
Projected Inflation – Adjusted 2019 Rates for Gifts and Estates

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The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provides for a number of tax figures to be adjusted annually to reflect cost-of-living adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending the previous August 31. While the official figures have not been released (the IRS will release those later this year), a number of private groups are projecting the figures for 2019 to be as follows:

Gift Tax Annual Exclusion

The annual amount that any individual donor may transfer to any individual donee (other than a spouse who is a citizen of the United States) that does not need to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Transfers to spouses who are citizens of the United States are unlimited.

- 2018 Amount – \$15,000
- 2019 Amount – \$15,000

Gift Tax Annual Exclusion for Noncitizen Spouses

The annual amount that any individual donor may transfer to a noncitizen spouse donee that does not need to be reported the Internal Revenue Service.

- 2018 Amount – \$152,000
- 2019 Amount – \$155,000

Unified Estate and Gift Tax Exclusion Amount

The cumulative amount that any individual may transfer during lifetime (for gifts that do not qualify as annual exclusion gifts) and at death before being subject to federal gift and/or estate tax.

- 2018 Amount – \$11,180,000
- 2019 Amount – \$11,400,000

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