TeleTax topic 104 (see page 40) or see **Pub. 1546**.

**You can get the following items from the IRS or at participating post offices or libraries.**

**Form 1040**

Instructions for Form 1040 & Schedules

**Schedule A** for itemized deductions

**Schedule B** for interest and dividend income if over \$400, and for answering the foreign accounts or foreign trusts questions

**Schedule EIC** qualifying child information for the earned income credit

**Form 1040A**

Instructions for Form 1040A & Schedules

**Schedule 1** for Form 1040A filers to report interest and dividend income

**Schedule 2** for Form 1040A filers to report child and dependent care expenses

**Form 1040EZ**

Instructions for Form 1040EZ

Many libraries also carry reference sets of forms and publications which can be photocopied and used for filing. Ask the reference librarian for **Pub. 1132**, Reproducible Federal Tax Forms For Use In Libraries, and **Pub. 1194**, A Selection of IRS Tax Information Publications.

## Partial List of Forms Available by Fax

The following forms and instructions are available by fax by calling **703-368-9694** from the telephone connected to the fax machine. When you call, you will hear instructions on how to use the system. Select the

option for getting forms. Then, enter the **Fax Order No.** shown below for each item you want. When you hang up the phone, the fax will begin.

Name of Form or Instructions	Title of Form or Instructions	Fax Order No.	No. of Pages	Name of Form or Instructions	Title of Form or Instructions	Fax Order No.	No. of Pages
Form SS-4	Application for Employer Identification Number	16055	4	Schedule 2 (Form 1040A)	Child and Dependent Care Expenses for Form 1040A Filers	10749	2
Form W-4	Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate	10220	2	Schedule 3 (Form 1040A)	Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled for Form 1040A Filers	12064	2
Form W-5	Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate	10227	2	Instr. Sch. 3		12059	4
Form W-7	Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number	10229	3	Form 1040-ES	Estimated Tax for Individuals	11340	6
Form W-9	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification	10231	2	Form 1040EZ	Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents	11329	2
Instr. W-9		20479	2	Form 2106	Employee Business Expenses	11700	2
Form W-10	Dependent Care Provider's Identification and Certification	10437	1	Instr. 2106		64188	4
Form 1040	U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	11320	2	Form 2106-EZ	Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses	20604	2
Instr. 1040	Line Instructions for Form 1040	11325	19	Form 2119	Sale of Your Home	11710	2
Instr. 1040	General Information for Form 1040	24811	16	Instr. 2119		18038	5
Tax Table and Tax Rate Sch.	Tax Table and Tax Rate Schedules (Form 1040)	24327	13	Form 2210	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts	11744	3
Schedules A&B (Form 1040)	Itemized Deductions & Interest and Dividend Income	11330	2	Instr. 2210		63610	5
Instr. Sch. A&B		24328	7	Form 2441	Child and Dependent Care Expenses	11862	2
Schedule C (Form 1040)	Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)	11334	2	Instr. 2441		10842	3
Instr. Sch. C		24329	6	Form 2848	Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative	11980	2
Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040)	Net Profit From Business (Sole Proprietorship)	14374	2	Instr. 2848		11981	3
Schedule D (Form 1040)	Capital Gains and Losses	11338	2	Form 3903	Moving Expenses	12490	2
Instr. Sch. D		24331	4	Form 4562	Depreciation and Amortization	12906	2
Schedule E (Form 1040)	Supplemental Income and Loss	11344	2	Instr. 4562		12907	12
Instr. Sch. E		24332	5	Form 4868	Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	13141	4
Schedule EIC (Form 1040A or 1040)	Earned Income Credit	13339	2	Form 4952	Investment Interest Expense Deduction	13177	2
Schedule SE (Form 1040)	Self-Employment Tax	11358	2	Form 8332	Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parents	13910	1
Instr. Sch. SE		24334	3	Form 8379	Injured Spouse Claim and Allocation	62474	2
Form 1040A	U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	11327	2	Form 8606	Nondeductible IRAs (Contributions, Distributions, and Basis)	63966	2
Schedule 1 (Form 1040A)	Interest and Dividend Income for Form 1040A Filers	12075	1	Form 8814	Parents' Election To Report Child's Interest and Dividends	10750	2
				Form 8822	Change of Address	12081	2
				Form 8829	Expenses for Business Use of Your Home	13232	1
				Instr. 8829		15683	3
				Form 9465	Installment Agreement Request	14842	2

# Order Blank for Forms and Publications



*For faster ways of getting the items you need, see page 4.*

## How To Use the Order Blank

1. Cut the order blank on the dotted line and **be sure to print or type your name accurately in the space provided.**
2. Circle the items you need. Use the blank spaces to order items not listed. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet of paper listing the additional items you need. To help reduce waste, please order only the items you need to prepare your return. We will send you two copies of each form and one copy of each set of instructions or publication you circle.
3. Enclose the order blank in your own envelope and send it to the IRS address shown on the next page. Do not use the envelope we sent you in your tax package because this envelope may be used only for filing your income tax return. You should receive your order or notification of its status within 7 to 15 workdays after we receive your request.

Detach at this line

## Order Blank

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in your name and address

Number, street, and apt. number \_\_\_\_\_

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

**The items in bold may be picked up at many post offices and libraries.**

<b>1040 &amp; instructions</b>	Schedule H (1040) & instructions	<b>1040EZ</b>	2210 & instructions	8606 & instructions	Pub. 502	Pub. 550	Pub. 936
<b>Schedules A&amp;B (1040) &amp; instructions</b>	Schedule R (1040) & instructions	<b>Instructions for 1040EZ</b>	2441 & instructions	8822 & instructions	Pub. 505	Pub. 554	
Schedule C (1040) & instructions	Schedule SE (1040) & instructions	1040-ES & instructions (1998)	3903 & instructions	8829 & instructions	Pub. 508	Pub. 575	
Schedule C-EZ (1040) & instructions	<b>1040A</b>	1040-V & instructions	4562 & instructions	Pub. 1	Pub. 521	Pub. 590	
Schedule D (1040) & instructions	<b>Instructions for 1040A &amp; Schedules</b>	1040X & instructions	4868 & instructions	Pub. 17	Pub. 523	Pub. 596	
Schedule E (1040) & instructions	<b>Schedule 1 (1040A)</b>	2106 & instructions	5329 & instructions	Pub. 334	Pub. 525	Pub. 910	
<b>Schedule EIC (1040A or 1040) &amp; instr.</b>	<b>Schedule 2 (1040A)</b>	2106-EZ & instructions	8283 & instructions	Pub. 463	Pub. 527	Pub. 926	
Schedule F (1040) & instructions	Schedule 3 (1040A) & instructions	2119 & instructions	8582 & instructions	Pub. 501	Pub. 529	Pub. 929	

Circle the forms, instructions, and publications you need



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## Where Do You Send Your Order for Free Forms and Publications?

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**Caution: Do not** send your tax return to any of the addresses listed below. Instead, see *Where Do You File?* on the back cover.



**IF you live in . . .**

**THEN send your order blank to . . .**

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**Foreign Addresses**—Taxpayers with mailing addresses in foreign countries should send the order blank to either: Eastern Area Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23286-8107; or Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001, whichever is closer. Send letter requests for other forms and publications to: Eastern Area Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23286-8107.

**Puerto Rico**—Eastern Area Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23286-8107

**Virgin Islands**—V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue, 9601 Estate Thomas, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802

## Calling the IRS

If you cannot answer your question by using one of the methods listed on page 4, please call us for assistance. You will not be charged for the call unless your phone company charges you for local calls. This service is available Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (in Alaska from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and in Hawaii from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).



*If you want to check on the status of your 1997 refund, call TeleTax. See page 40 for the number.*

### Before You Call

IRS representatives care about the quality of the service we provide to you, our customer. You can help us provide accurate, complete answers to your questions by having the following information available:

1. The tax form, schedule, or notice to which your question relates.
2. The facts about your particular situation. The answer to the same question often varies from one taxpayer to another because of differences in their age, income, whether they can be claimed as a dependent, etc.
3. The name of any IRS publication or other source of information that you used to look for the answer.

### Making the Call

Find the correct number by using the chart below. If you have a pulse or rotary dial phone, stay on the line and one of our assistants will answer your call.

If you have a touch-tone telephone, press **1** to enter our automated telephone system. You can press the number for your topic as soon as you hear it. Selecting the correct topic helps us serve you faster and more efficiently. The system allows you to order tax forms and publications and to select from the following topics.

- Questions about a notice, letter, or bill you received.
- Questions about your refund, a tax return you filed, or your tax records.
- Questions about your taxes, or about preparing a tax return.
- Questions about business or employment taxes.

### Before You Hang Up

If you do not fully understand the answer you receive, or you feel our representative may not fully understand your question, our representative needs to know this. The representative will be happy to take the additional time required to be sure he or she has answered your question fully so that it is most helpful to you.

By law, you are responsible for paying your share of Federal income tax. If we should make an error in answering your question, you are still responsible for the payment of the correct tax. Should this occur, however, you will not be charged any penalty. To make sure that IRS representatives give accurate and courteous answers, a second IRS representative sometimes listens in on telephone calls. No record is kept of any taxpayer's identity.

## Choosing the Right Number for Tax Help

- If a number is listed below that is a local call for you, please use that number.
- If a number is not listed below for your local calling area, please call **1-800-829-1040**.



<p><b>California</b> Oakland, 510-839-1040</p> <p><b>Colorado</b> Denver, 303-825-7041</p> <p><b>Florida</b> Jacksonville, 904-354-1760</p> <p><b>Georgia</b> Atlanta, 404-522-0050</p> <p><b>Maryland</b> Baltimore, 410-962-2590</p> <p><b>Massachusetts</b> Boston, 617-536-1040</p>	<p><b>Missouri</b> St. Louis, 314-342-1040</p> <p><b>New York</b> Buffalo, 716-685-5432</p> <p><b>Ohio</b> Cincinnati, 513-621-6281 Cleveland, 216-522-3000</p> <p><b>Oregon</b> Portland, 503-221-3960</p> <p><b>Pennsylvania</b> Philadelphia, 215-574-9900 Pittsburgh, 412-281-0112</p>	<p><b>Puerto Rico</b> San Juan Metro Area, 787-759-5100</p> <p><b>Texas</b> Dallas, 214-742-2440 Houston, 713-541-0440</p> <p><b>Virginia</b> Richmond, 804-698-5000</p> <p><b>Washington</b> Seattle, 206-442-1040</p>	<p><b>TTY/TDD Help</b></p> <p>All areas in U.S., including Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico: 1-800-829-4059</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>This number is answered by TTY/TDD equipment only.</i></p>	<p><b>Hours of TTY/TDD Operation</b></p> <p>7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST (Jan. 1–April 4)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EDT (April 5–April 15)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT (April 16–Oct. 24)</p> <p>7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST (Oct. 25–Dec. 31)</p>
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## What Is TeleTax?

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TeleTax allows you to get:

**Refund information.** Check the status of your 1997 refund.

**Recorded tax information.** There are about 150 topics that answer many Federal tax questions. You can listen to up to three topics on each call you make.

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### How Do You Use TeleTax?

#### Refund Information

**Note:** *Refund information is not available until at least 4 weeks after you file your return (3 weeks if you file electronically), and sometimes is not available for up to 6 weeks. Please wait at least 4 weeks before calling to check on the status of your refund. If it has been more than 6 weeks and TeleTax does not give you a refund issuance date, please call us. See page 39.*

Be sure to have a copy of your 1997 tax return available because you will need to know the first social security number shown on your return, the filing status, and the **exact** whole-dollar amount of your refund.

Then, call the appropriate phone number listed below and follow the recorded instructions.



*The IRS updates refund information every 7 days, usually over the weekend. If you call to check the status of your refund and are not given the date it will be issued, please wait until the next week before calling back.*

Touch-tone service is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Rotary or pulse service is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Hours may vary in your area.)

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#### Recorded Tax Information

A complete list of topics is on the next page. Touch-tone service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Rotary or pulse service is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Hours in Alaska and Hawaii may vary.)

Select the number of the topic you want to hear. Then, call the appropriate phone number listed below. Have paper and pencil handy to take notes.

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#### Topics by Fax or Personal Computer

TeleTax topics are also available using a fax machine (call **703-368-9694** from the telephone connected to the fax machine) or a personal computer and modem (connect to [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov)).

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### Choosing the Right Number for TeleTax

- If a number is listed below that is a local call for you, please use that number.
- If a number is not listed below for your local calling area, please call **1-800-829-4477**.



