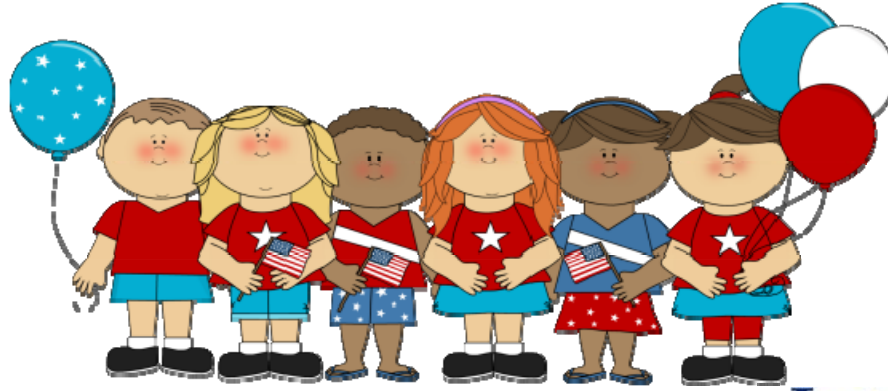


INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN



Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

Thank you to our sponsor
for their generous support!



Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

Agenda - Regional Meeting

- Advocacy Resources – Get Connected
- A Look at Louisiana's Children
- 2017 Special Session – What Happened?
- 2017 Regular Session – What's Being Considered?
- Tax Reform in Louisiana – Louisiana Budget Project
- Updates from Partners

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

LOUISIANA SIGNAL CALLING



Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

Get Connected

The Advocate Rundown - <http://www.theadvocate.com/newsletters/>

Louisiana Legislature electronic notification of legislative committee schedules –

http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email_Notifications_Legislative/

