

WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, FY85 – FY10

A. INTRODUCTION

Over the last 25 years, from FY85 to FY10, total Wisconsin state and local taxes increased from \$7.5 billion to \$23.0 billion --growing at an average annualized rate of 4.6%. Although tax collections increased over this period, the growth in state personal income (which increased on a 5.0% annual average rate) exceeded the growth in tax collections. Consequently, state and local taxes as a percent of state personal income decreased from 12.0% in FY85 to 10.9% in FY10 -- a 9.2% decline.¹ Table 1, providing total state and local taxes by fiscal year, shows that most of this decline has occurred since the mid-1990s, after peaking at 12.8% in FY94.

**TABLE 1
 WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	Wisconsin State and Local Taxes		Fiscal Year	Wisconsin State and Local Taxes	
	Amount (\$ millions)	As % Of Personal Income		Amount (\$ millions)	As % Of Personal Income
FY85	7,490.4	12.0%	FY98	15,862.3	12.3%
FY86	7,938.8	12.1%	FY99	16,690.1	12.0%
FY87	8,377.1	12.1%	FY00	17,919.3	12.4%
FY88	8,892.1	12.2%	FY01	17,482.0	11.4%
FY89	9,546.1	12.3%	FY02	17,931.1	11.3%
FY90	10,008.6	11.9%	FY03	18,484.7	11.3%
FY91	10,781.5	12.2%	FY04	19,414.8	11.5%
FY92	11,515.3	12.5%	FY05	20,528.4	11.6%
FY93	12,520.4	12.7%	FY06	21,365.0	11.6%
FY94	13,268.3	12.8%	FY07	22,263.3	11.2%
FY95	13,931.7	12.7%	FY08	23,172.1	11.2%
FY96	14,591.1	12.7%	FY09	22,533.0	10.6%
FY97	14,704.3	12.1%	FY10	23,011.4	10.9%

This report will examine the changing tax burden in Wisconsin over the past 25 fiscal years by exploring the composition of the tax burden – by type of tax and by type of taxing jurisdiction.

The next section will discuss revenues by type of tax, while Section C will show taxes by level of government. State general purpose and other taxes will be analyzed in Section D and Section E will consider local taxes by taxing jurisdiction. Section F will examine the trends in property taxes by class of taxable property.

B. REVENUES BY TYPE OF TAX

Table 2 shows the amount of state and local tax collections by type of tax – including measurement of these taxes as a percent of personal income. Across the entire FY85 to FY10 period, beginning to end, both individual income and sales tax collections decreased as

¹ 2010 amounts for some local taxes, such as county sales taxes and room taxes, were estimated for this report as final figures are not yet available. Since these estimated revenues represent only a small portion of overall local revenues, deviations from these estimates are not expected to materially impact the figures in or conclusions of this report.

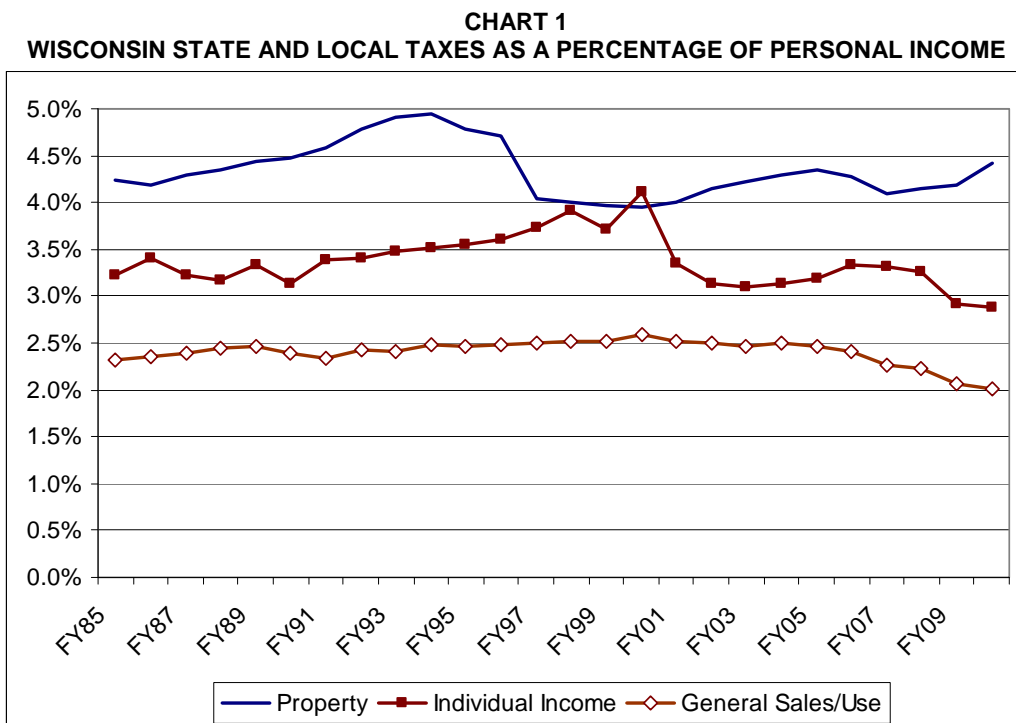
a percent of personal income. Property taxes, however, increased slightly as a percent of personal income. The changes in these three major state and local revenue sources are further illustrated in Chart 1. The up and down movements of tax collections relative to income represent both policy decisions and changes in the economy.

As noted in the introduction of this paper, the total state and local tax burden reached its highest point of the 25 year period in FY94. From the FY85 starting point, the rise to this peak year was accompanied by a 19% climb in the property tax burden and a 9% increase in both the individual income and sales tax burdens.

After FY94, the property tax burden began to decline, dropping sharply from 4.7% to 4.0% of income in one year (from FY96 to FY97) as the state significantly increased its contribution to overall school financing. As a percent of personal income, property taxes remained at 4.0% of income through FY01. Since this year, however, the property tax burden has increased – rising to 4.4% of personal income – reflecting the state's challenges in providing property tax relief and the stability of the property tax as a revenue source during economic downturns.

The individual income tax burden continued to rise after FY94, reaching a high of 4.1% of income in FY00. However, income tax collections that year were artificially high because the school property tax (property tax/rent) credit was repealed for tax year 1999 to partially finance a sales tax rebate paid out in 2000. The credit was restored for tax year 2000. This one-time elimination of the credit raised the individual income tax and total tax burden by 0.2 percentage points in FY00. The individual income tax burden dropped sharply to 3.4% in FY01 and is currently 2.9% of personal income following both income tax reductions and the indexing of the individual income tax brackets.

As mentioned, Chart 1 illustrates the tax burden for the three largest sources of tax revenue. State policy actions to reduce the property tax beginning in FY97 and to reduce the individual income tax beginning in FY01 are evident in the time lines for these tax sources.

