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# Economic Prosperity Came to Texas in the 1970s

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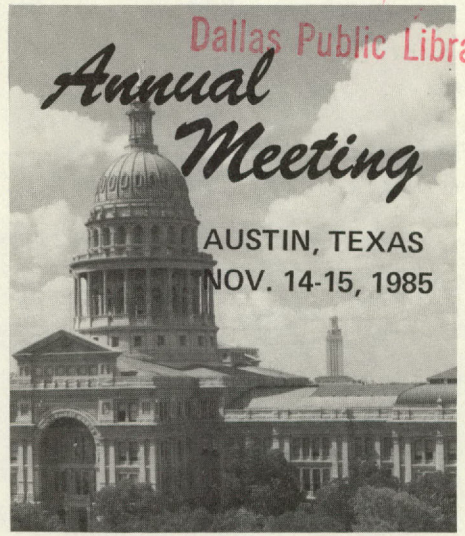
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Economic prosperity for most Texans was a keynote of the ten-year period ending in 1983. Per capita personal income increased 160%, from just under \$4,500 to \$11,644. (See table below.) That growth brought Texans to just about the national average after decades of languishing in the bottom half of the economic scale—in 1973 Texas per capita income ranked 35th among the 50 states; in 1983 it ranked 21st.

\$572 state and \$457 local. Despite that increase, the relative tax burden declined with taxes taking 8.8% of personal income in 1983 as contrasted to 9.2% ten years earlier. The corresponding all-state averages were 11.4% and 10.4%, respectively.

The property tax remains the major revenue source of Texas' local governments —comprising 83% of local taxes in 1983 down from 90% in 1973. During the 10-year period property tax revenue per capita increased 140% as contrasted to an all-state growth of 78%. In this area Texas ranked 30th among the states in 1973 and 22nd in 1983.

On the other hand, federal aid plays less of a role in financing government



## Government Taxes Up Too!

State taxes in Texas equaled \$235 per capita in 1973 and local governments added another \$176 for a total of \$411. In 1983 the total per capita tax take equaled \$1,029 per person divided

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## About This Issue

Government watchers always are fascinated with how one state compares with others, and this *Analysis* issue is wholly devoted to presenting interstate comparisons in a number of areas. The four middle pages (containing most of the comparisons) can be separated for future reference.

Users of these data need to exercise some caution because interstate comparisons often are misleading—particularly in the case of state government figures. In one state a function may be handled at the local level, while in another at the state level, for example.

If this *Analysis* issue is well received by readers, it can be incorporated as an annual publication. Feedback would be appreciated! Address comments to Bob Norwood.

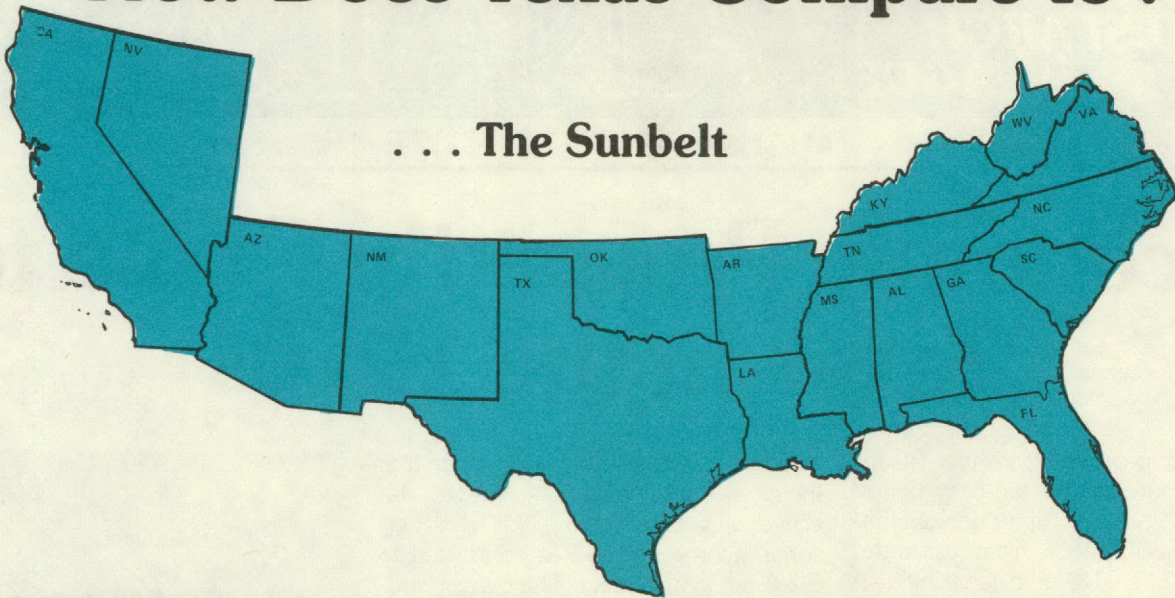
## Texas & U.S. Average per Capita Amounts 1973 & 1983

