

Government Services Value Estimator

Estimate the value of government services you consume - Activity 1, Part B (7 minutes)

Your Tax Information

Enter your total taxes paid (from Part A) to compare against services received.

Total Taxes Paid (\$)

6060

State

{{STATE_NAME}}

Government Services You Use

Estimate the value of each service if you had to pay for it privately.

Service	Provider	Annual Value (\$)
Public School (K-12) \$12,000/year x 13 years = \$156,000 total	{{STATE_NAME}}	12000
Police Protection What would private security cost?	Local	0
Fire Protection Insurance cost without fire dept?	Local	0
Roads/Highways What would tolls cost you?	{{STATE_NAME}} Federal	0
Parks and Libraries Gym, entertainment, books	Local {{STATE_NAME}}	0
Public University Subsidy Difference vs. private tuition	{{STATE_NAME}}	0
Other Services List:	Various	0

Service	Provider	Annual Value (\$)
TOTAL VALUE		\$12,000

Net Contributor Analysis

Taxes Paid

\$6,060

Services Value

\$12,000

Net Difference

+\$5,940

Net Recipient

You receive more in government services than you pay in taxes.

Understanding Your Status:

- **Net Recipients:** Most young people (use schools, haven't paid lifetime of taxes yet)
- **Net Contributors:** As you age and earn more, you typically become a net contributor
- This is an **intergenerational transfer** - current workers fund services for youth and retirees