

# TAXES

## INCOME VS. CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATES

	Income tax rates	Capital gains tax rates
Less than \$16,750	10%	0%
\$16,750 to \$68,000	15%	0%
\$68,000 to \$137,300	25%	15%
\$137,300 to \$209,250	28%	15%
\$209,250 to \$373,650	33%	15%
More than \$373,650	35%	15%

2010 rates for married taxpayers filing jointly  
Source: IRS

The first column (income tax rates) in the table shows the current rates as of 2012. All these rates are due to rise by about 3 or 4 percent in 2013, unless Congress makes a law to stop them from increasing. The President appears ready to sign a law that would keep these rates from going up for all but the top earners (35% rate). The second column is the rate people pay on profits earned from stock or bond investments. The President is ready to allow the 0% capital gains rate to rise to 10% and the 15% rate to go to 20%.

## Top Federal Income Tax Rates



\*Source: Citizens for Tax Justice, May 2004.

The graph shows the *top* federal income tax rates from 1920 until today.

Year	\$200,000 Income Marginal Tax Rate	\$50,000 Income Marginal Tax Rate
1961	89%	59%
1971	70%	50%
1981	68%	48%
1991	31%	28%
2001	39%	28%
2011	35%	25%

This table shows the top marginal tax rates for two different income levels over the last 50 years.