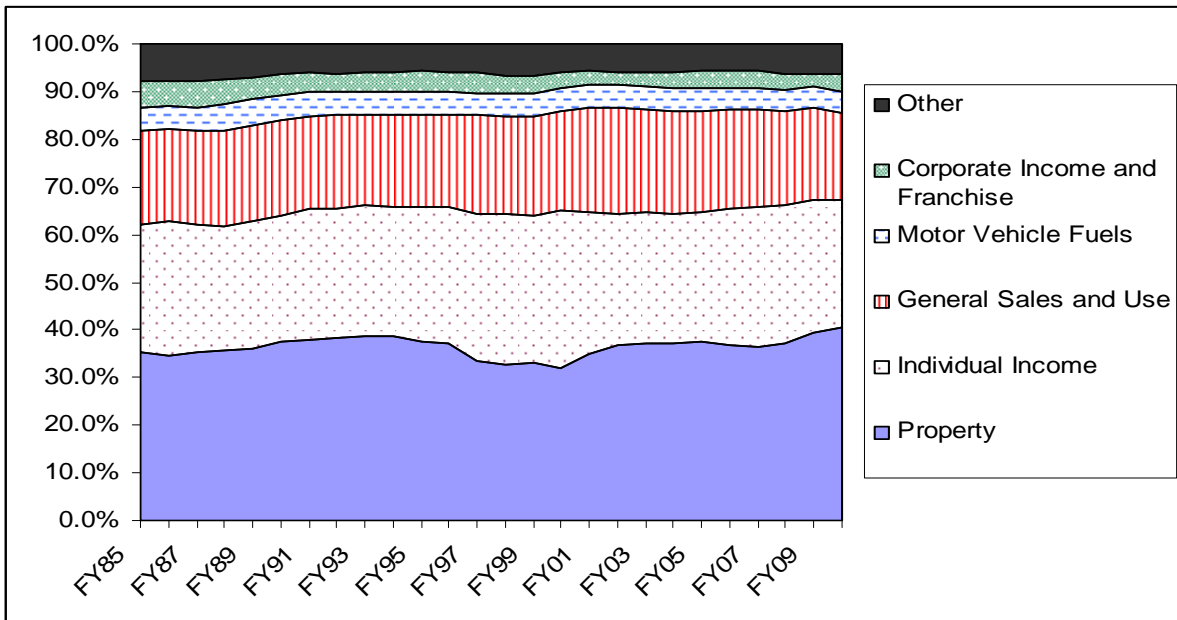


**TABLE 2
WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES BY TYPE OF TAX,
AMOUNT AND AS A PERCENT OF PERSONAL INCOME, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	Property	Individual Income	General Sales/Use	Motor Fuels	Corporate Income/ Franchise	Other
Amounts (\$ millions)						
FY85	2,650.4	2,009.1	1,453.5	369.1	413.6	594.6
FY86	2,744.4	2,239.1	1,543.3	388.5	407.6	615.9
FY87	2,971.6	2,224.1	1,653.7	417.4	470.7	639.7
FY88	3,179.9	2,320.0	1,782.7	490.4	461.4	657.7
FY89	3,436.1	2,576.1	1,909.7	516.8	448.4	659.1
FY90	3,759.7	2,624.9	2,011.2	532.3	436.6	643.9
FY91	4,068.8	3,003.4	2,065.4	552.9	440.9	650.1
FY92	4,413.3	3,142.2	2,239.0	573.9	437.7	709.2
FY93	4,850.2	3,445.8	2,381.9	595.6	492.0	754.8
FY94	5,118.7	3,628.7	2,560.3	634.6	541.3	784.8
FY95	5,252.8	3,904.5	2,712.5	651.2	631.8	778.9
FY96	5,419.7	4,157.4	2,858.7	676.0	636.0	843.2
FY97	4,908.7	4,544.7	3,040.2	693.2	643.8	873.7
FY98	5,166.7	5,047.3	3,247.9	740.2	627.0	1,033.2
FY99	5,505.7	5,162.2	3,491.0	797.0	635.2	1,098.9
FY00	5,721.5	5,962.0	3,736.1	809.5	644.6	1,045.6
FY01	6,135.3	5,156.6	3,861.8	827.5	537.2	963.7
FY02	6,574.5	4,979.7	3,971.1	865.5	503.0	1,037.4
FY03	6,894.2	5,052.0	4,018.5	902.5	526.5	1,090.9
FY04	7,218.0	5,277.1	4,197.9	934.6	650.5	1,134.9
FY05	7,681.5	5,622.7	4,351.9	955.5	764.1	1,152.7
FY06	7,857.4	6,126.6	4,449.4	974.1	773.2	1,184.3
FY07	8,113.3	6,573.8	4,487.7	994.7	890.1	1,203.7
FY08	8,577.9	6,713.7	4,608.3	999.9	837.8	1,434.4
FY09	8,919.7	6,222.7	4,401.4	968.8	629.5	1,390.8
FY10	9,358.3	6,089.2	4,263.9	971.8	834.5	1,493.8
As a Percent of Personal Income						
FY85	4.2%	3.2%	2.3%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%
FY86	4.2%	3.4%	2.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%
FY87	4.3%	3.2%	2.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%
FY88	4.4%	3.2%	2.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%
FY89	4.4%	3.3%	2.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%
FY90	4.5%	3.1%	2.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY91	4.6%	3.4%	2.3%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%
FY92	4.8%	3.4%	2.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY93	4.9%	3.5%	2.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY94	5.0%	3.5%	2.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY95	4.8%	3.6%	2.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
FY96	4.7%	3.6%	2.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
FY97	4.0%	3.7%	2.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%
FY98	4.0%	3.9%	2.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY99	4.0%	3.7%	2.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
FY00	4.0%	4.1%	2.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%
FY01	4.0%	3.4%	2.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%
FY02	4.1%	3.1%	2.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%
FY03	4.2%	3.1%	2.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%
FY04	4.3%	3.1%	2.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%
FY05	4.3%	3.2%	2.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%
FY06	4.3%	3.3%	2.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%
FY07	4.1%	3.3%	2.3%	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%
FY08	4.2%	3.3%	2.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%
FY09	4.2%	2.9%	2.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%
FY10	4.4%	2.9%	2.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%

Chart 2 and Table 3 both illustrate the distribution of state and local taxes from FY85-FY10. As noted, the property tax burden was cut substantially in the mid-1990s when the state committed to fund 2/3 of K-12 education; as a result, the share of total taxes contributed by this tax declined from 39% of the total in FY94 to 32% in FY00. The share of the individual income tax rose from 27% to 33% of the total in this same period, which also saw the income tax burden rising. After FY00, as the burden of individual income tax declined due to policy changes, its share of the total fell back to 27%; while the share attributable to the property tax rose to 41%. Across the 25 year period presented, Chart 2 illustrates a slight increase in overall reliance in the combination of property taxes and individual income taxes to fund state and local government.

CHART 2
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES BY TYPE OF TAX, FY85 – FY10



**TABLE 3
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES BY TYPE OF TAX, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	Property	Individual Income	General Sales/Use	Motor Fuels	Corporate Income/ Franchise	Other
FY85	35.4%	26.8%	19.4%	4.9%	5.5%	7.9%
FY86	34.6%	28.2%	19.4%	4.9%	5.1%	7.8%
FY87	35.5%	26.5%	19.7%	5.0%	5.6%	7.6%
FY88	35.8%	26.1%	20.0%	5.5%	5.2%	7.4%
FY89	36.0%	27.0%	20.0%	5.4%	4.7%	6.9%
FY90	37.6%	26.2%	20.1%	5.3%	4.4%	6.4%
FY91	37.7%	27.9%	19.2%	5.1%	4.1%	6.0%
FY92	38.3%	27.3%	19.4%	5.0%	3.8%	6.2%
FY93	38.7%	27.5%	19.0%	4.8%	3.9%	6.0%
FY94	38.6%	27.3%	19.3%	4.8%	4.1%	5.9%
FY95	37.7%	28.0%	19.5%	4.7%	4.5%	5.6%
FY96	37.1%	28.5%	19.6%	4.6%	4.4%	5.8%
FY97	33.4%	30.9%	20.7%	4.7%	4.4%	5.9%
FY98	32.6%	31.8%	20.5%	4.7%	4.0%	6.5%
FY99	33.0%	30.9%	20.9%	4.8%	3.8%	6.6%
FY00	31.9%	33.3%	20.8%	4.5%	3.6%	5.8%
FY01	35.1%	29.5%	22.1%	4.7%	3.1%	5.5%
FY02	36.7%	27.8%	22.1%	4.8%	2.8%	5.8%
FY03	37.3%	27.3%	21.7%	4.9%	2.8%	5.9%
FY04	37.2%	27.2%	21.6%	4.8%	3.4%	5.8%
FY05	37.4%	27.4%	21.2%	4.7%	3.7%	5.6%
FY06	36.8%	28.7%	20.8%	4.6%	3.6%	5.5%
FY07	36.4%	29.5%	20.2%	4.5%	4.0%	5.4%
FY08	37.0%	29.0%	19.9%	4.3%	3.6%	6.2%
FY09	39.6%	27.6%	19.5%	4.3%	2.8%	6.2%
FY10	40.7%	26.5%	18.5%	4.2%	3.6%	6.5%

C. TAXES BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT

Taxes imposed by the state rose from \$4.9 billion in FY85 to \$13.3 billion in FY10, an annualized growth rate of 4.1%. Local taxes increased from \$2.6 billion to \$9.7 billion in FY10, an annualized growth rate of 5.3%. As a percent of personal income the burden of state imposed taxes declined from 7.8% to 6.3%, while the burden of local taxes increased from 4.2% to 4.6%.

