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How Does Texas Compare, 1986

This ANALYSIS issue presents the latest interstate data available on state and local government finances (1986) from the U.S. Census Bureau. Although interesting and informative, interstate comparisons often are misleading - par-

ticularly in the case of state governments where one function may be handled at the local level in one state, but at the state level in another. The accompanying article and data begin on page 2.

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Texas 1970-1986

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1986
Personal Income	\$3,536	\$5,473	\$9,814	\$13,483	\$13,480
U.S. Average	\$3,945	\$5,842	\$9,914	\$13,867	\$14,641
% U.S. Average	89.63%	93.68%	98.99%	97.23%	92.07%
Texas Rank	31	29	21	21	27
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS					
Tax Revenue	\$315	\$502	\$801	\$1,267	\$1,292
U.S. Average	\$426	\$657	\$984	\$1,465	\$1,547
% U.S. Average	73.94%	76.41%	81.40%	86.48%	83.47%
Texas Rank	40	40	35	32	30
Property Tax	\$128	\$186	\$244	\$466	\$517
U.S. Average	\$167	\$239	\$299	\$435	\$463
% U.S. Average	76.65%	77.82%	81.61%	107.13%	111.50%
Texas Rank	31	30	28	21	20
Federal Aid	\$91	\$175	\$263	\$299	\$330
U.S. Average	\$107	\$218	\$366	\$445	\$469
% U.S. Average	85.05%	80.28%	71.86%	67.19%	70.30%
Texas Rank	35	46	49	49	48
Total Expenditures	\$501	\$816	\$1,353	\$2,384	\$2,626
U.S. Average	\$645	\$1,065	\$1,617	\$2,749	\$2,971
% U.S. Average	77.67%	76.62%	83.67%	86.72%	88.39%
Texas Rank	46	46	40	36	33
Local Schools	\$156	\$243	\$394	\$592	\$650
U.S. Average	\$184	\$285	\$409	\$553	\$602
% U.S. Average	84.78%	85.26%	96.33%	107.05%	108.03%
Texas Rank	38	39	27	14	12
Higher Education	\$57	\$100	\$169	\$256	\$260
U.S. Average	\$63	\$101	\$149	\$219	\$235
% U.S. Average	90.48%	99.01%	113.42%	116.89%	110.79%
Texas Rank	34	28	21	19	21
Highways	\$79	\$97	\$160	\$162	\$230
U.S. Average	\$81	\$105	\$147	\$189	\$205
% U.S. Average	97.53%	92.38%	108.84%	85.71%	112.12%
Texas Rank	33	38	30	40	26
Public Welfare	\$47	\$71	\$105	\$136	\$141
U.S. Average	\$72	\$126	\$201	\$291	\$310
% U.S. Average	65.28%	56.35%	52.24%	46.74%	45.39%
Texas Rank	35	42	46	50	50
Health & Hospitals	\$34	\$67	\$124	\$189	\$190
U.S. Average	\$47	\$87	\$142	\$208	\$222
% U.S. Average	72.34%	77.01%	87.32%	90.87%	85.65%
Texas Rank	38	31	29	25	27
Police Protection	\$16	\$27	\$43	\$73	\$76
U.S. Average	\$22	\$39	\$59	\$88	\$94
% U.S. Average	72.73%	69.23%	72.88%	82.95%	80.90%
Texas Rank	26	29	33	27	28
Gen. Debt Interest	\$18	\$32	\$49	\$134	\$146
U.S. Average	\$21	\$41	\$65	\$136	\$154
% U.S. Average	85.71%	78.05%	75.38%	98.53%	94.88%
Texas Rank	26	23	31	26	26
Other Expenditures	\$94	\$179	\$309	\$843	\$933
U.S. Average	\$154	\$281	\$446	\$1,065	\$1,150
% U.S. Average	61.04%	63.70%	69.28%	79.15%	81.18%
Texas Rank	49	46	46	36	33
Total Debt	\$625	\$892	\$1,443	\$2,589	\$2,860
U.S. Average	\$705	\$1,027	\$1,477	\$2,393	\$2,733
% U.S. Average	88.65%	86.85%	97.70%	108.19%	104.63%
Texas Rank	24	23	24	23	23

Texas State and Local Government Finance Trends

Personal Income Level

The economic slowdown began to show up in financial data as Texans' per capita personal income in 1986 dipped slightly from the previous year (\$13,480 vs. \$13,483) and lost significant ground to the 1986 U.S. average (\$14,641). Texas per capita personal income was 97% of the national average in 1985, but only 92% of that national mean in 1986. In the all-states ranking, Texas slipped from 21st to 27th.

But, Tax Revenue Rises

Texas governments' tax take continued to climb between 1985 and 1986, but not nearly at the rate experienced in previous years. The \$1,292 per capita paid in taxes in 1986 was 83% of the all-states average (\$1,547); state-local taxes in Texas were 86% of the national average in 1985. Still Texas moved up two places among the states from 32nd in 1985 to 30th in 1986.

