LIONEL'S TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE

2025 & 2026 Individual Filer Federal Tax Changes – Comprehensive Summary

1. STANDARD DEDUCTIONS

2025:	Single	$15,750	|	MFJ/QSS	$31,500	|	HOH	$23,625
2026:	Single	$16,100	|	MFJ/QSS	$32,200	|	HOH	$24,150

Senior Deduction: +$6,000 per taxpayer age 65+ (2025–2028).

2. ORDINARY INCOME TAX BRACKETS (DETAILED)

Full bracket tables included below.

2025 Tax Brackets

Status	10%	12%	22%	24%	32%	35%	37%
Single	0–11,925	11,926–48,475	48,476–103,350	103,351–197,300	197,301–250,525	250,526–626,350	626,350+
MFJ	0–23,850	23,851–96,950	96,951–206,700	206,701–394,600	394,601–501,050	501,051–751,600	751,600+
HOH	0–17,700	17,701–64,850	64,851–103,350	103,351–197,300	197,301–250,500	250,501–626,351	626,351+

2026 Tax Brackets

Status	10%	12%	22%	24%	32%	35%	37%
Single	0–12,400	12,401–50,400	50,401–105,700	105,701–201,775	201,776–256,225	256,226–640,600	640,600+
MFJ	0–24,800	24,801–100,800	100,801–211,400	211,401–403,550	403,551–512,450	512,451–768,700	768,700+
HOH	0–17,700	17,701–67,450	67,451–105,700	105,701–201,750	201,751–256,200	256,201–640,600	640,600+

3. CHILD TAX CREDIT

- $2,200 per child under 17; refundable up to ~$1,700.
- Phase-out at $200k Single / $400k MFJ.
- $500 ODC retained..

4. EITC

2025: $649 / $4,328 / $7,152 / $8,046
2026: $664 / $4,427 / $7,316 / $8,231

5. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

401(k): (2025) $23,500 / 50yrs catchup + $7,500 = $31,000 / 60-63yr super-catchup limit + $11,250 = $34,750
(2026) $24,500 / 50yrs catchup + $8,000 = $32,000 / 60-63yr super-catchup limit + $11,250 = $35,750

IRA: (2025) $7,000 / 55yrs + $1,000 = $8,000
(2026) $7,500 / 55yrs + $1,100 = $8,600

6. HSA LIMITS

2025: $4,300 self / $8,550 family
2026: $4,400 self / $8,750 family
Catch-up (55+): $1,000

7. CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATES

0%, 15%, 20% unchanged; NIIT 3.8% applies above MAGI thresholds.

8. MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS (DETAILED)

SALT Deduction Increase (2025–2028)
• SALT deduction cap increases to $40,000 starting 2025.
• Itemizers only; subject to high-income phase-outs.

Senior Deduction (2025–2028)
• Extra $6,000 per taxpayer age 65+. Applies to standard or itemized filers.

Tip Income Deduction (2025–2028)
• Up to $25,000 of qualified tips deductible.
• Requires documented tips reported through employer systems.

Overtime Pay Deduction (2025–2028)
• Deduction for overtime wages paid above time-and-a-half.
• Max: $12,500 Single / $25,000 MFJ.

Auto Loan Interest Deduction (2025–2028)
• Up to $10,000 of interest deductible for qualifying U.S.-assembled vehicles.
• Subject to AGI limits and vehicle eligibility rules.

PMI Deductibility (2026+)
• Private Mortgage Insurance treated as mortgage interest starting in 2026.

Energy & Clean Vehicle Credit Reductions (2025+)
• Home energy credit caps reduced.
• EV credit phases down without domestic battery sourcing.

Student Loan Interest Deduction
• $2,500 max; phase-out ranges increase modestly in 2026.

Educator Expense Deduction
• $400 for 2025 and $450 for 2026.

Moving Expenses Deduction
• Allowed for active-duty military and some disaster-related moves.

Casualty & Theft Losses
• Expanded definitions for federally declared disaster zones (2025+).

Medical Expense Deduction
• 7.5% AGI floor remains for both 2025 and 2026.

9. OTHER TAX CREDITS & DEDUCTIONS

Adoption credit enhanced; education credits indexed; Saver’s Match phasing in; QBI 20% deduction available.