	-----TEXAS-----			-----U.S. AVERAGE-----			TEXAS RANK	
	1973	1983	% Change	1973	1983	% Change	1973	1983
PERSONAL INCOME	4,476	11,644	160.1	5,010	11,683	133.2	35	21
STATE GOVERNMENT								
Tax Revenue	235	572	143.4	322	733	127.6	48	45
% Personal Income	5.2%	4.9%		6.4%	6.3%		42	46
Debt	135	192	42.2	280	295	5.4	32	48
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT								
Tax Revenue	411	1,029	150.4	573	1,216	112.2	43	34
% Personal Income	9.2%	8.8%		11.4%	10.4%		45	43
Property Tax	158	379	139.9	214	381	78.0	30	22
Federal Aid	141	260	84.4	186	385	107.0	45	48
Total Expense	657	1,724	162.4	857	1,986	131.7	44	37
Local Schools	197	523	165.5	231	483	109.1	34	13
Higher Education	77	215	179.2	82	187	128.0	32	21
Highways	73	158	116.4	88	157	78.4	45	33
Welfare	66	125	89.4	112	251	124.1	41	47
Health & Hospitals	46	171	271.7	66	189	186.4	39	24
Police Protection	21	59	181.0	32	77	140.6	29	32
Interest	28	78	178.6	32	103	221.9	22	35
Other	149	396	165.8	215	540	151.2	41	42
Debt	800	1,912	139.0	892	1,942	117.7	21	26