Especially Property Taxes

Property taxes, up from \$466 per capita in 1985 to \$517 in 1986, accounted for all (and then some) of the total tax revenue increase. In 1985, the Texas per capita figure was 7% above the U.S. average; in 1986 it was 12% above the all-states figure (\$463) indicating that the property tax in Texas was not only growing, but growing at a rate substantially higher than that experienced on average in other states. Texas ranked 20th among the states in per capita property taxes, up from 21st a year earlier.

Expenditures Up More

Texas government expenditures increased 10% between 1985 and 1986, from \$2,384 per capita to \$2,626. Still that level was only 88% of the all-states average (\$2,971) in 1986, up from 87% a year earlier. Texas' rank among the states was 33rd in 1986 and 36th in 1985.

Debt Fills the Gap

Per capita spending increases substantially exceeded revenue growth. Part of the gap was closed by Texas governments increasing outstanding indebtedness. Per capita debt in 1986 was \$2,860, up

\$271 (10%) from the 1985 level of \$2,589. That practice was not unique to Texas, and in fact per capita debt in the other states taken as a whole grew more rapidly than it did in Texas. In 1986, the Texas per capita debt figure was 105% of the U.S. average, contrasted to 108% in 1985. Texas continued to be about the middle of the pack in per capita debt - 24th in 1986 and 23rd in 1985.

Highway Spending Grew 42%

Highway spending per capita changed dramatically between 1985 and 1986 both in absolute terms and in relation to the other states. At \$162 per capita for highways in 1985, Texas government spending was only 86% of the all-states average and ranked 40th. A 42% increase to \$260 per capita in 1986 moved Texas to 12% above the U.S. average to a rank of 26th.

Education Spending Still Strong

Per capita spending on local schools continued an upward trend, moving from \$592 in 1985 to \$650 in 1986 (+10%). Texas' expenditures in this functional area remained well above the all-states average (\$602 in 1986). Texas ranked 14th among the states in 1985 and 12th in 1986. Higher education expenditure growth slowed somewhat in 1986, up only \$4 to \$260 per capita. Still, Texas was 11% above the mean of other states (21st), but in 1985 Texas was 17% above average and ranked 19th.

Public Welfare at the Bottom

In most other major spending areas, there was little change either in absolute spending per capita or in the relative ranking among the other states as Texas stayed about the middle of the pack. The most prominent exception is in the public welfare area where Texas remained in the 50th position in per capita spending--\$141 in Texas contrasted to a \$310 all-states mean.

Comparative 1986 data for state governments is shown on page 3 and data for state and local governments combined is on pages 4-5. Texas' comparisons with other sunbelt and industrial states is on page 6.

