

a new analysis of the 10 most populous U.S. cities that includes their largest underlying government units.

With the exception of New York City, most municipalities do not include in their annual financial report the finances of large, underlying government units that city taxpayers are also responsible for, such as schools districts, and transit and housing authorities.

This report takes into account these underlying government entities and provides residents and taxpayers in these cities with a more accurate and holistic view of their respective city's finances. When the unfunded debt of these underlying government units is combined with the county, municipal, and state debt, city taxpayers are on the hook for much more than they think.

For example, our Financial State of the Cities report released earlier this year found that Chicago ranked No. 74 out of the 75 most populous U.S. cities with a Taxpayer Burden of -\$36,000, which is each taxpayer's share of municipal debt. Only New York City fared worse with a Taxpayer Burden of -\$64,100.

However, when you combine the debt of these underlying government entities, the county, the city, and the state, Chicago's Taxpayer Burden skyrockets to -\$119,110, while New York City's Taxpayer Burden rises to -\$85,600.

As a result, the City of Chicago is in significantly worse financial shape than it might first appear, and its taxpayers face the highest Taxpayer Burden in the country.

Collectively, taxpayers in these 10 cities face an average combined pertaxpayer burden of nearly \$50,000, including county, state, and "off-balance-sheet" city government entities. This compares to a pertaxpayer position of \$19,000 for their city government alone.

Here is a ranking of the combined Taxpayer Burden for taxpayers living in the 10 largest cities (from best to worst):

- 1. Phoenix (-\$13,290)
- 2. San Antonio (-\$16,660)
- 3. Houston (-\$22,940)
- 4. Dallas (-\$33,490)
- 5. San Diego (-\$35,410)
- 6. San Jose (-\$43,120)
- 7. Philadelphia (-\$50,120)
- 8. Los Angeles (-\$56,390)
- 9. New York City (-\$85,600)
- 10. Chicago (-\$119,110)



# PHOENIX TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$13,290

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-\$5,900 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of Phoenix

+

-\$1,140

Maricopa County

-\$470

Phoenix Union High School District No. 210

-\$330

Washington Elementary School District No. 6

-\$310

Paradise Valley Elementary School District No. 69

-\$260

Glendale Union High School District

-\$150

Roosevelt Elementary School District No. 66

-\$100

Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

-\$70

Maricopa Community College District

-\$60

Madison Elementary School District No. 38

\$0

Riverside Elementary School District No. 2

-\$4,500

Arizona

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$13,290

### Phoenix's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Phoenix has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$5,900, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Phoenix taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$8,790.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$13,290.

			Less Bills	Money available			
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	(needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Phoenix	\$3.8 billion	\$4.5 billion	\$185.5 million	\$1.8 billion	(\$2.7 billion)	(\$5,900)	D
Maricopa County	\$957.0 million	\$2.0 billion	(\$6.3 million)	\$360.3 million	(\$1.4 billion)	(\$1,140)	С
Phoenix Union High School District No. 210	\$208.5 million	\$271.4 million	\$57.8 million	\$92.3 million	(\$213.0 million)	(\$470)	С
Washington Elementary School District No. 6	\$119.2 million	\$183.6 million	(\$200,000)	\$83.3 million	(\$147.5 million)	(\$330)	С
Paradise Valley Elementary School District No. 69	\$207.7 million	\$240.3 million	\$12.9 million	\$95.5 million	(\$141.0 million)	(\$310)	С
Glendale Union High School District	\$79.8 million	\$127.1 million	\$22.2 million	\$45.8 million	(\$115.3 million)	(\$260)	С
Roosevelt Elementary School District No. 66	\$33.4 million	\$77.7 million	(\$100,000)	\$24.5 million	(\$68.7 million)	(\$150)	С
Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1	\$35.4 million	\$66.3 million	\$700,000	\$14.5 million	(\$46.1 million)	(\$100)	С
Maricopa Community College District	\$669.4 million	\$571.8 million	(\$700,000)	\$182.4 million	(\$84.1 million)	(\$70)	С
Madison Elementary School District No. 38	\$77.2 million	\$41.8 million	\$800,000	\$59.6 million	(\$24.9 million)	(\$60)	С
Riverside Elementary School District No. 2	\$13.5 million	\$7.2 million	\$0	\$5.7 million	\$600,000	\$0	С
Arizona	\$9.8 billion	\$7.6 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$9.8 billion	(\$8.8 billion)	(\$4,500)	С