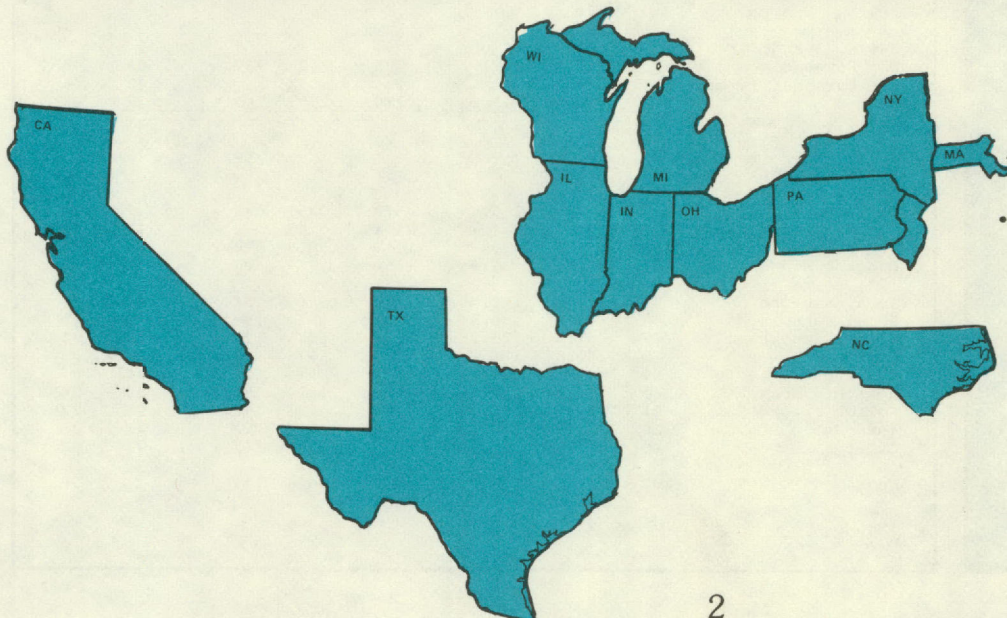
Source: U.S. Census

# How Does Texas Compare to . . .

## . . . The Sunbelt



	TEXAS	Per Capita Amount		Texas Rank Among:	
		Other Industrial States	Other Sunbelt States	Twelve Industrial States	Eighteen Sunbelt States
Personal Income	11,644	12,285	11,126	6	4
<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>					
Tax Revenue	572	786	708	12	17
% Personal Income	4.9%	6.4%	6.4%	12	18
Sales Tax	256	281	302	5	11
Federal Aid	200	314	290	12	16
General Expense	895	1,289	1,188	12	16
State Debt	192	772	499	12	17
<b>STATE &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Tax Revenue	1,029	1,350	1,059	10	8
% Personal Income	8.8%	11.0%	9.5%	11	14
Property Tax	379	442	263	7	1
Federal Aid	260	412	365	12	16
Total Expense	1,724	2,106	1,836	10	9
Debt	1,912	1,792	1,587	4	7
<b>FTE EMPLOYEES/10,000 POPULATION</b>					
State Government	115	116	136	8	16
State & Local Government	472	452	465	4	11



## . . . Other Major Industrial States

# 1983 Per Capita Amounts for State Governments

	Personal Income		Tax Revenue				Federal Aid		General Expense		State Debt	
			Amount		% Per Income							
Alabama	9,237	45	591	41	6.40	30	303	27	1,171	30	591	27
Alaska	17,127	1	4,254	1	24.84	1	801	1	7,115	1	9,699	1
Arizona	10,631	32	694	24	6.53	26	166	50	1,083	35	188	49
Arkansas	8,978	49	575	44	6.41	29	304	26	970	44	280	43
California	13,251	5	884	10	6.67	22	345	14	1,449	12	479	34
Colorado	12,742	8	557	46	4.37	49	253	42	1,108	32	366	39
Connecticut	14,888	2	808	14	5.43	40	273	33	1,221	27	1,668	6
Delaware	12,662	9	1,055	4	8.33	6	350	17	1,632	6	2,578	2
Florida	11,526	22	579	43	5.03	44	175	49	851	50	332	41
Georgia	10,379	34	611	38	5.89	35	332	18	1,049	41	322	42
Hawaii	12,177	13	1,130	3	9.28	3	387	7	1,942	3	2,279	5
Idaho	9,574	42	628	35	6.58	25	296	29	1,052	40	454	35
Illinois	12,418	10	647	31	5.21	43	261	40	1,069	37	685	22
Indiana	10,498	33	584	42	5.57	38	232	46	952	46	221	46
Iowa	10,707	31	694	23	6.48	28	267	38	1,248	24	205	47
Kansas	12,244	12	645	32	5.27	42	246	43	1,048	42	156	50
Kentucky	9,400	44	701	22	7.45	10	312	25	1,225	26	816	20
Louisiana	10,265	35	682	26	6.65	23	297	28	1,418	14	1,181	12
Maine	9,853	39	681	27	6.91	16	356	11	1,253	22	937	17
Maryland	13,010	6	807	15	6.20	33	324	23	1,300	16	1,084	15
Massachusetts	13,272	4	895	9	6.74	20	337	17	1,441	13	1,369	11
Michigan	11,490	23	776	17	6.75	19	342	16	1,343	17	516	32
Minnesota	11,914	17	1,042	5	8.75	4	343	15	1,406	15	666	24
Mississippi	8,117	50	596	40	7.34	11	325	22	1,064	38	352	40
Missouri	10,985	28	532	47	4.84	47	237	45	872	48	453	36
Montana	9,968	37	630	34	6.32	31	384	9	1,297	21	620	26
Nebraska	11,221	27	618	37	5.51	39	269	35	1,079	36	243	45
Nevada	12,370	11	869	11	7.02	15	268	36	1,328	19	844	19
New Hampshire	12,030	16	344	50	2.86	50	278	31	953	45	1,599	7
New Jersey	14,128	3	821	13	5.81	36	267	37	1,304	20	1,381	10
New Mexico	9,642	41	833	12	8.64	5	517	3	1,804	4	769	21
New York	12,993	7	916	7	7.05	14	405	6	1,505	9	1,572	8
North Carolina	9,796	40	663	29	6.77	18	257	41	1,058	39	267	44
North Dakota	11,658	20	772	18	6.63	24	384	8	1,764	5	561	30
Ohio	11,226	26	627	36	5.59	37	231	47	1,111	31	568	29
Oklahoma	10,924	29	792	16	7.25	12	269	34	1,249	23	402	37
Oregon	10,754	30	671	28	6.24	32	325	20	1,331	18	2,479	3
Pennsylvania	11,454	24	709	21	6.19	34	291	30	1,083	34	546	31
Rhode Island	11,664	19	760	19	6.51	27	411	5	1,544	7	2,328	4
South Carolina	9,209	46	649	30	7.05	13	265	39	1,012	43	969	16
South Dakota	9,858	38	464	49	4.71	48	373	10	1,172	29	1,132	13
Tennessee	9,569	43	480	48	5.02	45	275	32	869	49	384	38
<b>Texas</b>	<b>11,644</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>48</b>
Utah	8,996	48	602	39	6.69	21	325	21	1,240	25	661	25
Vermont	9,985	36	682	25	6.83	17	487	4	1,529	8	1,457	9
Virginia	12,102	15	640	33	5.28	41	243	44	1,098	33	780	33
Washington	12,173	14	974	6	8.00	8	330	19	1,488	10	587	28
West Virginia	8,173	47	749	20	8.17	7	312	24	1,207	28	854	18
Wisconsin	11,364	25	905	8	7.97	9	349	13	1,466	11	676	23
Wyoming	11,872	18	1,426	2	12.01	2	698	2	2,082	2	1,126	14
U.S. Average	11,683	0	733	0	6.27	0	295	0	1,218	0	715	0

