An Overview of Montana Taxes Douglas J. Young **Professor Emeritus Agricultural Economics & Economics MSU Bozeman** September, 2019

Total Taxes

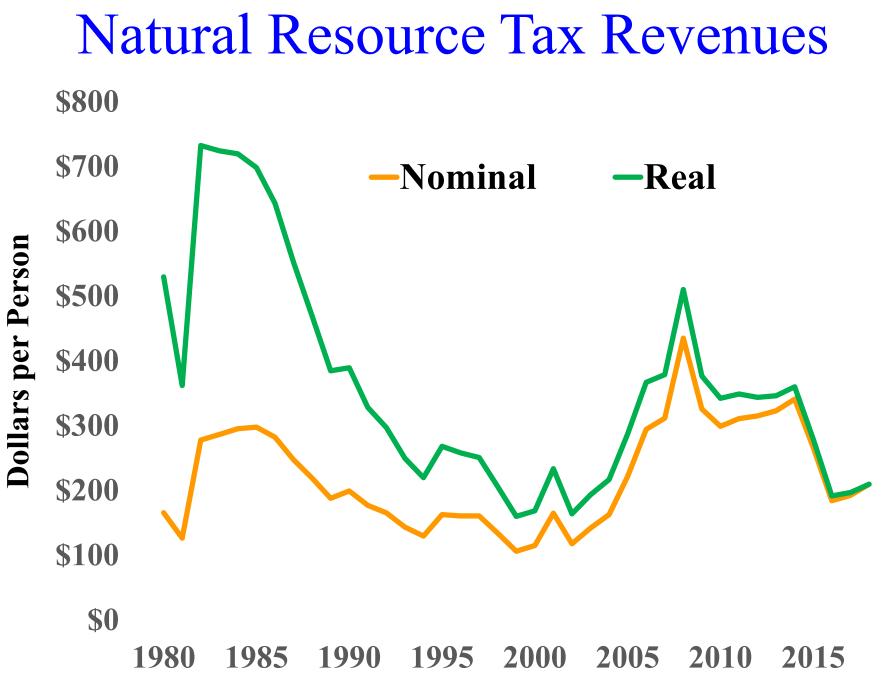
- State
- County
- Municipality
- School District
- Mosquito Control District

- Property Taxes
- Income Taxes
- Sales Taxes
- Severance Taxes

Are Montana's Taxes High?

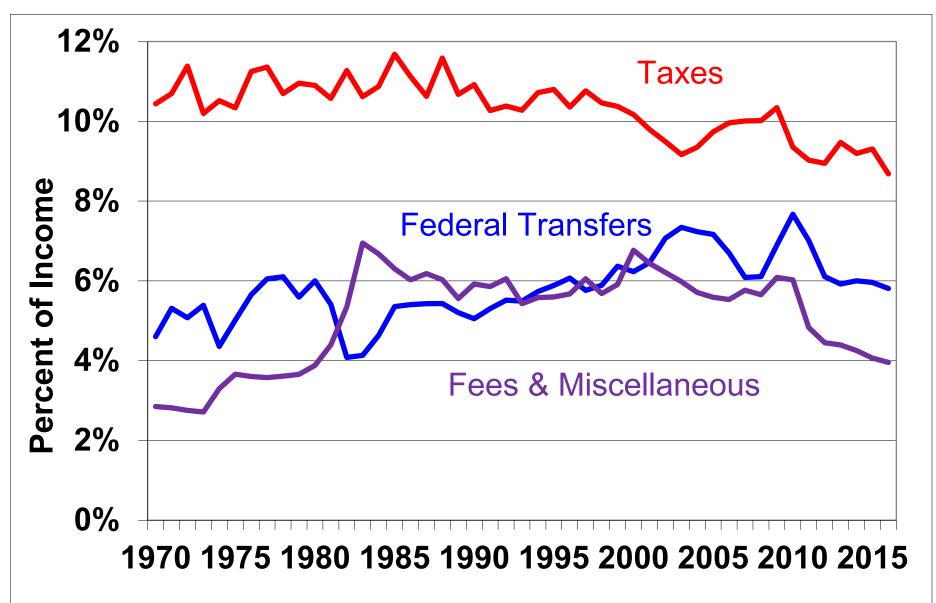
State	\$/Capita	Rank	%Income	Rank
Montana	\$3,827	37	8.7%	38
Idaho	\$3,514	45	8.7%	39
N. Dakota	\$6,630	4	12.6%	3
S. Dakota	\$3,938	31	8.1%	47
Wyoming	\$5,545	13	10.0%	19
U.S. Avg.	\$4,946		9.9%	

