

CALIFORNIA'S TAX BURDEN: CALIFORNIA'S STATE-LOCAL TAX BURDEN FOURTH HIGHEST IN NATION

California's combined state and local tax burden is 11 percent of state income, and ranks fourth highest in the nation, the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation reported January 20.

The rankings are based on the 2012 fiscal year, and they include the Proposition 30 tax increases approved by voters in November 2012.

During 2012, state-local tax burdens as a share of state incomes decreased on average across the country, the Tax Foundation said, because average income increased at a faster rate than tax collections.

New Yorkers faced the highest burden, with 12.7 percent of income in the state going to state and local taxes. Connecticut (12.6 percent) and New Jersey (12.2 percent) followed closely behind. With its 11 percent burden, California tied for fourth place with Illinois and Wisconsin.

On the other end of the spectrum, Alaska (6.5 percent), South Dakota (7.1 percent) and Wyoming (7.1 percent) had the lowest burdens.

In 2012, 78 percent of taxes collected were paid within the state of residence, up from 73 percent in 2011, the Tax Foundation said. (Source: [State-Local Tax Burden Rankings FY 2012](#), the Tax Foundation, January 20.)