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Summary: The U.S. system of taxes and transfers is highly progressive. The lowest quintile experienced a combined tax and transfer rate of negative 127.0 percent, meaning that for each dollar they earned, they received an additional \$1.27 from the government, netting transfers (gains) and taxes (losses), while the top quintile had a rate of positive 30.7 percent, meaning on net they paid just under \$0.31 for every dollar earned. The top quintile funded 90.1 percent, or \$1.6 trillion, of all government transfers in 2019. For each dollar of taxes paid, the top quintile received \$0.11 in gross government transfers. Government transfers account for 59 percent of the bottom quintile's comprehensive income. For each dollar of taxes paid by the bottom quintile, they received \$6.17 in gross government transfers.

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