#### California

Oakland, 510-839-4245

#### Colorado

Denver, 303-592-1118

#### District of Columbia

202-628-2929

#### Florida

Jacksonville, 904-355-2000

#### Georgia

Atlanta, 404-331-6572

#### Illinois

Chicago, 312-886-9614

#### Indiana

Indianapolis, 317-377-0001

#### Maryland

Baltimore, 410-244-7306

#### Massachusetts

Boston, 617-536-0709

#### Missouri

St. Louis, 314-241-4700

#### New York

Buffalo, 716-685-5533

#### Ohio

Cincinnati, 513-421-0329

Cleveland, 216-522-3037

#### Oregon

Portland, 503-294-5363

#### Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, 215-627-1040

Pittsburgh, 412-261-1040

#### Tennessee

Nashville, 615-781-5040

#### Texas

Dallas, 214-767-1792

Houston, 713-541-3400

#### Virginia

Richmond, 804-783-1569

#### Washington

Seattle, 206-343-7221



## What Should You Know About the Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice?

The law says that when we ask you for information we must tell you our legal right to ask for the information, why we are asking for it, and how it will be used. We must also tell you what could happen if we do not receive the information and whether your response is voluntary, needed for a benefit, or mandatory under the law.

This notice applies to all papers you file with us, including this tax return. It also applies to any questions we need to ask you so we can complete, correct, or process your return; figure your tax; and collect the tax, interest, or penalties. Internal Revenue Code sections 6001, 6011, and 6012(a) say that you must file a return or statement with us for any tax for which you are liable. Your response is mandatory under these sections. Code section 6109 says that you must show your social security number on what you file, so we know who you are and can process your return and other papers. You must fill in all parts of the tax form that apply to you. However, you do not have to check the boxes for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

We ask for tax return information to carry out the tax laws of the United States. We need it to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

We may give the information to the Department of Justice and to other Federal agencies, as provided by law. We may also give it to cities, states, the District of Columbia, U.S. commonwealths or possessions, and certain foreign governments to carry out their tax laws.

If you do not file a return, do not give the information asked for, or give false information, you may be charged penalties and be subject to criminal prosecution. We may also have to disallow the exemptions, exclusions, credits, deductions, or adjustments shown on your tax return. This could make the tax higher or delay any refund. Interest may also be charged.

Please keep this notice with your records. It may help you if we ask you for other information. If you have questions about the rules for filing and giving information, please call or visit any Internal Revenue Service office.

**The Time It Takes To Prepare Your Return.** We try to create forms and instructions that can be easily understood. The time needed to complete and file the forms in the chart below will vary depending on individual circumstances.

The estimated average time for people with IRA distributions, pension income, social security benefits, etc., is: **Recordkeeping**, 2 hr., 17 min.; **Learning about the law or the form**, 2 hr., 20 min.; **Preparing the form**, 3 hr., 13 min.; **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS**, 35 min.; **Total**, 8 hr., 25 min.

**We Welcome Comments on Forms.** If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making these forms simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can e-mail us your suggestions and comments through the IRS Internet Home Page ([www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov)) or write to the Tax Forms Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001.

**DO NOT** send your return to this address. Instead, see **Where Do You File?** on the back cover.

### Estimated Preparation Time

The time needed to complete and file Form 1040A and its schedules will vary depending on individual circumstances.		The estimated average times are:			
Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing the form	Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS	Totals
Form 1040A	1 hr., 4 min.	2 hr., 8 min.	3 hr., 4 min.	35 min.	6 hr., 51 min.
Sch. 1	20 min.	4 min.	10 min.	20 min.	54 min.
Sch. 2	33 min.	10 min.	40 min.	28 min.	1 hr., 51 min.
Sch. 3	13 min.	14 min.	25 min.	35 min.	1 hr., 27 min.
Sch. EIC	0 min.	2 min.	4 min.	20 min.	26 min.

# 1997 Tax Table

For persons with taxable incomes of less than \$50,000

**Example.** Mr. and Mrs. Green are filing a joint return. Their taxable income on line 22 of Form 1040A is \$23,250. First, they find the \$23,250–23,300 income line. Next, they find the column for married filing jointly and read down the column. The amount shown where the income line and filing status column meet is \$3,491. This is the tax amount they should enter on line 23 of Form 1040A.

At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household
<b>Your tax is—</b>					
23,200	23,250	3,484	3,484	3,825	3,484
23,250	23,300	3,491	<b>3,491</b>	3,839	3,491
23,300	23,350	3,499	3,499	3,853	3,499
23,350	23,400	3,506	3,506	3,867	3,506

If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—																					
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household												
<b>Your tax is—</b>																																			
\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	1,300	1,325	197	197	197	197	2,700	2,725	407	407	407	407	3,000	3,000	454	454	454	454												
5	15	2	2	2	2	1,325	1,350	201	201	201	201	2,725	2,750	411	411	411	411	3,050	3,100	461	461	461	461												
15	25	3	3	3	3	1,350	1,375	204	204	204	204	2,750	2,775	414	414	414	414	3,100	3,150	469	469	469	469												
25	50	6	6	6	6	1,375	1,400	208	208	208	208	2,775	2,800	418	418	418	418	3,150	3,200	476	476	476	476												
50	75	9	9	9	9	1,400	1,425	212	212	212	212	2,800	2,825	422	422	422	422	3,200	3,250	484	484	484	484												
75	100	13	13	13	13	1,425	1,450	216	216	216	216	2,825	2,850	426	426	426	426	3,250	3,300	491	491	491	491												
100	125	17	17	17	17	1,450	1,475	219	219	219	219	2,850	2,875	429	429	429	429	3,300	3,350	499	499	499	499												
125	150	21	21	21	21	1,475	1,500	223	223	223	223	2,875	2,900	433	433	433	433	3,350	3,400	506	506	506	506												
150	175	24	24	24	24	1,500	1,525	227	227	227	227	2,900	2,925	437	437	437	437	3,400	3,450	514	514	514	514												
175	200	28	28	28	28	1,525	1,550	231	231	231	231	2,925	2,950	441	441	441	441	3,450	3,500	521	521	521	521												
200	225	32	32	32	32	1,550	1,575	234	234	234	234	2,950	2,975	444	444	444	444	3,500	3,550	529	529	529	529												
225	250	36	36	36	36	1,575	1,600	238	238	238	238	2,975	3,000	448	448	448	448	3,550	3,600	536	536	536	536												
250	275	39	39	39	39	1,600	1,625	242	242	242	242	<b>3,000</b>				3,600	3,650	544	544	544	544														
275	300	43	43	43	43	1,625	1,650	246	246	246	246	3,650	3,700	551	551	551	551	3,700	3,750	559	559	559	559												
300	325	47	47	47	47	1,650	1,675	249	249	249	249	3,750	3,800	566	566	566	566	3,750	3,800	566	566	566	566												
325	350	51	51	51	51	1,675	1,700	253	253	253	253	3,800	3,850	574	574	574	574	3,800	3,850	574	574	574	574												
350	375	54	54	54	54	1,700	1,725	257	257	257	257	3,850	3,900	581	581	581	581	3,850	3,900	581	581	581	581												
375	400	58	58	58	58	1,725	1,750	261	261	261	261	3,900	3,950	589	589	589	589	3,900	3,950	589	589	589	589												
400	425	62	62	62	62	1,750	1,775	264	264	264	264	3,950	4,000	596	596	596	596	3,950	4,000	596	596	596	596												
425	450	66	66	66	66	1,775	1,800	268	268	268	268	<b>4,000</b>				4,000	4,050	604	604	604	604														
450	475	69	69	69	69	1,800	1,825	272	272	272	272	4,050	4,100	611	611	611	611	4,050	4,100	611	611	611	611												
475	500	73	73	73	73	1,825	1,850	276	276	276	276	4,100	4,150	619	619	619	619	4,100	4,150	619	619	619	619												
500	525	77	77	77	77	1,850	1,875	279	279	279	279	4,150	4,200	626	626	626	626	4,150	4,200	626	626	626	626												
525	550	81	81	81	81	1,875	1,900	283	283	283	283	4,200	4,250	634	634	634	634	4,200	4,250	634	634	634	634												
550	575	84	84	84	84	1,900	1,925	287	287	287	287	4,250	4,300	641	641	641	641	4,250	4,300	641	641	641	641												
575	600	88	88	88	88	1,925	1,950	291	291	291	291	4,300	4,350	649	649	649	649	4,300	4,350	649	649	649	649												
600	625	92	92	92	92	1,950	1,975	294	294	294	294	4,350	4,400	656	656	656	656	4,350	4,400	656	656	656	656												
625	650	96	96	96	96	1,975	2,000	298	298	298	298	4,400	4,450	664	664	664	664	4,400	4,450	664	664	664	664												
650	675	99	99	99	99	<b>2,000</b>				4,450	4,500	671	671	671	671	4,450	4,500	671	671	671	671														
675	700	103	103	103	103	2,000	2,025	302	302	302	302	4,500	4,550	679	679	679	679	4,500	4,550	679	679	679	679												
700	725	107	107	107	107	2,025	2,050	306	306	306	306	4,550	4,600	686	686	686	686	4,550	4,600	686	686	686	686												
725	750	111	111	111	111	2,050	2,075	309	309	309	309	4,600	4,650	694	694	694	694	4,600	4,650	694	694	694	694												
750	775	114	114	114	114	2,075	2,100	313	313	313	313	4,650	4,700	701	701	701	701	4,650	4,700	701	701	701	701												
775	800	118	118	118	118	2,100	2,125	317	317	317	317	4,700	4,750	709	709	709	709	4,700	4,750	709	709	709	709												
800	825	122	122	122	122	2,125	2,150	321	321	321	321	4,750	4,800	716	716	716	716	4,750	4,800	716	716	716	716												
825	850	126	126	126	126	2,150	2,175	324	324	324	324	4,800	4,850	724	724	724	724	4,800	4,850	724	724	724	724												
850	875	129	129	129	129	2,175	2,200	328	328	328	328	4,850	4,900	731	731	731	731	4,850	4,900	731	731	731	731												
875	900	133	133	133	133	2,200	2,225	332	332	332	332	4,900	4,950	739	739	739	739	4,900	4,950	739	739	739	739												
900	925	137	137	137	137	2,225	2,250	336	336	336	336	4,950	5,000	746	746	746	746	4,950	5,000	746	746	746	746												
925	950	141	141	141	141	2,250	2,275	339	339	339	339																								
950	975	144	144	144	144	2,275	2,300	343	343	343	343																								
975	1,000	148	148	148	148	2,300	2,325	347	347	347	347																								
<b>1,000</b>						2,325	2,350	351	351	351	351																								
1,000	1,025	152	152	152	152	2,350	2,375	354	354	354	354																								
1,025	1,050	156	156	156	156	2,375	2,400	358	358	358	358																								
1,050	1,075	159	159	159	159	2,400	2,425	362	362	362	362																								
1,075	1,100	163	163	163	163	2,425	2,450	366	366	366	366																								
1,100	1,125	167	167	167	167	2,450	2,475	369	369	369	369																								
1,125	1,150	171	171	171	171	2,475	2,500	373	373	373	373																								
1,150	1,175	174	174	174	174	2,500	2,525	377	377	377	377																								
1,175	1,200	178	178	178	178	2,525	2,550	381	381	381	381																								
1,200	1,225	182	182	182	182	2,550	2,575	384	384	384	384																								
1,225	1,250	186	186	186	186	2,575	2,600	388	388	388	388																								
1,250	1,275	189	189	189	189	2,600	2,625	392	392	392	392																								
1,275	1,300	193	193	193	193	2,625	2,650	396	396	396	396																								
						2,650	2,675	399	399	399	399																								
						2,675	2,700	403	403	403	403																								

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\* This column must also be used by a qualifying widow(er).

