3-Feb-22

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2020 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted tax	able estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	3,233	\$48,334,142	2,108	\$9,535,215	3,317	\$57,869,357
Under \$10 million	308	\$1,737,464	251	\$1,542,673	319	\$3,280,137
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,745	\$16,593,736	977	\$2,695,269	1,777	\$19,289,006
\$20 million under \$50 million	854	\$13,758,627	584	\$2,705,733	877	\$16,464,360
\$50 million or more	327	\$16,244,314	296	\$2,591,540	343	\$18,835,854
All Taxable Returns	1,275	\$33,867,791	929	\$6,022,698	1,275	\$39,890,489
Under \$10 million	123	\$835,453	100	\$735,491	123	\$1,570,944
\$10 million under \$20 million	539	\$7,088,210	354	\$1,427,576	539	\$8,515,786
\$20 million under \$50 million	427	\$10,649,904	305	\$1,839,131	427	\$12,489,035
\$50 million or more	186	\$15,294,224	170	\$2,020,500	186	\$17,314,724
All Nontaxable Returns	1,959	\$14,466,351	1,179	\$3,512,517	2,043	\$17,978,868
Under \$10 million	185	\$902,011	151	\$807,182	197	\$1,709,193
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,206	\$9,505,526	623	\$1,267,694	1,238	\$10,773,220
\$20 million under \$50 million	427	\$3,108,724	279	\$866,602	450	\$3,975,325
\$50 million or more	141	\$950,090	126	\$571,040	157	\$1,521,130

**Source:** IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, Table 1: Selected Income, Deduction and Tax Computation Items, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate. October 2021.

Notes: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2020, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2019, for which the filing threshold was \$11.40 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2020 for deaths that occurred prior to 2019, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of returns filed for deaths that occurred in 2020, for which the filing threshold was \$11.58 million.

5-Mar-21

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2019 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta:	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	5,894	\$69,524,035	3,689	\$15,936,451	6,063	\$85,460,486
Under \$10 million	1,757	\$8,810,756	979	\$3,324,960	1,813	\$12,135,716
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,509	\$23,526,395	1,440	\$3,814,877	2,564	\$27,341,272
\$20 million under \$50 million	1,189	\$18,316,151	873	\$3,723,218	1,221	\$22,039,369
\$50 million or more	439	\$18,870,733	397	\$5,073,396	465	\$23,944,129
All Taxable Returns	2,569	\$50,139,662	1,812	\$9,648,810	2,570	\$59,788,472
Under \$10 million	648	\$4,085,964	391	\$1,501,941	648	\$5,587,905
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,019	\$13,229,471	684	\$2,403,682	1,020	\$15,633,153
\$20 million under \$50 million	636	\$14,919,647	499	\$2,654,952	636	\$17,574,599
\$50 million or more	265	\$17,904,580	237	\$3,088,235	265	\$20,992,816
All Nontaxable Returns	3,325	\$19,384,373	1,877	\$6,287,641	3,493	\$25,672,014
Under \$10 million	1,109	\$4,724,792	588	\$1,823,019	1,165	\$6,547,811
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,490	\$10,296,924	755	\$1,411,195	1,544	\$11,708,120
\$20 million under \$50 million	553	\$3,396,504	374	\$1,068,266	585	\$4,464,770
\$50 million or more	174	\$966,153	160	\$1,985,160	200	\$2,951,313

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

**Source:** IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, Table 1: Selected Income, Deduction and Tax Computation Items, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate. March 2021.

Notes: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2019, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2018, for which the filing threshold was \$11.18 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2019 for deaths that occurred prior to 2018, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of returns filed for deaths that occurred in 2019, for which the filing threshold was \$11.40 million.

30-Mar-20

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All Nontaxable Returns

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# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2018 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Taxable estate Adjusted taxable gifts Adjusted taxable estate size of gross estate Number Amount Number Amount Number Amount 6,706 All Returns 12,455 \$100,372,659 \$18,961,360 12,774 \$119,334,019 Under \$5 million 887 \$2,374,331 950 960 \$3,662,455 \$6,036,786 \$39,381,339 \$5 million under \$10 million 6,934 \$34,529,676 2,888 \$4,851,663 7,060 \$10 million under \$20 million \$22,654,027 1,557 \$3,581,712 2,980 2,922 \$26,235,739 \$20 million under \$50 million 1,244 \$18,074,040 890 \$3,382,813 1,283 \$21,456,852 \$22,740,585 422 \$3,482,717 491 \$26,223,303 \$50 million or more 468 **All Taxable Returns** 5,484 \$73,031,587 3,468 \$12,795,667 5,484 \$85,827,254 Under \$5 million 483 \$1,443,828 479 \$2,123,245 483 \$3,567,073 \$5 million under \$10 million \$16,811,556 1,309 \$3,040,792 2,554 2,554 \$19,852,349

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\$18,617,320

\$25,082,706

\$33,506,766

\$2,469,713

\$7,527,933

\$2,839,532

\$1,140,597

\$19,528,991

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

**Source:** IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, Table 1: Selected Income, Deduction and Tax Computation Items, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate. January 2020.

\$16,314,185

\$16,086,162

\$22,375,855

\$27,341,073

\$17,718,120

\$6,339,842

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Notes: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

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[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2018, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2017, for which the filing threshold was \$5.49 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2018 for deaths that occurred prior to 2017, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of returns filed for deaths that occurred in 2018, for which the filing threshold was \$11.18 million.