General purpose revenue (GPR) taxes account for the bulk of state taxes – more than 90% of the total every year from FY85 to FY10. GPR taxes are those taxes – individual income, sales, corporate income and franchise, excise, and utility and estate – that finance general government spending. Table 4 shows that GPR taxes have increased from \$4.4 billion to \$12.1 billion from FY85 to FY10, but as a percent of personal income, they have declined from 7.1% to 5.7%.

**TABLE 4
WISCONSIN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	State Taxes			Local Taxes		
	General Purpose Revenue	Other Tax Revenue	Total	Property	Other Tax Revenue	Total
Amounts (\$ millions)						
FY85	4,447.1	407.6	4,854.7	2,626.0	9.7	2,635.7
FY86	4,775.5	432.0	5,207.5	2,719.9	11.4	2,731.3
FY87	4,954.9	459.4	5,414.4	2,947.5	15.2	2,962.8
FY88	5,173.7	534.5	5,708.1	3,155.5	28.4	3,184.0
FY89	5,536.4	561.4	6,097.8	3,410.8	37.5	3,448.3
FY90	5,649.5	573.7	6,223.2	3,740.4	45.0	3,785.4
FY91	6,073.0	609.4	6,682.4	4,041.0	58.1	4,099.1
FY92	6,339.6	657.3	6,996.9	4,386.7	131.7	4,518.4
FY93	6,871.0	698.6	7,569.6	4,807.2	143.6	4,950.8
FY94	7,277.5	749.7	8,027.3	5,084.1	157.0	5,241.0
FY95	7,778.4	771.8	8,550.2	5,215.9	165.6	5,381.5
FY96	8,209.5	815.8	9,025.3	5,379.4	186.4	5,565.8
FY97	8,804.0	826.2	9,630.2	4,865.3	208.8	5,074.1
FY98	9,528.2	977.5	10,505.7	5,120.1	236.5	5,356.6
FY99	9,948.4	1,036.3	10,984.8	5,455.9	249.4	5,705.3
FY00	10,945.9	1,023.4	11,969.3	5,668.2	281.8	5,950.0
FY01	10,063.4	1,038.8	11,102.3	6,078.0	301.8	6,379.8
FY02	10,020.2	1,076.0	11,096.2	6,512.1	322.9	6,835.0
FY03	10,199.7	1,127.7	11,327.4	6,827.1	330.1	7,157.3
FY04	10,739.3	1,178.9	11,918.2	7,145.8	349.1	7,494.9
FY05	11,369.3	1,188.8	12,558.1	7,603.2	367.1	7,970.3
FY06	12,005.3	1,202.8	13,208.0	7,777.1	379.8	8,157.0
FY07	12,618.0	1,216.4	13,834.4	8,030.9	398.0	8,428.9
FY08	13,042.9	1,222.9	14,265.9	8,493.4	412.8	8,906.2
FY09	12,113.2	1,201.5	13,314.7	8,832.4	386.0	9,218.3
FY10	12,131.7	1,212.3	13,343.9	9,271.4	396.1	9,667.5
As a Percent of Personal Income						
FY85	7.12%	0.65%	7.77%	4.20%	0.02%	4.22%
FY86	7.27%	0.66%	7.93%	4.14%	0.02%	4.16%
FY87	7.17%	0.66%	7.84%	4.27%	0.02%	4.29%
FY88	7.09%	0.73%	7.82%	4.32%	0.04%	4.36%
FY89	7.15%	0.73%	7.87%	4.40%	0.05%	4.45%
FY90	6.73%	0.68%	7.41%	4.46%	0.05%	4.51%
FY91	6.85%	0.69%	7.54%	4.56%	0.07%	4.62%
FY92	6.88%	0.71%	7.60%	4.76%	0.14%	4.90%
FY93	6.95%	0.71%	7.65%	4.86%	0.15%	5.00%
FY94	7.04%	0.73%	7.76%	4.92%	0.15%	5.07%
FY95	7.08%	0.70%	7.78%	4.74%	0.15%	4.90%
FY96	7.13%	0.71%	7.84%	4.67%	0.16%	4.83%
FY97	7.23%	0.68%	7.91%	4.00%	0.17%	4.17%
FY98	7.38%	0.76%	8.14%	3.97%	0.18%	4.15%
FY99	7.17%	0.75%	7.92%	3.93%	0.18%	4.11%
FY00	7.56%	0.71%	8.27%	3.92%	0.19%	4.11%
FY01	6.55%	0.68%	7.23%	3.96%	0.20%	4.15%
FY02	6.32%	0.68%	6.99%	4.10%	0.20%	4.31%
FY03	6.25%	0.69%	6.94%	4.19%	0.20%	4.39%
FY04	6.39%	0.70%	7.09%	4.25%	0.21%	4.46%
FY05	6.43%	0.67%	7.11%	4.30%	0.21%	4.51%
FY06	6.52%	0.65%	7.17%	4.22%	0.21%	4.43%
FY07	6.35%	0.61%	6.97%	4.04%	0.20%	4.25%
FY08	6.32%	0.59%	6.91%	4.12%	0.20%	4.32%
FY09	5.68%	0.56%	6.24%	4.14%	0.18%	4.32%
FY10	5.74%	0.57%	6.31%	4.38%	0.19%	4.57%

Most of the other state tax revenues are segregated fund taxes, revenues from which are earmarked for a specific purpose – transportation, conservation or recycling, for example. In recent fiscal years, the motor vehicle fuels tax has accounted for about 80% of state tax revenues other than GPR taxes. Non-GPR state tax revenues increased from \$0.4 billion to \$1.2 billion from FY85 to FY10.

Table 2, above, shows that the motor vehicle fuels tax as a percent of income was 0.6% in FY85 and 0.5% in FY10. The stability of this tax was supported, through 2006, by an annual adjustment to the motor fuels tax for inflation. Since 2006, however, the gas tax has remained fixed at 30.9 cents per gallon.

The property tax accounted for more than 99% of local taxes prior to FY89, but has slowly declined to about 95% of local taxes in recent years. Other local taxes were only about \$10 million, or 0.02% of income, in FY85, but now total \$396 million, or 0.2% of income (a ten-fold increase). This growth is largely due to the adoption of local sales taxes by 62 of the state's 72 counties (as of January 1, 2011) and two sports stadium districts. There were no local sales tax collections in FY85; in FY10, however, they totaled an estimated \$315 million (net of the collections retained by the state for purposes of administering these taxes).

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of GPR and other state tax revenues, local property taxes and other local taxes from FY85 to FY10. State tax revenues declined from 65% to 58% of combined state and local taxes from FY85 to FY10. The share contributed by state GPR taxes declined from 59% to 53%, while the shares from local property taxes and other local taxes rose.

