

Eight Sources of Tax Free Retirement

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Woke or Awake?



National debt surpasses \$31 trillion | Fox News

https://www.foxnews.com/us/national_debt-surpasses-31-trillion

3 hours ago: The U.S. **national debt** has passed \$31 **trillion** for the first time in history. Treasury Department data released Tuesday showed that the total **national debt** was \$31.123 **trillion** as ...

U.S. National Debt Exceeds \$30 Trillion or First Time - WSJ
https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-national debt exceeds-30-trillion-for-first-time... ▼
Feb 02, 2022 · Total public debt outstanding was \$30.01 trillion as of Jan. 31, according to
Treasury Department data released Tuesday. That was a nearly \$7 trillion increase from late ...

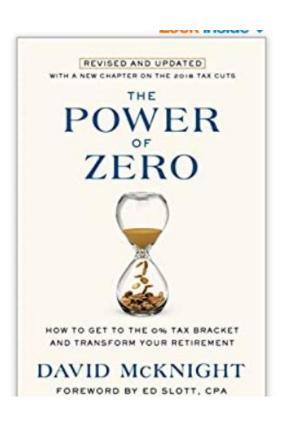
Eight Sources of Tax Free Cash Flows for Retirement

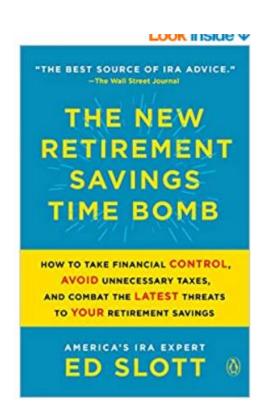
Source	Note	Tax or tax free
Social Security Benefits	Delay till age 70 (28% bonus)	Tax free if provisional income below threshold
Roth IRA /401(K) / 403(b)	No RMD. Exposed to S&P 500. Ten year stretch after death	Tax free
Health Savings Account	Three rounds of tax free benefits	Tax free
Roth Annuity	Guaranteed life-time income. Out-live life insurance companies	Tax free
Loans from whole life insurance policies	Decoupled from stock market	Tax free
Loans from index universal life insurance	Zero is hero. Exposed to stock index	Tax free
Securities backed line of credit	Exposed to stock market	Tax free
Prime residence line of credit	Exposed to real estate market. Stay below estate tax exemption	Tax free

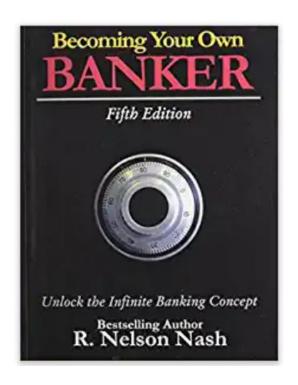
Note: traditional 401(K) / IRA should be below \$760,000 for couple, and dwindle each year

Three books about tax free retirement

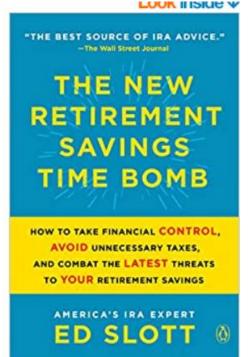






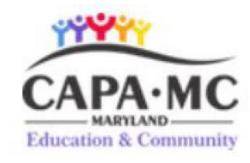


Ed Slott, CPA, the National IRA expert





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVw4KhJm
Time 27 and 45



- 1. Uncle Sam is not your uncle!
- 2. Zero is hero
- 3. Change from forever tax to NEVER tax
- 4. Always do Roth conversion at low tax bracket
- 5. Paying no tax is always better than paying tax
- 6. The compounding interest works for you if you understand it; and works against you if you don't
- 7. Traditional 401(K) is a ticking time bomb
- 8. Pay tax now!
- 9. Cash value life insurance is the single most tax efficient retirement vehicle in IRS tax code
- 10. Guaranteed tax-free income gives you a peaceful mind Smart1040.us. Help@smart1040.us. All rights reserved

Federal Income Tax Rate (1920-2020)