Source: Tax Foundation, "Facts and Figures, 2019", Table 6 for 2016, BEA



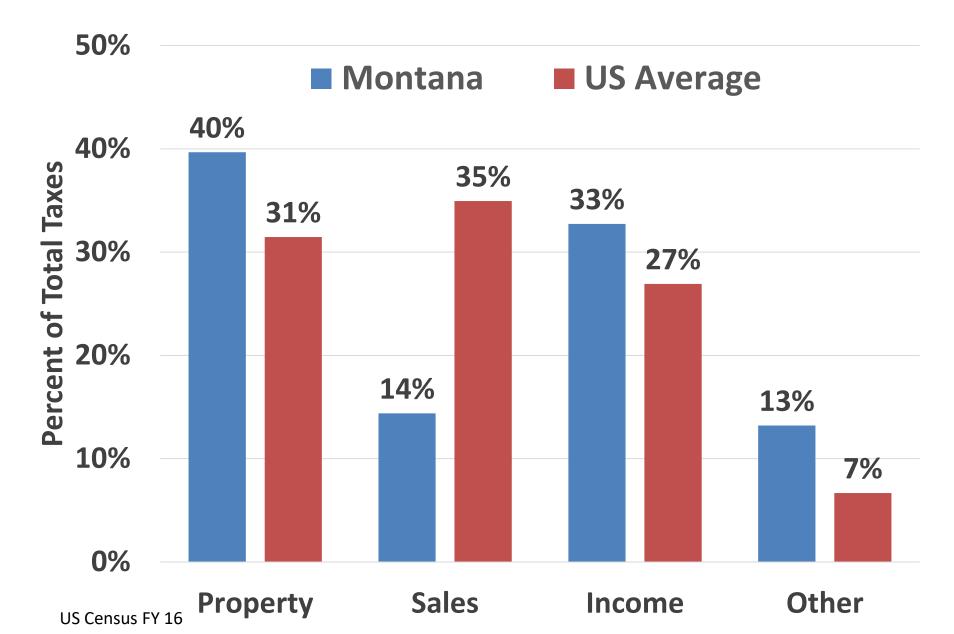
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Are Taxes Rising in Montana?



Sources: Bureau of the Census, BEA, Montana Taxpayers Association

Tax Composition



Property Taxes - Residential

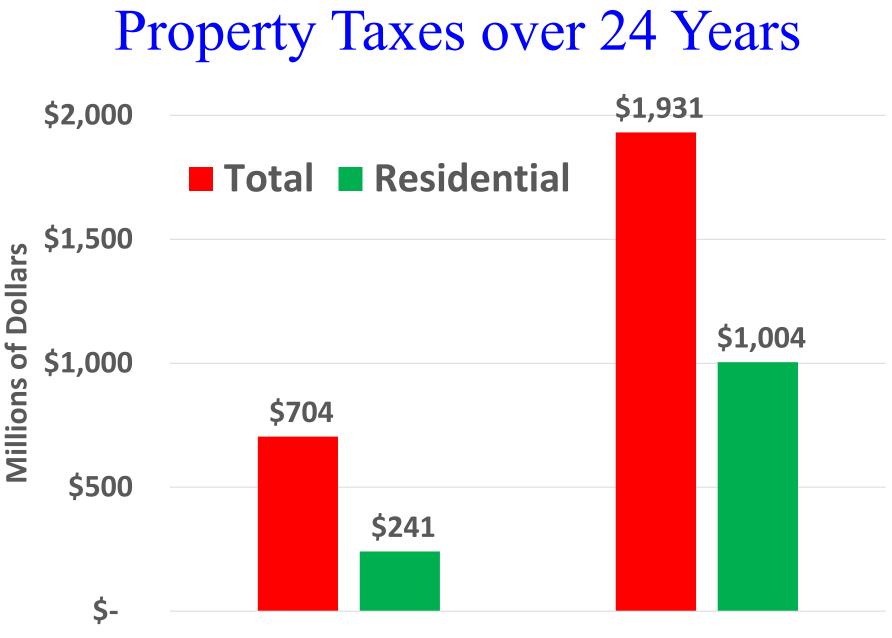
State	Effect -ive Rate	Rank	Home Price (\$)	Tax	Rank
Billings	0.94%	40	226,100	\$2,133	37
Boise	0.85%	43	242,000	\$2,062	39
Fargo	1.07%	36	213,300	\$2,282	38
Sioux Falls	1.53%	19	193,900	\$2,970	23
Cheyenne	0.64%	49	217,500	\$1,401	49
US Avg.	1.44%		254,385	\$3,246	