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If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—			
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—						Your tax is—			
<b>5,000</b>						<b>8,000</b>						<b>11,000</b>					
5,000	5,050	754	754	754	754	8,000	8,050	1,204	1,204	1,204	1,204	11,000	11,050	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654
5,050	5,100	761	761	761	761	8,050	8,100	1,211	1,211	1,211	1,211	11,050	11,100	1,661	1,661	1,661	1,661
5,100	5,150	769	769	769	769	8,100	8,150	1,219	1,219	1,219	1,219	11,100	11,150	1,669	1,669	1,669	1,669
5,150	5,200	776	776	776	776	8,150	8,200	1,226	1,226	1,226	1,226	11,150	11,200	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676
5,200	5,250	784	784	784	784	8,200	8,250	1,234	1,234	1,234	1,234	11,200	11,250	1,684	1,684	1,684	1,684
5,250	5,300	791	791	791	791	8,250	8,300	1,241	1,241	1,241	1,241	11,250	11,300	1,691	1,691	1,691	1,691
5,300	5,350	799	799	799	799	8,300	8,350	1,249	1,249	1,249	1,249	11,300	11,350	1,699	1,699	1,699	1,699
5,350	5,400	806	806	806	806	8,350	8,400	1,256	1,256	1,256	1,256	11,350	11,400	1,706	1,706	1,706	1,706
5,400	5,450	814	814	814	814	8,400	8,450	1,264	1,264	1,264	1,264	11,400	11,450	1,714	1,714	1,714	1,714
5,450	5,500	821	821	821	821	8,450	8,500	1,271	1,271	1,271	1,271	11,450	11,500	1,721	1,721	1,721	1,721
5,500	5,550	829	829	829	829	8,500	8,550	1,279	1,279	1,279	1,279	11,500	11,550	1,729	1,729	1,729	1,729
5,550	5,600	836	836	836	836	8,550	8,600	1,286	1,286	1,286	1,286	11,550	11,600	1,736	1,736	1,736	1,736
5,600	5,650	844	844	844	844	8,600	8,650	1,294	1,294	1,294	1,294	11,600	11,650	1,744	1,744	1,744	1,744
5,650	5,700	851	851	851	851	8,650	8,700	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301	11,650	11,700	1,751	1,751	1,751	1,751
5,700	5,750	859	859	859	859	8,700	8,750	1,309	1,309	1,309	1,309	11,700	11,750	1,759	1,759	1,759	1,759
5,750	5,800	866	866	866	866	8,750	8,800	1,316	1,316	1,316	1,316	11,750	11,800	1,766	1,766	1,766	1,766
5,800	5,850	874	874	874	874	8,800	8,850	1,324	1,324	1,324	1,324	11,800	11,850	1,774	1,774	1,774	1,774
5,850	5,900	881	881	881	881	8,850	8,900	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	11,850	11,900	1,781	1,781	1,781	1,781
5,900	5,950	889	889	889	889	8,900	8,950	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,339	11,900	11,950	1,789	1,789	1,789	1,789
5,950	6,000	896	896	896	896	8,950	9,000	1,346	1,346	1,346	1,346	11,950	12,000	1,796	1,796	1,796	1,796
<b>6,000</b>						<b>9,000</b>						<b>12,000</b>					
6,000	6,050	904	904	904	904	9,000	9,050	1,354	1,354	1,354	1,354	12,000	12,050	1,804	1,804	1,804	1,804
6,050	6,100	911	911	911	911	9,050	9,100	1,361	1,361	1,361	1,361	12,050	12,100	1,811	1,811	1,811	1,811
6,100	6,150	919	919	919	919	9,100	9,150	1,369	1,369	1,369	1,369	12,100	12,150	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819
6,150	6,200	926	926	926	926	9,150	9,200	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	12,150	12,200	1,826	1,826	1,826	1,826
6,200	6,250	934	934	934	934	9,200	9,250	1,384	1,384	1,384	1,384	12,200	12,250	1,834	1,834	1,834	1,834
6,250	6,300	941	941	941	941	9,250	9,300	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	12,250	12,300	1,841	1,841	1,841	1,841
6,300	6,350	949	949	949	949	9,300	9,350	1,399	1,399	1,399	1,399	12,300	12,350	1,849	1,849	1,849	1,849
6,350	6,400	956	956	956	956	9,350	9,400	1,406	1,406	1,406	1,406	12,350	12,400	1,856	1,856	1,856	1,856
6,400	6,450	964	964	964	964	9,400	9,450	1,414	1,414	1,414	1,414	12,400	12,450	1,864	1,864	1,864	1,864
6,450	6,500	971	971	971	971	9,450	9,500	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	12,450	12,500	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871
6,500	6,550	979	979	979	979	9,500	9,550	1,429	1,429	1,429	1,429	12,500	12,550	1,879	1,879	1,879	1,879
6,550	6,600	986	986	986	986	9,550	9,600	1,436	1,436	1,436	1,436	12,550	12,600	1,886	1,886	1,886	1,886
6,600	6,650	994	994	994	994	9,600	9,650	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,444	12,600	12,650	1,894	1,894	1,894	1,894
6,650	6,700	1,001	1,001	1,001	1,001	9,650	9,700	1,451	1,451	1,451	1,451	12,650	12,700	1,901	1,901	1,901	1,901
6,700	6,750	1,009	1,009	1,009	1,009	9,700	9,750	1,459	1,459	1,459	1,459	12,700	12,750	1,909	1,909	1,909	1,909
6,750	6,800	1,016	1,016	1,016	1,016	9,750	9,800	1,466	1,466	1,466	1,466	12,750	12,800	1,916	1,916	1,916	1,916
6,800	6,850	1,024	1,024	1,024	1,024	9,800	9,850	1,474	1,474	1,474	1,474	12,800	12,850	1,924	1,924	1,924	1,924
6,850	6,900	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	9,850	9,900	1,481	1,481	1,481	1,481	12,850	12,900	1,931	1,931	1,931	1,931
6,900	6,950	1,039	1,039	1,039	1,039	9,900	9,950	1,489	1,489	1,489	1,489	12,900	12,950	1,939	1,939	1,939	1,939
6,950	7,000	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	9,950	10,000	1,496	1,496	1,496	1,496	12,950	13,000	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946
<b>7,000</b>						<b>10,000</b>						<b>13,000</b>					
7,000	7,050	1,054	1,054	1,054	1,054	10,000	10,050	1,504	1,504	1,504	1,504	13,000	13,050	1,954	1,954	1,954	1,954
7,050	7,100	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	10,050	10,100	1,511	1,511	1,511	1,511	13,050	13,100	1,961	1,961	1,961	1,961
7,100	7,150	1,069	1,069	1,069	1,069	10,100	10,150	1,519	1,519	1,519	1,519	13,100	13,150	1,969	1,969	1,969	1,969
7,150	7,200	1,076	1,076	1,076	1,076	10,150	10,200	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526	13,150	13,200	1,976	1,976	1,976	1,976
7,200	7,250	1,084	1,084	1,084	1,084	10,200	10,250	1,534	1,534	1,534	1,534	13,200	13,250	1,984	1,984	1,984	1,984
7,250	7,300	1,091	1,091	1,091	1,091	10,250	10,300	1,541	1,541	1,541	1,541	13,250	13,300	1,991	1,991	1,991	1,991
7,300	7,350	1,099	1,099	1,099	1,099	10,300	10,350	1,549	1,549	1,549	1,549	13,300	13,350	1,999	1,999	1,999	1,999
7,350	7,400	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106	10,350	10,400	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	13,350	13,400	2,006	2,006	2,006	2,006
7,400	7,450	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,114	10,400	10,450	1,564	1,564	1,564	1,564	13,400	13,450	2,014	2,014	2,014	2,014
7,450	7,500	1,121	1,121	1,121	1,121	10,450	10,500	1,571	1,571	1,571	1,571	13,450	13,500	2,021	2,021	2,021	2,021
7,500	7,550	1,129	1,129	1,129	1,129	10,500	10,550	1,579	1,579	1,579	1,579	13,500	13,550	2,029	2,029	2,029	2,029
7,550	7,600	1,136	1,136	1,136	1,136	10,550	10,600	1,586	1,586	1,586	1,586	13,550	13,600	2,036	2,036	2,036	2,036
7,600	7,650	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	10,600	10,650	1,594	1,594	1,594	1,594	13,600	13,650	2,044	2,044	2,044	2,044
7,650	7,700	1,151	1,151	1,151	1,151	10,650	10,700	1,601	1,601	1,601	1,601	13,650	13,700	2,051	2,051	2,051	2,051
7,700	7,750	1,159	1,159	1,159	1,159	10,700	10,750	1,609	1,609	1,609	1,609	13,700	13,750	2,059	2,059	2,059	2,059
7,750	7,800	1,166	1,166	1,166	1,166	10,750	10,800	1,616	1,616	1,616	1,616	13,750	13,800	2,066	2,066	2,066	2,066
7,800	7,850	1,174	1,174	1,174	1,174	10,800	10,850	1,624	1,624	1,624	1,624	13,800	13,850	2,074	2,074	2,074	2,074
7,850	7,900	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	10,850	10,900	1,631	1,631	1,631	1,631	13,850	13,900	2,081	2,081	2,081	2,081
7,900	7,950	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	10,900	10,950	1,639	1,639	1,639	1,639	13,900	13,950	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089
7,950	8,000	1,196	1,196	1,196	1,196	10,950	11,000	1,646	1,646	1,646	1,646	13,950	14,000	2,096	2,096	2,096	2,096

\* This column must also be used by a qualifying widow(er).

