



Annual Report 2023

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About Us

The Idaho State Tax Commission assists Idaho taxpayers by providing information about tax obligations so everyone can pay their fair share and not a penny more. Our employees take to heart their role in stewarding the state's financial resources. They approach their jobs — from the front-line taxpayer services representatives to the Chairman — with a dedication that can only be described as a sincere desire to serve. In the end, Idaho's laws and rules are implemented to ensure the fairness of the tax system for those who voluntarily comply, and due process for those who don't.

Vision

Great people. Helping you. Serving Idaho.

Mission

Benefit Idaho through courteous customer service, education, and fair tax administration.

Values

FAIR — Fairness, Accountability, Integrity, Respect

Goals

- Be a team of great people
- Deliver professional customer service
- Continuous improvement



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You have the right to...

Quality Service

Be Informed

Confidentiality

Representation

Appeal

Payment Options

Pay Only the Tax You Owe

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Leadership

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Commissioners' Message

2023 has been a year of notable achievements for the Idaho State Tax Commission.

We worked with our county partners to implement record property tax relief from House Bill 292. We also finished issuing the third round of rebates that the Governor and Legislature authorized in 2022, with nearly \$10.5 million going to taxpayers in 2023. Both these projects were outside of our normal activities, but our employees rose to the challenge.

We processed a record number of income tax returns in 2023, hitting the 1 million mark for the first time in history.

Technology played a big part in this year of new highs in customer service. Fast Collection Services – a tool that allows taxpayers to resolve their own tax obligations without a call from us – went online in November. Taxpayers are using it already. We haven't tallied the revenue collected so far, but we estimate this tool will bring in \$20 million annually that we wouldn't have collected otherwise.

We also integrated property tax relief into our tax software, allowing taxpayers to apply online for the state's three property tax relief programs. Taxpayers can apply at home, in a county office, or at a public library.

See pages 3-4 for more details about our successes.

Our team of great people has made these achievements possible. We'll continue to focus on the work we do in serving the taxpayer and continue looking for opportunities to provide excellent customer service.



**Chairman
Jeff McCray**



**Commissioner
Janet Moyle**



**Commissioner
Jared Zwygart**



**Commissioner
Paul Woods**

2023 Highlights

Property tax relief law implemented

We prioritized the implementation of House Bill 292, which provides property tax relief to homeowners and all property owners, as well as funds for school district facilities. The most challenging aspects were calculating payments to counties and taxing districts and providing accurate credits to homeowners in time for tax bills to be issued in November. To help accomplish this, we met with county stakeholders and facilitated communication between the State Department of Education and county clerks.

We changed about 130 software programs and reports and created new programs for the counties. We also provided extra support to the counties for the setup and running of the programs. We spent at least 1,000 employee hours alone providing technical support for the counties.

New Fast Collection Services helps those with debt

We launched Fast Collection Services in November to let taxpayers who owe money choose a resolution without contact from us. They can set up their own payment plan options – from three to 24 months – without having a lien filed against them. Not only does this help taxpayers, it also helps us by decreasing the amount of time we need to spend on a single case, lowering the number of cases assigned to employees, and allowing us to focus on more complex collection issues.

Property tax reduction applications go online

We updated our Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) portal to allow homeowners to apply for property tax relief online. The online program covers property tax reduction and deferral programs, as well as the disabled veterans benefit. The new application gives taxpayers more flexibility in applying for the relief. Homeowners can still file a paper application with their county assessor.

Tax fraud stopped in its tracks

2023 was a busy year as we identified more than 3,500 fraudulent income tax returns and stopped nearly \$30.1 million in refunds from going to fraudsters. All income tax returns go through fraud detection reviews before we issue any refunds. We partner with the IRS, other state tax agencies, tax professionals, software developers, and financial institutions to identify and share information about fraud and identity theft.

