

The More You Earn, The Less You Pay Per Dollar

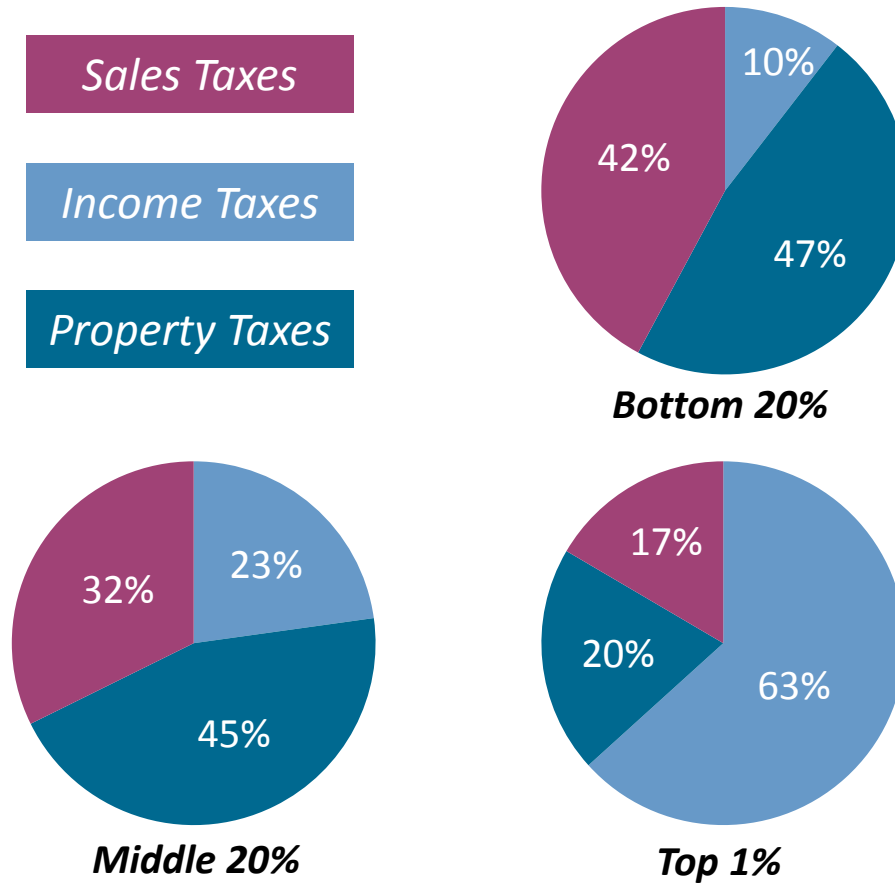
Maine State and Local Taxes Per Dollar of Income, 2009



Source: Maine Revenue Sources Tax Incidence Study, 2009

Property and Sales Taxes Hit Low- and Middle-Income Taxpayers Hardest

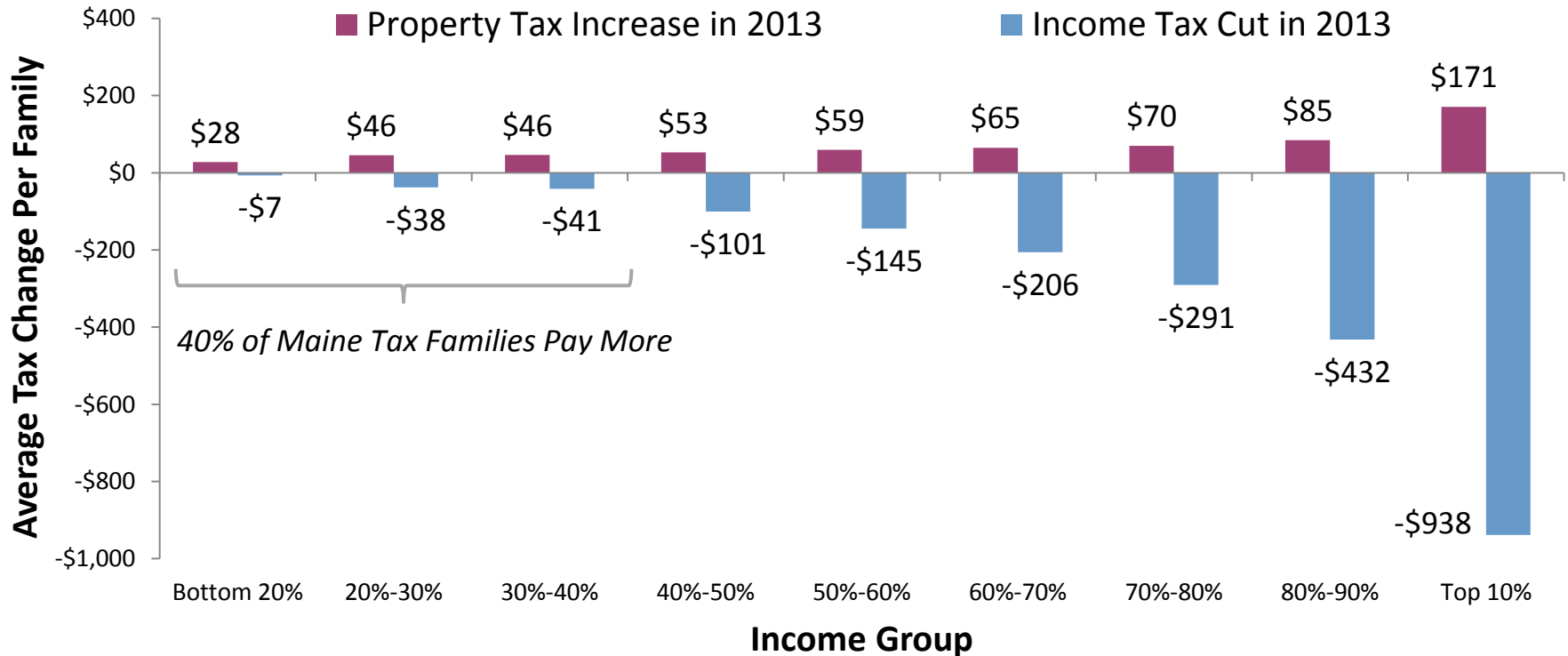
Composition of Total State and Local Tax Bills By Income Group



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Maine's recent income tax cuts help the rich but hurt low-income families

2 in 5 Mainers Will Pay More



Property tax hikes will end up covering much of the cost of the income tax cuts. That means an overall increase in taxes for at least 40% of Mainers. At least 270,000 families—those with annual incomes of \$27,000 or less—will pay more in taxes.

Source: MECEP analysis of data from Maine Revenue Sources and Maine Legislature, Office of Fiscal and Program Review. This illustration assumes that communities use property taxes to cover 50% of reductions in state aid.