

Table T06-0192
Maintain 2007 Estate Tax Rate (45 Percent) and Raise Exemption Level to \$5 Million
Compared to an Equal-Cost Alternative that Maintains 2007 Exemption Level (\$2 million) and Reduces Rate to 23.5 Percent
Distribution of Gross Estate and Net Estate Tax By Size of Gross Estate, 2011¹

Size of Gross Estate (millions of current dollars)	Returns				Net Estate Tax				Average Tax Rate (Percent) ²		
	Number (thousands)		Change		Amount (\$ millions)		Change		23.5 Percent	45 Percent	Change (Percent)
	23.5 Percent Rate and \$2 Million Exemption	45 Percent Rate and \$5 Million Exemption	Number (thousands)	Percent	23.5 Percent Rate and \$2 Million Exemption	45 Percent Rate and \$5 Million Exemption	\$ Millions	Percent	Rate and \$2 Million Exemption	Rate and \$5 Million Exemption	
ALL RETURNS											
Less than 1.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.0 - 2.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.0 - 3.5	29,720	0	-29,720	-100.0	1,405	0	-1,405	-100.0	1.8	0.0	-100.0
3.5 - 5.0	8,540	0	-8,540	-100.0	1,543	0	-1,543	-100.0	4.3	0.0	-100.0
5.0 - 10.0	7,720	7,720	0	0.0	2,983	1,185	-1,798	-60.3	5.6	2.2	-60.3
10.0 - 20.0	2,700	2,700	0	0.0	2,707	3,224	517	19.1	7.4	8.8	19.1
More than 20.0	1,300	1,300	0	0.0	5,228	9,519	4,291	82.1	7.4	13.5	82.1
All	49,990	11,730	-38,260	-76.5	13,865	13,927	62	0.4	5.0	8.7	71.8
TAXABLE RETURNS											
Less than 1.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.0 - 2.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.0 - 3.5	12,180	0	-12,180	-100.0	1,405	0	-1,405	-100.0	4.3	0.0	-100.0
3.5 - 5.0	4,400	0	-4,400	-100.0	1,543	0	-1,543	-100.0	8.2	0.0	-100.0
5.0 - 10.0	4,570	1,930	-2,640	-57.8	2,983	1,185	-1,798	-60.3	9.4	8.2	-12.1
10.0 - 20.0	1,690	1,520	-170	-10.1	2,707	3,224	517	19.1	11.7	15.4	31.3
More than 20.0	850	710	-140	-16.5	5,228	9,519	4,291	82.1	10.4	22.2	113.2
All	23,690	4,160	-19,530	-82.4	13,865	13,927	62	0.4	8.8	17.8	101.5

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0305-3A).

(1) Calendar year. Numbers of returns have been rounded to the nearest multiple of ten. Both plans would retain the deduction for state estates paid that is in place until 2009 under current law and would repeal the 5-percent surtax.

(2) Average net estate tax liability as a percentage of average gross estate.