

Bush 2003 Tax Plan a Big Fat Zero for a Third of Nation's Taxpayers

Percentages with no tax cut are much higher in poorer states

Almost a third of America's couples and singles would receive absolutely no tax cut from President Bush's proposals to accelerate some of his previously-enacted tax cuts and exempt dividends from personal income taxes. A new analysis released by Citizens for Tax Justice looks at the 2003 effects of the latest Bush tax cut plan on a state-by-state basis. The analysis finds that the shares of taxpayers slated to get no tax cut are especially high in lower-income states.

- Nationwide, 42 million couples and singles—31 percent of all taxpayers—would get nothing from the Bush plan.
- The dozen states with the highest percentages of taxpayers who would get nothing at all from the latest Bush tax proposals include: Mississippi (44%), Louisiana (42%), West Virginia (42%), Arkansas (40%), Alabama (39%), Kentucky (38%), Oklahoma (38%), South Carolina (36%), Montana (36%), Idaho (35%), Tennessee (35%), and New Mexico (35%). Ironically, all of these states except New Mexico cast their electoral votes for Bush in the last presidential election.
- A total of 64 million taxpayers—almost half the nation's total—would get less than \$100 from the Bush plan.

States with the highest share of taxpayers getting nothing from the 2003 Bush tax plan

	% with no tax cut
Mississippi	44%
Louisiana	42%
West Virginia	42%
Arkansas	40%
Alabama	39%
Kentucky	38%
Oklahoma	38%
South Carolina	36%
Montana	36%
Idaho	35%
Tennessee	35%
New Mexico	35%

“It’s no wonder that the President’s latest round of upper-income tax cuts is polling so poorly,” said CTJ director Robert S. McIntyre. “Four out of five taxpayers would get no tax cut from Bush’s proposal to eliminate taxes on dividends, one in three would get zero from the entire package, and the median tax reduction is only \$289. Why would most people want to endanger important programs, swell both federal and state budget deficits, and hurt our economy for so little in return?”

A table showing the shares of taxpayers in each state with no tax cut under the Bush plan, along with the President’s proposed tax cuts for median-income taxpayers and the top one percent in each state follows.

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The Bush 2003 Tax Cut Plan, State-by-State

State	Average tax cut for state's middle 20%	Average tax cut for state's top 1%	% of couples & singles with zero tax cut	Number with zero tax cut	% of couples & singles with <\$100 tax cut*	Number with <\$100*	Rankings			
							Middle 20% tax cut	Tax cut for top 1%	% with zero tax cut	% with <\$100 tax cut
United States	\$ -289	\$ -30,127	31%	42 million	48%	64 million				
Alabama	-188	-20,471	39%	818,100	57%	1,176,900	48	33	5	2
Alaska	-425	-19,936	23%	67,300	42%	124,700	3	35	49	48
Arizona	-250	-22,431	31%	682,400	50%	1,108,700	35	30	19	17
Arkansas	-229	-23,172	40%	494,500	55%	685,000	45	27	4	5
California	-305	-35,940	28%	4,197,000	47%	6,939,800	20	12	32	32
Colorado	-315	-28,654	26%	569,000	47%	1,007,200	19	18	40	32
Connecticut	-429	-66,072	22%	355,900	37%	595,600	2	1	50	51
Delaware	-233	-36,377	28%	107,900	48%	185,600	42	11	32	27
District of Columbia	-251	-61,009	27%	71,600	50%	132,100	32	2	37	17
Florida	-240	-39,086	33%	2,626,800	52%	4,073,200	40	7	14	12
Georgia	-245	-26,882	33%	1,282,100	52%	1,995,300	36	20	14	12
Hawaii	-331	-16,308	30%	172,500	48%	275,900	16	45	24	27
Idaho	-245	-18,743	35%	214,300	52%	317,600	37	40	10	12
Illinois	-336	-38,452	29%	1,656,600	45%	2,592,500	15	9	29	41
Indiana	-343	-22,511	29%	822,300	47%	1,332,300	13	29	29	32
Iowa	-296	-17,320	31%	423,000	49%	674,400	22	44	19	23
Kansas	-361	-23,981	30%	366,800	47%	586,100	8	23	24	32
Kentucky	-239	-19,054	38%	720,700	54%	1,026,500	41	37	6	8
Louisiana	-183	-18,747	42%	842,600	57%	1,133,400	50	38	2	2
Maine	-260	-15,305	31%	192,100	53%	326,500	29	48	19	9
Maryland	-337	-30,351	24%	594,400	43%	1,089,600	14	16	45	45
Massachusetts	-353	-46,616	25%	782,500	43%	1,310,100	11	4	44	45
Michigan	-328	-27,554	29%	1,308,400	46%	2,099,900	17	19	29	40
Minnesota	-370	-22,884	24%	570,900	44%	1,033,100	5	28	45	44
Mississippi	-132	-15,425	44%	573,000	59%	765,200	51	47	1	1
Missouri	-254	-25,999	31%	825,200	50%	1,318,000	31	21	19	17
Montana	-231	-14,376	36%	153,900	55%	233,500	44	49	8	5
Nebraska	-250	-18,744	26%	214,000	47%	380,400	33	39	40	32
Nevada	-244	-43,079	24%	239,700	47%	465,200	38	6	45	32
New Hampshire	-438	-33,504	19%	114,500	41%	242,400	1	13	51	49
New Jersey	-412	-38,236	26%	1,022,200	41%	1,643,700	4	10	40	49
New Mexico	-291	-15,961	35%	272,900	53%	410,700	23	46	10	9
New York	-261	-48,239	34%	2,997,000	50%	4,440,100	28	3	13	17
North Carolina	-257	-21,562	32%	1,268,900	51%	1,992,800	30	32	16	15
North Dakota	-250	-13,268	32%	96,500	49%	144,800	34	50	16	23
Ohio	-287	-20,387	28%	1,580,900	47%	2,634,500	24	34	32	32
Oklahoma	-240	-17,700	38%	569,100	53%	798,000	39	42	6	9
Oregon	-318	-19,645	30%	510,800	50%	834,500	18	36	24	17
Pennsylvania	-285	-29,051	30%	1,766,100	49%	2,846,300	25	17	24	23
Rhode Island	-215	-22,039	31%	153,200	50%	248,800	46	31	19	17
South Carolina	-184	-18,295	36%	687,800	55%	1,042,300	49	41	8	5
South Dakota	-272	-23,700	30%	103,600	49%	171,300	27	25	24	23
Tennessee	-232	-23,566	35%	970,300	51%	1,407,600	43	26	10	15
Texas	-283	-32,571	32%	2,971,700	48%	4,440,700	26	14	16	27
Utah	-366	-24,385	28%	265,700	48%	458,500	7	22	32	27
Vermont	-356	-17,630	24%	70,900	43%	125,400	9	43	45	45
Virginia	-299	-31,957	27%	909,300	48%	1,640,600	21	15	37	27
Washington	-370	-45,667	26%	754,400	45%	1,294,700	6	5	40	41
West Virginia	-198	-12,662	42%	348,800	56%	464,700	47	51	2	4
Wisconsin	-354	-23,862	27%	695,200	47%	1,185,900	10	24	37	32
Wyoming	-345	-38,652	28%	66,700	45%	107,400	12	8	32	41

*Includes taxpayers with zero tax cut.