Council for A Better Louisiana (CABL) Wire - <https://cabl.org/cabl-wire/>

Public Affairs Research (PAR) - <http://parlouisiana.org>

Louisiana Budget Project – The Daily Dime – www.labudget.org

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

Louisiana Platform for Children



Physical Health & Development



Child Welfare System



Early Care & Education



Juvenile Justice



Social/Emotional Development



Family Economic Stability



Developmental Disabilities

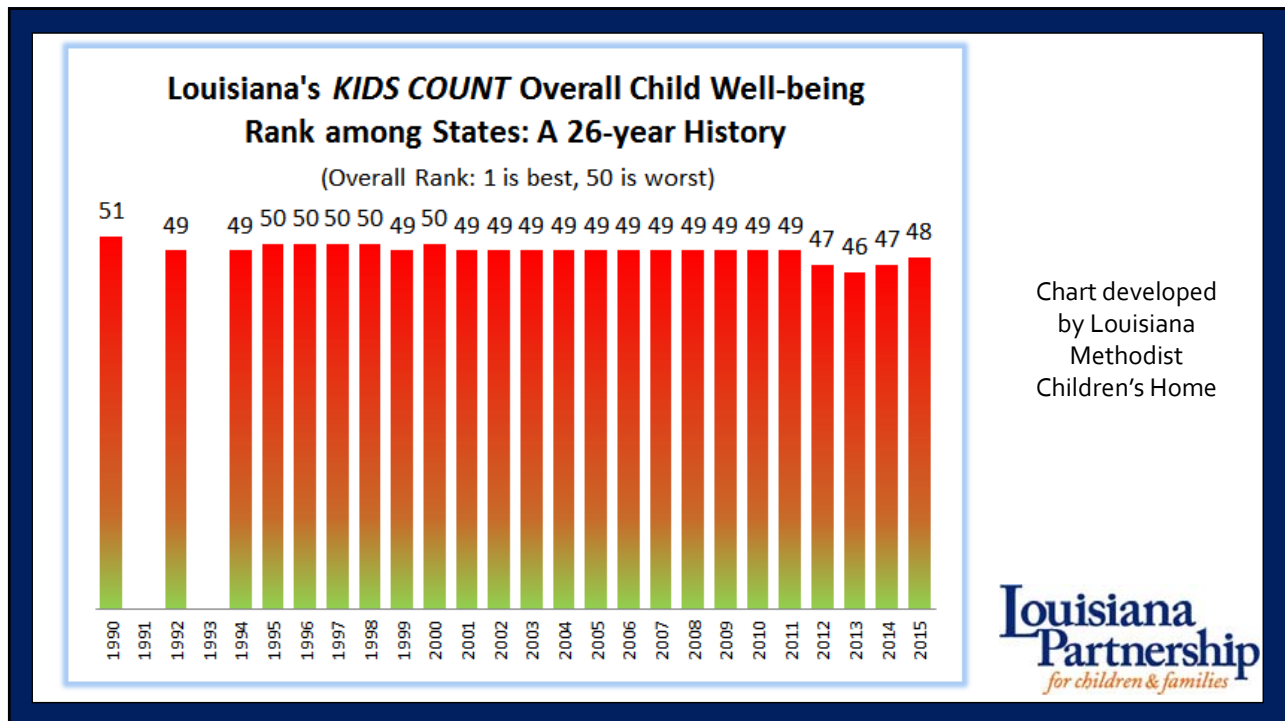


Louisiana's Budget for Children

LOUISIANA
Platform
for **Children**

L O U I S I A N A
Platform
for Children

2016 Update



A Look at Louisiana's Children

Kids Count 2016/Agenda for Children

DCFS Services Statewide

- Regional information online at DCFS/Inside DCFS/Executive Division

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) – Louisiana Snapshot of Children's Coverage: How Medicaid, CHIP, and the ACA Cover Children

Maternal Louisiana Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (LA MIECHV)

Early Steps – Proposed Cuts

ALICE – Asset Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed – updated 2016!



Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget & Tax Policy

"A failure to act is **not an option**...temporary revenue fixes implemented in 2015 & 2016, more than \$1 billion, will expire in 2018...

...Realistic spending cuts...are **not expected** to be found...

...doing nothing, a massive budget shortfall and deeply damaging instability would ensue...not a good solution extending all of the temporary revenue measures...

...Louisiana should graduate to a more **mature and stable** form of taxation and spending....

...Recommendations well **within our grasp** if we decide to adopt them."



2017 Special Session - February

Purpose – Close the state's \$304 million midyear budget deficit

- \$82 million worth of cuts included in the final deal
- Governor asked \$119.6M in rainy day funds, the maximum allowed.
- Final deal - \$99 million of rainy day (80% of governor's request)
- Protected DCFS, Corrections, higher ed, TOPS
- http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/02/louisiana_legislatures_2017_sp.html



Legislative Session April 10 – June 8, 2017

- 854 bills filed and 12 resolutions filed by March 31, pre-filing deadline; Final deadline for filing is April 18.
- Southern University Law Center providing legislative interns for the Partnership - reviewing all legislation, analyzing bills impacting children.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- Annual Legislative Wrap-up on Children and Families - **Thursday June 15**, West Baton Rouge Convention Center





Child Health and Development

- HB 1 - Protect funding for critical programs including School Based Health Clinics, Nurse Family Partnership, mental health.
- HB 192 - 7-day limit on certain opioid prescriptions.
- HB 539 - Exempts children home-schooled from immunization against meningococcal disease
- SB 85 – allows chronic health questions, including sexual behavior on YRBSS
- SB 116 - Work Out Now: WON Louisiana Legislative Commission
- SB 133 – requires parental notification if fewer than 100% of children are immunized

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Child Safety

- HB 43 – prohibits the possession of imitation firearms, projectiles, or ammunition at any time while on a school campus, on any school bus, or at any school-sponsored function or within 1,000 feet of any school campus.
- HB 67 – Creates the crime of unlawfully supplying a child with an Uzi submachine gun
- HB 105 - improper supervision of a minor by a parent or legal custodian causing or permitting an unlicensed minor to drive off-road vehicles
- HB 241/SB 17 - driver education to require information on how to respond when stopped by police
- HB 452 – requires in-service training for suicide prevention

