

MAINE'S TAX BURDEN

Making Maine *Unaffordable*, Year After Year

5TH-HIGHEST tax burden in the entire nation

10.64% of personal income goes to state and local taxes

Maine has ranked among the ten most-taxed states in America for decades. In recent years, it has climbed into the top five, alongside New York, California, Hawaii, and Illinois.

Here's what that means for Maine families: if you earn **less than \$100,000 a year**, you pay more in state income tax than you would in **any other New England state**. Maine's overall tax burden is **nearly double that of New Hampshire**, even though average property taxes are roughly the same in both states.

Under Gov. Mills and the Democratic majority, Augusta has **raised or expanded taxes at least a dozen times since 2019**. And rather than offering relief, lawmakers are pushing **more tax increases in 2026**, including new income tax brackets and higher taxes on businesses.

Augusta Democrats are also insisting Maine **continue to tax tips and overtime wages**, even after the federal government moved to exempt them, meaning Mainers will see a smaller benefit from recent federal tax relief than workers in other states. Maine seniors will also lose out on an **additional \$6,000 income tax deduction passed by Congress last year**.

The Bottom Line:

THEY TAKE TOO MUCH

Maine is the 5th-highest taxed state in America and Augusta Democrats aren't done. Families are struggling to make ends meet, yet the Legislature keeps taking more.

The Solution:

1. Cut back spending to reduce overall tax burden, and repeal income tax.
2. Dedicate future budget revenue surpluses to lower taxes over the next budget cycle.
3. Enact a constitutional cap limiting state budget growth to population growth plus inflation.