



2017 State Death Taxes and applicable gift rules

18 States and DC have death taxes.

State	Type of Tax	Exemption/Rate	Taxes gifts made before death?	Gov.	Lower House	Upper House	Notes
Connecticut	Estate Tax	\$2 Million/ 7.2-12%	Separate Gift Tax	D	D	Tied	\$20 million cap on tax payment
Delaware	Estate Tax	\$5.49 Million/ .8-16%		D	D	D	Follows Fed
District of Columbia	Estate Tax	\$2 Million/ .8-16%		D-Mayor	D - City Council		Increase based on tax collections
Hawaii	Estate Tax	\$5.49 Million/ .8-16%		D	D	D	Allows Portability Follows Fed
Illinois	Estate Tax	\$4 million/ .8-16%		R	D	D	
Iowa	Inheritance Tax	\$0/ 5-15% (Estates smaller than \$25,000 exempt)	Gifts made within the last three years	R	R	R	Decedents exempt
Kentucky	Inheritance Tax	\$1,000 (Class B), \$500 (Class C)/ 4-16%	Gifts made within three years in contemplation of death	R	R	R	Decedents exempt (Class A)
Maine	Estate Tax	\$5.49 Million/ 8-12%		R	D	R	Follows Fed
Maryland	Estate/ Inheritance Tax	Estate \$3 Million/ 16%, Inheritance \$0/ 10%	Gifts made within the last two years (Inheritance Tax)	R	D	D	Match Fed Exempt. in 2019, Portability in 2019
Massachusetts	Estate Tax	\$1 Million/ .8-16%	Lifetime Gift Exclusion of \$840,000	R	D	D	
Minnesota	Estate Tax	\$2.1 Million/ 9-16%	Gifts made within the last three years	D	R	R	Goes to \$3 million in 2020
Nebraska	Inheritance Tax	\$40,000/ 1-18%	Gifts made within the last three years	R	R - Unicameral		
New Jersey	Estate/ Inheritance Tax	Estate \$2,000,000/ .8-16%, Inheritance \$25,000/ 11-16%	Gifts made within three years in contemplation of death	R	D	D	Match Fed 2018 Full repeal 2019
New York	Estate Tax	\$4,187,500(Increases April 1 to \$5,250,000)/ 3.06-16%	Gifts made with three years of death	D	D	R*	Will match Fed Exempt. in 2019
Oregon	Estate Tax	\$1 Million/ 10-16%		D	D	D	
Pennsylvania	Inheritance Tax	\$0/ 4.5-15%	Gifts made within one year and greater than \$3,000	D	R	R	Family business and family farm exemptions
Rhode Island	Estate Tax	\$1,515,156/ .8-16%		D	D	D	No longer "cliff" tax
Vermont	Estate Tax	\$2.75 million/ .8-16%		R	D	D	
Washington	Estate Tax	\$2,129,000 / 10-20%		D	D	R*	Family Business exemption

2016 State Inheritance Tax Chart

State	Classes	Exemption	Rate
Iowa – Any estate with a net value below \$25,000 is exempt from tax	Tax Rate A – All Parents, Grandparents, great-grandparents, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other lineal ascendants and lineal descendants	Exempt	0%
	Tax Rate B – Brother, sister (including half-brother, half-sister), son-in-law, and daughter-in-law	\$0	5-10%
	Tax Rate C – Uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, foster child, cousin, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-grandchild, and all other individual persons.	\$0	10%-15%
	Tax Rate D – All for profit firms, corporations, or societies	\$0	15%
	Tax Rate E – Foreign charitable, educational, or religious organizations	\$0	10%
	Tax Rate F – Unknown heirs	\$0	5%
	Tax Rate G – Recognized Charitable Organizations, Public libraries, public art galleries, hospitals, humane societies, municipal corporations.	Exempt	0%
Kentucky	Class A – surviving spouse, parent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, half brother, and half-sister	Exempt	0%
	Class B – niece, nephew, half-niece, half-nephew, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, aunt, uncle, great-grandchild	\$1,000	4-16%
	Class C – All non-class A and B	\$500	6-16%
Maryland	Property passing to a child or other lineal descendant, spouse of a child or other lineal descendant, spouse, parent, grandparent, stepchild or stepparent, siblings or a corporation having only certain of these persons as stockholders	Exempt	0%
	All other individuals	\$0	10%
Nebraska	Parents, grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, and other lineal descendants, (including legally adopted persons), any person to whom the deceased, for not less than ten years before death, stood in the acknowledged relation of a parent, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such person	\$40,000	1%
	Aunts, uncles, nieces, or nephews related by blood or legal adoption, any lineal descendent of these persons, and the spouse of any of these persons.	\$15,000	13%
	Any other person or organizations	\$10,000	18%
New Jersey – Any transfer less than \$500 is exempt	Class A – Father, mother, grandparents, wife, husband, civil union partner, child or children of a decedent, adopted child or children of a decedent, issue of a child or legally adopted child of a decedent, mutually acknowledged child, stepchild (includes a grandchild and great-grandchild but not a step-grandchild or a great-step-grandchild), and domestic partner.	Exempt	0%
	Class C – Brother or sister of a decedent, wife or civil union partner or widow or surviving civil union partner of a son of a decedent, or husband or civil union partner or widower or surviving civil union partner of a daughter of a decedent.	\$0	11-16%
	Class D – Every other transferee, distributee or beneficiary not otherwise classified	\$0	15-16%
	Class E – Transfers to the State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions for public or charitable purposes, an educational institution, church, hospital, orphan asylum, public library, and certain other nonprofit agencies, etc	Exempt	0%
Pennsylvania	Surviving spouse or to a parent from a child aged 21 or younger, charitable organizations, exempt institutions and government entities	Exempt	0%
	Direct descendants and lineal heirs	\$0	4.5%
	Siblings	\$0	12%
	All others	\$0	15%