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These are the official dollar limitations for 2009 and prior years as they apply to various benefit plans.

Type of Limit	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
401(k) / 403(b) / 457(b) maximum elective deferral – 402(g)(1)(B)	\$ 16,500	\$15,500	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,000
401(k) / 403(b) / 457(b) catch-up contribution * - 414(v)(2)(B)(i)	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
SIMPLE Plan maximum elective deferral - 408(p)(2)(E)	11,500	10,500	10,500	10,000	10,000
SIMPLE Plan maximum catch-up - 414(v)(2)(B)(ii)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
Defined Benefit maximum annual benefit age 62 – 415(b)	195,000	185,000	180,000	175,000	170,000
Defined Contribution maximum annual addition – 415(c)	49,000	46,000	45,000	44,000	42,000
Highly compensated employee wage threshold - 414(q)(1)(B)(i)	110,000	105,000	100,000	100,000	95,000
Key employee wage threshold - 416(i)(1)(A)(i)	160,000	150,000	145,000	140,000	135,000
Compensation limit – qualified plans – 401(a)(17)	245,000	230,000	225,000	220,000	210,000
Compensation limit – certain government plans – 401(a)(17)	360,000	345,000	335,000	325,000	315,000
ESOP maximum amount subject to 5-yr payout - 409(o)(1)(C)(ii)	985,000	935,000	915,000	885,000	850,000
ESOP amount for lengthening the 5-yr payout - 409(o)(1)(C)(ii)	195,000	185,000	180,000	175,000	170,000
Compensation minimum – SEP – 408(k)(2)(C)	550	500	500	450	450
Taxable wage base for Social Security tax – OASDI	106,800	102,000	97,500	94,200	90,000

^{*} Special additional catch-up contributions may be available for 403(b) and 457(b) plans

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