Note: The second column under each heading is the rank.

# 1983 Per Capita Amounts for State and Local Governments

	Income										Expenditures																	
	Tax Revenue				Property Tax	Federal Aid	Total		Local Schools	Higher Education	Highways	Welfare	Health & Hospitals		Police Protection		Interest		Other		Debt							
	Amount	Rank	% Personal Income	% State Income									Hospitals	Police	Interest	Other	Debt											
Alabama	806	47	8.7	44	99	50	358	31	1,668	40	367	40	216	20	162	29	141	43	238	9	53	39	78	35	413	39	1,521	37
Alaska	4,887	1	28.5	1	835	2	944	1	8,626	1	1,475	1	515	1	868	1	375	4	293	3	236	1	1,218	1	3,646	1	17,575	1
Arizona	1,062	31	10.0	28	315	31	252	50	1,881	28	480	22	277	7	152	34	117	48	131	39	98	7	94	26	532	22	2,584	13
Arkansas	772	49	8.6	46	162	46	359	30	1,374	50	359	48	143	44	145	36	170	33	144	35	39	48	65	39	309	50	1,370	41
California	1,336	12	10.1	26	347	26	427	15	2,217	11	470	27	232	16	102	48	356	7	202	15	101	5	69	38	685	7	1,344	42
Colorado	1,164	22	9.1	41	407	20	321	42	2,020	22	560	8	242	12	182	24	187	26	170	25	82	13	94	27	501	25	2,119	22
Connecticut	1,433	7	9.6	31	617	4	330	37	1,989	24	515	14	119	48	131	41	282	11	135	37	74	20	150	12	583	16	2,376	18
Delaware	1,273	15	10.1	27	187	43	445	13	2,181	13	476	24	330	3	217	14	105	50	111	46	81	14	233	3	627	12	3,800	3
Florida	962	38	8.4	49	330	27	259	49	1,635	41	419	39	127	47	128	43	116	49	206	14	91	8	64	40	485	27	1,413	40
Georgia	973	36	9.4	36	266	35	424	17	1,786	32	410	41	148	41	162	30	178	29	345	1	59	31	57	46	427	37	1,493	38
Hawaii	1,464	5	12.0	6	270	34	478	8	2,423	4	414	40	270	8	151	35	285	10	182	22	79	16	171	7	871	2	2,609	12
Idaho	877	46	9.2	40	239	37	356	32	1,603	42	398	43	181	29	193	22	130	45	156	33	56	37	60	43	430	36	1,000	49
Illinois	1,257	16	10.1	25	478	13	387	23	1,899	27	465	29	163	37	160	31	281	12	122	42	90	9	107	23	511	24	1,628	31
Indiana	906	43	8.6	45	314	32	298	47	1,593	43	428	37	191	25	115	46	174	31	174	23	49	43	57	47	407	41	969	50
Iowa	1,172	20	10.9	13	469	15	329	38	2,017	23	503	19	256	11	249	7	235	17	210	10	57	34	60	42	446	31	1,027	48
Kansas	1,128	25	9.2	39	446	17	320	43	1,961	25	498	20	234	15	216	15	208	23	166	28	57	35	138	15	445	32	2,319	19
Kentucky	888	44	9.5	34	160	47	370	28	1,554	44	369	46	167	36	189	23	205	24	90	48	39	49	120	20	374	45	2,525	14
Louisiana	1,050	32	10.2	22	147	48	376	27	2,118	18	446	33	186	27	247	8	211	22	247	6	79	15	144	14	558	17	2,649	11
Maine	1,083	30	11.0	12	410	19	421	18	1,771	33	433	36	143	43	198	20	314	8	76	50	44	46	101	24	461	29	1,527	36
Maryland	1,351	11	10.4	19	354	25	415	19	2,217	12	505	18	212	22	199	19	234	18	188	18	83	12	128	16	668	8	2,479	16
Massachusetts	1,426	9	10.7	15	524	11	500	6	2,108	19	481	21	101	49	116	45	368	5	197	16	75	19	122	17	647	9	2,276	20
Michigan	1,373	10	12.0	7	572	7	450	12	2,243	8	535	10	235	13	121	44	395	2	238	8	87	11	88	29	544	21	1,532	34
Minnesota	1,473	4	12.4	5	413	18	426	16	2,404	5	576	7	207	23	241	11	356	6	207	12	66	25	154	8	597	15	2,806	10
Mississippi	771	50	9.5	33	166	45	383	25	1,552	45	334	49	189	26	195	21	170	34	251	5	42	47	51	49	320	49	1,028	47