Top Federal Tax Rates

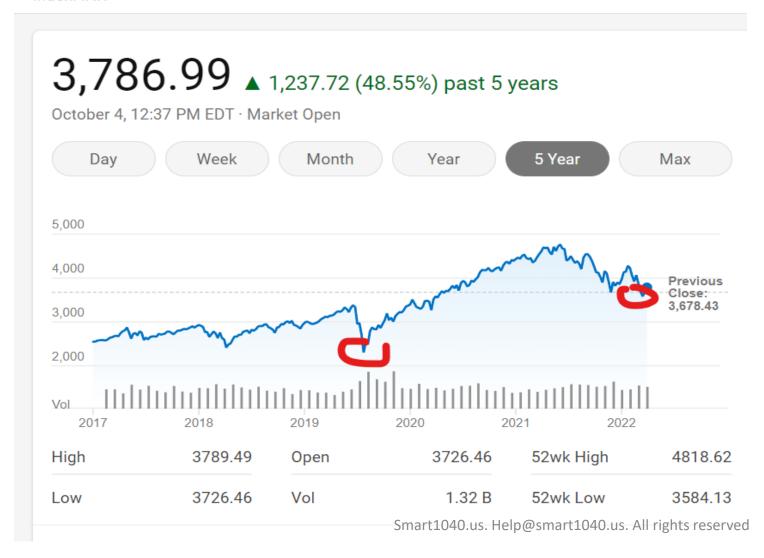


What is the best time for Roth conversion?

S&P 500 Index

Index: INX





U.S. National Debt Bomb (1997-2022)



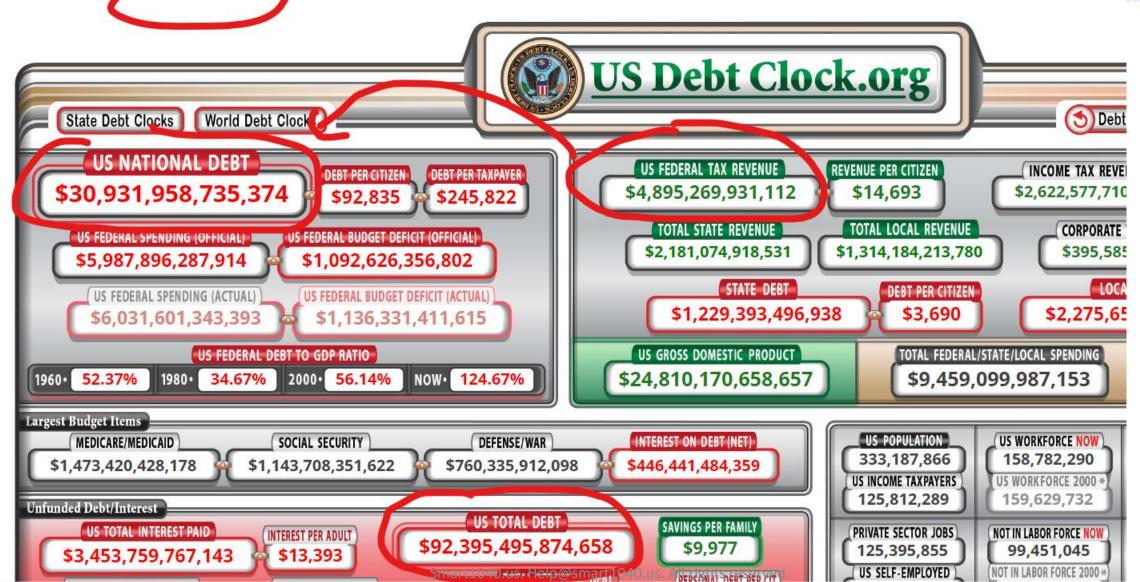
1997	\$5,413	63%	
1998	\$5,526	60%	LTCM crisis and recession
1999	\$5,656	58%	Glass-Steagall repealed
2000	\$5,674	55%	Budget surplus
2001	\$5,807	55%	9/11 attacks and EGTRRA
2002	\$6,228	57%	War on Terror
2003	\$6,783	59%	JGTRRA and Iraq War
2004	\$7,379	60%	Iraq War
2005	\$7,933	61%	Bankruptcy Act and Hurricane Katrina.