1986 Per Capita Amounts for State Governments

	Personal Income		Tax Revenue		Federal Aid	General Expense		State Debt				
	Amount	% Per Income	Amount	% Per Income		Amount	% Per Income	Amount	% Per Income			
Alabama	\$11,335	(42)	\$739	(41)	6.52%	(28)	\$375	(29)	\$1,456	(27)	\$926	(27)
Alaska	17,781	(3)	3,477	(1)	19.55	(1)	775	(2)	7,282	(1)	13,036	(1)
Arizona	13,482	(26)	963	(17)	7.15	(20)	221	(50)	1,413	(34)	444	(45)
Arkansas	11,074	(47)	770	(38)	6.95	(23)	391	(23)	1,321	(41)	458	(42)
California	16,904	(6)	1,144	(11)	6.77	(26)	448	(12)	1,882	(10)	746	(34)
Colorado	15,234	(12)	718	(43)	4.71	(49)	359	(33)	1,339	(38)	612	(39)
Connecticut	19,599	(1)	1,203	(7)	6.14	(35)	371	(31)	1,695	(18)	2,294	(8)
Delaware	15,005	(14)	1,394	(4)	9.29	(4)	439	(14)	2,083	(6)	4,162	(2)
Florida	14,645	(19)	781	(36)	5.33	(43)	224	(49)	1,111	(50)	486	(41)
Georgia	13,447	(28)	806	(35)	5.99	(37)	358	(35)	1,306	(44)	401	(47)
Hawaii	14,891	(16)	1,404	(3)	9.43	(3)	391	(22)	2,110	(3)	2,663	(4)
Idaho	11,216	(45)	743	(40)	6.62	(27)	384	(26)	1,319	(42)	656	(38)
Illinois	15,585	(9)	848	(29)	5.44	(40)	345	(40)	1,394	(35)	1,038	(25)
Indiana	13,135	(32)	810	(33)	6.17	(34)	329	(42)	1,292	(45)	396	(48)
Iowa	13,347	(29)	863	(27)	6.46	(29)	353	(36)	1,561	(26)	561	(40)
Kansas	14,645	(18)	777	(37)	5.30	(44)	323	(43)	1,316	(43)	143	(50)
Kentucky	11,240	(44)	863	(26)	7.68	(10)	409	(18)	1,441	(30)	1,102	(23)
Louisiana	11,194	(46)	806	(34)	7.20	(19)	389	(24)	1,589	(24)	2,328	(6)
Maine	12,783	(34)	938	(19)	7.34	(16)	518	(7)	1,630	(20)	1,327	(17)
Maryland	16,866	(7)	1,046	(14)	6.20	(33)	372	(30)	1,603	(21)	1,212	(19)
Massachusetts	17,722	(4)	1,315	(5)	7.42	(15)	408	(19)	1,963	(9)	2,031	(11)
Michigan	14,775	(17)	1,019	(15)	6.89	(25)	438	(15)	1,706	(16)	775	(33)
Minnesota	14,994	(15)	1,162	(9)	7.75	(9)	433	(16)	1,865	(12)	892	(28)
Mississippi	9,716	(50)	730	(42)	7.52	(12)	439	(13)	1,327	(40)	451	(43)
Missouri	13,789	(24)	712	(45)	5.17	(45)	304	(47)	1,197	(46)	740	(35)
Montana	11,802	(40)	753	(39)	6.38	(30)	556	(4)	1,705	(17)	1,514	(15)
Nebraska	13,740	(25)	700	(46)	5.10	(46)	351	(38)	1,328	(39)	819	(30)
Nevada	15,441	(10)	1,089	(13)	7.05	(22)	358	(34)	1,598	(22)	1,271	(18)
New Hampshire	15,909	(8)	472	(50)	2.97	(50)	319	(45)	1,128	(49)	2,321	(7)
New Jersey	18,625	(2)	1,097	(12)	5.89	(38)	381	(27)	1,787	(14)	2,218	(9)
New Mexico	11,423	(41)	989	(16)	8.65	(6)	406	(20)	2,095	(5)	1,445	(16)
New York	17,111	(5)	1,280	(6)	7.48	(13)	571	(3)	2,046	(7)	2,047	(10)
North Carolina	12,441	(36)	881	(25)	7.08	(21)	319	(46)	1,366	(37)	412	(46)
North Dakota	12,474	(35)	907	(22)	7.27	(18)	514	(8)	2,101	(4)	1,094	(24)
Ohio	13,933	(22)	843	(30)	6.05	(36)	352	(37)	1,430	(31)	824	(29)
Oklahoma	12,283	(37)	896	(24)	7.29	(17)	319	(44)	1,453	(29)	1,159	(20)
Oregon	13,327	(31)	716	(44)	5.37	(42)	394	(21)	1,569	(25)	2,647	(5)
Pennsylvania	14,248	(21)	899	(23)	6.31	(31)	389	(25)	1,373	(36)	656	(37)
Rhode Island	14,577	(20)	908	(21)	6.23	(32)	521	(6)	1,974	(8)	3,025	(3)
South Carolina	11,295	(43)	855	(28)	7.57	(11)	349	(39)	1,425	(32)	1,103	(22)
South Dakota	11,814	(39)	570	(49)	4.83	(48)	485	(10)	1,454	(28)	1,840	(12)
Tennessee	12,002	(38)	681	(47)	5.68	(39)	377	(28)	1,181	(47)	449	(44)
TEXAS	13,480	(27)	667	(48)	4.95	(47)	273	(48)	1,134	(48)	326	(49)
Utah	10,984	(48)	820	(32)	7.46	(14)	487	(9)	1,678	(19)	796	(32)
Vermont	13,346	(30)	923	(20)	6.92	(24)	546	(5)	1,874	(11)	1,819	(13)
Virginia	15,409	(11)	838	(31)	5.44	(41)	337	(41)	1,424	(33)	664	(36)
Washington	15,007	(13)	1,169	(8)	7.79	(8)	364	(32)	1,815	(13)	800	(31)
West Virginia	10,573	(49)	963	(18)	9.11	(5)	462	(11)	1,597	(23)	1,111	(21)
Wisconsin	13,908	(23)	1,148	(10)	8.25	(7)	431	(17)	1,760	(15)	974	(26)
Wyoming	12,791	(33)	1,569	(2)	12.27	(2)	868	(1)	2,911	(2)	1,627	(14)
U.S. Average	14,641		946		6.46		384		1,562		1,028	

Note: The number in () under each heading is the rank.

