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SUBJECT: 2026 FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING INFORMATION

The Percentage Method of Withholding is addressed in this memo which includes extractions from the 2026 Federal Income Tax Withholding Tables (found in the IRS Publication 15-T).

Please Note:

- Advance payment of earned income credit (EIC) through payroll payments expired on December 31, 2010. Individuals eligible for EIC in 2025 can still claim the credit when they file their 2025 federal income tax return. Additionally, any employee who expects to be eligible for the EIC and will have income tax withheld from wages in 2026 may reduce their withholding to receive the benefit of a portion of the credit throughout the year.
- In calendar year 2020, the IRS eliminated withholding allowances, but employees may report the amount of credit in Step 3. Step 3 of Form W-4 provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may claim when you file your tax return. You may also include **other tax credits** in this step.
- Individual tax calculations and estimates can be readily determined by using the Central Payroll Bureau, [Net Pay Calculator](#) located with the following link:

[Payroll Online Services](#)

Click on “Net Pay Calculator”

- Other related documents located from our home page: Click on “Payroll Officers / then click on Current Memos”

2025 Earned Income Credit (EIC)
2026 Maryland State and Local Income Tax Withholding Information

Attached are 2026 Federal Income Tax Withholding tables for Percentage method



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**2026 Percentage Method Tables for Manual Payroll Systems with Forms W-4 from 2020 or Later
BIWEEKLY Payroll Period**

Married Filing Jointly

STANDARD Withholding Rate Schedules. Use these if the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 is NOT checked.
If the Adjusted Wage Amount (line 1h) is:

Form W-4, Step 2, Checkbox, Withholding Rate Schedules. Use these if the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 IS checked. If the Adjusted Wage Amount (line 1h) is:

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
0	\$1,238	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$1,238	\$2,192	\$0.00	10%	\$1,238
\$2,192	\$5,115	\$95.40	12%	\$2,192
\$5,115	\$9,369	\$446.16	22%	\$5,115
\$9,369	\$16,760	\$1,382.04	24%	\$9,369
\$16,760	\$20,948	\$3,155.08	32%	\$16,760
\$20,948	\$30,804	\$4,496.04	35%	\$20,948
\$30,804		\$7,945.64	37%	\$30,804

At least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
0	\$619	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$619	\$1,096	\$0.00	10%	\$619
\$1,096	\$2,558	\$47.70	12%	\$1,096
\$2,558	\$4,685	\$223.14	22%	\$2,558
\$4,685	\$8,380	\$691.08	24%	\$4,685
\$8,380	\$10,474	\$1,577.88	32%	\$8,380
\$10,474	\$15,402	\$2,247.96	35%	\$10,474
\$15,402		\$3,972.76	37%	\$15,402

Single or Married Filing Separately

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0	\$619	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$619	\$1,096	\$0.00	10%	\$619
\$1,096	\$2,558	\$47.70	12%	\$1,096
\$2,558	\$4,685	\$223.14	22%	\$2,558
\$4,685	\$8,380	\$691.08	24%	\$4,685
\$8,380	\$10,474	\$1,577.88	32%	\$8,380
\$10,474	\$25,258	\$2,247.96	35%	\$10,474
\$25,258		\$7,422.36	37%	\$25,258

At least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$310	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$310	\$548	\$0.00	10%	\$310
\$548	\$1,279	\$23.80	12%	\$548
\$1,279	\$2,342	\$111.52	22%	\$1,279
\$2,342	\$4,190	\$345.38	24%	\$2,342
\$4,190	\$5,237	\$788.90	32%	\$4,190
\$5,237	\$12,629	\$1,123.94	35%	\$5,237
\$12,629		\$3,711.14	37%	\$12,629

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Head of Household

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At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$929	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$929	\$1,610	\$0.00	10%	\$929
\$1,610	\$3,523	\$68.10	12%	\$1,610
\$3,523	\$4,994	\$297.66	22%	\$3,523
\$4,994	\$8,688	\$621.28	24%	\$4,994
\$8,688	\$10,783	\$1,507.84	32%	\$8,688
\$10,783	\$25,567	\$2,178.24	35%	\$10,783
\$25,567		\$7,352.64	37%	\$25,567

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$464	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$464	\$805	\$0.00	10%	\$464
\$805	\$1,762	\$34.10	12%	\$805
\$1,762	\$2,497	\$148.94	22%	\$1,762
\$2,497	\$4,344	\$310.64	24%	\$2,497
\$4,344	\$5,391	\$753.92	32%	\$4,344
\$5,391	\$12,784	\$1,088.96	35%	\$5,391
\$12,784		\$3,676.51	37%	\$12,784

**2026 Percentage Method Tables for Manual Payroll Systems with Forms W-4 from 2020 or Later
MONTHLY Payroll Period**

Married Filing Jointly

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At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$2,683	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$2,683	\$4,750	\$0.00	10%	\$2,683
\$4,750	\$11,083	\$206.70	12%	\$4,750
\$11,083	\$20,300	\$966.66	22%	\$11,083
\$20,300	\$36,313	\$2,994.40	24%	\$20,300
\$36,313	\$45,388	\$6,837.52	32%	\$36,313
\$45,388	\$66,742	\$9,741.52	35%	\$45,388
\$66,742		\$17,215.42	37%	\$66,742

