

UNDERSTANDING YOUR W-2

a Employee's social security number					
b Employer identification number (EIN)	1 Wages, tips, other compensation	2 Federal income tax withheld			
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code	3 Social security wages	4 Social security tax withheld			
	5 Medicare wages and tips	6 Medicare tax withheld			
	7 Social security tips	8 Allocated tips			
d Control number	9	10 Dependent care benefits			
e Employee's first name and initial Last name Suff.	11 Nonqualified plans	12 See instructions for box 12			
	13 Statutory employee Retirement plan Third-party sick pay	12b			
	14 Other	12c			
		12d			
f Employee's address and ZIP code					
15 State Employer's state ID number	16 State wages, tips, etc.	17 State income tax	18 Local wages, tips, etc.	19 Local income tax	20 Locality name

Form **W-2** Wage and Tax Statement **2015** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

INCOME

- 1: Your Total taxable gross wages, tips, prizes and other compensation, as well as any taxable fringe benefits. Does not include elective deferrals, such as 401k plan contributions.
- 3: Total wages, not including tips, subject to social security tax.
- 5: Total wages subject to Medicare taxes.
- 7: Total tips reported.
- 16: Your total state taxable gross pay, if applicable. This may or may not be the same as box 1.
- 18: Your total locally taxable gross pay, if applicable.

TAXES

- 2: Reports the total amount of federal income taxes withheld from your wages during the year.
- 4: Shows the total of social security taxes withheld for the year.
- 6: Indicates the total amount of Medicare taxes withheld for the year.
- 11: Used to report amounts which have been distributed to you from your employer's non-qualified deferred compensation plan.
- 14: Used to report other information to you and may contain info on travel reimbursement, uniform payments, health insurance premiums deducted, etc.
- 17: Total state income tax withheld for the year, if applicable.
- 19: Total local income tax withheld, if applicable.

PERSONAL INFO

- a: Your Social Security number.
- e & f: Your legal name and mailing address.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 8: Tips allocated by an employer to an employee.
- 9: Nothing should be in this box. The reporting requirement for this box expired a few years ago and the box has yet to be removed from the form.
- 10: Dependent care benefits, such as day-care paid by an employer for their employee, is listed here.
- 12: Compensation with special tax qualifications such as adoption benefits, 401k contributions, etc.

EMPLOYER INFO

- b: Your employer's EIN.
- c: Your employer's legal address
- 15: Employer's state ID

IDENTIFICATION

- d: The control number. This is an internal number used by your employer; which will be blank if your employer doesn't use control numbers.
- 13: Boxes to identify if you are a statutory employee contributed to a qualifying retirement plan or if the W2 form is being filed by a sick-pay payer who is not your employer (rare)
- 20: Tax locality name, if applicable.