

## An in-depth look at state taxes across America

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## **Study Overview:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> 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.)



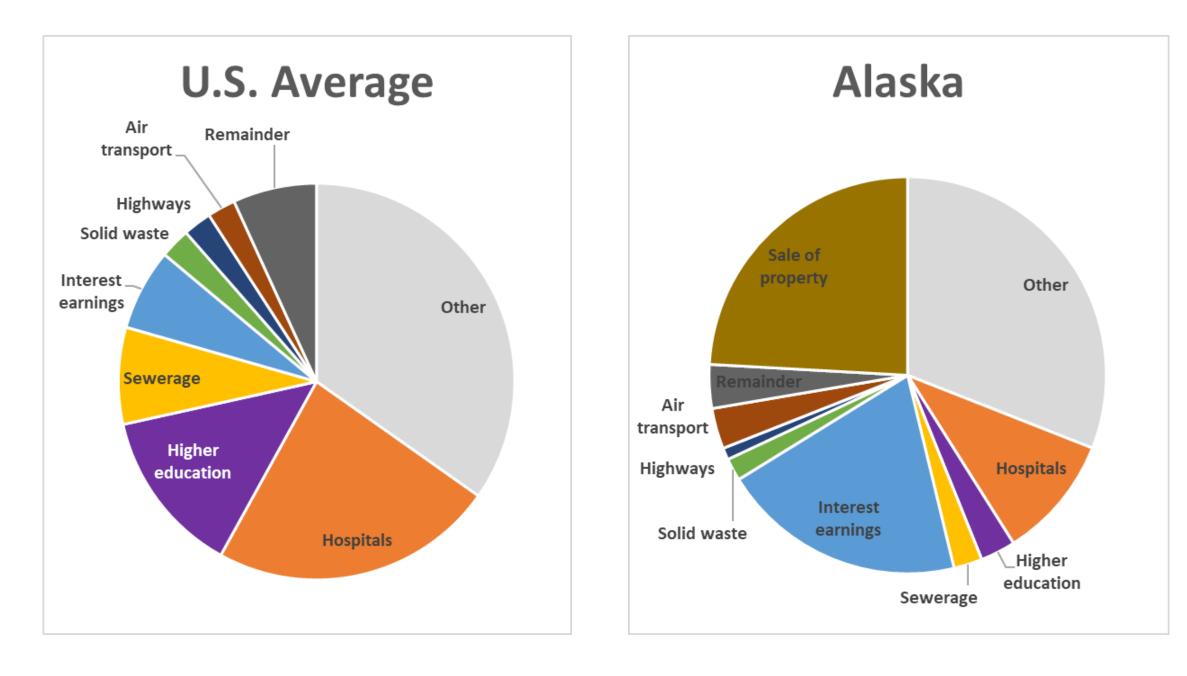
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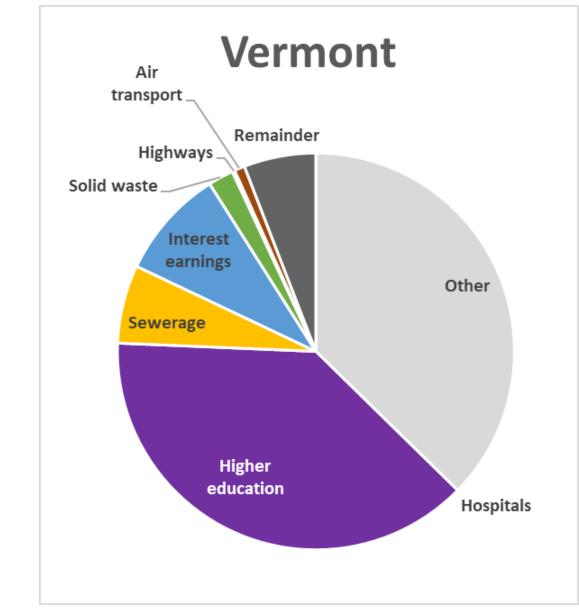