**TABLE 5
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	State Taxes			Local Taxes		
	General Purpose Revenue	Other Tax Revenue	Total	Property	Other Tax Revenue	Total
FY85	59.4%	5.4%	64.8%	35.1%	0.1%	35.2%
FY86	60.2%	5.4%	65.6%	34.3%	0.1%	34.4%
FY87	59.1%	5.5%	64.6%	35.2%	0.2%	35.4%
FY88	58.2%	6.0%	64.2%	35.5%	0.3%	35.8%
FY89	58.0%	5.9%	63.9%	35.7%	0.4%	36.1%
FY90	56.4%	5.7%	62.2%	37.4%	0.4%	37.8%
FY91	56.3%	5.7%	62.0%	37.5%	0.5%	38.0%
FY92	55.1%	5.7%	60.8%	38.1%	1.1%	39.2%
FY93	54.9%	5.6%	60.5%	38.4%	1.1%	39.5%
FY94	54.8%	5.7%	60.5%	38.3%	1.2%	39.5%
FY95	55.8%	5.5%	61.4%	37.4%	1.2%	38.6%
FY96	56.3%	5.6%	61.9%	36.9%	1.3%	38.1%
FY97	59.9%	5.6%	65.5%	33.1%	1.4%	34.5%
FY98	60.1%	6.2%	66.2%	32.3%	1.5%	33.8%
FY99	59.6%	6.2%	65.8%	32.7%	1.5%	34.2%
FY00	61.1%	5.7%	66.8%	31.6%	1.6%	33.2%
FY01	57.6%	5.9%	63.5%	34.8%	1.7%	36.5%
FY02	55.9%	6.0%	61.9%	36.3%	1.8%	38.1%
FY03	55.2%	6.1%	61.3%	36.9%	1.8%	38.7%
FY04	55.3%	6.1%	61.4%	36.8%	1.8%	38.6%
FY05	55.4%	5.8%	61.2%	37.0%	1.8%	38.8%
FY06	56.2%	5.6%	61.8%	36.4%	1.8%	38.2%
FY07	56.7%	5.5%	62.1%	36.1%	1.8%	37.9%
FY08	56.3%	5.3%	61.6%	36.7%	1.8%	38.4%
FY09	53.8%	5.3%	59.1%	39.2%	1.7%	40.9%
FY10	52.7%	5.3%	58.0%	40.3%	1.7%	42.0%

D. STATE GENERAL PURPOSE TAX REVENUES

Table 6 shows the amount of state general purpose revenue (GPR) taxes and those taxes as a percent of personal income from FY85 to FY10. As discussed previously in Section B, the individual income tax generally rose through the 1990s, reaching its highpoint of 4.1% for the period in FY00, and then declining to 2.9% of income.

From FY85 to FY91, GPR excise taxes, primarily the tax on cigarettes, declined from 0.28% to 0.20% of personal income. Excise taxes remained at approximately that level through FY07. Beginning in FY08, however, excise tax collections have risen primarily due to two significant increases in the cigarette tax. 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 increased the cigarette tax by \$1.00 per pack, from \$0.77 to \$1.77 on January 1, 2008. 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 provided for another increase of 75 cents per pack, from \$1.77 to \$2.52 beginning on September 1, 2009.

Public utility taxes have declined throughout the period, from 0.40% to 0.15% of personal income. Decreases in the tax on telecommunications companies account for nearly the entire change. These companies paid \$141 million in taxes in FY85, but \$70 million in FY10; much of the decline is attributable to a change in the tax on telecommunications companies, from a gross revenues tax prior to FY98 to a property tax, with the transition occurring between FY98 and FY01.

Estate tax collections declined as the federal government shifted away from allowing a credit for state estate taxes paid (which Wisconsin had relied upon for generating its estate tax collections). Although Wisconsin temporarily adopted a link to prior federal law to maintain a state estate tax for deaths through 2007, the lack of a federal estate tax credit for state estate taxes paid in recent years has left Wisconsin's current estate tax dormant.

Table 7 displays the share of each type of GPR tax to overall GPR taxes – again displaying the dominant role of the individual income tax and the sales tax in state general purpose revenues.

**TABLE 6
STATE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE TAXES, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	Individual Income	General Sales/Use	Corporate Income/ Franchise	Excise	Public Utility	Estate	Insurance Premiums	Other GPR
Amounts (\$ millions)								
FY85	2,009.1	1,453.5	413.6	173.2	249.4	80.4	48.8	19.0
FY86	2,239.1	1,543.3	407.6	167.0	262.3	75.2	59.6	21.4
FY87	2,224.1	1,651.9	470.7	173.7	256.0	85.6	67.0	26.0
FY88	2,320.0	1,769.1	461.4	185.8	242.8	98.1	71.8	24.7
FY89	2,576.1	1,888.2	448.4	185.3	241.9	98.0	71.3	27.2
FY90	2,624.9	1,983.8	436.6	180.6	234.4	92.2	69.5	27.6
FY91	3,003.4	2,026.7	440.9	181.2	241.0	75.6	76.7	27.4
FY92	3,142.2	2,127.3	437.7	193.2	261.6	57.6	82.8	37.1
FY93	3,445.8	2,260.6	492.0	213.0	278.3	53.8	86.9	40.7
FY94	3,628.7	2,427.9	541.3	219.6	268.2	53.2	96.0	42.7
FY95	3,904.5	2,571.2	631.8	223.4	272.0	40.8	94.4	40.4
FY96	4,157.4	2,704.2	636.0	245.4	285.3	45.6	92.3	43.3
FY97	4,544.7	2,864.4	643.8	253.9	306.2	50.8	94.6	45.5
FY98	5,047.3	3,047.4	627.0	299.1	288.4	80.1	88.1	50.9
FY99	5,162.2	3,284.7	635.2	308.9	287.1	116.9	97.0	56.3
FY00	5,962.0	3,501.7	644.6	301.9	260.0	133.3	86.9	55.6
FY01	5,156.6	3,609.9	537.2	299.8	239.2	77.1	89.0	54.7
FY02	4,979.7	3,695.8	503.0	348.3	252.2	82.6	96.1	62.5
FY03	5,052.0	3,737.9	526.5	354.8	276.8	68.7	114.9	68.1
FY04	5,277.1	3,899.3	650.5	355.5	269.8	86.4	123.6	77.1
FY05	5,622.7	4,038.7	764.1	359.4	254.4	112.3	129.8	87.7
FY06	6,126.6	4,127.6	773.2	368.7	275.1	108.6	134.7	90.8
FY07	6,573.8	4,158.6	890.1	365.8	284.9	121.1	141.4	82.2
FY08	6,713.7	4,268.0	837.8	540.3	297.5	158.8	156.6	70.3
FY09	6,222.7	4,084.0	629.5	647.6	320.1	20.9	136.3	52.1
FY10	6,089.2	3,944.2	834.5	757.9	319.4	0.9	130.7	54.9
As a Percent of Personal Income								
FY85	3.22%	2.33%	0.66%	0.28%	0.40%	0.13%	0.08%	0.03%
FY86	3.41%	2.35%	0.62%	0.25%	0.40%	0.11%	0.09%	0.03%
FY87	3.22%	2.39%	0.68%	0.25%	0.37%	0.12%	0.10%	0.04%
FY88	3.18%	2.42%	0.63%	0.25%	0.33%	0.13%	0.10%	0.03%
FY89	3.33%	2.44%	0.58%	0.24%	0.31%	0.13%	0.09%	0.04%
FY90	3.13%	2.36%	0.52%	0.22%	0.28%	0.11%	0.08%	0.03%
FY91	3.39%	2.29%	0.50%	0.20%	0.27%	0.09%	0.09%	0.03%
FY92	3.41%	2.31%	0.48%	0.21%	0.28%	0.06%	0.09%	0.04%
FY93	3.48%	2.29%	0.50%	0.22%	0.28%	0.05%	0.09%	0.04%
FY94	3.51%	2.35%	0.52%	0.21%	0.26%	0.05%	0.09%	0.04%
FY95	3.55%	2.34%	0.57%	0.20%	0.25%	0.04%	0.09%	0.04%
FY96	3.61%	2.35%	0.55%	0.21%	0.25%	0.04%	0.08%	0.04%
FY97	3.73%	2.35%	0.53%	0.21%	0.25%	0.04%	0.08%	0.04%
FY98	3.91%	2.36%	0.49%	0.23%	0.22%	0.06%	0.07%	0.04%
FY99	3.72%	2.37%	0.46%	0.22%	0.21%	0.08%	0.07%	0.04%
FY00	4.12%	2.42%	0.45%	0.21%	0.18%	0.09%	0.06%	0.04%
FY01	3.36%	2.35%	0.35%	0.20%	0.16%	0.05%	0.06%	0.04%
FY02	3.14%	2.33%	0.32%	0.22%	0.16%	0.05%	0.06%	0.04%
FY03	3.10%	2.29%	0.32%	0.22%	0.17%	0.04%	0.07%	0.04%
FY04	3.14%	2.32%	0.39%	0.21%	0.16%	0.05%	0.07%	0.05%
FY05	3.18%	2.29%	0.43%	0.20%	0.14%	0.06%	0.07%	0.05%
FY06	3.33%	2.24%	0.42%	0.20%	0.15%	0.06%	0.07%	0.05%
FY07	3.31%	2.09%	0.45%	0.18%	0.14%	0.06%	0.07%	0.04%
FY08	3.25%	2.07%	0.41%	0.26%	0.14%	0.08%	0.08%	0.03%
FY09	2.92%	1.91%	0.30%	0.30%	0.15%	0.01%	0.06%	0.02%
FY10	2.88%	1.87%	0.39%	0.36%	0.15%	0.00%	0.06%	0.03%