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If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—			
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a house- hold
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—						Your tax is—			
<b>14,000</b>						<b>17,000</b>						<b>20,000</b>					
14,000	14,050	2,104	2,104	2,104	2,104	17,000	17,050	2,554	2,554	2,554	2,554	20,000	20,050	3,004	3,004	3,004	3,004
14,050	14,100	2,111	2,111	2,111	2,111	17,050	17,100	2,561	2,561	2,561	2,561	20,050	20,100	3,011	3,011	3,011	3,011
14,100	14,150	2,119	2,119	2,119	2,119	17,100	17,150	2,569	2,569	2,569	2,569	20,100	20,150	3,019	3,019	3,019	3,019
14,150	14,200	2,126	2,126	2,126	2,126	17,150	17,200	2,576	2,576	2,576	2,576	20,150	20,200	3,026	3,026	3,026	3,026
14,200	14,250	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134	17,200	17,250	2,584	2,584	2,584	2,584	20,200	20,250	3,034	3,034	3,034	3,034
14,250	14,300	2,141	2,141	2,141	2,141	17,250	17,300	2,591	2,591	2,591	2,591	20,250	20,300	3,041	3,041	3,041	3,041
14,300	14,350	2,149	2,149	2,149	2,149	17,300	17,350	2,599	2,599	2,599	2,599	20,300	20,350	3,049	3,049	3,049	3,049
14,350	14,400	2,156	2,156	2,156	2,156	17,350	17,400	2,606	2,606	2,606	2,606	20,350	20,400	3,056	3,056	3,056	3,056
14,400	14,450	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	17,400	17,450	2,614	2,614	2,614	2,614	20,400	20,450	3,064	3,064	3,064	3,064
14,450	14,500	2,171	2,171	2,171	2,171	17,450	17,500	2,621	2,621	2,621	2,621	20,450	20,500	3,071	3,071	3,071	3,071
14,500	14,550	2,179	2,179	2,179	2,179	17,500	17,550	2,629	2,629	2,629	2,629	20,500	20,550	3,079	3,079	3,079	3,079
14,550	14,600	2,186	2,186	2,186	2,186	17,550	17,600	2,636	2,636	2,636	2,636	20,550	20,600	3,086	3,086	3,086	3,086
14,600	14,650	2,194	2,194	2,194	2,194	17,600	17,650	2,644	2,644	2,644	2,644	20,600	20,650	3,094	3,094	3,097	3,094
14,650	14,700	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	17,650	17,700	2,651	2,651	2,651	2,651	20,650	20,700	3,101	3,101	3,111	3,101
14,700	14,750	2,209	2,209	2,209	2,209	17,700	17,750	2,659	2,659	2,659	2,659	20,700	20,750	3,109	3,109	3,125	3,109
14,750	14,800	2,216	2,216	2,216	2,216	17,750	17,800	2,666	2,666	2,666	2,666	20,750	20,800	3,116	3,116	3,139	3,116
14,800	14,850	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	17,800	17,850	2,674	2,674	2,674	2,674	20,800	20,850	3,124	3,124	3,153	3,124
14,850	14,900	2,231	2,231	2,231	2,231	17,850	17,900	2,681	2,681	2,681	2,681	20,850	20,900	3,131	3,131	3,167	3,131
14,900	14,950	2,239	2,239	2,239	2,239	17,900	17,950	2,689	2,689	2,689	2,689	20,900	20,950	3,139	3,139	3,181	3,139
14,950	15,000	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,246	17,950	18,000	2,696	2,696	2,696	2,696	20,950	21,000	3,146	3,146	3,195	3,146
<b>15,000</b>						<b>18,000</b>						<b>21,000</b>					
15,000	15,050	2,254	2,254	2,254	2,254	18,000	18,050	2,704	2,704	2,704	2,704	21,000	21,050	3,154	3,154	3,209	3,154
15,050	15,100	2,261	2,261	2,261	2,261	18,050	18,100	2,711	2,711	2,711	2,711	21,050	21,100	3,161	3,161	3,223	3,161
15,100	15,150	2,269	2,269	2,269	2,269	18,100	18,150	2,719	2,719	2,719	2,719	21,100	21,150	3,169	3,169	3,237	3,169
15,150	15,200	2,276	2,276	2,276	2,276	18,150	18,200	2,726	2,726	2,726	2,726	21,150	21,200	3,176	3,176	3,251	3,176
15,200	15,250	2,284	2,284	2,284	2,284	18,200	18,250	2,734	2,734	2,734	2,734	21,200	21,250	3,184	3,184	3,265	3,184
15,250	15,300	2,291	2,291	2,291	2,291	18,250	18,300	2,741	2,741	2,741	2,741	21,250	21,300	3,191	3,191	3,279	3,191
15,300	15,350	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	18,300	18,350	2,749	2,749	2,749	2,749	21,300	21,350	3,199	3,199	3,293	3,199
15,350	15,400	2,306	2,306	2,306	2,306	18,350	18,400	2,756	2,756	2,756	2,756	21,350	21,400	3,206	3,206	3,307	3,206
15,400	15,450	2,314	2,314	2,314	2,314	18,400	18,450	2,764	2,764	2,764	2,764	21,400	21,450	3,214	3,214	3,321	3,214
15,450	15,500	2,321	2,321	2,321	2,321	18,450	18,500	2,771	2,771	2,771	2,771	21,450	21,500	3,221	3,221	3,335	3,221
15,500	15,550	2,329	2,329	2,329	2,329	18,500	18,550	2,779	2,779	2,779	2,779	21,500	21,550	3,229	3,229	3,349	3,229
15,550	15,600	2,336	2,336	2,336	2,336	18,550	18,600	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,786	21,550	21,600	3,236	3,236	3,363	3,236
15,600	15,650	2,344	2,344	2,344	2,344	18,600	18,650	2,794	2,794	2,794	2,794	21,600	21,650	3,244	3,244	3,377	3,244
15,650	15,700	2,351	2,351	2,351	2,351	18,650	18,700	2,801	2,801	2,801	2,801	21,650	21,700	3,251	3,251	3,391	3,251
15,700	15,750	2,359	2,359	2,359	2,359	18,700	18,750	2,809	2,809	2,809	2,809	21,700	21,750	3,259	3,259	3,405	3,259
15,750	15,800	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	18,750	18,800	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	21,750	21,800	3,266	3,266	3,419	3,266
15,800	15,850	2,374	2,374	2,374	2,374	18,800	18,850	2,824	2,824	2,824	2,824	21,800	21,850	3,274	3,274	3,433	3,274
15,850	15,900	2,381	2,381	2,381	2,381	18,850	18,900	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	21,850	21,900	3,281	3,281	3,447	3,281
15,900	15,950	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389	18,900	18,950	2,839	2,839	2,839	2,839	21,900	21,950	3,289	3,289	3,461	3,289
15,950	16,000	2,396	2,396	2,396	2,396	18,950	19,000	2,846	2,846	2,846	2,846	21,950	22,000	3,296	3,296	3,475	3,296
<b>16,000</b>						<b>19,000</b>						<b>22,000</b>					
16,000	16,050	2,404	2,404	2,404	2,404	19,000	19,050	2,854	2,854	2,854	2,854	22,000	22,050	3,304	3,304	3,489	3,304
16,050	16,100	2,411	2,411	2,411	2,411	19,050	19,100	2,861	2,861	2,861	2,861	22,050	22,100	3,311	3,311	3,503	3,311
16,100	16,150	2,419	2,419	2,419	2,419	19,100	19,150	2,869	2,869	2,869	2,869	22,100	22,150	3,319	3,319	3,517	3,319
16,150	16,200	2,426	2,426	2,426	2,426	19,150	19,200	2,876	2,876	2,876	2,876	22,150	22,200	3,326	3,326	3,531	3,326
16,200	16,250	2,434	2,434	2,434	2,434	19,200	19,250	2,884	2,884	2,884	2,884	22,200	22,250	3,334	3,334	3,545	3,334
16,250	16,300	2,441	2,441	2,441	2,441	19,250	19,300	2,891	2,891	2,891	2,891	22,250	22,300	3,341	3,341	3,559	3,341
16,300	16,350	2,449	2,449	2,449	2,449	19,300	19,350	2,899	2,899	2,899	2,899	22,300	22,350	3,349	3,349	3,573	3,349
16,350	16,400	2,456	2,456	2,456	2,456	19,350	19,400	2,906	2,906	2,906	2,906	22,350	22,400	3,356	3,356	3,587	3,356
16,400	16,450	2,464	2,464	2,464	2,464	19,400	19,450	2,914	2,914	2,914	2,914	22,400	22,450	3,364	3,364	3,601	3,364
16,450	16,500	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471	19,450	19,500	2,921	2,921	2,921	2,921	22,450	22,500	3,371	3,371	3,615	3,371
16,500	16,550	2,479	2,479	2,479	2,479	19,500	19,550	2,929	2,929	2,929	2,929	22,500	22,550	3,379	3,379	3,629	3,379
16,550	16,600	2,486	2,486	2,486	2,486	19,550	19,600	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936	22,550	22,600	3,386	3,386	3,643	3,386
16,600	16,650	2,494	2,494	2,494	2,494	19,600	19,650	2,944	2,944	2,944	2,944	22,600	22,650	3,394	3,394	3,657	3,394
16,650	16,700	2,501	2,501	2,501	2,501	19,650	19,700	2,951	2,951	2,951	2,951	22,650	22,700	3,401	3,401	3,671	3,401
16,700	16,750	2,509	2,509	2,509	2,509	19,700	19,750	2,959	2,959	2,959	2,959	22,700	22,750	3,409	3,409	3,685	3,409
16,750	16,800	2,516	2,516	2,516	2,516	19,750	19,800	2,966	2,966	2,966	2,966	22,750	22,800	3,416	3,416	3,699	3,416
16,800	16,850	2,524	2,524	2,524	2,524	19,800	19,850	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,974	22,800	22,850	3,424	3,424	3,713	3,424
16,850	16,900	2,531	2,531	2,531	2,531	19,850	19,900	2,981	2,981	2,981	2,981	22,850	22,900	3,431	3,431	3,727	3,431
16,900	16,950	2,539	2,539	2,539	2,539	19,900	19,950	2,989	2,989	2,989	2,989	22,900	22,950	3,439	3,439	3,741	3,439
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If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—			
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—						Your tax is—			
<b>23,000</b>						<b>26,000</b>						<b>29,000</b>					
23,000	23,050	3,454	3,454	3,769	3,454	26,000	26,050	4,083	3,904	4,609	3,904	29,000	29,050	4,923	4,354	5,449	4,354
23,050	23,100	3,461	3,461	3,783	3,461	26,050	26,100	4,097	3,911	4,623	3,911	29,050	29,100	4,937	4,361	5,463	4,361
23,100	23,150	3,469	3,469	3,797	3,469	26,100	26,150	4,111	3,919	4,637	3,919	29,100	29,150	4,951	4,369	5,477	4,369
23,150	23,200	3,476	3,476	3,811	3,476	26,150	26,200	4,125	3,926	4,651	3,926	29,150	29,200	4,965	4,376	5,491	4,376
23,200	23,250	3,484	3,484	3,825	3,484	26,200	26,250	4,139	3,934	4,665	3,934	29,200	29,250	4,979	4,384	5,505	4,384
23,250	23,300	3,491	3,491	3,839	3,491	26,250	26,300	4,153	3,941	4,679	3,941	29,250	29,300	4,993	4,391	5,519	4,391
23,300	23,350	3,499	3,499	3,853	3,499	26,300	26,350	4,167	3,949	4,693	3,949	29,300	29,350	5,007	4,399	5,533	4,399
23,350	23,400	3,506	3,506	3,867	3,506	26,350	26,400	4,181	3,956	4,707	3,956	29,350	29,400	5,021	4,406	5,547	4,406
23,400	23,450	3,514	3,514	3,881	3,514	26,400	26,450	4,195	3,964	4,721	3,964	29,400	29,450	5,035	4,414	5,561	4,414
23,450	23,500	3,521	3,521	3,895	3,521	26,450	26,500	4,209	3,971	4,735	3,971	29,450	29,500	5,049	4,421	5,575	4,421
23,500	23,550	3,529	3,529	3,909	3,529	26,500	26,550	4,223	3,979	4,749	3,979	29,500	29,550	5,063	4,429	5,589	4,429
23,550	23,600	3,536	3,536	3,923	3,536	26,550	26,600	4,237	3,986	4,763	3,986	29,550	29,600	5,077	4,436	5,603	4,436
23,600	23,650	3,544	3,544	3,937	3,544	26,600	26,650	4,251	3,994	4,777	3,994	29,600	29,650	5,091	4,444	5,617	4,444
23,650	23,700	3,551	3,551	3,951	3,551	26,650	26,700	4,265	4,001	4,791	4,001	29,650	29,700	5,105	4,451	5,631	4,451
23,700	23,750	3,559	3,559	3,965	3,559	26,700	26,750	4,279	4,009	4,805	4,009	29,700	29,750	5,119	4,459	5,645	4,459
23,750	23,800	3,566	3,566	3,979	3,566	26,750	26,800	4,293	4,016	4,819	4,016	29,750	29,800	5,133	4,466	5,659	4,466
23,800	23,850	3,574	3,574	3,993	3,574	26,800	26,850	4,307	4,024	4,833	4,024	29,800	29,850	5,147	4,474	5,673	4,474
23,850	23,900	3,581	3,581	4,007	3,581	26,850	26,900	4,321	4,031	4,847	4,031	29,850	29,900	5,161	4,481	5,687	4,481
23,900	23,950	3,589	3,589	4,021	3,589	26,900	26,950	4,335	4,039	4,861	4,039	29,900	29,950	5,175	4,489	5,701	4,489
23,950	24,000	3,596	3,596	4,035	3,596	26,950	27,000	4,349	4,046	4,875	4,046	29,950	30,000	5,189	4,496	5,715	4,496
<b>24,000</b>						<b>27,000</b>						<b>30,000</b>					
24,000	24,050	3,604	3,604	4,049	3,604	27,000	27,050	4,363	4,054	4,889	4,054	30,000	30,050	5,203	4,504	5,729	4,504
24,050	24,100	3,611	3,611	4,063	3,611	27,050	27,100	4,377	4,061	4,903	4,061	30,050	30,100	5,217	4,511	5,743	4,511
24,100	24,150	3,619	3,619	4,077	3,619	27,100	27,150	4,391	4,069	4,917	4,069	30,100	30,150	5,231	4,519	5,757	4,519
24,150	24,200	3,626	3,626	4,091	3,626	27,150	27,200	4,405	4,076	4,931	4,076	30,150	30,200	5,245	4,526	5,771	4,526
24,200	24,250	3,634	3,634	4,105	3,634	27,200	27,250	4,419	4,084	4,945	4,084	30,200	30,250	5,259	4,534	5,785	4,534
24,250	24,300	3,641	3,641	4,119	3,641	27,250	27,300	4,433	4,091	4,959	4,091	30,250	30,300	5,273	4,541	5,799	4,541
24,300	24,350	3,649	3,649	4,133	3,649	27,300	27,350	4,447	4,099	4,973	4,099	30,300	30,350	5,287	4,549	5,813	4,549
24,350	24,400	3,656	3,656	4,147	3,656	27,350	27,400	4,461	4,106	4,987	4,106	30,350	30,400	5,301	4,556	5,827	4,556
24,400	24,450	3,664	3,664	4,161	3,664	27,400	27,450	4,475	4,114	5,001	4,114	30,400	30,450	5,315	4,564	5,841	4,564
24,450	24,500	3,671	3,671	4,175	3,671	27,450	27,500	4,489	4,121	5,015	4,121	30,450	30,500	5,329	4,571	5,855	4,571
24,500	24,550	3,679	3,679	4,189	3,679	27,500	27,550	4,503	4,129	5,029	4,129	30,500	30,550	5,343	4,579	5,869	4,579
24,550	24,600	3,686	3,686	4,203	3,686	27,550	27,600	4,517	4,136	5,043	4,136	30,550	30,600	5,357	4,586	5,883	4,586
24,600	24,650	3,694	3,694	4,217	3,694	27,600	27,650	4,531	4,144	5,057	4,144	30,600	30,650	5,371	4,594	5,897	4,594
24,650	24,700	3,705	3,705	4,231	3,705	27,650	27,700	4,545	4,151	5,071	4,151	30,650	30,700	5,385	4,601	5,911	4,601
24,700	24,750	3,719	3,719	4,245	3,719	27,700	27,750	4,559	4,159	5,085	4,159	30,700	30,750	5,399	4,609	5,925	4,609
24,750	24,800	3,733	3,733	4,259	3,733	27,750	27,800	4,573	4,166	5,099	4,166	30,750	30,800	5,413	4,616	5,939	4,616
24,800	24,850	3,747	3,747	4,273	3,747	27,800	27,850	4,587	4,174	5,113	4,174	30,800	30,850	5,427	4,624	5,953	4,624
24,850	24,900	3,761	3,761	4,287	3,761	27,850	27,900	4,601	4,181	5,127	4,181	30,850	30,900	5,441	4,631	5,967	4,631
24,900	24,950	3,775	3,775	4,301	3,775	27,900	27,950	4,615	4,189	5,141	4,189	30,900	30,950	5,455	4,639	5,981	4,639
24,950	25,000	3,789	3,789	4,315	3,789	27,950	28,000	4,629	4,196	5,155	4,196	30,950	31,000	5,469	4,646	5,995	4,646
<b>25,000</b>						<b>28,000</b>						<b>31,000</b>					
25,000	25,050	3,803	3,754	4,329	3,754	28,000	28,050	4,643	4,204	5,169	4,204	31,000	31,050	5,483	4,654	6,009	4,654
25,050	25,100	3,817	3,761	4,343	3,761	28,050	28,100	4,657	4,211	5,183	4,211	31,050	31,100	5,497	4,661	6,023	4,661
25,100	25,150	3,831	3,769	4,357	3,769	28,100	28,150	4,671	4,219	5,197	4,219	31,100	31,150	5,511	4,669	6,037	4,669
25,150	25,200	3,845	3,776	4,371	3,776	28,150	28,200	4,685	4,226	5,211	4,226	31,150	31,200	5,525	4,676	6,051	4,676
25,200	25,250	3,859	3,784	4,385	3,784	28,200	28,250	4,699	4,234	5,225	4,234	31,200	31,250	5,539	4,684	6,065	4,684
25,250	25,300	3,873	3,791	4,399	3,791	28,250	28,300	4,713	4,241	5,239	4,241	31,250	31,300	5,553	4,691	6,079	4,691
25,300	25,350	3,887	3,799	4,413	3,799	28,300	28,350	4,727	4,249	5,253	4,249	31,300	31,350	5,567	4,699	6,093	4,699
25,350	25,400	3,901	3,806	4,427	3,806	28,350	28,400	4,741	4,256	5,267	4,256	31,350	31,400	5,581	4,706	6,107	4,706
25,400	25,450	3,915	3,814	4,441	3,814	28,400	28,450	4,755	4,264	5,281	4,264	31,400	31,450	5,595	4,714	6,121	4,714
25,450	25,500	3,929	3,821	4,455	3,821	28,450	28,500	4,769	4,271	5,295	4,271	31,450	31,500	5,609	4,721	6,135	4,721
25,500	25,550	3,943	3,829	4,469	3,829	28,500	28,550	4,783	4,279	5,309	4,279	31,500	31,550	5,623	4,729	6,149	4,729
25,550	25,600	3,957	3,836	4,483	3,836	28,550	28,600	4,797	4,286	5,323	4,286	31,550	31,600	5,637	4,736	6,163	4,736
25,600	25,650	3,971	3,844	4,497	3,844	28,600	28,650	4,811	4,294	5,337	4,294	31,600	31,650	5,651	4,744	6,177	4,744
25,650	25,700	3,985	3,851	4,511	3,851	28,650	28,700	4,825	4,301	5,351	4,301	31,650	31,700	5,665	4,751	6,191	4,751
25,700	25,750	3,999	3,859	4,525	3,859	28,700	28,750	4,839	4,309	5,365	4,309	31,700	31,750	5,679	4,759	6,205	4,759
25,750	25,800	4,013	3,866	4,539	3,866	28,750	28,800	4,853	4,316	5,379	4,316	31,750	31,800	5,693	4,766	6,219	4,766
25,800	25,850	4,027	3,874	4,553	3,874	28,800	28,850	4,867	4,324	5,393	4,324	31,800	31,850	5,707	4,774	6,233	4,774
25,850	25,900	4,041	3,881	4,567	3,881	28,850	28,900	4,881	4,331	5,407	4,331	31,850	31,900	5,721	4,781	6,247	4,781
25,900	25,950	4,055	3,889	4,581	3,889	28,900	28,950	4,895	4,339	5,421	4,339	31,900	31,950	5,735	4,789	6,261	4,789
25,950	26,000	4,069	3,896	4,595	3,896	28,950	29,000	4,909									