Missouri	932	40	8.5	47	244	36	311	45	1,481	48	387	45	141	45	138	38	164	36	160	30	68	23	59	44	364	46	1,161	46
Montana	1,182	19	11.9	8	561	8	460	10	2,144	16	636	3	177	32	280	4	204	25	117	43	62	28	121	19	547	20	1,812	28
Nebraska	1,147	23	10.2	23	476	14	336	34	1,901	26	509	17	224	19	244	10	185	27	184	21	53	40	63	41	438	35	3,302	6
Nevada	1,206	18	9.8	30	232	38	328	39	2,324	6	445	34	168	35	245	9	130	46	246	7	117	2	154	9	818	5	2,253	21
New Hampshire	951	39	7.9	50	604	6	330	36	1,723	38	425	38	146	42	215	16	221	19	95	47	60	30	154	10	409	40	2,048	23
New Jersey	1,458	6	10.3	20	635	3	337	33	2,088	20	553	9	131	46	137	40	255	16	125	41	100	6	148	13	639	11	2,390	17
New Mexico	1,041	33	10.8	14	144	49	619	3	2,295	7	618	4	262	9	284	3	160	37	187	20	78	17	150	11	556	18	2,499	15
New York	1,890	3	14.5	3	609	5	526	4	2,791	3	616	5	157	38	162	28	443	1	280	4	110	4	200	5	823	4	3,071	8
North Carolina	912	42	9.3	37	213	40	335	35	1,498	46	395	44	205	24	114	47	150	41	168	26	56	36	57	45	354	47	1,308	44
North Dakota	1,099	28	9.4	35	317	29	456	11	2,231	10	527	11	301	4	266	6	180	28	140	36	46	45	86	31	685	6	1,530	35
Ohio	1,101	27	9.8	29	355	24	311	44	1,799	30	470	28	179	31	128	42	268	13	187	19	66	26	75	37	425	38	1,300	45
Oklahoma	1,119	26	10.2	21	188	42	325	40	1,747	35	480	23	231	17	176	25	215	20	157	31	58	33	35	50	394	44	1,552	33
Oregon	1,230	17	11.4	9	508	12	436	14	2,240	9	589	6	234	14	169	26	175	30	135	38	76	18	224	4	639	10	3,545	4
Pennsylvania	1,170	21	10.2	24	315	30	398	22	1,762	34	447	32	97	50	144	37	293	9	128	40	62	27	109	22	482	28	1,796	29
Rhode Island	1,294	14	11.1	11	537	10	497	7	2,169	14	463	31	180	30	102	49	380	3	167	27	72	21	192	6	614	14	2,925	9
South Carolina	881	45	9.6	32	216	39	322	41	1,451	49	400	42	174	33	80	50	140	44	209	11	48	44	54	48	348	48	1,646	30
South Dakota	915	41	9.3	38	390	21	464	9	1,791	31	442	35	173	34	280	5	172	32	87	49	50	42	92	28	495	26	1,908	27
Tennessee	805	48	8.4	48	206	41	363	29	1,496	47	326	50	152	39	137	39	156	39	197	17	51	41	84	33	395	43	1,606	32
Texas	1,029	34	8.8	43	379	23	260	48	1,724	37	523	13	215	21	158	33	125	47	171	24	59	32	78	34	396	42	1,912	26
Utah	963	37	10.7	17	281	33	384	24	1,856	29	524	12	285	5	167	27	158	38	111	45	67	24	84	32	459	30	3,198	7
Vermont	1,138	24	11.4	10	452	16	526	5	2,081	21	476	25	261	10	239	12	262	15	113	44	54	38	122	18	554	19	2,003	24
Virginia	1,093	29	9.0	42	324	28	301	46	1,708	39	464	30	181	28	159	32	169	35	156	32	61	29	76	36	443	33	1,323	43
Washington	1,305	13	10.7	16	379	22	403	21	2,127	17	514	16	226	18	231	13	215	21	165	29	71	22	88	30	618	13	3,941	2
West Virginia	973	35	10.6	18	181	44	380	26	1,728	36	472	26	150	40	202	17	153	40	155	34	38	50	118	21	440	34	1,968	25
Wisconsin	1,426	8	12.6	4	537	9	413	20	2,156	15	514	15	277	6	199	18	262	14	206	13	88	10	98	25	513	23	1,448	39
Wyoming	2,434	2	20.5	2	1,003	1	783	2	3,555	2	973	2	355	2	495	2	148	42	341	2	114	3	271	2	857	3	3,467	5
U.S. Average	1,216	0	10.4	0	381	0	385	0	1,986	0	483	0	187	0	157	0	251	0	189	0	77	0	103	0	540	0	1,942	0

