











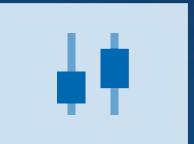


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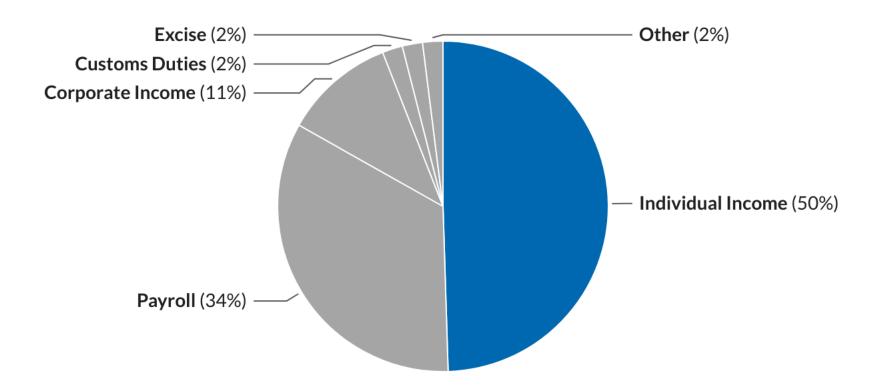






### Half of the federal government's revenues come from individual income taxes

2024 Revenues: \$4,890 Billion



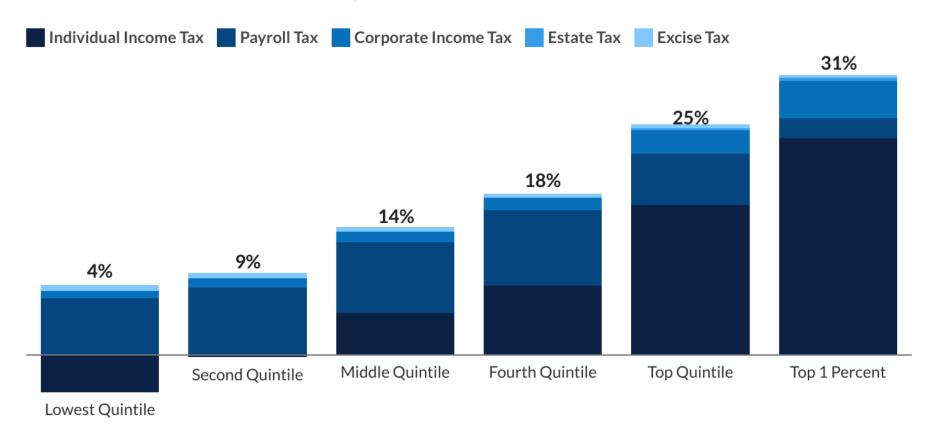
Source: Congressional Budget Office

Notes: Other includes estate and gift taxes, income from the Federal Reserve, and miscellaneous fees and fines. Total may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



# All income groups pay taxes, but overall the U.S. federal tax system is progressive

Effective Federal Tax Rate (% of Expanded Cash Income in 2022)



