Texas Taxes

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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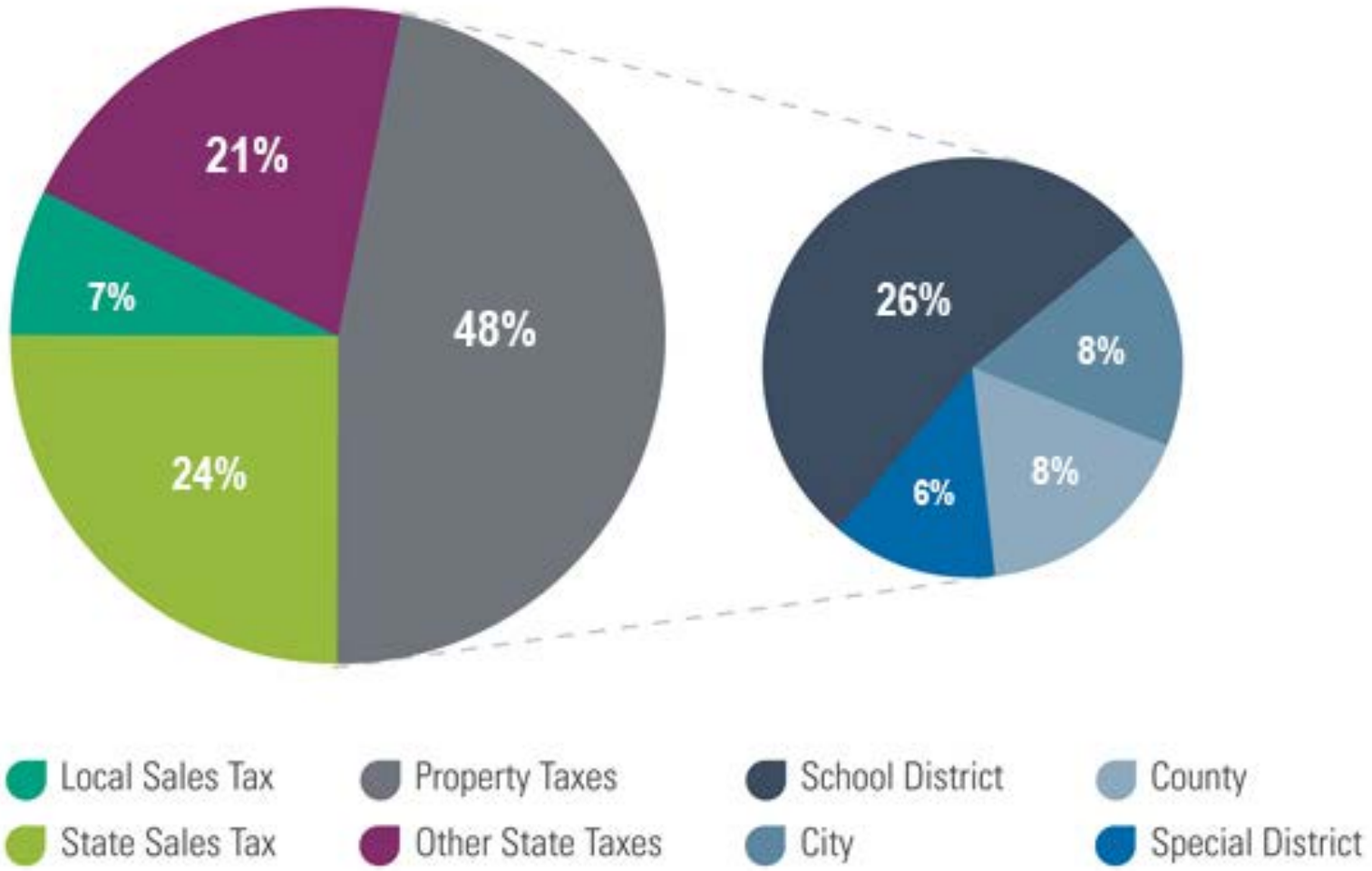
Texas Is a Two-Tax State:
Property and Sales Taxes

