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Historical Highest Marginal Income Tax Rates

Year	Top Marginal Rate	Year	Top Marginal Rate	Year	Top Marginal Rate	Year	Top Marginal Rate
1913	7.00%	1948	82.13%	1983	50.00%	2018	37.00%
1914	7.00%	1949	82.13%	1984	50.00%	2019	37.00%
1915	7.00%	1950	84.36%	1985	50.00%	2020	37.00%
1916	15.00%	1951	91.00%	1986	50.00%		
1917	67.00%	1952	92.00%	1987	38.50%		
1918	77.00%	1953	92.00%	1988	28.00%		
1919	73.00%	1954	91.00%	1989	28.00%		
1920	73.00%	1955	91.00%	1990	28.00%		
1921	73.00%	1956	91.00%	1991	31.00%		
1922	58.00%	1957	91.00%	1992	31.00%		
1923	43.50%	1958	91.00%	1993	39.60%		
1924	46.00%	1959	91.00%	1994	39.60%		
1925	25.00%	1960	91.00%	1995	39.60%		
1926	25.00%	1961	91.00%	1996	39.60%		
1927	25.00%	1962	91.00%	1997	39.60%		
1928	25.00%	1963	91.00%	1998	39.60%		
1929	24.00%	1964	77.00%	1999	39.60%		
1930	25.00%	1965	70.00%	2000	39.60%		
1931	25.00%	1966	70.00%	2001	39.10%		
1932	63.00%	1967	70.00%	2002	38.60%		
1933	63.00%	1968	75.25%	2003	35.00%		
1934	63.00%	1969	77.00%	2004	35.00%		
1935	63.00%	1970	71.75%	2005	35.00%		
1936	79.00%	1971	70.00%	2006	35.00%		
1937	79.00%	1972	70.00%	2007	35.00%		
1938	79.00%	1973	70.00%	2008	35.00%		
1939	79.00%	1974	70.00%	2009	35.00%		
1940	81.10%	1975	70.00%	2010	35.00%		
1941	81.00%	1976	70.00%	2011	35.00%		
1942	88.00%	1977	70.00%	2012	35.00%		
1943	88.00%	1978	70.00%	2013	39.60%		
1944	94.00%	1979	70.00%	2014	39.60%		
1945	94.00%	1980	70.00%	2015	39.60%		
1946	86.45%	1981	69.13%	2016	39.60%		
1947	86.45%	1982	50.00%	2017	39.60%		

Notes: This table contains a number of simplifications and ignores a number of factors, such as the amount of income or types of income subject to the top rates, or the value of standard and itemized deductions.

Sources: IRS Revenue Procedures, various years. Also, Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute; Joseph Pechman, *Federal Tax Policy*; Joint Committee on Taxation, Summary of Conference Agreement on the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, JCX-54-03, May 22, 2003.