# Unemployment Insurance/Disability Insurance Taxable Wage Bases

State	Taxable Base	
	2006	2007
Alabama	8,000	8,000
Alaska	28,700	30,100
Arizona	7,000	7,000
Arkansas	10,000	10,000
California (SUI)	7,000	7,000
(SDI) Colorado	79,418	83,389
Connecticut	10,000 15,000	10,000
Delaware	8,500	8,500
District of Columbia	9,000	9,000
Florida	7,000	7,000
Georgia	8,500	8,500
Hawaii (SUI)	34,000	35,300
(TDI) Weekly	791.70	820.26
Idaho	29,200	30,200
Illinois	11,000	11,500
Indiana Iowa	7,000 21,300	7,000
Kansas	8,000	8,000
Kentucky	8,000	8,000
Louisiana	7,000	7,000
Maine	12,000	12,000
Maryland	8,500	8,500
Massachusetts	14,000	14,000
Michigan	9,000	9,000
Minnesota	24,000	24,000
Mississippi	7,000	7,000
Missouri	11,000	11,000
Montana Nebraska	21,600 8,000	22,700 9,000
Nevada	24,000	24,600
New Hampshire	8,000	8,000
New Jersey (SUI, SDI, WF & HC))	25,800	26,600
New Mexico	17,900	18,600
New York	8,500	8,500
North Carolina	17,300	17,800
North Dakota	20,300	21,300
Ohio	9,000	9,000
Oklahoma	13,500	13,200
Oregon Pennsylvania (Employer)	28,000 8,000	29,000 8,000
	Unlimited	Unlimited
Puerto Rico (SUI)	7,000	7,000
(DIS)	9,000	9,000
Rhode Island (SUI)	16,000	14,000
(TDI)	50,600	52,100
South Carolina	7,000	7,000
South Dakota	7,000	8,500
Tennessee	7,000	7,000
Texas	9,000	9,000
Utah Vermont	24,000 8,000	<u>25,400</u> 8,000
Virgin Islands	20,000	20,500
Virginia	8,000	8,000
Washington	30,900	31,400
West Virginia	8,000	8,000
Wisconsin	10,500	10,500
Wyoming	17,100	18,100

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### Federal Tax Overview

Payroll Tax	Responsibility	Tax Limits	
Federal Income Tax	Employee Only	Withheld from employee's earnings based on marital status, number of depen- dents, pay frequency and level of earnings. The amount of tax withheld is calculated using IRS-pre- scribed tables or % rates.	
Social Security Tax	Employee & Employer	Maximum salary contribution for 2006 was \$5,840.40 per employee (\$94,200 taxable wage limit x 6.2%). For 2007, maximum salary contribution increases to \$6,045.00 per employee (\$97,500 taxable wage limit x 6.2%). Employer makes matching contribution.	
Medicare Tax	Employee & Employer	Maximum salary contribution for 2006 and 2007 is unlimited. Medicare tax is collected at 1.45% of total wages. Employer makes matching contribution.	
Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA)	Employer Only	Payment amount is 6.2% of the first \$7,000 of non-exempt wages paid to each employee. However, employers can take a credit up to 5.4% for state unemployment taxes paid, effectively reducing the tax rate to 0.8%, except in states where credit reductions are in effect.	

#### Supplemental Wage Payments

In 2007, a 25% flat rate of income tax may be levied on bonuses or any extra income received by employee from employer in cash or kind, over and above normal wages or salary.

**Example:** If employee earns bonus of \$1,500, a flat 25% or \$375 could be withheld as federal income tax if the other conditions for supplemental wage payments apply. Beginning in 2005, there was an alternative flat withholding tax rate of 35% on acccumulated supplemental wage payments of more than \$1 million paid during the calendar year to an employee.

#### Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA)

Social Security and Medicare taxes are paid in equal amounts by the employer and employee. The taxable wage base for both includes tips reported by the employee to the employer.

Each employer is liable for collection and payment of employee's portion of tax. It must be withheld from wages in much the same manner as income tax. Payments in kind are generally subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes—the same as wages paid in cash. No withholding exemption allowances are allowed for Social Security and Medicare taxes.