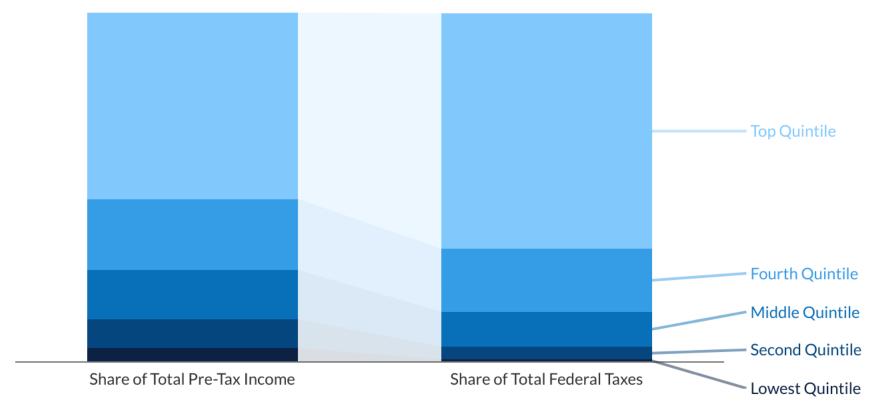
Source: Tax Policy Center

Notes: Individual income tax rates for the lowest and second quintiles are negative and are netted against the payroll tax rate. A quintile is one-fifth of the population. The breaks are (in 2022 dollars): 20% \$30,000; 40% \$58,500; 60% \$103,800; 80% \$189,200; 90% \$276,100; 95% \$398,100; 99% \$982,600; 99.9% \$4,439,400.



#### The top quintile of taxpayers earn a disproportionate share of pretax income and pay an even larger share of total federal taxes

Share by Income Quintile (%)



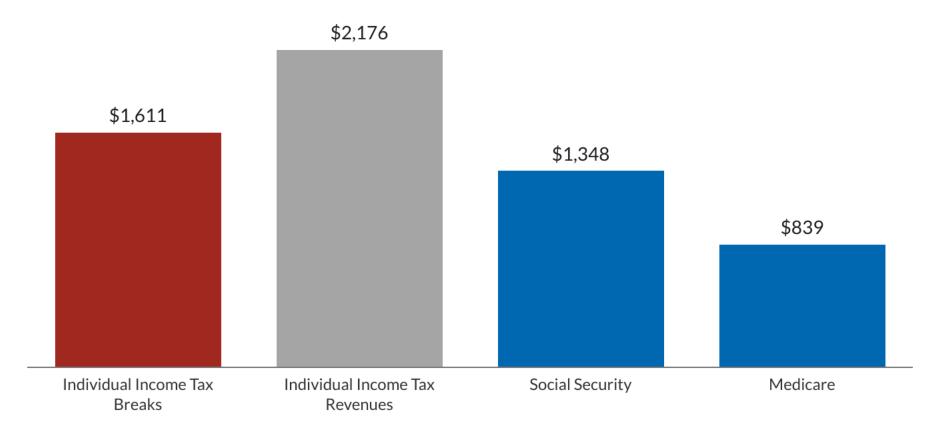
Source: The Tax Policy Center

Notes: Federal taxes include the excise tax, estate tax, corporate income tax, payroll tax, and individual income tax. Quintiles and pre-tax income are measured by expanded cash income. Each quintile contains one-fifth of the population. Lowest Quintile: Less than \$30,000. Second Quintile: \$30,001-\$58,500. Middle Quintile: \$58,501-\$103,800. Fourth Quintile: \$103,801-\$189,200. Top Quintile: More than \$189,200. Data are for 2022.



# Individual income tax breaks cost more than any other government spending program

**Budgetary Cost in 2023 (Billions of \$)** 



Sources: Joint Committee on Taxation and Congressional Budget Office

Note: Tax expenditures are deductions, credits, exclusions, and preferential rates. The estimates for tax expenditures reflect the total in the individual and corporate income tax systems; they do not account for any interactive effects of combining various provisions. Medicare spending is net of premiums and payments from the states.



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### Eight popular tax provisions account for about 80 percent of individual income tax expenditures

| Largest Individual Income Tax Expenditures  | Budgetary Cost in 2023<br>(Billions of \$) |
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| Exclusion of pension contributions and earnings and individual retirement arrangements* | 369  |
| Exclusions of and reductions on dividends and long-term capital gains**                 | 311  |
| Exclusion of employer contributions for medical insurance and care                      | 202  |
| Child Tax Credit (CTC)  | 122  |
| Subsidies for insurance purchased through health benefit exchanges                      | 80   |
| Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)   | 71   |
| Step-up basis of capital gains at death   | 58   |
| 20-Percent deduction for certain Pass-through income                                    | 56   |
| Total   | 1,269                                      |

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation

Notes: \*Estimate includes defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. \*\*Estimate includes qualified dividends, home sales, and exclusion of small corporate stock. Entries do not sum due to rounding.



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