

## Taxing California

### 1995-96 State, Local, and Federal Tax Burden: Rising Cost of Government

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California state and local government agencies collected more than \$110 billion in taxes fees and assessments in 1995-96, rising by \$5.3 billion over the previous year. Each year, Cal-Tax examines data released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census to compare California's tax burden against other states. The data is a few years old, but it is the best available source for interstate comparisons.

#### Recent Trends

The latest figures continue a growth trend, spurred by economic expansion. As California's economy grows, more people are employed, incomes are rising, and consumers are purchasing more goods. This growth leads to increased tax revenue. Figure 1 illustrates growth in major revenues for 1995-96. Most of the increased revenue was produced by the personal income tax, which grew about \$2.4 billion, followed by the sales tax, which brought in \$1.5 billion more than the previous year. Property taxes were still growing slowly, while the real estate sector remained sluggish for much of the state in 1995-96. Corporate income tax growth also slowed significantly.

In recent years, fees and assessments had been the dominant growth revenue, growing by more than \$1 billion a year. However, growth in fees and assessments slowed considerably in 1995-96,

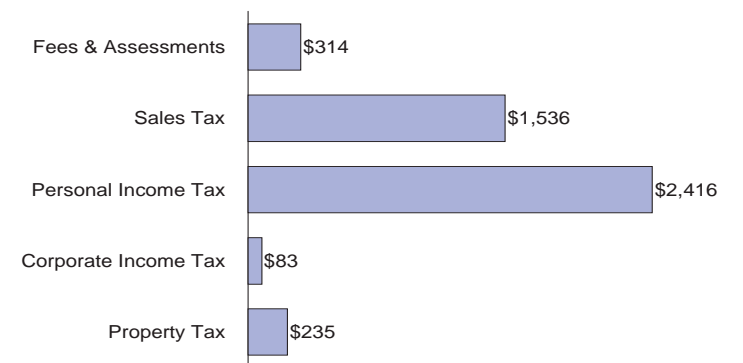
growing by \$314 million. During the economic slowdown of the earlier 1990s, tax revenues grew slowly, leading to increased pressure to raise fees and other non-tax revenues to satisfy budget desires. As tax revenue growth has rebounded with the economy, the pressure to increase fees seems to have subsided.

#### How Does California Compare to Other States?

California taxpayers paid about \$3,475 per capita to state and local government in 1995-96, ranking 11<sup>th</sup> highest when compared to the other 49 states. Details on specific taxes for all states are shown in Table 1. Per capita figures understate individual tax burden because they include children and other non-working, non-taxpaying individuals in the population base. A measure that is closer to actual tax burden per taxpayer is Cal-Tax's *per worker* tax burden. This measure divides tax collections by the number of people in the labor force during that fiscal year. Table 2 shows that California state and local taxes, fees and assess-

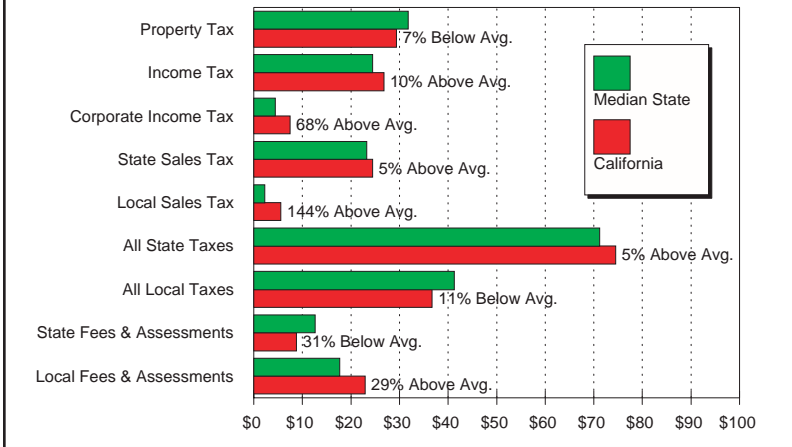
**1995-96 Growth in Major Revenues**  
(Dollars in Millions)

Figure 1



**Comparison to State Averages**  
**Revenues Per \$1,000 Personal Income**

Figure 2



ments amount to \$7,179 per working person. California's per worker burden is seventh highest in the nation, which is one rank higher than the previous year.

Many observers prefer to use tax burden as measured against income, which shows more correlation with a taxpayer's ability to pay. Table 3 shows state and local tax burden per \$1,000 of personal income. The total tax, fee and assessment burden is \$142.88 per \$1,000 of personal income. That is equivalent to saying that Californians pay an average of 14.29 percent of their incomes to state and local government.

Table 3 is different than in past years, grouping states by income level and ranking them within each income level, without a 50-state ranking. As described in the March 1996 Cal-Tax Policy Brief, *How (Not) to Measure Tax Burden*, analysis of tax burden based on income implicitly skews rankings of the states, showing most high-income states ranking very low in tax burden and many low-income states ranking high.

States with a small economic base (many of which are also sparsely populated) must by necessity exert a greater tax effort (i.e., higher tax rates) simply to provide basic infrastructure and services such as schools, highways, prisons, health and welfare. High-income states, like California, are not forced to exert the same kind of tax effort to provide those services and facilities. Indeed, a smaller percentage of income can yield an even greater level of public services if the economic base is large.

Therefore, a simple ranking of all states' taxes and fees per \$1,000 of personal income does not provide a useful compari-

son. States must be grouped with other states of similar income levels to more fairly compare their relative tax burdens. Table 3 divides the 50 states into three groups by relative per-capita personal income levels. California is one of the 17 high-income states. Total tax and fee burden for California ranks sixth highest among the high-income states. Many states that are similar to California in income levels and business activity have tax burdens much lower than California. Alaska's total burden is not ranked, because the state is not comparable to other states, since it exports much of its tax burden on non-residents (mostly oil companies).

