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Historical Corporate Top Tax Rate and Bracket: 1909-2010

Year	Top Tax Rate	Top Tax Bracket	Year	Top Tax Rate	Top Tax Bracket	Year	Top Tax Rate	Top Tax Bracket
1909	1%		1943	40%	50,000	1977	48%	50,000
1910	1%		1944	40%	50,000	1978	48%	50,000
1911	1%		1945	40%	50,000	1979	46%	100,000
1912	1%		1946	38%	50,000	1980	46%	100,000
1913	1%		1947	38%	50,000	1981	46%	100,000
1914	1%		1948	38%	50,000	1982	46%	100,000
1915	1%		1949	38%	50,000	1983	46%	100,000
1916	2%		1950	42%	25,000	1984	46%	1,405,000
1917	6%		1951	51%	25,000	1985	46%	1,405,000
1918	12%		1952	52%	25,000	1986	46%	1,405,000
1919	10%		1953	52%	25,000	1987	40%	1,405,000
1920	10%		1954	52%	25,000	1988	34%	335,000
1921	10%		1955	52%	25,000	1989	34%	335,000
1922	12.50%		1956	52%	25,000	1990	34%	335,000
1923	12.50%		1957	52%	25,000	1991	34%	335,000
1924	12.50%		1958	52%	25,000	1992	34%	335,000
1925	13%		1959	52%	25,000	1993	35%	18,333,333
1926	13.50%		1960	52%	25,000	1994	35%	18,333,333
1927	13.50%		1961	52%	25,000	1995	35%	18,333,333
1928	12%		1962	52%	25,000	1996	35%	18,333,333
1929	11%		1963	52%	25,000	1997	35%	18,333,333
1930	12%		1964	50%	25,000	1998	35%	18,333,333
1931	12%		1965	48%	25,000	1999	35%	18,333,333
1932	13.75%		1966	48%	25,000	2000	35%	18,333,333
1933	13.75%		1967	48%	25,000	2001	35%	18,333,333
1934	13.75%		1968	52.8%	25,000	2002	35%	18,333,333
1935	13.75%		1969	52.8%	25,000	2003	35%	18,333,333
1936	15%	40,000	1970	49.2%	25,000	2004	35%	18,333,333
1937	15%	40,000	1971	48%	25,000	2005	35%	18,333,333
1938	19%	25,000	1972	48%	25,000	2006	35%	18,333,333
1939	19%	25,000	1973	48%	25,000	2007	35%	18,333,333
1940	24%	38,566	1974	48%	25,000	2008	35%	18,333,333
1941	31%	38,462	1975	48%	50,000	2009	35%	18,333,333
1942	40%	50,000	1976	48%	50,000	2010	35%	18,333,333

Notes: Data refer to the top marginal tax rate on corporations. Unless otherwise mentioned, this is the tax rate applicable at the federal level on domestic companies. Different rates apply on non-resident/ foreign-owned companies. Provincial and local governments may levy additional taxes. In addition, the effective corporate tax rate may be higher due to the imposition of corporate level taxes on dividend or other distributions.

Exemptions, 1896-1935: 1896-1912: \$5,000 exemption; 1913-1917: no exemption; 1918-1927: \$2,000 exemption; 1928-1931: \$3,000 exemption; 1932-1935: no exemption.

Bracket notes, 1936-1939: 1936-1937: The normal tax rate applicable on the first \$2000 was 8%. The surtax on undistributed profits ranged from 7% to 27%; 1938-1939: The tax rate applicable on the first \$25,000 was between 12.5% and 16%.

Other brackets and corresponding rates, 1940-1999: tax brackets and the corresponding tax rates were: 1940: First \$25,000: 14.85% to 18.7%, \$25,000 - \$31,964.30: 38.3%, \$31,964.30 - \$38,565.89: 36.9%; 1941: First \$25,000: 21% to 25%, \$25,000 - \$38,461.54: 44%; 1942-1945: First \$25,000: 25% to 29%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 53%; 1946-1949: First \$25,000: 21% to 25%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 53%.

Tax on first \$25,000, 1950-1978; 1950: 23%; 1951: 28.75%; 1952-1963: 30%; 1954-1967: 22%; 1968-1969: 24.2%; 1970: 22.55%; 1971-1974: 22%; 1975-1978: 20% (next \$25,000 was 22%).

Other tax brackets and the corresponding tax rates, 1979-2009: 1979-1981: First \$25,000: 17%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 20%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 30%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 40%; 1982: First \$25,000: 16%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 19%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 30%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 40%; 1983: First \$25,000: 15%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 18%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 30%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 40%; 1984-1986: First \$25,000: 15%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 18%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 30%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 40%, \$100,000 - \$1,000,000: 46%, \$1,000,000 - \$1,405,000: 51%; 1987: First \$25,000: 15%, \$25,000 - \$50,000: 16.5%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 27.5%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 37%, \$100,000 - \$335,000: 42.5%, \$335,000 - \$1,000,000: 40%, \$1,000,000 - \$1,405,000: 42.5%; 1988-1992: First \$50,000: 15%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 25%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 34%, \$100,000 - \$335,000: 39%.

The rate structure was designed so that a corporation with \$335,000 or more in taxable income faced an effective tax rate of 34 percent on the entire amount of its taxable income; 1993-2009: First \$50,000: 15%, \$50,000 - \$75,000: 25%, \$75,000 - \$100,000: 34%, \$100,000 - \$335,000: 39%, \$335,000 - \$10,000,000: 34%, \$10,000,000 - \$15,000,000: 35%, \$15,000,000 - \$18,333,333: 38%. The rate structure was designed so that a corporation with \$18,333,333 or more in taxable income faced an effective tax rate of 35% on the entire amount of its taxable income.

Sources: 1909-2001: World Tax Database, Office of Tax Policy Research. Downloaded from <http://www.wtdb.org/index.html> on October 17, 2002.
2002-2010: Internal Revenue Service, Instructions for Form 1120.