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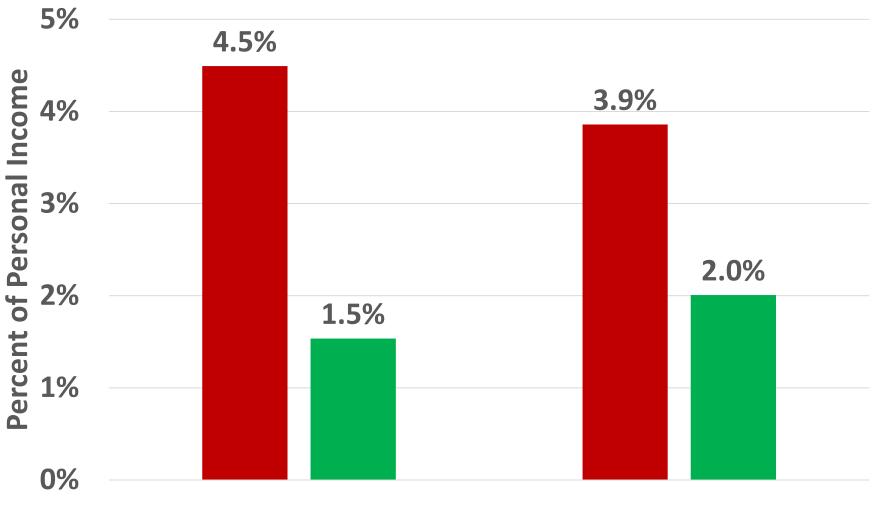
Property Taxes – Industrial Real Estate \$25M, Equipment \$18.75M, Inventory \$15M, Fixtures \$3.75M

State	Effective Rate	Rank
Billings	1.25%	27
Boise	1.12%	32
Fargo	0.47%	51
Sioux Falls	0.64%	47
Cheyenne	0.63%	49
US Avg.	1.32%	

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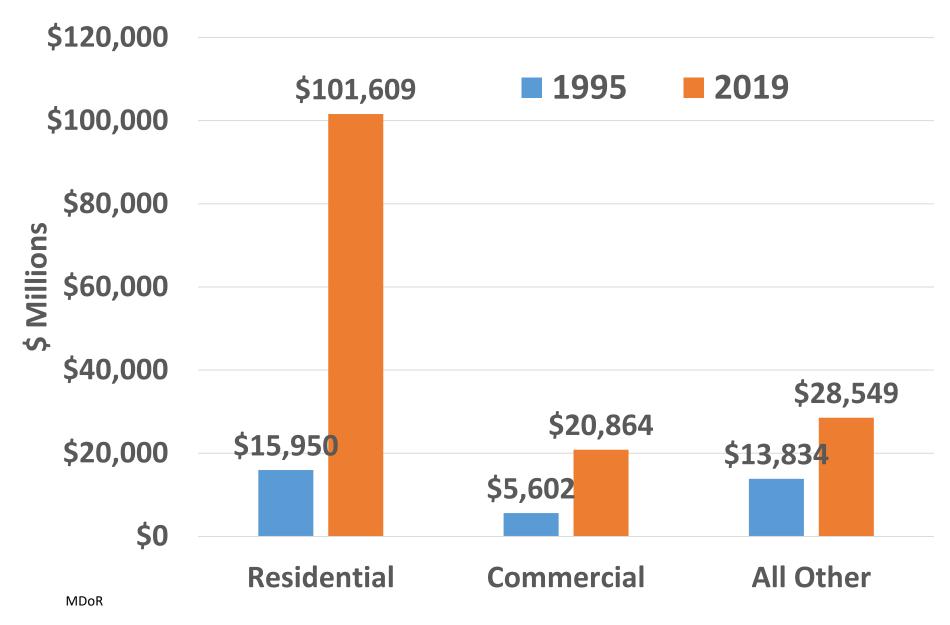
Property Taxes and IncomeTotalResidential



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Market Value of Property



S&L Individual Income Taxes

State	\$/Capita	Rank	%I	ncome	Rank
Montana	\$1,137	23		2.6%	16
Idaho	\$905	32		2.2%	30
N. Dakota	\$465	41		0.9%	41
S. Dakota	No Income Tax				
Wyoming	No Income Tax				
U.S. Avg.	\$1,164			2.3%	

Source: Tax Foundation, "Facts and Figures, 2019", Table 14 for 2016, BEA

State Business Tax Climate

- Tax Foundation Index Based on
 - Corporate and Individual Income Taxes
 - Sales Tax and Property Tax
 - Unemployment Insurance Tax

State	Rank
Montana	5
Idaho	21
N Dakota	17
S Dakota	3
Wyoming	1

Tax Foundation "Facts and Figures" (2019) Table 3 for 2018

Direct Taxes on Families: Income, Sales, Property & Auto

	Income=\$25K		Income=\$150K	
State	Rate	<u>Rank</u>	Rate	<u>Rank</u>
Montana	7.5%	47	8.8%	37
Idaho	7.8%	46	10.8%	19
N. Dakota	8.0%	45	5.3%	48
S. Dakota	9.9%	33	5.5%	47
Wyoming	8.7%	38	4.7%	50
U.S. Average 10.6% 9.8%				

Source: Gov't of DC, Tax Rates and Tax Burdens in the DC: A Nationwide Comparison, 2017

Tax Reform?

- Reduce Property Taxes
- Reduce Volatility
- Match Tax Structure to Economy
- General S*%&! Tax?

Sales Tax: Pro and Con

<u>Con</u>

- Revenue
- Burden Poor?

<u>Pro</u>

- Revenue
- Stability
- Export More of the Tax Burden
- Balanced Tax
 Structure

Questions?

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