isis and recession	2011	\$14,790	95%	Debt crisis, recession and tax cuts reduced revenue
teagall repealed	2012	\$16,066	99%	Fiscal cliff
surplus	2013	\$16,738	99%	Sequester, government shutdown
acks and EGTRRA	2014	\$17,824	101%	QE ended, debt ceiling crisis
error	2015	\$18,151	100%	Oil prices fell
and Iraq War	2016	\$19,573	105%	Brexit
aliu iiaų wai	2017	\$20,245	104%	Congress raised the debt ceiling
otcy Act and	2018	\$21,516	105%	Trump tax cuts
ne Katrina.	2019	\$22,719	107%	Trade wars
	2020	\$27,748	129%	COVID-19 and 2020 recession
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U.S. National Debt Bomb (10/3/2022)

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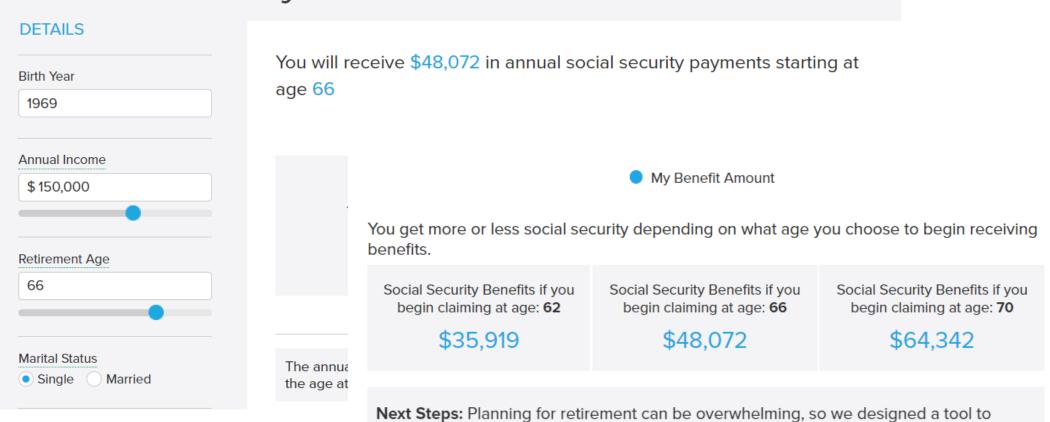
Ten Rules of Tax Free Retirement

Number	Principle
1	US tax law is written with pencils
2	If you set it and forget it, you will ultimately regret it
3	Multiple sources of retirement income are weather proof
4	It is a misnomer to retire or die debt free
5	If you have a rock solid fixed income streams (such as whole life insurance policy loan, social security distribution, gov pension or Roth IRA annuity) then other investment can be aggressive and progressive
6	It is critical to manage and rebalance your retirement account post retirement age
7	Life cycle 401(k)/IRA investment may not be a wise choice - an unconventional wisdom
8	If this is too good to be true, then it is NOT true
9	Avoid stubbornness, close mindset or anchoring syndrome in your senior age
10	Do not idolize our IRA or 401(K) balance
Bonus	Read Bible everyday: Death is an inevitable life event. See through the death in a biblical way



Social Security Benefit

Social Security Calculator



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Social Security Benefit Tax



Single	Married, Filing Jointly	% of Benefits are Taxable
\$0 - \$25K	\$0 - \$32K	0%
Above \$25K	Above \$32K	50%
Above \$34K	Above \$44K	85%

37 states will tax you at state level on SS benefits

Timing strategy for hi-low income couple

Social Security Benefit Tax



What is in Provisional Income	What is out
Wage (W-2)	Withdrawal from Roth IRA/401K/403b/annuity
Required Min Distribution from Traditional IRA/401k	Loan from WL/IUL insurance policies
Roth conversion \$	Health Savings Account distribution
1099 (Div, int, cap gain)	Loan from home equity
Municipal interest income	Loan from securities backed line of credit
Rental income	



Filing Jointly with Traditional IRA Income Annual Income: - Interest income \$1,000 - Dividend income \$10,000 - Tax-free bond interest income \$4,000 - IRA income \$30,000 - Social Security benefits* \$30,000* - Total income \$75,000



Social security benefits (50%)