### **Third-Party Sick Pay**

Employee may receive payments equivalent to salary or wages while sick, disabled, or convalescing under a plan established by employer. Amounts of compensation resulting from employer plans, state disability insurance, union funds, insurance carrier, etc., are generally subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Third-party sick pay attributable to *employee* contributions remains nontaxable, along with workers' compensation payments. Third-party sick payments received by the employee more than six months after the employee last worked are subject to federal income tax, but are exempt from FICA and FUTA taxes.

### Taxation of Tips

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Cash tips of \$20 or more received in a month while working for any one employer are subject to federal income, Social Security and Medicare tax withholding. Cash tips less than \$20 a month are not subject to any withholding; but, that amount must be included under gross income on employee's income tax return.

Tips and the value of non-cash tips (such as, tickets, passes, merchandise) must be included in an employee's tips report (Form 4070, Employee's Report on Tips to Employer) on or before the 10th day of following month. No report is required if less than \$20 received during a month.

In addition, all cash tips that are subject to employee Social Security and Medicare taxes are included in the definition of wages for *employer* Social Security and Medicare tax purposes.

## **Federal Deposit & Reporting Requirements**

Taxes Accumulated	Due Date	Comments	
If \$100,000 or more on any day during a <i>deposit</i> <i>period,</i> then:	Deposit taxes by next banking day	If monthly depositor accu- mulates a \$100,000 tax liabil- ity on any day during a deposit period, it becomes a <i>semi-weekly</i> depositor on the next day and remains so for at least the remainder of the calendar year and for the following calendar year.	
lf over \$50,000 during <i>lookback</i> <i>period</i> , then:	Deposit taxes semi-weekly	For paydays on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the deposit is due by the Wednesday after the payday. For all other pay- days, the deposit is due by Friday following payday. If either due date falls on a legal holiday, the deposit is due the next banking day.	
lf \$50,000 or less during lookback period, then:	Deposit taxes monthly	Make deposit by the 15th of the following month; due next banking day if the 15th falls on a weekend or legal holiday.	
If less than \$2,500 during a <i>calendar</i> <i>quarter</i> , then:	Remit taxes with <i>quarterly</i> Form 941, rather than depositing separately	If you qualify for Form 944 see instructions.	

The foregoing deposit requirements apply to federal income tax withheld and both the employer and employee Social Security and Medicare taxes. There are separate deposit requirements for non-payroll income tax withholding.

Determination of whether required deposit is semi-weekly or monthly is made annually, based on the amount of employment taxes employer reported for the 12-month lookback period ended on the preceding June 30.

Report quarterly on Form 941 or annually on Form 944 if you qualify, the wages and withholding taken for federal income tax, Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Report annually on Form 940 the covered wages paid and tax remitted for the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA). FUTA tax is deposited by the last day of the first month after the quarter ends. If the amount is \$500 or less, however, it may be carried over to the next quarter.

#### Electronic Funds Transfer

Certain employers must pay all federal business taxes (for example, income and excise taxes, as well as payroll taxes) using electronic funds transfer. The requirement applies to all employers who deposited more than \$200,000 in total federal taxes (not merely payroll taxes) during calendar year 2001 or in a subsequent year, or were already mandated to use EFTPS. Mandated employers must register and make special arrangements before using this payment method.

# STATE

## State Tax Overview

Payroll Tax	Responsibility	Tax Limits	
State Income Tax (SIT)	Employee Only	Forty-one states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, require income tax withhold- ing on employees. States not requiring income tax withhold- ing: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Tennessee has an income tax but does not require employee withholding. There are significant differ- ences from state to state in tax rates, taxability rules and withholding procedures.	
State Unemployment Insurance Tax (SUI)	Employers in all states; employee also in: —Alaska —New Jersey —Pennsylvania	Employer's SUI rate is recalcu- lated at least annually, and is based on the firm's unemploy- ment experience. Each state has a minimum and maximum rate. In 2005, the lowest rate was 0.0% and the highest rate was 10.96%. Each state defines for its employers the wages subject to SUI, with 2007 taxable wage limits varying from \$7,000 to \$35,300.	
State Disability Insurance (SDI)	Employers subject in Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico. Employees subject in California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island	Contribution amounts are determined by the state's maximum withholding amount and/or taxable wage limit and rate.	

In addition, certain municipalities, school districts and other local governmental units may impose their own income or occupational taxes on persons who work and/or reside within their jurisdiction. For example, New York City has a resident personal income tax.

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