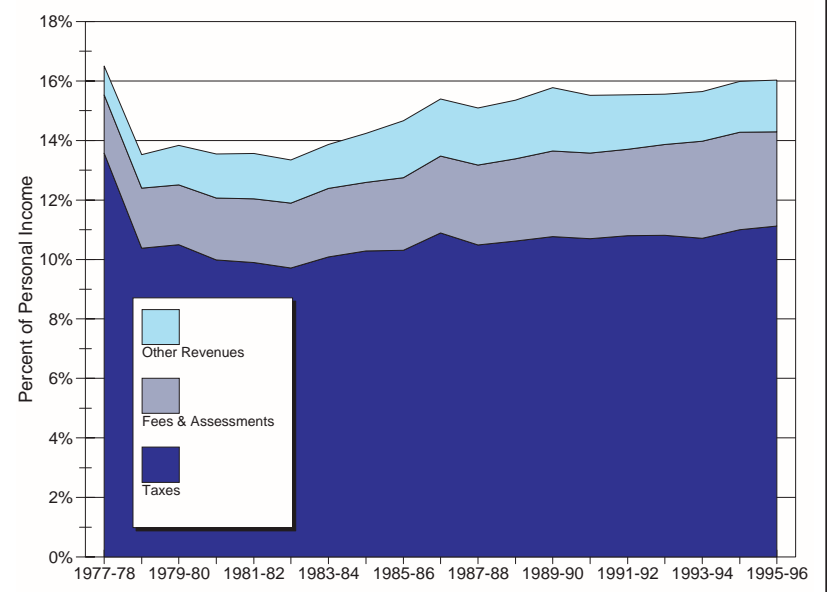
Another way to analyze tax burden is to compare California to the median state for particular taxes. Figure 2 shows taxes, fees and assessments per \$1,000 of personal income compared to national medians. California is above average in most categories, especially local sales taxes, corporate income tax, and local fees and assessments. California is below average in local taxes, primarily because the property tax is relatively low due to limits enacted by Proposition 13 in 1978. California is also below average in state fees and assessments.

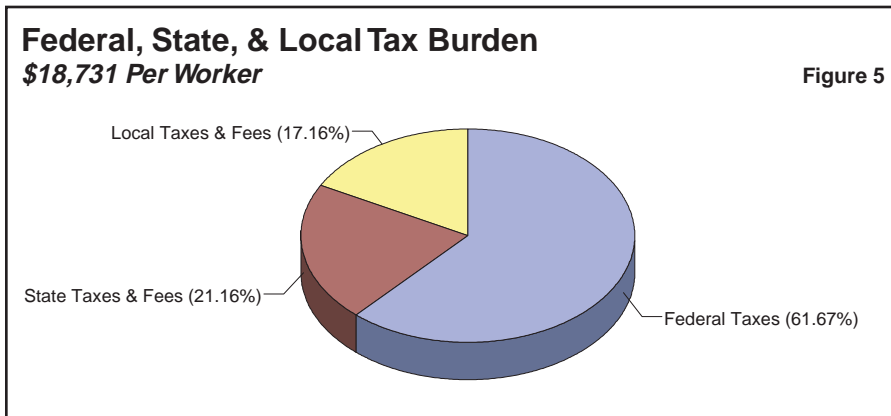
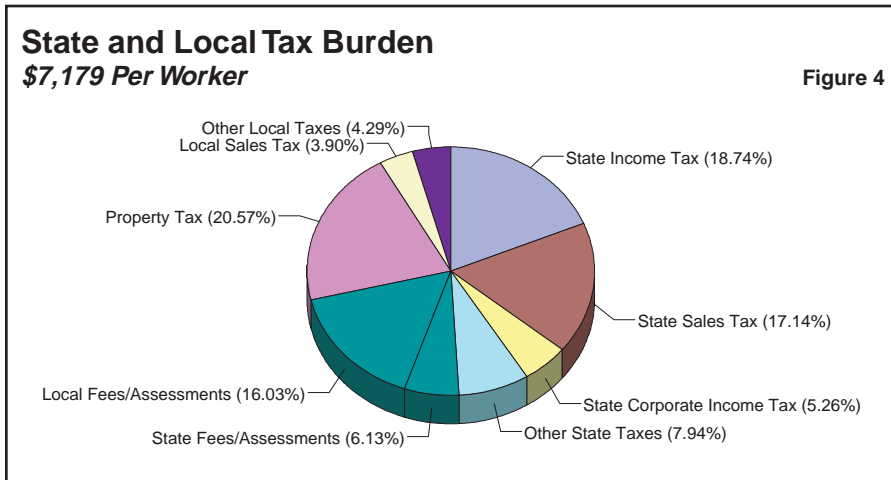
**Long-Term Trends**

Figure 3 shows California state and local revenues as a percent of personal income since the year before Proposition 13 was enacted. While taxes have remained

**California State and Local Revenues**  
**Percent of Personal Income**

Figure 3





below pre-Proposition 13 levels, fees, assessments and other revenues have made up the difference and brought the overall revenue burden back to about the same level as the 1970s. In other words, government is now consuming about the same proportion of the economy as in the 1970s, but the makeup of revenues has shifted to favor greater fees and other non-tax revenues.

Figure 4 shows the level of California's reliance on various revenues. Even with the limits of Proposition 13, property taxes are over 20 percent of all state and local revenues collected in California, exceeding the income tax, but slightly smaller than the combined total of state and local sales taxes. It may be surprising to note that state and local fees and assessments are larger than any of the taxes, but in light of the revenue growth shown in Figure 3, it seems clear that fees and assessments have been used heavily to compensate for tax limits and voter approval requirements that have made it harder to raise taxes during the past 20 years.