(\$13,290)

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## SAN ANTONIO TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$16,660

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-\$3,200 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of San Antonio

-\$1,430

Bexar County

-\$630

North East Independent School District (ISD)

-\$340

San Antonio ISD

-\$270

Northside ISD

-\$240

Alamo Community College District

-\$140

VIA Metropolitan Transit

-\$130

Harlandale ISD

-\$100

South San Antonio ISD

-\$80

Edgewood ISD

-\$10,100

Texas

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Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$16,660 per taxpayer

## San Antonio's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- San Antonio has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$3,200, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- San Antonio taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$6,560.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$16,660.

			Less Bills		Money		
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
San Antonio	\$4.5 billion	\$1.6 billion	\$1.0 billion	\$3.3 billion	(\$1.4 billion)	(\$3,200)	С
Bexar County	\$2.1 billion	\$332.7 million	\$191.8 million	\$2.4 billion	(\$784.7 million)	(\$1,430)	С
North East ISD	\$274.0 million	\$119.4 million	\$219.6 million	\$198.2 million	(\$263.3 million)	(\$630)	С
San Antonio ISD	\$246.3 million	\$86.1 million	\$204.9 million	\$98.3 million	(\$143.0 million)	(\$340)	С
Northside ISD	\$683.7 million	\$202.5 million	\$333.4 million	\$261.6 million	(\$113.8 million)	(\$270)	С
Alamo Community College District	\$212.8 million	\$54.7 million	\$158.4 million	\$134.0 million	(\$134.2 million)	(\$240)	С
VIA Metropolitan Transit	\$197.2 million	\$144.9 million	\$22.1 million	\$88.0 million	(\$57.8 million)	(\$140)	С
Harlandale ISD	\$130.5 million	\$35.3 million	\$57.6 million	\$91.2 million	(\$53.7 million)	(\$130)	С
South San Antonio ISD	\$40.6 million	\$20.0 million	\$35.2 million	\$27.2 million	(\$41.8 million)	(\$100)	С
Edgewood ISD	\$57.1 million	\$27.6 million	\$45.9 million	\$18.4 million	(\$34.7 million)	(\$80)	С
Texas	\$76.1 billion	\$45.0 billion	\$65.5 billion	\$47.8 billion	(\$82.2 billion)	(\$10,100)	D

(\$16,660)

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## HOUSTON TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$22,940

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-\$11,300 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of Houston

-\$750

Harris County

-\$390

Houston Independent School District (ISD)

-\$320

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)

-\$150

Spring Branch ISD

**-\$140** 

Alief ISD

-\$20

Houston Community College

\$230

Port of Houston Authority of Harris County

-\$10,100

Texas

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$22,940 per taxpayer

## **Houston's Combined Taxpayer Burden**

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Houston has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$11,300, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Houston taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$12,840.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$22,940.

