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HOW DOES COLORADO COMPARE?

- **Colorado's business tax climate** ranked 8th in the nation in 2004, according to the Tax Foundation. This relatively attractive tax climate provides an incentive for business.
- **Colorado's state/local tax burden** is among the lowest in the nation. Individual taxpayer incomes have risen faster than combined state and local tax collections. Colorado's state/local tax burden, 9.5%, ranks 37th in the nation, well below the average of 10.1%.
- **Colorado's individual income tax** ranks 6th lowest among states levying individual tax.
- **Colorado's corporate income tax** ranks 3rd lowest among states levying corporate income tax.
- **Colorado's sales tax** is the lowest rate in the nation, among states levying sales tax.
- **Colorado** is one of 12 states that do not collect state-level **property taxes**: Among the states that collect these taxes, the amount is fairly small -- usually about 5% of what the local governments collect.
- **Colorado** ranks next to last in **state tax collections** as measured by per capita/per \$1000 of income yet by the same measure, it is the 9th wealthiest state in the country.

(Based on information from the Tax Foundation, Washington D.C., April 2005)