## CALIFORNIA

STATE AND LOCAL TAX SHARES OF FAMILY INCOME for non-elderly taxpayers

## TOTAL TAX

Share of Family Income


## SALES \& EXCISE TAX

Share of Family Income


PROPERTY TAX
Share of Family Income


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PERSONAL INCOME TAX
Share of Family Income


NOTE:
Figures show permanent law in California enacted through September 10, 2018 at 2015 income levels. Personal income tax rates and brackets reflect law in effect through 2030. Top figure represents total state and local taxes as a share of income. The 6th edition of Who Pays does not include the impact of the federal deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) because policy changes in the 2017 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act temporarily limited the extent to which the SALT deduction functions as a generalized offset of state and local taxes.

## CALIFORNIA State and Local Taxes (cont.)

## TOTAL TAX

Share of Family Income

| Share of Family Income |  |  |  |  |  | TOP 20\% |  |
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| income group | $\begin{gathered} \text { LOWEST } \\ \text { 20\% } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { SECOND } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { MIDDLE } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FOURTH } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NEXT } \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NEXT } \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOP } \\ & \text { 1\% } \end{aligned}$ |
| INCOME RANGE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & \$ 23,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 23,200 \text { to } \\ \$ 39,100 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 39,100 \text { to } \\ \$ 62,300 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 62,300 \text { to } \\ \$ 112,900 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 12,900 \text { to } \\ \$ 261,300 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 261,300 \text { to } \\ \$ 714,400 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { over } \\ \$ 714,400 \end{gathered}$ |
| average income in Group | \$14,300 | \$31,000 | \$49,200 | \$83,500 | \$163,600 | \$399,700 | \$2,158,300 |
| (iil) SALES \& EXCISE TAXES | 7.2\% | 6.1\% | 4.6\% | 3.5\% | 2.5\% | 1.6\% | 0.8\% |
| General Sales-Individuals | 3.1\% | 2.8\% | 2.2\% | 1.8\% | 1.4\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% |
| Other Sales \& Excise-Ind. | 1.6\% | 1.1\% | 0.7\% | 0.5\% | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.1\% |
| Sales \& Excise on Business | 2.6\% | 2.1\% | 1.6\% | 1.2\% | 0.8\% | 0.5\% | 0.3\% |
| (\#) PROPERTY TAXES | 4.0\% | 2.8\% | 2.5\% | 3.1\% | 3.0\% | 2.6\% | 1.5\% |
| Home, Rent, Car-Individuals | 3.9\% | 2.7\% | 2.5\% | 3.0\% | 2.8\% | 2.2\% | 0.5\% |
| Other Property Taxes | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 1.0\% |
| (3) INCOME TAXES | -0.7\% | 0.6\% | 1.2\% | 2.4\% | 3.9\% | 5.7\% | 10.0\% |
| Personal Income Tax | -0.7\% | 0.5\% | 1.2\% | 2.3\% | 3.8\% | 5.6\% | 9.8\% |
| Corporate Income Tax | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% |
| (s) TOTAL TAXES | 10.5\% | 9.4\% | 8.3\% | 9.0\% | 9.4\% | 9.9\% | 12.4\% |

Individual figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

## ITEP TAX INEQUALITY INDEX

According to ITEP's Tax Inequality Index, California's state and local tax system does not worsen income inequality and ranks 51 st on the index. The large income gap between lower-and middle-income taxpayers, as compared to the wealthy, is some-what narrower after state and local taxes than before. (See Appendix B for state-by-state rankings and the methodology for additional detail.)

## TAX FEATURES DRIVING THE DATA IN CALIFORNIA

## PROGRESSIVE TAX CODE FEATURES

- Graduated personal income tax structure
- Provides personal income tax credits in place of personal and dependent exemptions
- Limits itemized deductions for upper-income taxpayers
- Sales tax base excludes groceries
- Requires the use of combined reporting for the corporate income tax
- Provides a refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)


## REGRESSIVE TAX CODE FEATURES

- Comparatively high combined state and local sales tax rate
- Comparatively high cigarette tax
- Fails to provide a property tax "circuit breaker" credit for low-income, non-elderly taxpayers
- Does not levy a tax on estates or inheritances