New webinars offered to taxpayers

To help small businesses, we began offering one-hour lunch and learn webinars on topics relevant to them. These webinars include:

- Sales and Use Taxes for Bookkeepers
- Completing an Idaho Business Registration (IBR) to get permits

We also provide longer webinars for new businesses, established businesses, and individuals who are self-employed. Find out more at tax.idaho.gov/register.

2023 Highlights

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Employees celebrated for accomplishments

Janet James, Technical Support Bureau Chief for the Property Tax Division, received the Assessors Service Award from the Idaho Association of County Assessors. The award goes to someone who goes above and beyond in assisting the assessors' organization. Janet received the award for her more than 33 years of service in keeping the state's property tax valuation and collection software up and running.

Steve Thimsen, Software Engineer 3 for the Quality and Assurance Unit, received a special plaque from the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) recognizing and thanking him for his contributions and more than 35 years of service to the tax administration community. Steve played an active role in the FTA as state co-chair of the E-Services Standards Committee.

Jeff Middleton, Education Director for the Property Tax Division, received a Presidential Citation from the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). The citation commends Jeff for his support, encouragement, and leadership in service on the IAAO Education Committee.



Website gets new feature and pages

We made the following enhancements to our website – tax.idaho.gov:

- Created Submit a Question forms for the Contact Us page (tax.idaho.gov/contact). Each form covers questions for different topics, streamlining communication and enhancing customer service.
- Added three new pages about credits and deductions in our income tax section. They include the Educational Charities Credit, the Youth and Rehabilitation Credit, and the First-time Homebuyer's Deduction.
- Added a new page for Auctioneers in the sales tax section to help auctioneers understand their sales tax responsibilities for in-state and out-of-state sales.

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Steve Thimsen, middle, receives a commemorative plaque from the FTA.

Idaho Taxes

Most of Idaho's tax revenues come from income tax, sales/use tax, and property tax. Here's a list of the taxes the state collects.

Tax rates

| Tax | Rate | Notes |
|---|--|---|
| Auditorium district: Boise Idaho Falls Pocatello/Chubbuck | 5% 5% 5% | On hotel/motel occupants in the district areas, except for long-term (more than 30 consecutive days) residents. |
| Beer - 5% or less ABV | 15 cents/gallon | Beer containing 5% or less alcohol by volume (ABV). |
| Beer - over 5% ABV | 45 cents/gallon | Beer containing over 5% alcohol by volume (ABV). |
| Cigarette | 57 cents (package of 20) | Wholesalers pay this tax to the Tax Commission. |
| Corporate net income | 5.8% (minimum \$20) | On Idaho taxable income. Multistate businesses must apportion their income using the single sales factor method. |
| Electricity | .5 mill per kilowatt hour | On water-generated electricity, except there is no tax on the sale of electricity used for irrigation, manufacturing, mining, milling, smelting, refining, or processing. |
| Fuels: Aviation gasoline Diesel Gasoline Jet fuel Hydrogen Compressed natural gas Liquefied natural gas Propane Transfer fee | 7 cents/gallon 32 cents/gallon 32 cents/gallon 6 cents/gallon 32 cents/GGE 32 cents/GGE 34.9 cents/DGE 23.2 cents/gallon 1 cent/gallon | Users get refunds of tax depending on use and type of fuel. See the Fuels Consumers guide at tax.idaho.gov/fuelshub . <i>Transfer fee:</i> Generally charged on all liquid petroleum products. Not charged on propane and natural gas. |
| Individual income | 5.8% | On Idaho taxable income. |
| Mine license | 1% | On value of ores mined or extracted and royalties received. |
| Oil and gas production | 2.5% | On market value of oil and gas produced or sold in Idaho. |
| Prepaid wireless E911 fee | 2.5% of service price | On sale of prepaid wireless telecommunication sources. |
| Sales/Use | 6% | On retail sales and rentals of tangible personal property; admission fees and fees for recreation or hotel/motel rooms (except for stays of more than 30 days). Use tax applies if sales tax wasn't paid at the point of purchase. Exceptions include sales of water, gas, or electricity by utilities; motor fuels (which are taxed separately); prescription drugs; certain tangible personal property used in manufacturing, farming, processing, mining, and fabricating. |
| Tobacco products | 40% of wholesale price | Cigarettes aren't included. Doesn't include vaping products. Maximum tax for cigars is 50 cents per cigar. |
| Travel & convention | 2% | On hotel/motel occupants and campground users, except for long-term (more than 30 days) residents. |
| Wine | 45 cents/gallon | |

Property tax is collected by the counties and taxing districts. It isn't listed above.

