Part Four: Forecasting Effective Tax Rates in Retirement: RMDs, Social Security, and Roth Withdrawals

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This is the fourth part of a four-part article on the Cash Flow and Tax Advisor Calculator. This tool can assist you in determining the effective tax rate for each year within your financial plan. It also includes a worksheet to differentiate between cash flow and tax liabilities. This section provides step-by-step instructions for entering income when the client has retired, receiving Social Security Benefits, and is withdrawing the RMDs from a Roth account.

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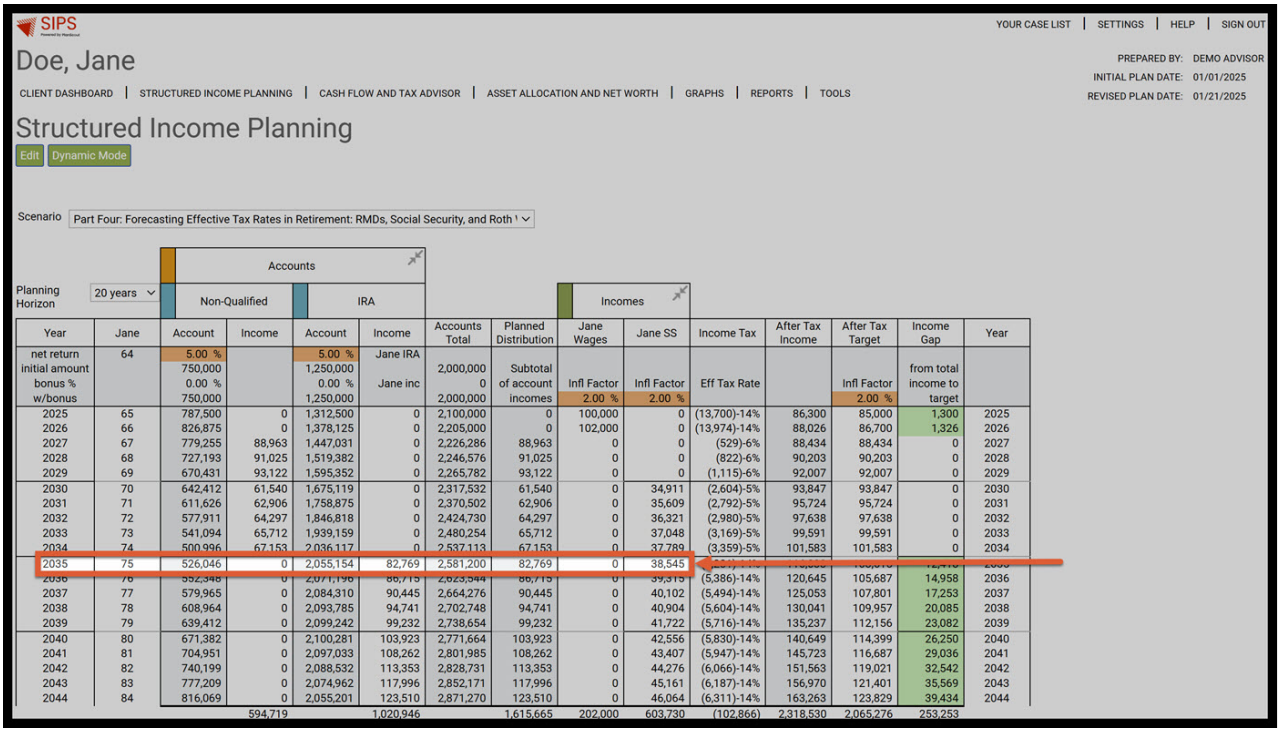
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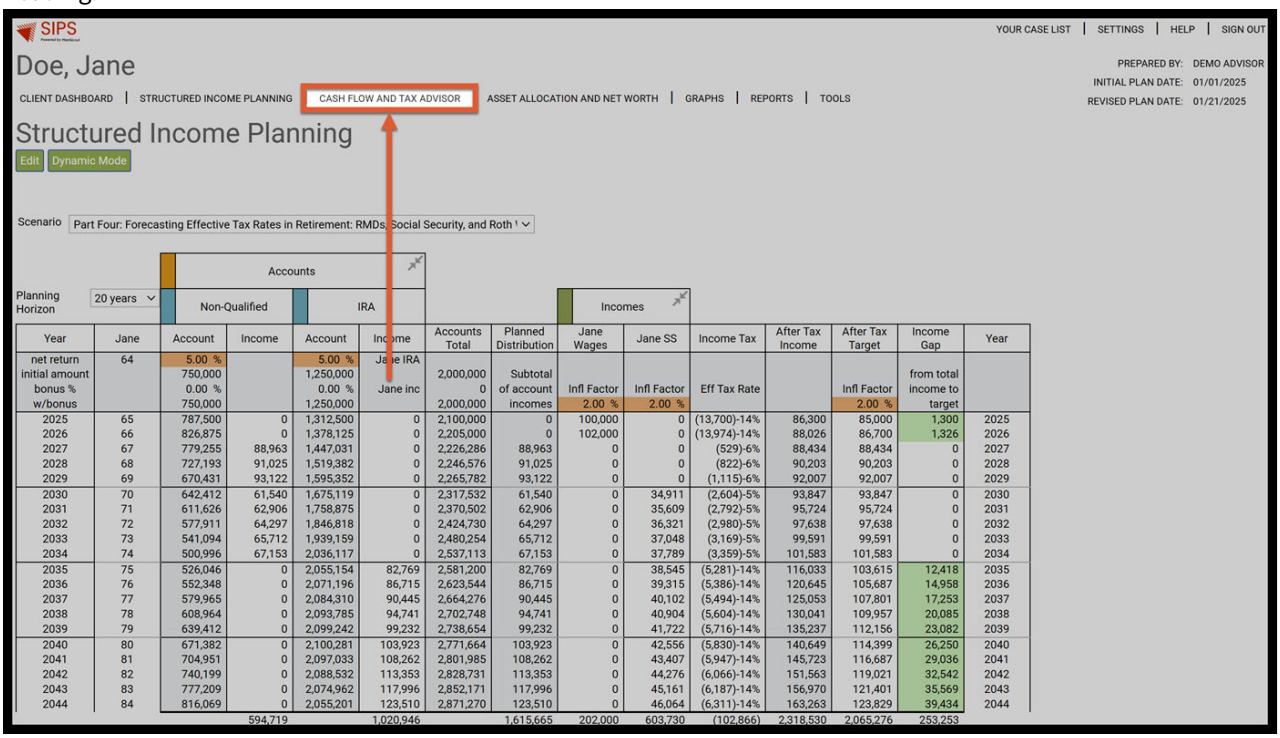
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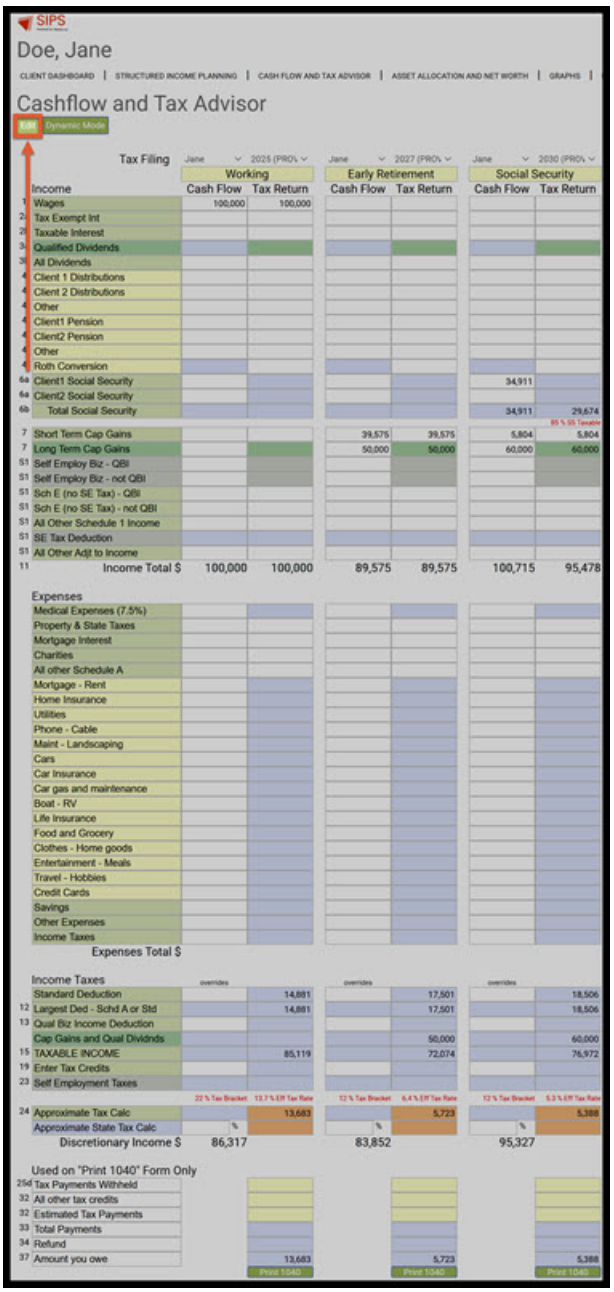
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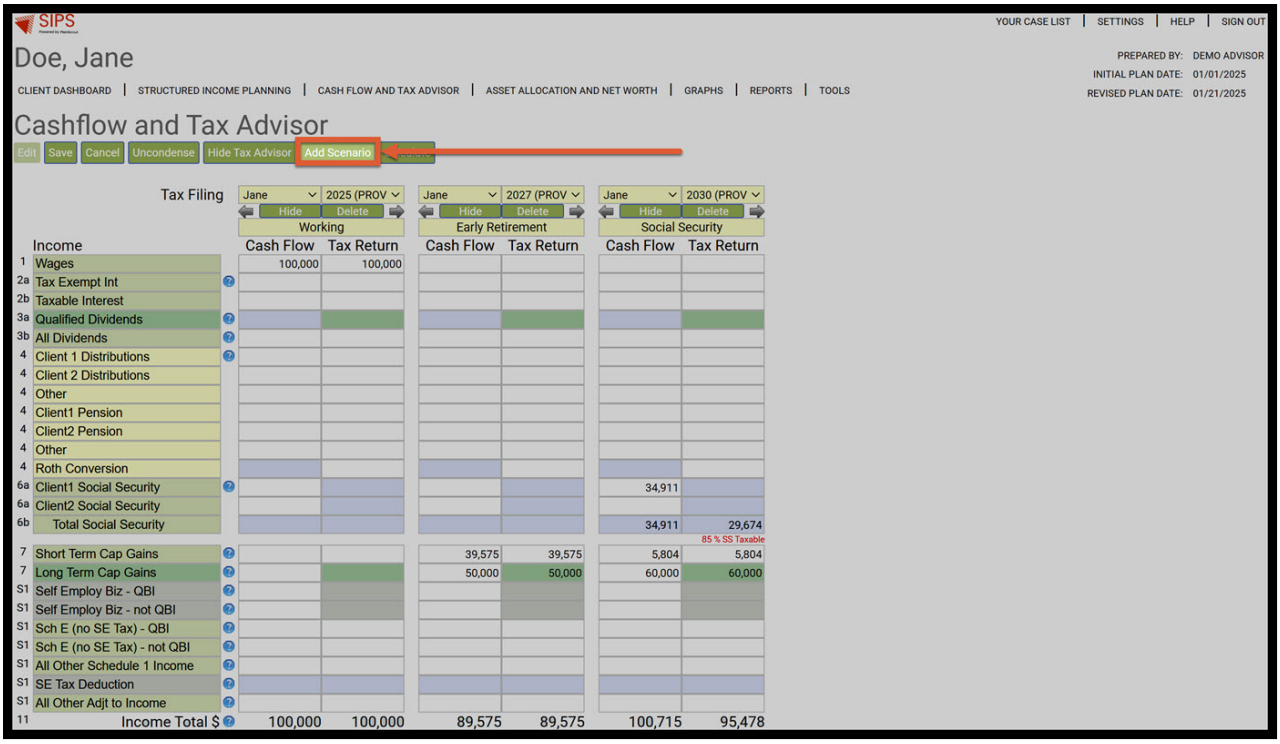


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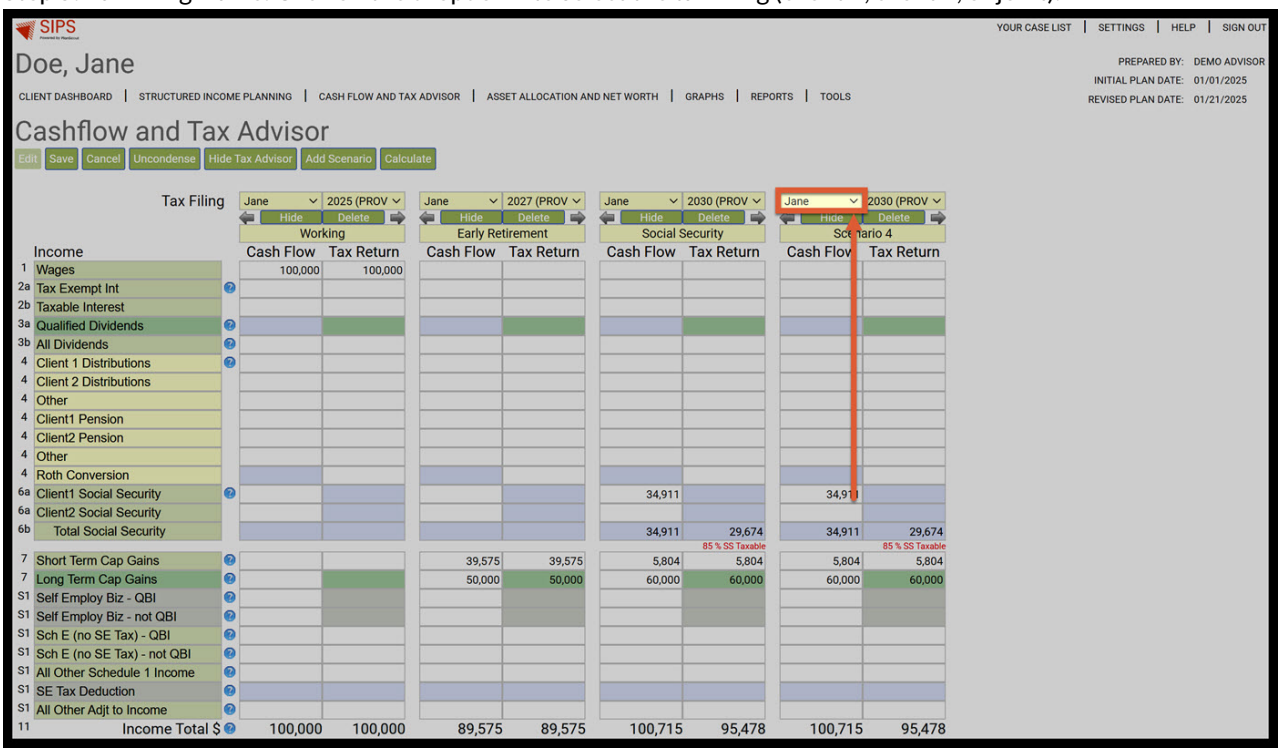
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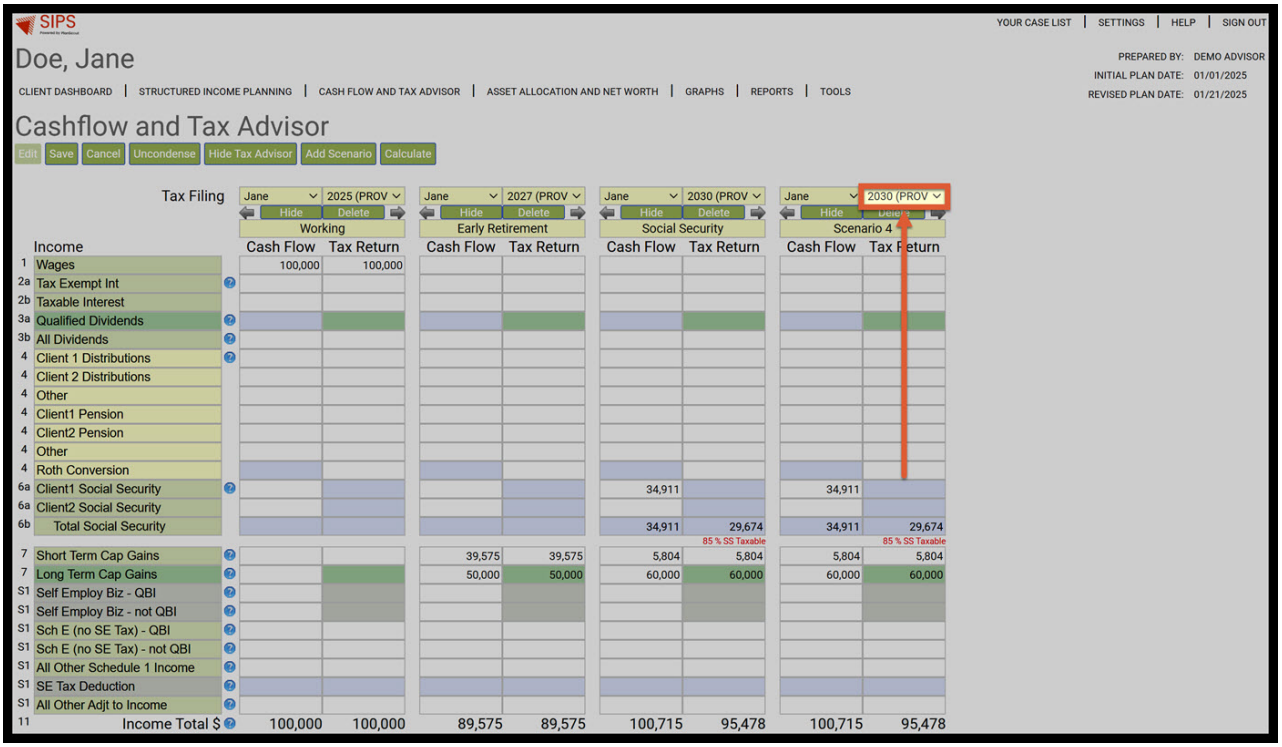
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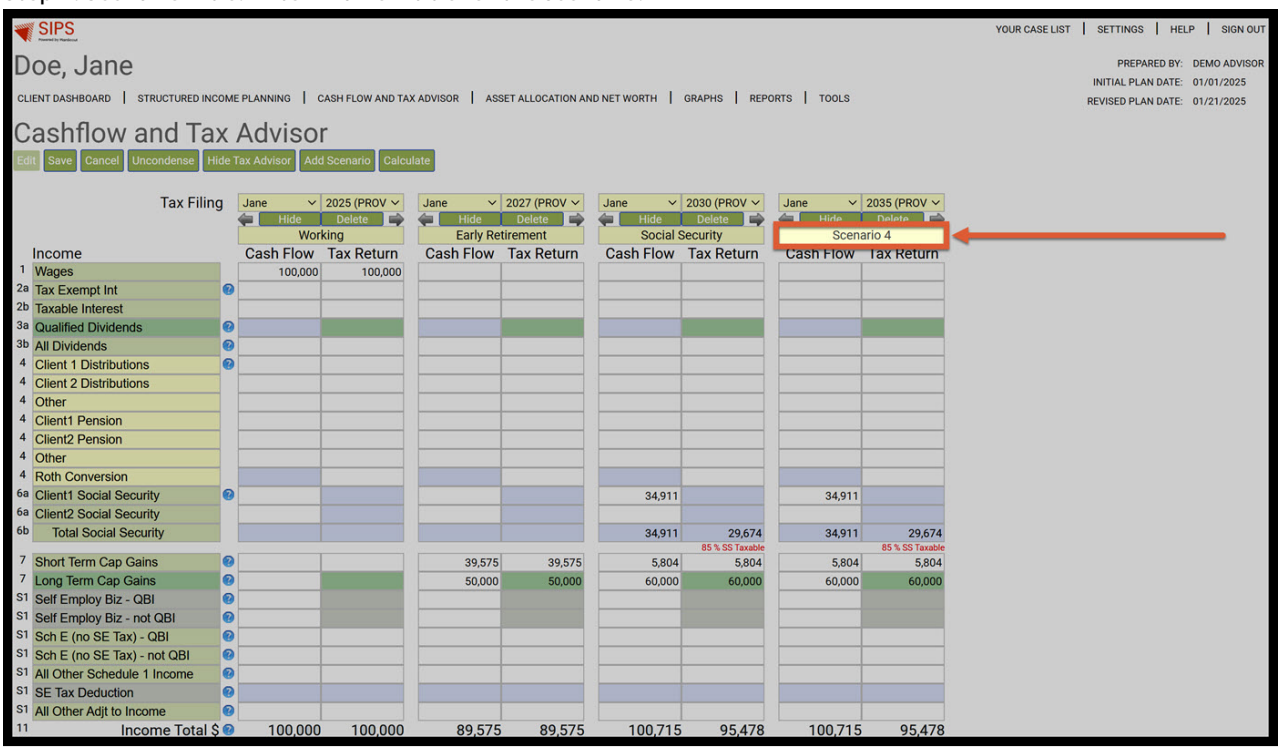
