

Which DNA Test Should I Buy?

Buy from the “Big 5”

Stick with a reputable company that sells DNA tests for genealogy & family history

- [23andMe](#)
- [AncestryDNA](#)
- [Family Tree DNA](#)
- [Living DNA](#)
- [MyHeritage DNA](#)

DNA Tests & Goals

Ancestors	<u>AncestryDNA</u>
DNA Matches	<u>AncestryDNA</u>
Birth Parents/Family	<u>Family Tree DNA</u>
Health issues	<u>23andMe + Health</u>
European ancestry	<u>MyHeritage DNA</u>
Jewish ancestry	<u>MyHeritage DNA</u>
Latino ancestry	<u>AncestryDNA</u>
Native American ancestry	<u>Family Tree DNA</u>
British or Irish ancestry	<u>Living DNA</u>

3 Things to Do Once You Have Your DNA Test Results

- Download raw data and store in a safe location (with backups)
- Upload your DNA test data to other DNA test sites to find DNA matches, birth parents, etc.
- Upload your DNA test data to [GEDmatch](#)



Money Saving Tips

Click any of the links on this chart for money-saving offers* on DNA tests!

- [AncestryDNA](#) and [23andMe](#) do not allow import of outside DNA data.
- If the deal looks too good, **it probably is!** There are always discounts available for DNA tests. Never pay more than \$89 USD for a basic autosomal DNA test.
- Watch out for \$29 USD tests from reputable DNA vendors that are sold at brick and mortar stores. These are only “saliva” or “sample” collection kits and once submitted, you pay extra to learn ethnicity estimates or other information.
- **Avoid the scams!** Always stick with the “Big 5” DNA testing companies. Watch out for spam emails related to your DNA test results! Always log in at the DNA company website once you’ve received notification and check your results.
- **Watch out for resellers** of DNA test kits on [Amazon!](#) Verify that the seller is one of the Big 5 DNA testing companies. Some companies, like [AncestryDNA](#), have invalidated and deactivated DNA tests sold by some third-party resellers.