Idaho Revenues

This is a two-year comparison of revenues by category. These figures represent gross collections before refunds.

| Source | FY2022 | FY2023 | Change |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Beer tax | \$4,771,204 | \$4,746,266 | -0.5% |
| Boise Auditorium District tax | 9,964,796 | 10,804,518 | 8.4% |
| Cigarette tax | 31,495,576 | 28,851,082 | -8.4% |
| Corporate income tax | 1,063,577,328 | 1,139,742,867 | 7.2% |
| E911 fee | 1,528,703 | 1,467,162 | -4.0% |
| Electricity (kilowatt hour tax) | 1,618,615 | 1,649,076 | 1.9% |
| Idaho Falls Auditorium District tax | 2,981,569 | 3,045,273 | 2.1% |
| Illegal drug tax | 929 | 1 | -99.9% |
| Individual income tax | 2,983,399,758 | 2,755,005,161 | -7.7% |
| Mine license tax | 32,467 | 43,011 | 32.5% |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 484,388 | 520,472 | 7.5% |
| Motor fuels taxes | 401,374,264 | 393,773,684 | -1.9% |
| Oil and gas production tax | 307,494 | 889,373 | 189.2% |
| Pocatello-Chubbuck Auditorium District tax | 1,485,672 | 1,515,889 | 2.0% |
| Railroad car company's property tax | 2,570 | 189 | -92.7% |
| Sales/Use tax | 2,891,906,400 | 3,054,432,230 | 5.6% |
| Suspense | -5,382,561 | 6,316,353 | -217.4% |
| Tobacco tax | 13,818,900 | 12,629,735 | -8.6% |
| Travel & convention tax | 20,706,386 | 21,456,167 | 3.6% |
| Wine direct shipper fee | 19,725 | 14,750 | -25.2% |
| Wine tax | 6,664,128 | 6,700,723 | 0.6% |
| Total Gross Receipts | \$7,430,758,310 | \$7,443,603,981 | 0.2% |

Cost to collect tax revenues

| | FY2022 | FY2023 | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| | \$41,430,500 | \$41,430,500 | |

It costs **less than a penny** to collect one tax dollar.



Rhamona Grabenstein
Tax Day Curbside Service

Employee Service in Action



Steve Taylor
Buy Idaho Event



Cynthia Adrian
Radio Interview



Matt Cotner
Unbound Resource Fair



Mona Engelbrecht
Fraud Prevention Summit

Taxes Collected

The Tax Commission is responsible for conducting audits of tax returns filed by individuals and businesses and for collecting taxes owed that haven't been paid.

Audit

| Source | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | FY2023 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sales/Use | \$16,795,227 | \$15,272,172 | \$12,708,944 | \$25,960,123 |
| Withholding | 718,159 | 887,366 | 595,612 | 1,317,000 |
| Motor fuels | 774,703 | 1,450,999 | 1,597,324 | 4,384,984 |
| Miscellaneous* | 730,742 | 67,470 | 12,758 | 53,244 |
| Individual income | 22,912,744 | 24,693,962 | 29,591,615 | 30,216,097 |
| Corporate income | 15,913,265 | 11,960,446 | 10,313,713 | 8,581,531 |
| Hotel/Motel** | 30,007 | 86,247 | 43,221 | 10,235 |
| Total | \$57,874,845 | \$54,418,662 | \$54,863,187 | \$70,523,214 |

