Table T09-0201 Current-Law Distribution of Estate Tax By Cash Income Percentile, 2009¹

Cash Income Class ²	Tax Units (thousands)	Estate Tax Returns				Estate Tax		Estate
		All (thousands)	Percent of Total	Taxable (thousands)	Percent of Total	Amount (\$ millions)	Percent of Total	Tax/Income (Percent) ³
Second Quintile	33,699	0.3	2.1	*	0.2	22	0.1	**
Middle Quintile	30,401	0.4	2.5	0.3	4.5	32	0.2	**
Fourth Quintile	26,000	1.0	6.0	0.7	11.2	162	1.1	**
Top Quintile	22,728	14.1	88.5	5.1	83.7	14,499	97.8	0.3
All	150,979	15.9	100.0	6.1	100.0	14,818	100.0	0.1
Addendum								
80-90	11,507	1.1	7.0	0.4	6.8	570	3.8	**
90-95	5,521	0.9	5.8	0.3	5.0	238	1.6	**
95-99	4,546	6.4	40.4	2.3	37.7	3,275	22.1	0.2
Top 1 Percent	1,154	5.6	35.3	2.1	34.1	10,416	70.3	0.7
Top 0.1 Percent	116	1.0	6.3	0.4	7.2	5,943	40.1	0.9

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Microsimulation Model (version 0309-1).

^{*} Fewer than 50. ** Less than 0.05 percent.

⁽¹⁾ Calendar year.

⁽²⁾ Tax units with negative income are excluded from the lowest income class but are included in the totals. Includes both filing and nonfiling units. Each quintile contains an equal number of people, not tax units. Tax units that are dependents of other taxpayers are excluded from the analysis.

⁽³⁾ Estate tax liability as a percentage of cash income.