

Are Montana's taxes too high?

Nobody likes paying taxes. But are Montana's taxes near the nation's highest, as CI-97/SOS/TABOR proponents claim?

The U.S. Census recently released the 2005 taxes per capita. Montana ranks 35th out of 50 states -- close to the nation's lowest.

STATE	TAXES PER CAPITA (FY 2005)	
1	Vermont	\$3,600.16
2	Hawaii	\$3,477.93
3	Wyoming	\$3,417.77
4	Connecticut	\$3,300.49
5	Delaware	\$3,228.79
6	Minnesota	\$3,093.93
7	Massachusetts	\$2,815.23
8	Alaska	\$2,786.90
9	California	\$2,724.31
10	New Jersey	\$2,630.31
11	New York	\$2,606.62
12	Rhode Island	\$2,443.07
13	Wisconsin	\$2,429.96
14	Maryland	\$2,410.23
15	Michigan	\$2,404.95
16	West Virginia	\$2,367.17
17	Washington	\$2,359.99
18	Arkansas	\$2,357.84
19	Maine	\$2,323.12
20	New Mexico	\$2,319.23
21	North Dakota	\$2,202.97
22	Pennsylvania	\$2,193.32
23	Kentucky	\$2,178.50
24	Nebraska	\$2,158.36
25	North Carolina	\$2,146.68
26	Virginia	\$2,103.72
27	Ohio	\$2,094.08
28	Nevada	\$2,074.72
29	Illinois	\$2,069.40
30	Idaho	\$2,053.51
31	Indiana	\$2,049.42
32	Kansas	\$2,039.60
33	Iowa	\$1,938.85
34	Oklahoma	\$1,933.21
35	Montana	\$1,910.14
36	Louisiana	\$1,909.52
37	Florida	\$1,905.28

38	Utah	\$1,897.32
39	Mississippi	\$1,859.69
40	Arizona	\$1,853.58
41	Oregon	\$1,791.45
42	Georgia	\$1,727.73
43	South Carolina	\$1,719.95
44	Alabama	\$1,711.27
45	Tennessee	\$1,678.23
46	Missouri	\$1,645.49
47	Colorado	\$1,639.54
48	New Hampshire	\$1,543.62
49	Texas	\$1,434.16
50	South Dakota	\$1,430.46