

2022 Cost of Living Adjustments

The Internal Revenue Code provides for dollar limitations on benefits and contributions under qualified retirement plans. Code §415 requires the limits to be adjusted annually for cost-of-living increases. The IRS announced on November 4, 2021 cost-of-living adjustments applicable to dollar limitations for pension plans and other items for tax year 2022.

| Code | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
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| IRAs | | | |
| IRA Contribution Limit-219(b)(5)(A) | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| IRA Catch-Up Contributions-219(b)(5)(B) | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| IRA AGI Deduction Phase-out Starting at | | | |
| Joint Return | 109,000 | 105,000 | 104,000 |
| Single or Head of Household | 68,000 | 66,000 | 65,000 |
| SEP | | | |
| SEP Minimum Compensation-408(k)(2)(C) | 650 | 650 | 600 |
| SEP Maximum Compensation-408(k)(3)(C) | 305,000 | 290,000 | 285,000 |
| SIMPLE Plans | | | |
| SIMPLE Maximum Contributions-408(p)(2)(E) | 14,000 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| Catch-Up Contributions-414(v)(2)(B)(ii) | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 401(k), 403(b), Profit Sharing Plans, etc. | | | |
| Annual Compensation - 401(a)(17)/404(l) | 305,000 | 290,000 | 285,000 |
| Elective Deferrals-402(g)(1) | 20,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 |
| Catch-up Contributions - 414(v)(2)(B)(i) | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Defined Contribution Limits - 415(c)(1)(A) | 61,000 | 58,000 | 57,000 |
| ESOP Limits - 409(o)(1)(C) | 1,230,000 245,000 | 1,165,000 230,000 | 1,150,000 230,000 |
| Other | | | |
| HCE Threshold - 414(q)(1)(B) | 135,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| Defined Benefit Limits - 415(b)(1)(A) | 245,000 | 230,000 | 230,000 |
| Key Employee - 416(i)(1)(A)(i) | 200,000 | 185,000 | 185,000 |
| 457 Elective Deferrals - 457(e)(15) | 20,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 |
| Control Employee - 1.61-21(f)(5)(i) | 120,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 |
| Control Employee - 1.61-21(f)(5)(iii) | 245,000 | 235,000 | 230,000 |
| Taxable Wage Base | 147,000 | 142,800 | 137,700 |

COLAs affect the contribution limits and operations of qualified retirement plans, simplified employee pension (SEP) plans and savings incentive match plans for employees of small employers (SIMPLE).

Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code provides for dollar limitations on benefits and contributions under qualified retirement plans. It also requires that the Commissioner annually adjust these limits for cost-of living increases.

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