

Dependent Care Credit vs. Dependent Care FSA - 2012

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2012 Tax Rates - Single, Head of Household			
1 Eligible Dependent - \$3,000 Day Care Expenses			
AGI			
Over	But not over	Diff.	Best Option
\$0	\$12,400	(\$521)	Credit
\$12,400	\$15,000	(\$371)	Credit
\$15,000	\$17,000	(\$341)	Credit
\$17,000	\$19,000	(\$311)	Credit
\$19,000	\$21,000	(\$281)	Credit
\$21,000	\$23,000	(\$251)	Credit
\$23,000	\$25,000	(\$221)	Credit
\$25,000	\$27,000	(\$191)	Credit
\$27,000	\$29,000	(\$161)	Credit
\$29,000	\$31,000	(\$131)	Credit
\$31,000	\$33,000	(\$101)	Credit
\$33,000	\$35,000	(\$71)	Credit
\$35,000	\$37,000	(\$41)	Credit
\$37,000	\$39,000	(\$11)	Credit
\$39,000	\$41,000	\$20	FSA
\$41,000	\$43,000	\$50	FSA
\$43,000	\$47,350	\$80	FSA
\$47,350	\$110,100	\$380	FSA
\$110,100	\$122,300	\$194	FSA
\$122,300	\$198,050	\$284	FSA

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2012 Tax Rates - Single, Head of Household			
1 Eligible Dependent - \$5,000 Day Care Expenses			
AGI			
Over	But not over	Diff.	Best Option
\$0	\$12,400	(\$168)	Credit
\$12,400	\$15,000	\$83	FSA
\$15,000	\$17,000	\$113	FSA
\$17,000	\$19,000	\$143	FSA
\$19,000	\$21,000	\$173	FSA

\$21,000	\$23,000	\$203	FSA
\$23,000	\$25,000	\$233	FSA
\$25,000	\$27,000	\$263	FSA
\$27,000	\$29,000	\$293	FSA
\$29,000	\$31,000	\$323	FSA
\$31,000	\$33,000	\$353	FSA
\$33,000	\$35,000	\$383	FSA
\$35,000	\$37,000	\$413	FSA
\$37,000	\$39,000	\$443	FSA
\$39,000	\$41,000	\$473	FSA
\$41,000	\$43,000	\$503	FSA
\$43,000	\$47,350	\$533	FSA
\$47,350	\$110,100	\$1,033	FSA
\$110,100	\$122,300	\$723	FSA
\$122,300	\$198,050	\$873	FSA

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2012 Tax Rates - Single, Head of Household			
2 Eligible Dependents - \$6,000 Day Care Expenses*			
AGI			
Over	But not over	Diff.	Best Option
\$0	\$12,400	(\$868)	Credit
\$12,400	\$15,000	(\$618)	Credit
\$15,000	\$17,000	(\$568)	Credit
\$17,000	\$19,000	(\$518)	Credit
\$19,000	\$21,000	(\$468)	Credit
\$21,000	\$23,000	(\$418)	Credit
\$23,000	\$25,000	(\$368)	Credit
\$25,000	\$27,000	(\$318)	Credit
\$27,000	\$29,000	(\$268)	Credit
\$29,000	\$31,000	(\$218)	Credit
\$31,000	\$33,000	(\$168)	Credit
\$33,000	\$35,000	(\$118)	Credit
\$35,000	\$37,000	(\$68)	Credit
\$37,000	\$39,000	(\$18)	Credit
\$39,000	\$41,000	\$33	FSA
\$41,000	\$43,000	\$83	FSA
\$43,000	\$47,350	\$133	FSA
\$47,350	\$110,100	\$633	FSA
\$110,100	\$122,300	\$323	FSA
\$122,300	\$198,050	\$473	FSA

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*FSA tax savings percentage applied to \$5,000.

2012 Tax Rates - Married, Filing Joint

1 Eligible Dependent - \$3,000 Day Care Expenses

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Over	But not over	Diff.	Best Option
\$0	\$15,000	(\$521)	Credit
\$15,000	\$17,000	(\$491)	Credit
\$17,000	\$17,400	(\$461)	Credit
\$17,400	\$19,000	(\$311)	Credit
\$19,000	\$21,000	(\$281)	Credit
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\$37,000	\$39,000	(\$11)	Credit
\$39,000	\$41,000	\$20	FSA
\$41,000	\$43,000	\$50	FSA
\$43,000	\$70,700	\$80	FSA
\$70,700	\$110,100	\$380	FSA
\$110,100	\$142,700	\$194	FSA
\$142,700	\$217,450	\$284	FSA

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2012 Tax Rates - Married, Filing Joint

1 Eligible Dependent - \$5,000 Day Care Expenses

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\$0	\$15,000	(\$168)	Credit
\$15,000	\$17,000	(\$138)	Credit
\$17,000	\$17,400	(\$108)	Credit
\$17,400	\$19,000	\$143	FSA
\$19,000	\$21,000	\$173	FSA
\$21,000	\$23,000	\$203	FSA
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*125 Tax Savings percentage applied to \$5,000.

Note: State and local tax savings were not taken into consideration. State and local taxes vary in percentages and dependent care credit availability.

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