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Early Care and Education

- HB 1 - Protect funding for early childhood programs (child care assistance, LA4) from cuts
- HB 500, SB 136/161 and more – changes to the School Readiness Tax Credits
- HB 557 - criminal background checks for early learning centers, school employees, registered family child care providers and in-home providers.
- HB 584 – creates Early Education Fund for children 3 and younger, \$10M
- SB 13 – extends eligibility for vouchers to attend kindergarten

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Developmental Disabilities

- HB 1 - Monitor budget for Early Steps (birth – 3 services) - \$1M cut projected
- HB 79/SB91 - Prohibits corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities
- HB 152 -implementation and funding of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system
- HB 405 - reform the methodologies and processes governing Medicaid reimbursement for disability services

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Child Welfare

- HB 1 - DCFS requesting 187 positions (\$4.6M) if revenue found
- HB 172 - Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act, requires internet retailers to install a digital blocking capability prior to sale or lease to a consumer.
- HB 317 -Allows the Dept. of Children and Family Services to accept surrenders
- HB 486 - Administrative appeal process for the state central registry
- SB 41/42 –Forfeiture of currency related to human trafficking and creates LA Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board
- SB 54 – Children victimized by commercial sexual activity & labor trafficking.
- HB 426 – Suspends child support while parent is incarcerated

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Juvenile Justice

- HB 45 - Sentencing and parole of juvenile offenders sentenced to life imprisonment and terms of imprisonment of more than thirty years
- HB 74 - Disposition of children after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts
- HB 506 – On recommendation of Children’s Code; expungement, FINS
- SB 16 – Provides relative to certain juveniles sentenced to life without parole
- SB 54 – Addresses needs of children victimized by both commercial sexual activity and labor trafficking.
- SB 156 – exempts juvenile detention centers from licensure if children are detained 30 days or less

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Family Economic Stability

- HB 103 – Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from 3% to 7.5%
- HB 177 – eliminates restrictions on SNAP for those with prior drug convictions
- SB 2 – Creates Louisiana Equal Pay Act be applicable to men and private employers and requires government contractors to verify equal pay practices.
- HB 112 - Requires that any contractor who enters into a contract with a public entity comply with the Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act
- SB 24 - Exempts diapers and feminine hygiene products from state and local sales and use tax. SB 27 is constitutional amendment of same
- SB 66 – Extends Children’s Cabinet and adds child poverty prevention as focus.
- SB 188 - Creates work requirement for Medicaid.

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Other legislation of interest

- HB27, 223, 509 and others – domestic violence related legislation
- HB 202 - removes elementary and secondary school tuition \$18 income tax deduction and educational expenses tax credit for private schools, capped \$5K.
- HB68 – exempts concealed carry without permit if 21, not prohibited from owning a firearm and firearm is legal manufactured and obtained.
- SB 25 - eliminates school tax credit if parent takes credit for private school tuition
- SB 35 - exempts from arrest persons lawfully in possession of medical marijuana
- HB 370 – reduces threshold for non-bid consulting contracts from \$50K down to \$20K

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Budget – HB 1

Appropriations – Executive Budget Presentation (3/28/17 - 10:30am)

Subcommittees:

Business Development

Elementary and Secondary Education

General Government

Health and Human Services - April 5 initial/April 18-19 public testimony

Infrastructure and Resources

Postsecondary Education

Public Safety and Corrections – April 6 initial

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families



Budget Talk – What do you want to know?