**TABLE 7
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE TAX, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	Individual Income	General Sales & Use	Corporate Income & Franchise	Excise	Public Utility	Inheritance, Estate & Gift	Insurance Premiums	Other
Percentage Distribution								
FY85	45.2%	32.7%	9.3%	3.9%	5.6%	1.8%	1.1%	0.4%
FY86	46.9%	32.3%	8.5%	3.5%	5.5%	1.6%	1.2%	0.4%
FY87	44.9%	33.3%	9.5%	3.5%	5.2%	1.7%	1.4%	0.5%
FY88	44.8%	34.2%	8.9%	3.6%	4.7%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%
FY89	46.5%	34.1%	8.1%	3.3%	4.4%	1.8%	1.3%	0.5%
FY90	46.5%	35.1%	7.7%	3.2%	4.1%	1.6%	1.2%	0.5%
FY91	49.5%	33.4%	7.3%	3.0%	4.0%	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%
FY92	49.6%	33.6%	6.9%	3.0%	4.1%	0.9%	1.3%	0.6%
FY93	50.1%	32.9%	7.2%	3.1%	4.1%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%
FY94	49.9%	33.4%	7.4%	3.0%	3.7%	0.7%	1.3%	0.6%
FY95	50.2%	33.1%	8.1%	2.9%	3.5%	0.5%	1.2%	0.5%
FY96	50.6%	32.9%	7.7%	3.0%	3.5%	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%
FY97	51.6%	32.5%	7.3%	2.9%	3.5%	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%
FY98	53.0%	32.0%	6.6%	3.1%	3.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.5%
FY99	51.9%	33.0%	6.4%	3.1%	2.9%	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%
FY00	54.5%	32.0%	5.9%	2.8%	2.4%	1.2%	0.8%	0.5%
FY01	51.2%	35.9%	5.3%	3.0%	2.4%	0.8%	0.9%	0.5%
FY02	49.7%	36.9%	5.0%	3.5%	2.5%	0.8%	1.0%	0.6%
FY03	49.5%	36.6%	5.2%	3.5%	2.7%	0.7%	1.1%	0.7%
FY04	49.1%	36.3%	6.1%	3.3%	2.5%	0.8%	1.2%	0.7%
FY05	49.5%	35.5%	6.7%	3.2%	2.2%	1.0%	1.1%	0.8%
FY06	51.0%	34.4%	6.4%	3.1%	2.3%	0.9%	1.1%	0.8%
FY07	52.1%	33.0%	7.1%	2.9%	2.3%	1.0%	1.1%	0.7%
FY08	51.5%	32.7%	6.4%	4.1%	2.3%	1.2%	1.2%	0.5%
FY09	51.4%	33.7%	5.2%	5.3%	2.6%	0.2%	1.1%	0.4%
FY10	50.2%	32.5%	6.9%	6.2%	2.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.5%

E. LOCAL TAXES

In FY10, local school districts accounted for nearly \$4.5 billion in local taxes, all in property taxes; municipal governments raised another \$2.4 billion in taxes, nearly all from the property tax, while counties raised \$2.2 billion in taxes, including \$1.9 billion in property taxes and \$0.27 billion in sales taxes. Technical college districts imposed property taxes totaling \$743 million and other local governments collected \$519 million in taxes (of which \$451 million was from the property tax).

Table 8 shows the amount of taxes raised by local governments from FY85 to FY10, along with those taxes as a percent of income and the percentage distribution of those taxes. The amount of property tax for each local government is gross property tax, prior to state property tax credits on the property tax bill. Variation in local government tax burdens results from variation in not only local government spending, but also in state aids, since those aids are an important source of revenue for local governments in Wisconsin, especially school districts.

Table 8 also shows total gross property tax, state property tax credits, and net property tax – (i.e. gross tax less credits) – for all local governments. The appropriation for property tax credits remained at \$319 million from FY88 through FY96; increased to \$469 million for FY97 through FY06, and then further increased in three steps to \$747 million. While the \$747 million of state property tax credits shown reflects state aid that reduces tax bills for all taxable parcels, it does not include state credits (such as the lottery and gaming credit and the first dollar credit) that reduce property taxes for some, but not all, taxable parcels.