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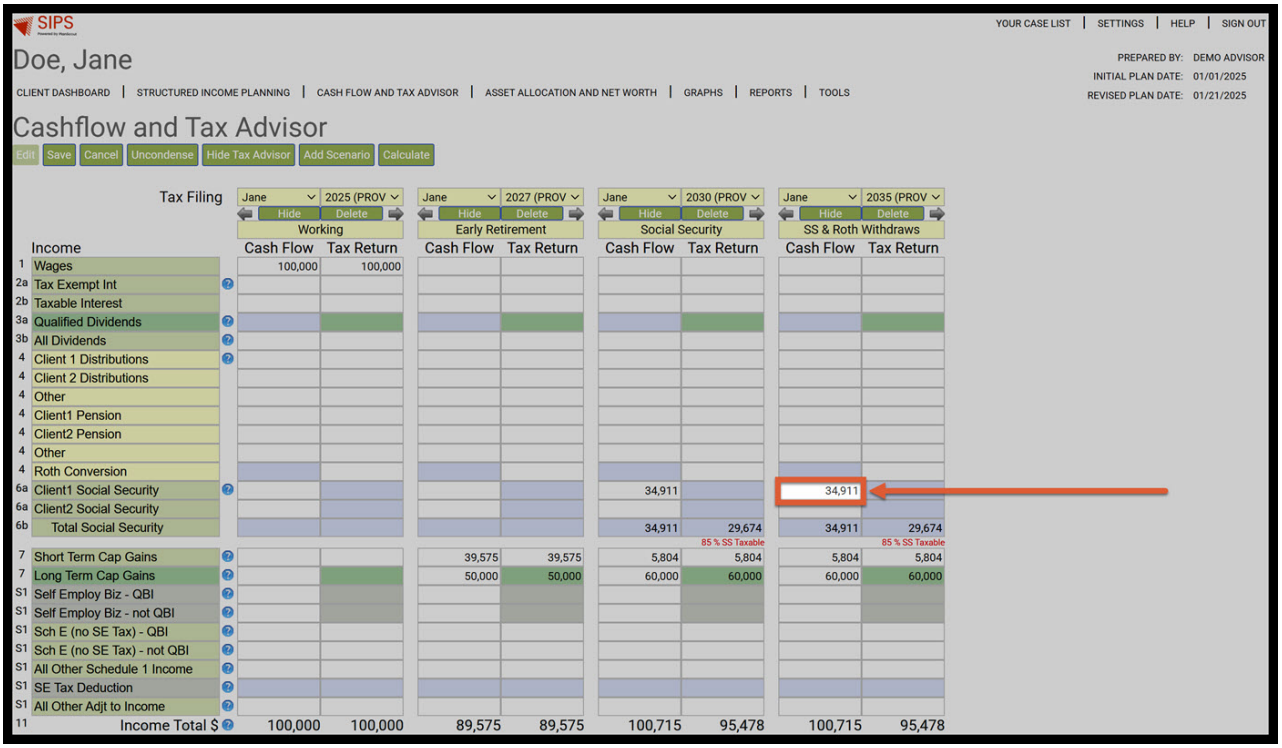
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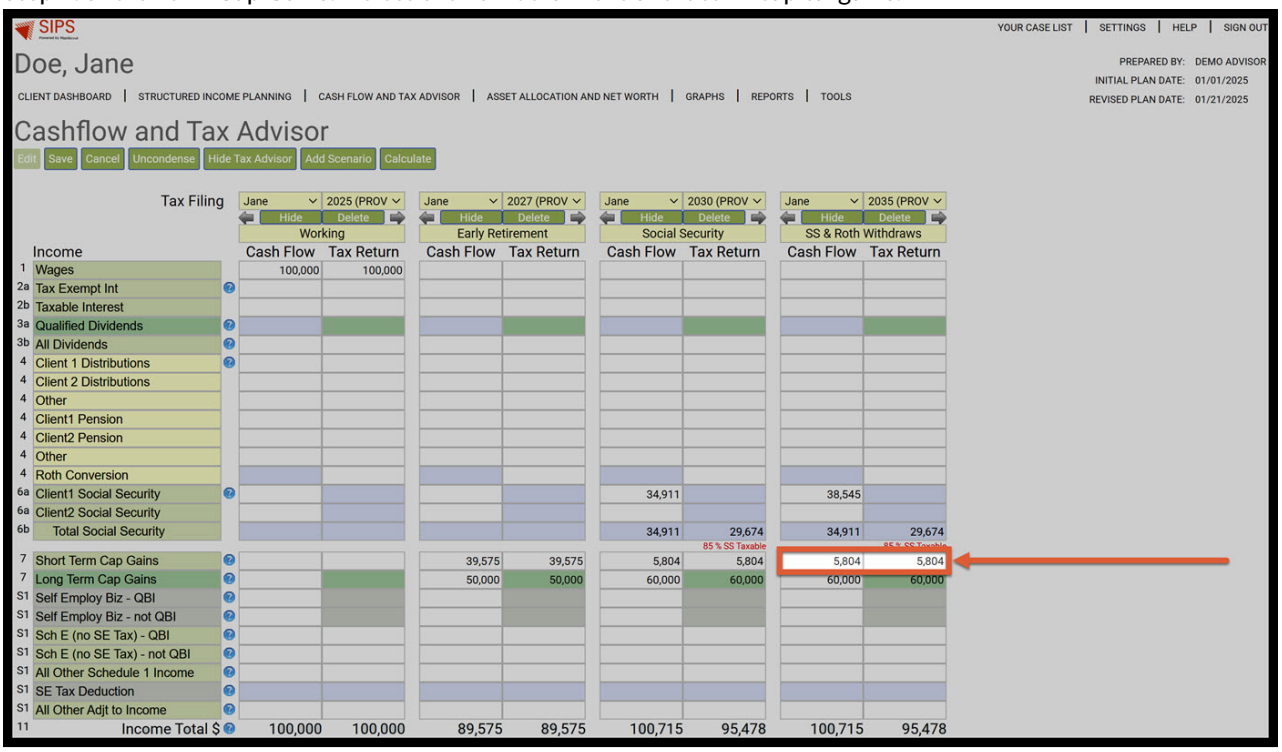
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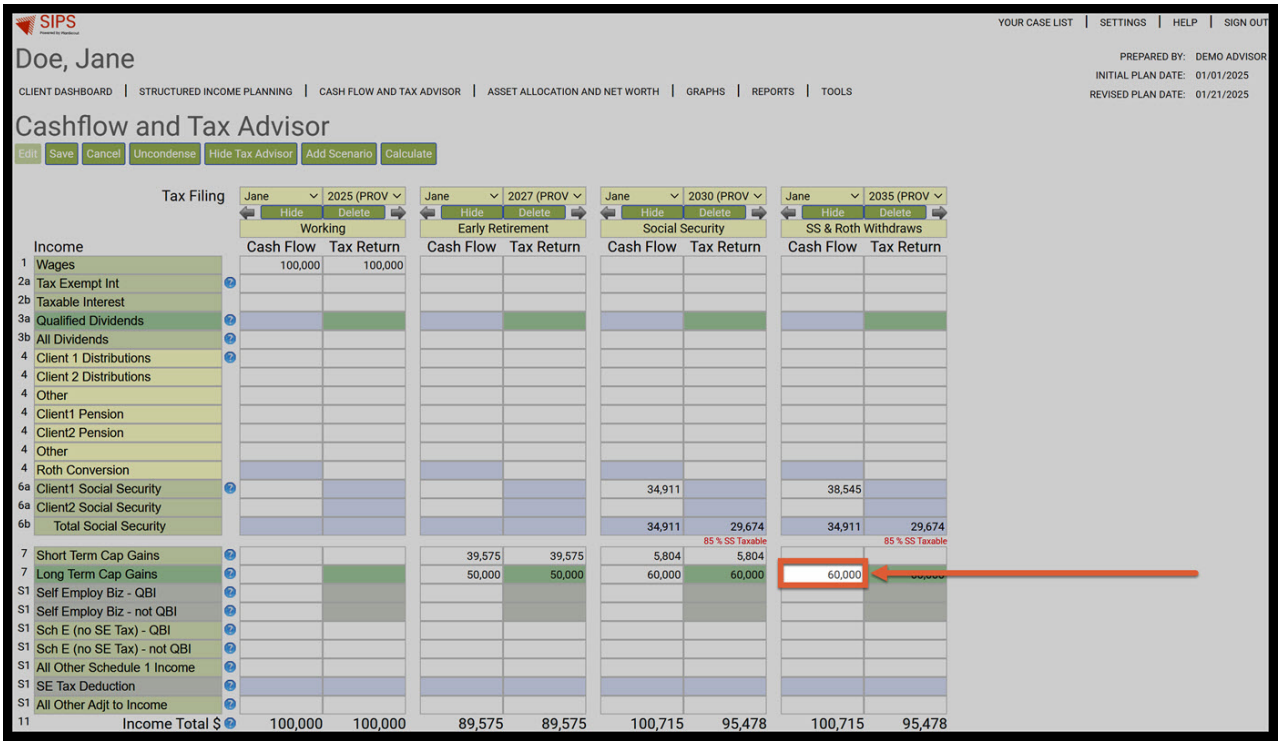
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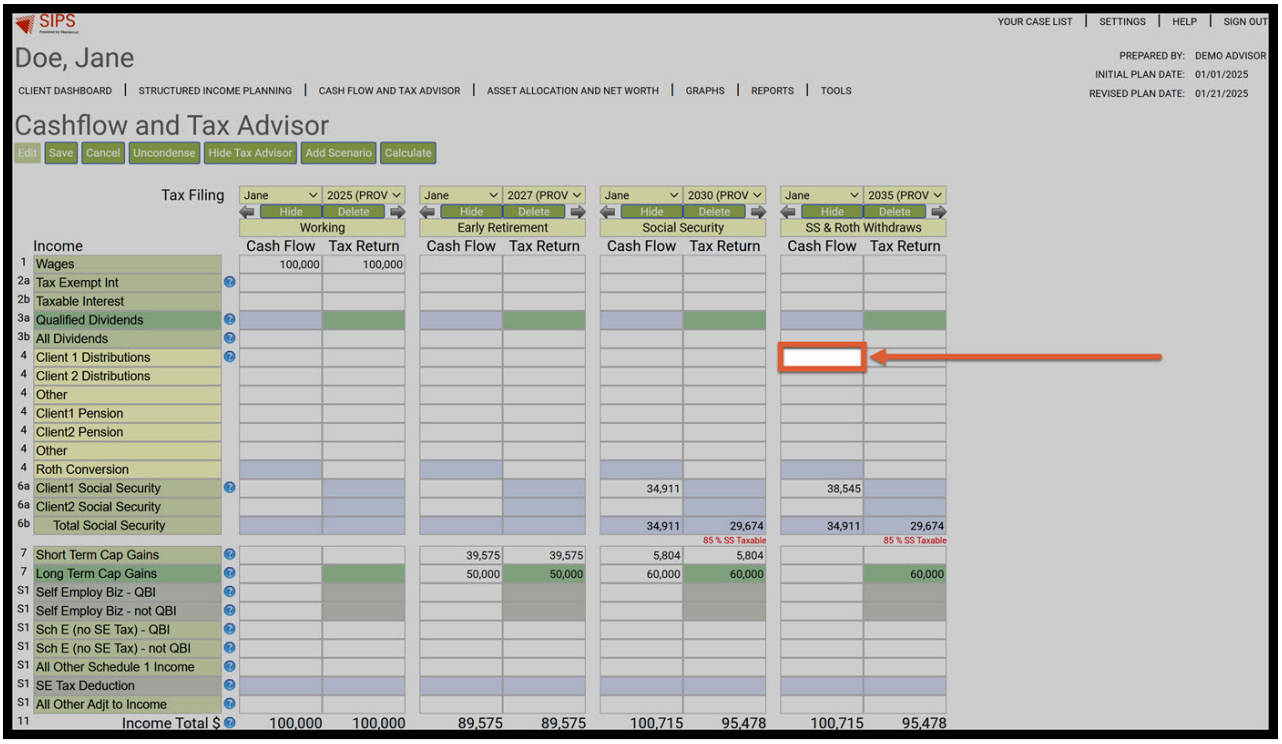
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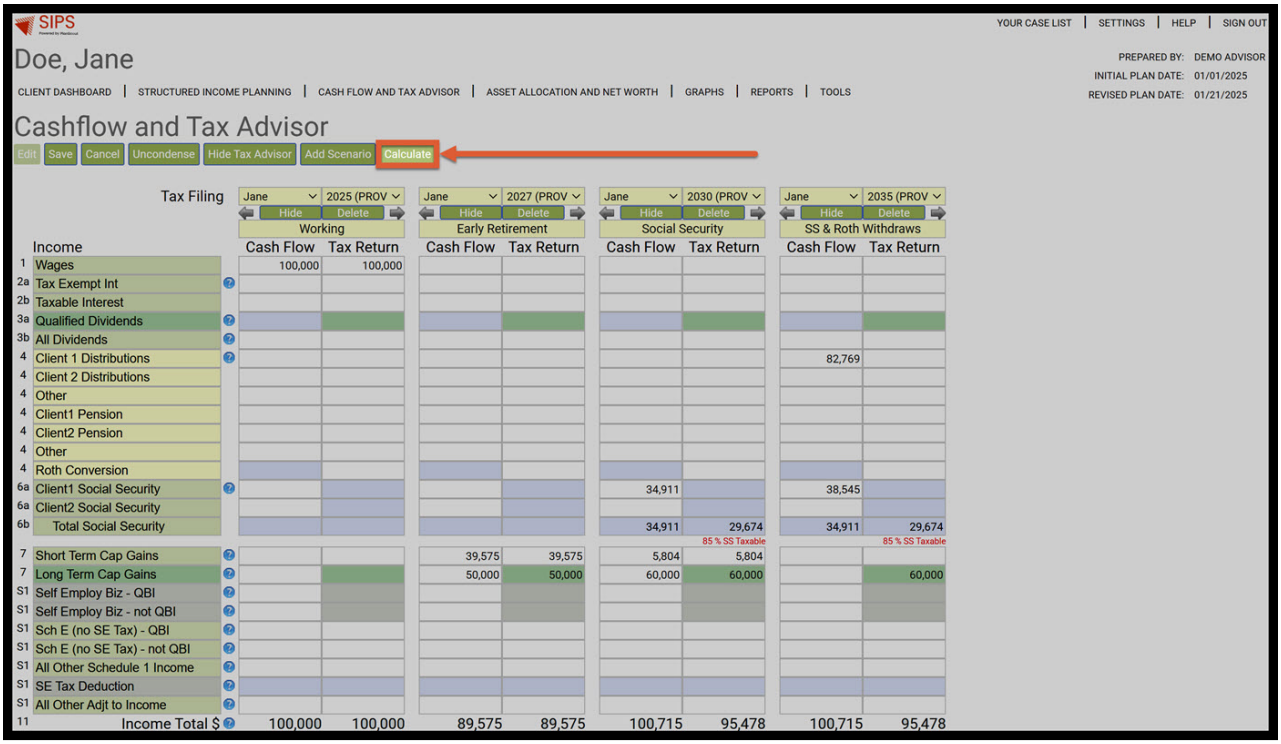
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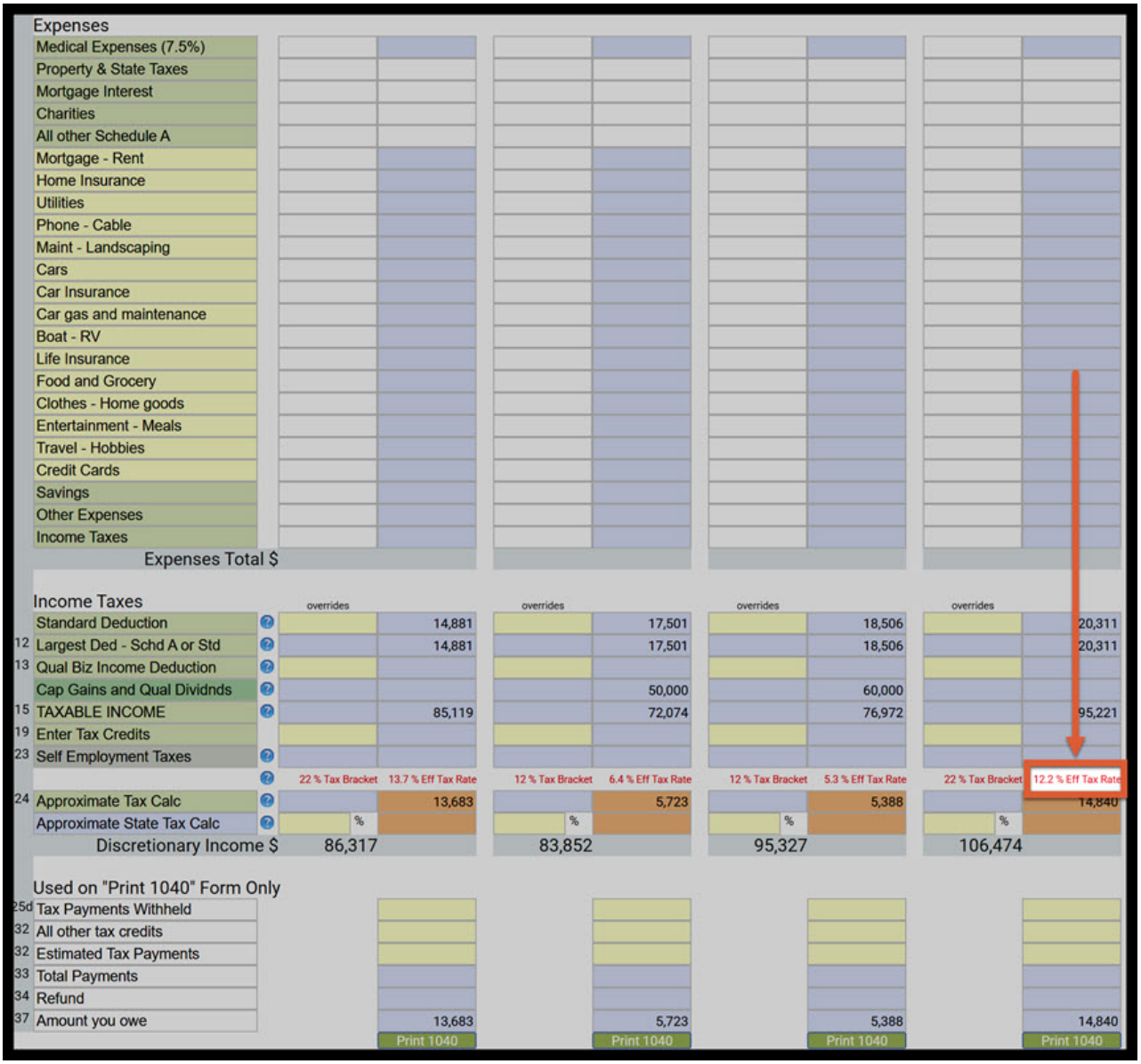
