
FEDERAL ESTATE and GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTIONS, ANNUAL GIFT EXCLUSIONS & TAX RATES

HISTORICAL AND PRESENT

Year	Estate Tax Exemption	Generation-Skipping Transfer Exemption	Annual Gift Exclusion	Top Estate Tax Rate
1997	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$10,000	55% of excess
1998	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$10,000	55% of excess
1999	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$10,000	55% of excess
2000	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$10,000	55% of excess
2001	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$10,000	55% of excess
2002	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$11,000	50% of excess
2003	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$11,000	49% of excess
2004	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$11,000	48% of excess
2005	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$11,000	47% of excess
2006	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$12,000	46% of excess
2007	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$12,000	45% of excess
2008	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$12,000	45% of excess
2009	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$13,000	45% of excess
2010*	\$5,000,000 or \$0	\$5,000,000 or \$0	\$13,000	35% of excess or 0%
2011	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$13,000	35% of excess
2012	\$5,120,000	\$5,120,000	\$13,000	35% of excess
2013	\$5,250,000	\$5,250,000	\$14,000	40% of excess
2014	\$5,340,000	\$5,340,000	\$14,000	40% of excess
2015	\$5,430,000	\$5,430,000	\$14,000	40% of excess
2016	\$5,450,000	\$5,450,000	\$14,000	40% of excess
2017	\$5,490,000	\$5,490,000	\$14,000	40% of excess
2018	\$11,200,000	\$11,200,000	\$15,000	40% of excess

*The heirs of decedents who died in 2010 had the choice to use the \$5,000,000 estate exemption/35% estate tax rate or \$0 estate tax exemption/0% estate tax rate coupled with use of the modified carryover basis rules.

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