

**OBJECTIVE 2** Find the federal withholding tax using the wage bracket method. The Internal Revenue Service supplies many different withholding tax tables to be used with the wage bracket method. We show only a portion of a few of the tables here.

## WAGE BRACKET METHOD

### SINGLE Persons—WEEKLY Payroll Period (For Wages Paid through December 31, 2016)

And the wages are —		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is —										
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The amount of income tax to be withheld is —												
350	360	38	26	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
360	370	39	28	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
370	380	41	29	18	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
380	390	42	31	19	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
390	400	44	32	20	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	410	45	34	22	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
410	420	47	35	23	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
420	430	48	37	25	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
430	440	50	38	26	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
440	450	51	40	28	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
450	460	53	41	29	18	10	2	0	0	0	0	0
460	470	54	43	31	19	11	3	0	0	0	0	0
470	480	56	44	32	21	12	4	0	0	0	0	0
480	490	57	46	34	22	13	5	0	0	0	0	0
490	500	59	47	35	24	14	6	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

### MARRIED Persons—WEEKLY Payroll Period (For Wages Paid through December 31, 2016)

And the wages are —		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is —										
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The amount of income tax to be withheld is —												
500	510	34	26	18	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
510	520	35	27	19	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
520	530	36	28	20	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
530	540	38	29	21	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
540	550	39	30	22	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
550	560	41	31	23	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
560	570	42	32	24	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
570	580	44	33	25	18	10	2	0	0	0	0	0
580	590	45	34	26	19	11	3	0	0	0	0	0
590	600	47	35	27	20	12	4	0	0	0	0	0
600	610	48	37	28	21	13	5	0	0	0	0	0
610	620	50	38	29	22	14	6	0	0	0	0	0
620	630	51	40	30	23	15	7	0	0	0	0	0
630	640	53	41	31	24	16	8	0	0	0	0	0
640	650	54	43	32	25	17	9	1	0	0	0	0

Source: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

**SINGLE Persons—MONTHLY Payroll Period**  
(For Wages Paid through December 31, 2016)

And the wages are —		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is —										
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The amount of income tax to be withheld is —												
1,600	1,640	176	126	76	42	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,640	1,680	182	132	81	46	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,680	1,720	188	138	87	50	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,720	1,760	194	144	93	54	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,760	1,800	200	150	99	58	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,800	1,840	206	156	105	62	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,840	1,880	212	162	111	66	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,880	1,920	218	168	117	70	36	3	0	0	0	0	0
1,920	1,960	224	174	123	74	40	7	0	0	0	0	0
1,960	2,000	230	180	129	78	44	11	0	0	0	0	0
2,000	2,040	236	186	135	84	48	15	0	0	0	0	0
2,040	2,080	242	192	141	90	52	19	0	0	0	0	0
2,080	2,120	248	198	147	96	56	23	0	0	0	0	0
2,120	2,160	254	204	153	102	60	27	0	0	0	0	0
2,160	2,200	260	210	159	108	64	31	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

**MARRIED Persons—MONTHLY Payroll Period**  
(For Wages Paid through December 31, 2016)

And the wages are —		And the number of withholding allowances claimed is —										
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The amount of income tax to be withheld is —												
2,200	2,240	151	117	83	50	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,240	2,280	155	121	87	54	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,280	2,320	161	125	91	58	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,320	2,360	167	129	95	62	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,360	2,400	173	133	99	66	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,400	2,440	179	137	103	70	36	2	0	0	0	0	0
2,440	2,480	185	141	107	74	40	6	0	0	0	0	0
2,480	2,520	191	145	111	78	44	10	0	0	0	0	0
2,520	2,560	197	149	115	82	48	14	0	0	0	0	0
2,560	2,600	203	153	119	86	52	18	0	0	0	0	0
2,600	2,640	209	158	123	90	56	22	0	0	0	0	0
2,640	2,680	215	164	127	94	60	26	0	0	0	0	0
2,680	2,720	221	170	131	98	64	30	0	0	0	0	0
2,720	2,760	227	176	135	102	68	34	0	0	0	0	0
2,760	2,800	233	182	139	106	72	38	4	0	0	0	0

Source: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

**Finding Federal Withholding Using the Wage Bracket Method**

**EXAMPLE 1 //** Benito Flores works for Apple. He is single and claims no withholding allowances since he prefers to get money back from the government when filing his income tax return. This choice will increase the amount withheld from his paycheck every week. Use the wage bracket method to find his withholding tax for a 25-hour workweek in which his gross earnings were \$368.

**Quick TIP //**

It is important to use the correct table when finding the amount to withhold.

**SOLUTION //**

Use the table for single person, weekly payroll. The earnings of \$368 are found in the row of “at least 360 but less than 370.” Look in that row and the column for 0 withholding allowances to find \$39, which is the amount that should be withheld.

**QUICK CHECK 1 //**

Rachel Leach is single and claims two withholding allowances. Use the wage bracket method to find her withholding tax if her weekly gross earnings are \$358.

**Using the Wage Bracket Method for Federal Withholding**

**EXAMPLE 2 //** Pat Rowell is married, claims three withholding allowances, and has monthly gross earnings of \$2780.50. Find her withholding tax using the wage bracket method.

**SOLUTION //**

Use the table for married persons—monthly payroll period. Look down the two left columns, and find the range that includes Rowell’s gross earnings: “at least 2,760 but less than 2,800.” Read across the table to the column headed “3” (for the three withholding allowances). The withholding tax is \$106. Had Rowell claimed five withholding allowances, her withholding tax would have been only \$38.