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# 2026 State Summary of Inheritance, Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax

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The Summary provides a comprehensive overview of inheritance, estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes across U.S. states as of publication. It details which states impose these taxes, recent legislative changes, exemption amounts, tax rates, and relevant statutory authorities.

## Key Takeaways

- Use this chart to quickly identify whether a state imposes inheritance, estate, gift, or generation-skipping transfer (GST) taxes to minimize state-level transfer tax exposure.
- Five states still impose an inheritance tax.
- Twelve states plus D.C. impose a state estate tax.
- Connecticut is the only state with a standalone state gift tax.
- Six states have a generation-skipping tax.



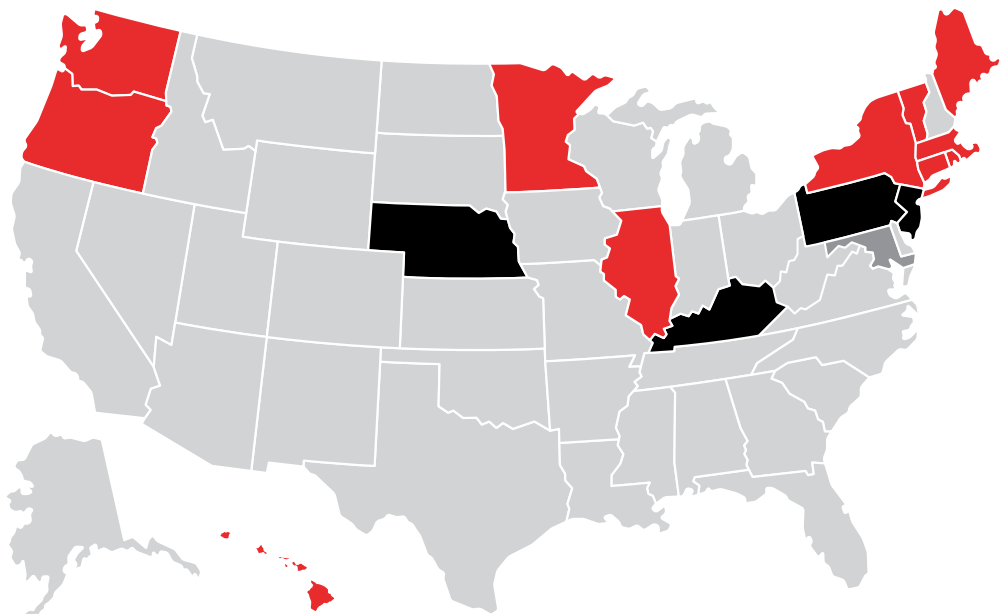
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	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS
Inheritance tax																	
Gift tax							✓										
Estate tax							✓	✓				✓			✓		
Generation-skipping transfer tax					✓							✓			✓		
	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV
Inheritance tax	✓			✓									✓		✓		
Gift tax																	
Estate tax			✓	✓	✓		✓										
Generation-skipping transfer tax			✓	✓													
	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY
Inheritance tax					✓												
Gift tax																	
Estate tax	✓			✓		✓							✓	✓			
Generation-skipping transfer tax													✓				

## State estate and inheritance tax rates and exemptions as of October 1, 2025

- State has an estate tax
- State has an inheritance tax
- State has both an estate tax and an inheritance tax

Source: Bloomberg Tax; state statutes



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## State inheritance tax

Five states impose an inheritance tax.

Recent changes:

**Iowa** – As of January 1, 2025, Iowa repealed its inheritance tax.

State	Inheritance tax	Comments	Authority
IA	No	Eliminated effective January 1, 2025.	Iowa Code § 450.2 Iowa Code § 450.10
KY	Yes	Inheritance tax ranges from 4 – 16%. Inheritance tax exemption varies by class of beneficiaries.	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 140.010
MD	Yes	10% rate imposed on taxable inheritances received by non-exempt beneficiaries. Exemption for property passing to any one person not exceeding a total of \$1,000. No inheritance tax imposed on small estates (under \$50,000) administered in a Small Estate proceeding.	Md. Code Ann. Tax-Gen. § 7-202
NE	Yes	For decedent dying after January 1, 2023, inheritance tax for immediate relatives is 1% of the fair market value received by each person in excess of \$100,000. For remote relatives, exempt up to \$40,000, taxed at 11% over that. For unrelated individuals, exempt up to \$25,000, taxed at 15% over that. <sup>1</sup>	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2004, 77-2005, 77-2006
NJ	Yes	Inheritance tax ranges from 0 – 16%. Inheritance tax exemption varies by class of beneficiaries.	N.J. Rev. Stat. § 54:34-2
PA	Yes	Inheritance tax ranges from 0 – 15%. Inheritance tax exemption varies by class of beneficiaries.	Pa. Stat. Ann. 72 § 9106

<sup>1</sup> In 2025, lawmakers advanced LB 468 to further reduce inheritance taxes. While the bill advanced through several legislative stages and committee amendments, not all changes became law. As of early 2026, Nebraska continues to operate largely under the LB 310 framework (LB 310 is effective for deaths on or after January 1, 2023).

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## State estate tax

Twelve states and District of Columbia impose estate taxes.

Recent changes:

**Washington** – House Bill 1867, effective January 1, 2025, eliminates the value of a qualifying family residence from the estate exemption amount for married individuals. July 1, 2025 – increased exemption to \$3,000,000 and rates now range from 10% to 35%.

State has an estate tax

State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
AK	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax is imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Alaska Stat. § 43.31.011
AL	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax is imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Ala. Code § 40-15-2
AR	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit.	AR ST § 26-59-103; 26-59-106; 26-59-109, as amended March 2003.
AZ	No		Repealed	AZ ST §§ 42-4051; 42-4001(2), (12).
CA	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax is imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005. Tax is repealed permanently.	Cal. Rev. & Tax. Cd. §§ 13302; 13411
CO	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax is imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 39-23.5-102 Colo. Rev. Stat. § 39-23.5-103
CT	Yes	\$15,000,000	Flat tax rate of 12%. The estate and gift tax threshold is the federal basic exclusion amount for 2023 and thereafter. Estate Tax is capped at \$15 million. QTIP election is permitted. For decedents dying after July 2, 2009, the Connecticut tax is due six months after date of death.	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-391(g) Connecticut Special Notice No. 2011(2), 06/28/2011 Connecticut Special Notice No. 2009(8), 03/08/2010

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State has an estate tax

State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
DC	Yes	\$4,988,000	In August 2020, the DC City Council enacted the "Estate Tax Adjustment Amendment Act of 2020," which reduces the DC threshold to \$4 million in 2021 and is adjusted for inflation annually.  No separate QTIP election. Tax ranges from 11.2% – 16%	
DE	No		Effective for estates of decedents dying after December 31, 2017, the estate tax is repealed.	Del. Code Ann. 30 § 1502 et seq.
FL	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax is imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	FL ST § 198.02; FL CONST. Art. VII, Sec. 5.
GA	No		Repealed effective July 1, 2014	Ga. Code Ann. § 48-12-1.1
HI	Yes	\$5,490,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 10 – 20%. Hawaii has its own estate tax exemption amount. Marital/QTIP and charitable deductions generally follow federal rules.	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 236D
IA	No		Repealed effective July 1, 2014	L. 2014 H2435 § 25
ID	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	ID ST §§ 14-403; 14-402; 63-3004 (as amended Mar. 2002).
IL	Yes	\$4,000,000 <sup>2</sup>	Progressive rate structure ranging from 0.8% – 16% <sup>3</sup>  Illinois has its own estate tax exclusion. A state QTIP election is allowed.	ILCS Chapter 35 § 405/2
IN	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Ind. Code § 6-4.1-11-1, repealed by L. 2013, P.L. 205, §115, eff. 01/01/2013.
KS	No		N/A	Kansas Revenue Department Public Notice No. 10-07, 08/31/2010  Kansas Revenue Department Public Notice No. 10-08, 08/31/2010

2 Several bills were introduced in 2025 that proposed changes to the Illinois exemption for 2026 and beyond. However, no bills have passed as of the date of this update.