Gross Receipts Tax

Flat Tax

Sales Tax

Tax Credits...Tax Exemptions

Corporate Tax...Franchise Tax

Individual Income Tax

Louisiana
Partnership
for children & families

Louisiana Budget Project: Tax Reform in Louisiana

Jan Moller, Director

Nick Albares, Senior Policy Analyst

Dylan Waguespack, Outreach and Communications Coordinator

144 Maximilian St. Baton Rouge, La. 70802 225-614-9126

www.labudget.org

FROM BUDGET CUTS TO NEW INVESTMENTS: BLUEPRINT
FOR A STRONGER LOUISIANA

Jan Moller

jm@labudget.org

225-614-9126

www.labudget.org



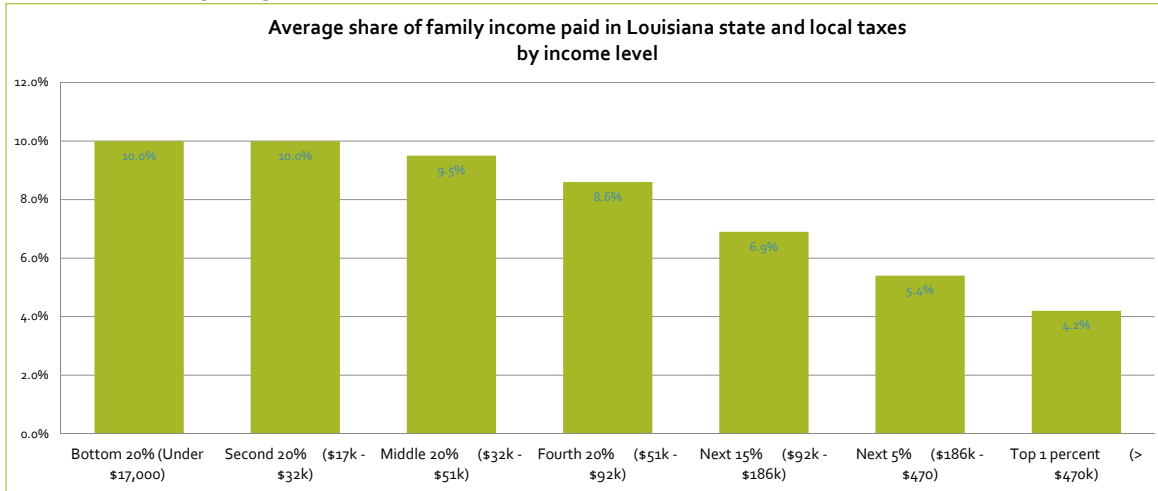
Poverty in Louisiana

Poverty rate	19.6 %	3rd highest
Child poverty rate	28.8	3rd highest
Median Household Income	\$45,727	7th lowest
Income inequality	0.475	4 th highest

What about ALICE?

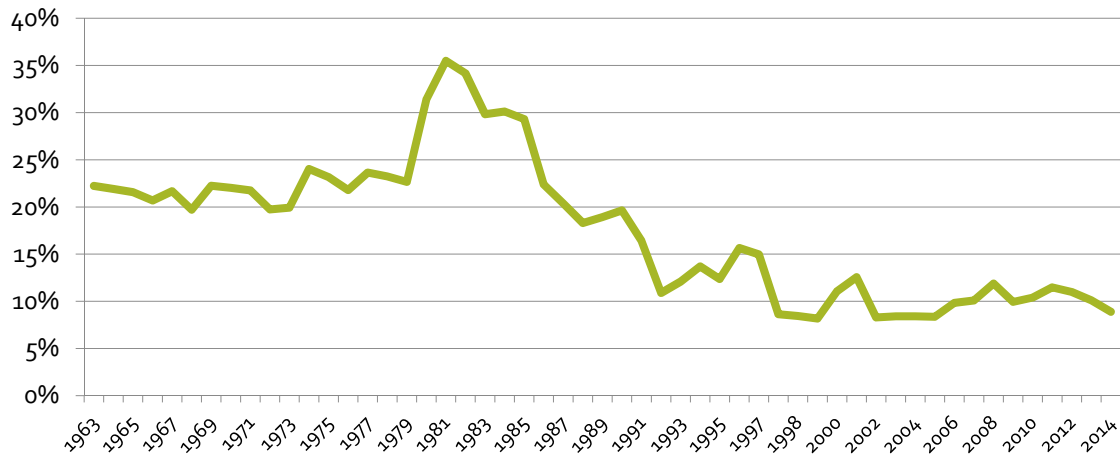
- ALICE = Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.
- 40 percent (695,719) of Louisiana households fit this definition in 2013.
- Roughly half are below official poverty line, but half (21 percent) live above poverty line but still struggle to afford basic necessities.

