

Just some of the taxes levied by congress:

What is tax? Tax is derived from the Latin word 'taxare' meaning 'to estimate'. A fee charged by a government on a product, income, or activity. If tax is levied directly on personal or corporate.

There are 12 ways that American would be taxed. Means 12 type of taxes American pay generally. Tax is the universal and applies to almost every country but the type of tax and the rate structure differs to every country.

Tax is the main source of revenue of every country which she can distribute in different type of expenses like defense and public health.

There is also a saying that 'nothing is certain but death and taxes'. So taxes are certain and there is the list of 12 taxes which American need to pay.

1) Income Taxes

Income tax is the main tax in the United States as most of the Americans divert to income tax while hearing the word tax. The reason is simple. American pays as much as 35% of their income as income tax which is very heavy. So income tax is the main tax in America.

2) Business Taxes

Also known as corporate taxes, these are direct taxes levied on the profits of businesses. Expenses that are deemed necessary to the business can usually be deducted to lower the amount of profits subject to taxation.

3) Payroll Taxes

Payroll taxes are the taxes which employees pay from their wages. The employer must cut the tax amount to their wages and pay to the government of America. Some payroll taxes include federal withholdings, disability insurance, Medicare, and other state withholdings.

4) Capital Gains Taxes

Capital gains are the income generated from sale of an assets or stock. Capital gains are generated from the sale price deducting to the purchase price of any stock or property. In the United States a tax is levied on all income generated from a taxpayer's capital gains. Alternatively, if a taxpayer suffers from capital losses they can deduct the full loss amount. The most common capital gains are created from the sale of stocks, bonds, and property.

5) **Inheritance Taxes**:-The inheritance tax is the tax which is also known as death tax. Any property transferred due to death of a taxpayer is inheritance tax. However, when they are left to a spouse or a charity, the tax usually does not apply.

6) **Consumption tax**:-Consumption taxes -consumption tax are also known as sales tax. Sales tax levied on the point of purchase to different goods. The rate of consumption tax are different to different goods and the location wise as due to large area the state and local authority charge sales tax at different level.

7) **Property Taxes**:-Property taxes are the taxes which are imposed on the assets and properties for the ownership. These taxes levied on different types of assets like real estate as well as some personal properties.

8) **Excise Taxes**:-Excise taxes are the taxes which are taxed on product cost. The same as in India excise taxes are on manufacturing units and the tax rate are high. Excise taxes are high on some products as well as some products are free from excise whereas some products have some exemption limit in America.

9) **Gift Taxes**:-A gift tax is the tax which is taxed of transfer the property from one hand to another. Gift is considered to some value products to be transferred with no cost or less than actual cost. There is gift tax in America but a few exemptions thereon.

10) **Retirement Taxes**:-Retirement tax is those which are levied on taxpayer retirement in America.

11) **Tariffs**:-In India it is also known as custom duty. Tariffs are the tax which is levied on import and export of the goods. In America the import duty is high whereas export duty is low to encourage domestic manufactures and to increase the prices of foreign goods.

12) **Toll**:-Tolls are the fees or the tax which is charged when some vehicle cross specific boundary or some bridge which is very costly in view of manufacturing. Every time the vehicle crosses the toll it needs to pay a specific amount of money as the fees of toll or tax.

A partial list of the various ways in which citizens of the US are taxed:

- Accounts Receivable Tax
- Building Permit Tax
- Capital Gains Tax
- CDL license Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Court Fines (indirect taxes)
- Deficit spending
- Dog License Tax
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
- Fishing License Tax
- Food License Tax
- Fuel permit tax
- Gasoline Tax
- Hunting License Tax
- Inflation
- Inheritance Tax Interest expense (tax on the money)
- Inventory tax IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
- IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
- Liquor Tax
- Local Income Tax
- Luxury Taxes
- Marriage License Tax
- Medicare Tax
- Property Tax
- Real Estate Tax

- Septic Permit Tax
- Service Charge Taxes
- Social Security Tax
- Road Usage Taxes (Truckers)
 - Sales Taxes
- Recreational Vehicle Tax
- Road Toll Booth Taxes
 - School Tax
 - State Income Tax
- State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
 - Telephone federal excise tax
- Telephone federal universal service fee tax
- Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes
 - Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
 - Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
 - Telephone state and local tax
 - Telephone usage charge tax
 - Toll Bridge Taxes
 - Toll Tunnel Taxes
 - Traffic Fines (indirect taxation)
 - Trailer Registration Tax
 - Utility Taxes
- Vehicle License Registration Tax
 - Vehicle Sales Tax
- Watercraft Registration Tax
 - Well Permit Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax

Questions from the article about taxes levied by the US Congress:

1. What is a tax and for what purpose is a tax collected?
2. What is the "main tax"? Americans pay today and how much of your income can be taxed according to this article?
3. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes if it meant opportunities such as college tuition in state colleges and health insurance were covered for citizens with it? Or would you prefer that taxes be cut way back so you have more money to afford those opportunities on your own? Explain.
4. What is the business tax known as? How are businesses able to lower the rate they pay in taxes?
5. In addition to income tax the majority of Americans pay a payroll tax, which goes to social security. What else does a payroll tax pay for?
6. Many politicians today advocate that the things a payroll tax pays are not the responsibility of the federal government. Do you agree or disagree?
7. Explain Capital gains taxes. What are the most common ways people create capital gains?
8. What do many Americans call the inheritance tax?
9. Some argue that the inheritance taxes on the money were already paid when it was earned, and that it is a form of double taxation. Others argue that because those receiving it did not earn the money, and because it is "free money" (and the tax on it brings billions into the US treasury) it is fair. Which side do you agree with? Why?
10. What are consumption taxes?
11. What is a tariff?
12. How are tolls used in the United States?
13. Read the list of other forms of taxes paid by the American public (some are repeats of the previous but most are not). List at least 5 you were unaware of.
14. Choose one of the taxes you were previously unaware of and do an Internet search to discover more information on it. Summarize what you discover, including an explanation of the tax.
15. Do you think we are overtaxed in the USA? Would you support a higher tax on the wealthiest 2% if it guaranteed that taxes for those making less than one million dollars a year would be lowered or would it be more fair to tax everyone at the same rate? Explain.