## Inherited IRA vs. Inherited Roth IRA

## Preface

## Parents

The two advantages of parents utilizing a Roth IRA instead of an IRA are 1) tax free distributions from plan values and 2) the absence of government-directed required minimum distributions. There is one tax disadvantage -- contributions to a Roth are not deductible. If an IRA is currently in force, it can be converted to a Roth, but only with payment of income taxes on the converted amount, a condition that causes some to avoid such conversions.

## Children

An extraordinary third advantage of the Roth goes to the children who inherit it. An inherited IRA and an inherited Roth IRA are both subject to required minimum distributions; however, distributions from an inherited Roth are tax free producing significantly higher cash flow for the heirs.

## Inherited IRA

Current Age: 45
Distributions Begin at Age: 45
Values When Distributions Begin: \$1,000,000
\$4,386,315
Before Tax
Cumulative
Distributions
(age 45-84)
\$3,070,421
After Tax
Cumulative
Distributions (age 45-84)

## Conclusion

Due to the Roth's absence of required minimum distributions for the parents, the inherited Roth IRA will typically have a greater beginning account value than an inherited IRA. This, coupled with tax free distributions from the inherited Roth, can produce a major difference in wealth for heirs. From an inter-generational perspective, a Roth for the parents transformed into an inherited Roth for the children is a winner by a substantial margin for all participants.

Below is a summary of the distribution results from this analysis.

Inherited Roth IRA
Current Age: 45
Distributions Begin at Age: 45
Values When Distributions Begin: \$1,000,000


## Inherited IRA vs. Inherited Roth IRA


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| Inherited Roth IRA |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (6) <br> Beginning of Year Balance in Plan Assets | (7)* <br> Before Tax IRS <br> Required Minimum Distribution | (8) <br> Before Tax <br> Scheduled <br> Distribution | (9)** <br> After Tax Scheduled Distribution | (10) <br> Year End Plan <br> Assets |
| 1,000,000 | 28,653 | 28,653 | 28,653 | 1,044,198 |
| 1,044,198 | 30,802 | 30,802 | 30,802 | 1,089,401 |
| 1,089,401 | 33,112 | 33,112 | 33,112 | 1,135,510 |
| 1,135,510 | 35,596 | 35,596 | 35,596 | 1,182,408 |
| 1,182,408 | 38,266 | 38,266 | 38,266 | 1,229,953 |
| 1,229,953 | 41,136 | 41,136 | 41,136 | 1,277,978 |
| 1,277,978 | 44,221 | 44,221 | 44,221 | 1,326,289 |
| 1,326,289 | 47,537 | 47,537 | 47,537 | 1,374,658 |
| 1,374,658 | 51,103 | 51,103 | 51,103 | 1,422,822 |
| 1,422,822 | 54,935 | 54,935 | 54,935 | 1,470,478 |
| 1,470,478 | 59,055 | 59,055 | 59,055 | 1,517,280 |
| 1,517,280 | 63,485 | 63,485 | 63,485 | 1,562,829 |
| 1,562,829 | 68,246 | 68,246 | 68,246 | 1,606,677 |
| 1,606,677 | 73,364 | 73,364 | 73,364 | 1,648,312 |
| 1,648,312 | 78,867 | 78,867 | 78,867 | 1,687,153 |
| 1,687,153 | 84,782 | 84,782 | 84,782 | 1,722,549 |
| 1,722,549 | 91,140 | 91,140 | 91,140 | 1,753,765 |
| 1,753,765 | 97,976 | 97,976 | 97,976 | 1,779,973 |
| 1,779,973 | 105,324 | 105,324 | 105,324 | 1,800,247 |
| 1,800,247 | 113,223 | 113,223 | 113,223 | 1,813,551 |
| 1,813,551 | 121,715 | 121,715 | 121,715 | 1,818,724 |
| 1,818,724 | 130,843 | 130,843 | 130,843 | 1,814,472 |
| 1,814,472 | 140,657 | 140,657 | 140,657 | 1,799,351 |
| 1,799,351 | 151,206 | 151,206 | 151,206 | 1,771,756 |
| 1,771,756 | 162,546 | 162,546 | 162,546 | 1,729,901 |
| 1,729,901 | 174,737 | 174,737 | 174,737 | 1,671,801 |
| 1,671,801 | 187,843 | 187,843 | 187,843 | 1,595,255 |
| 1,595,255 | 201,931 | 201,931 | 201,931 | 1,497,823 |
| 1,497,823 | 217,076 | 217,076 | 217,076 | 1,376,803 |
| 1,376,803 | 233,356 | 233,356 | 233,356 | 1,229,206 |
|  | 2,962,733 | 2,962,733 | 2,962,733 |  |

*Columns (2) and (7) are estimates of required minimum distributions based on asset value and beneficiary's life expectancy (reduced by one each year thereafter).

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Comparison Analysis of Cash Flow and Plan Assets

| Plan | Beneficiary's | Plan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yield | Income Tax Bracket | Yield |
| $7.50 \%$ | $30.00 \%$ | $7.50 \%$ |


$4,386,315$
$\quad 3,070,421$
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| Inherited Roth IRA |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (6) | (7)* | (8) | (9)** | (10) |
| Beginning of Year | Before Tax IRS |  |  |  |
| Balance | Required | Before Tax | After Tax | Year End |
| in Plan | Minimum | Scheduled | Scheduled | Plan |
| Assets | Distribution | Distribution | Distribution | Assets |
| 1,229,206 | 250,858 | 250,858 | 250,858 | 1,051,724 |
| 1,051,724 | 269,673 | 269,673 | 269,673 | 840,705 |
| 840,705 | 289,898 | 289,898 | 289,898 | 592,117 |
| 592,117 | 311,641 | 311,641 | 311,641 | - 301,512 |
| 301,512 | 301,512 | 301,512 | 301,512 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Summary Analysis at age 84

## Inherited IRA



## Inherited Roth IRA



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Comparison Analysis

## Inherited IRA

Cumulative Distributions
(After Tax)


Plan Assets


## Inherited Roth IRA

## Cumulative Distributions

 (After Tax)

Plan Assets