Who pays taxes in Louisiana?



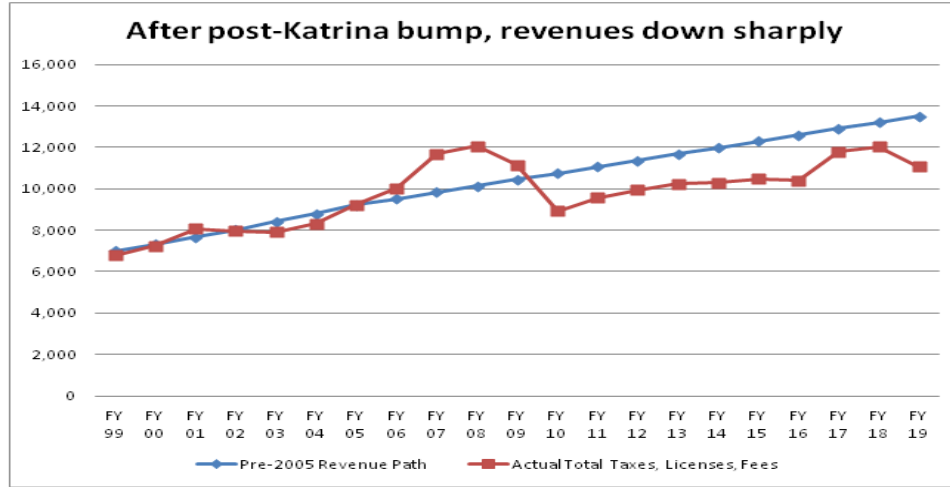
Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (2015)

