

2.A OASDI: Coverage, Financing, and Insured Status

Table 2.A3—Annual maximum taxable earnings and contribution rates, 1937–2006

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	OASDI	HI	Total, OASDI and HI	OASI	DI	HI	Total, OASDI and HI	OASI	DI	HI	
1937–1949	3,000	...	1.0	1.0
1950	3,000	...	1.5	1.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951–1953	3,600	...	1.5	1.5	...	...	2.25	2.25	...	...	...
1954	3,600	...	2.0	2.0	...	...	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
1955–1956	4,200	...	2.0	2.0	...	...	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
1957–1958	4,200	...	2.25	2.0	0.25	...	3.375	3.0	0.375	...	...
1959	4,800	...	2.5	2.25	0.25	...	3.75	3.375	0.375	...	...
1960–1961	4,800	...	3.0	2.75	0.25	...	4.5	4.125	0.375	...	...
1962	4,800	...	3.125	2.875	0.25	...	4.7	4.325	0.375	...	...
1963–1965	4,800	...	3.625	3.375	0.25	...	5.4	5.025	0.375	...	...
1966	6,600	6,600	4.2	3.5	0.35	0.35	6.15	5.275	0.525	0.35	0.35
1967	6,600	6,600	4.4	3.55	0.35	0.5	6.4	5.375	0.525	0.5	0.5
1968	7,800	7,800	4.4	3.325	0.475	0.6	6.4	5.0875	0.7125	0.6	0.6
1969	7,800	7,800	4.8	3.725	0.475	0.6	6.9	5.5875	0.7125	0.6	0.6
1970	7,800	7,800	4.8	3.65	0.55	0.6	6.9	5.475	0.825	0.6	0.6
1971	7,800	7,800	5.2	4.05	0.55	0.6	7.5	6.075	0.825	0.6	0.6
1972	9,000	9,000	5.2	4.05	0.55	0.6	7.5	6.075	0.825	0.6	0.6
1973	10,800	10,800	5.85	4.3	0.55	1.0	8.0	6.205	0.795	1.0	1.0
1974	13,200	13,200	5.85	4.375	0.575	0.9	7.9	6.185	0.815	0.9	0.9
1975	^a 14,100	^a 14,100	5.85	4.375	0.575	0.9	7.9	6.185	0.815	0.9	0.9
1976	^a 15,300	^a 15,300	5.85	4.375	0.575	0.9	7.9	6.185	0.815	0.9	0.9
1977	^a 16,500	^a 16,500	5.85	4.375	0.575	0.9	7.9	6.185	0.815	0.9	0.9
1978	^a 17,700	^a 17,700	6.05	4.275	0.775	1.0	8.1	6.01	1.09	1.0	1.0
1979	22,900	22,900	6.13	4.33	0.75	1.05	8.1	6.01	1.04	1.05	1.05
1980	25,900	25,900	6.13	4.52	0.56	1.05	8.1	6.2725	0.7775	1.05	1.05
1981	29,700	29,700	6.65	4.7	0.65	1.3	9.3	7.025	0.975	1.3	1.3
1982	^a 32,400	^a 32,400	6.7	4.575	0.825	1.3	9.35	6.8125	1.2375	1.3	1.3
1983	^a 35,700	^a 35,700	6.7	4.775	0.625	1.3	9.35	7.1125	0.9375	1.3	1.3
1984	^a 37,800	^a 37,800	^b 7.0	5.2	0.5	1.3	^b 14.0	10.4	1.0	2.6	2.6
1985	^a 39,600	^a 39,600	7.05	5.2	0.5	1.35	^b 14.1	10.4	1.0	2.7	2.7
1986	^a 42,000	^a 42,000	7.15	5.2	0.5	1.45	^b 14.3	10.4	1.0	2.9	2.9
1987	^a 43,800	^a 43,800	7.15	5.2	0.5	1.45	^b 14.3	10.4	1.0	2.9	2.9
1988	^a 45,000	^a 45,000	7.51	5.53	0.53	1.45	^b 15.02	11.06	1.06	2.9	2.9
1989	^a 48,000	^a 48,000	7.51	5.53	0.53	1.45	^b 15.02	11.06	1.06	2.9	2.9
1990	^c 51,300	^c 51,300	7.65	5.6	0.6	1.45	15.3	11.2	1.2	2.9	2.9
1991	^c 53,400	^d 125,000	7.65	5.6	0.6	1.45	15.3	11.2	1.2	2.9	2.9
1992	^c 55,500	130,200	7.65	5.6	0.6	1.45	15.3	11.2	1.2	2.9	2.9
1993	^a 57,600	^a 135,000	7.65	5.6	0.6	1.45	15.3	11.2	1.2	2.9	2.9
1994	^a 60,600	^e	7.65	5.26	0.94	1.45	15.3	10.52	1.88	2.9	2.9
1995	^a 61,200	^e	7.65	5.26	0.94	1.45	15.3	10.52	1.88	2.9	2.9
1996	^a 62,700	^e	7.65	5.26	0.94	1.45	15.3	10.52	1.88	2.9	2.9
1997	^a 65,400	^e	7.65	5.35	0.85	1.45	15.3	10.7	1.7	2.9	2.9
1998	^a 68,400	^e	7.65	5.35	0.85	1.45	15.3	10.7	1.7	2.9	2.9
1999	^a 72,600	^e	7.65	5.35	0.85	1.45	15.3	10.7	1.7	2.9	2.9

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	OASDI	HI	Total, OASDI and HI	OASI	DI	HI	Total, OASDI and HI	OASI	DI	HI
2000	^a 76,200	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2001	^a 80,400	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2002	^a 84,900	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2003	^a 87,000	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2004	^a 87,900	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2005	^a 90,000	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9
2006	^a 94,200	^e	7.65	5.3	0.9	1.45	15.3	10.6	1.8	2.9

SOURCES: Social Security Act of 1935 (the Act), as amended through December 31, 2005; regulations issued under the Act; and precedential case decisions (rulings). Specific laws, regulations, rulings, legislation, and a link to the *Federal Register* can be found at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/regulations/index.htm>. Social Security Administration, "Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2006," *Federal Register*, vol. 70, no. 205 (October 25, 2005).

NOTE: DI = Disability Insurance; HI = Hospital Insurance; OASI = Old-Age and Survivors Insurance; OASDI = Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; . . . = not applicable.

- a. Based on automatic adjustment, under legislation in 1972 (as modified by legislation in 1973), in proportion to increases in average wage level.
- b. Tables 2.A3 and 2.A4 show the tax rate and tax amount paid by employers and received by the OASDI trust funds. In 1984, the 5.7 percent OASDI tax on taxable wages of employees was offset by a tax credit of 0.3 percent, resulting in an effective employee tax rate of 5.4 percent. However, the OASDI trust funds received the full 5.7 percent because of a general revenue transfer equivalent to 0.3 percent of taxable wages. Similar credits of 2.7 percent, 2.3 percent, and 2.0 percent were allowed against the combined OASDI and HI taxes on net earnings from self-employment in 1984, 1985, and from 1986 to 1989, respectively.
- c. Based on automatic adjustment, under legislation in 1972 (as modified by legislation in 1973), using a transitional rule, specified by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, for computing a "deemed" average annual wage for 1988, 1989, and 1990.
- d. Based on legislation in 1990.
- e. Upper limit on earnings subject to HI taxes was repealed by OBRA 1993.

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