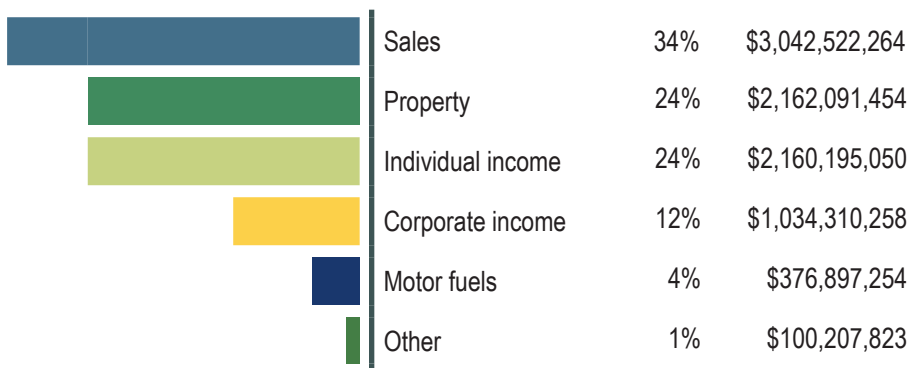
* Includes beer, cigarette, tobacco, wine, mine license, amusement device, E911, and electricity.

** Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello/Chubbuck Auditorium Districts; travel & convention

Compliance

| | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | FY2023 |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total | \$145,161,925 | \$181,655,673 | \$249,076,123 | \$218,055,436 |

State & local taxes collected



FY2023 for income tax, motor fuels tax, sales tax, other. Net collections after refunds. Calendar year 2023 for property tax. Amounts budgeted by taxing districts.

Revenue Distribution

These figures indicate how the tax revenues collected in Idaho were distributed.

| Fund | FY2022 | FY2023 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| General Fund | \$5,454,642,620 | \$5,426,445,147 | -\$28,197,473 |
| Fish & Game Donation | 51,365 | 78,361 | 26,996 |
| Abandoned Mine & Oil & Gas Conserv. | 191,774 | 548,246 | 356,472 |
| Secondary Aquifer Fund | 4,999,968 | 5,000,000 | 32 |
| Petroleum Storage Trust | 2,710,875 | 2,690,186 | -20,689 |
| Cancer Control | 300,000 | 300,000 | 0 |
| Central Tumor Registry | 120,000 | 120,000 | 0 |
| Substance Abuse Treatment | 1,744,212 | 1,751,604 | 7,392 |
| County Juvenile Probation Svcs. | 4,167,272 | 4,094,230 | -73,042 |
| Water Pollution Control | 4,800,000 | 4,800,000 | 0 |
| Idaho Travel & Convention | 20,529,190 | 21,256,726 | 727,537 |
| Veterans Support Donation | 54,424 | 52,590 | -1,835 |
| Cooperative Welfare Fund | 828,535 | 872,792 | 44,257 |
| State Aeronautics Fund | 2,868,280 | 3,325,722 | 457,442 |
| Parks & Recreation Motor Fuels | 5,722,912 | 5,648,261 | -74,651 |
| Bridges & Railroad Crossings | 425,000 | 425,000 | 0 |
| Local Highway Distribution | 58,806,903 | 64,478,099 | 5,671,196 |
| State Highway Account | 67,267,094 | 66,005,275 | -1,261,819 |
| Highway Distribution Fund | 268,092,009 | 263,123,406 | -4,968,603 |
| Search & Rescue Fund | 49,256 | 48,613 | -643 |
| Motor Fuel Distribution Fund | 681,430 | -662,294 | -1,343,724 |
| Transportation Congestion Mitigation | 80,219,662 | 85,812,574 | 5,592,911 |
| E911 Wireless | 1,494,966 | 1,433,613 | -61,352 |
| Multistate Tax Compact | 2,539,074 | 3,034,210 | 495,136 |
| Oil & Gas Local Economic Devel. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax Commission Admin Fees | 5,249,872 | 5,418,757 | 168,885 |
| Wine Direct Shipper Fee to ISP | 3,963 | 2,350 | -1,613 |
| Permanent Building Fund | 20,219,506 | 21,398,847 | 1,179,340 |
| GARVEE State Match | 4,700,000 | 4,700,000 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 288,921 | 332,946 | 44,025 |
| Opportunity Scholarship | 17,576 | 19,578 | 2,002 |
| Public School Endowment | 4,823,474 | 4,805,259 | -18,214 |
| Children's Trust Donation | 56,608 | 48,780 | -7,828 |
| Sales Tax – Tax Relief Fund | 183,594,688 | 185,152,657 | 1,557,969 |