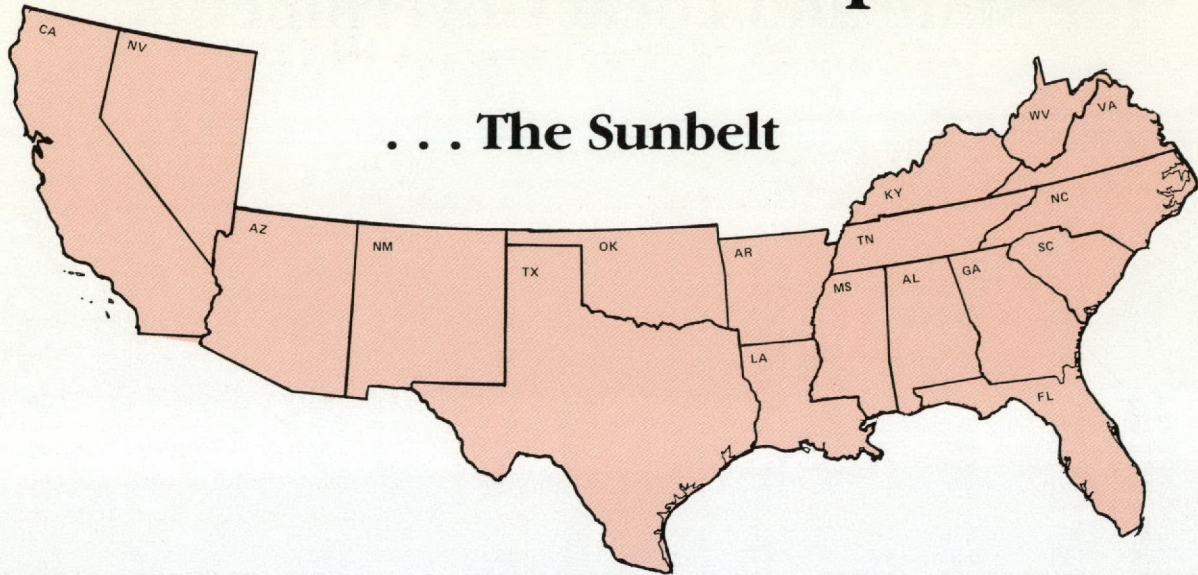
1986 Per Capita Amounts

for State and Local Governments

	INCOME								EXPENDITURES																			
	Tax Revenue		Property Tax	Federal Aid	Total	Local Schools	Higher Education	Highways	Public Welfare	Health & Hospitals	Police Protection	Gen. Debt Interest	Other Expense	Total Debt														
	Amount	% Personal Income																										
Alabama	\$1,022	(48)	9.01%	(46)	\$118	(50)	\$440	(33)	\$2,509	(39)	\$433	(48)	\$257	(22)	\$204	(35)	\$185	(42)	\$336	(4)	\$61	(41)	\$136	(32)	\$898	(36)	\$2,211	(35)
Alaska	4,489	(1)	25.24	(1)	1,084	(2)	899	(2)	10,597	(1)	1,660	(1)	523	(1)	906	(1)	515	(2)	267	(9)	199	(1)	1,789	(1)	4,738	(1)	22,221	(1)
Arizona	1,476	(20)	10.95	(15)	422	(26)	311	(49)	3,102	(16)	634	(15)	323	(10)	275	(13)	182	(43)	124	(45)	115	(7)	181	(16)	1,268	(12)	4,161	(6)
Arkansas	1,011	(49)	9.13	(44)	182	(48)	443	(30)	2,086	(50)	536	(36)	201	(39)	217	(31)	214	(31)	159	(36)	50	(49)	96	(45)	613	(50)	1,594	(46)
California	1,727	(10)	10.21	(26)	451	(23)	520	(15)	3,428	(6)	587	(25)	288	(16)	127	(50)	387	(9)	251	(12)	130	(4)	127	(36)	1,530	(5)	2,413	(31)
Colorado	1,485	(18)	9.75	(36)	521	(19)	430	(36)	3,056	(18)	667	(10)	264	(19)	246	(18)	250	(23)	202	(21)	108	(9)	161	(22)	1,158	(16)	2,950	(21)
Connecticut	1,947	(4)	9.94	(31)	731	(6)	428	(37)	2,891	(24)	554	(32)	150	(48)	218	(29)	345	(11)	182	(33)	98	(15)	214	(12)	1,130	(18)	3,091	(18)
Delaware	1,661	(13)	11.07	(13)	223	(43)	527	(13)	3,104	(15)	642	(14)	382	(3)	258	(15)	193	(40)	146	(40)	98	(13)	293	(3)	1,091	(19)	5,612	(2)
Florida	1,273	(35)	8.70	(48)	411	(27)	298	(50)	2,518	(38)	524	(40)	133	(49)	163	(44)	157	(47)	229	(16)	111	(8)	133	(35)	1,068	(20)	2,712	(25)
Georgia	1,280	(34)	9.52	(40)	329	(35)	439	(34)	2,656	(31)	526	(39)	210	(34)	193	(39)	191	(41)	412	(2)	69	(32)	77	(49)	977	(32)	2,039	(38)
Hawaii	1,785	(7)	11.99	(5)	314	(36)	501	(19)	3,060	(17)	441	(47)	304	(11)	139	(48)	266	(20)	185	(29)	95	(17)	229	(8)	1,402	(9)	3,202	(15)
Idaho	1,054	(47)	9.39	(42)	299	(37)	447	(29)	2,240	(45)	482	(45)	246	(26)	255	(16)	155	(48)	184	(31)	68	(33)	82	(48)	769	(43)	1,241	(50)
Illinois	1,546	(16)	9.92	(33)	539	(16)	443	(31)	2,709	(29)	546	(35)	207	(36)	208	(33)	330	(13)	152	(38)	104	(11)	141	(31)	1,022	(24)	2,219	(34)
Indiana	1,227	(38)	9.34	(43)	393	(30)	390	(42)	2,234	(46)	529	(38)	245	(27)	162	(45)	232	(28)	200	(22)	54	(46)	89	(47)	723	(47)	1,317	(49)
Iowa	1,417	(23)	10.62	(19)	544	(15)	413	(39)	2,740	(28)	570	(29)	332	(9)	316	(6)	294	(16)	239	(15)	67	(35)	97	(44)	826	(40)	1,611	(45)