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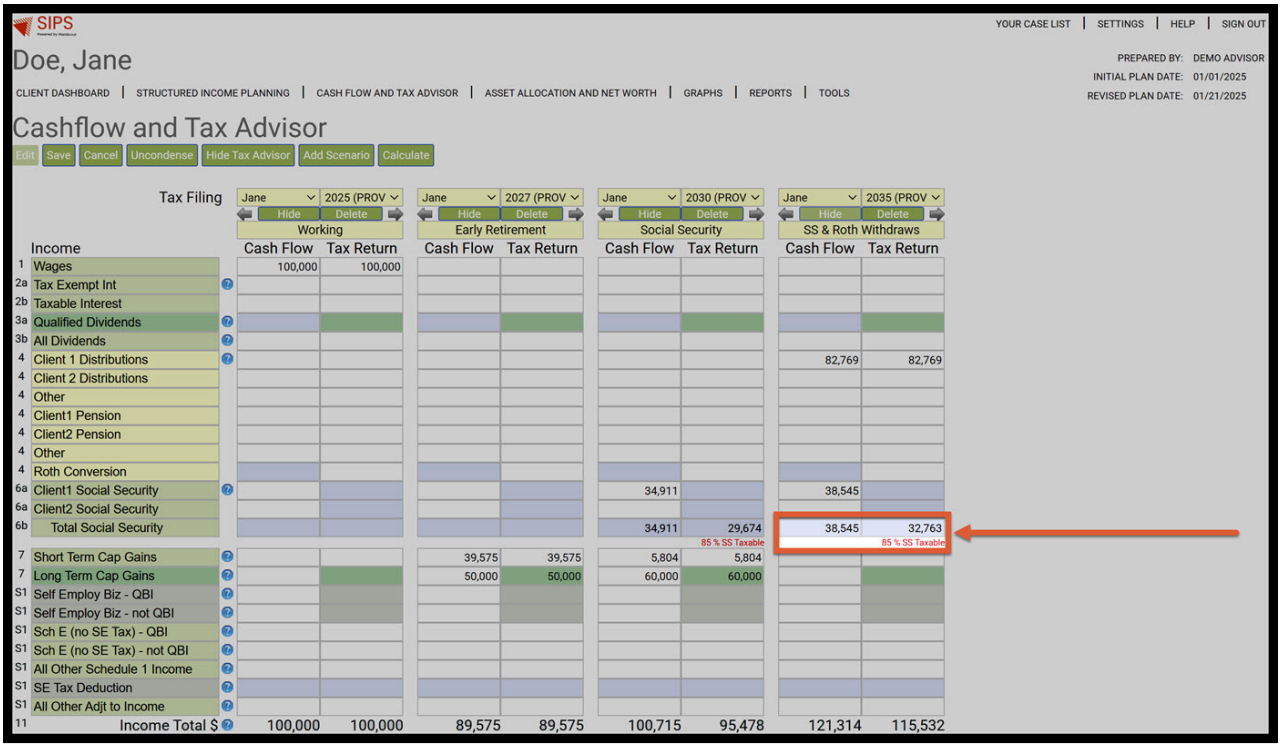
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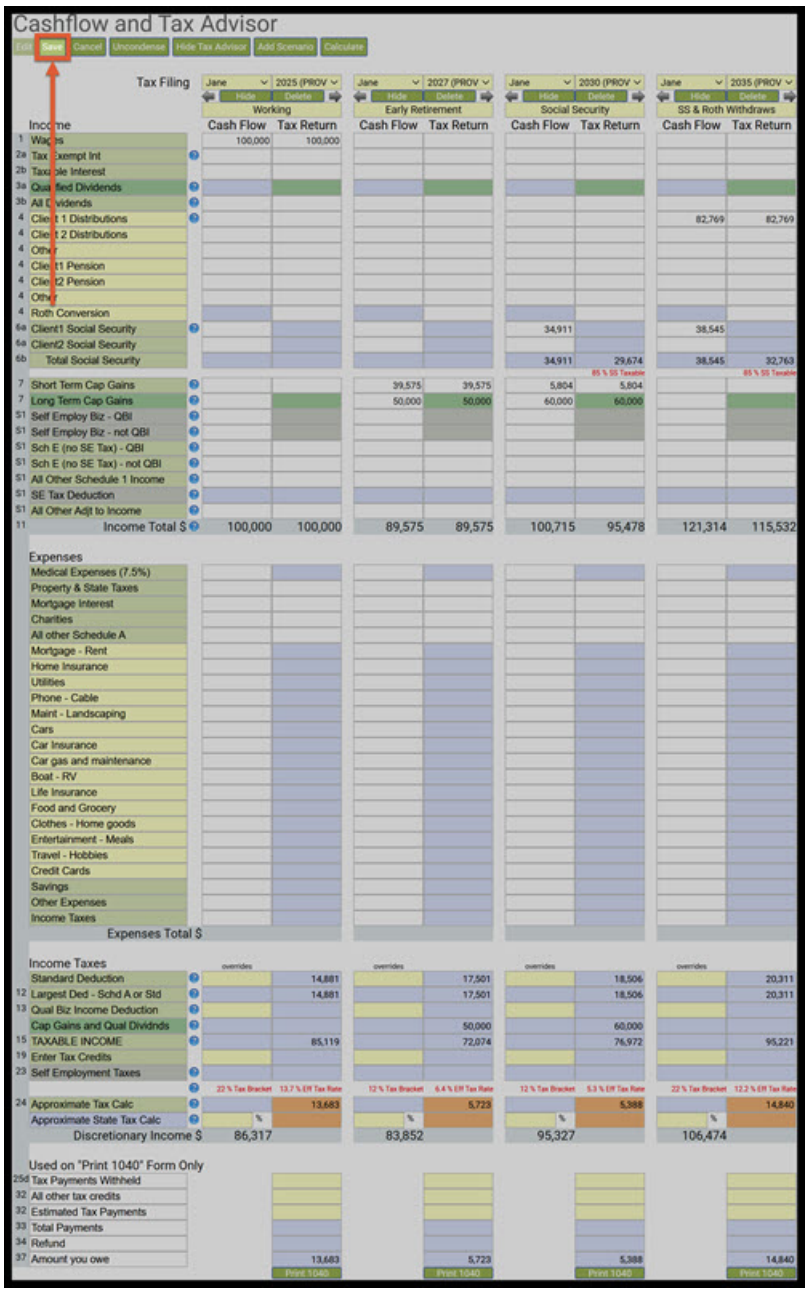
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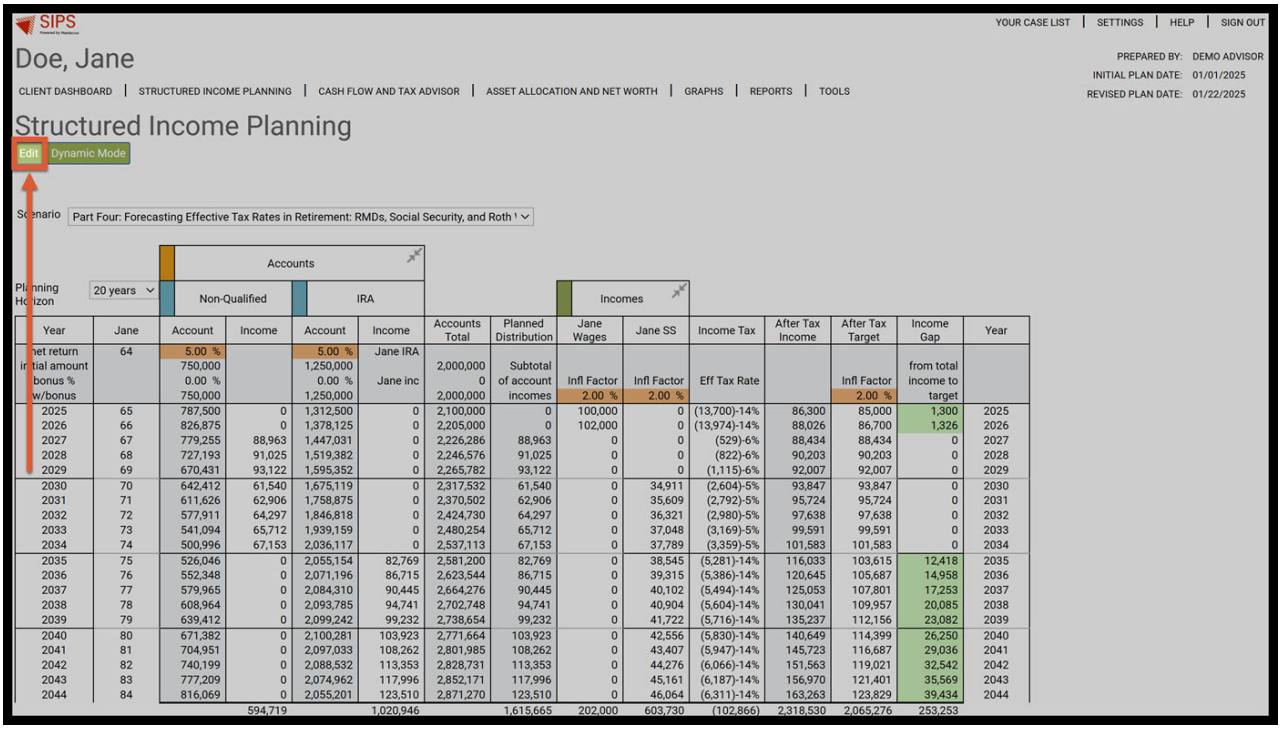
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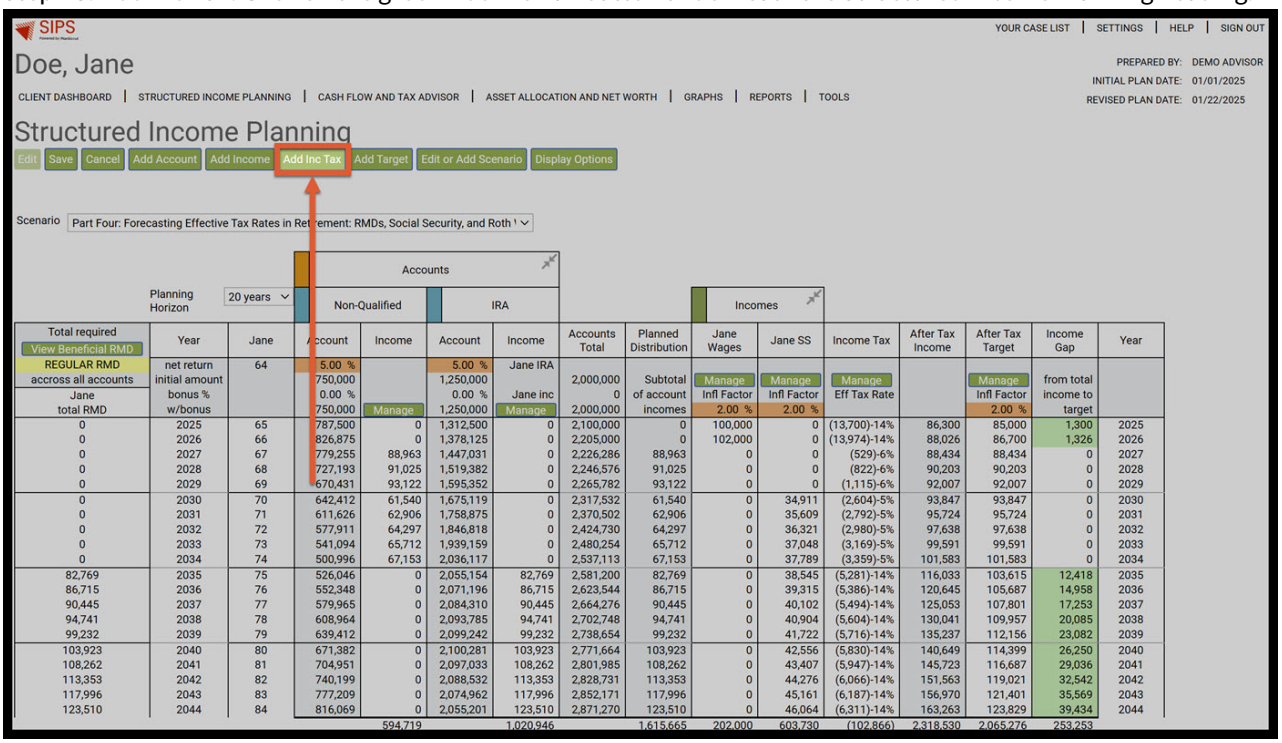


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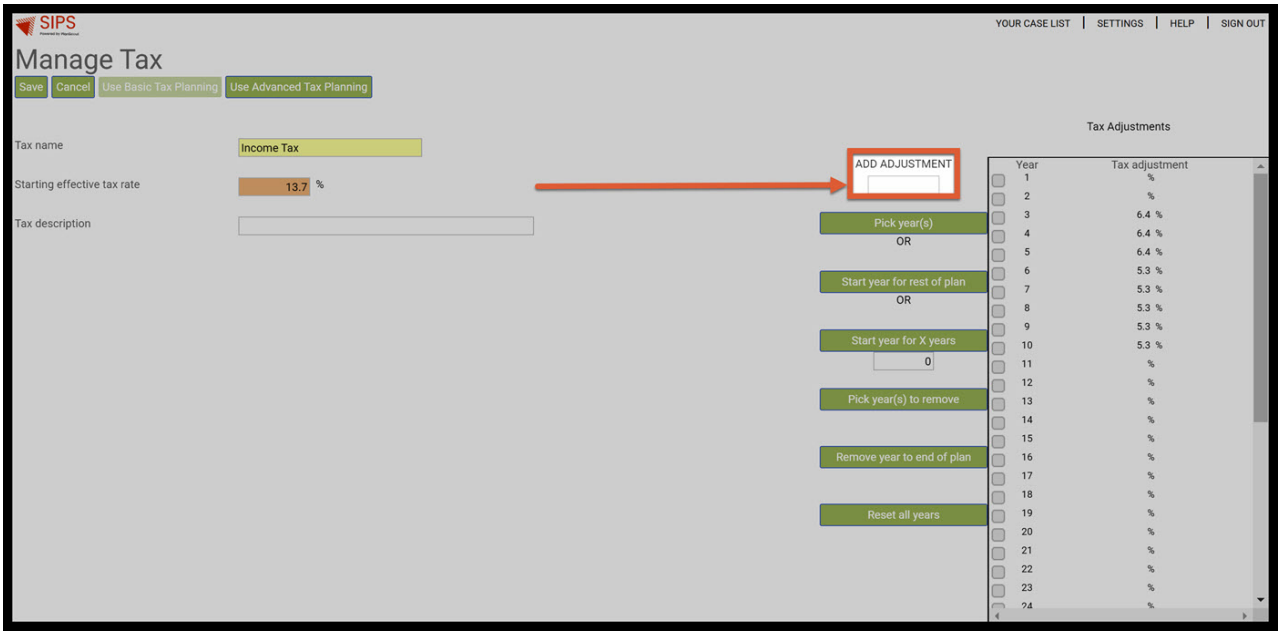
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0	2031	71	611,626	62,906	1,758,875	0	2,370,502	62,906	0	35,609	(2,792)-5%	95,724	95,724	0	2031