#### 15-Jul-19

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2017 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	xable gifts	Adjusted ta:	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	11,783	94,158,412	6,502	20,155,024	12,063	114,313,436
Under \$5 million	1,089	2,703,050	1,104	3,970,379	1,142	6,673,428
	6,746	32,964,038	2,818	4,677,013	6,885	37,641,050
\$5 million under \$10 million						
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,543	19,865,877	1,453	3,767,800	2,587	23,633,676
\$20 million under \$50 million	1,001	14,411,908	752	3,496,441	1,034	17,908,349
\$50 million or more	403	24,213,540	375	4,243,392	416	28,456,932
All Taxable Returns	5,185	69,455,847	3,375	14,114,673	5,185	83,570,520
Under \$5 million	543	1,556,440	531	2,186,533	543	3,742,972
\$5 million under \$10 million	2,399	15,561,388	1,234	2,969,313	2,399	18,530,701
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,376	15,370,531	891	2,749,703	1,376	18,120,235
\$20 million under \$50 million	590	13,087,125	465	2,615,361	590	15,702,486
\$50 million or more	277	23,880,363	255	3,593,763	277	27,474,126
All Nontaxable Returns	6,598	24,702,565	3,126	6,040,351	6,878	30,742,916
Under \$5 million	546	1,146,610	573	1,783,846	599	2,930,456
\$5 million under \$10 million	4,348	17,402,649	1,584	1,707,700	4,486	19,110,349
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,167	4,495,345	563	1,018,096	1,211	5,513,442
\$20 million under \$50 million	412	1,324,784	286	881,080	444	2,205,86
\$50 million or more	125	333,176	120	649,630	138	982,80

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2017, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2016, for which the filing threshold was \$5.45 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2017 for deaths that occurred prior to 2016, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of returns filed for deaths that occurred in 2017.

'NOTE: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, October 2018

#### 15-Jul-19

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2016 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted taxable gifts		Adjusted taxable estate	
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	11,551	87,778,175	6,482	19,452,339	11,778	107,230,514
Under \$5 million	1,157	2,911,347	1,145	4,352,103	1,213	7,263,450
\$5 million under \$10 million	6,492	31,303,511	2,790	4,764,998	6,583	36,068,509
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,476	19,204,211	1,431	3,617,492	2,517	22,821,703
\$20 million under \$50 million	1,014	14,576,658	739	3,234,091	1,039	17,810,749
\$50 million or more	413	19,782,448	378	3,483,655	427	23,266,104
All Taxable Returns	5,219	65,029,659	3,440	13,537,230	5,219	78,566,889
Under \$5 million	611	1,748,506	585	2,566,366	611	4,314,872
\$5 million under \$10 million	2,402	15,578,975	1,292	3,037,381	2,402	18,616,356
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,293	14,874,954	812	2,503,626	1,293	17,378,580
\$20 million under \$50 million	611	13,323,944	477	2,473,168	611	15,797,112
\$50 million or more	300	19,503,280	273	2,956,689	300	22,459,969
All Nontaxable Returns	6,333	22,748,516	3,043	5,915,109	6,559	28,663,626
Under \$5 million	545	1,162,842	560	1,785,736	601	2,948,578
\$5 million under \$10 million	4,090	15,724,536	1,498	1,727,618	4,181	17,452,153
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,183	4,329,256	619	1,113,866	1,224	5,443,122
\$20 million under \$50 million	402	1,252,714	262	760,923	427	2,013,637
\$50 million or more	112	279,169	104	526,966	126	806,135

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2016, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2015, for which the filing threshold was \$5.43 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2016 for deaths that occurred prior to 2015, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of returns filed for deaths that occurred in 2016.

'NOTE: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, October 2017

## 22-Dec-16

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2015 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted tax	able estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	11,085	81,172,917	6,145	18,763,387	11,312	99,936,304
Under \$5 million	1,327	3,238,630	1,295	4,807,096	1,382	8,045,727
\$5 million under \$10 million	6,305	29,567,024	2,559	4,237,862	6,394	33,804,886
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,170	16,348,715	1,243	3,389,985	2,220	19,738,700
\$20 million under \$50 million	903	12,744,927	698	3,003,699	928	15,748,626
\$50 million or more	379	19,273,621	349	3,324,745	389	22,598,366
All Taxable Returns	4,917	60,117,378	3,322	13,212,165	4,918	73,329,543
Under \$5 million	665	1,886,963	646	2,778,549	665	4,665,512
\$5 million under \$10 million	2,298	14,767,477	1,245	2,786,841	2,298	17,554,317
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,149	12,762,371	740	2,449,492	1,150	15,211,863
\$20 million under \$50 million	540	11,671,198	443	2,235,354	540	13,906,552
\$50 million or more	266	19,029,370	249	2,961,929	266	21,991,300
All Nontaxable Returns	6,168	21,055,539	2,823	5,551,222	6,394	26,606,761
Under \$5 million	662	1,351,667	650	2,028,547	717	3,380,215
\$5 million under \$10 million	4,007	14,799,547	1,315	1,451,021	4,096	16,250,568
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,021	3,586,345	503	940,493	1,070	4,526,837
\$20 million under \$50 million	363	1,073,729	255	768,346	388	1,842,074
\$50 million or more	113	244,251	100	362,815	123	607,066

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\$5.34 million of gross estate. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2015 for deaths that occurred prior to 2014, for which filing thresholds were lower. There are also a small number of

'NOTE: Detail may not add to total due to taxpayer reporting discrepancies and rounding.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Estate Tax Returns Study, October 2016.

