

# WISCONSIN VS MINNESOTA TAX RATES

## *A side-by-side comparison of tax rates in the State of Wisconsin and Minnesota*

### Wisconsin Taxes

#### Corporate Income

Base: Net Income  
Rate: 7.9%  
(plus a recycling surcharge equal to 3.00% of tax due before credits). \*  
Apportionment: 100% sales (eff. 2008)

#### Alternative Minimum Tax

None

#### Personal Income

Rates: 4.60% to 6.75%  
(the recycling surcharge also applies to net business income of individuals at the rate of 0.2%). \*

#### Property

Base: Real property and tangible personal property (exemptions for machinery and equipment used in manufacturing; manufacturing, merchant and farm inventories; and computer hardware and software.)

Statewide average rate is estimated at \$22.00 per \$1,000 of full value. Rates are consistent amongst commercial-industrial-residential property classes.

#### Sales & Use

State rate: 5.00% \*\*  
County option rate: 0.50%  
Stadium Taxes: 0.10% / 0.50%  
(Metro-Milwaukee / Brown County)  
Combined rates: 5.00% - 5.60%

#### Unemployment Compensation

Base: \$10,500  
Rates: 0.05% - 9.80%  
New Employers: 3.25% to 3.40%  
New Construction Employers: 6.60%

### Minnesota Taxes

#### Corporate Income

Base: Net Income  
Rate: 9.8%  
Apportionment: 100% sales (eff. 2014)

#### Alternative Minimum Tax

Base: Alt. minimum taxable income  
Rate: 5.8%

#### Personal Income

Rates: 5.35% - 7.85%

#### Property

Base: Real property and a few select types of personal property, e.g. certain electric generating and transmission equipment.

The rate is estimated at \$33.00 per \$1,000 of full value for commercial-industrial property.

#### Sales & Use

State rate: 6.50% \*\*  
(Effective 7/09, rate will go up to 6.875%)  
County option rate: 0.01% to 9.00%  
Local option rate: 0.50% to 1.00%  
Combined rates: 6.50% to 7.50%

#### Unemployment Compensation

Base: \$26,000  
Rates: 0.4% to 9.3%  
New Employers: 1.98%  
New Construction Employers: 8.40%

\* Surcharge limited to maximum of \$9,800 and a minimum of \$25. The surcharge is generally imposed on taxpayers engaged in trade or business with gross receipts of at least \$4,000,000 for the taxable year.

\*\* Wisconsin has sales tax exemptions for agricultural equipment, manufacturing equipment and consumables. Minnesota has a refund mechanism for purchases of qualifying capital equipment and an exemption for farm machinery.



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