

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 13, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of $\approx 1,004$ —adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random sampling methods.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the ≈ 491 —national adults in Form C and the ≈ 513 —national adults in Form D, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

1. Next, we'd like to ask you about federal income taxes. Would you favor or oppose eliminating each of the following tax deductions as part of a plan to lower the overall federal income tax rate. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

BASED ON –491—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM C

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(sorted by "favor")

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
Eliminating the deduction on home mortgage interest	31	61	9
Eliminating the deduction for state and local taxes	30	62	8
Eliminating the deduction for contributions to charities	26	71	3

2. Next, we'd like to ask you about federal income taxes. Would you favor or oppose eliminating each of the following tax deductions as part of a plan to reduce the federal budget deficit. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

BASED ON –513—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM D

2011 Apr 13

(sorted by "favor")

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
Eliminating the deduction for state and local taxes	33	58	8
Eliminating the deduction on home mortgage interest	33	60	7
Eliminating the deduction for contributions to charities	29	68	4

3. Please tell me whether you, personally, claim each of the following deductions on your federal income tax return. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

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(sorted by "yes, claim")

	Yes, claim	No, do not claim	Do not pay taxes (vol.)	No opinion
The deduction for state and local taxes	58	32	4	6
The deduction for contributions to charities	51	44	3	2
The deduction on home mortgage interest	43	52	3	2