

An in-depth look at state taxes across America

Who Pays?

Study Overview:

- 7th edition of the study. First edition published in 1996.
- The only comprehensive, 50-state study of state and local tax incidence.
- Similar method, and findings, to singlestate studies by agencies in Minnesota, Texas, etc.
- 99.7% coverage of state and local taxes (varies from 98-100% across states, including 99.7% in VT.)



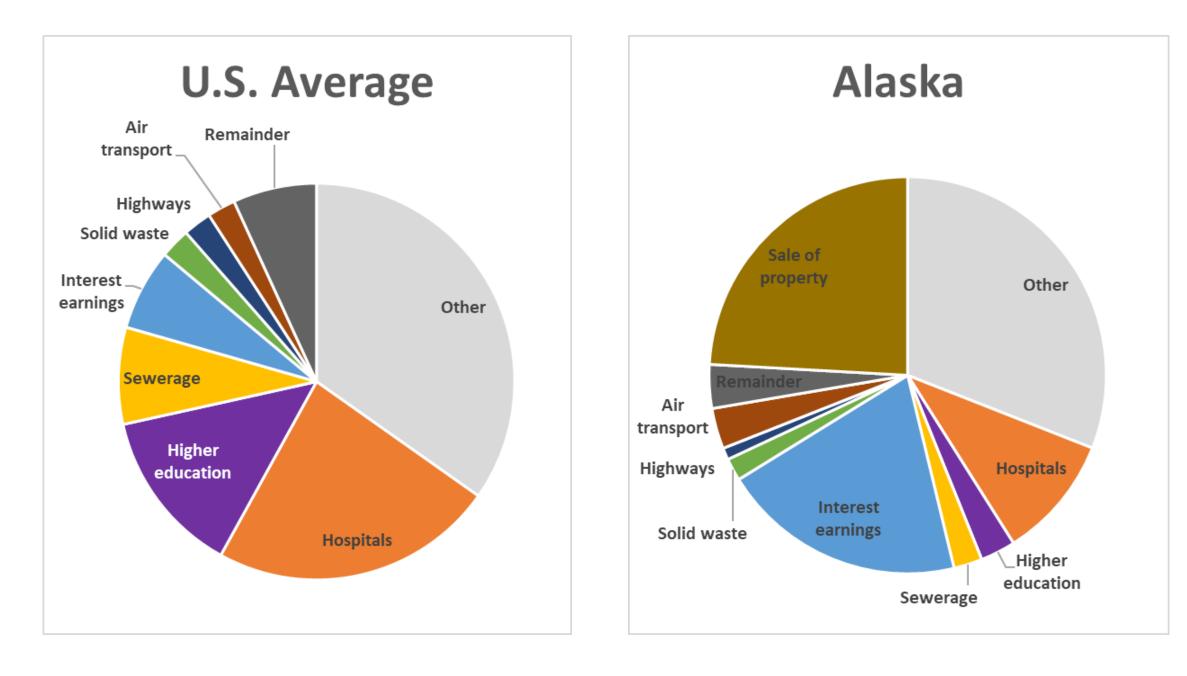
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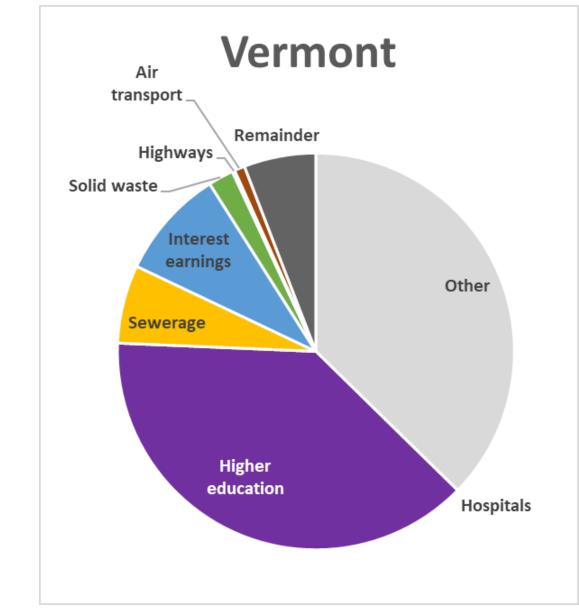


