Northern Trust

2014-2015 TAX SUMMARY

Overview of 2014-2015 Federal Tax Rates and Inflation Adjusted Amounts

Area of Taxation	2014 Law	2015 Law
Ordinary Income Tax Rates of Individuals	10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35% and 39.6% on taxable income over \$406,750 for single filers and \$457,600 for married* filing jointly	10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35% and 39.6% on taxable income over \$413,200 for single filers and \$464,850 for married* filing jointly
Ordinary Income Tax Rates of Estates and Trusts	15%, 25%, 28%, 33% and 39.6% on taxable income in excess of \$12,150	15%, 25%, 28%, 33% and 39.6% on taxable income in excess of \$12,300
Qualified Dividends and Long-Term Capital Gains	 0%, 15% and 20% Other special purpose rates (e.g., collectibles 28%) 	 0%, 15% and 20% Other special purpose rates (e.g., collectibles 28%)
Itemized Deductions and Personal Exemptions	 Phase-out personal exemption (\$3,950) and up to 80% of itemized deductions for high-income taxpayers Beginning of phase-out AGI \$254,200 for single filers and \$305,050 for married filing jointly 	 Phase-out personal exemption (\$4,000) and up to 80% of itemized deductions for high-income taxpayers Beginning of phase-out AGI \$258,250 for single filers and \$309,900 for married filing jointly
Standard Deduction	\$6,200 for single filers and \$12,400 for married filing jointly	\$6,300 for single filers and \$12,600 for married filing jointly
Alternative Minimum Tax Exemption Amount	 \$82,100 married filing jointly and surviving spouse \$41,050 married filing separate \$52,800 single filers and heads of households Subject to phase-outs 	 \$83,400 married filing jointly and surviving spouse \$41,700 married filing separate \$53,600 single filers and heads of households Subject to phase-outs
Medicare Contribution/Net Investment Income Tax	 3.8% Medicare contribution surtax on net investment income Individual threshold amount MAGI \$200,000 for single filers, \$250,000 for married filing jointly Estate and trust threshold amount AGI \$12,150 	3.8% Medicare contribution surtax on net investment income Individual threshold amount MAGI \$200,000 for single filers, \$250,000 for married filing jointly Estate and trust threshold amount AGI \$12,300



Area of Taxation	2014 Law	2015 Law
Gift, Estate, Generation Skipping Transfer Highest Marginal Tax Rate	40%	40%
Gift Tax Annual Exclusion	\$14,000	\$14,000
Applicable Exclusion Amount/Exemption Gift, Estate, Generation Skipping Transfer Tax	\$5,340,000 U.S. citizens or U.S. domiciled persons	\$5,430,000 U.S. citizens or U.S. domiciled persons

^{*} Following the Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Windsor* and pursuant to Revenue Ruling 2013-17, for federal tax purposes "married" applies to valid same-sex marriages, regardless of the state in which the couple resides, but does not extend to civil unions.

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