Kansas	1,394	(27)	9.52	(41)	533	(17)	374	(46)	2,687	(30)	620	(16)	297	(12)	315	(7)	201	(36)	191	(25)	73	(29)	171	(20)	818	(41)	2,304	(33)
Kentucky	1,103	(45)	9.82	(35)	195	(46)	467	(24)	2,185	(48)	430	(49)	210	(35)	220	(28)	253	(22)	127	(43)	55	(45)	146	(25)	744	(45)	3,054	(19)
Louisiana	1,253	(36)	11.20	(11)	189	(47)	452	(26)	2,813	(26)	521	(41)	213	(32)	241	(20)	219	(30)	288	(6)	94	(18)	232	(7)	1,005	(27)	4,154	(7)
Maine	1,414	(24)	11.06	(14)	478	(21)	590	(8)	2,556	(36)	557	(31)	202	(38)	241	(19)	404	(8)	111	(48)	57	(44)	144	(29)	840	(39)	2,035	(39)
Maryland	1,742	(8)	10.33	(23)	438	(25)	467	(23)	2,905	(23)	585	(27)	249	(24)	240	(21)	291	(17)	106	(50)	104	(10)	181	(17)	1,150	(17)	3,097	(17)
Massachusetts	1,933	(5)	10.91	(16)	601	(11)	549	(11)	3,284	(9)	594	(23)	157	(47)	142	(47)	477	(3)	254	(10)	95	(16)	177	(18)	1,387	(10)	3,050	(20)
Michigan	1,703	(12)	11.53	(8)	650	(9)	518	(17)	3,160	(12)	707	(6)	296	(13)	173	(43)	448	(6)	278	(7)	102	(12)	111	(39)	1,046	(23)	1,947	(42)
Minnesota	1,715	(11)	11.44	(10)	529	(18)	519	(16)	3,496	(5)	703	(7)	260	(20)	311	(8)	459	(5)	245	(13)	81	(23)	222	(10)	1,214	(14)	3,898	(10)
Mississippi	965	(50)	9.93	(32)	221	(44)	500	(20)	2,216	(47)	449	(46)	222	(30)	226	(27)	198	(38)	299	(5)	52	(48)	91	(46)	680	(49)	1,341	(48)
Missouri	1,152	(42)	8.35	(49)	243	(40)	374	(47)	2,164	(49)	506	(44)	177	(45)	202	(37)	200	(37)	210	(18)	79	(26)	99	(43)	692	(48)	1,520	(47)
Montana	1,376	(28)	11.66	(7)	650	(8)	669	(4)	3,127	(14)	764	(4)	214	(31)	416	(3)	254	(21)	145	(42)	71	(31)	204	(13)	1,060	(21)	2,927	(22)
Nebraska	1,338	(29)	9.74	(37)	579	(13)	427	(38)	3,418	(7)	616	(18)	280	(18)	304	(9)	235	(25)	252	(11)	65	(38)	123	(37)	1,543	(4)	3,906	(9)
Nevada	1,559	(15)	10.09	(28)	340	(34)	441	(32)	3,164	(10)	550	(33)	198	(40)	289	(12)	152	(49)	184	(30)	134	(3)	218	(11)	1,439	(7)	3,156	(16)
New Hampshire	1,216	(40)	7.64	(50)	738	(5)	386	(44)	2,244	(44)	518	(42)	167	(46)	233	(25)	233	(27)	112	(47)	68	(34)	182	(15)	732	(46)	2,836	(24)
New Jersey	1,868	(6)	10.03	(30)	757	(3)	450	(28)	3,162	(11)	710	(5)	178	(44)	234	(24)	324	(15)	167	(35)	116	(6)	227	(9)	1,207	(15)	3,519	(13)
New Mexico	1,241	(37)	10.87	(17)	143	(49)	522	(14)	2,954	(21)	673	(8)	366	(5)	290	(11)	197	(39)	205	(20)	92	(19)	203	(14)	930	(34)	3,347	(14)
New York	2,539	(3)	14.84	(3)	748	(4)	691	(3)	4,312	(3)	787	(3)	195	(41)	202	(36)	625	(1)	362	(3)	145	(2)	241	(6)	1,754	(2)	3,988	(8)
North Carolina	1,222	(39)	9.82	(34)	265	(38)	387	(43)	2,446	(42)	530	(37)	280	(17)	155	(46)	180	(44)	183	(32)	66	(37)	74	(50)	978	(31)	2,031	(40)
