

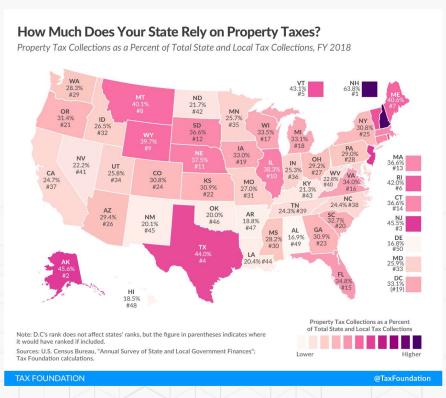
# PROPERTY TAX PRESSURES & TRADEOFFS

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### **The Property Tax**

#### Property Tax:

- 1. Transparent
- 2. Neutral
- 3. Comports with the Benefit Principle
- 4. Often is Self-Reinforcing

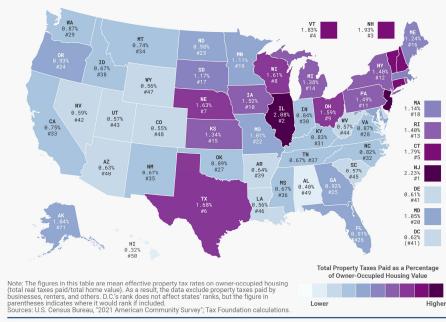


### **Property Tax Trends**

- 1. Property taxes make up 72% of local tax revenue.
- 2. Nationally, housing values **1** 33.6% (in some places, much more).
- 3. People are paying more (median property tax bill 14.3%).
- In 2022, in real terms, property tax collections ♣ 5.5% (compared to 2019).
- 5. People are paying more, and government is collecting less. Why? Inflation.

#### **How High Are Property Taxes in Your State?**

Property Taxes Paid as a Percentage of Owner-Occupied Housing Value, 2021



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# **Common Property Tax Relief Options and Drawbacks**

**Homestead Exemptions** 

Tax Swaps

**Assessment Limits** 

**Rate Limits** 

**Levy Limits** 

# Some Have Considered Eliminating the Property Tax

Florida (a proposal in the Florida legislature to study the matter)

Nebraska (EPIC ballot initiative)

North Dakota (citizen initiative)

Texas (using compression to eliminate property taxes over time)

Wyoming (considered raising the sales tax to eliminate the property tax on most residential homes)



## **THANK YOU**

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