\*Revised November 2016

# 15-Feb-16

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2014 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	11,192	80,099,312	6,357	20,237,763	11,396	100,337,075
Under \$5 million	1,563	3,806,653	1,478	5,207,187	1,615	9,013,840
\$5 million under \$10 million	6,238	29,193,346	2,615	4,385,384	6,316	33,578,730
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,174	16,187,645	1,276	3,540,296	2,209	19,727,941
\$20 million under \$50 million	891	12,770,995	700	3,295,484	918	16,066,479
\$50 million or more	326	18,140,673	288	3,809,412	336	21,950,085
All Taxable Returns	5,158	59,957,993	3,456	14,643,547	5,158	74,601,539
Under \$5 million	796	2,222,292	755	3,045,107	796	5,267,398
\$5 million under \$10 million	2,429	15,452,363	1,307	2,922,619	2,429	18,374,982
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,132	12,554,079	725	2,570,764	1,132	15,124,843
\$20 million under \$50 million	578	11,902,175	466	2,663,949	578	14,566,123
\$50 million or more	223	17,827,084	204	3,441,108	223	21,268,192
All Nontaxable Returns	6,035	20,141,319	2,901	5,594,217	6,238	25,735,536
Under \$5 million	766	1,584,362	723	2,162,080	819	3,746,442
\$5 million under \$10 million	3,809	13,740,983	1,307	1,462,765	3,887	15,203,748
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,042	3,633,566	552	969,532	1,077	4,603,098
\$20 million under \$50 million	314	868,820	234	631,535	341	1,500,356
\$50 million or more	103	313,588	84	368,305	114	681,893

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2013, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2012, for which the filing threshold was \$5.12 million. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2013 for deaths that occurred prior to 2012, for which filing thresholds were lower.

## 20-Jan-15

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2013 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted tax	able estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	10,131	72,363,695	5,334	13,395,550	10,246	85,759,245
Under \$5 million	1,016	2,806,632	837	2,154,137	1,040	4,960,770
\$5 million under \$10 million	5,943	27,716,676	2,474	3,006,834	5,984	30,723,510
\$10 million under \$20 million	2,067	16,267,966	1,153	2,587,891	2,092	18,855,857
\$20 million under \$50 million	823	12,383,580	621	2,307,383	836	14,690,964
\$50 million or more	283	13,188,841	249	3,339,304	294	16,528,145
All Taxable Returns	4,687	53,620,084	2,993	10,182,338	4,687	63,802,422
Under \$5 million	427	1,291,573	369	1,257,459	427	2,549,032
\$5 million under \$10 million	2,401	15,151,862	1,304	1,993,744	2,401	17,145,606
\$10 million under \$20 million	1,161	13,000,080	736	2,032,150	1,161	15,032,230
\$20 million under \$50 million	508	11,320,973	417	1,862,628	508	13,183,60 <sup>2</sup>
\$50 million or more	190	12,855,596	168	3,036,357	190	15,891,953
All Nontaxable Returns	5,445	18,743,611	2,342	3,213,212	5,560	21,956,823
Under \$5 million	589	1,515,059	468	896,678	613	2,411,737
\$5 million under \$10 million	3,542	12,564,814	1,171	1,013,091	3,583	13,577,905
\$10 million under \$20 million	906	3,267,886	417	555,741	931	3,823,627
\$20 million under \$50 million	315	1,062,607	205	444,756	328	1,507,362
\$50 million or more	93	333,244	81	302,948	104	636,19

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2013, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2012, for which the filing threshold was \$5.12 million. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2013 for deaths that occurred prior to 2012, for which filing thresholds were lower.

# 11-Apr-14

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2012 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	8,991	58,647,550	4,174	7,603,686	9,057	66,251,236
All Returns			-		,	
Under \$5.0 million	937	2,651,251	634	1,260,199	951	3,911,449
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	5,536	25,577,305	2,008	1,819,018	5,560	27,396,323
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,661	12,143,550	895	1,392,591	1,674	13,536,141
\$20.0 million or more	856	18,275,445	637	3,131,878	872	21,407,323
All Taxable Returns	3,738	40,156,274	2,142	5,653,420	3,738	45,809,694
Under \$5.0 million	331	1,087,483	237	724,411	331	1,811,894
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,114	13,265,816	999	1,140,127	2,114	14,405,943
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	798	8,848,825	502	1,058,534	798	9,907,359
\$20.0 million or more	495	16,954,149	405	2,730,349	495	19,684,498
All Nontaxable Returns	5,253	18,491,276	2,032	1,950,266	5,319	20,441,542
Under \$5.0 million	606	1,563,768	397	535,788	619	2,099,556
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	3,423	12,311,488	1,009	678,891	3,446	12,990,379
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	864	3,294,725	392	334,057	877	3,628,782
\$20.0 million or more	361	1,321,296	233	401,529	377	1,722,825

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

[1] Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. So, in 2012, most returns were filed for deaths that occurred in 2011, for which the filing threshold was \$5 million. Because of filing extensions, however, some returns were filed in 2012 for deaths that occurred prior to 2011, for which filing thresholds were lower. The number of returns filed for deaths in 2010 was reduced by a provision in the tax law that enabled estates to opt out of the estate tax system and instead file Form 8939, Allocation of Increase in Basis for Property Acquired From a Decedent.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, August 2013.