## **Non-Tax Revenue Sources**

#### State and Local Combined

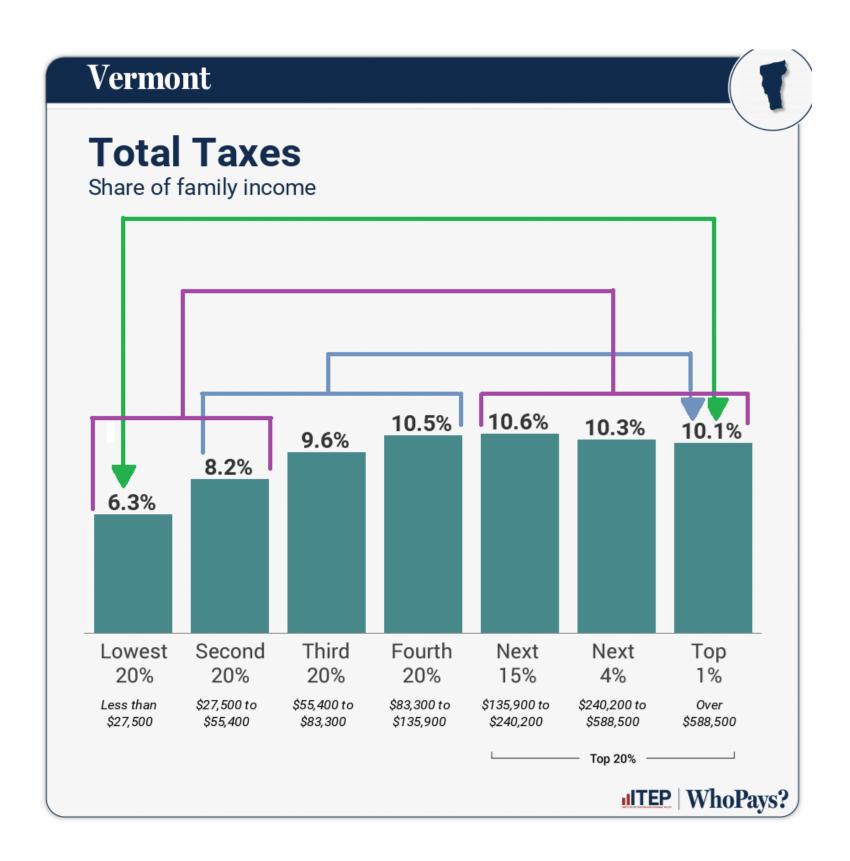


Source: ITEP compilation of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 Annual Surveys of State and Local Government Finances





