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Table 2

**State and Local Tax Burden Per Capita,
Fiscal Year 2009**

| State | Tax Burden Per Capita | Rank | State | Tax Burden Per Capita | Rank |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------|------|
| U.S. | \$4,160 | – | Mont. | \$3,216 | 38 |
| Ala. | \$2,967 | 47 | Nebr. | \$3,960 | 19 |
| Alaska | \$2,973 | 46 | Nev. | \$3,311 | 34 |
| Ariz. | \$3,140 | 40 | N.H. | \$3,765 | 24 |
| Ark. | \$3,281 | 35 | N.J. | \$6,751 | 2 |
| Calif. | \$4,910 | 6 | N.M. | \$2,997 | 45 |
| Colo. | \$4,011 | 18 | N.Y. | \$6,157 | 3 |
| Conn. | \$7,256 | 1 | N.C. | \$3,583 | 28 |
| Del. | \$4,091 | 17 | N.D. | \$3,892 | 22 |
| Fla. | \$3,897 | 21 | Ohio | \$3,652 | 27 |
| Ga. | \$3,350 | 32 | Okla. | \$3,259 | 37 |
| Hawaii | \$4,399 | 12 | Ore. | \$3,761 | 25 |
| Idaho | \$3,276 | 36 | Pa. | \$4,190 | 15 |
| Ill. | \$4,596 | 9 | R.I. | \$4,647 | 8 |
| Ind. | \$3,396 | 31 | S.C. | \$2,742 | 49 |
| Iowa | \$3,688 | 26 | S.D. | \$3,042 | 42 |
| Kans. | \$3,911 | 20 | Tenn. | \$2,752 | 48 |
| Ky. | \$3,059 | 41 | Tex. | \$3,197 | 39 |
| La. | \$3,037 | 43 | Utah | \$3,349 | 33 |
| Maine | \$3,832 | 23 | Vt. | \$4,181 | 16 |
| Md. | \$5,218 | 5 | Va. | \$4,392 | 13 |
| Mass. | \$5,316 | 4 | Wash. | \$4,408 | 11 |
| Mich. | \$3,565 | 29 | W.Va. | \$3,034 | 44 |
| Minn. | \$4,651 | 7 | Wis. | \$4,427 | 10 |
| Miss. | \$2,678 | 50 | Wyo. | \$4,205 | 14 |
| Mo. | \$3,425 | 30 | D.C. | \$6,076 | (3) |

Note: Data for years 1977 to present are available at www.Tax-Foundation.org. Payments made to out-of-state governments are tallied in taxpayer's state of residence where possible. See Table 37 for average people per household by state.

Source: Tax Foundation calculation of state and local tax burdens, *Tax Foundation Special Report No. 189*.