Revenue Distribution

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| Fund | FY2022 | FY2023 | Change |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Sales Tax – Cities & Counties | \$335,686,527 | \$350,468,287 | \$15,214,919 |
| Sales Tax – Personal Property | 18,574,043 | 23,001,285 | 4,427,241 |
| Sales Tax – Ag Property Relief | 8,487,103 | 8,487,103 | 0 |
| Sales Tax – To ITD Holding Fund | 1,037 | -1,037 | -2,074 |
| Sales Tax – Demonstration Pilot Project | 14,450,988 | 11,509,366 | -2,941,621 |
| Sales Tax – Election Consolidation | 5,144,807 | 5,536,293 | 391,485 |
| Sales Tax – Held in Reserve | 736,178 | 682,217 | -53,961 |
| Sales Tax – Indigent Defense (new fund) | N/A | 34,000,000 | 34,000,000 |
| Refund Fund | 834,503,255 | 804,261,581 | -30,241,674 |
| Refund Fund – County Juvenile Prob. Svcs. | 619,198 | 611,235 | -7,963 |
| Suspense Accounts | -5,382,561 | 6,316,353 | 11,698,914 |
| Grape Growers & Wine Producers | 822,486 | 338,590 | -483,896 |
| Hop Growers | 49,435 | 122,938 | 73,503 |
| Unidentified Wine & Strong Beer | 43,867 | -26,294 | -70,161 |
| Custodial Accounts | 14,671,960 | 15,478,391 | 806,430 |
| Oil & Gas – Cities & Counties | 88,558 | 256,139 | 167,581 |
| Total | \$7,430,758,310 | \$7,443,603,981 | \$12,845,671 |

Tax revenue to local governments

In FY2023, local governments received the following sales tax revenue.

Cities and counties:

- 4.87% of the revenue went to cities. Cities received a slight increase in distribution over the previous year.
- 5.07% of the revenue went to counties. Each county received a guaranteed annual amount of \$30,000. The rest was distributed according to population based on a complex calculation.
- 0.8% of the revenue went to counties for property tax reduction.

Other taxing districts:

- 0.9% of the revenue went to special purpose taxing districts within the counties based on a complex calculation.
- 0.83% of the revenue went to non-school taxing districts based on a complex formula.
- \$8.5 million of the revenue went to eligible taxing districts to replace property tax on agricultural equipment that was exempted from property tax in a 2001 law.

Taxing districts also received \$5.5 million in election consolidation revenue and \$23 million in personal property reimbursements. Counties received \$34 million for indigent defense and \$611,000 of lottery withholding, if eligible.

Property Taxing Districts

For 2023, the Tax Commission approved property tax levies of \$2.162 billion based on budget previously certified by taxing districts. This amount was \$19 million, or 0.9% lower than the net amount levied in 2022.

This year's decrease in property tax is partly due to a new law (House Bill 292) that provided property tax relief in three parts. The figures on this page reflect the relief gained by distributing state money to school districts for bonds and supplemental levies. The figures don't include the additional tax reductions that homeowners and all property owners received.