# 11-Apr-14

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2011 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	4,360	20,238,123	1,579	2,059,226	4,380	22,297,349
Under \$3.5 million	551	926,633	146	159,878	553	1,086,511
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	946	2,847,778	324	255,067	950	3,102,845
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,019	8,210,949	644	456,158	2,022	8,667,106
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	534	3,217,795	240	291,385	540	3,509,180
\$20.0 million or more	310	5,034,968	225	896,738	315	5,931,706
All Taxable Returns	1,480	12,131,680	693	1,246,417	1,480	13,378,097
Under \$3.5 million	174	380,516	45	37,020	174	417,537
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	278	1,071,091	123	97,410	278	1,168,501
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	654	3,816,049	285	260,250	654	4,076,299
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	218	2,259,801	117	208,512	218	2,468,312
\$20.0 million or more	156	4,604,224	123	643,224	156	5,247,448
All Nontaxable Returns	2,880	8,106,443	886	812,809	2,900	8,919,251
Under \$3.5 million	377	546,116	101	122,858	379	668,975
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	668	1,776,688	201	157,656	672	1,934,344
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	1,365	4,394,900	359	195,907	1,368	4,590,807
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	316	957,994	123	82,873	322	1,040,868
\$20.0 million or more	154	430,744	102	253,513	159	684,258

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

[1]Generally, an estate files a Federal estate tax return (Form 706) in the year after a decedent's death. However, the estate tax was repealed temporarily for 2010 before being reinstated with the passage of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act in December 2010. The law, which was retroactive for all 2010 decedents, raised the estate tax exemption level to \$5.0 million and also allowed estates to opt out of the estate tax system and instead file Form 8939, Allocation of Increase in Basis for Property Acquired From a Decedent. These tax law changes, combined with extended filing deadlines for 2010 returns, resulted in relatively few estate tax returns being filed for 2010 decedents during 2011. Therefore, this table is not comparable to prior filing year estate tax tables.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, August 2012.

# 11-Jan-12

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2010 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	e estate	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted tax	able estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	14,703	66,059,457	5,597	6,088,249	14,738	72,147,705
Under \$3.5 million	3,138	6,347,204	880	747,441	3,157	7,094,645
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	4,884	14,521,525	1,391	838,811	4,884	15,360,336
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	4,312	17,685,887	1,805	1,350,859	4,323	19,036,746
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,493	10,396,384	864	1,032,574	1,493	11,428,958
\$20.0 million or more	876	17,108,457	657	2,118,563	882	19,227,020
All Taxable Returns	6,710	47,701,772	3,298	4,439,688	6,711	52,141,461
Under \$3.5 million	1,325	3,332,160	506	411,022	1,325	3,743,181
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	1,912	7,265,217	743	521,423	1,912	7,786,640
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,104	12,125,065	1,077	973,049	2,106	13,098,113
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	825	8,707,815	538	770,713	825	9,478,527
\$20.0 million or more	543	16,271,517	435	1,763,483	543	18,034,999
All Nontaxable Returns	7,993	18,357,684	2,299	1,648,561	8,027	20,006,245
Under \$3.5 million	1,813	3,015,044	374	336,420	1,832	3,351,464
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,971	7,256,308	648	317,389	2,971	7,573,696
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,208	5,560,823	728	377,810	2,216	5,938,633
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	668	1,688,569	326	261,862	668	1,950,430
\$20.0 million or more	333	836,941	223	355,081	339	1,192,021

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## 20-Dec-10

## Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2009 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	estate [2]	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	32,124	101,382,062	9,547	7,892,576	32,216	109,274,638
Under \$2.0 million	1,295	1,663,873	947	728,303	1,297	2,392,176
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	16,998	32,993,391	3,303	1,404,235	17,037	34,397,626
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	5,895	15,382,536	1,484	901,346	5,901	16,283,882
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	5,107	18,731,019	2,065	1,556,635	5,135	20,287,654
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,804	11,542,441	1,002	1,400,729	1,814	12,943,170
\$20.0 million or more	1,023	21,068,803	747	1,901,328	1,031	22,970,131
All Taxable Returns	14,711	73,140,702	5,423	5,842,929	14,713	78,983,631
Under \$2.0 million	555	812,779	451	397,236	555	1,210,015
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	6,999	16,833,269	1,789	926,885	6,999	17,760,155
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,862	10,226,335	809	634,828	2,862	10,861,163
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,643	14,524,448	1,243	1,114,730	2,644	15,639,178
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,015	10,247,387	634	1,146,048	1,015	11,393,434
\$20.0 million or more	637	20,496,484	497	1,623,201	637	22,119,685
All Nontaxable Returns	17,413	28,241,360	4,124	2,049,647	17,504	30,291,007
Under \$2.0 million	740	851,094	496	331,067	742	1,182,161
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	9,999	16,160,122	1,514	477,350	10,038	16,637,471
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	3,033	5,156,201	675	266,517	3,039	5,422,718
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,465	4,206,571	822	441,905	2,490	4,648,476
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	790	1,295,054	367	254,681	800	1,549,735
\$20.0 million or more	387	572,319	250	278,127	395	850,446

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[2] The definition of taxable estate differs for the estates of decedents who died before 2005 due to the replacement of the state death tax credit with the state death tax deduction. The state death tax credit was taken to reduce gross estate tax and was therefore not used to calculate taxable estate. In contrast, the state death tax deduction is subtracted from tentative taxable estate to compute the taxable estate.

