## Personal income tax

## New York State's largest revenue source

The Tax Department collected nearly $\$ 59$ billion in personal income taxes in fiscal year 2023. This is the state's largest revenue source, supporting programs and services including education, health, and public safety.


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## Fewer tax filers

Taxpayers filed fewer than 10.7 million personal income tax returns in New York State in 2022, down from almost 11 million in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic drove an expansion in government relief programs.


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## Fast refunds

The Tax Department processes most personal income tax refunds in 30 days or less. In 2023, the department issued 7.4 million personal income tax refunds from tax year 2022 for a total of $\$ 14.4$ billion.


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## Progressive tax system

New York State's progressive tax system imposes a lower tax rate on lower-income taxpayers. A small number of high-income taxpayers pay most personal income tax.


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## More millionaires

The number of tax returns reporting $\$ 1$ million or more in New York State adjusted gross income was greater than 90,000 in tax year 2021. The number shown below for 2022 is preliminary and likely to increase as the department continues to review and process tax year 2022 returns.


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## Growth of millionaires

The number of millionaires fluctuates with the New York State economy, but not with any single economic indicator.


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## Tax filing composition in New York State is changing

## More single filers

Tax filing status distribution has shifted, with single filers now comprising the majority of resident income tax returns.

Filing status: personal income tax returns, tax years 2017-2022

| Filing status | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Single | $48.4 \%$ | $48.9 \%$ | $49.9 \%$ | $52.1 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ | $51.1 \%$ |
| Married filing jointly | $32.8 \%$ | $32.6 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ |
| Head of household | $16.3 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ |
| Married filing separately | $2.3 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |

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Fewer dependents

The number of dependents reported on New Yorkers' tax returns markedly declined over the past 6 years. Residents claimed 600,000 fewer dependents in 2022 than 6 years ago.


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## Share of returns with dependents

The share of residents claiming dependents on their tax filings dropped by more than 3 percentage points between 2017 and 2022.

Returns with dependents by tax year

| Tax year | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Percentage of returns with <br> dependents | $33.60 \%$ | $33.10 \%$ | $31.70 \%$ | $29.10 \%$ | $29.60 \%$ | $30.06 \%$ |

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As the share of single filers increased, the share of married filing jointly returns with no dependents was largely unchanged. However, married filing jointly returns with dependents declined 2 percentage points and head of household filings with dependents dropped 1 percentage point over the same period.


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## Composition of income for tax year 2022

The nature of income varies considerably as incomes rise. For taxpayers under \$1 million, the primary source of income is from wages and salary. As income rises above $\$ 1$ million, however, wages and salary are displaced by other sources of income, most notably "unearned income" such as dividends and capital gains.


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## Capital gains are highly variable

Taxpayers reported over $\$ 200$ billion in net capital gains in 2021, nearly doubling the annual average amount from all other years since 2017. In 2022, the amount returned to a more typical level.

The share of filers reporting these gains is relatively stable, however, ranging from $17 \%$ to less than $20 \%$ of all returns over this same period.


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## Distribution of capital gains for tax year 2022

Capital gains are more concentrated among high-income taxpayers, with millionaires accounting for over $75 \%$ of all reported capital gains.


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## Digital assets (including cryptocurrency)

Tax filings now include information on the use of digital assets, including cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens. More than 200,000 returns indicated use of these assets in tax year 2022, about half the number of the previous year, with a concentration in younger taxpayers.


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## Voluntary contributions

The number of voluntary contribution funds has increased steadily, but the number of contributions has declined over the same period and the total amount contributed has remained largely unchanged.


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## Top state personal income tax rates

The following table shows the top marginal tax rate in each state. New York State currently imposes the $3^{\text {rd }}$ highest rate in the nation. New York City residents must pay an additional tax of up to $3.876 \%$ to the city, resulting in a combined top marginal income tax rate of $14.776 \%$, the highest in the nation.

