

# A List of State Income Tax Rates

## Tax Rates Run From 0% to Almost 13%

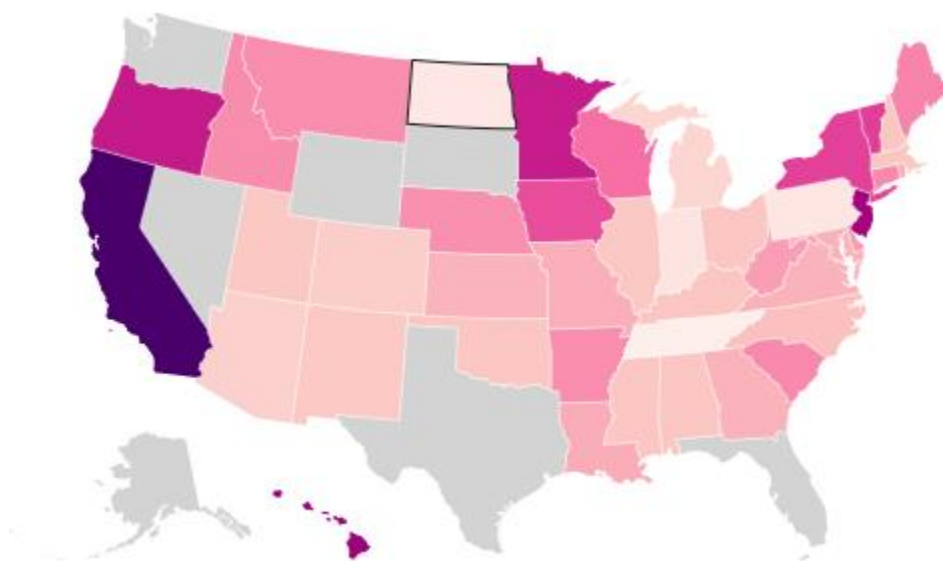
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California, Hawaii, Oregon, Minnesota, and New Jersey have some of the [highest state income tax rates](#) in the country. At the other end of the scale, [seven states have no tax](#) on earned income at all. Another nine have a flat tax rate—everyone pays the same percentage regardless of how much income they earn.<sup>1</sup>

Overall, rates range from 0% to more than 13%. Location is everything if you want to save a few income tax dollars.<sup>2</sup>



### States With No Income Tax

Alaska, [Florida](#), Nevada, South Dakota, [Texas](#), Washington, and Wyoming do not impose an income tax.<sup>1</sup>

Tennessee and New Hampshire fall into a gray area. They don't levy a tax on earned income, but they do tax interest and dividends. These states can get you in other ways, however.<sup>3</sup>

- **Tennessee** has one of the highest combined state and local sales tax rates in the country. Your paycheck might be safe, but you'll be dinged at the cash register.<sup>4</sup>
- **New Hampshire** is known for its exorbitant property taxes.<sup>5</sup>
- **Nevada** and **Texas** have high property taxes, too.<sup>6 7</sup>
- **Washington** charges a significant tax on gasoline.<sup>8</sup>
- **Florida** is known for both high property taxes and a pretty significant sales tax.<sup>9 10</sup>
- **Wyoming** and **Alaska** are the kindest states, at least for resident taxpayers. They take in a lot of revenue from taxation of their natural resources.<sup>11 12</sup>

The bottom line is that states have to pull their revenues from somewhere. Income taxes represent 37% of state tax revenues, according to the Tax Foundation.<sup>4</sup>

### States With Flat Tax Rates

Among the states that *do* have income taxes, many residents get a break because the highest rates don't kick in until upper-income levels. But this isn't the case in the [nine states that have flat tax rates](#). These jurisdictions don't care how much you earn.

If you bring in \$5,000 a year, you'll pay the same percentage as the guy who earns \$5 million.

