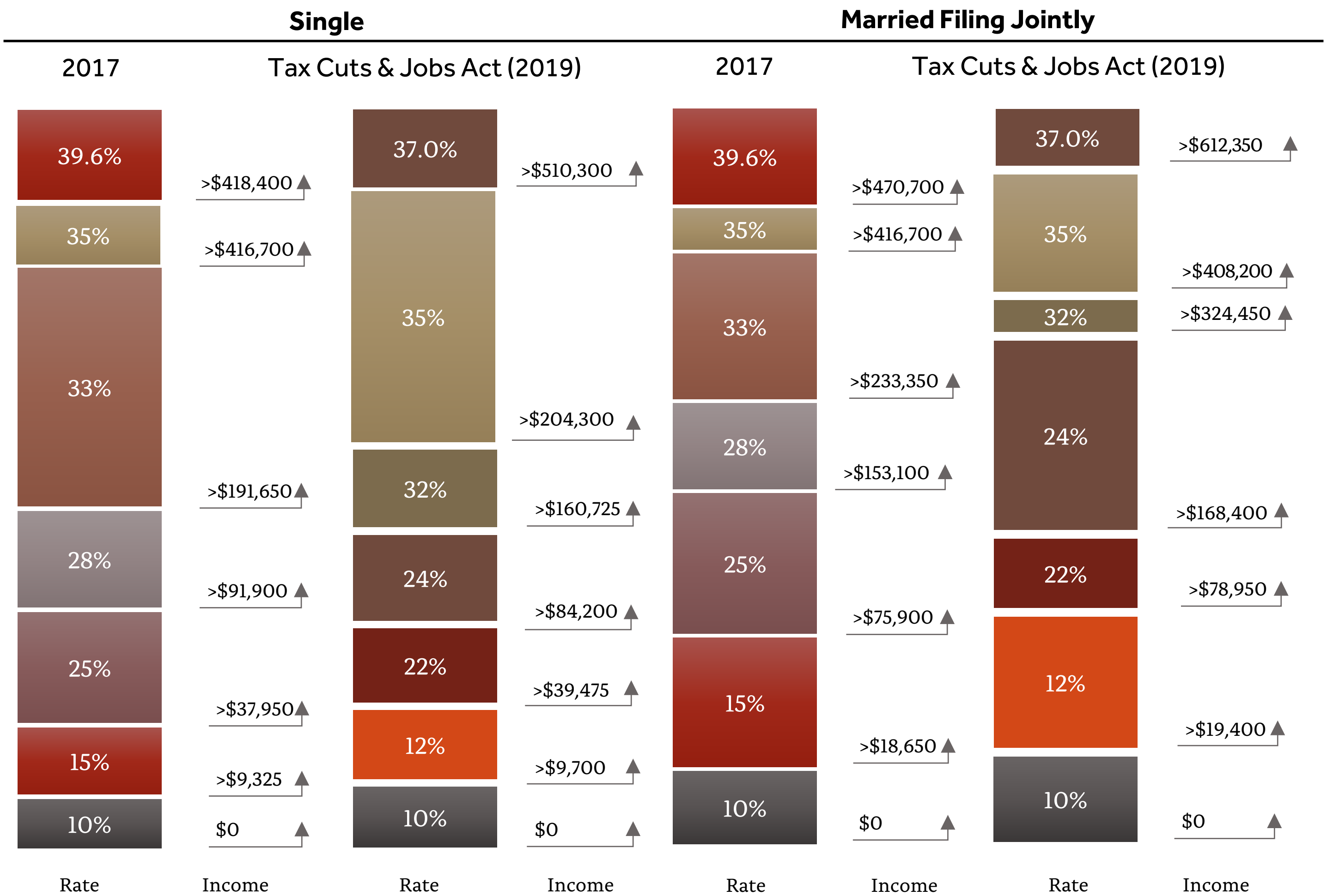

Marginal taxable income rates for estates and trusts in 2019 are 10% up to $2,600, 24% up to $9,300, 35% up to $12,750 and 37% for amounts over $12,750. In addition to a lower effective rate at many income brackets, the standard deduction has been increased significantly—from the 2017 level of $6,350 single/$12,700 married to $12,200 single/$24,400 married in 2019. The percentage of taxpayers who itemize deductions is expected to be sharply reduced with estimates by the Joint Committee on Taxation that nearly 90% willtake the standard deduction in future years. The increased standard deduction comes with an important alert:

- All **personal exemptions** are repealed, eliminating the ability for individuals (and particularly those with many dependents) to obtain additional tax deductions. The increased standard deduction (and family/child tax credits discussed below) is expected to offset this loss for many taxpayers. Those over age 65 in 2019 will retain an additional $1650 deduction if single or $1300 each if married.