

## 2017 Changes In Tax

The following is a comparison of some 2017 and 2016 amounts for taxes, social security, etc. after retroactive changes by the new tax law:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Social Security:</b>		
Wage base for employers, employees, and self-employed	\$ <b>127,200</b>	\$ 118,500
Medicare wage base for employers, employees, and self-employed	<b>No limit</b>	No limit
FICA tax rate	<b>6.2%</b>	6.2%
Additional medicare tax wages over \$200,000 for employee	<b>0.9%</b>	0.9%
Medicare tax rate	<b>1.45%</b>	1.45%
Maximum FICA withheld per employee (wage base x employee rate)	\$ <b>7,886</b>	\$ 7,347
Medicare tax on wages of \$175,000 (there is no maximum)	\$ <b>2,538</b>	\$ 2,538
Tax rate for self-employed	<b>15.3%</b>	15.3%
Benefits (monthly):		
Maximum for person retiring at full retirement age	\$ <b>2,687</b>	\$ 2,639
Full retirement age	<b>66 yrs.</b>	66 yrs.
<b>Federal Unemployment Tax:</b>		
Wage base on which employer pays tax	\$ <b>7,000</b>	\$ 7,000
Tax rate (plus a possible state surcharge)	<b>0.6%</b>	0.6%
<b>State of Missouri Unemployment Tax</b> wage base on which employer pays tax	\$ <b>13,000</b>	\$ 13,000
<b>Section 179</b> asset expense distribution (maximum)	\$ <b>510,000</b>	\$ 500,000
<b>Section 168</b> bonus depreciation	<b>50%</b>	50%
<b>Pensions:</b>		
Defined benefit plan, maximum annual benefit	\$ <b>215,000</b>	\$ 210,000
Defined contribution plan limitation	\$ <b>54,000</b>	\$ 53,000
Maximum compensation	\$ <b>270,000</b>	\$ 265,000
Elective deferrals/401(k) limitation	\$ <b>18,000</b>	\$ 18,000
SIMPLE PLANS maximum employee contributions	\$ <b>12,500</b>	\$ 12,500
Catch-up contributions for company plans	\$ <b>6,000</b>	\$ 6,000
<b>IRA</b> maximum contribution, regular and spouse	\$ <b>5,500</b>	\$ 5,500
Catch-up contributions for IRAs	\$ <b>1,000</b>	\$ 1,000
<b>Health Savings Accounts</b> maximum contribution:		
Individual	\$ <b>3,400</b>	\$ 3,350
Family	\$ <b>6,750</b>	\$ 6,750
Catch-up contribution	\$ <b>1,000</b>	\$ 1,000
<b>Estate Tax:</b>		
Exclusion	\$ <b>5,490,000</b>	\$5,450,000
Top tax rate or bracket	<b>40%</b>	40%
<b>Gift Tax</b> Exclusion	\$ <b>14,000</b>	\$ 14,000
<b>Simplified Per Diem for Travel in U.S.:</b>		
High cost areas	\$ <b>282</b>	\$ 275
All other areas	\$ <b>189</b>	\$ 185
<b>Meal Allowances:</b>		
Meal allowance per day on 30-day business trips or less	\$ <b>57 to \$68</b>	\$57 to \$68
Meal percentage deductible	<b>50%</b>	50%
<b>Auto and Travel Allowances:</b>		
Standard auto mileage rate	\$ <b>0.535</b>	\$ 0.54
Rate for depreciation purposes	\$ <b>0.24</b>	\$ 0.24
Auto mileage rate when car used in charitable work	\$ <b>0.14</b>	\$ 0.14
Medical and moving mileage rate	\$ <b>0.17</b>	\$ 0.19

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