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IRS RELEASES 2012 TAX NUMBERS
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Each year the IRS adjusts certain tax numbers for inflation and tax law changes. Here are some of the adjusted numbers you'll need for your 2012 tax planning.

* **STANDARD MILEAGE RATE** for business driving remains at 55.5¢ a mile. Rate for medical and moving mileage decreases to 23¢ a mile. Rate for charitable driving remains at 14¢ a mile.

* **SECTION 179** maximum deduction decreases to \$139,000, with a phase-out threshold of \$560,000.

* **TRANSPORTATION FRINGE BENEFIT** limit decreases to \$125 for vehicle/transit passes and increases to \$240 for qualified parking.

* **SOCIAL SECURITY** taxable wage limit increases to \$110,100. Retirees under full retirement age can earn up to \$14,640 without losing benefits.

* **KIDDIE TAX** threshold remains at \$1,900 and applies up to age 19 (up to age 24 for full-time students).

* **NANNY TAX** threshold increases to \$1,800.

* **HSA CONTRIBUTION** limit increases to \$3,100 for individuals and to \$6,250 for families. An additional \$1,000 may be contributed by those 55 or older.

* **401(k)** maximum salary deferral increases to \$17,000 (\$22,500 for 50 and older).

* **SIMPLE** maximum salary deferral remains at \$11,500 (\$14,000 for 50 and older).

* **IRA** contribution limit remains at \$5,000 (\$6,000 for 50 and older).

* **ESTATE TAX** top rate remains at 35%, and the exemption amount increases to \$5,120,000.

* The **ANNUAL GIFT TAX EXCLUSION** remains at \$13,000.

* **ADOPTION TAX CREDIT** decreases to \$12,650 for adoption of an eligible child.