Distribution of property taxes

| District Category | 2022 | 2023 | % Change |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Ambulance | \$34,981,880 | \$37,165,816 | 6.2% |
| Auditorium | 19,927 | 20,570 | 3.2% |
| Cemetery | 8,328,054 | 8,602,890 | 3.3% |
| City | 598,481,538 | 628,050,551 | 4.9% |
| Community Infra. | 2,153,835 | 1,952,901 | -9.3% |
| County | 583,232,343 | 619,772,666 | 6.3% |
| Extermination | 1,199,386 | 1,258,365 | 4.9% |
| Fire | 119,256,747 | 127,435,218 | 6.9% |
| Flood Control | 940,662 | 986,084 | 4.8% |
| Hospital | 10,443,692 | 10,669,267 | 2.2% |
| Junior College | 39,066,225 | 40,506,049 | 3.7% |
| Library | 34,358,573 | 36,893,206 | 7.4% |
| Mosquito Abatement | 9,931,641 | 10,516,579 | 5.9% |
| Port | 405,000 | 405,000 | 0.0% |
| Recreation | 7,118,699 | 7,739,971 | 8.7% |
| Roads & Highways | 131,362,245 | 137,725,928 | 4.8% |
| School | 596,067,358 | 487,454,218 | -18.2% |
| Sewer & Water | 3,493,375 | 3,981,587 | 14.0% |
| Sewer, recreation | 565,853 | 588,630 | 4.0% |
| Water | 221,416 | 231,453 | 4.5% |
| Watershed | 132,000 | 134,505 | 1.9% |
| Total | \$2,181,760,449 | \$2,162,091,454 | -0.9% |

Property Tax Reduction

In addition to Idaho’s standard property tax exemption for homeowners, the property tax reduction program offers more property tax relief to low-income elderly, widowed, and disabled homeowners. As income rises, the amount of property tax reduction decreases. In 2022, the state implemented a property value limit for the program. In 2023, the maximum income limit increased to \$37,000.

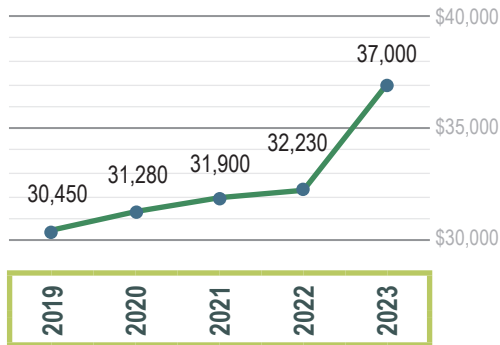
Disabled veterans benefit

In 2019, Idaho added an additional property tax benefit for veterans with a 100% service-connected disability. There are no income or property value limits.

| Tax Year | Claimants | Avg. Benefit/Claimant | Total Paid |
|----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 2023 | 29,200 | \$828.10 | \$24,180,257 |
| 2022 | 26,680 | \$881.74 | \$23,524,969 |
| 2021 | 27,862 | \$859.63 | \$23,950,939 |
| 2020 | 28,678 | \$719.98 | \$20,647,454 |
| 2019 | 27,621 | \$704.66 | \$19,463,396 |

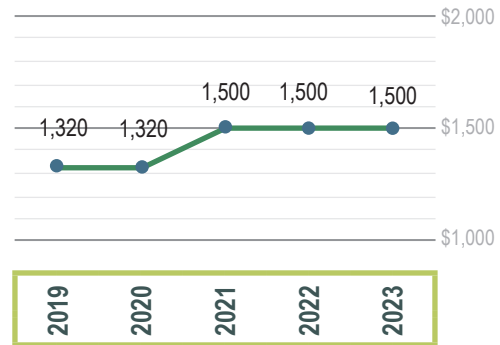
Maximum income

(in dollars)



Maximum benefit

(in dollars)



Average Property Tax Rates

These figures represent recent average property tax rates for urban and rural areas in each county. Rates are expressed as a percentage of the property's taxable value and include the total taxes levied by all taxing districts in the county. The urban tax rate includes all taxes paid within any incorporated city that levies property tax.

