



*“Washington’s tax system is the most regressive in the nation, placing a disproportionate burden on those with the lowest incomes.” — TIME Magazine*

Washington’s archaic revenue system is considered the most “unfair” in the nation, ranked number 50, after Texas, Florida and South Dakota (*Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy*).

### **Top of the Terrible 10**

As reported in the *New York Times*, Washington is at the top of the list of “Terrible 10” because compared to the richest Washingtonians, the people who can least afford it pay a much higher portion of their incomes in state and local taxes. The revenue from these sources fund schools, health care, public safety, and other investments that create jobs, promote a strong state economy, and improve everyone’s quality of life. The burden is even greater on communities of color, who pay a disproportionate portion of Washington’s state and local taxes.

### **Outdated and unfair**

According to experts (*Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy*), Washington State’s outdated revenue system has many problems, including:

- **Relies too heavily on sales taxes**
- **Imposes gross receipts tax in lieu of corporate profits tax**
- **Gives hundreds of tax breaks to large profitable corporations that don’t need them**
- **No tax rebate for hard-working families with children (Earned Income Tax Credit)**
- **No capital gains tax, unlike 41 other states including Oregon, Idaho, California, Utah and Montana**