### Federal Taxes

The largest portion of Californian's tax burden is in federal taxes. Figure 5 shows total tax burden, in-

cluding federal taxes. Federal taxes collected from Californians are about 62 percent of all the taxes paid by Californians. Table 4 shows federal tax burden for each state, along with rankings. California's federal tax burden is fairly high, ranking 14<sup>th</sup> highest per capita (\$5,591), seventh highest per worker (\$11,552), and 15<sup>th</sup> highest per \$1,000 of personal income (\$229.93 or 22.99 percent of income). This is a jump in the rankings over the prior year, when California ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in federal taxes per \$1,000 of personal income.

Overall tax burden, including state and local taxes and fees plus federal taxes, is shown in Table 6. Californians pay more than 37 percent of personal income to state, local and federal governments. This is up from 36 percent the previous year.

### Sources

State and local revenues were obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, via its Internet web site at: <http://www.census.gov>.

Aggregate federal tax collection data comes courtesy of the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C. The Tax Foundation uses an economic model to estimate collections from income earned in each state. Tax Foundation's Internet web site can be found at: <http://www.taxfoundation.org>.

Population as of July 1, 1996 was obtained from the Census Bureau, included in its reports on state and local finances. Labor force data used to calculate per worker figures were obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, at its Internet web site: <http://stats.bls.gov>. Monthly data were utilized to calculate a fiscal year average of labor force for each state. Fiscal year personal income figures were calculated using quarterly data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. BEA can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.bea.doc.gov>.

All calculations of tax and fee burden per capita, per worker, or per \$1,000 of personal income were made by Cal-Tax. Please cite the California Taxpayers' Association as source for any re-use of the data in this report.

# State and Local Taxes and Fees, 1995-96

*Per Capita*

Table 1

State	Property Tax		General Sales Tax		Personal Income Tax		Corporate Income Tax		Fees & Assessments		Total Taxes, Fees & Assessments	
	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	
Alabama	\$233.69	50	\$561.62	26	\$384.59	36	\$50.93	45	\$879.65	6	\$2,665.69	45
Alaska	1,120.61	7	179.28	46	0.00	45	537.51	1	1,174.59	1	4,965.96	1
Arizona	703.29	30	779.40	8	337.46	38	101.18	19	464.00	47	2,759.05	38
Arkansas	300.22	48	667.97	20	463.21	32	91.16	25	571.48	39	2,504.00	49
<b>California</b>	<b>714.57</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>730.75</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>651.24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>182.92</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>770.01</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,474.53</b>	<b>11</b>
Colorado	743.02	23	682.81	18	594.93	19	53.81	43	757.03	20	3,174.98	21
Connecticut	1,422.45	3	746.76	10	798.56	9	195.90	6	428.44	49	4,259.52	3
Delaware	412.77	43	0.00	47	917.40	4	228.99	3	923.07	4	3,745.53	7
Florida	820.34	18	818.40	6	0.00	45	69.97	37	785.45	15	3,115.79	23
Georgia	651.86	32	727.43	12	577.19	21	97.84	22	746.84	21	3,100.81	25
Hawaii	517.39	37	1,209.29	2	844.57	7	55.36	41	868.09	7	4,112.61	4
Idaho	548.14	34	503.62	35	551.02	26	128.46	14	689.96	26	2,827.82	36
Illinois	1,055.92	10	522.66	34	488.45	30	136.85	12	494.50	44	3,251.28	18
Indiana	689.84	31	490.95	36	667.64	12	153.12	9	683.48	28	2,905.65	34
Iowa	835.76	17	531.61	30	566.09	24	71.15	36	825.12	12	3,273.44	17
Kansas	772.39	20	657.15	21	535.48	27	99.10	21	721.97	25	3,199.74	20
Kentucky	363.25	45	459.33	40	656.97	13	73.31	34	519.54	43	2,685.70	42
Louisiana	312.24	46	815.94	7	266.67	40	75.28	32	781.52	17	2,727.18	40
Maine	1,087.90	8	529.33	32	570.75	22	57.17	40	453.80	48	3,053.43	29
Maryland	748.31	22	394.38	43	1,042.86	3	65.17	39	558.87	41	3,345.09	14
Massachusetts	1,062.89	9	428.45	42	1,100.93	2	201.55	5	578.07	38	3,717.10	8
Michigan	739.83	24	686.53	17	613.62	16	228.24	4	726.01	24	3,313.82	16
Minnesota	883.59	14	628.03	23	887.84	5	150.94	10	896.03	5	4,023.82	6
Mississippi	444.61	41	675.06	19	273.28	39	74.28	33	772.49	18	2,666.18	44
Missouri	488.17	39	649.39	22	558.29	25	79.41	29	527.32	42	2,708.20	41
Montana	882.63	15	0.00	47	435.83	34	86.19	28	611.22	35	2,638.65	46
Nebraska	955.55	12	579.85	25	508.60	28	76.76	30	792.75	14	3,323.89	15
Nevada	548.08	35	1,032.23	3	0.00	45	0.00	47	808.49	13	3,469.81	12
New Hampshire	1,519.71	2	0.00	47	44.63	42	154.61	8	492.64	45	2,746.32	39
New Jersey	1,604.33	1	540.61	28	595.80	18	144.63	11	633.31	34	4,069.64	5
New Mexico	276.49	49	925.99	4	375.38	37	95.39	23	669.82	31	2,933.23	33
New York	1,279.21	4	722.27	13	1,176.00	1	289.75	2	837.08	11	4,823.62	2
North Carolina	472.18	40	526.33	33	673.09	11	128.26	15	782.52	16	3,033.82	30
North Dakota	640.49	33	485.00	37	235.39	41	115.37	18	851.41	10	3,089.22	26
Ohio	713.04	29	530.19	31	790.89	10	72.27	35	582.05	37	3,084.64	27
Oklahoma	307.14	47	612.97	24	458.17	33	49.60	46	687.12	27	2,673.93	43
Oregon	727.97	25	0.00	47	881.11	6	93.78	24	867.28	8	3,126.34	22
Pennsylvania	720.72	27	481.23	38	608.86	17	124.75	16	565.61	40	3,077.22	28
Rhode Island	1,162.17	5	469.83	39	586.49	20	87.85	27	375.74	50	3,113.78	24
South Carolina	528.09	36	533.49	29	490.26	29	67.82	38	954.98	3	2,936.09	32
South Dakota	761.97	21	689.09	15	0.19	44	52.05	44	484.72	46	2,450.10	50
Tennessee	425.86	42	873.55	5	21.51	43	100.35	20	735.38	23	2,613.66	47
Texas	797.13	19	687.56	16	0.00	45	0.00	47	643.63	32	2,771.64	37
Utah	504.05	38	708.78	14	569.54	23	88.39	26	737.40	22	2,884.19	35
Vermont	1,154.98	6	309.90	45	476.92	31	76.09	31	633.44	33	3,210.15	19
Virginia	726.14	26	388.06	44	644.39	15	54.36	42	676.38	30	3,017.43	31
Washington	844.55	16	1,308.53	1	0.00	45	0.00	47	862.42	9	3,657.75	9
West Virginia	398.01	44	436.63	41	411.22	35	128.76	13	583.10	36	2,578.04	48
Wisconsin	1,053.97	11	552.65	27	804.44	8	120.33	17	681.25	29	3,628.04	10
Wyoming	905.24	13	769.80	9	0.00	45	0.00	47	998.70	2	3,420.41	13
50-State Median	\$727.06		\$570.73		\$554.65		\$89.77		\$705.97		\$3,095.01	
California Difference												
From Median	-1.7%		+28.0%		+17.4%		+103.8%		+9.1%		+12.3%	