The figures reflect property tax relief from House Bill 292 gained by distributing state money to school districts for bonds and supplemental levies. The figures don't include the additional tax reductions that homeowners and all property owners received.

| County | 2022 Urban | 2023 Urban | 2022 Rural | 2023 Rural |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ada | 0.681% | 0.723% | 0.592% | 0.626% |
| Adams | 0.601% | 0.591% | 0.327% | 0.341% |
| Bannock | 1.209% | 1.123% | 0.612% | 0.544% |
| Bear Lake | 0.568% | 0.517% | 0.357% | 0.309% |
| Benewah | 0.859% | 0.824% | 0.639% | 0.560% |
| Bingham | 1.309% | 1.140% | 0.791% | 0.657% |
| Blaine | 0.402% | 0.371% | 0.325% | 0.301% |
| Boise | 0.634% | 0.557% | 0.345% | 0.327% |
| Bonner | 0.713% | 0.640% | 0.422% | 0.368% |
| Bonneville | 1.022% | 0.835% | 0.543% | 0.411% |
| Boundary | 0.611% | 0.568% | 0.418% | 0.381% |
| Butte | 1.489% | 1.364% | 0.927% | 0.847% |
| Camas | 1.230% | 1.026% | 0.671% | 0.474% |
| Canyon | 0.763% | 0.773% | 0.486% | 0.501% |
| Caribou | 1.430% | 1.132% | 0.724% | 0.567% |
| Cassia | 1.008% | 0.798% | 0.667% | 0.526% |
| Clark | 0.831% | 0.757% | 0.598% | 0.549% |
| Clearwater | 1.358% | 1.276% | 0.818% | 0.749% |
| Custer | 0.653% | 0.526% | 0.440% | 0.361% |
| Elmore | 1.082% | 1.032% | 0.517% | 0.468% |
| Franklin | 0.839% | 0.718% | 0.628% | 0.521% |
| Fremont | 0.811% | 0.598% | 0.560% | 0.392% |

Average Property Tax Rates

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| County | 2022 Urban | 2023 Urban | 2022 Rural | 2023 Rural |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gem | 0.545% | 0.519% | 0.303% | 0.265% |
| Gooding | 0.977% | 0.907% | 0.602% | 0.553% |
| Idaho | 0.644% | 0.605% | 0.262% | 0.241% |
| Jefferson | 1.143% | 0.897% | 0.672% | 0.484% |
| Jerome | 1.584% | 1.351% | 0.965% | 0.819% |
| Kootenai | 0.537% | 0.540% | 0.360% | 0.355% |
| Latah | 1.342% | 1.149% | 0.965% | 0.821% |
| Lemhi | 0.683% | 0.670% | 0.362% | 0.354% |
| Lewis | 1.375% | 1.274% | 0.904% | 0.829% |
| Lincoln | 1.250% | 0.948% | 0.664% | 0.516% |
| Madison | 1.201% | 1.024% | 0.977% | 0.803% |
| Minidoka | 0.988% | 0.855% | 0.633% | 0.544% |
| Nez Perce | 1.667% | 1.537% | 1.002% | 0.908% |
| Oneida | 1.139% | 1.014% | 0.577% | 0.497% |
| Owyhee | 0.769% | 0.747% | 0.589% | 0.595% |
| Payette | 0.778% | 0.737% | 0.414% | 0.370% |
| Power | 1.896% | 1.690% | 1.232% | 1.138% |
| Shoshone | 1.086% | 0.938% | 0.770% | 0.628% |
| Teton | 0.662% | 0.437% | 0.345% | 0.354% |
| Twin Falls | 1.155% | 1.061% | 0.753% | 0.680% |
| Valley | 0.604% | 0.464% | 0.199% | 0.234% |
| Washington | 1.174% | 1.154% | 0.697% | 0.666% |
| Statewide | 0.754% | 0.733% | 0.499% | 0.469% |

