2025 TAX FILING STATUS COMPARISON

Single

Standard Deduction: \$15,750

Unmarried and not qualified for any other status.

Basic deduction; no dependents or spouse





Married Filing Jointly

Standard Deduction: \$31,500

Married couples filing one return together

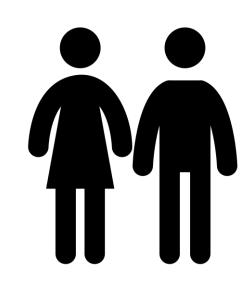
Highest deduction, access to most credits

Married Filing Separately

Standard Deduction: \$15,750

Married but filing individual returns

May help in certain legal or debt situations; fewer credit opportunities





Head of Household

Standard Deduction: \$23,625

Unmarried, supporting a dependent & paying >50% household costs

Larger deduction and wider brackets than Single

Qualifying Surviving Spouse

Standard Deduction: \$31,500

Widowed within last two years and with a dependent child

Same as married jointly for the same time window

