

1.5 MILLION NEW YORK HOUSEHOLDS FACE TAX HIKE UNDER U.S. SENATE TAX PLAN SIMILAR TO HIKES FROM STATE & LOCAL TAX (SALT) DEDUCTION "COMPROMISES"

Under the tax bill passed by the U.S. Senate, nearly 1.5 million New York taxpayers (15%) would face tax increases in 2019 of \$2,230 on average, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP). [Table 1] A major reason for these tax increases is the bill's limitation of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction. The Senate-passed bill repeals the deduction for state and local income and sales taxes, and caps deductible property taxes at \$10,000. In New York 35% of taxpayers claim the SALT deduction, averaging \$22,170, according to the Tax Policy Center.

Lawmakers are considering "compromises" that may be included in the final bill, which they claim would limit the harm to middle-class families from scaling back the SALT deduction. One proposal ("SALT Compromise 1") would allow taxpayers to deduct a combination of state and local income taxes and property taxes, with the total deduction capped at \$10,000. A less generous proposal ("SALT Compromise 2") would allow taxpayers to deduct up to \$10,000 in either income taxes or property taxes, but not both. Thus, if a household has only \$5,000 in income taxes and \$3,000 in property taxes it could only deduct up to \$5,000.

ITEP analyzed the two "compromises" and found that they would do little to limit the harm of the Senate tax bill to New York residents, and would do nearly nothing for middle-class families. **Under SALT Compromise 1**, allowing a \$10,000 deduction for combined income and property taxes, more than 1.3 million New York taxpayers (13.5%) would still face tax increases in 2019, averaging \$2,230. [Table 2]

Under SALT Compromise 2, which forces taxpayers to choose between deducting up to \$10,000 in either income or property taxes, almost 1.4 million New York taxpayers (14%) would still see their taxes rise by an average of \$2,190. [Table 3]

Table 1: New York Taxpayers Facing Tax Hikes Under Senate-Passed Bill, 2019										
Income Group	lno	come Ran	ige	Taxpayers in Income Group	Share with Tax Hike	Taxpayers with Tax Hike	Average Tax Hike			
Poorest 20%	Less than		\$24,130	1,914,870	5.4%	103,640	\$70			
Second 20%	\$24,130	to	\$40,700	1,944,750	7.8%	151,170	\$550			
Middle 20%	\$40,700	to	\$67,910	1,929,950	11.9%	230,330	\$810			
Fourth 20%	\$67,910	to	\$120,560	1,931,290	23.0%	443,990	\$1,490			
Next 15%	\$120,560	to	\$280,210	1,448,090	32.3%	467,240	\$1,920			
Next 4%	\$280,210	to	\$888,520	386,240	10.3%	39,850	\$5,110			
Richest 1%	\$888,520	and	higher	96,400	44.6%	42,950	\$29,280			
ALL				9,765,350	15.1%	1,479,170	\$2,230			
Bottom 60%	Less than		\$67,910	5,789,570	8.4%	485,140	\$570			

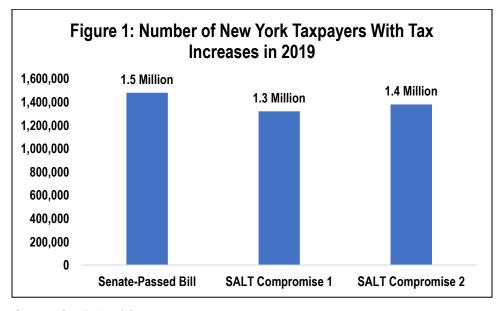
Sources: ITEP, "Compromises" Under Discussion for the State and Local Tax Deduction Do Not Fix Flawed Tax Bills" (Dec. 10, 2017). Number of taxpayers in each income group from ITEP, "National and 50-State Impacts of House and Senate Tax Bills in 2019 and 2027" (Dec. 6, 2017). Average tax hike from ITEP's microsimulation model, shared with ATF.

Table 2: New York Taxpayers Facing Tax Hikes Under SALT Compromise 1, 2019 Taxpayers in Share with Taxpayers with Income **Average Tax Income Range** Group **Income Group** Tax Hike Tax Hike Hike Poorest 20% \$24,130 5.4% 102,680 \$70 Less than 1,914,870 Second 20% \$24,130 to \$40,700 1,944,750 7.8% 151,170 \$530 Middle 20% \$40,700 \$67,910 1,929,950 10.6% 205,360 \$810 to Fourth 20% \$67,910 \$120,560 1,931,290 18.8% 363,350 \$1,430 to **Next 15%** \$1,770 \$120,560 to \$280,210 1,448,090 29.0% 420,030 Next 4% \$280,210 to \$888,520 386,240 8.9% 34,540 \$5,160 Richest 1% \$888,520 96,400 44.5% 42,920 \$29,040 and higher ALL 9,765,350 13.5% \$2,230 1,320,060 7.9% 459,220 \$550 Bottom 60% Less than \$67,910 5,789,570

Sources: See Table 1

Table 3: New York Taxpayers Facing Tax Hikes Under SALT Compromise 2, 2019										
Income Group	ln	come Rar	nge	Taxpayers in Income Group	Share with Tax Hike	Taxpayers with Tax Hike	Average Tax Hike			
Poorest 20%	Less than		\$24,130	1,914,870	5.4%	103,640	\$60			
Second 20%	\$24,130	to	\$40,700	1,944,750	7.8%	151,070	\$530			
Middle 20%	\$40,700	to	\$67,910	1,929,950	11.2%	216,950	\$820			
Fourth 20%	\$67,910	to	\$120,560	1,931,290	20.9%	403,020	\$1,420			
Next 15%	\$120,560	to	\$280,210	1,448,090	29.5%	426,800	\$1,780			
Next 4%	\$280,210	to	\$888,520	386,240	8.9%	34,550	\$5,160			
Richest 1%	\$888,520	and	higher	96,400	44.5%	42,920	\$29,030			
ALL				9,765,350	14.1%	1,378,940	\$2,190			
Bottom 60%	Less than		\$67,910	5,789,570	8.1%	471,660	\$560			

Sources: See Table 1



Sources: See Tables 1-3