



The Utah Taxpayer

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President's Message - The Top Bills of the 2026 Legislative Session

The Utah Legislature completed its work for 2026 right before midnight on March 6. In all, lawmakers passed a \$31.6 billion state budget, approved a \$115 million income tax cut, and enacted a number of policies that will change how residents and businesses interact with the government in the coming year.

As with every legislative session, there were some ups—see the income tax cut—and some downs.

Lawmakers raised taxes on tobacco products and targeted ads that are sold largely by tech companies. The

downs mean there is still plenty of work for us to do in educating elected officials about sound tax policy, but the positives show that we are seeing success in our efforts. We appreciate the work of those Utah legislators who put taxpayers first in the decisions they make.

[Read more here.](#)

Register Now! 2026 Taxes Now Conference!

Our 2026 Taxes Now Conference will take place on **Friday, May 15th, 2026** at the **Grand America Hotel**.

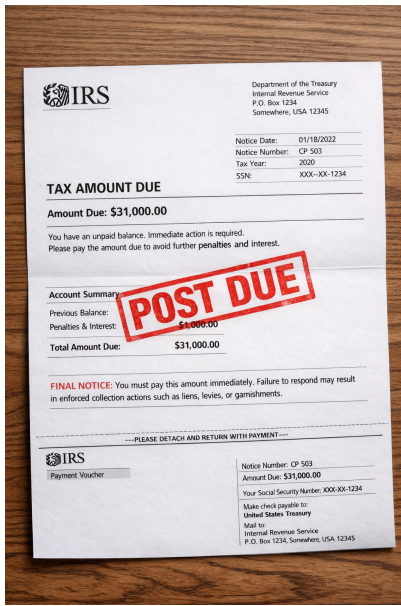
Hear from experts on a variety of issues, and join us for lunch with our keynote speaker to be announced.

4 hours of CLE/CPE credit will be offered.

\$100 for members and \$135 for non-members to attend. A light breakfast, beverages and a plated lunch will be included.

[Register Here!](#)





The 2026 Beehive Family Report is here - Average Utah Families Pay Nearly 30% of Their Income to Taxes

The Utah Taxpayers Association’s 2026 Beehive Family report offers a fresh look at what it costs to live, work, and pay taxes in Utah—and compared to last year, there are some meaningful shifts for the “typical” Beehive household.

As a reminder, the Beehive Family represents a middle-class Utah household of five, built using real data to illustrate how taxes impact everyday life. In last year’s report, the family earned \$96,503 and paid a total tax burden of \$30,918, or nearly 30% of their income.

In the 2026 report (tax year 2025), and the story evolves. The Beehive Family’s income jumped significantly to \$123,716—driven largely by career

advancement and wage growth. While that higher income increased total taxes paid to \$34,482, the overall tax burden actually *fell* slightly as a share of income—from about 29.6% down to 28%.

[Read more here.](#)

More Than 30 Legislators Earn Association’s Top Honor

The Utah Taxpayers Association has released its 2026 Legislative Scorecard, once again recognizing lawmakers who consistently stood up for Utah taxpayers during the General Session. The annual “Friend of the Taxpayer” award remains the Association’s highest legislative honor, highlighting those who demonstrated a strong commitment to pro-taxpayer principles through their votes on key fiscal issues.



This year’s scorecard evaluated lawmakers on a focused set of critical decisions. While the Association tracked 53 tax and fiscal bills throughout the session, 10 of the most impactful votes were selected to measure alignment with taxpayer priorities. These included issues such as income tax reductions, property tax transparency, gas tax relief, and proposals that would have increased the tax burden on Utah families and businesses.

[Read more here.](#)

Your Association Accomplishments in March:

Wrapped up the 2026 Legislative Session

Planning the Taxes Now Conference

Started planning the Teed Off on Taxes Golf Tournament

In the News:

Here are the biggest spending and tax cuts approved by the Utah Legislature this year
-Deseret News

Utah Taxpayers Association statement on passage of SB60 & HB575
-Utah Policy

Published the Legislative Scorecard

Utah Taxpayers Association names 2026

Friends of the Taxpayer

-Utah Policy

As gas taxes decline, Utah cities explore new ways to pay for road repairs

- Fox 13

Law aims to bolster transparency when cities, school districts, other entities pursue tax hikes

-KSL

Committee unanimously backs state-level rules for online marketplaces

-Citizen Portal

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