## 20-Dec-10

## Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2008 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

[All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable	estate [2]	Adjusted ta	axable gifts	Adjusted ta	xable estate
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	36,812	116,968,053	10,211	8,663,030	36,874	125,631,082
Under \$2.0 million	1,647	2,028,163	1,116	824,109	1,648	2,852,272
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	19,971	38,521,710	3,464	1,343,497	20,008	39,865,208
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	6,310	16,287,926	1,613	883,399	6,312	17,171,326
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	5,691	21,248,048	2,131	1,573,058	5,701	22,821,106
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	2,040	13,625,243	1,088	1,188,701	2,045	14,813,944
\$20.0 million or more	1,152	25,256,962	800	2,850,265	1,159	28,107,227
All Taxable Returns	17,172	86,281,405	6,211	6,520,805	17,172	92,802,210
Under \$2.0 million	720	1,020,262	542	412,018	720	1,432,280
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	8,368	20,375,595	2,030	911,738	8,368	21,287,332
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	3,158	11,214,699	996	630,391	3,158	11,845,090
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	3,001	16,755,330	1,373	1,206,218	3,001	17,961,548
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,179	12,271,263	703	936,756	1,179	13,208,019
\$20.0 million or more	746	24,644,256	566	2,423,685	746	27,067,940
All Nontaxable Returns	19,641	30,686,648	4,000	2,142,225	19,703	32,828,873
Under \$2.0 million	927	1,007,901	573	412,091	928	1,419,992
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	11,603	18,146,116	1,434	431,760	11,640	18,577,875
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	3,152	5,073,227	616	253,008	3,154	5,326,236
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,691	4,492,718	758	366,840	2,701	4,859,558
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	861	1,353,980	384	251,945	866	1,605,925
\$20.0 million or more	406	612,706	234	426,580	414	1,039,286

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

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#### 11-Nov-08

## Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2007 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate [All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable estate [2]		Adjusted taxable gifts		Adjusted taxable estate	
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	36,458	106,700,600	10.059	7,703,924	36,550	114,404,524
Under \$2.0 million	3,681	4,585,859	1,443	883,965	3,682	5,469,824
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	18,953	36,323,503	3,429	1,351,116	18,991	37,674,620
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	5,718	14,687,370	1,490	817,524	5,748	15,504,894
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	5,265	19,831,581	1,964	1,609,930	5,276	21,441,511
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,844	12,455,443	1,036	1,310,948	1,847	13,766,391
\$20.0 million or more	997	18,816,844	697	1,730,440	1,007	20,547,283
All Taxable Returns	17,415	78,796,160	5,881	5,747,684	17,416	84,543,844
Under \$2.0 million	1,409	2,143,273	667	408,169	1,409	2,551,442
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	8,483	20,519,326	1,928	971,471	8,483	21,490,797
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,859	10,290,628	841	581,250	2,860	10,871,878
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,906	16,153,035	1,289	1,260,426	2,906	17,413,461
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,104	11,357,182	678	1,070,337	1,104	12,427,519
\$20.0 million or more	654	18,332,716	479	1,456,031	654	19,788,747
All Nontaxable Returns	19,043	27,904,440	4,178	1,956,240	19,134	29,860,680
Under \$2.0 million	2,272	2,442,586	777	475,795	2,273	2,918,382
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	10,470	15,804,177	1,501	379,645	10,507	16,183,822
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,859	4,396,743	649	236,274	2,888	4,633,017
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,359	3,678,546	675	349,504	2,370	4,028,050
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	741	1,098,261	358	240,611	744	1,338,872
\$20.0 million or more	343	484,128	218	274,409	352	758,536

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#### 20-May-08

## Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2006 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate [All figures are estimates based on samples--money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Tax status and	Taxable estate [2]		Adjusted taxable gifts		Adjusted taxable estate	
size of gross estate	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All Returns	<i>/ • • • •</i>		( a a a -		<i>(</i> <b>- - - - - - - - - -</b>	
	46,887	113,551,860	10,997	7,666,568	46,988	121,218,428
Under \$1.5 million	1,904	1,772,410	1,007	655,824	1,925	2,428,233
\$1.5 million under \$2.0 million	14,098	19,447,223	1,838	571,632	14,110	20,018,855
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	17,999	31,472,304	3,005	1,105,496	18,018	32,577,801
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	5,435	13,468,923	1,525	783,597	5,452	14,252,520
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	4,875	17,494,771	1,964	1,385,355	4,887	18,880,126
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,662	10,630,323	992	1,157,501	1,672	11,787,824
\$20.0 million or more	914	19,265,905	666	2,007,162	924	21,273,068
All Taxable Returns	22,798	84,871,630	6,635	5,818,775	22,798	90,690,405
Under \$1.5 million	819	890.341	540	405.722	819	1,296,063
\$1.5 million under \$2.0 million	5,704	9,438,355	936	395,115	5,704	9,833,470
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	9,042	20,722,394	1,810	764.879	9,043	21,487,273
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,951	10,308,993	960	581,998	2,951	10,890,991
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,663	14,706,175	1,239	1,044,581	2,664	15,750,755
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	1,004	9,868,164	681	935,943	1,004	10,804,108
\$20.0 million or more	614	18,937,209	469	1,690,536	614	20,627,745
All Nontaxable Returns	24,090	28,680,230	4,362	1,847,793	24,190	30,528,022
Under \$1.5 million	1,085	882.067	468	250.102	1,106	1,132,170
\$1.5 million under \$2.0 million	8,394	10.008.868	902	176.517	8,406	10,185,385
\$2.0 million under \$3.5 million	8,956	10,749,911	1,195	340,617	8,975	11,090,528
\$3.5 million under \$5.0 million	2,484	3,159,930	564	201,599	2,501	3,361,529
\$5.0 million under \$10.0 million	2,212	2,788,598	725	340,774	2,224	3,129,371
\$10.0 million under \$20.0 million	658	762,159	310	221.557	668	983.717
\$20.0 million or more	300	328,696	197	316,627	310	645,323