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If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—			
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing separately	Head of a household
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—						Your tax is—			
<b>32,000</b>						<b>35,000</b>						<b>38,000</b>					
32,000	32,050	5,763	4,804	6,289	4,804	35,000	35,050	6,603	5,254	7,129	5,511	38,000	38,050	7,443	5,704	7,969	6,351
32,050	32,100	5,777	4,811	6,303	4,811	35,050	35,100	6,617	5,261	7,143	5,525	38,050	38,100	7,457	5,711	7,983	6,365
32,100	32,150	5,791	4,819	6,317	4,819	35,100	35,150	6,631	5,269	7,157	5,539	38,100	38,150	7,471	5,719	7,997	6,379
32,150	32,200	5,805	4,826	6,331	4,826	35,150	35,200	6,645	5,276	7,171	5,553	38,150	38,200	7,485	5,726	8,011	6,393
32,200	32,250	5,819	4,834	6,345	4,834	35,200	35,250	6,659	5,284	7,185	5,567	38,200	38,250	7,499	5,734	8,025	6,407
32,250	32,300	5,833	4,841	6,359	4,841	35,250	35,300	6,673	5,291	7,199	5,581	38,250	38,300	7,513	5,741	8,039	6,421
32,300	32,350	5,847	4,849	6,373	4,849	35,300	35,350	6,687	5,299	7,213	5,595	38,300	38,350	7,527	5,749	8,053	6,435
32,350	32,400	5,861	4,856	6,387	4,856	35,350	35,400	6,701	5,306	7,227	5,609	38,350	38,400	7,541	5,756	8,067	6,449
32,400	32,450	5,875	4,864	6,401	4,864	35,400	35,450	6,715	5,314	7,241	5,623	38,400	38,450	7,555	5,764	8,081	6,463
32,450	32,500	5,889	4,871	6,415	4,871	35,450	35,500	6,729	5,321	7,255	5,637	38,450	38,500	7,569	5,771	8,095	6,477
32,500	32,550	5,903	4,879	6,429	4,879	35,500	35,550	6,743	5,329	7,269	5,651	38,500	38,550	7,583	5,779	8,109	6,491
32,550	32,600	5,917	4,886	6,443	4,886	35,550	35,600	6,757	5,336	7,283	5,665	38,550	38,600	7,597	5,786	8,123	6,505
32,600	32,650	5,931	4,894	6,457	4,894	35,600	35,650	6,771	5,344	7,297	5,679	38,600	38,650	7,611	5,794	8,137	6,519
32,650	32,700	5,945	4,901	6,471	4,901	35,650	35,700	6,785	5,351	7,311	5,693	38,650	38,700	7,625	5,801	8,151	6,533
32,700	32,750	5,959	4,909	6,485	4,909	35,700	35,750	6,799	5,359	7,325	5,707	38,700	38,750	7,639	5,809	8,165	6,547
32,750	32,800	5,973	4,916	6,499	4,916	35,750	35,800	6,813	5,366	7,339	5,721	38,750	38,800	7,653	5,816	8,179	6,561
32,800	32,850	5,987	4,924	6,513	4,924	35,800	35,850	6,827	5,374	7,353	5,735	38,800	38,850	7,667	5,824	8,193	6,575
32,850	32,900	6,001	4,931	6,527	4,931	35,850	35,900	6,841	5,381	7,367	5,749	38,850	38,900	7,681	5,831	8,207	6,589
32,900	32,950	6,015	4,939	6,541	4,939	35,900	35,950	6,855	5,389	7,381	5,763	38,900	38,950	7,695	5,839	8,221	6,603
32,950	33,000	6,029	4,946	6,555	4,946	35,950	36,000	6,869	5,396	7,395	5,777	38,950	39,000	7,709	5,846	8,235	6,617
<b>33,000</b>						<b>36,000</b>						<b>39,000</b>					
33,000	33,050	6,043	4,954	6,569	4,954	36,000	36,050	6,883	5,404	7,409	5,791	39,000	39,050	7,723	5,854	8,249	6,631
33,050	33,100	6,057	4,961	6,583	4,965	36,050	36,100	6,897	5,411	7,423	5,805	39,050	39,100	7,737	5,861	8,263	6,645
33,100	33,150	6,071	4,969	6,597	4,979	36,100	36,150	6,911	5,419	7,437	5,819	39,100	39,150	7,751	5,869	8,277	6,659
33,150	33,200	6,085	4,976	6,611	4,993	36,150	36,200	6,925	5,426	7,451	5,833	39,150	39,200	7,765	5,876	8,291	6,673
33,200	33,250	6,099	4,984	6,625	5,007	36,200	36,250	6,939	5,434	7,465	5,847	39,200	39,250	7,779	5,884	8,305	6,687
33,250	33,300	6,113	4,991	6,639	5,021	36,250	36,300	6,953	5,441	7,479	5,861	39,250	39,300	7,793	5,891	8,319	6,701
33,300	33,350	6,127	4,999	6,653	5,035	36,300	36,350	6,967	5,449	7,493	5,875	39,300	39,350	7,807	5,899	8,333	6,715
33,350	33,400	6,141	5,006	6,667	5,049	36,350	36,400	6,981	5,456	7,507	5,889	39,350	39,400	7,821	5,906	8,347	6,729
33,400	33,450	6,155	5,014	6,681	5,063	36,400	36,450	6,995	5,464	7,521	5,903	39,400	39,450	7,835	5,914	8,361	6,743
33,450	33,500	6,169	5,021	6,695	5,077	36,450	36,500	7,009	5,471	7,535	5,917	39,450	39,500	7,849	5,921	8,375	6,757
33,500	33,550	6,183	5,029	6,709	5,091	36,500	36,550	7,023	5,479	7,549	5,931	39,500	39,550	7,863	5,929	8,389	6,771
33,550	33,600	6,197	5,036	6,723	5,105	36,550	36,600	7,037	5,486	7,563	5,945	39,550	39,600	7,877	5,936	8,403	6,785
33,600	33,650	6,211	5,044	6,737	5,119	36,600	36,650	7,051	5,494	7,577	5,959	39,600	39,650	7,891	5,944	8,417	6,799
33,650	33,700	6,225	5,051	6,751	5,133	36,650	36,700	7,065	5,501	7,591	5,973	39,650	39,700	7,905	5,951	8,431	6,813
33,700	33,750	6,239	5,059	6,765	5,147	36,700	36,750	7,079	5,509	7,605	5,987	39,700	39,750	7,919	5,959	8,445	6,827
33,750	33,800	6,253	5,066	6,779	5,161	36,750	36,800	7,093	5,516	7,619	6,001	39,750	39,800	7,933	5,966	8,459	6,841
33,800	33,850	6,267	5,074	6,793	5,175	36,800	36,850	7,107	5,524	7,633	6,015	39,800	39,850	7,947	5,974	8,473	6,855
33,850	33,900	6,281	5,081	6,807	5,189	36,850	36,900	7,121	5,531	7,647	6,029	39,850	39,900	7,961	5,981	8,487	6,869
33,900	33,950	6,295	5,089	6,821	5,203	36,900	36,950	7,135	5,539	7,661	6,043	39,900	39,950	7,975	5,989	8,501	6,883
33,950	34,000	6,309	5,096	6,835	5,217	36,950	37,000	7,149	5,546	7,675	6,057	39,950	40,000	7,989	5,996	8,515	6,897
<b>34,000</b>						<b>37,000</b>						<b>40,000</b>					
34,000	34,050	6,323	5,104	6,849	5,231	37,000	37,050	7,163	5,554	7,689	6,071	40,000	40,050	8,003	6,004	8,529	6,911
34,050	34,100	6,337	5,111	6,863	5,245	37,050	37,100	7,177	5,561	7,703	6,085	40,050	40,100	8,017	6,011	8,543	6,925
34,100	34,150	6,351	5,119	6,877	5,259	37,100	37,150	7,191	5,569	7,717	6,099	40,100	40,150	8,031	6,019	8,557	6,939
34,150	34,200	6,365	5,126	6,891	5,273	37,150	37,200	7,205	5,576	7,731	6,113	40,150	40,200	8,045	6,026	8,571	6,953
34,200	34,250	6,379	5,134	6,905	5,287	37,200	37,250	7,219	5,584	7,745	6,127	40,200	40,250	8,059	6,034	8,585	6,967
34,250	34,300	6,393	5,141	6,919	5,301	37,250	37,300	7,233	5,591	7,759	6,141	40,250	40,300	8,073	6,041	8,599	6,981
34,300	34,350	6,407	5,149	6,933	5,315	37,300	37,350	7,247	5,599	7,773	6,155	40,300	40,350	8,087	6,049	8,613	6,995
34,350	34,400	6,421	5,156	6,947	5,329	37,350	37,400	7,261	5,606	7,787	6,169	40,350	40,400	8,101	6,056	8,627	7,009
34,400	34,450	6,435	5,164	6,961	5,343	37,400	37,450	7,275	5,614	7,801	6,183	40,400	40,450	8,115	6,064	8,641	7,023
34,450	34,500	6,449	5,171	6,975	5,357	37,450	37,500	7,289	5,621	7,815	6,197	40,450	40,500	8,129	6,071	8,655	7,037
34,500	34,550	6,463	5,179	6,989	5,371	37,500	37,550	7,303	5,629	7,829	6,211	40,500	40,550	8,143	6,079	8,669	7,051
34,550	34,600	6,477	5,186	7,003	5,385	37,550	37,600	7,317	5,636	7,843	6,225	40,550	40,600	8,157	6,086	8,683	7,065
34,600	34,650	6,491	5,194	7,017	5,399	37,600	37,650	7,331	5,644	7,857	6,239	40,600	40,650	8,171	6,094	8,697	7,079
34,650	34,700	6,505	5,201	7,031	5,413	37,650	37,700	7,345	5,651	7,871	6,253	40,650	40,700	8,185	6,101	8,711	7,093
34,700	34,750	6,519	5,209	7,045	5,427	37,700	37,750	7,359	5,659	7,885	6,267	40,700	40,750	8,199	6,109	8,725	7,107
34,750	34,800	6,533	5,216	7,059	5,441	37,750	37,800	7,373	5,666	7,899	6,281	40,750	40,800	8,213	6,116	8,739	7,121
34,800	34,850	6,547	5,224	7,073	5,455	37,800	37,850	7,387	5,674	7,913	6,295	40,800	40,850	8,227	6,124	8,753	7,135
34,850	34,900	6,561	5,231	7,087	5,469	37,850	37,900	7,401	5,681	7,927	6,309	40,850	40,900	8,241	6,131	8,767	7,149
34,900	34,950	6,575	5,239	7,101	5,483	37,900	37,950	7,415	5,689	7,941	6,323	40,900	40,950	8,255	6,139	8,781	7,163
34,950	35,000	6,589	5,246	7,115	5,497	37,950	38,000	7,429									

