# Tax Facts & Comparisons Alaska

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



#### Tax Foundation Rankings of Alaska

State Business Tax Climate Index 4th best

Alaska ranks 4th 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, Alaska ranked 4th.

Alaska's individual income tax ranks 1st best, its corporate income tax ranks 30th best, its sales tax ranks 5th best, its property tax ranks 32nd best, and its unemployment insurance tax ranks 24th best.

Neighboring states' ranks: Hawaii (30th), Oregon (12th), Washington (11th), California (48th) State-Local Tax Burdens Rank

49th
highest

Estimated at 7% of income, Alaska's 2011 state-local tax burden ranks 49th highest nationally, below the national average of 9.8%. Alaska taxpayers pay \$3,319 per capita in state and local taxes.

Neighboring states' ranks: Hawaii (20th), Oregon (16th), Washington (27th), California (4th) Tax Freedom Day® 2015
April 15

In 2014, Alaska taxpayers worked 105 days into the year until April 15 to pay their total tax bill, ranking 16th highest nationally.

That's 9 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.

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#### Alaska 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 Alaska 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 Ir	nfo	Rank	Nat. Avg.
Income per capita	\$47,354	8th	\$43,735
Federal aid as % of gen. revenue	22%	48th	32.8%
State debt per capita	\$13,066	3rd	\$3,678

Individual Income Tax	
Number of brackets	0
Bottom income bracket rate	0.00%
Bottom bracket kick In	N/A
Top income tax rate	0.00%
Top bracket kick in	N/A
Collections per capita (2012)	\$0
Collections rank (2012)	N/A

Property Tax	
Collections per capita (2012)	\$2,072
Collections rank (2012)	8th
Property taxes paid as share of owner-occupied housing value (2013)	1.18%
Property taxes paid percent rank (2013)	20th

## Sources of State & Local Tax Collections

	Alaska	All States.
Property Tax	17%	32%
Sales Tax	2%	23%
Corporate Income Tax	8%	4%
Individual Income Tax	0%	22%
Other	73%	20%

Corporate Incom	e Tax	
Number of brackets		10
Top corporate tax rate		9.40%
Collections per capita (2012)		\$912
Collections rank (2012)		1st
Excise Taxes	Rate	Rank
Gasoline taxes and fees	11.3¢ per gallon	50th
Cigarette taxes	\$2.00 per pack	11th
Spirits taxes	\$12.80 per gallon	5th

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15th

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State rate	

State rate	0.00%
State + average local rate	1.76%
State + average local rank	46th
Collections per capita (2011)	\$286
Collections rank (2011)	46th

Other Taxes	Rate	Exemption
Gross receipts tax	None	N/A
Capital stock tax	None	N/A
Inheritance tax	None	N/A
Estate tax	None	N/A

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