



Income Thresholds for Filing Federal Taxes

*Note that if someone claimed you as a dependent, you may still have an obligation to file taxes if you made a certain amount of income. The threshold amounts for dependents' filing obligations may differ from the amounts in the following tables. For dependent threshold amounts, see IRS Publication 501 (released annually). For example, for 2018 threshold amounts, Google search "IRS Publication 501 2018."

2018

Filing Status	Age as of December 31, 2018	Must File Taxes if Income was at least
Single	Under 65	\$12,000
	65 or older	\$13,600
Head of Household	Under 65	\$18,000
	65 or older	\$19,600
Married, Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$24,000
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$25,300
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$26,600
Married, Filing Separately	Any age	\$5
Qualifying widow(er)	Under 65	\$24,000
	65 or older	\$25,300

2017

Filing Status	Age as of December 31, 2018	Must File Taxes if Income was at least
Single	Under 65	\$10,400
	65 or older	\$11,950
Head of Household	Under 65	\$13,400
	65 or older	\$14,950
Married, Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,800
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$22,050
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$23,300
Married, Filing Separately	Any age	\$4,050
Qualifying widow(er)	Under 65	\$16,750
	65 or older	\$18,000

2016

Filing Status	Age as of December 31, 2018	Must File Taxes if Income was at least
Single	Under 65	\$10,350
	65 or older	\$11,900
Head of Household	Under 65	\$13,350
	65 or older	\$14,900
Married, Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,700
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$21,950
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$23,200
Married, Filing Separately	Any age	\$4,050
Qualifying Widow(er)	Under 65	\$16,650
	65 or older	\$17,900

2015

Filing Status	Age as of December 31, 2018	Must File Taxes if Income was at least
Single	Under 65	\$10,300
	65 or older	\$11,850
Head of Household	Under 65	\$13,250
	65 or older	\$14,800
Married, Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,600
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$21,850
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$23,100
Married, Filing Separately	Any age	\$4,000
Qualifying Widow(er)	Under 65	\$16,600
	65 or older	\$17,850

2014

Filing Status	Age as of December 31, 2018	Must File Taxes if Income was at least
Single	Under 65	\$10,150
	65 or older	\$11,700
Head of Household	Under 65	\$13,050
	65 or older	\$14,600
Married, Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,300
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$21,500
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$22,700
Married, Filing Separately	Any age	\$3,950
Qualifying Widow(er)	Under 65	\$16,350
	65 or older	\$17,550