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# Managing the taxes on your retirement income

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# Today's agenda





The importance of diverse retirement income sources



# **Tax basics**

#### There are two kinds of taxes on income



**Ordinary income tax** 

Wages from employment

Certain retirement accounts

Bank account interest (savings, money market, CD)

Social Security income, in part



#### **Capital gains tax**

Selling investments (stocks, most kinds of bonds)

Profit from selling real estate\*

\* This list is not exhaustive. Capital gains are exempt on the sale of a primary residence up to \$250,000 (single) or \$500,000 (married filing jointly).

Tax basics

## 2024 ordinary income tax bracket

Standard deduction (65+)		
Single	Married filing jointly	
\$16,550	\$32,300	

	Single	Married filing jointly
10%	\$0 - \$11,600	\$0-\$23,200
12%	\$11,601 – \$47,150	\$23,201 - \$94,300
22%	\$47,151 - \$100,525	\$94,301 – \$201,050
24%	\$100,526 - \$191,950	\$201,051 - \$383,900
32%	\$191,551 – \$243,725	\$383,901 - \$487,450
35%	\$243,726 - \$609,350	\$487,451 - \$731,200
37%	\$609,351 or more	\$731,201 or more

Source: IRS.gov

#### How taxes owed are calculated

#### 2024 marginal tax rates

For single filers, these are the brackets:

Effective	tax	rate
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Actual amount of tax paid. Example: total income of \$150,000.

Tax rate	Tax bracket	
10%	\$0 - \$11,600	=
12%	\$11,601 – \$47,150	=
22%	\$47,151 – \$100,525	=
24%	\$100,526 - \$191,950	=
32%	\$191,951 - \$243,725	
35%	\$243,726 - \$609,350	
37%	\$609,351 or more	

Tax owed		Standard De	duction (65+)
\$1,160		Single	\$16,550
\$4,266			
\$11,743			
\$7,902			
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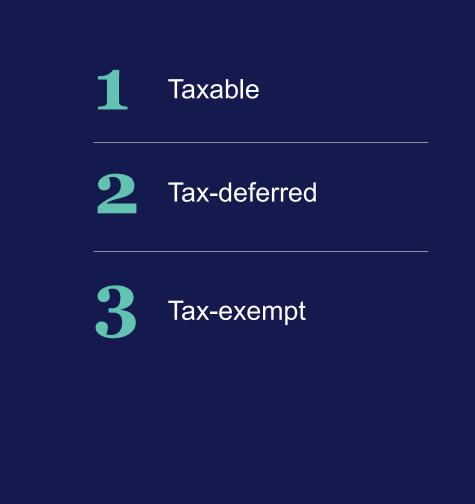
Effective tax rate = 16.7%

Source: IRS.gov

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**Tax basics** 

# Three categories of retirement income



#### **Taxable sources of retirement income**

Type of income	Type of tax paid
Taxable portion of Social Security benefits	Ordinary income
Investment sales or earnings (stocks, most bonds, etc.)	Capital gains or ordinary income
Dividends and interest	Capital gains or ordinary income
Profit from selling real estate*	Capital gains, under certain circumstances

\* Capital gains are exempt on the sale of a primary residence up to \$250,000 (single) or \$500,000 (married filing jointly).

## 2024 Capital gains tax

#### **Capital gains**

are the increase between the original value of an investment and the price when it is sold.

#### Short-term gains

are earned on investments held one year or less. These are taxed at ordinary income rates.

#### Long-term gains

are earned on investments held **more than one year**. These are taxed according to how much you make.

Long-term capital gains tax rate <sup>1</sup>	Individual/married filing separately	Married filing jointly/ surviving spouse	Head of household
0%	\$0 - \$47,025	\$0 - \$94,050	\$0 - \$63,000
15%	\$47,026 - \$518,900	\$94,051 – \$583,750	\$63,001 – \$551,350
20%	\$518,901 or more	\$583,751 or more	\$551,351 or more

<sup>1</sup> IRS.gov

#### **Tax-deferred sources of retirement income**

Type of income	Type of tax paid
Pension	Ordinary income tax
Retirement savings > 401(k) > Traditional IRAs > 403(b) plan > 457(b) plan	Ordinary income tax
Annuities	Ordinary income tax

#### **Tax-exempt sources of retirement income**

Type of income	Type of tax paid
Certain municipal bonds	Capital gains, if any
Retirement savings > Roth 401(k) > Roth 457(b) > Roth IRAs	None
Health reimbursement arrangement (HRA)	None
Health savings account* (HSA)	None on qualified medical expenses
Nontaxable portion of Social Security income	None
Life insurance cash value	None

\* HSAs are not taxed at a federal income tax level when used appropriately for qualified medical expenses. Also, most states, but not all, recognize HSA funds as tax free. Federal tax laws are complex and subject to change. Neither Nationwide nor its representatives give legal or tax advice. Please consult with an attorney or tax advisor for answers to your specific questions. **Tax basics** 

### Social Security considerations for private- and publicsector workers

Will you collect Social Security benefits?

