

HOW TO READ A W-2

22222	<input type="checkbox"/> Void	a Employee's social security number	For Official Use Only ▶ OMB No. 1545-0008		
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	
d Control number		5 Medicare wages and tips		6 Medicare tax withheld	
e Employee's first name and initial		7 Social security tips		8 Allocated tips	
Last name		9 Advance EIC payment		10 Dependent care benefits	
Buff.		11 Nonqualified plans		12a See instructions for box 12	
f Employee's address and ZIP code		13 Statutory employee <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement plan <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/>		12b	
15 State		14 Other		12c	
Employer's state ID number				12d	
16 State wages, tips, etc.		17 State income tax		18 Local wages, tips, etc.	
19 Local income tax		20 Locality name			

The letters below correlate with the boxes lettered above.

- a. Your social security number. This is a 9-digit number: XXX-XX-XXXX.
- b. Your employer's tax identification number. The State of Maryland is: 52-6002033.
- c. The State of Maryland's address:
 - State of Maryland, PO Box 2396, Annapolis, MD 21404-2396.
- d. Control number is a 7-digit number: xxxxxxxx Ex: 0070634.
- e. Your first name and last name.
- f. Your address & zip code.

The numbers below correlate with the boxes numbered above. Not all boxes have to be filled-in.

1. The amount of money paid to you (earned) in 2009.
2. The amount of federal income taxes withheld in 2009.
3. The amount of money earned before deductions to calculate FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution Act) tax withholding. This number may be different than the number in Box 1.
4. The amount of Social Security tax withheld. This number may differ than the number in Box 2.
5. The amount of money earned before deductions to calculate FICA tax withholding. This number may differ than the number in Box 1.
6. The amount of Medicare tax withheld.
7. As a student employee, boxes 7-14 most likely will not have a number in them. If they do, put them on your tax return in the appropriate area which asks for the information.
15. State – abbreviation: MD & state ID number: 52-6002033.
16. The amount of wages earned in 2009 (matches what is in Box 1).
17. The amount of state income tax withheld (will be different from federal amount).
- 18-20. Local tax may or may not be taken out, depending on where you work and live.