

# **Bond Case Briefs**

*Municipal Finance Law Since 1971*

---

## **How Much Does Your State Collect in Property Taxes Per Capita?**

Property taxes are an important source of revenue for local and state governments. In fiscal year (FY) 2018 (the most recent year of data available), property taxes generated 31.1 percent of total U.S. state and local tax collections and 71.7 percent of local tax collections. Local governments rely heavily on property taxes to fund schools, roads, police departments, and fire and emergency medical services, as well as other services associated with residency or property ownership.

On average, state and local governments collected \$1,675 per capita in property taxes nationwide in FY 2018, but collections vary widely from state to state. The highest state and local property tax collections per capita are found in the District of Columbia (\$3,740), followed by New Jersey (\$3,378), New Hampshire (\$3,362), Connecticut (\$3,107), New York (\$3,025), and Vermont (\$2,738). The lowest collections per capita are found in Alabama (\$598), Oklahoma (\$771), Arkansas (\$776), Tennessee (\$799), and New Mexico (\$832).

[Continue reading.](#)

### **Tax Foundation**

by Janelle Cammenga

May 19, 2021