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#### Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2005 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Adjusted taxable gifts Taxable estate Adjusted taxable estate Number size of gross estate Number Amount Amount Number Amount All Returns 96,208,611 106,670,453 41,158 9,745 6,943,330 42,778 Under \$1.5 million 5.122 4.687.651 1.157 664.670 5.203 5.408.119 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 12,670 17,201,224 1,809 572,770 13,225 18,526,442 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 13.462 23,571,194 2.517 997.740 14.011 25.500.225 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 4,084 9,992,662 1,235 705,597 4,254 11,049,665 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 3.836 14,098,039 1,724 1,273,415 4,008 15,950,908 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 1.264 8.434.391 771 865.494 1.331 9.649.781 \$20.0 million or more 719 18,223,450 532 1,863,644 746 20,585,313 **All Taxable Returns** 19.548 72.714.897 6.071 5.406.574 20.250 80.627.392 Under \$1.5 million 1,789 2,030,852 349,678 2,411,562 529 1,820 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 5,055 8,367,567 1,069 418,975 5,237 9,084,595 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 17,727,956 7.041 16,375,067 1.577 731,727 7,311 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 2,214 8,594,135 7,820,340 793 536,622 2,282 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 2.182 12,194,440 1,189 1,025,045 2.280 13,724,942 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 787 7,937,043 8,961,555 532 702,111 822 \$20.0 million or more 17,989,588 381 20,122,647 481 1,642,416 498 **All Nontaxable Returns** 21.610 23,493,714 3,674 1,536,756 22.527 26.043.060 Under \$1.5 million 3,334 2,656,800 314,992 2,996,558 628 3,383 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 7.615 8.833.657 740 153,795 7.988 9.441.847 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 6,421 7,196,127 940 266.013 6,700 7,772,269 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 1,870 2,172,323 442 168,975 1,971 2,455,530 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 1,654 1.903.599 535 248.369 1.728 2,225,965 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 477 497,347 238 163,384 509 688,227 \$20.0 million or more 238 233.862 151 221.228 248 462,665

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#### Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2004 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Adjusted taxable gifts Taxable estate Adjusted taxable estate Number size of gross estate Number Amount Number Amount Amount All Returns 107,204,135 115,038,739 62,002 12,181 7,834,604 62,205 Under \$1.0 million 2,154 1.410.114 1.440 944.291 2.172 2.354.405 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 23,952 23,392,193 2,113 578,398 24,001 23,970,591 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 12.959 16.120.287 1.675 548.366 12.970 16.668.653 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 13,203 21,464,048 2,679 1,093,905 13,235 22,557,953 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 4,040 9,155,269 1,329 778,217 4,060 9,933,486 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 3.721 13.129.353 1.639 1.348.229 3.748 14.477.583 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 1,266 8,485,240 756 897,618 1,292 9,382,858 \$20.0 million or more 14,047,630 1,645,580 15,693,211 706 550 727 **All Taxable Returns** 31.328 81.745.096 7.847 5.951.001 87.696.097 31.329 Under \$1.0 million 1,053 752,774 535,621 1,288,395 806 1,053 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 10,269 12,142,970 411.101 12.554.071 1,310 10.269 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 1,085 11,483,595 7,057 11,093,758 389,837 7,057 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 7,290 16,350,182 1.777 844.145 7.290 17.194.328 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 2,165 7,549,380 834 577,368 2,165 8,126,748 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 12,903,972 2,166 11,812,178 1,108 1,091,794 2,166 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 807 8,137,469 510 720,739 808 8,858,208 \$20.0 million or more 520 13,906,386 417 1,380,394 520 15,286,780 All Nontaxable Returns 30.674 25.459.039 4.334 1.883.603 30.877 27.342.642 Under \$1.0 million 1,100 657,340 634 408,670 1,119 1,066,010 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 13.682 11,249,223 803 167,296 13,732 11,416,520 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 5.902 5.026.530 590 158.528 5.913 5.185.058 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 5,913 5,113,866 902 249,759 5,945 5,363,625 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 1.875 200.849 1.895 1,806,738 1,605,889 495 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 1.317.176 1.573.611 1.556 531 256.435 1.582 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 459 347,771 246 176,879 484 524,650 \$20.0 million or more 186 141,245 133 265,186 207 406,431

