Standard VS Itemized Deduction

In most cases, taxpayers will choose to take the higher deduction between standard and itemized deduction.

What are itemized deductions?

Itemized deduction is a personalized deduction based on yearly expenses.

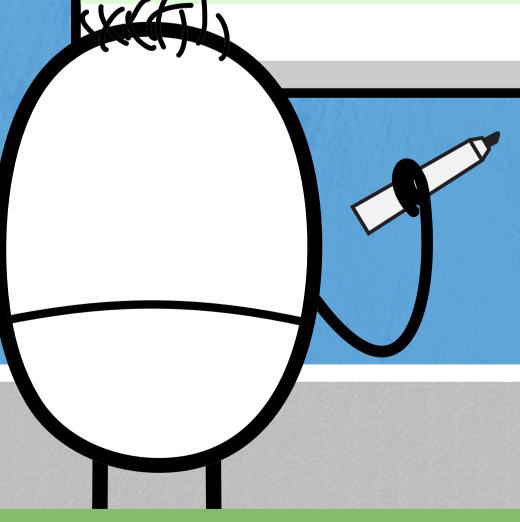
Itemized deductions can be broken into 6 brackets:

Medical and dental expenses	Amount over and above 7.5% of your adjusted gross income
Taxes you paid	State and local taxes paid or general sales tax, real estate taxes, and personal property taxes. Limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 if MFS)
Interest you paid	Interest on home mortgage, points paid on home mortgage, mortgage insurance premiums.
Gifts to charity	Cash or non-cash donations to qualified charities
Casualty and theft losses	Must be from a federally declared disaster
Other itemized deductions	Gambling Losses for example.

What is a standard deduction?

Standard deduction is an automatic deduction based on filing status.

Filing Status	2021 Standard Deduction	2022 Standard Deduction
Single/Married Filing Separately	12,550	12,950
Married Filing Jointly/Qualifying Widower	25,100	25,900
Head of Household	18,800	19,400
Additional Standard Deduction for those 65+ or blind	1,350	1,400
Additional Standard Deduction for those 65+ or blind (Unmarried and not qualifying widower)	1,700	1,750
Dependent	1,100 or total earned income plus 350	1,150 or total earned income plus 400



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