			Less Bills		Money		
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Houston	\$4.1 billion	\$5.1 billion	\$2.2 billion	\$4.3 billion	(\$7.4 billion)	(\$11,300)	D
Harris County	\$3.8 billion	\$741.7 million	\$1.9 billion	\$2.2 billion	(\$990.2 million)	(\$750)	С
Houston ISD	\$2.4 billion	\$464.7 million	\$653.0 million	\$1.5 billion	(\$252.6 million)	(\$390)	С
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)	\$508.6 million	\$243.5 million	\$584.7 million	\$282.2 million	(\$601.8 million)	(\$320)	С
Spring Branch ISD	\$199.0 million	\$64.4 million	\$113.7 million	\$121.3 million	(\$100.4 million)	(\$150)	С
Alief ISD	\$213.6 million	\$110.6 million	\$179.3 million	\$114.1 million	(\$190.4 million)	(\$140)	С
Houston Community College	\$312.3 million	\$74.3 million	\$84.8 million	\$167.4 million	(\$14.2 million)	(\$20)	С
Port of Houston Authority of Harris County	\$401.2 million	\$10.3 million	\$6.2 million	\$81.7 million	\$303.0 million	\$230	В
Texas	\$76.1 billion	\$45.0 billion	\$65.5 billion	\$47.8 billion	(\$82.2 billion)	(\$10,100)	D

(\$22,940)

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## DALLAS TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$33,490

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-\$21,600 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of Dallas

-\$1,670

Dallas Independent School DIstrict

-\$420

**Dallas County** 

\$40

Dallas County Community College District

\$260

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

-\$10,100

Texas

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$33,490

## Dallas' Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Dallas has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$21,600, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Dallas taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$23,390.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$33,490.

		Less Bills					
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	Money available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Dallas	\$2.2 billion	\$7.3 billion	\$499.9 million	\$2.3 billion	(\$7.8 billion)	(\$21,600)	F
Dallas Independent School District	\$1.5 billion	\$371.2 million	\$629.3 million	\$1.1 billion	(\$603.7 million)	(\$1,670)	C
Dallas County	\$1.8 billion	\$652.8 million	\$300.7 million	\$1.1 billion	(\$311.9 million)	(\$420)	С
Dallas County Community College District	\$436.0 million	\$64.0 million	\$204.3 million	\$134.6 million	\$33.1 million	\$40	В
Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport	\$1.9 billion	\$176.0 million	\$6.2 million	\$1.2 billion	\$547.1 million	\$260	В
Texas	\$76.1 billion	\$45.0 billion	\$65.5 billion	\$47.8 billion	(\$82.2 billion)	(\$10,100)	D

(\$33,490)

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# SAN DIEGO TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$35,410

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-\$5,000 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of San Diego

-\$4,590

San Diego Unified School District

-\$2,190

San Diego County

-\$870

Poway Unified School District

-\$730

San Diego Community College District

-\$110

San Ysidro School District

-\$100

San Diego Metropolitan Transit District

\$180

San Diego County Water Authority

-\$22,000

California

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$35,410

## San Diego's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- San Diego has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$5,000, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- San Diego taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$13,410.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$35,410.

	Assets		Less Bills		Money		
Government Unit	available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
San Diego	\$2.2 billion	\$2.5 billion	\$553.9 million	\$1.4 billion	(\$2.2 billion)	(\$5,000)	D
San Diego Unified School District	\$779.8 million	\$1.5 billion	\$179.9 million	\$1.1 billion	(\$2.1 billion)	(\$4,590)	С
San Diego County	\$3.4 billion	\$3.4 billion	\$132.2 million	\$2.2 billion	(\$2.3 billion)	(\$2,190)	С
Poway Unified School District	\$100.7 million	\$384.2 million	\$73.3 million	\$33.6 million	(\$390.5 million)	(\$870)	С
San Diego Community College District	\$292.1 million	\$332.6 million	\$14.3 million	\$273.9 million	(\$328.6 million)	(\$730)	С
San Ysidro School District	\$36.5 million	\$54.4 million	\$6.9 million	\$24.5 million	(\$49.4 million)	(\$110)	С
San Diego Metropolitan Transit District	\$208.3 million	\$181.3 million	\$45.4 million	\$89.2 million	(\$107.6 million)	(\$100)	С
San Diego County Water Authority	\$458.4 million	\$70.1 million	(\$800,000)	\$197.3 million	\$191.7 million	\$180	В
California	\$100.1 billion	\$102.5 billion	\$107.0 billion	\$160.4 billion	(\$269.9 billion)	(\$22,000)	F
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(\$35,410)

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# SAN JOSE TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$43,120

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-\$10,200 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of San Jose

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-\$7,110

Santa Clara County

-\$960

East Side Union High School District

-\$870

San Jose Unified School District

-\$480

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District

-\$410

Evergreen School District

-\$370

Alum Rock Union School District

-\$350

Oak Grove School District

-\$260

Franklin-McKinley School District

-\$130

Moreland School District

\$20

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

-\$22,000

California

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$43,120

## San Jose's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- San Jose has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$10,200, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- San Jose taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$21,120.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$43,120.