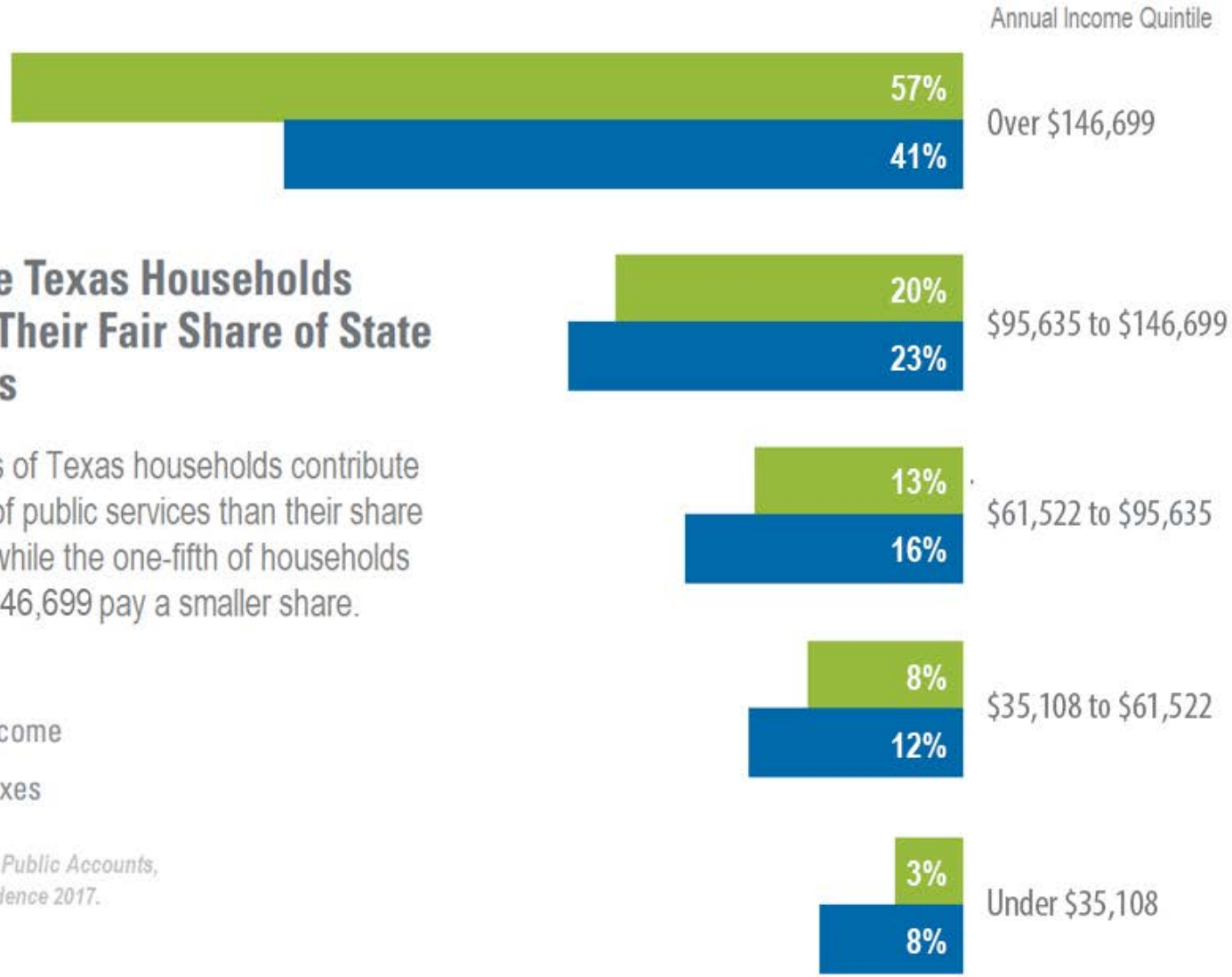


Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Biennial Property Tax Report, Tax Years 2014 and 2015.

Texas' Regressive Tax System

Highest-Income Texas Households Pay Less Than Their Fair Share of State and Local Taxes

The bottom four-fifths of Texas households contribute more to the support of public services than their share of personal income, while the one-fifth of households with incomes over $146,699 pay a smaller share.



Percent of Total Income

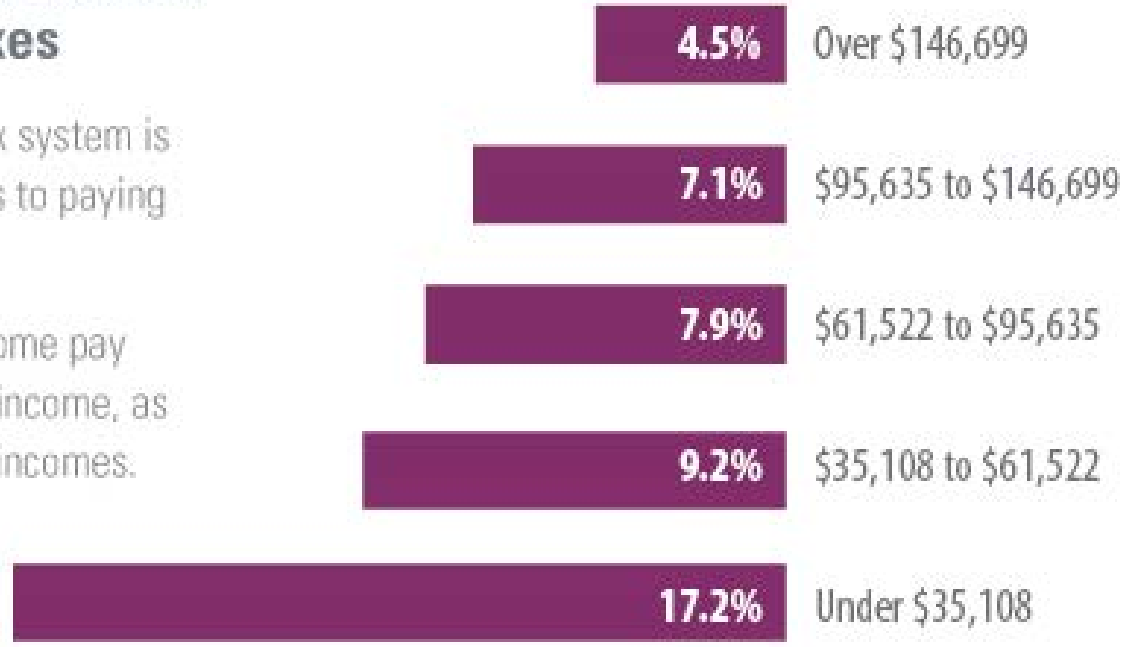
Percent of Total Taxes

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Exemptions and Tax Incidence 2017.

Texas Households with the Lowest Income Pay the Highest Percentage in Taxes

Another way to look at the fairness of Texas' tax system is to examine the share of family income that goes to paying for public services.

The one-fifth of households with the lowest income pay four times as much in taxes, as a share of their income, as do the one-fifth of households with the highest incomes.



State/Local Taxes as a Share of Personal Income

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Tax Exemptions and Tax Incidence 2017.

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