

Small Estate Limits by State (as of 2024)

Alabama

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Excludes the homestead allowance, exempt property, and family allowance

Alaska

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Excluding vehicles, personal property

Arizona

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000 in personal property and \$100,000 in real property
- Additional Notes: Separate limits for real and personal property

Arkansas

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Excludes homestead and statutory allowances

California

- Small Estate Limit: \$184,500
- Additional Notes: Limit adjusts periodically based on Consumer Price Index

Colorado

- Small Estate Limit: \$85,000
- Additional Notes: Excludes vehicles and unpaid compensation

Connecticut

- Small Estate Limit: \$40,000
- Additional Notes: Minus funeral and burial expenses

Delaware

- Small Estate Limit: \$30,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

District of Columbia

- Small Estate Limit: \$40,000
- Additional Notes: Excludes motor vehicles

Florida

- Small Estate Limit: \$75,000
- Additional Notes: Must be filed within 2 years of death

Georgia

- Small Estate Limit: \$10,000
- Additional Notes: For personal property only via affidavit

Hawaii

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Excludes vehicles, real property

Idaho

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value, including real property

Illinois

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Indiana

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Minus liens and encumbrances

Iowa

- Small Estate Limit: \$200,000
- Additional Notes: Gross value of probate assets

Kansas

- Small Estate Limit: \$40,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Kentucky

- Small Estate Limit: \$30,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Louisiana

- Small Estate Limit: \$125,000
- Additional Notes: Requires simplified succession proceeding

Maine

- Small Estate Limit: \$40,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Maryland

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000 (\$100,000 if spouse is sole heir)
- Additional Notes: Different limits based on heirs

Massachusetts

- Small Estate Limit: \$25,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only, excluding vehicle

Michigan

- Small Estate Limit: \$25,000 (adjusted annually for inflation)
- Additional Notes: Amount changes based on year of death

Minnesota

- Small Estate Limit: \$75,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Mississippi

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Missouri

- Small Estate Limit: \$40,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Montana

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Nebraska

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Nevada

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Excluding vehicles and real property

New Hampshire

- Small Estate Limit: \$10,000
- Additional Notes: Voluntary administration available

New Jersey

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000 (if spouse/domestic partner is heir) or \$20,000 (other heirs)
- Additional Notes: Different limits based on heirs

New Mexico

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

New York

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

North Carolina

- Small Estate Limit: \$20,000 (\$30,000 if the surviving spouse is the sole heir)
- Additional Notes: Different limits based on heirs

North Dakota

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Ohio

- Small Estate Limit: \$35,000
- Additional Notes: Release from administration available

Oklahoma

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Oregon

- Small Estate Limit: \$275,000 (\$200,000 real property, \$75,000 personal property)
- Additional Notes: Separate limits for real and personal property

Pennsylvania

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Excluding real estate and funeral expenses

Rhode Island

- Small Estate Limit: \$15,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

South Carolina

- Small Estate Limit: \$25,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

South Dakota

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Tennessee

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Texas

- Small Estate Limit: \$75,000
- Additional Notes: Excluding homestead and exempt property

Utah

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Vermont

- Small Estate Limit: \$45,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Virginia

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Washington

- Small Estate Limit: \$100,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

West Virginia

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Personal property only

Wisconsin

- Small Estate Limit: \$50,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Wyoming

- Small Estate Limit: \$200,000
- Additional Notes: Total estate value

Important Disclaimer: These limits are subject to change through legislative action. Always verify current limits with your local probate court or legal professional. Some states have different limits based on the type of property (real vs. personal) and the relationship of heirs to the deceased. Additional requirements or restrictions may apply.