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**State and Local Taxes Total 11.2 Percent of Personal Income**

**Washington Ranked 28<sup>th</sup> Nationally in Taxes Relative to Income in 2006**

**OLYMPIA, Wash.**, June 24, 2008 — Washington ranked 28<sup>th</sup> among the states in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income in 2006, according to an annual report issued by the Washington State Department of Revenue.

Washingtonians paid an average of 11.2 percent of their personal income in state and local taxes in 2006, based on statistics published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

State	State and Local Taxes per \$1,000 Personal Income	National Rank (1 = highest)
Washington	\$111.99	28th
Idaho	\$111.58	29th
Oregon	\$108.13	39 <sup>th</sup>
National Average	\$116.22	

State	Property Taxes per \$1,000 Personal Income	National Rank (1 = highest)
Washington	\$30.75	29th
Idaho	\$30.70	30th
Oregon	\$32.13	25 <sup>th</sup>
National Average	\$34.92	

Another measure of taxes is per capita, which divides taxes paid by the number of people in a state. Per capita taxes tend to be higher in states whose residents have higher incomes.

State	State and Local Taxes Per Capita	National Rank (1 = highest)
Washington	\$3,948	18th
Idaho	\$3,076	45th
Oregon	\$3,360	34th
National Average	\$4,001	

State	Property Taxes Per Capita	National Rank (1 = highest)
Washington	\$1,084	25th
Idaho	\$857	37th
Oregon	\$998	30th
National Average	\$1,202	

Washington has been gaining ground nationally in per capita income. It rose from 17<sup>th</sup> highest in 2005 to 15<sup>th</sup> in 2006 and 14<sup>th</sup> in 2007. The 2007 ranking is based on preliminary per capita income of \$40,414, compared to a national average of \$38,611. Idaho ranks 44<sup>th</sup> at \$31,197 and Oregon ranks 30<sup>th</sup> at \$34,784.

Additional information and analysis is available in *Comparative State and Local Taxes 2006*, published by the Department of Revenue this week at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/2006/Compare06/default.aspx>.

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