The IRS has announced the 2022 contribution limits and benefits with few changes



Effective January 1, 2022, the IRS is implementing some retirement contribution and benefits updates. Although there are a few key changes this year, we wanted to share highlights for your benefit.

Review the accompanying document to compare this year and past years' limits. The retirement limits that have changed include:

- The elective deferral limit for participants in 401(k) and 403(b) plans will increase to \$20,500.
- The deferral limit for 457(b) plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations will increase to \$20,500.
- An IRA contributor who is not covered by a workplace retirement plan but is married to someone who is, will have the deduction phased out if their combined income is between \$204,000 and \$214,000.
- The AGI phase-out range for married couples filing jointly making Roth IRA contributions is now \$204,000 to \$214,000, and \$129,000 to \$144,000 for singles and heads of households.
- The AGI limit for the Saver's Credit is \$68,000 for married couples filing jointly, \$51,000 for heads of households, and \$34,000 for married couples filing separately and singles.
- The limitation for defined contribution plans increased to \$61,000.
- The dollar amount for determining the maximum account balance in an employee stock ownership plan subject to a five-year distribution period increased to \$1,230,000. The amount that determines the lengthening the five-year distribution period increased to \$245,000.

The changes regarding compensation and cost-of-living limits include:

- The annual compensation limit increased to \$305,000.
- The limit for defined contribution plans under 415(c)(1)(A) increased to \$61,000.
- The annual compensation limit for eligible government participants increased to \$450,000.
- The compensation amount for simplified employee pensions (SEPs) remains unchanged at \$650.
- The dollar amount for determining the maximum account balance in an employee stock ownership plan subject to a 5-year distribution period is increased to \$1,230,000.
- The threshold to determine whether a multiemployer plan is systemically important increased to \$1,220,000,000.
- The adjusted gross income limitation for determining the retirement savings contributions credit for all taxpayers increased to \$20,500.
- The deduction for taxpayers making contributions to a traditional IRA is phased out for singles and heads of households who are active participants in a qualified plan and have adjusted gross incomes between \$68,000 and \$78,000, increased from last year.
- The adjusted gross income limitation for determining the maximum Roth IRA contribution for married taxpayers filing joint return or for taxpayers filing as a widower increased to \$204,000.
- The adjusted gross income phase-out range for taxpayers making contributions to a Roth IRA is increased to \$204,000 to \$214,000 for married couples filing jointly.

For a comprehensive list of all limits for 2022, please visit https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-21-61.pdf.

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2022 IRS Contribution and Benefit Limits

Contribution Limits	2020	2021	2022
Elective Deferral Limit: 401(k), 403(b), 457(b) Plans	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$20,500
Catch-Up Contribution Limit	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Elective Deferral Limit: SIMPLE Retirement Plan	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$14,000
Catch-Up Contribution Limit: SIMPLE Retirement Plan	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Contribution Limit: IRA	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Catch-Up Contribution Limit: IRA	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Benefits and Compensation			
Defined Contribution Plan Annual Addition Limit	\$57,000	\$58,000	\$61,000
Defined Benefit Plan Annual Benefit Limit	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$245,000
Annual Compensation Limit	\$285,000	\$290,000	\$305,000
Highly Compensated Employee Limit	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$135,000
Key Employee Compensation Limit	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$200,000
Social Security/Medicare			
Social Security Wage Base	\$137,700	\$142,800	\$147,000
Medicare Wage Base	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Health Savings Accounts			
Individual HSA Contribution Limit	\$3,550	\$3,600	\$3,650
Family HSA Contribution Limit	\$7,100	\$7,200	\$7,300

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