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If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—				If Form 1040A, line 22, is—		And you are—			
At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold	At least	But less than	Single	Married filing jointly *	Married filing sepa- rately	Head of a house- hold
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—						Your tax is—			
<b>41,000</b>						<b>44,000</b>						<b>47,000</b>					
41,000	41,050	8,283	6,154	8,809	7,191	44,000	44,050	9,123	6,971	9,649	8,031	47,000	47,050	9,963	7,811	10,489	8,871
41,050	41,100	8,297	6,161	8,823	7,205	44,050	44,100	9,137	6,985	9,663	8,045	47,050	47,100	9,977	7,825	10,503	8,885
41,100	41,150	8,311	6,169	8,837	7,219	44,100	44,150	9,151	6,999	9,677	8,059	47,100	47,150	9,991	7,839	10,517	8,899
41,150	41,200	8,325	6,176	8,851	7,233	44,150	44,200	9,165	7,013	9,691	8,073	47,150	47,200	10,005	7,853	10,531	8,913
41,200	41,250	8,339	6,187	8,865	7,247	44,200	44,250	9,179	7,027	9,705	8,087	47,200	47,250	10,019	7,867	10,545	8,927
41,250	41,300	8,353	6,201	8,879	7,261	44,250	44,300	9,193	7,041	9,719	8,101	47,250	47,300	10,033	7,881	10,559	8,941
41,300	41,350	8,367	6,215	8,893	7,275	44,300	44,350	9,207	7,055	9,733	8,115	47,300	47,350	10,047	7,895	10,573	8,955
41,350	41,400	8,381	6,229	8,907	7,289	44,350	44,400	9,221	7,069	9,747	8,129	47,350	47,400	10,061	7,909	10,587	8,969
41,400	41,450	8,395	6,243	8,921	7,303	44,400	44,450	9,235	7,083	9,761	8,143	47,400	47,450	10,075	7,923	10,601	8,983
41,450	41,500	8,409	6,257	8,935	7,317	44,450	44,500	9,249	7,097	9,775	8,157	47,450	47,500	10,089	7,937	10,615	8,997
41,500	41,550	8,423	6,271	8,949	7,331	44,500	44,550	9,263	7,111	9,789	8,171	47,500	47,550	10,103	7,951	10,629	9,011
41,550	41,600	8,437	6,285	8,963	7,345	44,550	44,600	9,277	7,125	9,803	8,185	47,550	47,600	10,117	7,965	10,643	9,025
41,600	41,650	8,451	6,299	8,977	7,359	44,600	44,650	9,291	7,139	9,817	8,199	47,600	47,650	10,131	7,979	10,657	9,039
41,650	41,700	8,465	6,313	8,991	7,373	44,650	44,700	9,305	7,153	9,831	8,213	47,650	47,700	10,145	7,993	10,671	9,053
41,700	41,750	8,479	6,327	9,005	7,387	44,700	44,750	9,319	7,167	9,845	8,227	47,700	47,750	10,159	8,007	10,685	9,067
41,750	41,800	8,493	6,341	9,019	7,401	44,750	44,800	9,333	7,181	9,859	8,241	47,750	47,800	10,173	8,021	10,699	9,081
41,800	41,850	8,507	6,355	9,033	7,415	44,800	44,850	9,347	7,195	9,873	8,255	47,800	47,850	10,187	8,035	10,713	9,095
41,850	41,900	8,521	6,369	9,047	7,429	44,850	44,900	9,361	7,209	9,887	8,269	47,850	47,900	10,201	8,049	10,727	9,109
41,900	41,950	8,535	6,383	9,061	7,443	44,900	44,950	9,375	7,223	9,901	8,283	47,900	47,950	10,215	8,063	10,741	9,123
41,950	42,000	8,549	6,397	9,075	7,457	44,950	45,000	9,389	7,237	9,915	8,297	47,950	48,000	10,229	8,077	10,755	9,137
<b>42,000</b>						<b>45,000</b>						<b>48,000</b>					
42,000	42,050	8,563	6,411	9,089	7,471	45,000	45,050	9,403	7,251	9,929	8,311	48,000	48,050	10,243	8,091	10,769	9,151
42,050	42,100	8,577	6,425	9,103	7,485	45,050	45,100	9,417	7,265	9,943	8,325	48,050	48,100	10,257	8,105	10,783	9,165
42,100	42,150	8,591	6,439	9,117	7,499	45,100	45,150	9,431	7,279	9,957	8,339	48,100	48,150	10,271	8,119	10,797	9,179
42,150	42,200	8,605	6,453	9,131	7,513	45,150	45,200	9,445	7,293	9,971	8,353	48,150	48,200	10,285	8,133	10,811	9,193
42,200	42,250	8,619	6,467	9,145	7,527	45,200	45,250	9,459	7,307	9,985	8,367	48,200	48,250	10,299	8,147	10,825	9,207
42,250	42,300	8,633	6,481	9,159	7,541	45,250	45,300	9,473	7,321	9,999	8,381	48,250	48,300	10,313	8,161	10,839	9,221
42,300	42,350	8,647	6,495	9,173	7,555	45,300	45,350	9,487	7,335	10,013	8,395	48,300	48,350	10,327	8,175	10,853	9,235
42,350	42,400	8,661	6,509	9,187	7,569	45,350	45,400	9,501	7,349	10,027	8,409	48,350	48,400	10,341	8,189	10,867	9,249
42,400	42,450	8,675	6,523	9,201	7,583	45,400	45,450	9,515	7,363	10,041	8,423	48,400	48,450	10,355	8,203	10,881	9,263
42,450	42,500	8,689	6,537	9,215	7,597	45,450	45,500	9,529	7,377	10,055	8,437	48,450	48,500	10,369	8,217	10,895	9,277
42,500	42,550	8,703	6,551	9,229	7,611	45,500	45,550	9,543	7,391	10,069	8,451	48,500	48,550	10,383	8,231	10,909	9,291
42,550	42,600	8,717	6,565	9,243	7,625	45,550	45,600	9,557	7,405	10,083	8,465	48,550	48,600	10,397	8,245	10,923	9,305
42,600	42,650	8,731	6,579	9,257	7,639	45,600	45,650	9,571	7,419	10,097	8,479	48,600	48,650	10,411	8,259	10,937	9,319
42,650	42,700	8,745	6,593	9,271	7,653	45,650	45,700	9,585	7,433	10,111	8,493	48,650	48,700	10,425	8,273	10,951	9,333
42,700	42,750	8,759	6,607	9,285	7,667	45,700	45,750	9,599	7,447	10,125	8,507	48,700	48,750	10,439	8,287	10,965	9,347
42,750	42,800	8,773	6,621	9,299	7,681	45,750	45,800	9,613	7,461	10,139	8,521	48,750	48,800	10,453	8,301	10,979	9,361
42,800	42,850	8,787	6,635	9,313	7,695	45,800	45,850	9,627	7,475	10,153	8,535	48,800	48,850	10,467	8,315	10,993	9,375
42,850	42,900	8,801	6,649	9,327	7,709	45,850	45,900	9,641	7,489	10,167	8,549	48,850	48,900	10,481	8,329	11,007	9,389
42,900	42,950	8,815	6,663	9,341	7,723	45,900	45,950	9,655	7,503	10,181	8,563	48,900	48,950	10,495	8,343	11,021	9,403
42,950	43,000	8,829	6,677	9,355	7,737	45,950	46,000	9,669	7,517	10,195	8,577	48,950	49,000	10,509	8,357	11,035	9,417
<b>43,000</b>						<b>46,000</b>						<b>49,000</b>					
43,000	43,050	8,843	6,691	9,369	7,751	46,000	46,050	9,683	7,531	10,209	8,591	49,000	49,050	10,523	8,371	11,049	9,431
43,050	43,100	8,857	6,705	9,383	7,765	46,050	46,100	9,697	7,545	10,223	8,605	49,050	49,100	10,537	8,385	11,063	9,445
43,100	43,150	8,871	6,719	9,397	7,779	46,100	46,150	9,711	7,559	10,237	8,619	49,100	49,150	10,551	8,399	11,077	9,459
43,150	43,200	8,885	6,733	9,411	7,793	46,150	46,200	9,725	7,573	10,251	8,633	49,150	49,200	10,565	8,413	11,091	9,473
43,200	43,250	8,899	6,747	9,425	7,807	46,200	46,250	9,739	7,587	10,265	8,647	49,200	49,250	10,579	8,427	11,105	9,487
43,250	43,300	8,913	6,761	9,439	7,821	46,250	46,300	9,753	7,601	10,279	8,661	49,250	49,300	10,593	8,441	11,119	9,501
43,300	43,350	8,927	6,775	9,453	7,835	46,300	46,350	9,767	7,615	10,293	8,675	49,300	49,350	10,607	8,455	11,133	9,515
43,350	43,400	8,941	6,789	9,467	7,849	46,350	46,400	9,781	7,629	10,307	8,689	49,350	49,400	10,621	8,469	11,147	9,529
43,400	43,450	8,955	6,803	9,481	7,863	46,400	46,450	9,795	7,643	10,321	8,703	49,400	49,450	10,635	8,483	11,161	9,543
43,450	43,500	8,969	6,817	9,495	7,877	46,450	46,500	9,809	7,657	10,335	8,717	49,450	49,500	10,649	8,497	11,175	9,557
43,500	43,550	8,983	6,831	9,509	7,891	46,500	46,550	9,823	7,671	10,349	8,731	49,500	49,550	10,663	8,511	11,189	9,571
43,550	43,600	8,997	6,845	9,523	7,905	46,550	46,600	9,837	7,685	10,363	8,745	49,550	49,600	10,677	8,525	11,203	9,585
43,600	43,650	9,011	6,859	9,537	7,919	46,600	46,650	9,851	7,699	10,377	8,759	49,600	49,650	10,691	8,539	11,217	9,599
43,650	43,700	9,025	6,873	9,551	7,933	46,650	46,700	9,865	7,713	10,391	8,773	49,650	49,700	10,705	8,553	11,231	9,613
43,700	43,750	9,039	6,887	9,565	7,947	46,700	46,750	9,879	7,727	10,405	8,787	49,700	49,750	10,719	8,567	11,245	9,627
43,750	43,800	9,053	6,901	9,579	7,961	46,750	46,800	9,893	7,741	10,419	8,801	49,750	49,800	10,733	8,581	11,259	9,641
43,800	43,850	9,067	6,915	9,593	7,975	46,800	46,850	9,907	7,755	10,433	8,815	49,800	49,850	10,747	8,595	11,273	9,655
43,850	43,900	9,081	6,929	9,607	7,989	46,850	46,900	9,921	7,769	10,447	8,829	49,850	49,900	10,761	8,609	11,287	9,669
43,900	43,950	9,095	6,943														