**TABLE 8
Wisconsin Local Taxes by Taxing Jurisdiction, FY85 – FY10**

Fiscal Year	School District	Municipality			County			Vocational College	Other Local Governments			Local Government Total				
	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Property Tax Credits	Net Property	Other	Total
Amount (\$ millions)																
FY85	1,566.0	600.8	9.7	610.5	458.5	-	458.5	177.8	112.5	-	112.5	2,915.6	289.6	2,626.0	9.7	2,635.7
FY86	1,738.3	646.5	11.4	657.9	489.8	-	489.8	185.6	118.7	-	118.7	3,179.0	459.1	2,719.9	11.4	2,731.3
FY87	1,908.0	709.4	13.5	722.9	527.0	1.7	528.7	189.5	131.4	-	131.4	3,465.3	517.8	2,947.5	15.2	2,962.7
FY88	1,840.4	755.0	15.2	770.2	551.2	13.2	564.5	195.1	133.0	-	133.0	3,474.8	319.3	3,155.5	28.4	3,184.0
FY89	1,989.9	796.8	16.7	813.5	595.4	20.8	616.2	199.7	148.3	-	148.3	3,730.1	319.3	3,410.7	37.5	3,448.2
FY90	2,158.5	845.8	18.5	864.3	672.6	26.5	699.1	214.6	168.2	-	168.2	4,059.6	319.3	3,740.3	45.0	3,785.4
FY91	2,356.4	893.7	20.6	914.3	697.5	37.5	735.0	235.4	177.4	-	177.4	4,360.4	319.3	4,041.1	58.1	4,099.2
FY92	2,568.0	939.3	22.6	961.9	752.8	109.1	861.9	251.2	194.8	-	194.8	4,706.1	319.3	4,386.8	131.7	4,518.5
FY93	2,843.8	1,003.4	24.1	1,027.5	814.6	119.5	934.2	268.7	195.9	-	195.9	5,126.4	319.3	4,807.1	143.6	4,950.8
FY94	2,988.1	1,055.3	26.6	1,081.9	860.7	130.4	991.1	289.8	209.6	-	209.6	5,403.3	319.3	5,084.0	157.0	5,241.0
FY95	2,995.7	1,117.0	24.2	1,141.2	909.5	139.2	1,048.7	310.6	202.3	2.3	204.6	5,535.2	319.3	5,215.9	165.6	5,381.5
FY96	3,023.6	1,174.4	24.8	1,199.2	964.5	146.7	1,111.3	331.3	204.8	14.9	219.7	5,698.6	319.3	5,379.3	186.4	5,565.7
FY97	2,528.1	1,267.4	25.2	1,292.6	1,017.7	156.9	1,174.6	350.4	171.0	26.7	197.7	5,334.6	469.3	4,865.3	208.8	5,074.1
FY98	2,590.4	1,351.1	28.6	1,379.7	1,091.2	179.4	1,270.6	371.1	185.5	28.6	214.1	5,589.3	469.3	5,120.0	236.5	5,356.5
FY99	2,735.8	1,435.2	32.5	1,467.7	1,157.4	182.7	1,340.1	396.2	200.6	34.2	234.8	5,925.2	469.3	5,455.9	249.4	5,705.3
FY00	2,795.2	1,486.9	38.0	1,524.9	1,217.7	208.6	1,426.3	430.1	207.7	35.1	242.8	6,137.6	469.3	5,668.3	281.8	5,950.0
FY01	2,927.8	1,607.1	39.2	1,646.3	1,316.1	217.8	1,533.8	466.3	229.9	44.8	274.8	6,547.2	469.3	6,077.9	301.8	6,379.7
FY02	3,071.8	1,713.4	37.4	1,750.8	1,420.0	228.2	1,648.2	511.6	264.4	57.3	321.8	6,981.2	469.3	6,511.9	322.9	6,834.8
FY03	3,192.0	1,796.0	38.4	1,834.4	1,490.5	232.7	1,723.2	541.9	276.2	59.1	335.2	7,296.5	469.3	6,827.2	330.1	7,157.3
FY04	3,367.6	1,852.5	40.0	1,892.5	1,544.8	252.2	1,796.9	565.3	284.9	58.6	343.5	7,615.1	469.3	7,145.8	350.8	7,496.6
FY05	3,610.7	1,949.2	42.3	1,991.5	1,615.2	262.4	1,877.6	590.8	306.6	62.4	369.0	8,072.5	469.3	7,603.2	367.1	7,970.3
FY06	3,592.3	2,028.6	44.9	2,073.5	1,671.1	270.7	1,941.8	622.0	332.5	64.3	396.8	8,246.5	469.3	7,777.2	379.8	8,157.1
FY07	3,787.8	2,099.9	53.1	2,153.0	1,723.9	277.9	2,001.7	650.6	361.7	67.1	428.8	8,623.9	593.1	8,030.9	398.0	8,428.9
FY08	4,066.6	2,204.4	54.9	2,259.3	1,800.8	288.6	2,089.4	680.6	413.3	69.3	482.6	9,165.8	672.4	8,493.4	412.8	8,906.2
FY09	4,279.0	2,299.0	55.2	2,354.3	1,856.1	268.1	2,124.2	714.6	431.0	62.6	493.7	9,579.8	747.4	8,832.4	386.0	9,218.3
FY10	4,537.6	2,372.5	57.7	2,430.2	1,914.6	271.0	2,185.6	742.6	451.4	67.4	518.8	10,018.8	747.4	9,271.4	396.1	9,667.5

TABLE 8 (continued)
Wisconsin Local Taxes by Taxing Jurisdiction, FY85 – FY10

Fiscal Year	School District	Municipality			County			Vocational College	Other Local Governments			Local Government Total				
	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Property Tax Credits	Net Property	Other	Total
	Percent Distribution															
FY85	59.4%	22.8%	0.4%	23.2%	17.4%	0.0%	17.4%	6.7%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	110.6%	-11.0%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
FY86	63.6%	23.7%	0.4%	24.1%	17.9%	0.0%	17.9%	6.8%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	116.4%	-16.8%	99.6%	0.4%	100.0%
FY87	64.4%	23.9%	0.5%	24.4%	17.8%	0.1%	17.8%	6.4%	4.4%	0.0%	4.4%	117.0%	-17.5%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
FY88	57.8%	23.7%	0.5%	24.2%	17.3%	0.4%	17.7%	6.1%	4.2%	0.0%	4.2%	109.1%	-10.0%	99.1%	0.9%	100.0%
FY89	57.7%	23.1%	0.5%	23.6%	17.3%	0.6%	17.9%	5.8%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	108.2%	-9.3%	98.9%	1.1%	100.0%
FY90	57.0%	22.3%	0.5%	22.8%	17.8%	0.7%	18.5%	5.7%	4.4%	0.0%	4.4%	107.2%	-8.4%	98.8%	1.2%	100.0%
FY91	57.5%	21.8%	0.5%	22.3%	17.0%	0.9%	17.9%	5.7%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	106.4%	-7.8%	98.6%	1.4%	100.0%
FY92	56.8%	20.8%	0.5%	21.3%	16.7%	2.4%	19.1%	5.6%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	104.2%	-7.1%	97.1%	2.9%	100.0%
FY93	57.4%	20.3%	0.5%	20.8%	16.5%	2.4%	18.9%	5.4%	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%	103.5%	-6.4%	97.1%	2.9%	100.0%
FY94	57.0%	20.1%	0.5%	20.6%	16.4%	2.5%	18.9%	5.5%	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%	103.1%	-6.1%	97.0%	3.0%	100.0%
FY95	55.7%	20.8%	0.4%	21.2%	16.9%	2.6%	19.5%	5.8%	3.8%	0.0%	3.8%	102.9%	-5.9%	96.9%	3.1%	100.0%
FY96	54.3%	21.1%	0.4%	21.5%	17.3%	2.6%	20.0%	6.0%	3.7%	0.3%	3.9%	102.4%	-5.7%	96.7%	3.3%	100.0%
FY97	49.8%	25.0%	0.5%	25.5%	20.1%	3.1%	23.1%	6.9%	3.4%	0.5%	3.9%	105.1%	-9.2%	95.9%	4.1%	100.0%
FY98	48.4%	25.2%	0.5%	25.8%	20.4%	3.3%	23.7%	6.9%	3.5%	0.5%	4.0%	104.3%	-8.8%	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%
FY99	48.0%	25.2%	0.6%	25.7%	20.3%	3.2%	23.5%	6.9%	3.5%	0.6%	4.1%	103.9%	-8.2%	95.6%	4.4%	100.0%
FY00	47.0%	25.0%	0.6%	25.6%	20.5%	3.5%	24.0%	7.2%	3.5%	0.6%	4.1%	103.2%	-7.9%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY01	45.9%	25.2%	0.6%	25.8%	20.6%	3.4%	24.0%	7.3%	3.6%	0.7%	4.3%	102.6%	-7.4%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY02	44.9%	25.1%	0.5%	25.6%	20.8%	3.3%	24.1%	7.5%	3.9%	0.8%	4.7%	102.1%	-6.9%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY03	44.6%	25.1%	0.5%	25.6%	20.8%	3.3%	24.1%	7.6%	3.9%	0.8%	4.7%	101.9%	-6.6%	95.4%	4.6%	100.0%
FY04	44.9%	24.7%	0.5%	25.2%	20.6%	3.4%	24.0%	7.5%	3.8%	0.8%	4.6%	101.6%	-6.3%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY05	45.3%	24.5%	0.5%	25.0%	20.3%	3.3%	23.6%	7.4%	3.8%	0.8%	4.6%	101.3%	-5.9%	95.4%	4.6%	100.0%
FY06	44.0%	24.9%	0.6%	25.4%	20.5%	3.3%	23.8%	7.6%	4.1%	0.8%	4.9%	101.1%	-5.8%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY07	44.9%	24.9%	0.6%	25.5%	20.5%	3.3%	23.7%	7.7%	4.3%	0.8%	5.1%	102.3%	-7.0%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
FY08	45.7%	24.8%	0.6%	25.4%	20.2%	3.2%	23.5%	7.6%	4.6%	0.8%	5.4%	102.9%	-7.5%	95.4%	4.6%	100.0%
FY09	46.4%	24.9%	0.6%	25.5%	20.1%	2.9%	23.0%	7.8%	4.7%	0.7%	5.4%	103.9%	-8.1%	95.8%	4.2%	100.0%
FY10	46.9%	24.5%	0.6%	25.1%	19.8%	2.8%	22.6%	7.7%	4.7%	0.7%	5.4%	103.6%	-7.7%	95.9%	4.1%	100.0%