			Less Bills				
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	Money available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
San Jose	\$1.6 billion	\$3.2 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$783.2 million	(\$3.4 billion)	(\$10,200)	D
Santa Clara County	\$4.0 billion	\$4.1 billion	\$1.3 billion	\$2.9 billion	(\$4.4 billion)	(\$7,110)	D
East Side Union High School District	\$332.1 million	\$278.7 million	\$40.0 million	\$333.7 million	(\$320.2 million)	(\$960)	С
San Jose Unified School District	\$187.0 million	\$341.4 million	\$4.3 million	\$132.2 million	(\$290.9 million)	(\$870)	С
San Jose- Evergreen Community College District	\$124.9 million	\$117.2 million	(\$10.6 million)	\$177.4 million	(\$159.1 million)	(\$480)	С
Evergreen School District	\$58.0 million	\$121.0 million	\$38.1 million	\$35.8 million	(\$137.0 million)	(\$410)	С
Alum Rock Union School District	\$69.6 million	\$137.3 million	\$0	\$54.6 million	(\$122.4 million)	(\$370)	С
Oak Grove School District	\$75.5 million	\$119.2 million	\$22.9 million	\$49.7 million	(\$116.4 million)	(\$350)	С
Franklin- McKinley School District	\$59.4 million	\$101.7 million	\$600,000	\$45.2 million	(\$88.1 million)	(\$260)	С
Moreland School District	\$41.0 million	\$59.2 million	\$5.2 million	\$20.1 million	(\$43.3 million)	(\$130)	С
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	\$618.3 million	\$291.9 million	(\$58.0 million)	\$372.6 million	\$11.8 million	\$20	В
California	\$100.1 billion	\$102.5 billion	\$107.0 billion	\$160.4 billion	(\$269.9 billion)	(\$22,000)	F

(\$43,120)

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# **PHILADELPHIA TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$50,120**

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-\$27,900

City of Philadelphia

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Philadelphia Housing Authority

-\$18,800

Pennsylvania

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$50,120 per taxpayer

## Philadelphia's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Philadelphia has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$27,900, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Philadelphia taxpayers also pay taxes to the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$31,320.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$50,120.

	Assets		Less Bills		Money		
Government Unit	available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Philadelphia	\$5.1 billion	\$10.0 billion	\$2.6 billion	\$7.4 billion	(\$15.0 billion)	(\$27,900)	F
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	\$685.2 million	\$951.7 million	\$1.2 billion	\$797.7 million	(\$2.3 billion)	(\$4,220)	С
Philadelphia Housing Authority	\$639.0 million	\$78.9 million	\$0	\$129.4 million	\$430.6 million	\$800	В
Pennsylvania	\$38.0 billion	\$42.8 billion	\$29.8 billion	\$47.5 billion	(\$82.1 billion)	(18,800)	D

(\$50,120)

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# **LOS ANGELES TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$56,390**

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-\$6,000 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of Los Angeles

-\$15,500

Los Angeles Unified School District

-\$11,350

Los Angeles County

-\$1,080

Los Angeles Community College District

-\$460

LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA/Metra)

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

\$22,000

California

**Amount needed to pay off state, city,** county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$56,390

## Los Angeles' Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Los Angeles has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$6,000, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Los Angeles taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$34,390.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$56,390.

