

State and Local Taxes

Tishomingo County, Mississippi, USA

Mississippi has one of the lowest per capita tax burdens in the United States, and Tishomingo County has one of the lowest tax rates in Mississippi. The millage rate is applied to 15% of the market value of real estate. The average three bedroom brick home in Tishomingo County has an annual real estate property tax of approximately \$300.

The millage rate for Tishomingo County in 2014 is 87.75 mills—99.00 mills for 2018. Millage rates for the municipalities in Tishomingo County are as follows: Belmont--19.14 mills—24.48 mills; Burnsville--20.00 mills—still 20.00 mills; Golden--11.00 mills—13.22 mills; luka--13.37 mills—17.23 mills; Paden--8.25 mills—still 8.25 mills; and Tishomingo--25.00 mills—27.00 mills.

The school tax is included within the millage rate. 49.00 mills is dedicated to the local schools. Still 49 mills.

A ten year ad valorem exemption and the Freeport Warehouse exemption may be granted on property used for manufacturing, processing, or refining, and on distribution centers and certain qualified tourism facilities. For large job creating projects investing at least \$100 (changed to \$60 million in 2018) million, a fee-in-lieu-of taxes may be negotiated with the county.

Retirees do not pay state income tax on qualified retirement income. Social security is not taxed, regardless of total income. Qualified retirement income includes IRA's, 401/403's, Keogh's, public and private pension funds, and interest income from federal securities and obligations of Mississippi and its political subdivisions.

The state's income tax rates are 3% on the first \$5,000, 4% on the second \$5,000, and 5% above \$10,000. The standard deduction is \$2,300 for singles and \$4,600 for married couples filing jointly and/or as head of household. The same itemized deductions for the federal income tax apply with the exception of state income tax. Single taxpayers may claim a \$6,000 exemption while joint applicants can claim \$12,000. \$1,500 is allowed for each additional exemption for dependents or for those 65 and older.

Real estate is assessed at 15% of market value. A homestead real estate tax credit of \$240 applies to residential property used as the principle residence. Persons age 65 and older, or persons who are disabled, qualify for a property tax exemption up to \$70,000 of the market value on homestead property. Any value over \$70,000 is taxed at the same as other property.

Vehicles are assessed at 30% of market value. This tax is reduced by a percentage assigned each year by the state legislature.

The state sales tax rate is 7% for most goods and services. There is no local sales tax except for a small tourism or hotel/motel tax of 2%. Prescription drugs, motor fuels, health care services, residential utilities, and newspapers are not subject to sales taxes.

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