

Limits for 2026

The IRS has published the following limits for 2026 including increases in 401k, spending accounts and more!

Deadlines

Please see important Payroll and ACA deadlines to aid in a successful Year-End



Contribution Limits

Benefit Limit \$184,500 Social Security Wage Base Social Security Rate 6.2% 1.45% Medicare Rate Highly Compensated 200k Threshold - 2.35% Minimum Salary Exempt Employee \$684 /week Highly Compensated Employee (HCE) \$160,000 >\$150,000 Highly Paid Individual (Secure 2.0) Deferred Compensation Wage Limit \$360,000 401(k) / 403(B) / 457 / SARSEP \$24,500 Catch-up 401(k) / 403(B) / 457 SARSEP (50 or older) \$8,000 Catch-up (ages 60-63 in 2026) \$11,250 \$17,000 SIMPLE Retirement Plan 408(p) (2) (E) Catch-up SIMPLE (50 or older) \$4,000 \$5,250 Catch-up SIMPLE (ages 60-63 in 2026) IRA \$7.500 \$1,100 IRA Catch-Up (50 or older) HDHP - Individual \$4,400 Health Spending Account (HSA) HDHP - Family \$8,750 HSA Catch-up (55 or over) \$1,000 \$3,400 Flexible Spending Account Dependent Care FSA \$7,500, \$3,750 if married and filing separately \$340 Parking & Transportation (monthly) Adoption \$17,670 Qualified Small Employer Health (Single) \$6.450 Reimbursement Arrangement (QSERA) (Family) \$13,100 ACA - Federal Poverty Level (Affordability Percentage) 9.96%

(Max Monthly FPL) \$129.89

Year-End Deadlines

Deadline	Task
11/27/2025 - 11/28/2025	PNI & GCP closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*
12/05/2025	Review your payroll processing calendar for 2026 on the Client Landing Page. Contact support@pnihcm.com for any updates.
12/05/2025	Verify accuracy of company's legal name & tax ID numbers. Review your Payroll Summary Report.
12/05/2025	Last day to process bonus payrolls.
12/05/2025	Return signed OR complete Year-End Authorization Form (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QKHB8YV).
12/25/2025	PNI & GCP closed - Christmas Holiday*
Last 2025 payroll	Review employee addresses & SSN. All changes should be entered prior to submission. Look at the employee W-2 Preview Report. Reporting > Client Reports > Employee W-2 Report.
Last 2025 payroll	Send Third Party Sick Pay to Support at support@pnihcm.com or support@govconpay.com; You may reach out to Third Party Provider for needed reports in advance of 12/31.
Last 2025 payroll	Enter Adjustments to ensure W-2s are accurate - ALL ADJUSTMENTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED. Any adjustments past this date will have fees assessed.
12/29/2025	Final approval of W-2 Preview Report. Accessible in Year-End Reports.
12/29/2025	Final requests for W-2 adjustments.
12/29/2025	Request W-2 deferred printing (must be received in writing.)
12/29/2025	Last day for 2025 payroll processing.
01/1/2026	PNI & GCP closed - Happy New Year!*
01/16/2026	ACA - Approve ACA Forms
01/31/2026 03/31/2026	W-2s / 1099 forms must be provided to employees. PNI•HCM will electronically file 1094 / 1095 information to IRS

At PNI•HCM, we look forward to supporting your company through a successful year-end. Thank you for being a dedicated and valued client.

We appreciate you.





Don't forget, we have resources for you:

https://www.pnihcm.com/payroll-year-end-resources