		Less Bills			Money		
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Los Angeles	\$12.7 billion	\$8.4 billion	\$2.7 billion	\$9.2 billion	(\$7.7 billion)	(\$6,000)	D
Los Angeles Unified School District	\$5.1 billion	\$7.0 billion	\$15.0 billion	\$3.1 billion	(\$19.9 billion)	(\$15,500)	D
Los Angeles County	\$9.8 billion	\$10.8 billion	\$26.3 billion	\$9.8 billion	(\$37.1 billion)	(\$11,350)	D
Los Angeles Community College District	\$619.9 million	\$744.7 million	\$591.8 million	\$677.4 million	(\$1.4 billion)	(\$1,080)	С
LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA/ Metra)	\$1.9 billion	\$572.6 million	\$1.3 billion	\$1.5 billion	(\$1.5 billion)	(\$460)	С
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	\$1.5 billion	\$660.9 million	\$240.6 million	\$622.8 million	(\$29.3 million)	\$0	С
California	\$100.1 billion	\$102.5 billion	\$107.0 billion	\$160.4 billion	(\$269.9 billion)	(\$22,000)	F

(\$56,390)

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# NEW YORK TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$85,600

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-\$64,100 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

New York City

-\$21,500

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$85,600 per taxpayer

## New York's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- New York City has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$64,100, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Unlike other cities, New York City's underlying government units are already included in the city's annual financial report.
- When state debt is added to city debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$85,600.

		Less Bills					
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	Money available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
New York City	\$58.5 billion	\$60.4 billion	\$96.0 billion	\$87.7 billion	(\$185.5 billion)	(\$64,100)	F
New York	\$135.0 billion	\$15.5 billion	\$110.7 billion	\$151.8 billion	(\$143.0 billion)	(\$21,500)	F

(\$85,600)

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# CHICAGO TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR -\$119,110

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-\$36,000 Taxpayer Burden<sup>TM</sup>

City of Chicago

-\$17,690

Chicago Public Schools

-\$9,890

Cook County

-\$3,690

Chicago Transit Authority

-\$1,190

Chicago Park District

-\$560

Metro Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

-\$110

Chicago Community College District

\$820

**Chicago Housing Authority** 

-\$50,800

Illinois

Amount needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debt.

-\$119,110

## Chicago's Combined Taxpayer Burden

#### **FAST FACTS**

- Chicago has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$36,000, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Chicago taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$68,310.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$119,110.

			Less Bills		Money		
Government Unit	Assets available to pay bills*	Unfunded pension benefits due	Unfunded OPEB	Other bills **	available (needed) to pay bills	Taxpayer Surplus (Burden)	Grade
Chicago	\$9.5 billion	\$28.0 billion	\$842.9 million	\$13.1 billion	(\$32.5 billion)	(\$36,000)	F
Chicago Public Schools	\$2.8 billion	\$12.4 billion	\$2.2 billion	\$4.2 billion	(\$16.0 billion)	(\$17,690)	D
Cook County	\$2.1 billion	\$14.4 billion	\$2.0 billion	\$2.9 billion	(\$17.2 billion)	(\$9,890)	D
Chicago Transit Authority	\$1.3 billion	\$1.7 billion	(\$151 million)	\$3.1 billion	(\$3.3 billion)	(\$3,690)	С
Chicago Park District	\$510.7 million	\$1.2 billion	\$37.1 million	\$320.1 million	(\$1.1 billion)	(\$1,190)	С
Metro Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago	\$704.8 million	\$985.1 million	\$113.5 million	\$580.2 million	(\$974.1 million)	(\$560)	С
Chicago Community College District	\$172.1 million	\$0	\$123.7 million	\$150.5 million	(\$102.0 million)	(\$110)	С
Chicago Housing Authority	\$925.9 million	(\$5.9 million)	\$0	\$188.7 million	\$743.1 million	\$820	В
Illinois	\$28.8 billion	\$134.4 billion	\$52.5 billion	\$58.0 billion	(\$216.1 billion)	(\$50,800)	F

(\$119,110)

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not include debt related to capital assets