0	2032	72	577,911	64,297	1,846,818	0	2,424,730	64,297	0	36,321	(2,980)-5%	97,638	97,638	0	2032
0	2033	73	541,094	65,712	1,939,159	0	2,480,254	65,712	0	37,048	(3,169)-5%	99,591	99,591	0	2033
0	2034	74	500,996	67,153	2,036,117	0	2,537,113	67,153	0	37,789	(3,359)-5%	101,583	101,583	0	2034
82,769	2035	75	526,046	0	2,055,154	82,769	2,581,200	82,769	0	38,545	(5,281)-14%	116,033	103,615	12,418	2035
86,715	2036	76	552,348	0	2,071,196	86,715	2,623,544	86,715	0	39,315	(5,386)-14%	120,645	105,687	14,958	2036
90,445	2037	77	579,965	0	2,084,310	90,445	2,664,276	90,445	0	40,102	(5,494)-14%	125,053	107,801	17,253	2037
94,741	2038	78	608,964	0	2,093,785	94,741	2,702,748	94,741	0	40,904	(5,604)-14%	130,041	109,957	20,085	2038
99,232	2039	79	639,412	0	2,099,242	99,232	2,738,654	99,232	0	41,722	(5,716)-14%	135,237	112,156	23,082	2039
103,923	2040	80	671,382	0	2,100,281	103,923	2,771,664	103,923	0	42,556	(5,830)-14%	140,649	114,399	26,250	2040
108,262	2041	81	704,951	0	2,097,033	108,262	2,801,985	108,262	0	43,407	(5,947)-14%	145,723	116,687	29,036	2041
113,353	2042	82	740,199	0	2,088,532	113,353	2,828,731	113,353	0	44,276	(6,066)-14%	151,563	119,021	32,542	2042
117,996	2043	83	777,209	0	2,074,962	117,996	2,852,171	117,996	0	45,161	(6,187)-14%	156,970	121,401	35,569	2043