Oil & gas as share of state GDP

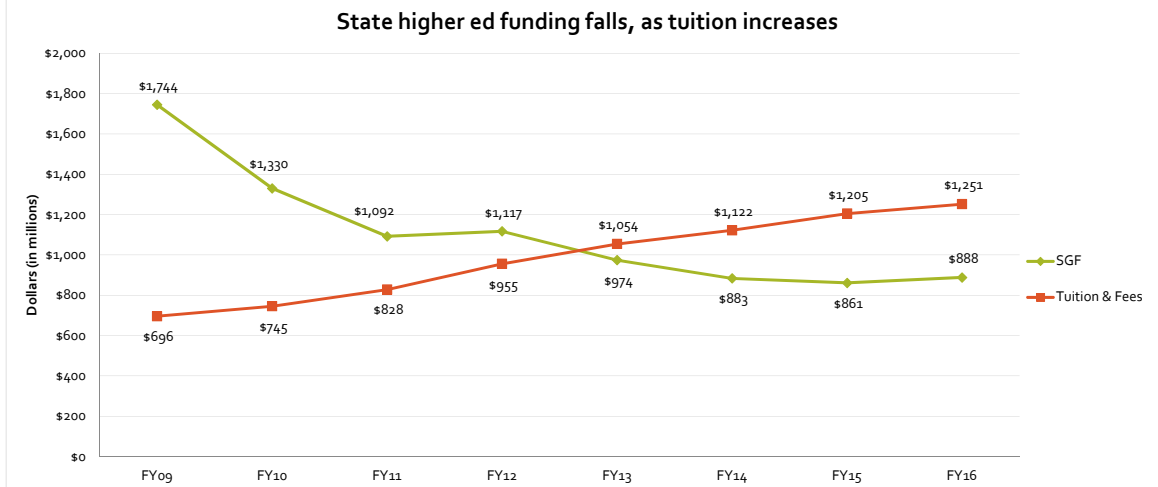


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Louisiana's fiscal gap



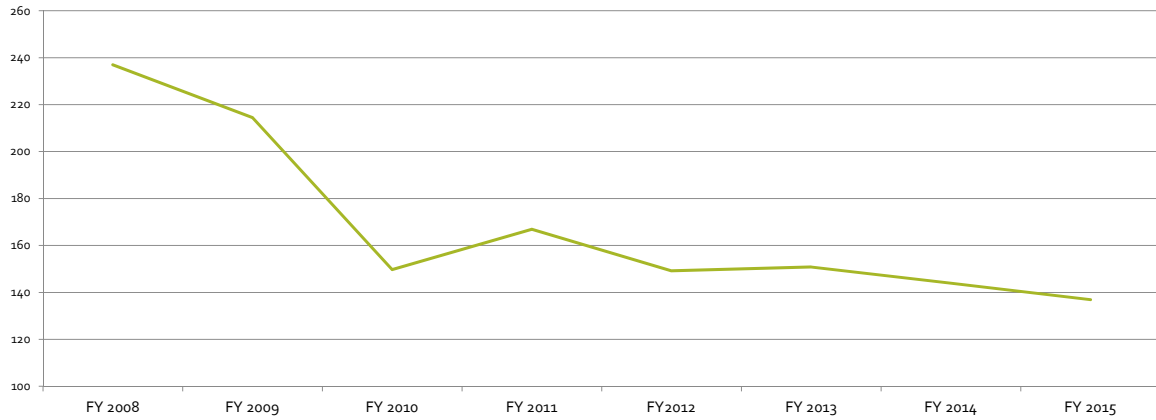
College funding and tuition



Source: Louisiana Board of Regents (Adjusted for Inflation)

Children and Family Services

Department of Children and Family Services budget down
(SGF, in millions of dollars)



Source: House Fiscal Division

Major tax changes 2015 & 2016

Tax Type	2016-17 Raised (millions)	Permanent?
Alcohol and Tobacco	\$173	Yes
Inventory tax	\$212	Yes
Health care fees & taxes	\$262	Yes
Corporate tax credits	\$238	NO
Sales	\$1,153	NO

Most of the revenue major revenue measures expire in 2018

2015-18: Temporary taxes

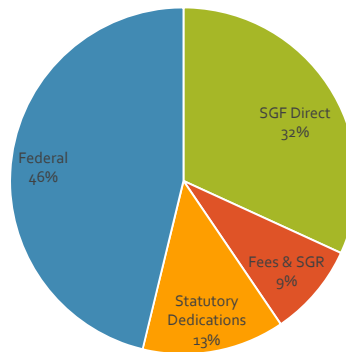
- **\$1.4 billion in revenue** from 2015 and 2016 come off the books in July 2018.
- This includes the regressive sales tax increase
- **Bottom line**: **The 2017 session** is the best hope for comprehensive reform.

2016-17: Two midyear shortfalls

- **December**: \$313 million from FY 16
 - Mostly solved with one-time adjustments; **\$37 million** in actual cuts.
- **Jan - Feb**: \$304 million (FY 17 shortfall)
 - **\$70 million** in actual cuts. \$99m rainy-day funds; \$98m in offsets, MOF swaps, federal funds.

