

Estate and Trust Income Tax Statistics

Fiduciary Income and Deductions: 2001-2009



SOI conducts annual studies of the population of Forms 1041, U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts. Form 1041 is used to report the income, deductions, gains, and losses of estates and trusts, as well as distributions to beneficiaries and income tax liability.

The data presented here were collected from returns processed for administrative purposes and are organized by filing year. A filing year includes returns submitted to the IRS for processing between January 1 and December 31 of that year.

Highlights of the Data

- For Filing Year 2009, approximately 3.0 million entities filed Form 1041 and reported over \$134 billion in income.
- The largest type of income claimed was capital gains, with a total of \$57 billion.
- Deductions were claimed by over 2.4 million entities and totaled approximately \$82 billion.
- Total tax liability reported on Form 1041 was approximately \$16 billion.
- The number of taxable Forms 1041 filed declined from approximately 1.2 million in 2008 to approximately 661,000 in 2009.



Number of 2009 Form 1041 Returns Filed

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