123,510	2044	84	816,069	0	2,055,201	123,510	2,871,270	123,510	0	46,064	(6,311)-14%	163,263	123,829	39,434	2044
				594,719		1,020,946		1,615,665	202,000	603,730	(102,866)	2,318,530	2,065,276	253,253	

Step 19: Add Adjustment Text Box: Enter in the effective tax rate.



Step 20: Tax Adjustment Check Boxes: Click on the box where you would like the effective tax rate to start.



Step 21: Start Year for Rest of Plan: Click on the green Start Year for Rest of Plan button.



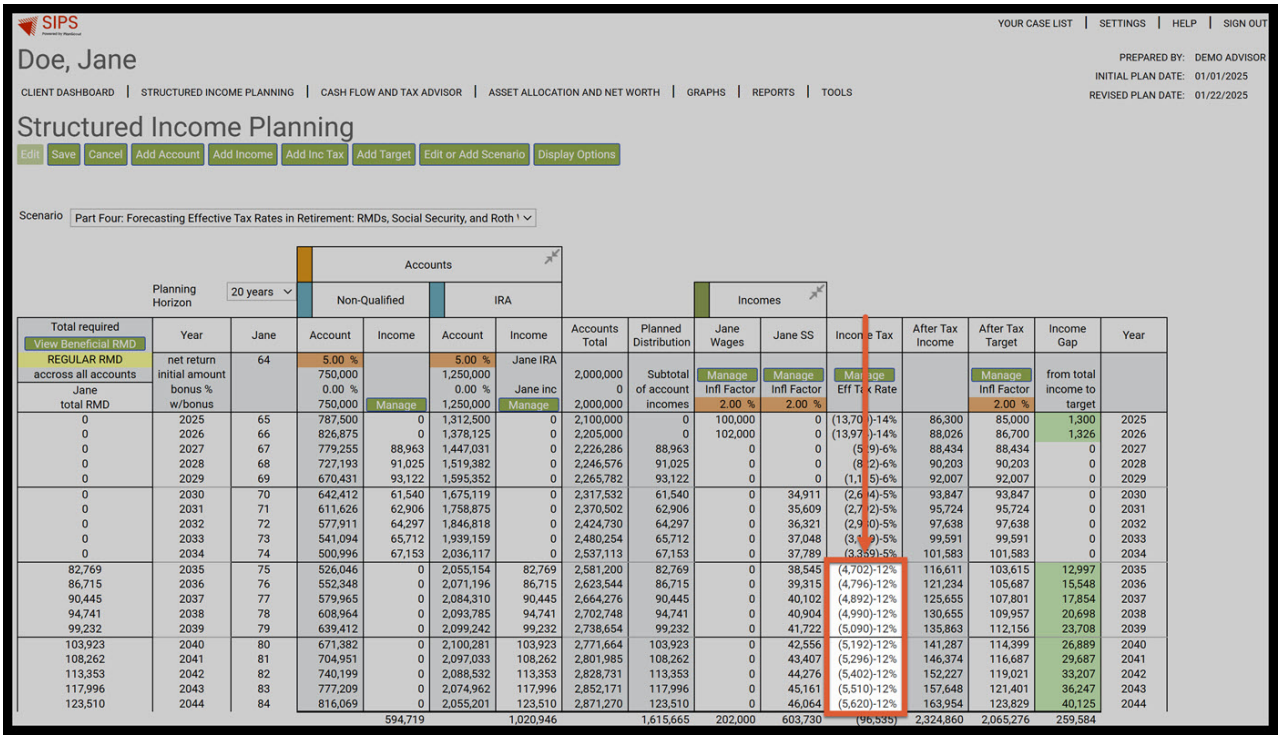
Step 22: Tax Adjustment Table: The new effective tax rate will automatically be entered into the Tax Adjustment Table.