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#### Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2003 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Adjusted taxable aifts Taxable estate Adjusted taxable estate Number size of gross estate Number Amount Number Amount Amount All Returns 109,090,586 116,845,129 69,576 13,234 7,754,542 69,756 Under \$1.0 million 6,716 4.277.387 1.788 836.800 6.733 5.114.187 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 28,281 26,929,061 3,156 759,161 28,306 27,688,223 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 12.601 14.964.966 1.658 513.660 12.604 15.478.627 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 12,463 19,473,526 2,605 1,113,948 12,509 20,587,474 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 3,982 9,077,311 1,099 608,002 4,003 9,685,314 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 3.591 12.796.387 1.628 1.260.879 3.620 14.057.266 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 1,247 7,965,842 773 994,788 1,268 8,960,630 \$20.0 million or more 695 13,606,106 527 1,667,302 15,273,408 712 **All Taxable Returns** 33.299 81.471.614 6.246.985 33.302 87.718.599 8.218 Under \$1.0 million 2,676 1,996,847 562,062 2,676 2,558,909 946 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 587.487 13.488.002 14,075,489 11,457 1.946 11,457 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 6,764 10,538,982 10,898,075 943 359.093 6,764 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 6,716 14,966,359 1,665 873,115 6.716 15.839.475 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 2,202 7,658,786 442,084 2,202 8,100,870 663 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 2,154 11,696,963 1,096 1,017,125 12,714,088 2,157 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 824 7,662,497 559 876,250 8,538,746 824 \$20.0 million or more 504 13,463,179 401 1,529,768 504 14,992,947 All Nontaxable Returns 36.277 27.618.972 5.016 1.507.557 36.454 29.126.529 Under \$1.0 million 4,040 2,280,540 842 274,738 4,057 2,555,278 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 1,211 16,823 13,441,059 171.675 16,849 13.612.734 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 5.837 4.425.984 715 154.567 5.840 4.580.552 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 5,747 4,507,167 940 240,833 5,793 4,747,999 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 1.780 436 165,918 1,584,444 1,418,526 1.801 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 1.343.177 1.437 1.099.424 532 243.754 1.463 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 421,884 423 303,345 214 118,539 444 \$20.0 million or more 190 142,927 126 137,534 207 280,461

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#### Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2002 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Adjusted taxable gifts Taxable estate Adjusted taxable estate Number size of gross estate Number Amount Number Amount Amount All Returns 113,383,547 94,048 13,398 6,743,350 94,378 120,126,897 Under \$1.0 million 35.891 23.804.810 3.241 981.134 35.929 24.785.944 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 26,396 22,796,615 2,457 552,487 26,457 23,349,102 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 11.199 11,833,678 1.364 394.453 11,247 12.228.131 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 11,770 16,193,113 2,628 998,947 11,854 17,192,060 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 3,697 8,100,785 1,112 608,666 3,715 8,709,451 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 3.311 11.177.751 1.433 998.153 3.353 12.175.904 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 1,145 7,093,004 682 906,097 1,169 7,999,101 \$20.0 million or more 12,383,790 1,303,412 13,687,203 639 482 656 **All Taxable Returns** 45.017 84.404.887 8.857 5.467.527 45.018 89.872.414 Under \$1.0 million 13,638 10,788,779 2,127 770,188 13,638 11,558,967 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 15,529,483 435,980 15.965.464 14,131 1,692 14,131 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 8,870,301 5,780 8,594,452 699 275,848 5,780 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 5.961 12,681,277 1,617 738,111 5.961 13.419.389 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 7,672,535 2,170 7,164,487 778 508,048 2,170 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 2,100 11,267,544 10,448,347 1,053 819,197 2,100 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 755 6,897,285 504 724,917 755 7,622,202 \$20.0 million or more 483 12,300,776 387 1,195,238 484 13,496,014 All Nontaxable Returns 49.031 28.978.660 4.541 1.275.822 49.359 30.254.483 Under \$1.0 million 22,253 13,016,031 1,114 210,946 22,291 13,226,978 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 12.265 7,267,132 765 116,506 12,325 7.383.638 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 5.420 3.239.226 665 118.605 5.467 3.357.830 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 5,809 3,511,836 1,012 260,835 5,893 3,772,672 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 333 100,619 1.036.916 1,527 936.298 1.545 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 729.404 908.360 1.211 380 178.956 1.253 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 390 195,719 179 181,180 413 376,899 \$20.0 million or more 157 83,014 95 108,174 172 191,188

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#### Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2001 [1]: Taxable Estate, by Tax Status and Size of Gross Estate

Tax status and Adjusted taxable gifts Taxable estate Adjusted taxable estate size of gross estate Number Amount Number Amount Number Amount All Returns 129,096,223 102,369 123,178,095 14,386 5,918,127 102,625 Under \$1.0 million 42.820 28.985.271 3.974 714,205 42.937 29.699.477 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 26,931 22,866,033 2,769 493,025 26,932 23,359,059 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 11.420 12.346.118 1.314 386.041 11.421 12.732.159 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 12,172 18,174,998 2,593 834,853 12,239 19,009,850 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 3,774 8,629,749 1,187 654,946 3,791 9,284,696 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 3.411 12.078.840 1.368 954.452 3.430 13.033.292 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 1,236 7,882,956 734 784,662 1,255 8,667,618 \$20.0 million or more 605 12,214,130 448 1,095,942 13,310,072 619 **All Taxable Returns** 51.735 94.052.766 9.332 98.956.053 4.903.286 51.736 Under \$1.0 million 18,093 14,586,697 2,253 558,147 18.093 15,144,844 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 352,510 15,086 16,279,988 15,086 16.632.499 1,624 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 6,024 299,254 9,520,969 9,221,716 851 6,024 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 6.884 15,081,094 1,819 668.832 6.884 15,749,926 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 8,238,751 2,148 7,721,398 859 517,353 2,148 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 2,164 992 12,175,261 11,346,143 829,118 2,165 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 868 7,691,524 574 695,137 8,386,661 868 \$20.0 million or more 469 12,124,206 361 982,936 469 13,107,142 All Nontaxable Returns 50.634 29.125.329 5.054 1.014.841 50.889 30.140.170 Under \$1.0 million 24,727 14,398,574 1,721 156,059 24,844 14,554,633 \$1.0 million under \$1.5 million 11.845 6,586,045 1.145 140,515 11.846 6,726,560 \$1.5 million under \$2.0 million 5.397 3.124.402 463 86.788 5.398 3.211.190 \$2.0 million under \$3.5 million 5,288 3,093,904 774 166,021 5,355 3,259,925 \$3.5 million under \$5.0 million 908,351 329 1.045.944 1.625 137,593 1.643 \$5.0 million under \$10.0 million 858.031 1.247 732.697 376 125.334 1.265 \$10.0 million under \$20.0 million 368 191,432 159 89,525 387 280,957 \$20.0 million or more 136 89,924 87 113,006 150 202,930

