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## IIlinois needs reforms, not tax hikes

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## Illinois has shrunk more than any other state

Population, 2019 vs. 2010
3,600,000
$3,100,000$
2,600,000
2,100,000
1,600,000
1,100,000
600,000
Illinois has 170,000
fewer people today



## Illinois has one of nation's highest state/local tax burdens

Taxes as a percentage of state income, FY 2012


## Kiplinger 50-state ranking:

Illinois: nation's "least tax-friendly state"

## WalletHub 50-state ranking:

Illinois: nation's highest effective state/local tax rate (14.96\%)


## Illinois home values suffer one of the nation's worst declines

Inflation-adjusted growth in home values, 2005-2018


# Illinois is the most corrupt state in America. 

## 891 convictions

for public corruption since 2000, the most in the nation.

## Progressive tax

 introductory rates| $4.75 \%$ | $\$ 0-\$ 10 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $4.90 \%$ | $\$ 10 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $4.95 \%$ | $\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $7.75 \%$ | $\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 350 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $7.85 \%$ | $\$ 350 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 750 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $7.99 \%$ flat | $\$ 750 \mathrm{~K}+$ |

Introductory rates raise: $\$ 3.6$ billion

+ \$1.8 Structural deficit
+ \$1.0 Unpaid bills
$+\$ 4.0 \quad$ Actual pension costs
$=\$ 10.0$ billion

|  | Marginal <br> tax rate | Income tax <br> bracket |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Progressive tax rates <br> needed to raise <br> $\$ 10$ billion | $4.95 \%$ | $\$ 0-50 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{8 . 5 \%}$ | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  | $9.0 \%$ | $\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 150 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  | $9.5 \%$ | $\$ 150 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  | $10.5 \%$ | $\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 1 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  |  | $\$ 1 \mathrm{M}+$ |

## \$5 billion-plus

Education spending

Progressive tax rates needed to raise $\$ 15$ billion

| Marginal <br> tax rate | Income tax <br> bracket |
| :---: | :---: |
| $4.95 \%$ | $\$ 0-50 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $9.5 \%$ | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $10.0 \%$ | $\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $13.0 \%$ | $\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $13.5 \%$ | $\$ 250 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 1 \mathrm{M}$ |
| $14.0 \%$ | $\$ 1 \mathrm{M}+$ |



> Most of Illinois' neighbors are flat or virtually-flat tax states

## Tax hikes of the past few years

- Gas tax (Now 3rd-highest in the nation)
- Cigarette and e-cig taxes (Now 9th-highest in the nation)
- Vehicle registration fee hike
- Real estate transfer tax hike
- New gambling expansion and taxes


## Illinois' flat tax is already progressive

Income taxes as a share of family income, 2015


IIlinois' rate: 4.95\% flat

## Highest tax brackets

| Missouri: | $5.4 \%$ on $\$ 8,424$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Georgia: | $5.75 \%$ on $\$ 7,000$ |
| N. Mexico: | $4.9 \%$ on $\$ 16,000$ |

"One thing a progressive tax would do is make clear you can have graduated rates when you are taxing retirement income."
-Treasurer Michael Frerichs

## Every state with a progressive tax also taxes retirement income




# 93 of Illinois' 102 counties have lost population since 2010 

## IIlinois out-migration

350,000

330,000
310,000
290,000
270,000
250,000
230,000
210,000
190,000
170,000
150,000

Final Thoughts

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