3 Illinois has proposed a bill that would increase their estate tax rate from 0.8–16% to 5–22% in 2026. The bill hasn't passed as of the date of this update.



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State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
KY	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	KY ST § 140.130.
LA	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	LA R.S. §§ 47:2431; 47:2432; 47:2434.
MA	Yes	\$2,000,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 0.8% – 16%. Massachusetts has its own estate tax exemption amount. Taxable gifts are utilized in determining whether a decedent has a filing obligation in Massachusetts; however, they are not subject to the estate tax. A separate state QTIP election is permitted.	Mass. Gen. L. Chapter 65C § 2A(g)
MD	Yes	\$5,000,000 <sup>4</sup>	The exemption amount is capped at \$5 million and has remained unchanged since 2019 (no inflation adjustment). Progressive rate structure ranging from 0.8% – 16%. Beginning 2019, portability of the unused predeceased spouse's Maryland exemption amount to the surviving spouse is allowed. A separate state QTIP election is permitted.	MD Tax - General Code § 7-309
ME	Yes	\$7,160,000 <sup>5</sup>	Progressive rate structure ranging from 8% – 12%. Maine has its own estate tax exemption amount, adjusted annually. A separate QTIP election is allowed. Taxable gifts made within one year of death are includable in the estate.	Me. Rev. Stat. Chapter 577
MI	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	MI ST §§ 205.232; 205.256

<sup>4</sup> In January 2025, the Maryland governor proposed a new 2025 budget that would reduce the estate exemption to \$2,000,000. However, in February 2025, the proposal was abandoned.

<sup>5</sup> In 2025, there was a proposal to lower the Maine exclusion to \$1 million for decedents dying after January 1, 2026. However, the bill failed and will not become law.



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State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
MN	Yes	\$3,000,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 13% – 16%. Minnesota estate tax exemption of \$3 million for 2020 and thereafter. Taxable gifts made within three years of death are includable in the estate. A separate state QTIP election is permitted.	Minn. Stat. § 291.03
MO	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	MO ST §§ 145.011; 145.091N
MS	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Miss. Code Ann. § 27-9-5
MT	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Mont. Code Ann. § 72-16-905
NC	No		The North Carolina estate tax has been repealed for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2013.	North Carolina HB 998 (July 23, 2013)
ND	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	N.D. Cent. Code § 57-37.1-04
NE	No		N/A	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2701.01(1)
NH	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 87:1
NJ	No		NJ repealed the estate tax as of January 1, 2018.	N.J. Rev. Stat. § 54:38-1(a)(4)
NM	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	NMSA 1978 § 7-7-3
NV	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	NV ST Title 32 §§ 375A.025; 375A.100.

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State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
NY	Yes	\$7,350,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 3.06% – 16%. The unified threshold of \$1 million is replaced with an applicable credit equal to the tax on the basic threshold amount, which equals the federal basic federal amount prior to the 2017 Tax Act with indexing of the threshold amount beginning on January 1, 2019. Once the estate exceeds 105% of the exemption, the exemption is not available, and the ENTIRE estate is subject to New York Estate tax. This is often referred to as the New York Estate Tax Cliff. Gifts within 3 years of death are pulled back into the estate calculation.	N.Y. Tax Law § 952(a) N.Y. Tax Law § 951(a)
OH	No		Estate tax repealed for persons dying after 12-31-2012.	Ohio HB 153
OK	No		Estate tax repealed effective January 1, 2010.	OK ST Title 68 § 804
OR	Yes	\$1,000,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 10% – 16%. Standalone estate tax for decedents who die on or after January 1, 2012. The estate exemption for Oregon is fixed at \$1 million.	Or. Rev. Stat. § 118.010
PA	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Pa. Stat. Ann. 72 § 9117
RI	Yes	\$1,838,056	Progressive rate structure ranging from 0.8% – 16%. Stand-alone estate tax system. Rhode Island sets an estate tax credit that is adjusted annually for inflation (this equates to a corresponding exemption amount). A state QTIP election is permitted. Prior taxable gifts are includible in the estate.	R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-22-1.1 R.I. Reg. 280-RICR-20-35-1 Rhode Island Advisory No. 2024-30, 12/05/2024
SC	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	S.C. Code Ann. § 12-6-510(A)

