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# Truth in Accounting's Mission

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- To educate and empower citizens with understandable, reliable, and transparent government financial information.





## Financial State of the States NOW AVAILABLE

Our tenth annual Financial State of the States report, a nationwide analysis of the most recent state government financial information, is **now available**

US Published National Debt  
**\$22,460,477,392,734**

The Truth  
**\$118,888,928,296,400**

Each Taxpayer's Share: **\$779,000**



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State Chart

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City Chart

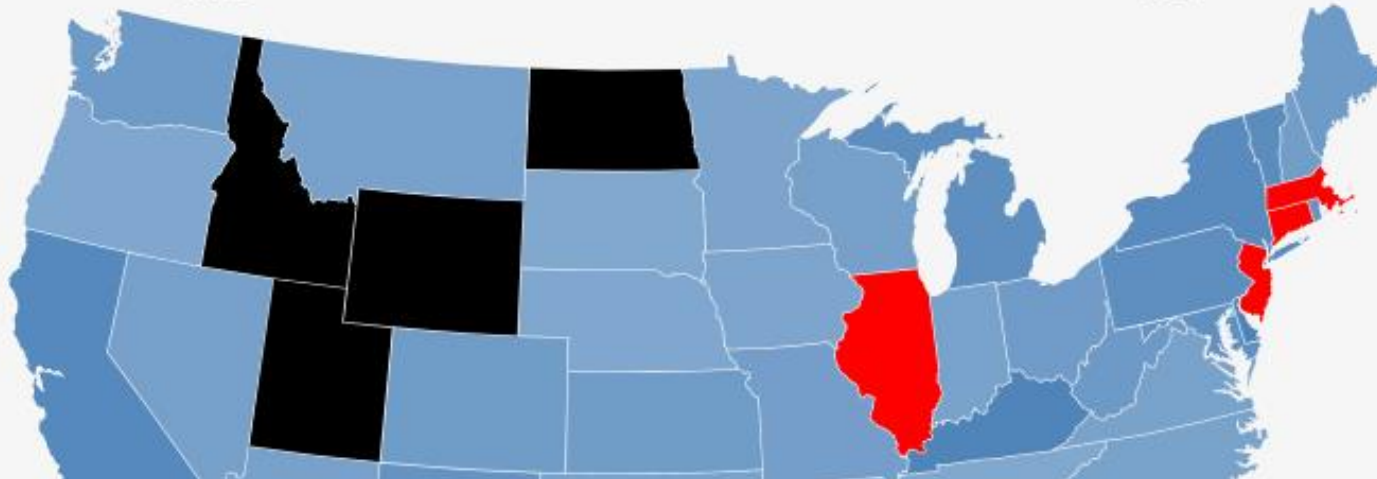
Chart of the Week



## EXPLORE

2009

2018



**Taxpayer Burden**

-80000  
-60000  
-40000  
-20000  
0  
20000  
40000  
60000  
80000



SELECT MULTIPLE  
STATES

OR



SELECT MULTIPLE  
DATA SERIES

**STEP 1** SELECT STATE(S)

5 ITEMS SELECTED

SELECT ALL

CLEAR

Alabama  
Alaska  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois

Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska

Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota

Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming  
50 STATE AVERAGE  
TOTAL



## STEP 2 SELECT DATA SERIES

See [Demographic](#) | See [Economic](#) | See [State Financial Data](#)

### TRUTH IN ACCOUNTING

#### Assets

Assets Available to Pay Bills

Assets Restricted by Law or Contract

Assets Reported

Capital Assets

#### Bills

Bonds Payable

Debt Related To Capital Assets

Other Liabilities

Total Bills

#### Taxpayer Burden

Money Available (Needed) to Pay Bills

TIA Grade

TIA Ranking

Taxpayer Burden™ or Taxpayer Surplus™

Taxpayers Estimate

Timeliness of Annual Report

Zombie Index Ranking

#### Unfunded Retirement Benefits

OPEB Funding Ratio

Pension Funding Ratio

Unfunded Pension Benefits

Unfunded Retiree Health Care Benefits

Unfunded Retirement Benefits (Actual)

