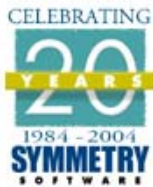




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A Comparison of State Withholdings

When you receive your paycheck, do you ever look at the state income tax withholding and think about relocating? I think all of us, unless we're lucky enough to live in a state with no income tax (AK, FL, NV, NH, SD, TN, TX, WA, WY) do that at one time or another. But where do we go?

We decided to do a quick state income tax comparison by calculating annual withholding amounts for two "typical" employees. We realize that by comparing withholding amounts, rather than actual, calculated income tax liabilities, we are only estimating ranking among states but thought the resulting approximation would provide us some food for thought in our relocation consideration.

We first defined our "typical" employees:

(1) Ms. Red is single, has no dependents, claims 1 exemption, does not itemize deductions, and makes \$24,000 per year.

(2) Mr. Green is married (and his wife has no income), has two kids, claims 4 exemptions and makes \$53,000 per year. He .

We do not account for any local taxes such as those required in Pennsylvania and Ohio. No disability withholding is taken into consideration either. Examples of this are California and Hawaii.

For the example, we visited [Paycheck City](#) and set up our two employees in the "Paycheck Calculator". Finally, we ran a payroll for each employee for each state and tabulated the results (shown below).

Tax year 2005 comparison

State	Ms. Red: Single-1	Mr. Green: Married- 4	State
Oregon	1611	3527	Washington DC
Hawaii	1353	3237	Oregon
Washington DC	1347	3163	Wisconsin
Idaho	1208	2928	Hawaii
Wisconsin	1200	2834	North Carolina

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Utah	1185	2820	Arkansas
North Carolina	1168	2699	Kentucky
Oklahoma	1140	2619	Oklahoma
Kentucky	1077	2611	Utah
South Carolina	1051	2584	South Carolina
Maine	1017	2514	Iowa
Minnesota	1016	2447	New York
Massachusetts	985	2410	Virginia
Georgia	950	2355	Massachusetts
Mississippi	935	2302	Montana
Maryland	931	2270	Mississippi
Montana	904	2071	Idaho
Virginia	898	2056	Georgia
Colorado	887	2041	Ohio
Arkansas	880	2039	Nebraska
Iowa	858	2037	Louisiana
Alabama	851	1967	Maryland
Nebraska	813	1955	Alabama
Michigan	811	1952	Minnesota
Indiana	782	1876	Maine
West Virginia	780	1875	West Virginia
Kansas	759	1821	Missouri
New York	738	1754	Delaware
Pennsylvania	736	1666	Indiana
Missouri	701	1627	Pennsylvania
New Mexico	684	1577	Colorado
Rhode Island	680	1568	Michigan
Delaware	670	1550	Kansas
Illinois	660	1350	Illinois
Vermont	653	1323	New Mexico
Ohio	647	1266	Rhode Island
Louisiana	565	1170	Connecticut
Arizona	543	1159	Vermont
California	395	943	Arizona
North Dakota	365	880	New Jersey
New Jersey	360	835	California
Connecticut	313	672	North Dakota

Again, because our comparison is based upon withholdings (which may or may not take into account excess itemized deduction amounts) and not actual liabilities, take the results with a grain of salt. But the next time you think of relocating, you might have some idea where to start!

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