The 2017-18 Executive Budget

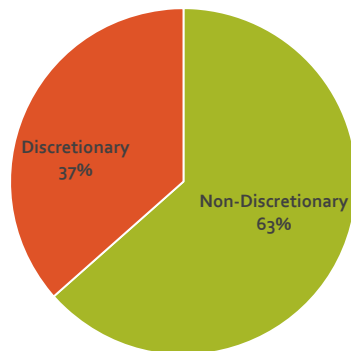
Total recommended: \$29.738 billion



Source: DOA

Discretionary vs. non-discretionary

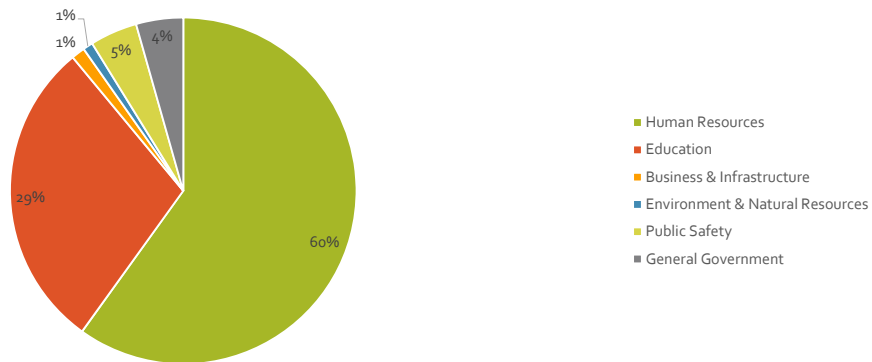
State General Fund 2017-18



Source: DOA

Discretionary general fund

Discretionary General Fund 2017-18



Source: DOA

Principles of Tax Reform

- Fairness
- Adequacy
- Competitiveness
- Timeliness
- Sustainability

- Get the FACTS at www.investlouisiana.org

Invest in Louisiana

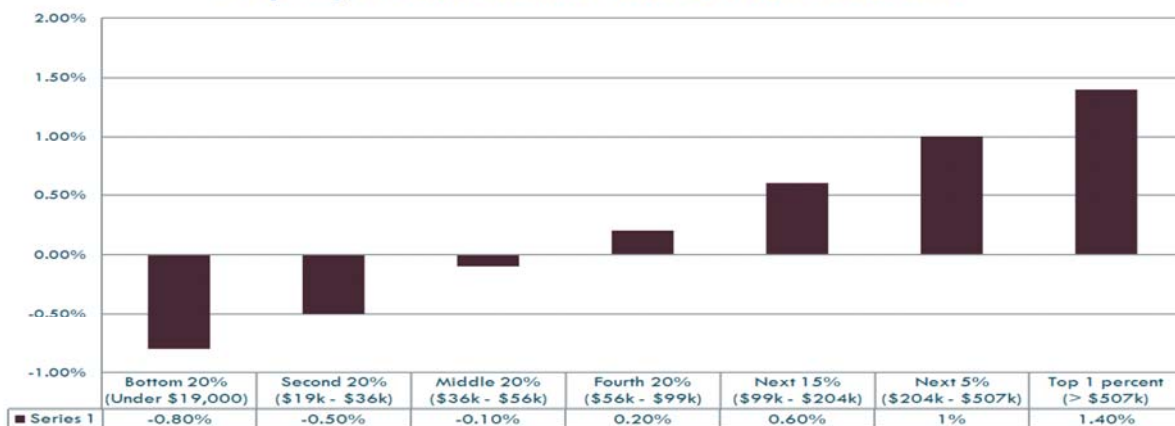
Tax reform should allow for new investments

Tax change (compared to current base)	Revenue impact (million/year)
Eliminate federal income tax deduction	\$931
Eliminate excess itemized deduction	\$263
Lower sales tax to 4 percent, expand base	(\$475)
Double Earned Income Tax Credit	(\$49)
Net New Revenue	\$670

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (2016), Louisiana Department of Revenue

Tax Reform: Who pays?

Majority of Louisianans' taxes would decrease



Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (2016)



Connect with #InvestinLa!

Visit InvestLouisiana.org for more information and ways to take action.

Tweet using [#InvestInLa](https://twitter.com/InvestInLa) and connect with us on Twitter at [@LaBudgetProject](https://twitter.com/LaBudgetProject).

Find us on Facebook at [Louisiana Budget Project](https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaBudgetProject).

Get in touch: dylan@labudget.org, 225.614.9126 ext. 5

ADVOCACY RESOURCES QUESTIONS



**Louisiana
Partnership**
for children & families

For more information, contact:

Louisiana Partnership for Children & Families
Sherry Guarisco, Executive Director

www.louisianapartnership.org

exec@louisianapartnership.org

225-963-7383

