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Appendix G Comparison of Aggregate Tax-Rate Variables

Year	Marginal Tax ^a Rate	Average Tax ^b Rate	Nelson Estimate of Marginal Tax Rate
1936	.276	.110	.150
1937	.307	.114	.150
1938	.216	.133	.190
1939	.246	.140	.190
1940	.462	.228	.415
1941	.626	.397	.678
1942	.722	.510	.677
1943	.717	.555	.717
1944	.888	.549	.710
1945	.894	.488	.664
1946	.382	.326	.380
1947	.367	.329	.380
1948	.377	.329	.380
1949	.376	.321	.380
1950	.607	.393	.602
1951	.755	.488	.673
1952	.715	.474	.645
1953	.726	.475	.640
1954	.508	.426	.520
1955	.508	.432	.520
1956	.507	.426	.520
1957	.507	.423	.520
1958	.496	.433	.520
1959	.504	.441	.520
1960	.499	.440	.520
1961	.495	.424	.520
1962	.484	.426	.520
1963	.496	.429	.520
1964	.481	.406	.500
1965	.464	.392	—
1966	.464	.393	—
1967	.463	.385	—
1968	.464	.417	—
1969	.463	.422	—
1970	.462	.398	—
1971	.464	.388	—
1972	.464	.380	—
1973	.466	.379	—
1974	.468	.386	—
1975	.457	.390	—
1976	.460	.396	—
1977	.459	.394	—
1978	.458	.393	—
1979	.435	.373	—
1980	.434	.354	—

Source: Col. (3), Nelson 1970, Appendix A, p. 97.

^aWhere R_i is the marginal tax rate for asset class i and NI_i is average net income for the class:

$$R = \frac{\sum R_i NI_i}{\sum NI_i}$$

^bNormal tax, surtax, and excess-profits taxes divided by net income.