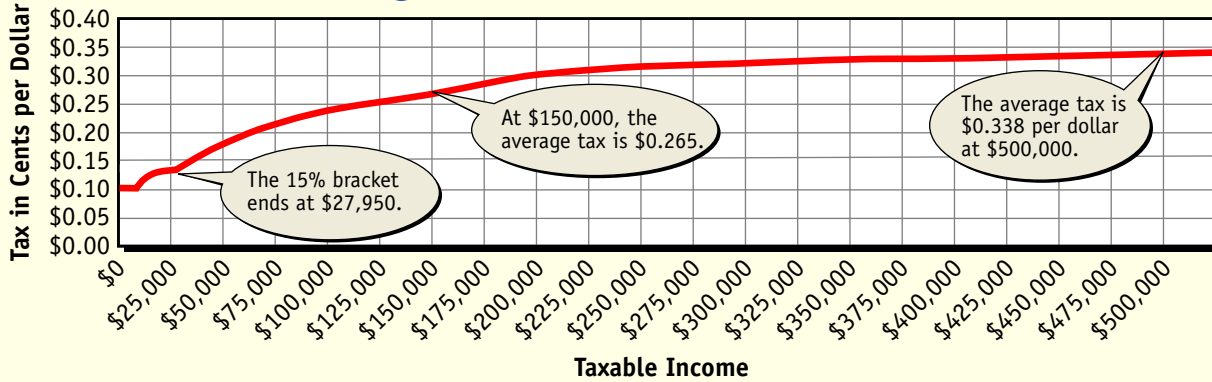
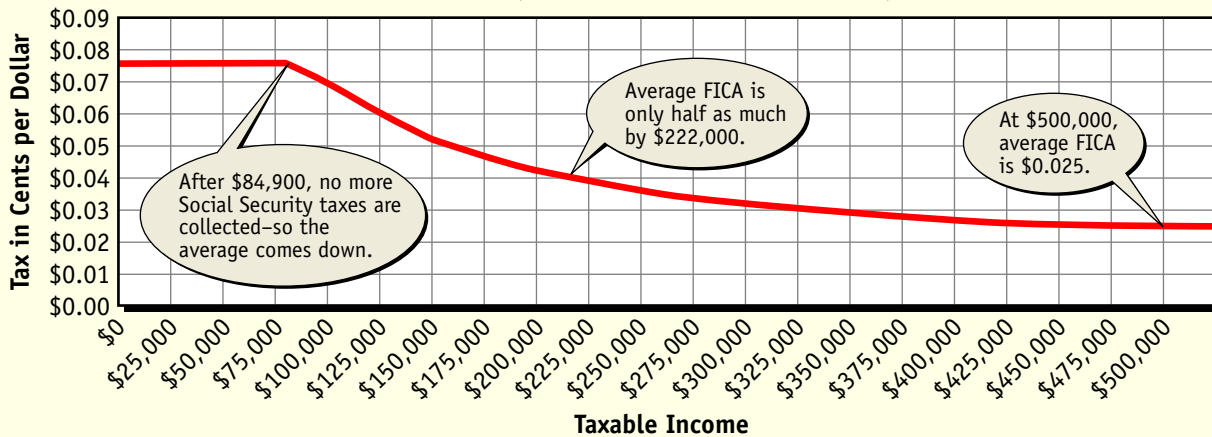


Average Individual and FICA Taxes, Single Individuals, 2002

A Average Individual Income Tax



B Average FICA (Social Security & Medicare) Tax



Source: Internal Revenue Service

Using Graphs The individual income tax is a progressive tax, meaning that people with higher incomes pay a larger percentage of that income as taxes than do persons with lower income. **Is the FICA tax a progressive or regressive tax? Explain your reasoning.**