

Tax Planning Scenario Worksheet

Chapter 2.1: Understanding Federal and State Taxes

Job Offer Scenario: Location Decision

Scenario: You've been offered the same job position with the same company in two different locations. The job offers a salary of \$60,000 per year in both locations. You need to decide which location would be more financially advantageous, considering the tax implications and other financial factors.

Use this worksheet to analyze the tax implications of each location and make an informed decision.

Tip: Use the research from your State Tax Comparison activity to help inform this analysis. Remember to consider all types of taxes and other financial factors beyond taxes.

Location Details

Factor	Location 1	Location 2
State		
Major City/Area		
Income Tax Structure		
Cost of Living Index		

Tax Analysis

Location 1 Tax Analysis

Annual Salary	\$60,000
Federal Income Tax	
State Income Tax	
Local Income Tax (if applicable)	
FICA Taxes (7.65%)	\$4,590
Estimated Take-Home Pay	

Other Tax Considerations

Sales Tax Rate	
Property Tax Rate	
Other Significant Taxes	

Tax Impact Notes

Location 2 Tax Analysis

Annual Salary	\$60,000
Federal Income Tax	
State Income Tax	
Local Income Tax (if applicable)	
FICA Taxes (7.65%)	\$4,590
Estimated Take-Home Pay	

Other Tax Considerations

Sales Tax Rate	
Property Tax Rate	
Other Significant Taxes	

Tax Impact Notes

Beyond Taxes: Other Financial Considerations

While taxes are important, other financial factors should also be considered in your decision.

Factor	Location 1	Location 2
Average Housing Costs		
Transportation Costs		
Healthcare Costs		
Typical Utilities		
Grocery Costs		
Career Growth Potential		

Other Financial Factors Notes

Decision Analysis

1. Based solely on tax considerations, which location appears more financially advantageous?

2. When considering both tax implications and other financial factors, which location do you believe provides the better overall financial opportunity?

3. What non-financial factors might influence your decision beyond what's analyzed in this worksheet?

4. What is your final recommendation and why?

Personal Tax Strategy Development

Based on this scenario analysis, develop a brief personal tax strategy that you might use when making career and location decisions in the future.

1. What tax considerations will be most important to you in future career and location decisions?

2. How will you balance tax considerations with other financial and non-financial factors?

3. What tax planning strategies would you implement to optimize your tax situation?