Top state personal income tax rates and brackets as of Jan. 1, 2023

| State | Top rate | Bracket |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| California ${ }^{1,2,3}$ | $12.30 \%$ | $\$ 677,275$ |
| Hawaii $^{2}$ | $11.00 \%$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| New York ${ }^{1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 9 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Dist. Of Columbia | $10.75 \%$ | $\$ 1,000,000$ |
| New Jersey | $10.75 \%$ | $\$ 1,000,000$ |
| Oregon ${ }^{1,2}$ | $9.90 \%$ | $\$ 125,000$ |
| Minnesota $^{1,7}$ | $9.85 \%$ | $\$ 183,341$ |
| Vermont $^{1,12}$ | $8.75 \%$ | $\$ 229,500$ |
| Wisconsin $^{1,13}$ | $7.65 \%$ | $\$ 304,170$ |
| Maine ${ }^{1,2}$ | $7.15 \%$ | $\$ 58,050$ |


| Connecticut ${ }^{2}$ | 6.99\% | \$500,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Montana ${ }^{1,2}$ | 6.75\% | \$21,600 |
| Nebraska ${ }^{1,2,14}$ | 6.64\% | \$35,730 |
| Delaware | 6.60\% | \$60,001 |
| West Virginia | 6.50\% | \$60,000 |
| South Carolina ${ }^{1,14}$ | 6.40\% | \$16,040 |
| Iowa 1,14 | 6.00\% | \$75,000 |
| Rhode Island ${ }^{1}$ | 5.99\% | \$166,950 |
| New Mexico ${ }^{9}$ | 5.90\% | \$210,000 |
| Idaho | 5.80\% | \$0 |
| Georgia ${ }^{4}$ | 5.75\% | \$7,001 |
| Maryland ${ }^{5}$ | 5.75\% | \$250,000 |
| Virginia ${ }^{2}$ | 5.75\% | \$17,001 |
| Kansas ${ }^{2}$ | 5.70\% | \$30,000 |
| Alabama ${ }^{2}$ | 5.00\% | \$3,001 |
| Massachusetts ${ }^{6}$ | 5.00\% | \$0 |
| New Hampshire | 5\% on dividends and int |  |
| Mississippi ${ }^{8}$ | 5\% above \$10,000 only |  |
| Illinois ${ }^{1}$ | 4.95\% | \$0 |
| Missouri ${ }^{1}$ | 4.95\% | \$8,449 |
| Arkansas ${ }^{1}$ | 4.90\% | \$8,501 |
| Utah | 4.85\% | \$0 |
| North Carolina | 4.75\% | \$0 |
| Oklahoma ${ }^{11}$ | 4.75\% | \$7,200 |
| Kentucky | 4.50\% | \$0 |
| Colorado | 4.40\% | \$0 |
| Lousiana ${ }^{2,14}$ | 4.25\% | \$50,001 |
| Michigan | 4.25\% | \$0 |
| Ohio ${ }^{1}$ | 3.99\% | \$115,300 |
| Indiana | 3.15\% | \$0 |
| Pennsylvania | 3.07\% | \$0 |
| North Dakota ${ }^{1,10}$ | 2.90\% | \$491,350 |
| Arizona | 2.50\% | \$0 |
| Alaska | n/a |  |
| Florida | n/a |  |
| Nevada | n/a |  |
| South Dakota | n/a |  |
| Tennessee | n/a |  |
| Texas | n/a |  |
| Washington | n/a |  |

Wyoming n/a
(1) 16 states have statutory provision for automatically adjusting to the rate of inflation the dollar values of the income tax brackets, standard deductions, and/or personal exemptions. Oregon does not index the income brackets for $\$ 125,000$ and over.
(2) For joint returns, taxes are twice the tax on half the couple's income
(3) California imposes an additional $1 \%$ tax on taxable income over $\$ 1$ million, making the maximum rate $13.3 \%$ over $\$ 1$ million.
(4) The Georgia income brackets reported are for single individuals. For married couples filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$10,000
(5) The income brackets reported for Maryland are for single individuals. For married couples filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$300,000.
(6) Short-term capital gains in Massachusetts is taxed at 12\% rate. An additional tax of $4 \%$ on income of $\$ 1$ million
(7) The income brackets reported for Minnesota are for single individuals. For married couples filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$304,971
(8) Mississippi rate decreases in 2024 to $4.8 \%$ if net general revenue goal is met.
(9) The income brackets reported for New Mexico are for single individuals. For married couples filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$315,000. (10) The income brackets reported for North Dakota are for single individuals. For married couples filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$491,350.
(11) The income brackets reported for Oklahoma are for single persons. For married persons filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$12,200.
(12) Vermont's income brackets reported are for single individuals. For married taxpayers filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$279,450.
(13) The Wisconsin income brackets reported are for single individuals. For married taxpayers filing jointly, the same tax rates apply to the top income bracket of \$405,550
(14) Louisiana tax rates may be adjusted down if revenue trigger is met on April 1st. lowa is phasing-in a flat rate by 2027, while Nebraska and South Carolina is phasing-in a reduced top rate by 2027

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