

Federal Estate and Gift Tax Tables

Unified Transfer Tax Rate Schedule for 2003

For taxpayers dying after 2001, the table below must be adjusted by lowering the top rate¹ to the levels shown in the Top Federal Estate Tax Rates and the Applicable Credit Amount table, also found below. Each person is also entitled to an applicable credit amount², which will reduce or eliminate the amount of the federal estate tax due.

If Taxable Estate...		Tentative Tax Is...		
Is Over...	But Not Over...	Tax	Plus %	Of Excess Over...
\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	18%	\$ 0
10,000	20,000	1,800	20%	10,000
20,000	40,000	3,800	22%	20,000
40,000	60,000	8,200	24%	40,000
60,000	80,000	13,000	26%	60,000
80,000	100,000	18,200	28%	80,000
100,000	150,000	23,800	30%	100,000
150,000	250,000	38,800	32%	150,000
250,000	500,000	70,800	34%	250,000
500,000	750,000	155,800	37%	500,000
750,000	1,000,000	248,300	39%	750,000
1,000,000	1,250,000	345,800	41%	1,000,000
1,250,000	1,500,000	448,300	43%	1,250,000
1,500,000	2,000,000	555,800	45%	1,500,000
2,000,000	and higher	780,800	49%	2,000,000

Top Federal Estate Tax Rates and the Applicable Credit Amount

Year	Applicable Credit Amount	Applicable Exclusion Amount	Top Federal Estate Tax Rate
2001	\$ 220,550	\$ 675,000	55%
2002	345,800	1,000,000	50%
2003	345,800	1,000,000	49%
2004	555,800	1,500,000	48%
2005	555,800	1,500,000	47%
2006	780,800	2,000,000	46%
2007	780,800	2,000,000	45%
2008	780,800	2,000,000	45%
2009	1,455,800	3,500,000	45%
2010	No FET	No FET	0%
2011	345,800	1,000,000	55%

¹ The top bracket will reduce as follows: 50% in 2002; 49% in 2003; 48% in 2004; 47% in 2005; 46% in 2006; 45% from 2007 through 2009; and zero taxes in 2010. If Congress does not act at that time to repeal the federal estate tax for the years following, in the year 2011 the top bracket of 55% will automatically return.

² The applicable credit amount is as follows: \$345,800 for 2002 and 2003; \$555,800 for 2004 and 2005; \$780,800 for 2006-2008; \$1,455,800 for 2009; no tax in 2010; and \$345,800 for 2011 and thereafter.