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# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 2000: Gross Estate by Type of Taxable Estate by Size of Gross Estate

Size of gross estate Taxable estate Adjusted taxable gifts Adjusted taxable estate Number Amount Number Amount Number Amount 102,121 122,802,143 12.527 6.192.942 102.327 All returns, total 128,995,085 44,758 29,133,045 499,481 44,792 \$600,000 under \$1,000,000 2,649 29,632,526 \$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000 42,651 41,592,411 4,643 1,557,435 42,718 43,149,846 \$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000 9,655 18,289,221 2,590 1,197,343 9,704 19,486,564 \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 3,289 12,114,921 1,533 1,075,210 3,315 13,190,132 \$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000 1,093 7,407,298 617 648,930 1,109 8,056,228 \$20,000,000 or more 675 14,265,247 494 689 15,479,789 1,214,542 51,975 Taxable returns, total 95,508,002 8,866 5,316,507 52,000 100,824,510 \$600,000 under \$1,000,000 18,634 14,913,077 1,641 405,618 18,634 15,318,695 23.812 31,294,910 3.210 1.232.798 23.827 32,527,709 \$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000 5,908 16,234,763 1,917 978,484 5,917 17,213,247 2.258 950.194 \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 11,607,597 1.170 2,258 12,557,791 \$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000 814 7,258,045 510 583,843 814 7,841,888 \$20,000,000 or more 548 14,199,610 418 1,165,570 549 15,365,180 Nontaxable returns, total 50,146 27,294,141 3,661 876,435 50,327 28,170,575 \$600,000 under \$1,000,000 26,124 14,219,968 1,009 93,863 26,158 14,313,831 \$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000 18,839 10,297,500 1,433 324,637 18,891 10,622,137 \$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000 3,747 2,054,458 674 218,859 3,787 2,273,317 \$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000 1,031 507,324 363 125,016 1,057 632,340 \$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000 279 149,253 107 65,087 295 214,340 \$20,000,000 or more 127 65.637 75 48.972 114.609 140

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[1] Gross estate is shown at the value used to determine estate tax liability. Gross estate could be reported as of date-of-death or

six months thereafter (i.e., alternate valuation method).

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SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Bulletin, Spring 2002, Publication 1136.

# Estate Tax Returns Filed in 1999: Gross Estate by Type of Taxable Estate by Size of Gross Estate

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Size of gross estate	Taxable	Taxable estate		xable gifts	Adjusted taxable estate	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
All returns, total	97,994	114,884,514	12,287	5,187,363	98,203	120,071,877
\$600,000 under \$1,000,000	46,804	29,505,471	3,155	502,755	46,814	30,008,226
\$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000	38,344	37,784,252	4,617	1,248,812	38,465	39,033,065
\$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000	8,315	16,132,334	2,227	1,019,806	8,339	17,152,140
\$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000	2,951	10,752,158	1,259	732,290	2,979	11,484,447
\$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000	1,021	7,105,211	598	595,359	1,038	7,700,571
\$20,000,000 or more	560	13,605,089	431	1,088,340	569	14,693,429
Taxable returns, total	49,870	89,370,766	8,637	4,516,872	49,870	93,887,638
\$600,000 under \$1,000,000	19,136	14,831,336	1,896	388,052	19,136	15,219,388
\$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000	22,233	29,284,211	3,232	1,006,746	22,233	30,290,957
\$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000	5,217	14,466,457	1,657	883,726	5,217	15,350,183
\$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000	2,046	10,266,736	975	652,318	2,046	10,919,054
\$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000	770	6,986,536	498	542,233	770	7,528,769
\$20,000,000 or more	467	13,535,491	379	1,043,796	467	14,579,287
Nontaxable returns, total	48,125	25,513,748	3,650	670,491	48,334	26,184,239
\$600,000 under \$1,000,000	27,667	14,674,135	1,258	114,703	27,678	14,788,838
\$1,000,000 under \$2,500,000	16,111	8,500,041	1,385	242,066	16,232	8,742,107
\$2,500,000 under \$5,000,000	3,098	1,665,877	571	136,080	3,121	1,801,957
\$5,000,000 under \$10,000,000	905	485,422	284	79,972	933	565,394
\$10,000,000 under \$20,000,000	251	118,675	99	53,126	268	171,802
\$20,000,000 or more	93	69,597	52	44,544	102	114,142

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SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, unpublished data, Revised May 2001..