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MOST YEARS OVER THE PAST 20, BILLIONAIRE TRUMP PAID LESS IN TAXES THAN NURSES & TEACHERS

*Income Tax Figures Updated to Account for Refundable Tax Credits and
Non-Taxable Returns*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nurses, teachers, firefighters, and other frontline workers all on average paid more in federal income taxes than billionaire Donald Trump in all but five years between 2000 and 2017. That analysis is based on a comparison of the recent bombshell [New York Times article](#) on Trump’s tax-dodging, with information on the average tax payments of various jobholders—many of them essential workers during the pandemic—compiled by Americans for Tax Fairness [see table below].

The Times reported that through the artful use of business losses and other accounting maneuvers Trump paid zero federal income taxes in 11 of the years between 2000 and 2017. In that last year and 2016, he paid just \$750 each year. Nurses, who in 2017 made an average of roughly \$70,000, paid an average federal income tax bill around \$4,900. Firefighters, who brought home on average around \$49,000, paid approximately \$2,500.

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES PAID BY PROFESSION, 2017		
Profession	Median Annual Salary	Average Total Income Tax
Chief Executives	\$183,270	\$17,016
Dentists	\$158,120	\$17,016
Construction Managers	\$91,370	\$8,292
Registered Nurses	\$70,000	\$4,920
Elementary and Middle School Teachers	\$57,350	\$4,920
Plumbers	\$51,420	\$4,920
Firefighters	\$49,080	\$2,464
Social Workers	\$47,980	\$2,464
Bus Drivers	\$33,010	\$877

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Internal Revenue Service. [See all calculations here.](#)

Trump could not completely avoid paying taxes during the height of his success with “The Apprentice” in the first decade of the century. Those years of tax payments and a few others over the two decades [average out to \\$1.4 million annually](#). The Times reported that typical taxpayers in Trump’s elite income bracket paid on average \$25 million a year over that 18-year span.

“When trust-fund billionaires like Donald Trump dodge their taxes, it’s working families who have to pick up the load,” said Frank Clemente, executive director of American for Tax Fairness. “They either get hit with higher taxes, diminished public services, higher national debt or some combination of all three. Congress should act immediately to ensure no more of the super-wealthy can follow our president’s shameful example and shirk their tax-paying duties.”