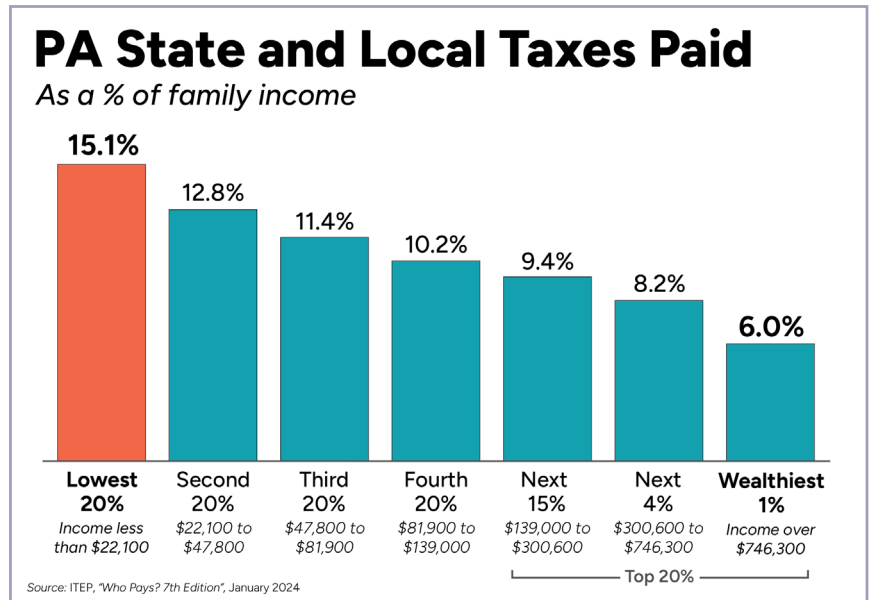


Tax Justice for Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Needs Tax Justice Now!

- Pennsylvanians work hard to take care of their families—but many of us are struggling to make ends meet, while wealthy corporations and the 1% get richer and richer.
- We tax work too much and wealth too little. Working families in Pennsylvania pay among the highest state and local tax rates in the country, but the state’s ultra-rich pay less than half those rates. And greedy multinational corporations pay Pennsylvania no corporate taxes at all.
- Because wealthy corporations and the ultra-rich don’t pay what they owe, our state lacks the resources to provide all Pennsylvanians with opportunities to benefit from their own hard work and contribute to their communities. We can’t provide everyone with a good K-12 education or the opportunity for worker training or a college education. We can’t make our communities safe. And we can’t make health care, childcare, and senior care affordable.



Fast Facts

- When it comes to taxes, PA is the worst state in the country to be poor. The lowest income families pay a higher share of their income to state and local taxes in PA than in any other state in the country.
- The share of income paid in taxes by the richest 1% of Pennsylvanians, with an average income of \$2 million, is half of that paid by the other 99%.

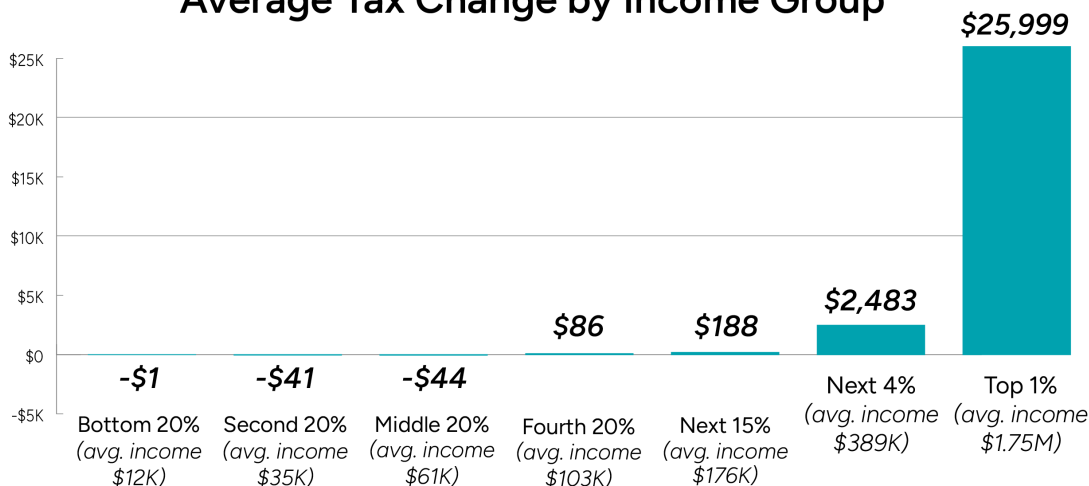
What does “tax justice” mean?

- It means that ultra-rich individuals and wealthy corporations pay what they owe.
- It means that their share of taxes enables us to provide the common goods we all need to create a growing, high-wage economy and a strong future for all of us.
- And it means rejecting even more tax cuts for large corporations and the wealthy—tax cuts that create few jobs but undermine good and equitable public education, the building and improvement of roads and bridges, and other public goods that create jobs.

How to fix our upside-down taxes in Pennsylvania?

- Reform our corporate tax system so wealthy multinational corporations can no longer use the Delaware loophole to stiff PA on what we’re owed. Set the corporate tax rate at 6.5%, slightly below the national average.
- Reform our income tax system by adopting the Fair Share Tax, which taxes income from wages and interest at a lower rate (2.8%) than the current one and income from wealth—dividends, capital gains, and business profits at 6.5%.
- This plan raises \$2.4 billion while cutting taxes for 61% of Pennsylvania families, leaving them unchanged for 22%, and raising them for only 17%. Most of the additional income comes from the top 1%.
- Family-owned small businesses could choose to pay at the 2.8% rate.
- Create a tax on fossil fuel drilling, the same rate as West Virginia’s.

FAIR SHARE TAX PLAN Average Tax Change by Income Group



Source: Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center analysis of Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) data, May 2020

Our campaign for tax fairness is for every Pennsylvanian, no matter where we were born, where we live, what we look like, or how much we have. Join your neighbors from around the state to tell the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass tax justice legislation, including the Fair Share Tax plan, a tax on fossil fuel companies, corporate tax reform, and a working families’ tax credit.