Note: The second column under each heading is the rank.

# 1983 Full Time Equivalent Employees Per 10,000 Population

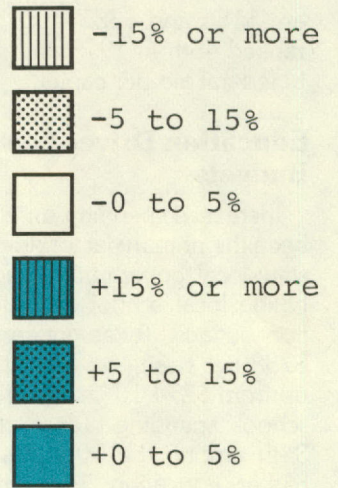
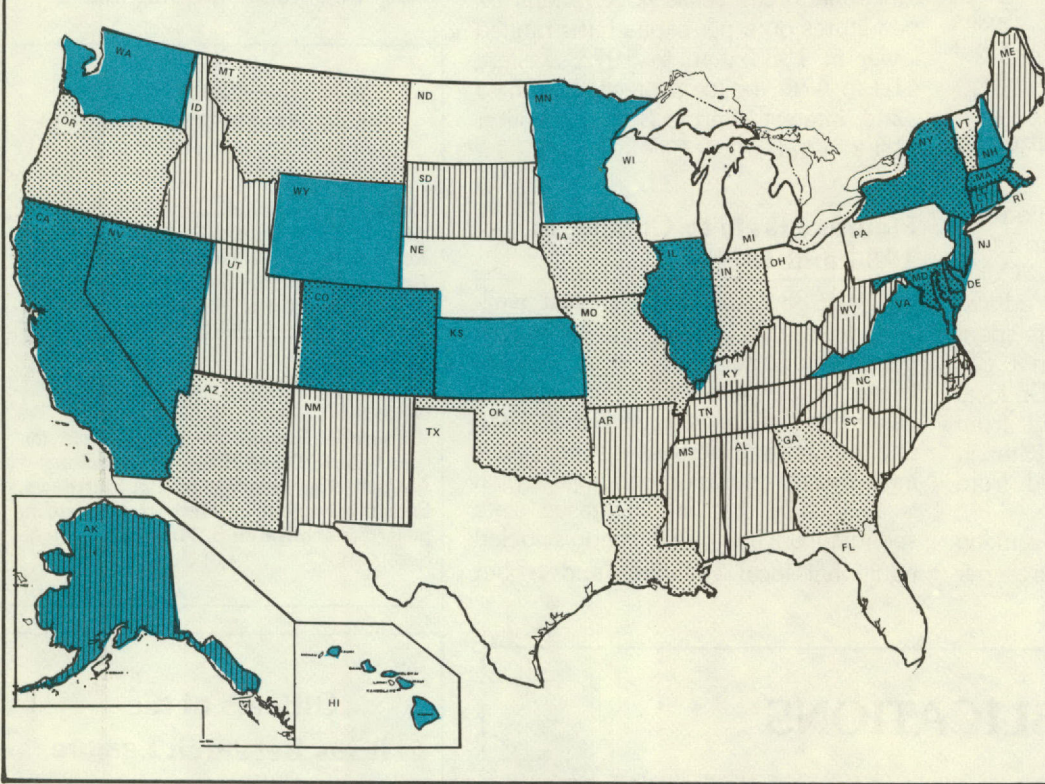
## State and Local Government