**State and Local Taxes and Fees, 1995-96**  
*Per Worker*

Table 2

State	Property Tax		General Sales Tax		Personal Income Tax		Corporate Income Tax		Fees & Assessments		Total Taxes, Fees & Assessments	
		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank
Alabama	\$480.80	50	\$1,155.47	24	\$791.26	37	\$104.78	44	\$1,809.78	4	\$5,484.34	43
Alaska	2,209.89	6	353.54	46	0.00	45	1,059.99	1	2,316.33	1	9,793.04	2
Arizona	1,405.88	27	1,558.02	8	674.59	38	202.27	20	927.53	45	5,515.37	41
Arkansas	613.82	48	1,365.70	16	947.05	30	186.37	24	1,168.41	36	5,119.57	46
<b>California</b>	<b>1,476.42</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,509.84</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,345.58</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>377.94</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,590.97</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7,178.94</b>	<b>7</b>
Colorado	1,353.57	30	1,243.90	22	1,083.79	22	98.02	45	1,379.10	27	5,783.93	36
Connecticut	2,720.88	4	1,428.41	14	1,527.49	9	374.73	7	819.52	49	8,147.64	4
Delaware	782.34	44	0.00	47	1,738.80	4	434.03	4	1,749.55	7	7,099.12	10
Florida	1,713.46	14	1,709.41	6	0.00	45	146.15	33	1,640.58	12	6,508.02	13
Georgia	1,307.88	31	1,459.51	11	1,158.07	20	196.30	21	1,498.45	18	6,221.44	20
Hawaii	1,048.35	37	2,450.30	2	1,711.30	5	112.17	40	1,758.95	6	8,333.09	3
Idaho	1,072.34	35	985.25	36	1,077.98	24	251.30	16	1,349.80	28	5,532.17	40
Illinois	2,037.45	10	1,008.51	31	942.49	32	264.06	13	954.15	44	6,273.50	19
Indiana	1,300.52	32	925.56	40	1,258.66	14	288.68	9	1,288.53	31	5,477.86	44
Iowa	1,509.94	19	960.44	37	1,022.73	27	128.55	38	1,490.71	19	5,913.99	28
Kansas	1,479.94	21	1,259.14	21	1,026.01	26	189.87	23	1,383.34	26	6,130.87	23
Kentucky	758.56	45	959.21	38	1,371.95	11	153.09	31	1,084.96	41	5,608.49	39
Louisiana	689.25	46	1,801.12	5	588.64	40	166.17	29	1,725.15	8	6,020.05	25
Maine	2,062.36	8	1,003.46	32	1,081.99	23	108.38	41	860.28	48	5,788.49	34
Maryland	1,379.87	29	727.23	44	1,923.01	3	120.18	39	1,030.54	42	6,168.26	21
Massachusetts	2,048.37	9	825.69	42	2,121.69	2	388.43	5	1,114.04	40	7,163.50	8
Michigan	1,465.02	23	1,359.47	18	1,215.10	17	451.96	3	1,437.65	24	6,562.06	12
Minnesota	1,583.55	17	1,125.54	25	1,591.16	7	270.52	12	1,605.84	14	7,211.38	6
Mississippi	958.86	39	1,455.87	12	589.36	39	160.19	30	1,666.00	10	5,750.05	37
Missouri	909.23	42	1,209.50	23	1,039.83	25	147.90	32	982.14	43	5,044.09	49
Montana	1,761.94	12	0.00	47	870.02	35	172.06	28	1,220.15	34	5,267.40	45
Nebraska	1,740.38	13	1,056.10	27	926.33	33	139.80	35	1,443.87	23	6,053.91	24
Nevada	1,073.39	34	2,021.58	3	0.00	45	0.00	47	1,583.40	16	6,795.49	11
New Hampshire	2,816.92	2	0.00	47	82.72	42	286.58	10	913.15	46	5,090.54	48
New Jersey	3,130.68	1	1,054.94	28	1,162.64	19	282.22	11	1,235.84	33	7,941.46	5
New Mexico	596.55	49	1,997.94	4	809.93	36	205.82	19	1,445.24	22	6,328.83	17
New York	2,725.65	3	1,538.95	9	2,505.73	1	617.38	2	1,783.59	5	10,277.80	1
North Carolina	933.59	40	1,040.65	30	1,330.83	13	253.60	15	1,547.21	17	5,998.47	26
North Dakota	1,215.83	33	920.66	41	446.84	41	219.01	17	1,616.20	13	5,864.16	31
Ohio	1,418.30	25	1,054.59	29	1,573.14	8	143.74	34	1,157.75	39	6,135.63	22
Oklahoma	650.44	47	1,298.10	19	970.27	29	105.04	43	1,455.13	21	5,662.65	38
Oregon	1,380.12	28	0.00	47	1,670.44	6	177.78	26	1,644.23	11	5,927.04	27
Pennsylvania	1,482.66	20	989.99	34	1,252.53	15	256.64	14	1,163.56	37	6,330.42	16
Rhode Island	2,356.48	5	952.66	39	1,189.21	18	178.13	25	761.86	50	6,313.68	18
South Carolina	1,049.06	36	1,059.80	26	973.91	28	134.73	37	1,897.10	2	5,832.64	33
South Dakota	1,428.42	24	1,291.79	20	0.35	44	97.57	46	908.68	47	4,593.05	50
Tennessee	829.59	43	1,701.69	7	41.91	43	195.48	22	1,432.54	25	5,091.46	47
Texas	1,581.06	18	1,363.73	17	0.00	45	0.00	47	1,276.59	32	5,497.37	42
Utah	1,011.60	38	1,422.50	15	1,143.05	21	177.40	27	1,479.94	20	5,788.47	35
Vermont	2,113.25	7	567.03	45	872.61	34	139.22	36	1,159.00	38	5,873.57	30
Virginia	1,408.36	26	752.64	43	1,249.80	16	105.43	42	1,311.84	30	5,852.34	32
Washington	1,643.66	16	2,546.67	1	0.00	45	0.00	47	1,678.44	9	7,118.71	9
West Virginia	912.65	41	1,001.22	33	942.95	31	295.26	8	1,337.08	29	5,911.57	29
Wisconsin	1,883.53	11	987.64	35	1,437.59	10	215.04	18	1,217.45	35	6,483.61	14
Wyoming	1,696.95	15	1,443.05	13	0.00	45	0.00	47	1,872.15	3	6,411.84	15
50-State Median	\$1,413.33		\$1,092.67		\$1,032.92		\$177.96		\$1,407.94		\$6,009.26	
California Difference												
From Median	+4.5%		+38.2%		+30.3%		+112.4%		+13.0%		+19.5%	

