

Ohio Estate Value Worksheet (2026)

Test the estate against the \$35,000 and \$100,000 release-from-administration limits in Ohio Revised Code 2113.03

Ohio has no small estate affidavit. The shortcut is a release from administration: an application to the probate court in the county where the person lived. Use this worksheet to set aside the cars the spouse selects, total what is left, and see which limit (if any) you meet. The \$40,000 support allowance is part of the estate, so it is NOT subtracted. Full guide and sources: clearlegaltips.com/ohio-small-estate-affidavit/

The Ohio figures

Rule	Amount	Statute
Release from administration, general limit	\$35,000 or less	R.C. 2113.03(A)(1)
Release from administration, spouse takes everything	\$100,000 or less	R.C. 2113.03(A)(2)
Cars the spouse selects (not estate assets)	Up to \$65,000 total	R.C. 2106.18(A)
Support allowance (counts as an estate asset)	\$40,000	R.C. 2106.13(A)
Summary release, funeral payer who is not a spouse	Lesser of \$5,000 or funeral and burial costs	R.C. 2113.031(B)(1)
Probate fee schedule	\$60	R.C. 2101.16(A)(59)
Creditor claims	Six months after death, released or not	R.C. 2117.06(B)

Step 1: Property passing outside the estate

Cars with joint ownership with right of survivorship or a transfer-on-death beneficiary (\$, not counted; R.C. 2106.18(A)): _____

Real estate held by survivorship tenants or with a recorded transfer on death designation affidavit (\$, not counted; R.C. 5302.20, 5302.22): _____

Payable-on-death bank accounts (\$, not counted; R.C. 2131.10): _____

Any other asset (joint bank account, life insurance, retirement account): ask the probate clerk whether it counts.

Step 2: Cars the surviving spouse selects (R.C. 2106.18)

Car 1 value (\$): _____

Car 2 value (\$): _____

Total of cars selected (must be \$65,000 or less; these cars are not estate assets and do not count toward either limit): _____

Step 3: Assets that DO count

Bank and brokerage accounts in the estate

(\$): _____

Real estate in the estate, appraised value

(\$): _____

Cars not selected by the spouse (\$): _____

Other personal property (\$): _____

Total estate assets for the limit test (\$; do NOT subtract the support allowance): _____

Support allowance owed, for information only (\$40,000, less the value of the lowest-valued car if the spouse selected more than one car): _____

Step 4: Which limit applies?

- ☐ Total is \$35,000 or less: a release from administration is available (R.C. 2113.03(A)(1)).
- ☐ Total is \$100,000 or less AND a valid will leaves all the assets to the person named in it as the decedent's spouse, who survives: the \$100,000 route is available.
- ☐ Total is \$100,000 or less, there is no valid will, the marriage was solemnized under Ohio Chapter 3101 or a similar law of another state or nation, AND the spouse is entitled to all the assets under R.C. 2105.06 (for example, every child of the decedent is also the spouse's child): the \$100,000 route is available.
- ☐ The decedent left a child who is not the spouse's child and no will: the spouse does not take everything under R.C. 2105.06, so the \$35,000 limit applies.
- ☐ Total is above the limit that applies: apply for letters testamentary or letters of administration instead (R.C. 2113.03(J)).

Appraiser selected by the applicant and approved by the court (needed unless the estate is all money, stocks, bonds or other easily valued property; R.C. 2113.03(C)): _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Figures checked against the Ohio Revised Code (sections 2113.03, 2113.031, 2106.13, 2106.18, 2105.06, 2101.16, 2117.06) in October 2026. Probate courts set their own total costs and notice practices, so ask your county probate clerk before you file. This worksheet is general information, not legal advice; for advice on your situation, consult a licensed Ohio attorney. Maintained guide: clearlegaltips.com/ohio-small-estate-affidavit/