	Total State		Total		Education		Highways		Welfare		Hospitals		Natural Resources		Police Protection		All Other	
	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank	1983	Rank
Alabama	157	22	484	17	229	34	27	19	13	33	76	3	7	32	22	35	110	30
Alaska	447	1	811	1	362	1	80	1	25	5	14	49	49	1	27	13	255	1
Arizona	117	42	450	36	241	23	18	43	10	47	19	47	7	31	29	8	125	19
Arkansas	153	25	445	38	239	26	29	17	10	45	45	21	10	18	19	48	92	46
California	101	49	438	39	196	47	13	50	14	25	37	30	8	23	27	12	143	10
Colorado	134	35	476	25	241	24	23	29	12	36	42	25	7	33	26	17	124	22
Connecticut	147	28	431	45	217	37	24	25	13	30	34	33	2	50	27	14	114	25
Delaware	270	3	507	11	242	22	28	18	12	37	43	24	8	26	25	19	149	7
Florida	102	47	436	41	189	48	18	47	9	40	47	20	8	29	29	7	136	12
Georgia	146	29	542	6	239	27	23	32	11	44	106	1	8	24	25	21	129	16
Hawaii	367	2	482	21	216	38	19	40	10	46	28	41	12	16	21	15	170	3
Idaho	140	33	456	31	240	25	30	15	13	32	43	23	17	7	22	34	91	47
Illinois	100	50	422	47	201	44	16	48	13	27	29	39	3	46	33	5	126	18
Indiana	115	44	436	40	235	28	19	41	13	20	48	17	5	43	21	37	94	45
Iowa	150	27	489	15	265	9	30	14	20	10	55	9	9	21	19	46	90	49
Kansas	160	20	523	7	283	4	34	8	14	22	44	22	11	17	24	22	113	28
Kentucky	154	24	410	49	224	36	21	37	11	41	28	40	9	22	19	47	94	41
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Maine	160	19	452	33	252	16	35	5	15	19	20	45	12	13	20	45	97	42
Maryland	180	13	499	14	235	30	23	30	17	15	40	27	6	37	30	6	148	8
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New Hampshire	146	30	419	48	225	35	31	11	30	2	20	46	6	40	23	29	85	50
New Jersey	116	43	478	23	231	33	25	23	18	12	37	31	3	48	37	1	128	17
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North Dakota	191	9	499	13	271	6	31	12	17	16	33	34	20	4	20	41	107	33
Ohio	107	46	429	46	213	41	19	42	19	11	36	32	4	45	22	32	115	24
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Oregon	152	26	484	16	246	20	24	26	14	21	30	36	13	11	23	27	133	14
Pennsylvania	102	48	383	50	183	49	21	36	23	8	26	43	5	44	24	24	101	39
Rhode Island	218	5	464	29	211	42	18	46	18	13	18	48	6	41	26	16	168	4
South Carolina	179	14	482	20	254	14	20	38	12	34	61	7	6	38	20	40	109	31
South Dakota	169	17	483	18	266	8	37	4	14	23	30	37	13	9	21	38	102	37
Tennessee	136	34	455	32	215	39	25	22	15	18	48	19	6	39	23	26	123	23
Texas	115	45	472	26	260	13	20	39	8	50	48	18	7	30	23	30	106	35
Utah	172	16	431	44	253	15	18	44	12	38	24	44	8	28	20	43	96	43
Vermont	198	6	458	30	261	11	35	7	13	31	14	50	13	12	21	39	102	38
Virginia	169	18	481	22	252	17	24	27	12	35	38	29	7	36	23	31	125	20
Washington	156	23	451	35	215	40	23	31	13	29	33	35	12	14	20	42	136	11
West Virginia	173	15	483	19	267	7	33	9	13	26	50	14	12	15	18	50	90	48
Wisconsin	121	41	451	34	234	31	23	28	27	3	30	38	7	35	25	20	107	34
Wyoming	194	7	659	2	333	2	48	2	11	43	78	2	19	6	35	2	135	13
U.S. Average	133	0	465	0	224	0	22	0	16	0	45	0	7	0	26	0	125	0