**State and Local Taxes and Fees, 1995-96**  
**Per \$1,000 Personal Income**

Table 3

State	Property Tax	Rank	General Sales Tax	Rank	Personal Income Tax	Rank	Corporate Income Tax	Rank	Fees & Assessments	Rank	Total Taxes, Fees & Assessments	Rank
<b>High-Income States: *</b>												
Alaska	\$46.79	3	\$7.48	15	\$0.00	15	\$22.44	1	\$49.04	1	\$207.33	**
New York	45.35	4	25.60	8	41.69	1	10.27	2	29.67	10	170.99	1
Minnesota	36.40	8	25.87	7	36.57	4	6.22	7	36.91	2	165.76	2
Hawaii	20.70	16	48.39	2	33.79	6	2.22	14	34.73	5	164.55	3
Washington	35.19	9	54.52	1	0.00	15	0.00	16	35.93	3	152.41	4
Delaware	15.76	17	0.00	16	35.02	5	8.74	4	35.24	4	142.98	5
<b>California</b>	<b>29.39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30.05</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26.78</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31.66</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>142.88</b>	<b>6</b>
Nevada	22.29	15	41.98	3	0.00	15	0.00	16	32.88	6	141.12	7
Michigan	30.95	10	28.72	5	25.67	9	9.55	3	30.37	9	138.63	8
New Jersey	53.19	2	17.92	11	19.75	12	4.79	11	21.00	13	134.92	9
Connecticut	43.29	5	22.73	9	24.30	10	5.96	9	13.04	17	129.64	10
Massachusetts	37.01	7	14.92	13	38.33	3	7.02	6	20.13	14	129.43	11
Colorado	30.15	11	27.71	6	24.14	11	2.18	15	30.72	8	128.85	12
Maryland	28.26	14	14.90	14	39.39	2	2.46	12	21.11	12	126.34	13
Illinois	40.88	6	20.23	10	18.91	13	5.30	10	19.14	16	125.86	14
Virginia	29.93	12	16.00	12	26.56	8	2.24	13	27.88	11	124.38	15
New Hampshire	59.28	1	0.00	16	1.74	14	6.03	8	19.22	15	107.12	16
<b>Moderate-Income States: *</b>												
Wyoming	43.19	5	36.72	2	0.00	15	0.00	16	47.64	1	163.18	1
Wisconsin	47.08	3	24.68	11	35.93	2	5.37	3	30.43	11	162.05	2
Iowa	39.54	6	25.15	9	26.78	6	3.37	13	39.03	3	154.85	3
Nebraska	43.90	4	26.64	8	23.37	12	3.53	12	36.42	5	152.72	4
Vermont	53.64	1	14.39	16	22.15	13	3.53	11	29.42	13	149.10	5
Kansas	34.92	9	29.71	6	24.21	11	4.48	6	32.65	9	144.68	6
North Carolina	22.21	15	24.76	10	31.66	4	6.03	2	36.81	4	142.72	7
Oregon	33.11	10	0.00	17	40.07	1	4.26	8	39.44	2	142.19	8
Georgia	29.63	14	33.07	4	26.24	7	4.45	7	33.95	8	140.96	9
Ohio	31.61	12	23.50	12	35.06	3	3.20	14	25.80	14	136.73	10
Florida	35.57	8	35.48	3	0.00	15	3.03	15	34.05	7	135.09	11
Indiana	31.90	11	22.71	13	30.88	5	7.08	1	31.61	10	134.38	12
Rhode Island	48.69	2	19.68	15	24.57	10	3.68	9	15.74	17	130.45	13
Pennsylvania	30.28	13	20.22	14	25.58	8	5.24	4	23.76	16	129.27	14
Texas	37.06	7	31.96	5	0.00	15	0.00	16	29.92	12	128.84	15
Missouri	22.19	16	29.52	7	25.38	9	3.61	10	23.97	15	123.11	16
Tennessee	20.05	17	41.14	1	1.01	14	4.73	5	34.63	6	123.08	17
<b>Lower-Income States: *</b>												
North Dakota	33.64	5	25.47	13	12.36	15	6.06	3	44.72	4	162.26	1
New Mexico	15.22	15	50.97	1	20.66	10	5.25	4	36.87	7	161.45	2
Mississippi	26.33	9	39.98	3	16.19	13	4.40	9	45.75	2	157.91	3
Utah	26.94	8	37.89	5	30.45	2	4.72	7	39.42	6	154.18	4
South Carolina	27.39	7	27.67	10	25.43	5	3.52	12	49.54	1	152.30	5
Maine	53.65	1	26.10	12	28.15	4	2.82	13	22.38	16	150.58	6
Idaho	28.60	6	26.28	11	28.75	3	6.70	2	36.01	9	147.57	7
West Virginia	22.49	10	24.67	14	23.24	9	7.28	1	32.95	11	145.68	8
Montana	47.92	2	0.00	16	23.66	8	4.68	8	33.19	10	143.27	9
Louisiana	16.31	14	42.61	2	13.93	14	3.93	10	40.81	5	142.41	10
Kentucky	19.22	11	24.30	15	34.76	1	3.88	11	27.49	13	142.09	11
Oklahoma	16.32	13	32.57	8	24.34	7	2.64	15	36.51	8	142.07	12
Arkansas	16.48	12	36.66	6	25.42	6	5.00	5	31.36	12	137.41	13
Alabama	12.03	16	28.90	9	19.79	11	2.62	16	45.27	3	137.18	14
Arizona	34.57	4	38.31	4	16.59	12	4.97	6	22.81	15	135.62	15
South Dakota	38.79	3	35.08	7	0.01	16	2.65	14	24.67	14	124.72	16
50-State Median	\$31.76		\$26.19		\$24.46		\$4.46		\$32.76		\$142.14	
California Difference												
From Median	-7.5%		+14.7%		+9.5%		+68.5%		-3.4%		+0.5%	