Non-Tax Revenue Sources

State and Local Combined

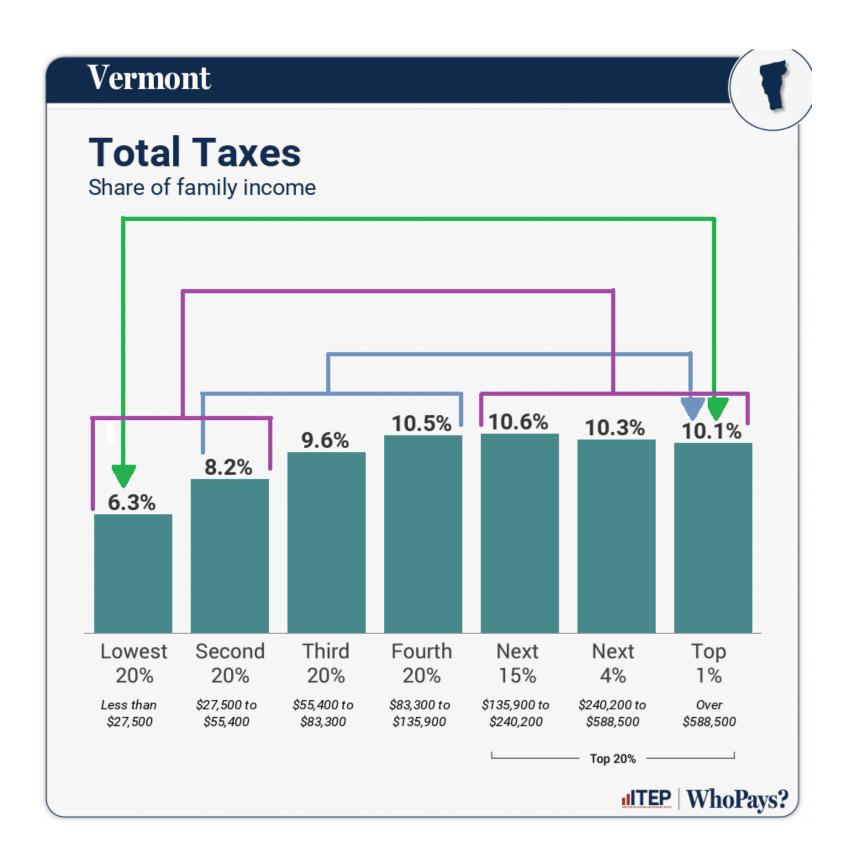


Source: ITEP compilation of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 Annual Surveys of State and Local Government Finances