North Dakota	1,284	(32)	10.30	(24)	364	(33)	602	(7)	2,950	(22)	620	(17)	380	(4)	354	(5)	267	(19)	145	(41)	53	(47)	141	(30)	989	(28)	2,192	(36)
Ohio	1,412	(25)	10.13	(27)	394	(29)	438	(35)	2,741	(27)	613	(19)	227	(29)	177	(41)	368	(10)	186	(28)	80	(24)	111	(38)	979	(30)	1,675	(44)
Oklahoma	1,284	(33)	10.45	(22)	234	(42)	382	(45)	2,611	(35)	586	(26)	254	(23)	212	(32)	238	(24)	219	(17)	67	(36)	134	(34)	902	(35)	2,515	(30)
Oregon	1,436	(22)	10.77	(18)	651	(7)	528	(12)	3,150	(13)	669	(9)	290	(15)	204	(34)	214	(32)	155	(37)	88	(21)	262	(5)	1,269	(11)	3,869	(11)
Pennsylvania	1,459	(21)	10.24	(25)	388	(31)	476	(22)	2,613	(34)	584	(28)	125	(50)	198	(38)	343	(12)	124	(44)	71	(30)	158	(23)	1,010	(26)	2,637	(26)
Rhode Island	1,532	(17)	10.51	(21)	624	(10)	602	(6)	2,981	(20)	550	(34)	211	(33)	176	(42)	470	(4)	191	(26)	91	(20)	272	(4)	1,020	(25)	3,652	(12)
South Carolina	1,138	(44)	10.07	(29)	260	(39)	402	(40)	2,544	(37)	511	(43)	244	(28)	130	(49)	179	(45)	268	(8)	60	(42)	100	(42)	1,052	(22)	2,558	(28)
South Dakota	1,142	(43)	9.66	(38)	477	(22)	579	(9)	2,448	(41)	569	(30)	193	(42)	372	(4)	210	(34)	121	(46)	59	(43)	166	(21)	758	(44)	2,385	(32)
Tennessee	1,077	(46)	8.97	(47)	235	(41)	451	(27)	2,646	(32)	393	(50)	205	(37)	193	(40)	219	(29)	241	(14)	61	(39)	103	(41)	1,232	(13)	2,040	(37)
TEXAS	1,292	(30)	9.58	(39)	517	(20)	330	(48)	2,626	(33)	650	(12)	260	(21)	230	(26)	141	(50)	190	(27)	76	(28)	146	(26)	933	(33)	2,860	(23)
Utah	1,292	(31)	11.76	(6)	366	(32)	556	(10)	3,301	(8)	659	(11)	353	(6)	249	(17)	214	(33)	175	(34)	80	(25)	145	(28)	1,428	(8)	5,268	(3)
Vermont	1,484	(19)	11.12	(12)	556	(14)	611	(5)	2,871	(25)	590	(24)	335	(8)	298	(10)	325	(14)	106	(49)	61	(40)	176	(19)	981	(29)	2,537	(29)
Virginia	1,404	(26)	9.11	(45)	396	(28)	393	(41)	2,441	(43)	602	(21)	248	(25)	234	(23)	174	(46)	198	(23)	78	(27)	110	(40)	796	(42)	1,754	(43)
Washington	1,589	(14)	10.59	(20)	442	(24)	459	(25)	3,523	(4)	612	(20)	291	(14)	217	(30)	278	(18)	193	(24)	86	(22)	134	(33)	1,712	(3)	4,254	(5)
West Virginia	1,214	(41)	11.48	(9)	203	(45)	511	(18)	2,499	(40)	596	(22)	193	(43)	264	(14)	233	(26)	151	(39)	42	(50)	152	(24)	867	(38)	2,612	(27)
Wisconsin	1,730	(9)	12.44	(4)	600	(12)	494	(21)	3,007	(19)	648	(13)	338	(7)	238	(22)	438	(7)	207	(19)	98	(14)	145	(27)	895	(37)	1,983	(41)
Wyoming	2,628	(2)	20.55	(2)	1,173	(1)	968	(1)	4,966	(2)	1,207	(2)	430	(2)	702	(2)	204	(35)	464	(1)	129	(5)	358	(2)	1,474	(6)	4,572	(4)
U.S. Average	1,547		10.57		463		469		2,971		602		235		205		310		222		94		154		1,150		2,733	