\* Income groupings are determined by per-capita personal income. All rankings are in comparison to states within the income group only.

\*\* Alaska's tax burden is an aberration, because of the state's heavy reliance on oil taxes. Therefore, its total burden is not ranked against the other states.

# Federal Tax Burden, 1995-96

Table 4

State	Per Capita	Rank	Per Worker	Rank	Per \$1,000 Personal Income	
					Rank	Rank
Alabama	\$4,240.28	40	\$8,723.89	35	\$218.21	40
Alaska	5,769.06	11	11,376.78	9	240.87	6
Arizona	4,655.50	34	9,306.40	27	228.84	17
Arkansas	3,847.82	48	7,867.07	49	211.15	47
<b>California</b>	<b>5,591.27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11,552.45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>229.93</b>	<b>15</b>
Colorado	5,729.08	12	10,436.77	18	232.49	13
Connecticut	8,409.66	1	16,086.04	1	255.94	1
Delaware	5,878.87	9	11,142.57	13	224.42	28
Florida	5,512.06	17	11,513.13	8	238.99	7
Georgia	4,991.95	26	10,015.82	21	226.94	21
Hawaii	5,146.13	21	10,427.22	19	205.91	50
Idaho	4,220.02	41	8,255.77	44	220.22	37
Illinois	6,171.68	6	11,908.55	6	238.92	8
Indiana	4,881.40	28	9,202.63	31	225.76	27
Iowa	4,602.48	35	8,315.13	43	217.72	41
Kansas	5,014.19	25	9,607.47	25	226.72	23
Kentucky	4,109.02	43	8,580.79	37	217.39	42
Louisiana	4,055.76	44	8,952.78	33	211.79	45
Maine	4,352.94	36	8,252.00	45	214.66	44
Maryland	6,119.58	7	11,284.36	11	231.14	14
Massachusetts	6,819.80	3	13,142.96	4	237.47	9
Michigan	5,558.74	15	11,007.45	15	232.55	12
Minnesota	5,709.32	13	10,232.10	20	235.19	11
Mississippi	3,538.05	50	7,630.37	50	209.55	48
Missouri	4,973.58	27	9,263.42	30	226.09	26
Montana	4,044.78	45	8,074.38	48	219.62	38
Nebraska	4,850.69	30	8,834.72	34	222.87	33
Nevada	6,226.62	5	12,194.59	5	253.25	3
New Hampshire	6,071.78	8	11,254.56	12	236.84	10
New Jersey	7,412.79	2	14,465.28	2	245.75	4
New Mexico	3,934.62	47	8,489.47	38	216.57	43
New York	6,388.71	4	13,612.58	3	226.47	25
North Carolina	4,691.86	33	9,276.74	29	220.72	35
North Dakota	4,271.42	38	8,108.30	47	224.36	29
Ohio	5,035.11	23	10,015.28	22	223.19	32
Oklahoma	3,981.87	46	8,432.49	40	211.56	46
Oregon	5,033.69	24	9,543.06	26	228.93	16
Pennsylvania	5,413.67	19	11,136.95	14	227.42	19
Rhode Island	5,419.59	18	10,989.07	16	227.05	20
South Carolina	4,257.24	39	8,457.13	39	220.83	34
South Dakota	4,328.74	37	8,114.82	46	220.35	36
Tennessee	4,762.60	31	9,277.64	28	224.28	30
Texas	4,875.96	29	9,671.18	24	226.67	24
Utah	4,185.46	42	8,400.09	41	223.74	31
Vermont	4,724.18	32	8,643.77	36	219.42	39
Virginia	5,520.60	16	10,707.29	17	227.57	18
Washington	5,822.00	10	11,330.79	10	242.59	5
West Virginia	3,646.12	49	8,360.72	42	206.03	49
Wisconsin	5,077.18	22	9,073.34	32	226.77	22
Wyoming	5,315.87	20	9,965.02	23	253.60	2
50-State Median	\$5,003.07		\$9,575.26		\$226.28	
California Difference From Median	+11.8%		+20.6%		+1.6%	