Components of Index Calculation

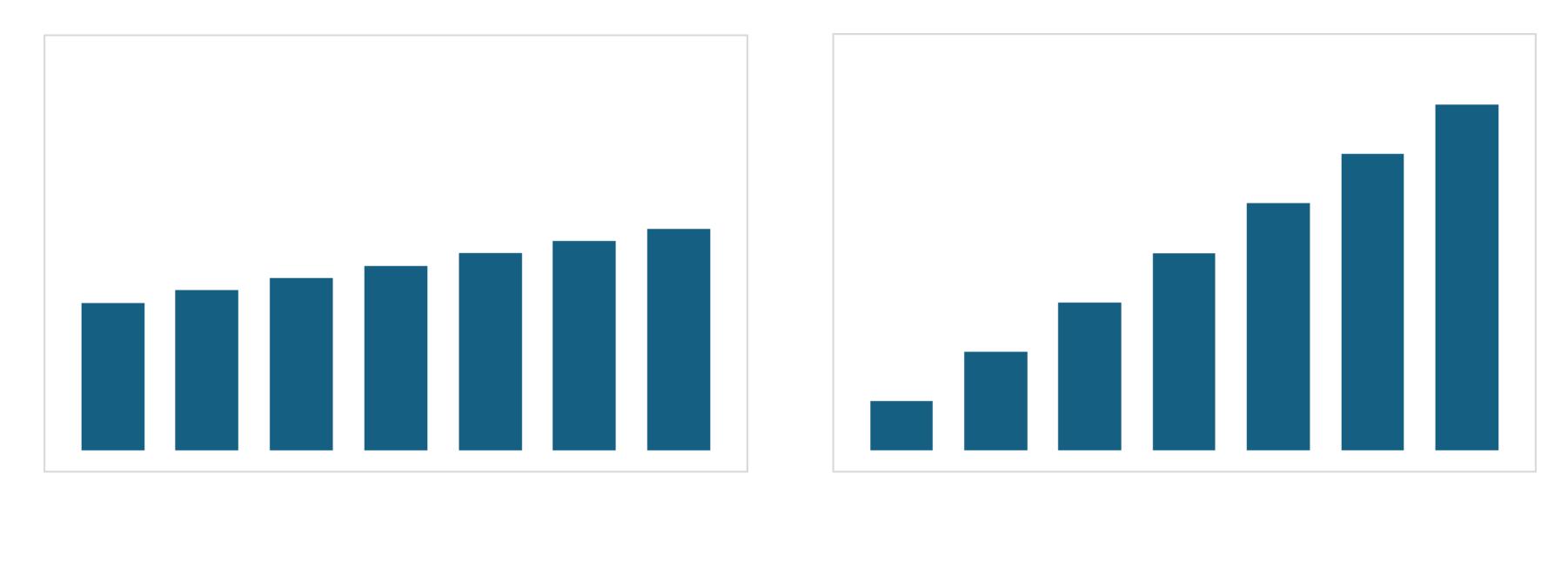






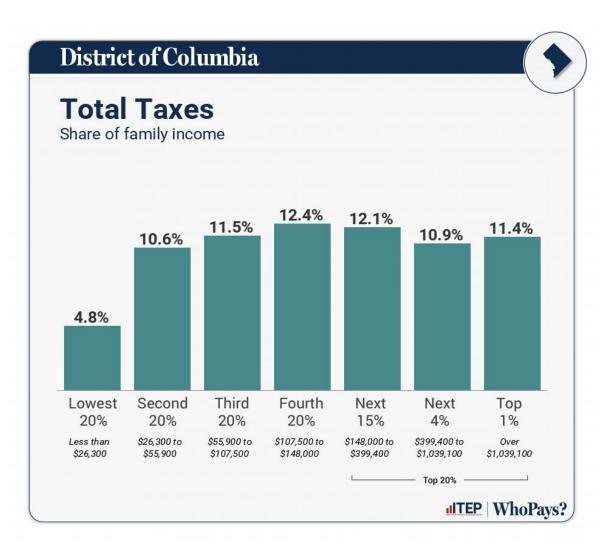
Example Tax Distributions More Progressive

Somewhat Progressive

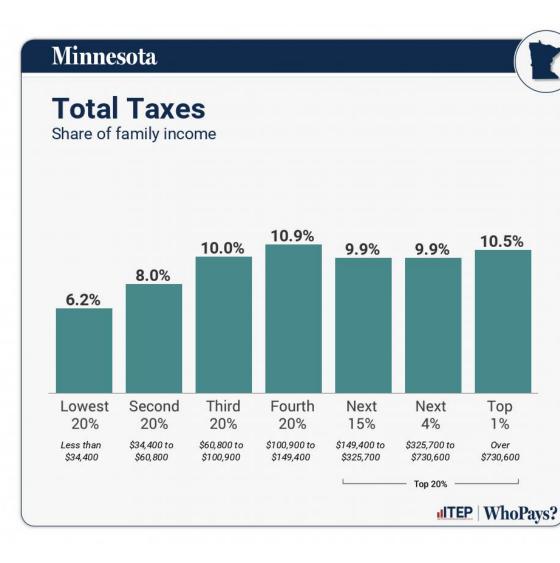




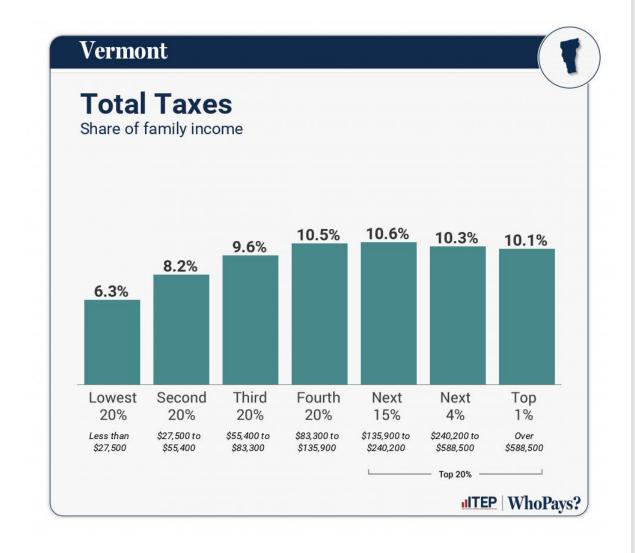
Index Rankings #2



#1



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Recent Reforms Have Affected State Rankings

Gains in State Rankings, from Appendix D



Minnesota: +3 spots.

- Most progressive state. (2nd most progressive jurisdiction after D.C.).
- Capital gains tax; corporate tax; itemized deduction reform; low-income credits.



Massachusetts: +10 spots.

- Now among the top 10 least regressive states.
- Millionaires' tax; low-income credits.



New Mexico: +18 spots.

- Largest jump of any state. Now among the 10 least regressive states.
- New top bracket; capital gains reform; low-income credits.



Washington: +1 spot.

- No longer the nation's most regressive tax code.
- Capital gains tax; low-income credits.





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