Unfunded Retirement Benefits (Reported)

Unfunded Retirement Benefits (Actual vs. Reported)

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### DEMOGRAPHIC

#### Population

Age Median (State)

Age Median for Female Residents

Age Median for Male Residents

Birth Rate Per 1,000 Population

#### Elections

Electoral Votes

Gerrymandering Index Ranking

Presidential Election Popular Vote (Dem)

Presidential Election Popular Vote (Green)

**STEP 3** SELECT AVAILABLE YEAR(S)

SELECT ALL

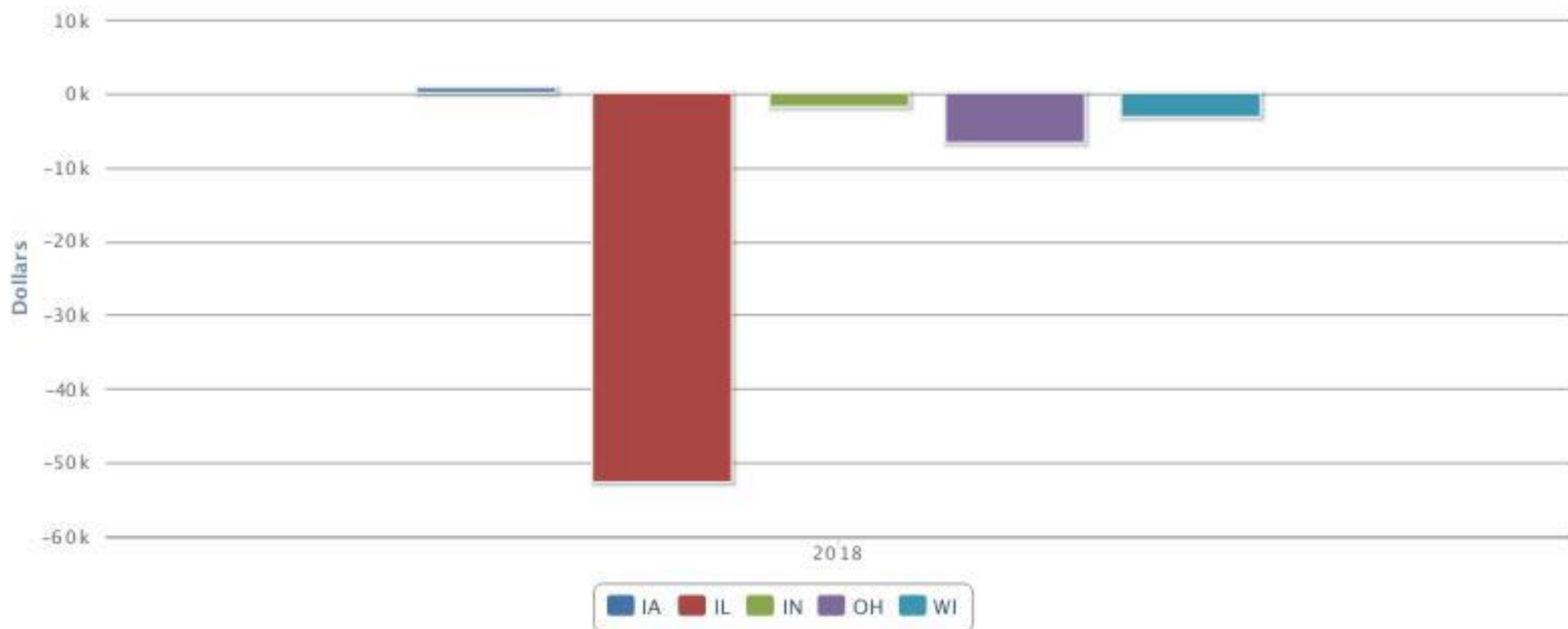
CLEAR

1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2016	2017	2018	2019						

GENERATE CHART



## Taxpayer Burden™ or Taxpayer Surplus™



Source: TIA and outside sources

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# Where does the data come from?

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Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)      FBI

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)      U.S.  
Census Bureau

Department of Housing and      Zillow  
Urban Development (HUD)







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