Individual Maine residents donated over $433 million to charities in 2010 either through bequests after death ($338 million) or while alive. This represents a 13% increase over 2009, making Maine’s increase much higher than the national average of 8%.

More than one-quarter of Maine residents – at every income level – reported making contributions on their federal tax returns, using the itemizer schedule to report and claim their deductions.

**NUMBER OF RESIDENTS GIVING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY INCOME LEVEL**

**OF THE 147,497 RESIDENTS REPORTING DONATIONS**

- **25%**
  - Had income less than $50K
  - Gave $54 million

- **67%**
  - Had income of $50K – $200K
  - Gave $219 million

- **8%**
  - Had income more than $200K
  - Gave $160 million

Maine ranked #1 in 2010 for the percentage of large estates with bequests.

**$2.2 BILLION**

Donated to charity by Maine individuals in past 5 years

**MAINE vs. USA**

**HOW MAINE STACKS UP**

2010 DATA

**INDIVIDUAL GIVING**

- **$433 million**
- **$181.76 billion**

**NUMBER OF ITEMIZERS**

- **147,497**
- **38.34 million**

**AVERAGE GIFT**

- **$2,937**
- **$4,429**

**PERCENT OF INCOME DONATED**

- **1.5%**
- **2.1%**

**AVERAGE BEQUEST**

- **$3.7 million**
- **$3.9 million**

**NUMBER OF BEQUESTS**

- **44**
- **3,061**

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