# Statistics

Table 5

State	Personal Income 1995-96 (Millions)	1995-96 Labor Force (Thousands)	7/1/96 Population (Thousands)
Alaska	14,539	308	607
Arizona	90,082	2,215	4,428
Arkansas	45,740	1,228	2,510
<b>California</b>	<b>775,194</b>	<b>15,429</b>	<b>31,878</b>
Colorado	94,206	2,099	3,823
Connecticut	107,576	1,712	3,274
Delaware	18,992	383	725
Florida	332,126	6,894	14,400
Georgia	161,745	3,665	7,353
Hawaii	29,591	584	1,184
Idaho	22,785	608	1,189
Illinois	306,031	6,140	11,847
Indiana	126,294	3,098	5,841
Iowa	60,291	1,579	2,852
Kansas	56,882	1,342	2,572
Kentucky	73,413	1,860	3,884
Louisiana	83,320	1,971	4,351
Maine	25,206	656	1,243
Maryland	134,286	2,751	5,072
Massachusetts	174,955	3,161	6,092
Michigan	229,330	4,845	9,594
Minnesota	113,074	2,599	4,658
Mississippi	45,858	1,259	2,716
Missouri	117,889	2,877	5,359
Montana	16,189	440	879
Nebraska	35,955	907	1,652
Nevada	39,413	818	1,603
New Hampshire	29,790	627	1,162
New Jersey	240,947	4,093	7,988
New Mexico	31,121	794	1,713
New York	512,988	8,535	18,185
North Carolina	155,666	3,704	7,323
North Dakota	12,261	339	644
Ohio	252,056	5,617	11,173
Oklahoma	62,129	1,559	3,301
Oregon	70,448	1,690	3,204
Pennsylvania	286,988	5,860	12,056
Rhode Island	23,631	488	990
South Carolina	71,311	1,862	3,699
South Dakota	14,380	390	732
Tennessee	112,971	2,731	5,320
Texas	411,471	9,644	19,128
Utah	37,414	997	2,000
Vermont	12,681	322	589
Virginia	161,927	3,442	6,675
Washington	132,789	2,843	5,533
West Virginia	32,314	796	1,826
Wisconsin	115,526	2,887	5,160
Wyoming	10,083	257	481
50-State Total	\$6,204,883	132,981	264,741