Will your spouse? Government Pension Offset (GPO)

Did you work in both the public and private sector?

Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)



A tax advisor can explain the specifics based on your personal work history and income.

Source: SSA.gov

# What determines how much Social Security income is taxed?





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Gross income, not including Social Security benefits Tax-exempt interest income (e.g., interest on municipal bonds)

Excluded foreign income

50% of Social Security benefits

Provisional income<sup>1</sup>

### Three sources of income in retirement

#### **Taxable**

- Investments (stocks, most bonds, CDs)
- Taxable portion of Social Security benefits
- Profit from selling a primary home

#### **Tax-deferred**

- > Pension
- > Retirement savings
  - 401(k)
  - 403(b) plan
  - 457(b) plan
  - Traditional IRA
- > Certain annuities

#### **Tax-exempt**

- > Retirement savings
  - Roth 401(k)
  - Roth 457(b)
  - Roth IRA
- > Life insurance cash value
- > Certain municipal bonds
- Health reimbursement arrangement (HRA)
- > Health savings account (HSA)
- Nontaxable Social Security benefits

#### Diverse retirement income sources may help you pay less tax

This year, two couples decide to take their grandkids to the Grand Canyon.

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For each couple, the trip will cost \$10,000.

But before they go, both couples need to pay contractors for home renovations. To cover this one-time expense, each couple needs another

\$10,000.

So each couple needs **\$20,000** on top of their usual retirement income.

Let's assume each couple normally draws \$100,000 of retirement income per year, so they'll need a total of

**\$120,000**.

## Paying for a retirement trip and home improvement



**Couple 1** decides to take the additional \$20,000 out of their tax-deferred 401(k)

After their standard deduction of \$32,300, **this means \$87,700 will be taxed.** 

Taxable rate	Taxable income	Amount taxed	Tax due
10%	\$0 – \$23,200	\$23,200	\$2,230
12%	\$23,201 – \$87,700	\$64,499	\$7,740
			Total = \$10,060

Tax calculations in highest bracket: \$87,700 - \$23,201 = \$64,499 x 12% = \$7,740 Couple 2 has some account diversity, including a savings account and a Roth IRA. They withdraw \$10,000 tax free from the Roth and another \$10,000 from savings for the renovations.

They withdraw only \$100,000 from their tax-deferred account, **of which \$67,700 will be taxed**.

due	Taxable rate	Taxable income	Amount taxed	Tax due
,230	10%	\$0 – \$23,200	\$23,000	\$2,230
740	12%	\$23,201 – \$67,700	\$44,499	\$5,340
610,060				Total = \$7,660
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Figure 1 ax calculations in highest bracket:  $67,700 - 23,201 = 44,499 \times 12\% = 5,340$  Couple 1 owes \$10,060 in tax, whereas Couple 2 owes \$7,660.

Couple 2 will pay \$2,400 less in tax for 2024.

## Having diverse accounts may allow you to stay in a lower tax bracket





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Next steps

## Find someone to talk to

Reach out to experts:

- > Your employer's retirement plan liaison
- Nationwide Retirement Specialist, Bryan Jimmerson
- > Tax advisor

Next steps

## Summary

- 1. Understand how your current retirement savings and Social Security benefits will be taxed.
- If you can contribute to either a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k)/403(b)/457(b), you're creating a future source of tax-free income in retirement.
- **3.** Work with an expert now to get advice on new investments.
- 4. Work with an expert again later to strategize withdrawals to minimize taxes.

# Questions to get the conversation started

- > What are the tax implications when I start to receive retirement income?
- > How will distributions from my retirement plan impact my taxes?
- > Will my Social Security benefits be taxed?
- > How does employment income post-retirement impact my Social Security payments?
- > Should I take a distribution to pay off debt or renovate my home?
- > I want to travel or make a large purchase. How will this impact my retirement income?
- > Should I do a Roth conversion before required minimum distributions (RMDs) begin?



# Thank you for your time today.