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39.6%

\$413,200

## Single taxpayers

\$413,200

| But not over | Tax is                                                    | Plus                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Of the amount over                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$9,225      | 10%                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| \$37,450     | \$922.50                                                  | 15%                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$9,225                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| \$90,750     | \$5,156.25                                                | 25%                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$37,450                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| \$189,300    | \$18,481.25                                               | 28%                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$90,750                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| \$411,500    | \$46,075.25                                               | 33%                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$189,300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| \$413,200    | \$119,401.25                                              | 35%                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$411,500                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|              | \$9,225<br>\$37,450<br>\$90,750<br>\$189,300<br>\$411,500 | over         Tax is           \$9,225         10%           \$37,450         \$922.50           \$90,750         \$5,156.25           \$189,300         \$18,481.25           \$411,500         \$46,075.25 | over         Tax is         Plus           \$9,225         10%         10%           \$37,450         \$922.50         15%           \$90,750         \$5,156.25         25%           \$189,300         \$18,481.25         28%           \$411,500         \$46,075.25         33% |

\$119,996.25

# Married taxpayers filing joint returns and surviving spouses

| If taxable income is over | But not<br>over | Tax is       | Plus  | Of the amount over |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| \$0                       | \$18,450        | 10%          |       | \$0                |
| \$18,450                  | \$74,900        | \$1,845      | 15%   | \$18,450           |
| \$74,900                  | \$151,200       | \$10,312.50  | 25%   | \$74,900           |
| \$151,200                 | \$230,450       | \$29,387.50  | 28%   | \$151,200          |
| \$230,450                 | \$411,500       | \$51,577.50  | 33%   | \$230,450          |
| \$411,500                 | \$464,850       | \$111,324    | 35%   | \$411,500          |
| \$464,850                 |                 | \$129,996.50 | 39.6% | \$464,850          |

# Married taxpayers filing separate returns

| If taxable income is over | But not over | Tax is      | Plus  | Of the amount over |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------------|
| \$0                       | \$9,225      | 10%         |       | \$0                |
| \$9,225                   | \$37,450     | \$922.50    | 15%   | \$9,225            |
| \$37,450                  | \$75,600     | \$5,156.25  | 25%   | \$37,450           |
| \$75,600                  | \$115,225    | \$14,693.75 | 28%   | \$75,600           |
| \$115,225                 | \$205,750    | \$25,788.75 | 33%   | \$115,225          |
| \$205,750                 | \$232,425    | \$55,662    | 35%   | \$205,750          |
| \$232,425                 |              | \$64,998.25 | 39.6% | \$232,425          |

### Heads of household

| If taxable income is over | But not over | Tax is      | Plus  | Of the amount over |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------------|
| \$0                       | \$13,150     | 10%         |       | \$0                |
| \$13,150                  | \$50,200     | \$1,315     | 15%   | \$13,150           |
| \$50,200                  | \$129,600    | \$6,872.50  | 25%   | \$50,200           |
| \$129,600                 | \$209,850    | \$26,722.50 | 28%   | \$129,600          |
| \$209,850                 | \$411,500    | \$49,192.50 | 33%   | \$209,850          |
| \$411,500                 | \$439,000    | \$115,737   | 35%   | \$411,500          |
| \$439,000                 |              | \$125,362   | 39.6% | \$439,000          |

#### **Trusts and estates**

| If taxable income is over | But not over | Tax is     | Plus  | Of the amount over |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|--------------------|
| \$0                       | \$2,500      | 15%        |       | \$0                |
| \$2,500                   | \$5,900      | \$375      | 25%   | \$2,500            |
| \$5,900                   | \$9,050      | \$1,225    | 28%   | \$5,900            |
| \$9,050                   | \$12,300     | \$2,107    | 33%   | \$9,050            |
| \$12,300                  |              | \$3,179.50 | 39.6% | \$12,300           |

#### NET INVESTMENT INCOME TAX

3.8% of the lesser of (1) net investment income or (2) the amount of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) over these thresholds:

- Single: \$200,000.
- Married filing jointly and surviving spouses: \$250,000.
- Married filing separately: \$125,000.
- Heads of household: \$200,000.
- Estates and trusts: \$12,300.

#### SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX

- Tax rate: 15.3% (12.4% OASDI tax plus 2.9% Medicare tax).
- Surtax: 0.9% Medicare surtax is added to self-employment income in excess of \$200,000 (single), \$250,000 (married filing jointly), or \$125,000 (married filing separately).
- Wage base: \$118,500 of self-employment income for OASDI (maximum OASDI tax \$14,694; no ceiling on Medicare tax).

#### **KIDDIE TAX**

Parent's highest rate applies to child's unearned income over \$2,100.