



Over 167,000 Minnesota Families See a Trump Tax Hike

Now that most Minnesotans have filled out their taxes this year, many are in shock—the sizable refund they are accustomed to receiving has been drastically reduced or turned into a bill for thousands of dollars owed to the IRS. For some, the unpleasant surprise at tax time results from withholding—they had less tax withheld from their paychecks last year as a result of changes in the withholding schedules, but the amounts were too small for them to notice—and now they find themselves owing the government at tax time.

But for 167,169 Minnesota families, the new law was much more than the withholding changes. Due to a combination of changes including eliminating personal and dependent exemptions and capping the State and Local Tax deductions, and eliminating the deduction for employee business expenses, among other changes, these families have seen their taxes actually go up since President Trump's tax law went into effect. Meanwhile, as a result of the same legislation, President Trump's political donors reaped windfalls as high as hundreds of millions of dollars, and big corporations such as the pharmaceutical industry reaped billions.

Units with a Tax Hike, 2018

United States	10,260,263
Alabama	109,978
Alaska	7,796
Arizona	194,749
Arkansas	72,491
California	1,736,118
Colorado	164,539
Connecticut	157,571
Delaware	13,742
District of Columbia	43,015
Florida	497,088
Georgia	363,891
Hawaii	48,360
Idaho	44,219
Illinois	362,139
Indiana	119,748
Iowa	64,810
Kansas	45,127

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Kentucky	105,629
Louisiana	142,606
Maine	53,589
Maryland	329,595
Massachusetts	176,626
Michigan	231,616
Minnesota	167,169
Mississippi	76,943
Missouri	163,190
Montana	36,246
Nebraska	50,370
Nevada	69,987
New Hampshire	34,196
New Jersey	411,809
New Mexico	37,534
New York	1,211,721
North Carolina	308,487
North Dakota	3,053
Ohio	336,146
Oklahoma	66,905
Oregon	148,126
Pennsylvania	335,115
Rhode Island	33,883
South Carolina	188,704
South Dakota	9,631
Tennessee	163,043
Texas	624,481
Utah	62,124
Vermont	8,471
Virginia	298,969
Washington	159,823
West Virginia	37,815
Wisconsin	117,252
Wyoming	14,026

Source: Author's Calculation based on Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, "Extensions of the New Tax Law's Temporary Provisions Would Mainly Benefit the Wealthy," (2018) available at <https://itep.org/tcja20182026/>