TABLE 8 (continued)
Wisconsin Local Taxes by Taxing Jurisdiction, FY85 – FY10

Fiscal Year	School District	Municipality			County			Vocational College	Other Local Governments			Local Government Total				
	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Gross Property	Other	Total	Gross Property	Property Tax Credits	Net Property	Other	Total
	As a Percent of Personal Income															
FY85	2.51%	0.96%	0.02%	0.98%	0.73%	0.00%	0.73%	0.28%	0.18%	0.00%	0.18%	4.67%	-0.46%	4.20%	0.02%	4.22%
FY86	2.65%	0.98%	0.02%	1.00%	0.75%	0.00%	0.75%	0.28%	0.18%	0.00%	0.18%	4.84%	-0.70%	4.14%	0.02%	4.16%
FY87	2.76%	1.03%	0.02%	1.05%	0.76%	0.00%	0.77%	0.27%	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	5.02%	-0.75%	4.27%	0.02%	4.29%
FY88	2.52%	1.03%	0.02%	1.05%	0.76%	0.02%	0.77%	0.27%	0.18%	0.00%	0.18%	4.76%	-0.44%	4.32%	0.04%	4.36%
FY89	2.57%	1.03%	0.02%	1.05%	0.77%	0.03%	0.80%	0.26%	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	4.82%	-0.41%	4.40%	0.05%	4.45%
FY90	2.57%	1.01%	0.02%	1.03%	0.80%	0.03%	0.83%	0.26%	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%	4.84%	-0.38%	4.46%	0.05%	4.51%
FY91	2.66%	1.01%	0.02%	1.03%	0.79%	0.04%	0.83%	0.27%	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%	4.92%	-0.36%	4.56%	0.07%	4.62%
FY92	2.79%	1.02%	0.02%	1.04%	0.82%	0.12%	0.94%	0.27%	0.21%	0.00%	0.21%	5.11%	-0.35%	4.76%	0.14%	4.90%
FY93	2.87%	1.01%	0.02%	1.04%	0.82%	0.12%	0.94%	0.27%	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%	5.18%	-0.32%	4.86%	0.15%	5.00%
FY94	2.89%	1.02%	0.03%	1.05%	0.83%	0.13%	0.96%	0.28%	0.20%	0.00%	0.20%	5.23%	-0.31%	4.92%	0.15%	5.07%
FY95	2.73%	1.02%	0.02%	1.04%	0.83%	0.13%	0.95%	0.28%	0.18%	0.00%	0.19%	5.04%	-0.29%	4.74%	0.15%	4.90%
FY96	2.63%	1.02%	0.02%	1.04%	0.84%	0.13%	0.96%	0.29%	0.18%	0.01%	0.19%	4.95%	-0.28%	4.67%	0.16%	4.83%
FY97	2.08%	1.04%	0.02%	1.06%	0.84%	0.13%	0.97%	0.29%	0.14%	0.02%	0.16%	4.38%	-0.39%	4.00%	0.17%	4.17%
FY98	2.01%	1.05%	0.02%	1.07%	0.85%	0.14%	0.98%	0.29%	0.14%	0.02%	0.17%	4.33%	-0.36%	3.97%	0.18%	4.15%
FY99	1.97%	1.03%	0.02%	1.06%	0.83%	0.13%	0.97%	0.29%	0.14%	0.02%	0.17%	4.27%	-0.34%	3.93%	0.18%	4.11%
FY00	1.93%	1.03%	0.03%	1.05%	0.84%	0.14%	0.99%	0.30%	0.14%	0.02%	0.17%	4.24%	-0.32%	3.92%	0.19%	4.11%
FY01	1.91%	1.05%	0.03%	1.07%	0.86%	0.14%	1.00%	0.30%	0.15%	0.03%	0.18%	4.26%	-0.31%	3.96%	0.20%	4.15%
FY02	1.94%	1.08%	0.02%	1.10%	0.90%	0.14%	1.04%	0.32%	0.17%	0.04%	0.20%	4.40%	-0.30%	4.10%	0.20%	4.31%
FY03	1.96%	1.10%	0.02%	1.12%	0.91%	0.14%	1.06%	0.33%	0.17%	0.04%	0.21%	4.47%	-0.29%	4.19%	0.20%	4.39%
FY04	2.00%	1.10%	0.02%	1.13%	0.92%	0.15%	1.07%	0.34%	0.17%	0.03%	0.20%	4.53%	-0.28%	4.25%	0.21%	4.46%
FY05	2.04%	1.10%	0.02%	1.13%	0.91%	0.15%	1.06%	0.33%	0.17%	0.04%	0.21%	4.57%	-0.27%	4.30%	0.21%	4.51%
FY06	1.95%	1.10%	0.02%	1.13%	0.91%	0.15%	1.05%	0.34%	0.18%	0.03%	0.22%	4.48%	-0.25%	4.22%	0.21%	4.43%
FY07	1.91%	1.06%	0.03%	1.08%	0.87%	0.14%	1.01%	0.33%	0.18%	0.03%	0.22%	4.34%	-0.30%	4.04%	0.20%	4.25%
FY08	1.97%	1.07%	0.03%	1.09%	0.87%	0.14%	1.01%	0.33%	0.20%	0.03%	0.23%	4.44%	-0.33%	4.12%	0.20%	4.32%
FY09	2.01%	1.08%	0.03%	1.10%	0.87%	0.13%	1.00%	0.33%	0.20%	0.03%	0.23%	4.49%	-0.35%	4.14%	0.18%	4.32%
FY10	2.15%	1.12%	0.03%	1.15%	0.91%	0.13%	1.03%	0.35%	0.21%	0.03%	0.25%	4.74%	-0.35%	4.38%	0.19%	4.57%

F. PROPERTY TAXES BY CLASS OF PROPERTY

As presented in Table 9, owners of residential property, consisting of owner-occupied housing and smaller rental housing, paid \$6.6 billion in net property taxes in FY10 – an amount equal to 70.4% of total net property taxes. Commercial property, including retail, office and similar business property and larger rental housing complexes, contributed \$1.8 billion, or 19.6% of the total. All other taxable property paid the remaining 9.9% of the net property tax burden (including manufacturing, agriculture, forest, and taxable personal property – such as furniture and certain equipment owned by businesses).

Over the years, the share of the property tax imposed on agricultural land declined due to both market forces and legislative changes. Agricultural property accounted for 12.6% of total property taxes in FY85, but only 3.0% in FY10. While market forces initially contributed to the decline in farm values (beginning in the 1980s), much of the decline in the property tax burden on agriculture is due to use value assessment of farmland. Under use value, farmland is assessed for property tax purposes on the income that the land can generate from farming rather than on the land's full market value.

As presented in the final portion of Table 9, from FY85 to FY10, total net property taxes increased from 4.24% to 4.43% of personal income, but fluctuated in the intervening years. Residential property taxes increased from 2.49% to 3.12% of personal income. While residential property taxes fell significantly when the state substantially increased its support of K-12 education beginning in FY97, a combination of market forces (often resulting in higher value growth for housing than other property), slower growth in state aid to local governments, and lower income due to the recent recession have contributed to net residential property taxes increasing relative to personal income in recent years.