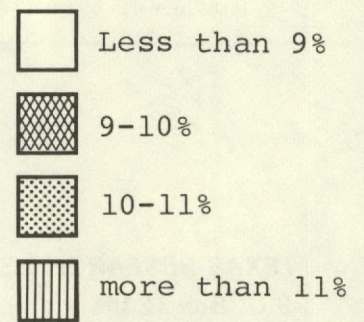
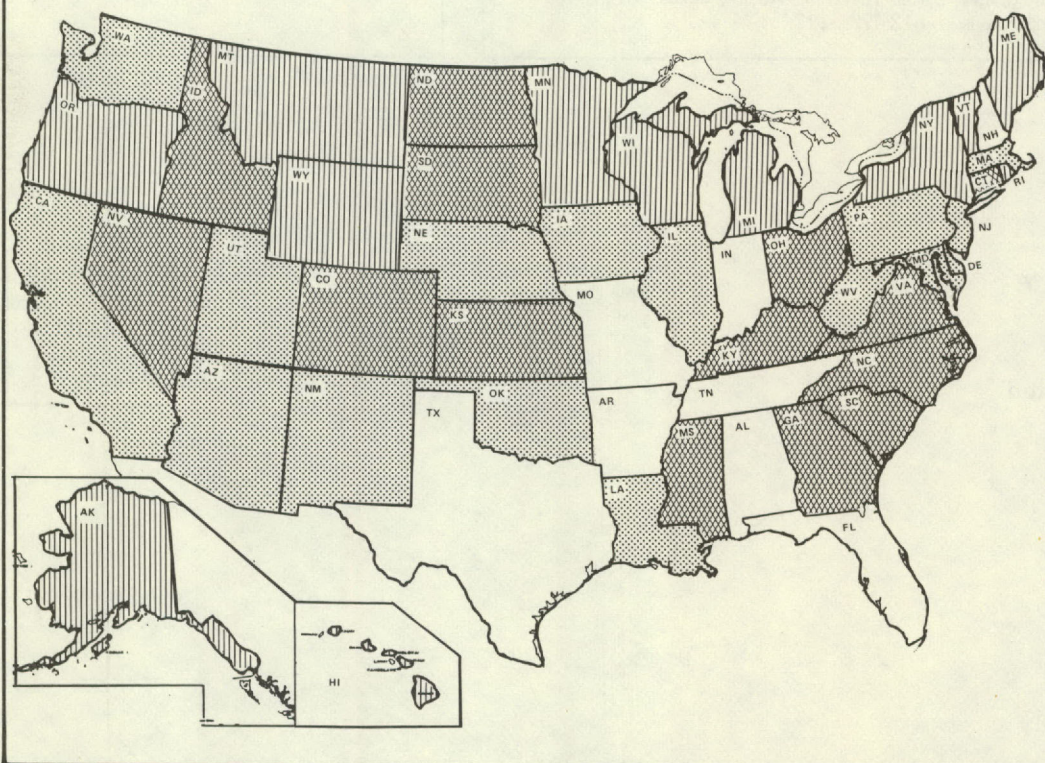
Note: The second column under each heading is the rank.

Source: U.S. Census

## Per Capita Personal Income Deviation from National Average by State



## Tax Burden—% of Personal Income by State



in Texas than in other states. This revenue source increased from \$141 per capita in 1973 to \$260 in 1983—up 84%. The comparable all-state figures are \$186 and \$385—up 107%. Texas ranked 45th in 1973 and 48th in 1983 in federal aid per capita.

### Education Drives Government Budgets

Increased spending on education has been the primary factor driving up Texas state-local government budgets. Combining local school and higher education outlays, Texas governments spent \$738 per capita on education in 1983, up from \$274 10 years earlier. On local school spending Texas moved from 34th among the 50 states to 13th; in higher education Texas moved from 32nd to 21st.

Texas also moved up its ranking among the states in expenditures per

capita for health and hospitals and for highways from 39th to 24th and from 45th to 33rd, respectively. In the other functional areas Texas government expenditures on a per capita basis ranked lower in 1983 than in 1973: welfare 41st to 47th, police protection 29th to 32nd, interest 22nd to 35th, and other 41st to 42nd.

### Figures Likely to Change in 1984 and 1985

The 1983 figures are the latest available from the Census Bureau which permit interstate comparisons. Not reflected of course is the \$5 billion tax bill passed by the Texas legislature in 1984 and the resulting increase in state spending—mostly education and highways. It is also likely that the increased state spending on the public schools fueled additional local spending and higher

local taxes. Comparisons in 1984 and 1985 may show Texas moving up among the states in terms of per capita taxes, tax burden and expenditures.

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