



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
**FORMULA FOR COMPUTING SOUTH CAROLINA
2026 WITHHOLDING TAX**

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Employers must calculate taxable income for each employee. Then compute the amount of tax to be withheld using the Subtraction Method or the Addition Method.

I. Compute annualized salary

Multiply weekly salary by 52 weeks to calculate the annual gross wages.

II. Calculate taxable income

Deduct from gross wages:

- Personal Allowance
 - \$0 if zero allowances claimed **OR**
 - \$5,000 per personal allowance claimed

AND

- Standard Deduction
 - \$0 if zero allowances claimed **OR**
 - 10% of gross wages if claiming one or more allowances, up to \$7,500 total

Example for Standard Deduction

Annualize salary: \$750 per week, 3 allowances

\$ 750.00	per week
X 52	weeks
39,000.00	gross wages
- 15,000.00	personal allowances (3 allowances X \$5,000)
- 3,900.00	standard deduction (\$39,000 X 10%)
\$20,100.00	taxable income

III. Calculate the Withholding Tax

Use the Subtraction Method or the Addition Method to calculate the Withholding Tax based on the taxable income.

SUBTRACTION METHOD:**Example**

At least:	But less than:	Tax withheld:
\$0	\$3,640	0%
\$3,640	\$18,230	3%, then subtract \$109.20
\$18,230	and above	6%, then subtract \$656.10

Taxable income:	\$20,100.00
	<u>X 0.060</u>
	\$1,206.00
	<u>- \$656.10</u>
Total to be withheld:	\$549.90

ADDITION METHOD:**Example**

At least:	But less than:	Tax withheld:
\$0	\$3,640	0%
\$3,640	\$18,230	Subtract \$3,640, multiply by 3%
\$18,230	and above	Subtract \$18,230, multiply by 6.0%, then add \$437.70

Taxable income:	\$20,100.00
	<u>- \$18,230.00</u>
	\$1,870.00
	<u>X 0.060</u>
	\$112.20
	<u>+ \$437.7</u>
Total to be withheld:	\$549.90

IV. Calculate weekly withholding

Divide the Withholding Tax by 52 to calculate the amount to withhold from the employee each week.

Example: \$549.90 DIVIDED BY 52 WEEKS = \$10.58 STATE TAX PER WEEK

CONSTANTS FOR DETERMINING SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING PROGRAM:

		YEARLY	MONTHLY	SEMI-MONTHLY	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY
Amount per allowance	(A)	\$5,000	\$416.67	\$208.33	\$192.31	\$96.15
Maximum standard deduction - no allowances	(B)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maximum standard deduction - one or more allowances	(C)	\$7,500	\$625.00	\$312.50	\$288.46	\$144.23
Maximum tax - 1st bracket	(D)	\$437.70	\$36.48	\$18.24	\$16.83	\$8.42