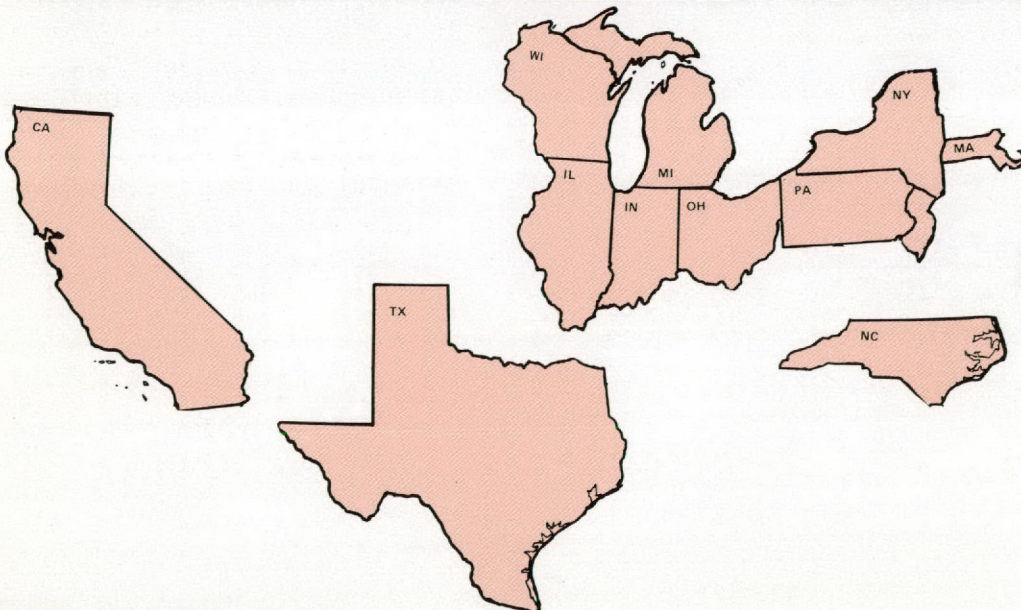
Note: The number in () under each heading is the rank.

