

2026 Federal Estate and Gift Tax Updates

Federal Estate Tax Exemption. Estates of decedents who die during 2026 have a basic exclusion amount of \$15,000,000 for individuals and \$30,000,000 for married couples, up from \$13,990,000 for individuals and \$27,980,000 for married couples in 2025.

Federal Gift Tax Exclusion. The annual exclusion for gifts in 2026 is \$19,000, which is no change from \$19,000 in 2025. The exclusion from tax on a gift to a spouse who is not a U.S. citizen is \$194,000, up from \$190,000 in 2025.

Information gathered from [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov), where you can obtain [additional information](#).

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