Flat tax states include:

- **Colorado**
- **Illinois**
- **Indiana**
- **Kentucky**
- **Massachusetts**
- **Michigan**
- **North Carolina**
- **Pennsylvania**
- **Utah**<sup>3</sup>

### A State-by-State Comparison

The remaining states and the District of Columbia charge a "progressive" tax on all income. The more you earn, the higher percentage you'll pay in income tax. For example, California's top rate is 13.3%, but you'll only pay this if you earn more than \$1 million.

The rates and income thresholds for individuals filing single for the 2019 tax year, including those states that have no income tax and those who tax at a flat rate, are:

- **Alabama:** 2% to 5%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$3,000

- **Alaska:** No income tax
- **Arizona:** 2.59% to 4.54%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$165,674
- **Arkansas:** 0.9% to 6.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$37,200
- **California:** 1% to 13.3%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$1,000,000
- **Colorado:** A flat rate of 4.63% of federal taxable income with modifications
- **Connecticut:** 3% to 6.99%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$500,000
- **Delaware:** 2.2% to 6.6%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$60,000
- **Florida:** No income tax
- **Georgia:** 1% to 5.75%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$7,000
- **Hawaii:** 1.4% to 11%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$200,000
- **Idaho:** 1.125% to 6.925%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$11,554
- **Illinois:** A flat rate of 4.95%
- **Indiana:** A flat rate of 3.23%
- **Iowa:** 0.33% to 8.53%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$73,710
- **Kansas:** 3.1% to 5.7%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$30,000
- **Kentucky:** A flat rate of 5%
- **Louisiana:** 2% to 6%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$50,000
- **Maine:** 5.8% to 7.15%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$51,700
- **Maryland:** 2% to 5.75%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$250,000
- **Massachusetts:** A flat rate of 5.05%
- **Michigan:** A flat rate of 4.25%
- **Minnesota:** 5.35% to 9.85%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$163,890
- **Mississippi:** 3% to 5%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$10,000
- **Missouri:** 1.5% to 5.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$9,072
- **Montana:** 1% to 6.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$18,400
- **Nebraska:** 2.46% to 6.84%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$31,780
- **Nevada:** No income tax
- **New Hampshire:** A flat rate of 5% on unearned income only
- **New Jersey:** 1.4% to 10.75%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$5 million

- **New Mexico:** 1.7% to 4.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$16,000
- **[New York](#):** 4% to 8.82%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$1,077,550
- **North Carolina:** A flat rate of 5.25%
- **North Dakota:** 1.1% to 2.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$432,000
- **Ohio:** 1.98% to 4.997%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$217,400
- **Oklahoma:** 0.5% to 5%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$13,550
- **Oregon:** 5% to 9.9%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$125,000
- **Pennsylvania:** A flat rate of 3.07%
- **Rhode Island:** 3.75% to 5.99%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$145,600
- **South Carolina:** 1.1% to 7%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$12,250
- **South Dakota:** No income tax
- **Tennessee:** A flat rate of 2% on unearned income only
- **Texas:** No income tax
- **Utah:** A flat rate of 4.95%
- **Vermont:** 3.35% to 8.95%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$416,650
- **Virginia:** 2% to 5.75%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$17,000
- **Washington:** No income tax
- **West Virginia:** 3% to 6.5%, the highest rate applies to incomes \$60,000
- **Wisconsin:** 4% to 7.65%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$258,950
- **Wyoming:** No income tax
- **District of Columbia:** 4% to 8.95%, the highest rate applies to incomes over \$1 million<sup>2</sup>

### Changes Since 2018 and Going Forward

Tax laws can change at any time as legislation is passed or repealed. The years 2018 and 2019 saw quite a few changes.

- **Georgia's** top rate was reduced from 6% to 5.75%, but it could revert back when the provision expires in 2025.
- **Iowa** plans to slash its top rate to 6.5% by 2023.
- **Kentucky** had a progressive tax that topped out at a rate of 6%, but it converted to a flat rate system of 5% in 2018.
- **New Jersey** introduced a new top rate of 10.75%.

- **North Carolina's** top rate was reduced from 5.499% to 5.25% in 2018.
- **Utah's** rate went down 0.05% from 5% to 4.95%.<sup>13</sup>

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