How Does Texas Compare to . . .



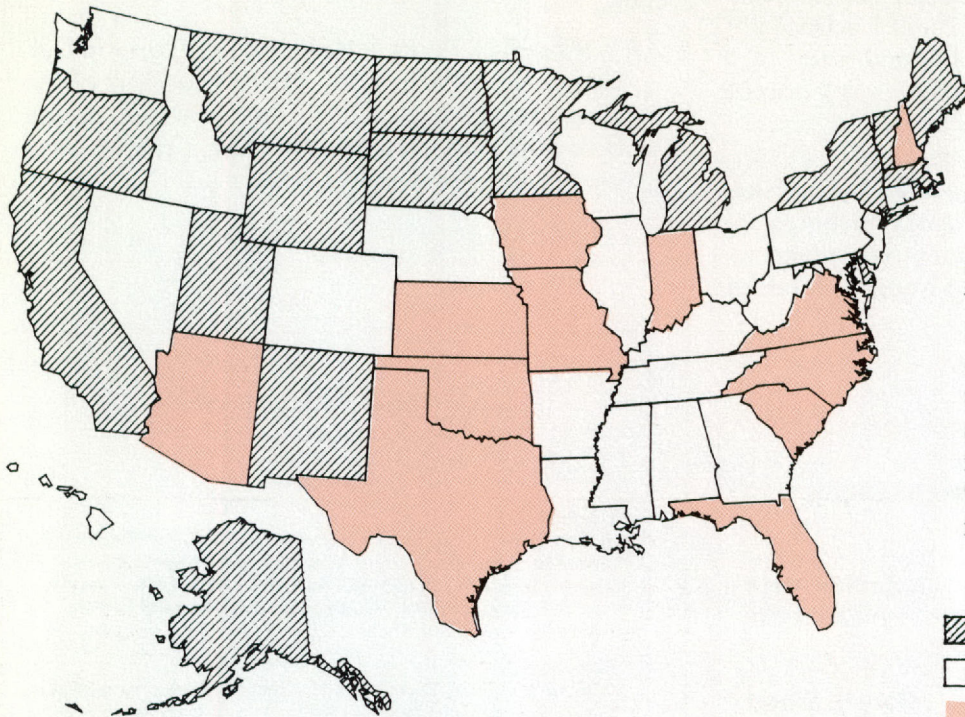
. . . The Sunbelt

	1986 Per Capita Amount			1986 Texas Rank Among:	
	TEXAS	Other Industrial States	Other Sunbelt States	Twelve Industrial States	Eighteen Sunbelt States
Personal Income	\$13,480	\$15,719	\$13,933	10	6
STATE GOVERNMENT					
Tax Revenue	\$667	\$1,050	\$917	12	18
% Personal Income	4.95%	6.68%	6.58%	12	18
UC Taxes	\$57	\$95	\$57	11	8
Federal Aid	273	422	368	12	16
Aid to Local Govt.	368	661	584	12	17
Aid to Local Schools	350	357	381	4	8
General Expense	1,134	1,691	1,514	12	17
State Debt	326	1,104	771	12	18
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT					
Tax Revenue	\$1,292	\$1,743	\$1,369	10	5
% Personal Income	9.58%	11.09%	9.83%	11	12
Property Tax	\$517	\$529	\$333	7	1
Federal Aid	330	509	438	12	16
Total Expense	2,626	3,176	2,806	9	8
Debt	2,860	2,560	2,490	4	6






. . . Other Major Industrial States

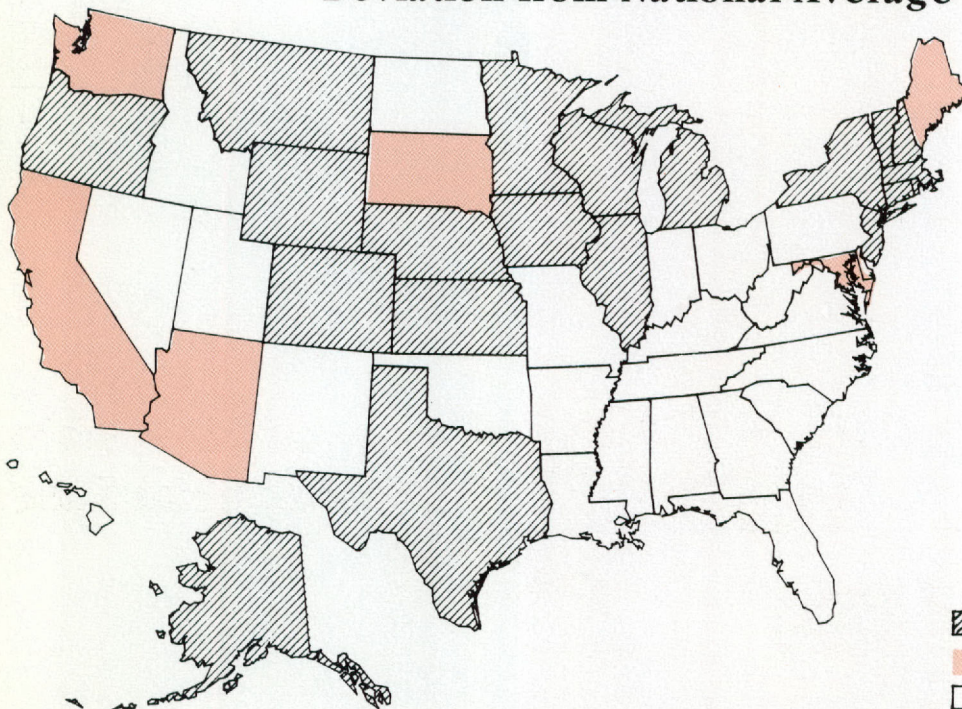
**Per Capita Federal Aid,
State and Local Governments, FY 1986:
Deviation from National Average by State**






There is no real pattern among the states on federal aid winners and losers: 21 states are within 10% of the all-states average, 17 states are more than 110% of the national average, and 12 states (including Texas) receive less than 90%. The "losers" are centered in the Midwest and South.

-  + 11% or more
-  + or - 11%
-  - 11% or more

**Per Capita Property Tax,
State and Local Governments, FY 1986:
Deviation from National Average by State**



The 24 low property tax states (more than 10% below the U.S. average) center in the old South, an area of traditionally low-tax, low-spend. The 20 "highs" (10% above the national average) include most of New England and the northern Midwest. There are only 6 states within 10% of the all-state mean.

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-  + or - 11%
-  - 11% or more

Staff Notes

League Intern Anne Dunkelberg will join the staff full time in June as a research analyst. Dunkelberg, a soon-to-be graduate of UT's LBJ School of Public Affairs, started her internship with the League in the summer of 1987. The completion of her internship project, a study of Medicaid expansion in Texas, will be her first assignment.

Dunkelberg fills the opening created by Sabrina Strawn's departure. Strawn's area of concentration, public school finance, has been reassigned to Research Analyst Janet Beinke, a 12-year veteran of the League staff.

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