

Tax Facts & Comparisons Utah

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



Tax Foundation Rankings of Utah

State Business Tax Climate Index

9th
best

Utah ranks 9th 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, Utah ranked 9th.

Utah's individual income tax ranks 12th best, its corporate income tax ranks 5th best, its sales tax ranks 19th best, its property tax ranks 4th best, and its unemployment insurance tax ranks 22nd best.

Neighboring states' ranks: Idaho (19th), Nevada (3rd), Arizona (23rd), New Mexico (38th) Colorado (20th) Wyoming (1st)

State-Local Tax Burdens Rank

28th
highest

Estimated at 9.4% of income, Utah's 2011 state-local tax burden ranks 28th highest nationally, below the national average of 9.8%. Utah taxpayers pay \$3,304 per capita in state and local taxes.

Neighboring states' ranks: Idaho (24th), Nevada (43rd), Arizona (34th), New Mexico (37th) Colorado (32nd) Wyoming (50th)

Tax Freedom Day®

2015
April
20

In 2014, Utah taxpayers worked 110 days into the year until April 20 to pay their total tax bill, ranking 27th highest nationally.

That's 4 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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Utah 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 Utah 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	\$35,224	43rd	\$43,735
Federal aid as % of gen. revenue	29%	31st	32.8%
State debt per capita	\$6,957	36th	\$3,678

Individual Income Tax	
Number of brackets	1
Bottom income bracket rate	5.00%
Bottom bracket kick in	\$0
Top income tax rate	5.00%
Top bracket kick in	\$0
Collections per capita (2012)	\$870
Collections rank (2012)	29th

Property Tax	
Collections per capita (2012)	\$945
Collections rank (2012)	38th
Property taxes paid as share of owner-occupied housing value (2013)	0.68%
Property taxes paid percent rank (2013)	41st

Sources of State & Local Tax Collections		
	Utah	All States.
Property Tax	28%	32%
Sales Tax	26%	23%
Corporate Income Tax	3%	4%
Individual Income Tax	26%	22%
Other	17%	20%

Corporate Income Tax	
Number of brackets	1
Top corporate tax rate	5.00%
Collections per capita (2012)	\$91
Collections rank (2012)	37th

Sales Tax	
State rate	5.95%
State + average local rate	6.68%
State + average local rank	28th
Collections per capita (2011)	\$881
Collections rank (2011)	28th

Excise Taxes	Rate	Rank
Gasoline taxes and fees	24.5¢ per gallon	28th
Cigarette taxes	\$1.70 per pack	18th
Spirits taxes	\$12.18 per gallon	8th
Beer taxes	\$0.41 per gallon	13th
Cell phone taxes	12.53%	12th

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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