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State	Estate tax	Exemption	Comments	Authority
SD	No		Tax was permanently repealed in 2014 effective July 1, 2014.	SDCL § 10-40A
TN	No		Tennessee imposes a pick-up estate tax based on the federal credit allowed under IRC § 2011. For tax years beginning after 2009, the estate tax is currently inapplicable.	Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-8-204
TX	No		Tax was permanently repealed effective as of September 15, 2015, when Chapter 211 of the Texas Tax Code was repealed.	Tex. Tax Code Ann. § 211.051 Tex. Tax Code Ann. § 211.052 Tex. Tax Code Ann. § 211.053 (Chapter 211 of the Texas Tax Code is repealed by L. 2015, S752, § 1, effective 09/01/2015)
UT	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	Utah Code Ann. § 59-11-101 Utah Code Ann. § 59-11-102 Utah Code Ann. § 59-11-103
VA	No		Estate tax repealed effective 7-1-2007.	VA ST §§ 58.1-901; 58.1-902.
VT	Yes	\$5,000,000	Flat estate tax rate of 16%. On June 18, 2019, Vermont enacted H. 541 which increased the Vermont estate tax exemption to \$4,250,000 in 2020 and \$5,000,000 in 2021 and thereafter. Taxable gifts made within two years of death are includable in the estate. No separate state QTIP election permitted.	Vt. Stat. Ann. 32 § 7442(b)
WA	Yes	\$3,000,000	Progressive rate structure ranging from 10% – 35%. Stand-alone estate tax with its own exemption. Inflation adjustments reinstated starting 2026. A separate state QTIP election permitted.	Washington ESSB 5813
WI	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	WI ST § 72.01(11m)
WV	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	WV § 11-11-3

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WY	No		Tied to the federal state death tax credit. No estate tax imposed for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2005.	WY ST §§ 39-19-103; 39-19-104

## State gift tax

State	Inheritance tax	Comments	Authority
CT	Yes	Connecticut is the only state that has its own gift tax, with a lifetime exemption amount that matches the state's estate tax exemption. The annual gift tax exclusion is \$19,000 per recipient in 2025.	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-642 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-643

## Generation-skipping transfer tax

Six states impose a generation-skipping transfer tax.

State	Generation-Skipping Tax	Comments	Authority
CA	Yes	If federal law requires you to file a GST return you must also file a CA GST return. CA GST tax rate mirrors the federal GST tax rate of 40%.	CA Rev and Tax Code § 16720
HI	Yes	The applicable rate is 2.25% multiplied by the inclusion ratio with respect to any property transferred in a generation-skipping transfer.	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 236E-17
IL	Yes	A separate Illinois GST tax imposed equal to the federal credit under IRC § 2064 in effect on December 31, 2001. The Illinois rate ranges from 0.8% – 16% on estates of more than \$4 million.	Illinois Compiled Statues Chapter 35
MA	Yes	Imposes a state GST tax equal to the amount allowable as a federal state death tax credit.	Mass. Gen. Laws. Ch. 65C §4A



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## Generation-skipping transfer tax (continued)

State	Generation-Skipping Tax	Comments	Authority
MD	Yes	Md. Code § 7-402 imposes GST tax at death when federal GST applies and involves Maryland resident or situs property and equals the amount of the federal GST tax rate of 40%.	MD Tax – General Code § 7-402
VT	Yes	A separate Vermont GST tax imposed equal to the federal credit in IRC §2604 as in effect on 1-1-2001. Therefore, it used the old federal credit formula. The tax ranges from 0.8% – 16%.	Vt. Stat. Ann. 32 § 7460

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