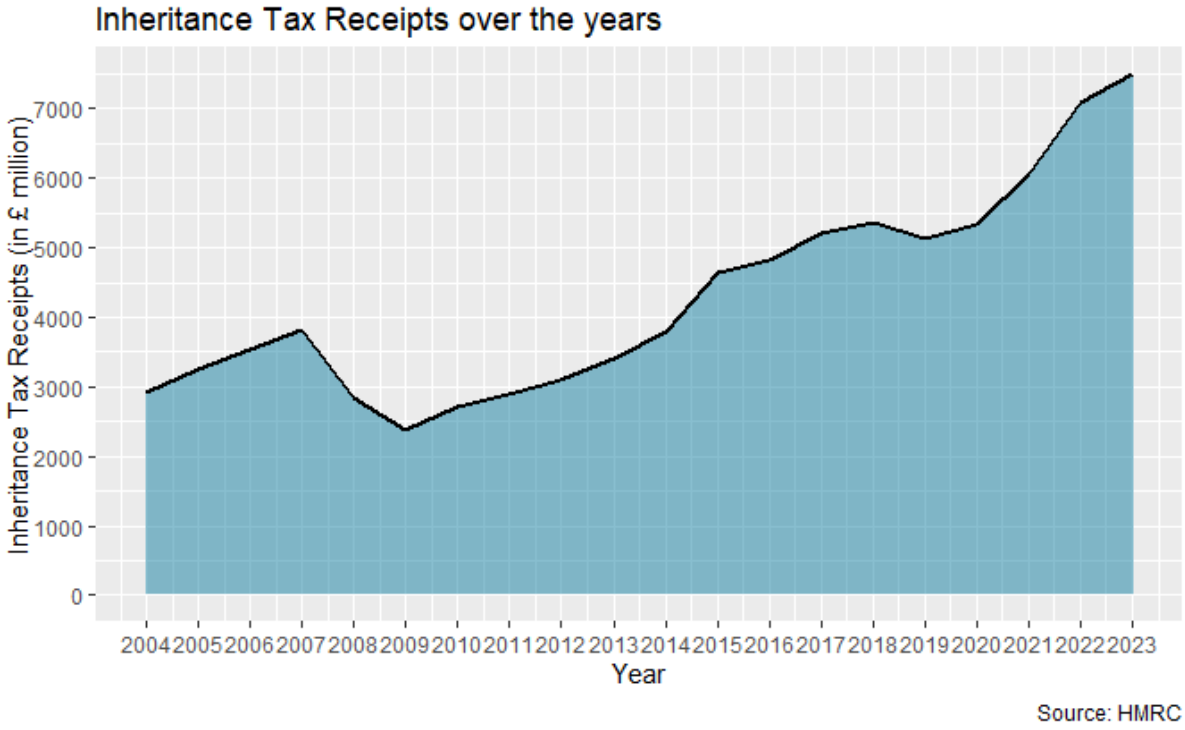
UK's Inheritance Tax receipts on the rise, led by growing inheritance economy

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United Kingdom's Inheritance tax receipts have been on the rise, according to data from, HM Revenue & Customs.

According to the latest data from HMRC, Inheritance tax receipts for the financial year 2023-2024 stood at £7.5 billion, up £0.4 billion from the same period last year.

The HMRC attributes this year's growth in Inheritance tax receipts to a combination of factors such "higher volumes of wealth transfers following recent IHT-liable deaths, recent rises in asset values, and the government's March 2021 and Autumn 2022 decisions to maintain the IHT tax free thresholds at their 2020 to 2021 levels up to and including 2027 to 2028."

"The higher receipts in June 2022, November 2022, June 2023 and October 2023 can be attributed to a small number of higher-value payments than usual," it said.

The growing Inheritance tax receipts are a sign of UK's inheritance economy which has seen a significant increase in wealth transfers. The tax is levied on wealth transferred at death or passed on in the seven years prior to one's death, based on a threshold.

According to a report from Estate administration company Kings Court Trust, nearly to £1 trillion of intergenerational transfers have been forecasted between 2017 and 2027.

The estimated total value of transfers between 2017 and 2047, is around £5.5 trillion. The report attributes the growing inheritance economy to increasing levels of property and financial wealth among the UKs over 65s . The report is based on an analysis by economics consultancy Centre for Economics and Business Research.

However, despite wealth transfers having a significant impact on the economy and economic inequality, the Inheritance Tax itself has been much debated , with pressures mounting on the government to abolish it altogether.

UK's inheritance economy is likely to maintain a steady growth. However, the future of the government's inheritance tax that is likely to benefit, remains to be seen.