# Tax Facts & Comparisons **Hawaii**

Taxes are complicated. Each state's tax code is a multifaceted system with many moving parts, and Hawaii is no exception. The Tax Foundation produces a number of rankings that evaluate states on tax structures and overall tax burdens. Here's how Hawaii scores.



## Tax Foundation Rankings of Hawaii

State Business Tax Climate Index 30th best

Hawaii ranks 30th out of the 50 states on the Tax Foundation's 2014 *State Business Tax Climate Index*, which annually compares the states' tax systems on over 100 variables that impact business. Last year, Hawaii ranked 30th.

Hawaii's individual income tax ranks 37th best, its corporate income tax ranks 9th best, its sales tax ranks 15th best, its property tax ranks 12th best, and its unemployment insurance tax ranks 28th best.

Neighboring states' ranks: Washington (11th), Oregon (12th), California (48th),

State-Local Tax Burdens Rank

20th
highest

Estimated at 9.6% of income, Hawaii's 2011 state-local tax burden ranks 20th highest nationally, below the national average of 9.8%. Hawaii taxpayers pay \$4,259 per capita in state and local taxes.

Neighboring states' ranks: Washington (27th), Oregon (16th), California (4th),

Tax Freedom Day® 2015
April 19

In 2014, Hawaii taxpayers worked 109 days into the year until April 19 to pay their total tax bill, ranking 25th highest nationally.

That's 5 days before national Tax Freedom Day (April 21), the day when Americans finally have earned enough money to pay their total tax bill for the year.



## Hawaii Taxes at a Glance

Each state uses a variety of tax tools to raise revenue, including individual income taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes, among others. Here are some facts on how Hawaii structures their different tax types:

Note: All collections listed on this page are combined state and local tax collections as reported by the Census Bureau's Government Finance Division. For all ranks, 1 indicates highest among the 50 states.

General Info		Rank	Nat. Avg.
Income per capita	\$44,255	17th	\$43,735
Federal aid as % of gen. revenue	22%	49th	32.8%
State debt per capita	\$10,137	13th	\$3,678

Individual Income Tax		
Number of brackets	12	
Bottom income bracket rate	1.40%	
Bottom bracket kick In	\$0	
Top income tax rate	11.00%	
Top bracket kick in	\$200,000	
Collections per capita (2012)	\$1,114	
Collections rank (2012)	15th	

Property Tax	
Collections per capita (2012)	\$947
Collections rank (2012)	37th
Property taxes paid as share of	0.28%

owner-occupied housing value (2013)

Property taxes paid percent rank 50th

# Sources of State & Local Tax Collections

	Hawaii	States.
Property Tax	18%	32%
Sales Tax	39%	23%
Corporate Income Tax	1%	4%
Individual Income Tax	21%	22%
Other	22%	20%

### Corporate Income Tax

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Number of brackets		3
Top corporate tax rate		6.40%
Collections per capita (2012)		\$58
Collections rank (2012)		44th
Excise Taxes	Rate	Rank
Gasoline taxes and	45.0¢	4th

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Gasoline taxes and fees	45.0¢ per gallon	4th
Cigarette taxes	\$3.20 per pack	5th
Spirits taxes	\$5.98 per gallon	23rd
Beer taxes	\$0.93 per gallon	5th
Cell phone taxes	6.32%	44th

#### Sales Tax

State rate	4.00%
State + average local rate	4.35%
State + average local rank	45th
Collections per capita (2011)	\$2,088
Collections rank (2011)	2nd

Other Taxes	Rate	Exemption
Gross receipts tax	None	N/A
Capital stock tax	None	N/A
Inheritance tax	None	N/A
Estate tax	0.8-16%	\$5,430,000

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