## TOTAL TAX

REGRESSIVE


Share of Family Income


## SALES \& EXCISE TAX

Share of Family Income


## PROPERTY TAX

Share of Family Income


PERSONAL INCOME TAX
Share of Family Income

| $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOWEST | SECOND | MIDDLE | FOURTH | NEXT | NEXT | TOP |
| $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

## NOTE:

Figures show permanent law in Washington enacted through September 10, 2018 at 2015 income levels. 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.

## WASHINGTON state and Local Taxes (cont.) $^{\text {( }}$

## TOTAL TAX

Share of Family Income

| hare of Family Income |  |  |  |  |  | TOP 20\% |  |
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| INCOME GROUP | $\begin{gathered} \text { LOWEST } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { SECOND } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { MIDDLE } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FOURTH } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NEXT } \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NEXT } \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOP } \\ 1 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Income range | Less than \$24,000 | $\begin{gathered} \$ 24,000 \text { to } \\ \$ 44,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 44,000 \text { to } \\ \$ 70,100 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 70,100 \text { to } \\ & \$ 116,300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 116,300 \text { to } \\ \$ 248,200 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 248,200 \text { to } \\ \$ 545,900 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { over } \\ \$ 545,900 \end{gathered}$ |
| AVERAGE INCOME IN GROUP | \$13,500 | \$33,300 | \$56,300 | \$91,000 | \$158,900 | \$348,900 | \$1,618,200 |
| (iif) SALES \& EXCISE TAXES | 13.3\% | 9.7\% | 8.1\% | 6.4\% | 4.7\% | 2.9\% | 1.7\% |
| General Sales-Individuals | 4.0\% | 3.3\% | 2.9\% | 2.3\% | 1.8\% | 1.2\% | 0.6\% |
| Other Sales \& Excise-Ind. | 4.4\% | 2.8\% | 2.2\% | 1.6\% | 1.1\% | 0.7\% | 0.3\% |
| Sales \& Excise on Business | 4.8\% | 3.7\% | 3.1\% | 2.4\% | 1.7\% | 1.1\% | 0.8\% |
| (-1) PROPERTY TAXES | 4.5\% | 2.7\% | 2.9\% | 2.8\% | 2.4\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Home, Rent, Car-Individuals | 4.4\% | 2.7\% | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 2.3\% | 1.5\% | 0.4\% |
| Other Property Taxes | 0.1\% | 0.0\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.1\% | 0.3\% | 0.9\% |
| (3) INCOME TAXES | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| Personal Income Tax | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| Corporate Income Tax | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| (s) TOTAL TAXES | 17.8\% | 12.4\% | 11.0\% | 9.2\% | 7.1\% | 4.7\% | 3.0\% |

Individual figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

## ITEP TAX INEQUALITY INDEX

According to ITEP's Tax Inequality Index, which measures the impact of each state's tax system on income inequality, Washington has the most unfair state and local tax system in the country. Incomes are more unequal in Washington after state and local taxes are collected than before. (See Appendix B for state-by-state rankings and the methodology section for additional detail on the index.)

## TAX FEATURES DRIVING THE DATA IN WASHINGTON

## PROGRESSIVE TAX CODE FEATURES

- Sales tax base excludes groceries
- Levies a state estate tax


## REGRESSIVE TAX CODE FEATURES

- No personal income tax
- Imposes a gross receipts tax in lieu of a corporate profits tax
- Enacted a refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), but lawmakers have failed to provide funding for the credit
- Comparatively high reliance on sales taxes
- Comparatively high combined state and local sales tax rate
- Comparatively high cigarette tax rate
- Fails to provide a property tax "circuit breaker" credit for low-income taxpayers