### **Components of Index Calculation**

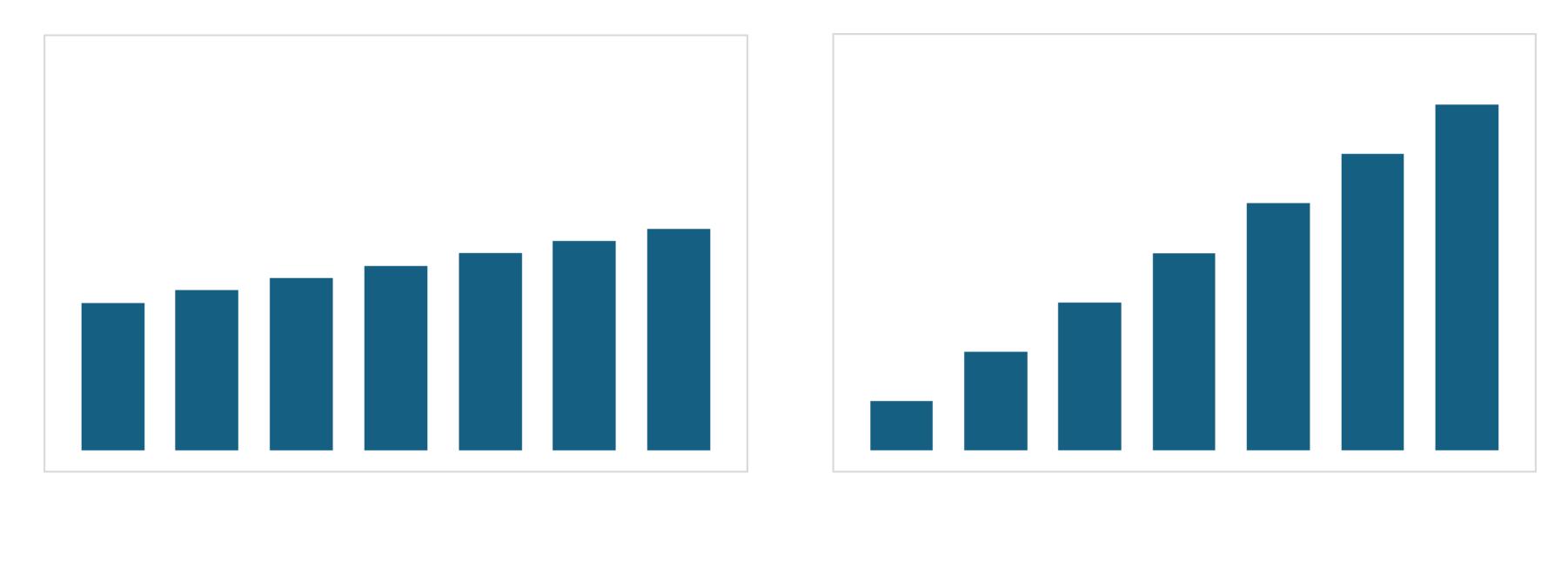






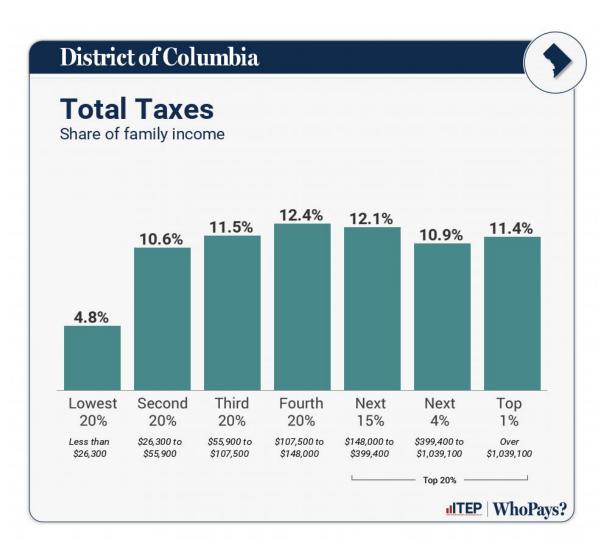
## **Example Tax Distributions More Progressive**

#### **Somewhat Progressive**

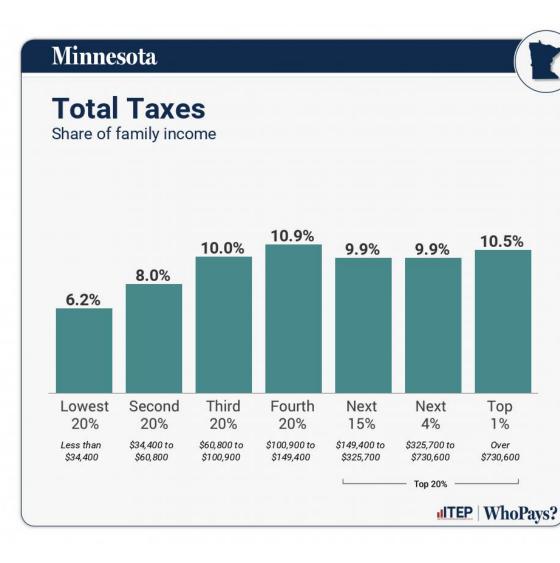




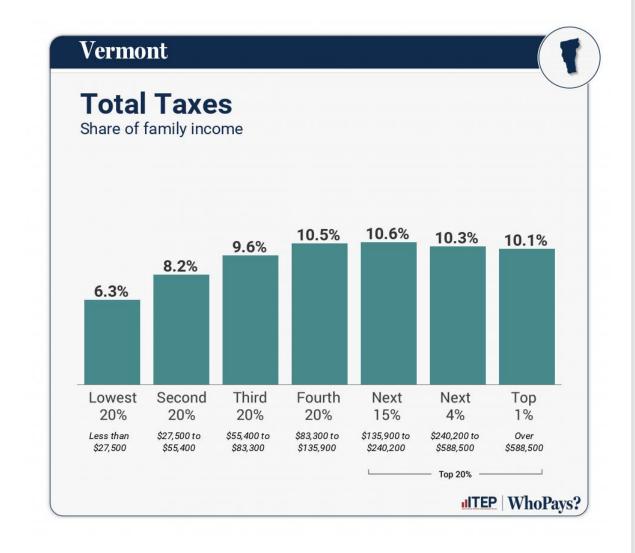
# Index Rankings #2



#1



## #3



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## **Recent Reforms Have Affected State Rankings**

Gains in State Rankings, from Appendix D



#### Minnesota: +3 spots.

- Most progressive state. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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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