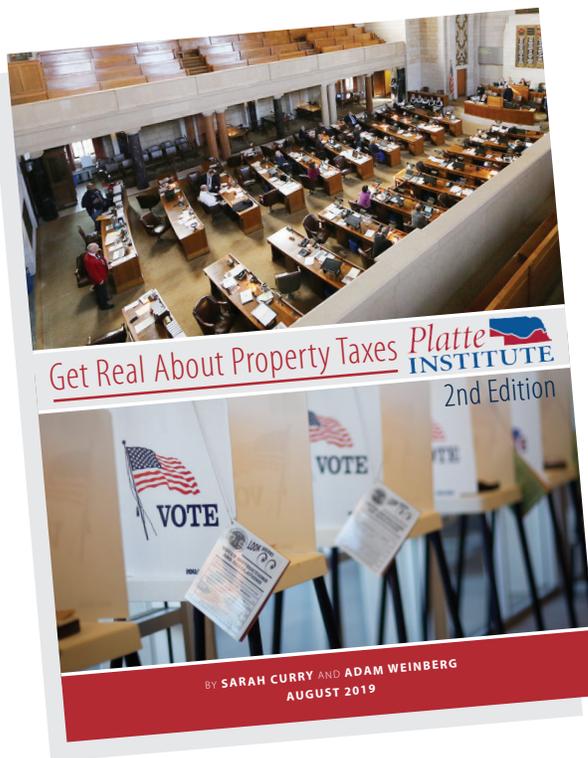


GET REAL ABOUT Property Taxes

SECOND EDITION



The Nebraska Legislature's 2020 Mission:

Develop a 33-vote consensus on major property tax reform or face a possible constitutional amendment ballot initiative adding more than \$1.3 billion in income tax credits to the annual state budget.

~~TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF~~

PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX REFORM

History shows the current approach to "property tax relief" isn't working.

In 1967, the state property tax was repealed. Yet since then, local property taxes collected per capita have nearly doubled, even after adjusting for inflation. Neither the creation of TEEOSA (1990) nor the Property Tax Credit Fund (2007) have stopped the dramatic increases in property taxes, which currently rank as the country's 7th highest. Nebraska needs structural property tax reform.

How do we pay for property tax reform?

To make a major, lasting cut in local property taxes without raising state tax rates or cutting core government services, the Nebraska Legislature will need to eliminate Nebraska's many consumer sales tax exemptions.

Neighboring
South Dakota collects
taxes on **152**
services

Nebraska imposes
sales tax on **81**
types of services



Which sales tax exemptions should be ended?

The Tax Foundation advises that sales tax should be collected on the final sale of all consumer goods and services, exempting only business inputs.

CURRENTLY, ONLY 1 IN 3 SALES IN NEBRASKA ARE TAXED.



Ending Exemptions = Lower Property Tax & Sales Tax

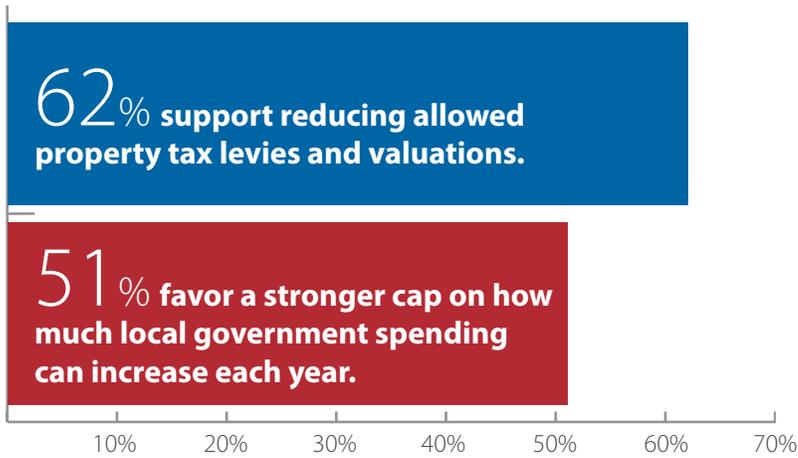
Won't ending sales tax exemptions just be another tax increase?

By eliminating more exemptions, the state can reduce property and sales tax rates without cutting core government services. **The key is to use the new revenues for tax reform, not additional spending.**

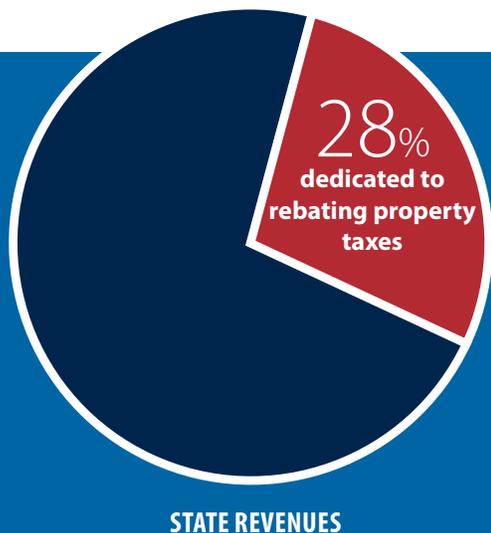
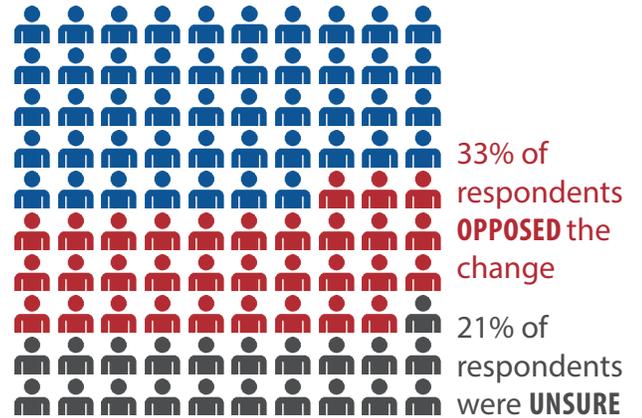
How do we keep property taxes from rising as they have in the past?

In exchange for new sources of state and local revenue from eliminating sales tax exemptions, local governments with property taxing authority must adhere to stronger levy and assessment limits.

What do Nebraskans think about property tax reform?



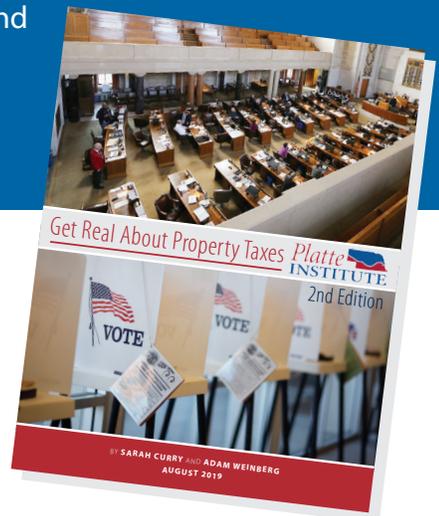
47% of polled Nebraskans say they **WOULD PAY SALES TAX ON EXEMPT GOODS AND SERVICES** if property taxes are reduced.



What will happen if the Legislature doesn't act?

If the property tax ballot initiative is approved, **28% of state revenues** will have to be dedicated to rebating property taxes.

Despite this enormous expense, local and state tax rates will not change without further legislative action, and could potentially increase.



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