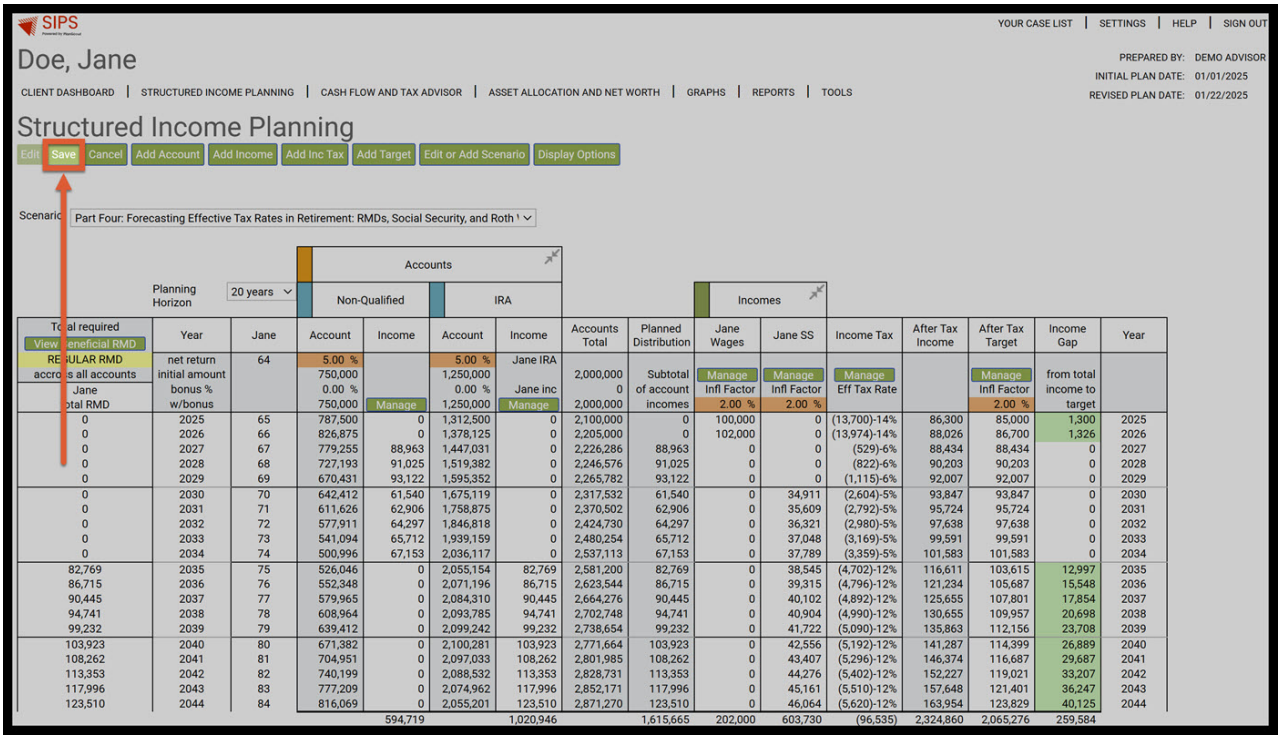
Step 23: Save: Click on the green Save button underneath the Manage Tax heading.



Step 24: Income Tax Column: The new effective tax rate will automatically be changed in the Income Tax Column.



Step 25: Save: Click on the green save button underneath the Structured Income Planning heading.



Total required / View beneficial RMD	Year	Jane	Account	Income	Account	Income	Accounts Total	Planned Distribution	Jane Wages	Jane SS	Income Tax	After Tax Income	After Tax Target	Income Gap	Year
REGULAR RMD	net return	64	5.00 %		5.00 %	Jane IRA									
accross all accounts	initial amount		750,000		1,250,000		2,000,000	Subtotal	Manage	Manage	Manage		Manage	from total	
Jane	bonus %		0.00 %		0.00 %	Jane inc	0	of account	Infl Factor	Infl Factor	Eff Tax Rate		Infl Factor	income to	
total RMD	w/bonus		750,000	Manage	1,250,000	Manage	2,000,000	incomes	2.00 %	2.00 %			2.00 %	target	
0	2025	65	787,500	0	1,312,500	0	2,100,000	0	100,000	0	(13,700)-14%	86,300	85,000	1,300	2025
0	2026	66	826,875	0	1,378,125	0	2,205,000	0	102,000	0	(13,974)-14%	88,026	86,700	1,326	2026
0	2027	67	779,255	88,963	1,447,031	0	2,226,286	88,963	0	0	(529)-6%	88,434	88,434	0	2027
0	2028	68	727,193	91,025	1,519,382	0	2,246,576	91,025	0	0	(822)-6%	90,203	90,203	0	2028
0	2029	69	670,431	93,122	1,595,352	0	2,265,782	93,122	0	0	(1,115)-6%	92,007	92,007	0	2029
0	2030	70	642,412	61,540	1,675,119	0	2,317,532	61,540	0	34,911	(2,604)-5%	93,847	93,847	0	2030
0	2031	71	611,626	62,906	1,758,875	0	2,370,502	62,906	0	35,609	(2,792)-5%	95,724	95,724	0	2031
0	2032	72	577,911	64,297	1,846,818	0	2,424,730	64,297	0	36,321	(2,980)-5%	97,638	97,638	0	2032
0	2033	73	541,094	65,712	1,939,159	0	2,480,254	65,712	0	37,048	(3,169)-5%	99,591	99,591	0	2033
0	2034	74	500,996	67,153	2,036,117	0	2,537,113	67,153	0	37,789	(3,359)-5%	101,583	101,583	0	2034
82,769	2035	75	526,046	0	2,055,154	82,769	2,581,200	82,769	0	38,545	(4,702)-12%	116,611	103,615	12,997	2035
86,715	2036	76	552,348	0	2,071,196	86,715	2,623,544	86,715	0	39,315	(4,796)-12%	121,234	105,687	15,548	2036
90,445	2037	77	579,965	0	2,084,310	90,445	2,664,276	90,445	0	40,102	(4,892)-12%	125,655	107,801	17,854	2037
94,741	2038	78	608,964	0	2,093,785	94,741	2,702,748	94,741	0	40,904	(4,990)-12%	130,655	109,957	20,698	2038
99,232	2039	79	639,412	0	2,099,242	99,232	2,738,654	99,232	0	41,722	(5,090)-12%	135,863	112,156	23,708	2039
103,923	2040	80	671,382	0	2,100,281	103,923	2,771,664	103,923	0	42,556	(5,192)-12%	141,287	114,399	26,889	2040
108,262	2041	81	704,951	0	2,097,033	108,262	2,801,985	108,262	0	43,407	(5,296)-12%	146,374	116,687	29,687	2041
113,353	2042	82	740,199	0	2,088,532	113,353	2,828,731	113,353	0	44,276	(5,402)-12%	152,227	119,021	33,207	2042
117,996	2043	83	777,209	0	2,074,962	117,996	2,852,171	117,996	0	45,161	(5,510)-12%	157,648	121,401	36,247	2043
123,510	2044	84	816,069	0	2,055,201	123,510	2,871,270	123,510	0	46,064	(5,620)-12%	163,954	123,829	40,125	2044
				594,719		1,020,946		1,615,665	202,000	603,730	(96,535)	2,324,860	2,065,276	259,584	

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