

Who Gets What in Illinois?

Under the Illinois statute for intestate succession, who gets what depends on whether or not you have living children, parents, siblings or other close relatives when you die. Here's a quick overview:

If you die with:	here's what happens:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• children but no spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• children inherit everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spouse but no descendants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spouse inherits everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spouse and descendants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spouse inherits 1/2 of your intestate property• descendants inherit 1/2 of your intestate property
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parents but no spouse, descendants, or siblings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parents inherit everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• siblings but no spouse, descendants, or parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• siblings inherit everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parents and siblings but not spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parents and siblings inherit your intestate property in equal shares, except that if only one parent is living, that parent gets a double share