



## Summary of Federal Transfer Tax Law

<b>Year</b>	<b>Lifetime Gift Tax Exemption</b>	<b>Total Gift and Estate Tax Exemption</b>	<b>GST Exemption</b>	<b>Gift, Estate, and GST Taxes Top Rates</b>
2009	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	45%
2010	1,000,000	5,000,000*	5,000,000	35%**
2011-2012	5,000,000***	5,000,000***	5,000,000***	35%
2013	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	55%

\* Default exemption is \$5,000,000 and a 35% tax rate with a stepped up basis. Only \$1,000,000 can be used for lifetime gifts. Election can be made to have no estate tax. Carryover basis rules would apply.

\*\* GST rate is \$0 in 2010.

\*\*\* Indexed for inflation beginning in 2012.