TABLE 9
NET PROPERTY TAXES BY CLASS OF PROPERTY, FY85 – FY10

Fiscal Year	Residential	Commercial	Manufacturing	Agricultural	Other Real Property	Personal Property	Total
Amount (\$ millions)							
FY85	1,556.9	465.1	132.6	333.5	39.8	122.5	2,650.4
FY86	1,619.1	488.2	127.8	333.8	42.2	133.3	2,744.4
FY87	1,776.5	546.5	133.8	317.8	44.7	152.1	2,971.4
FY88	1,919.9	606.3	137.4	303.6	46.6	166.0	3,179.8
FY89	2,072.7	683.4	143.3	307.1	48.0	181.6	3,436.1
FY90	2,268.0	755.5	154.1	326.4	51.1	204.5	3,759.6
FY91	2,459.9	822.6	166.6	341.7	53.4	224.7	4,068.9
FY92	2,689.3	894.9	178.5	353.9	55.4	241.4	4,413.4
FY93	2,992.6	965.4	194.3	378.0	59.1	260.7	4,850.1
FY94	3,208.6	1,002.9	199.1	380.6	60.1	267.3	5,118.6
FY95	3,350.8	1,011.1	196.6	370.3	59.4	264.6	5,252.8
FY96	3,512.2	1,024.0	196.8	362.5	59.2	264.7	5,419.4
FY97	3,224.4	930.1	177.4	299.1	52.6	225.2	4,908.8
FY98	3,418.5	968.5	186.4	302.0	57.6	233.1	5,166.1
FY99	3,656.6	1,031.1	200.4	297.6	71.6	248.2	5,505.5
FY00	3,849.0	1,077.4	210.8	298.6	85.1	200.7	5,721.6
FY01	4,160.2	1,167.1	228.5	260.7	106.2	212.4	6,135.1
FY02	4,471.5	1,252.7	241.3	262.2	124.8	221.9	6,574.4
FY03	4,753.2	1,308.5	245.2	223.4	145.7	218.4	6,894.4
FY04	5,023.8	1,365.4	244.1	211.3	164.4	208.8	7,217.8
FY05	5,395.6	1,448.6	244.2	219.4	165.9	207.9	7,681.6
FY06	5,576.0	1,478.2	234.9	243.8	121.3	203.2	7,857.4
FY07	5,788.8	1,525.3	226.2	245.1	126.7	201.2	8,113.3
FY08	6,113.7	1,626.4	233.5	257.2	136.2	210.9	8,577.9
FY09	6,314.9	1,722.6	244.2	264.4	143.3	230.3	8,919.7
FY10	6,590.8	1,832.8	254.7	282.9	152.0	245.0	9,358.3
Percent Distribution							
FY85	58.7%	17.5%	5.0%	12.6%	1.5%	4.6%	100.0%
FY86	59.0%	17.8%	4.7%	12.2%	1.5%	4.9%	100.0%
FY87	59.8%	18.4%	4.5%	10.7%	1.5%	5.1%	100.0%
FY88	60.4%	19.1%	4.3%	9.5%	1.5%	5.2%	100.0%
FY89	60.3%	19.9%	4.2%	8.9%	1.4%	5.3%	100.0%
FY90	60.3%	20.1%	4.1%	8.7%	1.4%	5.4%	100.0%
FY91	60.5%	20.2%	4.1%	8.4%	1.3%	5.5%	100.0%
FY92	60.9%	20.3%	4.0%	8.0%	1.3%	5.5%	100.0%
FY93	61.7%	19.9%	4.0%	7.8%	1.2%	5.4%	100.0%
FY94	62.7%	19.6%	3.9%	7.4%	1.2%	5.2%	100.0%
FY95	63.8%	19.2%	3.7%	7.0%	1.1%	5.0%	100.0%
FY96	64.8%	18.9%	3.6%	6.7%	1.1%	4.9%	100.0%
FY97	65.7%	18.9%	3.6%	6.1%	1.1%	4.6%	100.0%
FY98	66.2%	18.7%	3.6%	5.8%	1.1%	4.5%	100.0%
FY99	66.4%	18.7%	3.6%	5.4%	1.3%	4.5%	100.0%
FY00	67.3%	18.8%	3.7%	5.2%	1.5%	3.5%	100.0%
FY01	67.8%	19.0%	3.7%	4.2%	1.7%	3.5%	100.0%
FY02	68.0%	19.1%	3.7%	4.0%	1.9%	3.4%	100.0%
FY03	68.9%	19.0%	3.6%	3.2%	2.1%	3.2%	100.0%
FY04	69.6%	18.9%	3.4%	2.9%	2.3%	2.9%	100.0%
FY05	70.2%	18.9%	3.2%	2.9%	2.2%	2.7%	100.0%
FY06	71.0%	18.8%	3.0%	3.1%	1.5%	2.6%	100.0%
FY07	71.3%	18.8%	2.8%	3.0%	1.6%	2.5%	100.0%
FY08	71.3%	19.0%	2.7%	3.0%	1.6%	2.5%	100.0%
FY09	70.8%	19.3%	2.7%	3.0%	1.6%	2.6%	100.0%
FY10	70.4%	19.6%	2.7%	3.0%	1.6%	2.6%	100.0%

TABLE 9 (continued)
NET PROPERTY TAXES BY CLASS OF PROPERTY, FY85 – FY10

Fiscal Year	Residential	Commercial	Manufacturing	Agricultural	Other Real Property	Personal Property	Total
As a Percent of Personal Income							
FY85	2.49%	0.74%	0.21%	0.53%	0.06%	0.20%	4.24%
FY86	2.46%	0.74%	0.19%	0.51%	0.06%	0.20%	4.18%
FY87	2.57%	0.79%	0.19%	0.46%	0.06%	0.22%	4.30%
FY88	2.63%	0.83%	0.19%	0.42%	0.06%	0.23%	4.36%
FY89	2.68%	0.88%	0.19%	0.40%	0.06%	0.23%	4.44%
FY90	2.70%	0.90%	0.18%	0.39%	0.06%	0.24%	4.48%
FY91	2.78%	0.93%	0.19%	0.39%	0.06%	0.25%	4.59%
FY92	2.92%	0.97%	0.19%	0.38%	0.06%	0.26%	4.79%
FY93	3.03%	0.98%	0.20%	0.38%	0.06%	0.26%	4.90%
FY94	3.10%	0.97%	0.19%	0.37%	0.06%	0.26%	4.95%
FY95	3.05%	0.92%	0.18%	0.34%	0.05%	0.24%	4.78%
FY96	3.05%	0.89%	0.17%	0.31%	0.05%	0.23%	4.71%
FY97	2.65%	0.76%	0.15%	0.25%	0.04%	0.19%	4.03%
FY98	2.65%	0.75%	0.14%	0.23%	0.04%	0.18%	4.00%
FY99	2.64%	0.74%	0.14%	0.21%	0.05%	0.18%	3.97%
FY00	2.66%	0.74%	0.15%	0.21%	0.06%	0.14%	3.95%
FY01	2.71%	0.76%	0.15%	0.17%	0.07%	0.14%	4.00%
FY02	2.81%	0.79%	0.15%	0.17%	0.08%	0.14%	4.14%
FY03	2.92%	0.80%	0.15%	0.14%	0.09%	0.13%	4.23%
FY04	2.99%	0.81%	0.15%	0.13%	0.10%	0.12%	4.30%
FY05	3.05%	0.82%	0.14%	0.12%	0.09%	0.12%	4.35%
FY06	3.03%	0.80%	0.13%	0.13%	0.07%	0.11%	4.27%
FY07	2.92%	0.77%	0.11%	0.12%	0.06%	0.10%	4.09%
FY08	2.96%	0.79%	0.11%	0.12%	0.07%	0.10%	4.16%
FY09	2.96%	0.81%	0.11%	0.12%	0.07%	0.11%	4.18%
FY10	3.12%	0.87%	0.12%	0.13%	0.07%	0.12%	4.43%

Sources for the data used in this report include:

Wisconsin Department of Administration, *Annual Fiscal Report (Budgetary Basis)*, 2010 and prior years

Wisconsin Department of Revenue, *Town, Village and City Taxes (Taxes Levied 2009, Collected 2010)* and prior years

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