How Income Taxes Affect the Rate of Return on Investments

Individual Tax Rate Schedules for 2025 (For Taxes Due in April 2026)

| | Taxable Income | | | Marginal Tax Bracket Rate |
|----------------------------|----------------|------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Married Filing Jointly: | \$ 0 | to | \$ 23,850 | 10% |
| | 23,851 | to | 96,950 | 12% |
| | 96,951 | to | 206,700 | 22% |
| | 206,701 | to | 394,600 | 24% |
| | 394,601 | to | 501,050 | 32% |
| | 501,051 | to | 751,600 | 35% |
| | Over \$751,600 | | | 37% |
| Head of Household: | \$ 0 | to | \$ 17,000 | 10% |
| | 17,001 | to | 64,850 | 12% |
| | 64,851 | to | 103,350 | 22% |
| | 103,351 | to | 197,300 | 24% |
| | 197,301 | to | 250,500 | 32% |
| | 250,501 | to | 626,350 | 35% |
| | Over \$626,350 | | | 37% |
| Single: | \$ 0 | to | \$ 11,925 | 10% |
| _ | 11,926 | to | 48,475 | 12% |
| | 48,476 | to | 103,350 | 22% |
| | 103,351 | to | 197,300 | 24% |
| | 197,301 | to | 250,525 | 32% |
| | 250,526 | to | 626,350 | 35% |
| | Over \$626,350 | | | 37% |
| Married Filing Separately: | \$ 0 | to | \$ 11,925 | 10% |
| | 11,926 | to | 48,475 | 12% |
| | 48,476 | to | 103,350 | 22% |
| | 103,351 | to | 197,300 | 24% |
| | 197,301 | to | 250,525 | 32% |
| | 250,526 | to | 375,800 | 35% |
| | Over \$37: | 5,80 | 0 | 37% |

Tax-exempt and Taxable Yields Compared

You can compare taxable and tax-fee investment yields, using your federal marginal tax bracket rate, by using the following formula:

Taxable equivalent yield = Tax-free yield divided by (100% - marginal tax bracket %)

Example: Assume you are in the 22% tax bracket and have an account with a 4.0% tax-free yield. To get the equivalent taxable yield, divide 4.0% by .78% (100% - .22%).

The taxable yield is 5.13%.