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# Instructions for Schedules to Form 1040A

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## Instructions for Schedule 1

### Purpose of Schedule

You must file Schedule 1 if:

- You had over \$400 of taxable interest income (fill in Part I), or
- You received interest from a seller-financed mortgage and the buyer used the property as a personal residence (fill in Part I), or
- You are claiming the exclusion of interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 (fill in Part I), or
- You received interest as a nominee or a Form 1099-INT for tax-exempt interest (fill in Part I), or
- You had over \$400 of dividend income or you received dividends as a nominee (fill in Part II).



*If you need more space to list your interest or dividends, attach separate sheets that are the same size as Schedule 1. Use the same format as lines 1 and 5, but show your totals on Schedule 1. Be sure to put your name and social security number on the sheets and attach them at the end of Form 1040A.*

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### Part I

#### Interest Income

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##### Line 1

Report on line 1 **all** of your taxable interest income. Include interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds. List each payer's name and show the amount.

**Seller-Financed Mortgages.** If you sold your home or other property and the buyer used the property as a personal residence, list first any interest the buyer paid you on a mortgage or other form of seller financing. Be sure to show the buyer's name, address, and social security number (SSN). You must also let the buyer know your SSN. If you do not show the buyer's name, address, and SSN and let the buyer know your SSN, you may have to pay a \$50 penalty.

**Nominees.** If you received a **Form 1099-INT** that includes interest you received as a nominee (that is, in your name, but the interest actually belongs to someone else), report the total on line 1. Do this even if you later distributed some or all of this income to others. Under your last entry on line 1, put a subtotal of all interest listed on line 1. Below this subtotal, print "NOMINEE DISTRIBUTION" and show the total interest you received as a nominee. Subtract this amount from the subtotal and enter the result on line 2.



*If you received interest as a nominee, you must give the actual owner a Form 1099-INT unless the owner is your spouse. You must also file a **Form 1096** and a Form 1099-INT with the IRS. For more details, see the **Instructions for Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G.***

**Tax-Exempt Interest.** If you received a **Form 1099-INT** for tax-exempt interest, report it on line 1. But do not include it in the total on line 2. Instead, under your last entry on line 1, put a subtotal of all interest listed. Below the subtotal, print "TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST" and show the amount. Subtract it from the subtotal and enter the result on line 2. Be sure to also include this tax-exempt interest on Form 1040A, line 8b.

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##### Line 3

**Excludable Interest on Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989.** If you cashed series EE U.S. savings bonds in 1997 that were issued after 1989 and you paid qualified higher education expenses in 1997 for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents, you may be able to exclude part or all of the interest on those bonds. See **Form 8815** for details.

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### Part II

#### Dividend Income

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##### Line 5

Report on line 5 **all** of your dividend income. List each payer's name and show the amount.

**Nominees.** If you received a **Form 1099-DIV** that includes dividends you received as a nominee (that is, in your name, but the dividends actually belong to someone else), report the total on line 5. Do this even if you later distributed some or all of this income to others. Under your last entry on line 5, put a subtotal of all dividends listed on line 5. Below this subtotal, print "NOMINEE DISTRIBUTION" and show the total dividends you received as a nominee. Subtract this amount from the subtotal and enter the result on line 6.



*If you received dividends as a nominee, you must give the actual owner a Form 1099-DIV unless the owner is your spouse. You must also file a **Form 1096** and a Form 1099-DIV with the IRS. For more details, see the **Instructions for Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G.***

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## Instructions for Schedule 2

### A Change To Note

If you are claiming the credit for child and dependent care expenses, you must complete new line 2 for each qualifying person (defined below). If you do not enter the information requested, we may reduce or disallow your credit.

### Purpose of Schedule

If you paid someone to care for your child or other qualifying person so you (and your spouse if filing a joint return) could work or look for work in 1997, you may be able to take the credit for child and dependent care expenses. But you must have had earned income to do so. If you can take the credit, use Schedule 2 to figure the amount of your credit.

If you received **any dependent care benefits** for 1997, you **MUST** use Schedule 2 to figure the amount, if any, of the benefits you may exclude from your income on Form 1040A, line 7. You must complete Part III of Schedule 2 before you can figure the credit, if any, in Part II.

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### Definitions

**Dependent Care Benefits.** These include amounts your employer paid directly to either you or your care provider for the care of your qualifying person(s) while you worked. These benefits also include the fair market value of care in a day-care facility provided or sponsored by your employer. Your salary may have been reduced to pay for these benefits. If you received dependent care benefits, they should be shown in box 10 of your 1997 W-2 form(s).

**Qualifying Person(s).** A qualifying person is:

- Any child **under age 13** whom you can claim as a dependent (but see **Exception for children of divorced or separated parents** below). If the child turned 13 during the year, the child is a qualifying person for the part of the year he or she was under age 13.
- Your disabled spouse who is not able to care for himself or herself.
- Any disabled person not able to care for himself or herself whom you can claim as a dependent (or could claim as a dependent except that the person had gross income of \$2,650 or more). But if this person is your child, see **Exception for children of divorced or separated parents** below.

To find out who is a dependent, see the instructions for Form 1040A, line 6c, that begin on page 16.

**Caution:** *To be a qualifying person, the person must have shared the same home with you in 1997.*

**Exception for children of divorced or separated parents.** If you were divorced, legally separated, or lived apart from your spouse during the last 6 months of 1997, you may be able to take the credit or the exclusion even if your child is not your dependent. If your child is not your dependent, he or she is a qualifying person only if **all five** of the following apply.

1. You had custody of the child for a longer time in 1997 than the other parent. See **Pub. 501** for the definition of custody.
2. One or both of the parents provided over half of the child's support in 1997.
3. One or both of the parents had custody of the child for more than half of 1997.
4. The child was under age 13 or was disabled and could not take care of himself or herself.
5. The other parent claims the child as a dependent under the rules for **Children of Divorced or Separated Parents** on page 17.

If this exception applies, the other parent cannot treat the child as a qualifying person even though the other parent claims the child as a dependent.

**Qualified Expenses.** These include amounts paid for household services and care of the qualifying person while you worked or looked for work. Child support payments are **not** qualified expenses. Also, expenses reimbursed by a state social service agency are **not** qualified expenses unless you included the reimbursement in your income.

**Household services.** These are services needed to care for the qualifying person as well as to run the home. They include, for example, the services of a cook, maid, babysitter, housekeeper, or cleaning person if the services were partly for the care of the qualifying person. Do not include services of a chauffeur or gardener.

You may also include your share of the employment taxes paid on wages for qualifying child and dependent care services.

**Care of the qualifying person.** Care includes the cost of services for the qualifying person's well-being and protection. It does not include the cost of clothing or entertainment.

You may include the cost of care provided outside your home for your dependent under age 13 or any other qualifying person who regularly spends at least 8 hours a day in your home. If the care was provided by a dependent care center, the center must meet all applicable state and local regulations. A dependent care center is a place that provides care for more than six persons (other than persons who live there) and receives a fee, payment, or grant for providing services for any of those persons, even if the center is not run for profit.

You may include amounts paid for items other than the care of your child (such as food and schooling) **only** if the items are incidental to the care of the child and cannot be separated from the total cost. But **do not** include the cost of schooling for a child in the first grade or above. Also, **do not** include any expenses for sending your child to an overnight camp.

**Medical expenses.** Some disabled spouse and dependent care expenses may qualify as medical expenses if you itemize deductions. But you must use Form 1040. See Pub. 503 and Pub. 502 for details.

**Earned Income.** Earned income includes the following amounts.

- The amount shown on Form 1040A, line 7, minus any amount included for a scholarship or fellowship grant that was not reported to you on a

W-2 form. For purposes of Part III of Schedule 2, earned income does not include any dependent care benefits shown on line 10 of Schedule 2.

- Certain nontaxable earned income such as meals and lodging provided for the convenience of your employer. See Pub. 503 for details. However, including this income will only give you a larger credit or exclusion if your (or your spouse's) other earned income is less than the amount entered on Schedule 2, line 3 or line 14, whichever applies.

**Special situations.** If you are **filing a joint return**, disregard community property laws. If your spouse died in 1997 and had no earned income, see Pub. 503. If your spouse was a student or disabled in 1997, see the line 5 instructions on page 52.

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### Who May Take the Credit or Exclude Dependent Care Benefits?

You may take the credit or the exclusion if **all six** of the following apply.

1. Your filing status is single, head of household, qualifying widow(er) with dependent child, or married filing jointly. But see **Married Persons Filing Separate Returns** on this page.
2. The care was provided so you (and your spouse if you were married) could work or look for work. However, if you did not find a job and have no earned income for the year, you cannot take the credit or the exclusion. But if your spouse was a student or disabled, see the line 5 instructions on page 52.
3. You (and your spouse if you were married) paid over half the cost of keeping up your home. Use TeleTax topic 602 (see page 40) or see Pub. 503 for an explanation of what costs are included.
4. You and the qualifying person(s) lived in the same home.
5. The person who provided the care was not your spouse or a person whom you can claim as a dependent. If your child provided the care, he or she must have been age 19 or older by the end of 1997.
6. You report the required information about the care provider on line 1 and, if taking the credit, the information about the qualifying person on line 2.

**Married Persons Filing Separate Returns.** If your filing status is married filing separately and **all** of the following apply, you are considered unmarried for purposes of figuring the credit and the exclusion on Schedule 2.

- You lived apart from your spouse during the last 6 months of 1997, and
- The qualifying person lived in your home more than half of 1997, and
- You provided over half the cost of keeping up your home.

If you meet **all** the requirements to be treated as unmarried and meet items **2** through **6** listed earlier, you may take the credit or the exclusion. If you do not meet all the requirements to be treated as unmarried, you **cannot** take the credit. However, you may take the exclusion if you meet items **2** through **6**.

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## Part I

### Persons or Organizations Who Provided the Care

#### Line 1

Complete columns **(a)** through **(d)** for each person or organization that provided the care. You can use **Form W-10** or any other source listed in its instructions to get the information from the care provider. If you do not give correct or complete information, your credit (and exclusion, if applicable) may be disallowed unless you can show you used due diligence in trying to get the required information.

**Due Diligence.** You can show a serious and earnest effort (due diligence) to get the information by keeping in your records a Form W-10 completed by the care provider. Or you may keep one of the other sources of information listed in the instructions for Form W-10. If the provider does not give you the information, complete the entries you can on line 1 of Schedule 2. For example, enter the provider's name and address. Print "SEE PAGE 2" in the columns for which you do not have the information. Then, on the bottom of page 2, explain that the provider did not give you the information you requested.

**Columns (a) and (b).** Print the care provider's name and address. If you were covered by your employer's dependent care plan and your employer furnished the care (either at your workplace or by hiring a care provider), print your employer's name in column **(a)**. Next, print "SEE W-2" in column **(b)**. Then, leave columns **(c)** and **(d)** blank. But if your employer paid a third party (not hired by your employer) on your behalf to provide the care, you must give information on the third party in columns **(a)** through **(d)**.

**Column (c).** If the care provider is an individual, enter his or her social security number (SSN). Otherwise, enter the provider's employer identification number (EIN). If the provider is a tax-exempt organization, print "TAXEXEMPT."