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Social Security Benefit Tax

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	Worksheet A. A Quick Way To Check if Your Benefits May Be Taxable
	Note. If you plan to file a joint income tax return, include your spouse's amounts, if any, on lines.
	A. Enter the total amount from box 5 of ALL your Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099 . Include the full amount of any lump-sum benefit payments received in 2021, for 2021 and earlier years. (If you received more than one form, combine the amounts from box 5 and enter the total.) A.
	Note. If the amount on line A is zero or less, stop here; none of your benefits are taxable this year.
	B. Multiply line A by 50% (0.50)
	C. Enter your total income that is taxable (excluding line A), such as pensions, wages, interest, ordinary dividends, and capital agin distributions. Don't reduce your income by any deductions, exclusions (listed earlier), or exemptions
	D. Enter any tax-exempt interest income, such as interest on municipal bonds
	E. Add lines B, C, and D E.
	Note. Compare the amount on line E to your base amount for your filing status. If the amount on line E equals or is less than the base amount for your filing status, none of your benefits are taxable this year. If the amount on line E is more than your base amount, some of your benefits may be taxable. You need to complete Worksheet 1. If none of your benefits are taxable, but you otherwise must file a tax return, see Benefits not taxable, later, under How To Report Your Benefits.



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Evample You and your enouse (both over 65) are filling a joint return for 2021 and you both received enoist security

Biden Tax Return 2021



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U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	п 3 2021 ом	B No. 1545-0074 BS Use C	Only - Do not write or staple in this space.
Filing Status Single X Married filing jointly Marrie	d filing separately (MFS) Head of	household (HOH) Qu	alifying widow(er) (QW)
Check only If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of you			
one box. a child but not your dependent	a speaker if you allowed the front of o	in bony onto the onite on	and it are quarrying person is
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	t name		Spouse's social security number
	DEN		
Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box		Apt. no.	Presidential Election Campaign
			Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to
City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also	complete spaces below.	State ZIP code	go to this fund. Checking a box
			below will not change your tax or refund.
Foreign country name	Foreign province/state/county	Foreign postal code	You X Spouse
At any time during 2021, did you receive, sell, exchange, or o	therwise dispose of any financial i	nterest in any virtual cu	rrency? Yes X No
Standard Someone can claim: You as a dependent	I VIII		
Deduction Spouse itemizes on a separate return or y	ou were a dual-status alien		
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Age/Blindness You: X Were born before January 2, 1957	Are blind Spouse: X Was bor	n before January 2, 1957	Is blind
Dependents (see instructions):	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) √ if qualifies for (see instructions):
If more than four (1) First name Last name			Child tax credit Gredit for other dependents
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Social Security Benefit Tax Biden Tax Return 2021



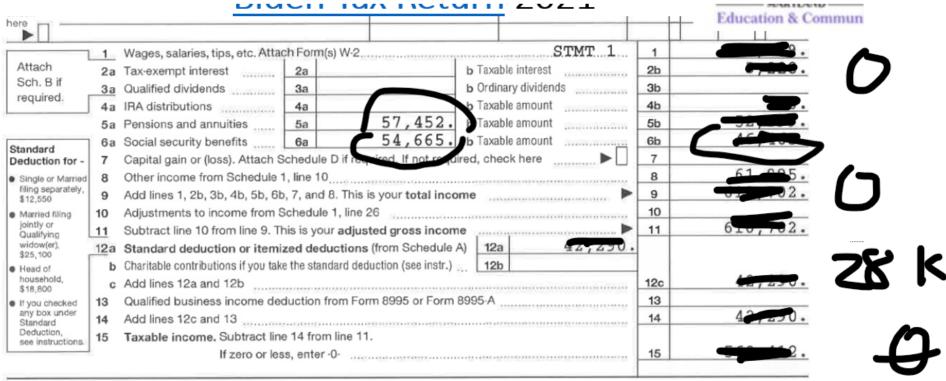
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1	1	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) V	V-2	STMT 1	1	445,449.
Attach	2a	Tax-exempt interest 2a	b	Taxable interest	2b	3,228.
Sch. B if	3a	Qualified dividends	b	Ordinary dividends	3b	
required.	- 11	IRA distributions 4a	b	Taxable amount	4b	966.
		Pensions and annuities5a	57,452.	Taxable amount	5b	52,599.
Otendend		Social security benefits 6a	64,665. b		6b	46,465
Standard Deduction for -	7	Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule Di	free ired. If not required	check here	7	
Single or Married	8	Other income from Schedule 1, line 10			8	61,995.
filing separately, \$12,550	9	Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. 1			9	610,702.
Married filing	10	Adjustments to income from Schedule 1,	line 26		10	2 2 2 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
jointly or Qualifying	11	Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your a			11	610,702.
widow(er), \$25,100	12a	Standard deduction or itemized deduct	ions (from Schedule A)	12a 42,290.		
Head of	b	Charitable contributions if you take the standard	d deduction (see instr.)	12b		
household, \$18,800	С	Add lines 12a and 12b			12c	42,290.
If you checked	13	Qualified business income deduction from	Form 8995 or Form 899	5-A	13	- 17 - F.
any box under Standard	14	Add lines 12c and 13			14	42,290.
Deduction, see instructions.	15	Taxable income. Subtract line 14 from lin If zero or less, enter -0-	e 11.		15	568,412.