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$1,342	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$1,342	\$2,375	\$0.00	10%	\$1,342
\$2,375	\$5,542	\$103.30	12%	\$2,375
\$5,542	\$10,150	\$483.34	22%	\$5,542
\$10,150	\$18,156	\$1,497.10	24%	\$10,150
\$18,156	\$22,694	\$3,418.54	32%	\$18,156
\$22,694	\$33,371	\$4,870.70	35%	\$22,694
\$33,371		\$8,607.65	37%	\$33,371

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At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$1,342	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$1,342	\$2,375	\$0.00	10%	\$1,342
\$2,375	\$5,542	\$103.30	12%	\$2,375
\$5,542	\$10,150	\$483.34	22%	\$5,542
\$10,150	\$18,156	\$1,497.10	24%	\$10,150
\$18,156	\$22,694	\$3,418.54	32%	\$18,156
\$22,694	\$54,725	\$4,870.70	35%	\$22,694
\$54,725		\$16,081.55	37%	\$54,725

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$671	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$671	\$1,188	\$0.00	10%	\$671
\$1,188	\$2,771	\$51.70	12%	\$1,188
\$2,771	\$5,075	\$241.66	22%	\$2,771
\$5,075	\$9,078	\$748.54	24%	\$5,075
\$9,078	\$11,347	\$1,709.26	32%	\$9,078
\$11,347	\$27,363	\$2,435.34	35%	\$11,347
\$27,363		\$8,040.94	37%	\$27,363

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Head of Household

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If the Adjusted Wage Amount (line 1h) is:

Form W-4, Step 2, Checkbox, Withholding Rate Schedules. Use these if the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 IS checked. If the Adjusted Wage Amount (line 1h) is:

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$2,013	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$2,013	\$3,488	\$0.00	10%	\$2,013
\$3,488	\$7,633	\$147.50	12%	\$3,488
\$7,633	\$10,821	\$644.90	22%	\$7,633
\$10,821	\$18,825	\$1,346.26	24%	\$10,821
\$18,825	\$23,363	\$3,267.22	32%	\$18,825
\$23,363	\$55,396	\$4,719.38	35%	\$23,363
\$55,396		\$15,930.93	37%	\$55,396

At Least	But less than	The tentative amount to withhold is	Plus this percentage	of the amount that the Adjusted Wage exceeds
\$0	\$1,006	\$0.00	0%	\$0
\$1,006	\$1,744	\$0.00	10%	\$1,006
\$1,744	\$3,817	\$73.80	12%	\$1,744
\$3,817	\$5,410	\$322.56	22%	\$3,817
\$5,410	\$9,413	\$673.02	24%	\$5,410
\$9,413	\$11,681	\$1,633.74	32%	\$9,413
\$11,681	\$27,698	\$2,359.50	35%	\$11,681
\$27,698		\$7,965.45	37%	\$27,698

**2026 Employer's Withholding Worksheet for Percentage Method Tables
with Forms W-4 from 2020 or Later**

Table 1	Monthly	12
	Biweekly	26

Step 1. Adjust the employee's wage amount

1a Enter the employee's total taxable wages this payroll period 1a \$ _____

1b Enter the number of pay periods you have per year (see Table 1 above) 1b _____

1c Enter the amount from Step 4(a) of the employee's Form W-4 1c \$ _____

1d Divide line 1c by the number on line 1b 1d \$ _____

1e Add lines 1a and 1d 1e \$ _____

1f Enter the amount from Step 4(b) of the employee's Form W-4 1f \$ _____

1g Divide line 1f by the number on line 1b 1g \$ _____

1h Subtract line 1g from line 1e. If zero or less, enter 0. This is the Adjusted Wage Amount 1h \$ _____

Step 2. Figure the Tentative Withholding Amount

based on your pay frequency, the employee's Adjusted Wage Amount, filing status (Step 1(c) of Form W-4), and whether the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 is checked.

2a Find the row in the STANDARD Withholding Rate Schedules (if the box in Step 2 of Form W-4 is NOT checked) or the Form W-4, Step 2, Checkbox, Withholding Rate Schedules (if it HAS been checked) of the Percentage Method Tables in this section in which the amount on line 1h is at least the amount in column A but less than the amount in column B, and then enter here the amount from column A of that row 2a \$ _____

2b Enter the amount from column C of that row 2b \$ _____

2c Enter the percentage from column D of that row 2c \$ _____

2d Subtract line 2a from line 1h 2d \$ _____

2e Multiply the amount on line 2d by the percentage on line 2c 2e \$ _____

2f Add lines 2b and 2e. This is the Tentative Withholding Amount 2f \$ _____

Step 3. Account for tax credits

3a Enter the amount from Step 3 of the employee's Form W-4 3a \$ _____

3b Divide the amount on line 3a by the number of pay periods on line 1b 3b \$ _____

3c Subtract line 3b from line 2f. If zero or less, enter 0 3c \$ _____

Step 4. Figure the final amount to withhold

4a Enter the additional amount to withhold from Step 4(c) of the employee's Form W-4 4a _____

4b Add lines 3c and 4a. This is the amount to withhold from the employee's wages this pay period 4b \$ _____

***Biweekly or Monthly Gross pay less tax sheltered and/or pre-tax deductions**