**Column (d).** Enter the total amount you **actually paid** in 1997 to the care provider. Also, include amounts your employer paid to a third party on your behalf. It does not matter when the expenses were incurred. **Do not** reduce this amount by any reimbursement you received.

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## Part II

### Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses

#### Line 2

Complete columns **(a)** through **(c)** for each qualifying person. If you have **more than two** qualifying persons, attach a statement to your return with the required information. Be sure to put your name and social security number (SSN) on the statement. Also, print "SEE ATTACHED" on the line next to line 3.

**Column (a).** Print each qualifying person's name.

**Column (b).** You **must** enter the qualifying person's SSN unless he or she was born and died in 1997. If you do not enter the correct SSN, at the time we process your return, we may reduce or disallow your credit. If the person was born and died in 1997 and did not have an SSN, print "DIED" in column **(b)** and

attach a copy of the person's birth certificate. To find out how to get an SSN, see **Social Security Number (SSN)** on page 14.

**Column (c).** Enter the qualified expenses you incurred and paid in 1997 for the person listed in column (a).

Do not include in column (c) qualified expenses—

- You incurred in 1997 but did not pay until 1998. You may be able to use these expenses to increase your 1998 credit.
- You incurred in 1996 but did not pay until 1997. Instead, see **Prior Year's Expenses** on this page.
- You **prepaid** in 1997 for care to be provided in 1998. These expenses may only be used to figure your 1998 credit.

**Line 5**

**Spouse Who Was a Student or Disabled.** Your spouse was a **student** if he or she was enrolled as a full-time student at a school during any 5 months of 1997. A school does not include a night school or correspondence school. Your spouse was **disabled** if he or she was not capable of self-care. Figure your spouse's earned income on a monthly basis.

For each month or part of a month your spouse was a student or was disabled, he or she is considered to have worked and earned income. His or her earned income for each month is considered to be at least \$200 (\$400 if more than one qualifying person was cared for in 1997). If your spouse also worked during that month, use the higher of \$200 (or \$400) or his or her actual earned income for that month. If, in the same month, both you and your spouse were either students or disabled, only one of you can be treated as having earned income in that month.

For any month that your spouse was not a student or disabled, use your spouse's actual earned income if he or she worked during the month.

**Line 9**

If you had qualified expenses for 1996 that you did not pay until 1997, see **Prior Year's Expenses** next. Otherwise, see **Credit Limit** on this page.

**Prior Year's Expenses.** If you had qualified expenses for 1996 that you did not pay until 1997, you may be able to increase the amount of credit you can take in 1997. For details, see **Amount of Credit** in Pub. 503. If you can take a credit for your 1996 expenses, print "PYE" and the amount of the credit next to line 9. Also, enter the name and social security number of the person for whom you paid the prior year's expenses next to this amount. Then, add the credit to the amount on line 9 and replace the amount on line 9 with that total. Also, attach a statement showing how you figured the credit. See **Credit Limit** next.

**Credit Limit.** Add the amounts on Form 1040A, lines 8b and 17. If the total is not over (a) \$45,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er), (b) \$33,750 if single or head of household, or (c) \$22,500 if married filing separately, your credit is not limited. Enter on Form 1040A, line 24a, the amount from Schedule 2, line 9. If the total is over the dollar amount for your filing status, your credit may be limited. To figure the amount of credit you may claim, first complete lines 1 through 7 of the **Alternative Minimum Tax Worksheet** on page 25. Then, complete the worksheet below.

**Part III**

**Dependent Care Benefits**

**Line 11**

If you had a flexible spending account, any amount included on line 10 that you did not receive because you did not incur the expense is considered forfeited. Enter the forfeited amount on line 11. **Do not** include amounts you expect to receive at a future date.

**Example.** Under your employer's dependent care plan, you chose to have your employer set aside \$5,000 to cover your 1997 dependent care expenses. The \$5,000 is shown in box 10 of your W-2 form. In 1997, you incurred and were reimbursed for \$4,950 of qualified expenses. You would enter \$5,000 on line 10 and \$50, the amount forfeited, on line 11.

**Credit Limit Worksheet—Line 9** (keep for your records)



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| 1. Enter the amount from Form 1040A, line 23 . . . . .   | 1. _____ |
| 2. Enter the amount from line 7 of the <b>Alternative Minimum Tax Worksheet</b> on page 25 . . . . . | 2. _____ |
| 3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .   | 3. _____ |
| 4. Enter the amount from Schedule 2, line 9 . . . . .  | 4. _____ |

Look at lines 3 and 4 above. If line 4 is equal to or less than line 3, your credit is not limited. Enter the amount from line 4 on Form 1040A, line 24a. If line 4 is more than line 3, enter the amount from line 3 on Form 1040A, line 24a. Print "AMT" next to line 24a and replace the amount on Schedule 2, line 9, with that amount.

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**Line 13**

Enter the total of all qualified expenses incurred in 1997 for the care of your qualifying person(s). It does not matter when the expenses were paid.

**Example.** You received \$2,000 in cash under your employer's dependent care plan for 1997. The \$2,000 is shown in box 10 of your W-2 form. Only \$900 of qualified expenses were incurred in 1997 for the care of your 5-year-old dependent child. You would enter \$2,000 on line 10 and \$900 on line 13.

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**Line 16**

If your filing status is married filing separately, see **Married Persons Filing Separate Returns** on page 51. If you are considered unmarried under that rule, enter your earned income (from line 15) on line 16. On line 18, enter the smaller of the amount from line 17 or \$5,000. If you are **not** considered unmarried under that rule, enter your spouse's earned income on line 16. If your spouse was a student or disabled in 1997, see the line 5 instructions. On line 18, enter the smaller of the amount from line 17 or \$2,500.

## Major Categories of Federal Income and Outlays for Fiscal Year 1996

On or before the first Monday in February of each year, the President is required to submit to the Congress a budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins the following October. The budget sets forth the President's proposed receipts, spending, and deficit or surplus for the Federal Government. The plan includes recommendations for new legislation as well as recommendations to change, eliminate, and add programs. After receiving the President's proposal, the Congress reviews it and makes changes. It first passes a budget resolution setting its own targets for receipts, outlays, and deficit or surplus. Individual spending and revenue bills are then enacted consistent with the goals of the budget resolution.

In fiscal year 1996 (which began on October 1, 1995, and ended on September 30, 1996), Federal income was \$1,453 billion and outlays were \$1,560 billion, leaving a deficit of \$107 billion.

### Federal Income

Income and social insurance taxes are, by far, the largest source of receipts. In 1996, individuals paid \$656 billion in income taxes and corporations paid \$172 billion. Social security and other insurance and retirement contributions were \$509 billion. Excise taxes were \$54 billion. The remaining \$61 billion of receipts were from Federal Reserve deposits, customs duties, estate and gift taxes, and other miscellaneous receipts.

### Federal Outlays

About 93% of total outlays were financed by tax receipts and the remaining 7% were financed by borrowing. Government receipts and borrowing finance a wide range of public services. The following is the breakdown of total outlays for fiscal year 1996\*:

**1. Social security, Medicare, and other retirement:** \$597 billion. These programs were about 37% of total outlays. They provide income support for the retired and disabled and medical care for the elderly.

**2. National defense, veterans, and foreign affairs:** \$316 billion. About 17% of total outlays were to equip, modernize, and pay our armed forces and to fund other national defense activities; about 2% went for veterans benefits and services; and about 1% went for international activities, including military and economic assistance to foreign countries and the maintenance of U.S. embassies abroad.

**3. Net interest:** \$241 billion. About 15% of total outlays were for net interest payments on the public debt.

**4. Physical, human, and community development:** \$127 billion. About 8% of total outlays were for agriculture; natural resources and environmental programs; transportation programs; aid for elementary and secondary education and direct assistance

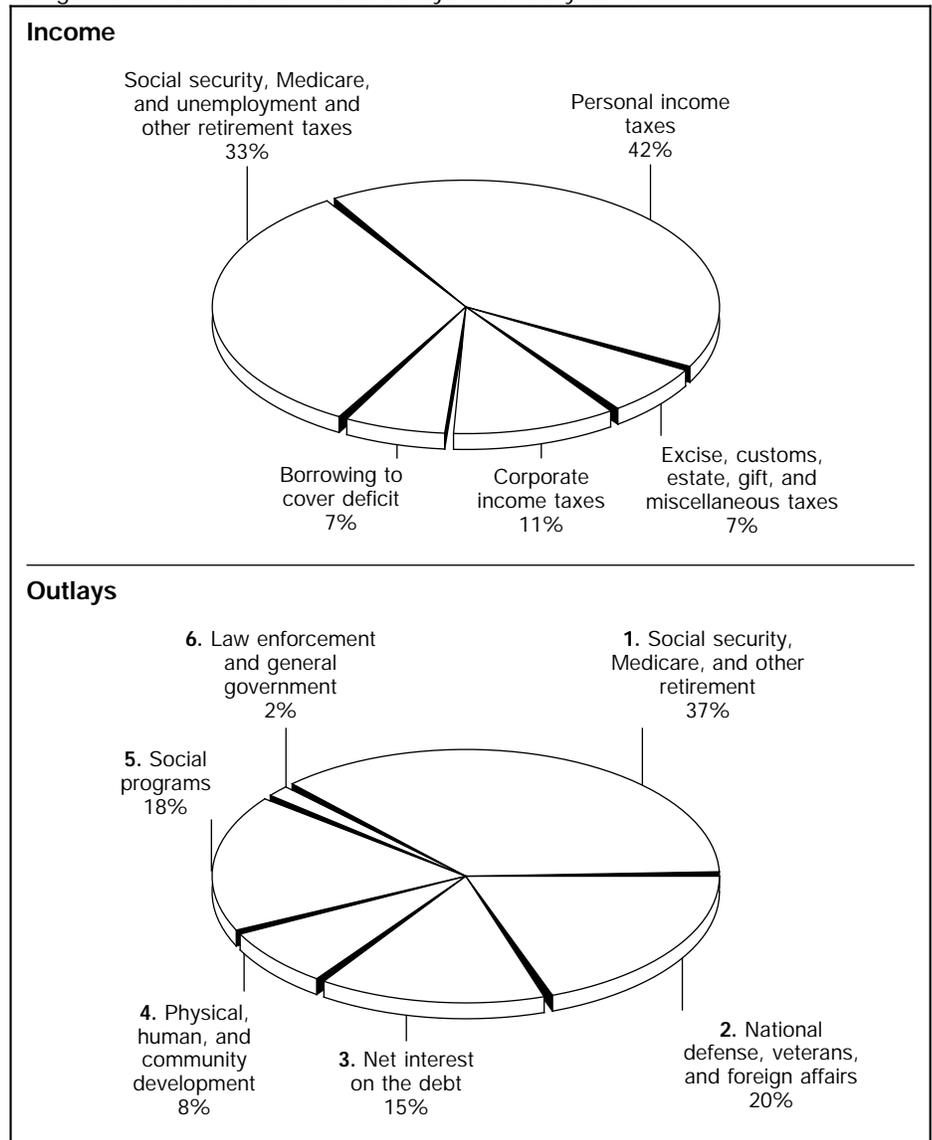
to college students; job training programs; deposit insurance, commerce and housing credit, and community development; and space, energy, and general science programs.

**5. Social programs:** \$287 billion. The Federal Government spent 12% of total outlays to fund Medicaid, food stamps, aid to families with dependent children, supplemental security income, and related programs. 6% was spent for health research and public health programs, unemployment compensation, assisted housing, and social services.

**6. Law enforcement and general government:** \$29 billion. About 2% of total outlays were for judicial activities, Federal law enforcement, and prisons; and to provide for the general costs of the Federal Government, including the collection of taxes and legislative activities.

**Note:** Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

**Income and Outlays**—These pie charts show the relative sizes of the major categories of Federal income and outlays for fiscal year 1996.



\* The percentages on this page exclude undistributed offsetting receipts, which were -\$38 billion in fiscal year 1996. In the budget, these receipts are offset against spending in figuring the outlay totals shown above. These receipts are

for the U.S. Government's share of its employee retirement programs, rents and royalties on the Outer Continental Shelf, and proceeds from the spectrum auction.

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If an envelope addressed to "Internal Revenue Service Center" came with your tax booklet, please use it. If you do not have one, or if you moved during the year, mail your return to the **Internal Revenue Service Center** for the place where you live. **No street address is needed.**



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- Hawaii**—Fresno, CA 93888-0015
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