# Summary of Tax Burden, 1995-96

Table 6

State	Per Capita					Per Worker					Per \$1,000 Personal Income				
	Local Taxes & Fees	State Taxes & Fees	Federal Taxes	Total	Rank	Local Taxes & Fees	State Taxes & Fees	Federal Taxes	Total	Rank	Local Taxes & Fees	State Taxes & Fees	Federal Taxes	Total	Rank
Alabama	\$1,051	\$1,614	\$4,240	\$6,906	41	\$2,163	\$3,321	\$8,724	\$14,208	40	\$54.10	\$83.08	\$218.21	\$355.39	41
Alaska	1,978	2,988	5,769	10,735	4	3,901	5,892	11,377	21,170	4	82.60	124.73	240.87	448.20	1
Arizona	1,161	1,598	4,656	7,415	34	2,321	3,194	9,306	14,822	31	57.07	78.55	228.84	364.46	30
Arkansas	736	1,768	3,848	6,352	48	1,504	3,615	7,867	12,986	49	40.36	97.04	211.15	348.56	47
<b>California</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>5,591</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>11,552</b>	<b>18,731</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59.62</b>	<b>83.26</b>	<b>229.93</b>	<b>372.81</b>	<b>16</b>
Colorado	1,634	1,541	5,729	8,904	14	2,976	2,807	10,437	16,221	22	66.30	62.54	232.49	361.34	33
Connecticut	1,610	2,650	8,410	12,669	1	3,079	5,068	16,086	24,234	1	49.00	80.64	255.94	385.58	9
Delaware	780	2,965	5,879	9,624	8	1,479	5,620	11,143	18,242	10	29.79	113.19	224.42	367.40	26
Florida	1,619	1,496	5,512	8,628	19	3,383	3,125	11,513	18,021	12	70.22	64.88	238.99	374.08	14
Georgia	1,507	1,594	4,992	8,093	27	3,024	3,197	10,016	16,237	21	68.52	72.45	226.94	367.90	23
Hawaii	871	3,241	5,146	9,259	12	1,765	6,568	10,427	18,760	7	34.86	129.69	205.91	370.46	21
Idaho	1,033	1,797	4,220	7,050	40	2,020	3,516	8,256	13,792	46	53.89	93.78	220.22	367.89	24
Illinois	1,610	1,637	6,172	9,419	11	3,106	3,160	11,909	18,175	11	62.32	63.39	238.92	364.63	29
Indiana	1,174	1,732	4,881	7,787	30	2,213	3,265	9,203	14,680	33	54.29	80.09	225.76	360.15	34
Iowa	1,373	1,900	4,602	7,876	29	2,481	3,433	8,315	14,229	39	64.95	89.90	217.72	372.56	17
Kansas	1,365	1,835	5,014	8,214	23	2,615	3,515	9,607	15,738	24	61.72	82.96	226.72	371.41	18
Kentucky	735	1,950	4,109	6,795	43	1,536	4,073	8,581	14,189	41	38.91	103.18	217.39	359.48	36
Louisiana	1,227	1,500	4,056	6,783	44	2,709	3,312	8,953	14,973	29	64.08	78.34	211.79	354.21	42
Maine	1,297	1,757	4,353	7,406	35	2,458	3,330	8,252	14,041	44	63.95	86.63	214.66	365.24	28
Maryland	1,475	1,870	6,120	9,465	10	2,720	3,448	11,284	17,453	15	55.71	70.63	231.14	357.48	38
Massachusetts	1,375	2,342	6,820	10,537	5	2,649	4,514	13,143	20,306	5	47.87	81.56	237.47	366.90	27
Michigan	1,031	2,283	5,559	8,873	15	2,041	4,521	11,007	17,570	13	43.12	95.52	232.55	371.18	19
Minnesota	1,540	2,483	5,709	9,733	6	2,761	4,451	10,232	17,443	16	63.46	102.30	235.19	400.95	3
Mississippi	996	1,670	3,538	6,204	50	2,148	3,601	7,630	13,380	47	59.00	98.90	209.55	367.45	25
Missouri	1,157	1,551	4,974	7,682	32	2,155	2,889	9,263	14,308	36	52.59	70.52	226.09	349.20	46
Montana	977	1,662	4,045	6,683	46	1,950	3,317	8,074	13,342	48	53.04	90.23	219.62	362.88	32
Nebraska	1,502	1,822	4,851	8,175	24	2,736	3,318	8,835	14,889	30	69.03	83.69	222.87	375.59	13
Nevada	1,500	1,970	6,227	9,696	7	2,937	3,858	12,195	18,990	6	61.00	80.12	253.25	394.37	6
New Hampshire	1,706	1,040	6,072	8,818	16	3,162	1,928	11,255	16,345	20	66.54	40.58	236.84	343.96	50
New Jersey	1,952	2,117	7,413	11,482	2	3,810	4,132	14,465	22,407	3	64.72	70.20	245.75	380.67	10
New Mexico	796	2,137	3,935	6,867	42	1,718	4,610	8,489	14,817	32	43.82	117.60	216.57	378.00	11
New York	2,729	2,095	6,389	11,212	3	5,814	4,464	13,613	23,890	2	96.73	74.26	226.47	397.47	4
North Carolina	1,203	1,831	4,692	7,726	31	2,378	3,620	9,277	15,275	27	56.59	86.13	220.72	363.44	31
North Dakota	999	2,090	4,271	7,361	37	1,897	3,967	8,108	13,972	45	52.48	109.78	224.36	386.62	8
Ohio	1,426	1,659	5,035	8,120	26	2,836	3,300	10,015	16,151	23	63.20	73.53	223.19	359.93	35
Oklahoma	992	1,682	3,982	6,656	47	2,101	3,561	8,432	14,095	43	52.72	89.35	211.56	353.63	43
Oregon	1,412	1,714	5,034	8,160	25	2,677	3,250	9,543	15,470	26	64.23	77.96	228.93	371.12	20
Pennsylvania	1,268	1,809	5,414	8,491	22	2,609	3,721	11,137	17,467	14	53.28	75.99	227.42	356.69	39
Rhode Island	1,288	1,825	5,420	8,533	21	2,612	3,701	10,989	17,303	17	53.97	76.47	227.05	357.49	37
South Carolina	1,172	1,764	4,257	7,193	38	2,327	3,505	8,457	14,290	37	60.77	91.53	220.83	373.13	15
South Dakota	1,205	1,245	4,329	6,778	45	2,258	2,334	8,115	12,707	50	61.32	63.37	220.35	345.04	49
Tennessee	1,239	1,375	4,763	7,376	36	2,414	2,678	9,278	14,369	35	58.35	64.73	224.28	347.36	48
Texas	1,467	1,305	4,876	7,648	33	2,910	2,588	9,671	15,169	28	68.19	60.65	226.67	355.51	40
Utah	1,019	1,865	4,185	7,070	39	2,044	3,744	8,400	14,189	42	54.45	99.72	223.74	377.91	12
Vermont	1,297	1,914	4,724	7,934	28	2,372	3,501	8,644	14,517	34	60.22	88.88	219.42	368.52	22
Virginia	1,295	1,722	5,521	8,538	20	2,512	3,341	10,707	16,560	18	53.38	71.00	227.57	351.95	44
Washington	1,440	2,218	5,822	9,480	9	2,802	4,316	11,331	18,450	9	60.00	92.41	242.59	395.00	5
West Virginia	760	1,818	3,646	6,224	49	1,743	4,169	8,361	14,272	38	42.94	102.74	206.03	351.71	45
Wisconsin	1,476	2,152	5,077	8,705	18	2,638	3,846	9,073	15,557	25	65.92	96.12	226.77	388.82	7
Wyoming	1,746	1,674	5,316	8,736	17	3,273	3,139	9,965	16,377	19	83.30	79.87	253.60	416.78	2
50-State Median	\$1,296	\$1,813	\$5,003	\$8,140		\$2,561	\$3,516	\$9,575	\$15,514		\$59.31	\$83.02	\$226.28	\$367.42	
California Difference From Median	+11.9%	+11.6%	+11.8%	+11.4%		+17.0%	+19.0%	+20.6%	+20.7%		+0.5%	+0.3%	+1.6%	+1.5%	