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Form 1040 (2021)

Social Security Benefit Tax Trump Tax Return 2020??





Traditional IRA/401 RMD Table

IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) table



Age of retiree	Distribution period (in years)	Age of retiree	Distribution period (in years)
72	27.4	97	7.8
73	26.5	98	7.3
74	25.5	99	6.8
75	24.6	100	6.4
76	23.7	101	6.0
77	22.9	102	5.6
78	22.0	103	5.2
79	21.1	104	4.9
80	20.2	105	4.6
81	19.4	106	4.3
82	18.5	107	4.1
83	17.7	108	3.9
84	16.8	109	3.7
85	16.0	110	3.5
86	15.2	111	3.4
87	14.4	112	3.3
88	13.7	113	3.1
89	12.9	114	3.0
90	12.2	115	2.9
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How to Plan for Taxes in Retirement https://youtu.be/i1yX2ICBQYE



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\$27,800



Filing Status Age/Blind

Age/Blindness checked boxes Standard deduction

Single	1 2	\$14,250 \$15,950
Married, filing jointly	1 2 3 4	\$26,450 \$27,800 \$29,150 \$30,500
Qualifying widow(er)	1	\$26,450

		Taxable Income
Rate	Unmarried	Married
10%	0-\$9,700	0-\$19,400
12%	\$9,701-\$39,475	\$19,401-\$78,950
22%	\$39,476-\$84,200	\$78,951-\$168,400
24%	\$84,201-\$160,725	\$168,401-\$321,450
32%	\$160,726-\$204,100	\$321,451-\$408,200
35%	\$204,101-\$510,300	\$408,201-\$612,350
37%	\$510,301 +	\$612,554 AARP

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Policy Summary for: MIN NIE MALE AGE 51

Policy Number. 4659170

STATEMENT OF POLICY COST AND BENEFIT INFORMATION Paid-up at Age 95

Additional Policy Informati

Policy Number: 27 827 761

BASIC POLICY

State of Issue: VA

Cash Value Rate: 4%

Policy Reinstatement Rate: 6%

Attained Age 100 Loan Interest Rate: 4%

Note: On or after the Scheduled Paid-Up Date, the policy loan interest rate in the Policy Loan Interest Rate provision under the Loans section. In this i Service Office to find out the rate available to you before taking a policy loat than the maximum interest rate set forth in the Loans section.

	Policy Year	Annual Premium	Guaranteed Death Benefit	Guaranteed Cash Value End Of Year +	Annua Divider End of Ye
	1	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$191.72	\$0
	2	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$4,590.96	\$1,525
	3	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$8,412.98	\$1,556
	4	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$12,352.51	\$1,533
	5	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$16,405.42	\$1,564
	10	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$38,341.84	\$1,825
	15	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$59,317.60	\$2,394
	20	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$81,717.86	\$3,425
	@ AGE 75	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$100,809.41	\$3,939
Ì	@ AGE 80	\$6,000.02	\$206,150.00	\$124,302.27	\$4,588

⁺ Guaranteed cash values as shown on this policy summary are only available if all premiums are paid when due. The rate finterest underlying the computation of these guarantees is 4%.

Retire with Purpose, Passion and Peace



- 1. Use RMD to pay fund grandma 529
- 2. Use retirement money to gift to grandchildren to invest in UTMA account
- 3. Use money to buy cash value life insurance for children and grandchildren
- 4. Use HSA draw to pay long term care expenses
- 5. Donate money to your family foundation
- 6. Lead your grandchildren to travel and to donate
- 7. Build a family trust bank to provide purpose loan to your grandchildren (business, law school)
- 8. Write a book about your life and proceeds donate to family foundation
- 9. Set up a family trust to hold family members together and stronger
- 10. Make a charity trust to donate your assets after your life