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Monday Map: Growth in State Tax Collections (2001-2011)

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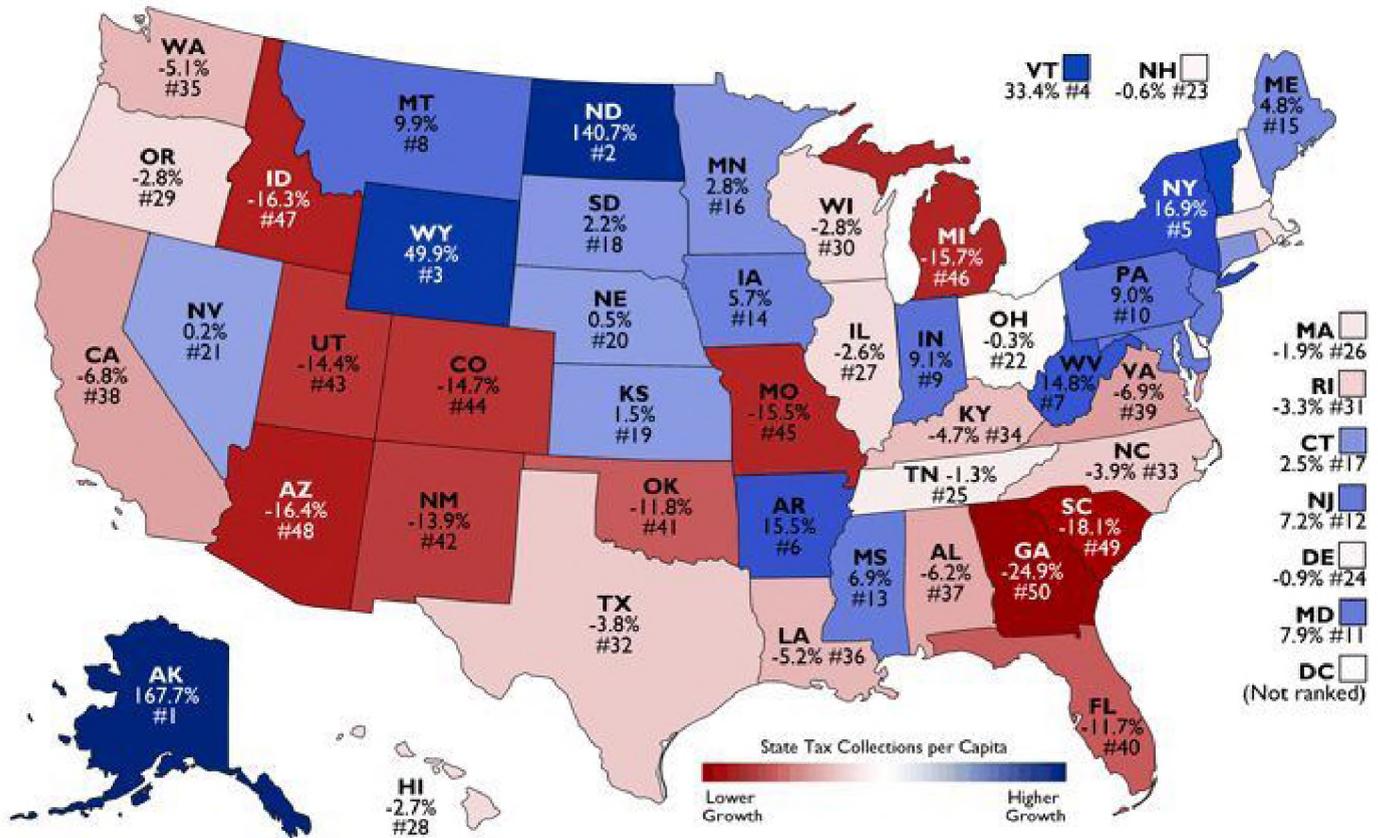
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Two weeks ago, we released a Monday Map called "[Growth in State Government Direct Spending](#)". This week's follow-up Monday Map shows the changes in state tax collections per capita, and the difference is interesting - most states actually had a decrease in tax collections per capita over the same time interval as the previous map. Given that most states require a balanced budget, what's going on? Two things - first, there's been a huge increase in federal aid to state governments in the past few years, and secondly, the state spending figures in the previous map include various things that aren't paid for directly from general funds, such as social insurance payments, pensions, etc., as well as state-run utilities and liquor stores.

Alaska leads the pack with a 167.7% increase in state tax collections per capita, and on the other end, Georgia comes in with a 24.9% decrease.

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Growth in State Tax Collections Real Dollars per Capita, 2001-2011



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Foundation ranks SC 49th in tax collections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — A national research group says South Carolina collected 18 percent less taxes per capita over a decade, ranking 49th in growth.

The report Monday by the Washington-based nonprofit Tax Foundation looks at state tax collections per capita in 2011, compared to 2001, based on Census data. Only Georgia's collections declined more, by 24 percent. Alaska ranked first with an increase of 168 percent.

Two weeks ago, the foundation ranked South Carolina 48th in state government spending per capita over the decade, with a 17 percent growth rate.

Foundation spokesman Richard Borean says the two posts are meant to be a commentary on balanced budgets. He says it appears South Carolina has an imbalance, by spending more and collecting less.

The Republican-led Legislature has repeatedly cut taxes over the last decade.

Read more here: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/05/2901829/foundation-ranks-sc-49th-in-tax.html#storylink=cpy>

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