## **2021 PAYROLL TAXES**

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Jurisdiction	Acronym	Tax	Rate	Wage Base
		EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING	G	
Federal	FIT	Federal Income Tax	22.00% [1]	None
	FICA [2]	Social Security	6.20%	1 <sup>st</sup> \$142,800 [3]
		Medicare	1.45% [13]	None
CA	SIT/PIT	State Income Tax	6.60% [4]	None
	SDI	State Disability Insurance	1.20% [5]	1 <sup>st</sup> \$128,298 [6]
		EMPLOYER OBLIGATION		
Federal	FUTA <sub>[7]</sub>	Unemployment Tax	0.60% [8]	1 <sup>st</sup> \$7,000 [12]
	FICA [2]	Social Security	6.20%	1 <sup>st</sup> \$142,800
		Medicare	1.45%	None
CA	SUTA/SUI [7]	State Unemployment Insurance	3.40% [9]	1 <sup>st</sup> \$7,000 [10]
	ETT	Employment Training Tax	0.10%	1 <sup>st</sup> \$7,000 [11]

<sup>[1]</sup> As modified by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for tax years 2018-2025 under IRC § 1(j)(2)(F). Supplemental rate (used for illustration purposes only). The rate is 37.0% for wages exceeding \$1M (highest rate in effect for year).

- [2] Federal Insurance Contribution Act taxes include: Social Security (i.e., Old Age, Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI)); and Medicare (i.e., Hospital Insurance (HI)).
- [3] \$8,853.60 maximum tax.
- [4] Supplemental rate used for illustration purposes only (effective for wages paid on or after 11/1/09).
- [5] Includes .08% for Paid Family Leave (PFL). Rate increase from 1.0 to 1.2% eff. 1/1/21.
- [6] \$1,539.58 maximum tax.
- [7] FUTA and SUTA are complimentary. A maximum credit of 5.4% may offset FUTA for employers that make timely SUTA contributions.
- [8] Rate provided for illustration purposes only and may be subject to revision in the future. CA repaid its outstanding Title XII advance before 11/10/2018; therefore, the credit reduction for 2018 was 0.0% (FUTA credit 5.4%; net rate 0.6%). This rate has and will remain the same unless CA re-enters credit reduction status (requiring an outstanding loan balance on January 1 for 2 consecutive years). Eff. 2012, EDD holds defendant-employers responsible for SUTA, not QSFs; QSFs may not be eligible for a FUTA credit resulting in a 6.0% FUTA rate.
- [9] New employer rate used for illustration purposes only. An EDD policy shift in 2012 requires QSFs to use experience ratings assigned to defendant-employers. Rates range from 1.5-6.2%.
- [10] \$238.00 maximum tax.
- [11] \$7.00 maximum tax.
- [12] \$42.00 maximum tax (but see fn. 8).
- [13] For wages paid on or after 1/1/13, additional Medicare tax at 0.9% must be withheld from wages in excess of \$200,000 for a combined withholding rate of 2.35% (this withholding threshhold applies regardless of filing status even though the threshhold for the tax itself varies by filing status). The additional Medicare tax is only withheld from the employee; there is no employer share.