

Retirement Plan Limits for the Tax Year 2016

On October 21, 2015, the IRS announced cost of living adjustments affecting dollar limitations for pension plans and other retirement-related items for tax year 2016. Here are the highlights:

Chart of Select Limits

| 401k Plan Limits for Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 401k Elective Deferrals | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$17,500 | \$17,500 | \$17,000 | \$16,500 | \$16,500 |
| Annual Defined Contribution Limit | \$53,000 | \$53,000 | \$52,000 | \$51,000 | \$50,000 | \$49,000 | \$49,000 |
| Annual Compensation Limit | \$265,000 | \$265,000 | \$260,000 | \$255,000 | \$250,000 | \$245,000 | \$245,000 |
| Catch-Up Contribution Limit | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$5,500 | \$5,500 | \$5,500 | \$5,500 | \$5,500 |
| Highly Compensated Employees | \$120,000 | \$120,000 | \$115,000 | \$115,000 | \$115,000 | \$110,000 | \$110,000 |
| Non-401k Related Limits | | | | | | | |
| 403(b)/457 Elective Deferrals | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$17,500 | \$17,500 | \$17,000 | \$16,500 | \$16,500 |
| SIMPLE Employee Deferrals | \$12,500 | \$12,500 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$11,500 | \$11,500 | \$11,500 |
| SIMPLE Catch-Up Deferral | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| SEP Minimum Compensation | \$600 | \$600 | \$550 | \$550 | \$550 | \$550 | \$550 |
| SEP Annual Compensation Limit | \$265,000 | \$265,000 | \$260,000 | \$255,000 | \$250,000 | \$245,000 | \$245,000 |
| Social Security Wage Base | \$118,500 | \$118,500 | \$117,000 | \$113,700 | \$110,100 | \$106,800 | \$106,800 |