

Spousal Support Trade-Off in 2014

This screen allows you to optimize the allocation between spousal support and child support for taxes.

You specify a minimum child support amount (which can be zero). You also specify the total combined payment (spousal support + child support).

We will show combined Net Income After Expenses and Taxes, and also combined tax, for ten allocations in the specified range.

The optimum allocation is that which maximizes combined total income -- and minimizes combined tax.

Notes:

1. This calculation looks at 2014, only.
2. This calculation will work only if the filing status in 2014 is not "joint."
3. This calculation assumes a full 12 months of both spousal support and child support.

Minimum Child Support:

Enter the minimum child support to use (blank to allow all spousal support) (monthly): 1,000

Total Combined Child Support +spousal support:

Enter total combined child support and spousal support to use (monthly): 12,500

Report:

To optimize, look in the "Combined" columns for the highest combined net income and lowest combined taxes.

Support	Alimony	Net Income After Exp & Tax			Total Taxes		
		Steve	Lori	Combined	Steve	Lori	Combined
12,500	0	81,248	(101,679)	(20,431)	299,246	433	299,679
11,225	1,275	87,489	(101,679)	(14,190)	293,005	433	293,438
9,950	2,550	93,729	(101,679)	(7,950)	286,765	433	287,198
8,675	3,825	99,970	(102,179)	(2,209)	280,524	933	281,457
7,400	5,100	106,210	(105,978)	232	274,284	4,732	279,016
6,100	6,400	112,573	(110,834)	1,739	267,921	9,588	277,509
4,825	7,675	118,814	(117,532)	1,282	261,680	16,286	277,966
3,550	8,950	125,054	(123,501)	1,553	255,440	22,255	277,695
2,275	10,225	131,295	(128,473)	2,822	249,199	27,227	276,426
1,000	11,500	137,536	(133,446)	4,090	242,958	32,200	275,158