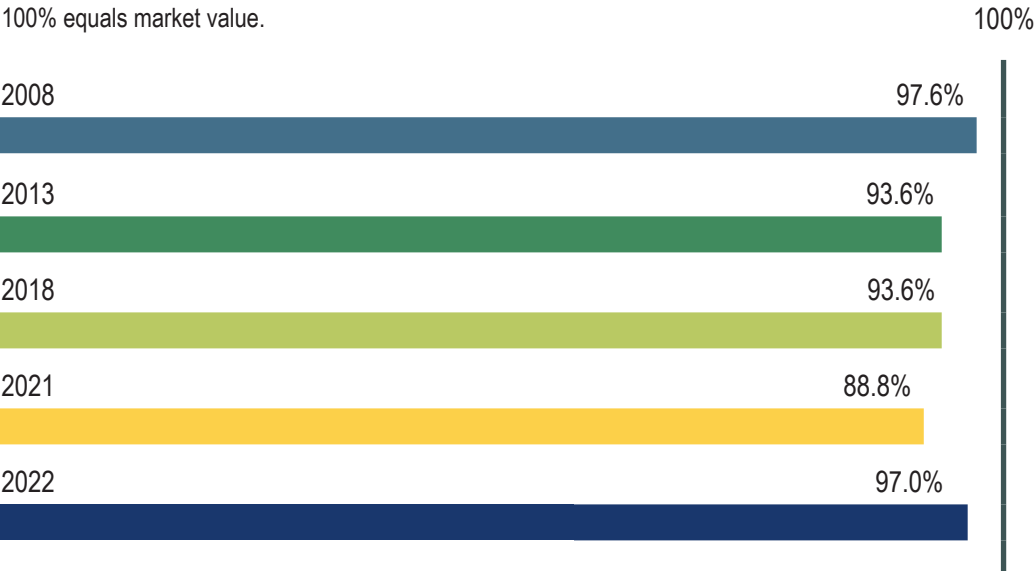
Ratio Study

The Tax Commission is responsible for making sure each county assessor is assessing property at market value as required by Idaho law. To do this, the Tax Commission conducts annual ratio studies in each county. These studies are used to evaluate the assessment process in the counties and to equalize the distribution of state school funds and local school property taxes.

The ratio study is a type of statistical analysis in which assessments are compared to sales prices for residential and commercial property in each county and school district. The ratio study provides measurements of assessment quality by determining the typical level and relative uniformity of the assessments.

The results are reported to the State Board of Equalization (consisting of tax commissioners), which meets annually to review property assessments by category. The Tax Commission has established standards for assessment levels based on nationally recognized practices. Categories that don't meet these standards might be subject to additional testing or adjustments by the Tax Commission.

Median assessment level



Tax Burden Study

Comparisons among Idaho, the Western states, and the nation are highlighted below. The Western states used for comparison are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Percentages indicate how much of the average person's 2021 total income was spent on each tax in fiscal year 2021. This comparison includes state and local taxes.

| Type of Tax | National Average | Idaho Average | Median/Western States |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Property | 3.05% | 2.19% | 2.71% |
| Sales | 2.31% | 2.63% | 2.63% |
| Individual income | 2.63% | 2.55% | 2.55% |
| Corporate income | 0.48% | 0.37% | 0.27% |
| Motor vehicle | 0.41% | 0.67% | 0.48% |
| Overall | 10.16% | 9.07% | 9.34% |

The chart below compares Idaho 2021 taxes to the national average of state and local taxes after adjusting for differences in income or population among the states. It also shows the number of states using each tax and includes Washington, D.C. This chart is based on fiscal year 2021 data released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Lower ranks equal higher taxes, with 1 being the highest.

| Type of Tax | Income | | Population | | # of States With Tax |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | % of US Avg. | Rank | % of US Avg. | Rank | |
| Property | 71.9% | 41 | 58.4% | 42 | 47 |
| Sales | 114.1% | 16 | 92.6% | 30 | 44 |
| Individual income | 96.9% | 27 | 78.7% | 31 | 51 |
| Corporate income | 76.9% | 29 | 62.2% | 31 | 47 |
| Motor vehicle | 161.7% | 5 | 131.3% | 11 | 51 |
| Overall | 89.2% | 35 | 72.4% | 43 | 51 |

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