

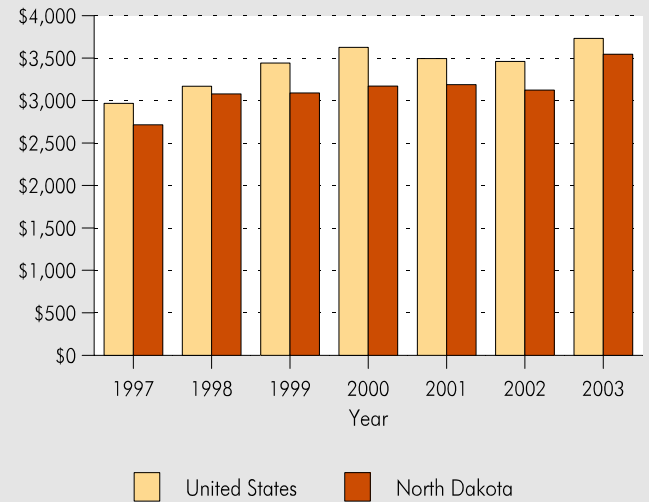
Charitable Giving Reported on Individual Income Tax Returns for North Dakota: 2003

One method of capturing the charitable nature of North Dakotans is by looking at itemized deductions on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) individual income tax returns. The IRS publishes selected state data (including tax deductible contributions or donations) from individual income tax returns at www.irs.gov.

Tax deductible charitable contributions reported by individual North Dakotans totaled \$159.4 million in 2003 compared to \$161.3 million in 2002, a decline of 1 percent. However, for North Dakota individual federal income tax returns with contributions as itemized deductions, contributions averaged \$3,546 per return in 2003, a 13.5 percent increase from \$3,124 in 2002. Nationally, average charitable contributions (reported as itemized deductions) increased 7.8 percent, from \$3,461 in 2002 to \$3,731 in 2003 (Figure 1).

According to 2003 federal tax data, 17 percent of North Dakota taxpayers itemized deductions (3rd lowest percentage in the nation) (Table 1). A mortgage is one of the primary reasons for itemizing deductions and 28 percent of households in North Dakota are owner-occupied with a mortgage, the 2nd lowest proportion in the nation. This helps explain why the majority of North Dakota taxpayers take the standard deduction. For these taxpayers, no details on their donations are available through the IRS.

Figure 1. Average Charitable Contribution Per Tax Return with Contributions as Itemized Deductions: U.S. & ND: 1997 to 2003



Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Statistics of Income Division, www.irs.gov/taxstats/indtaxstats/article/0,,id=103106,00.html

Figure 2. Average Charitable Contribution Per Individual Income Tax Return with Contributions as Itemized Deductions by State: 2003

Source: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, www.irs.gov/taxstats/indtaxstats/article/0,,id=103106,00.html

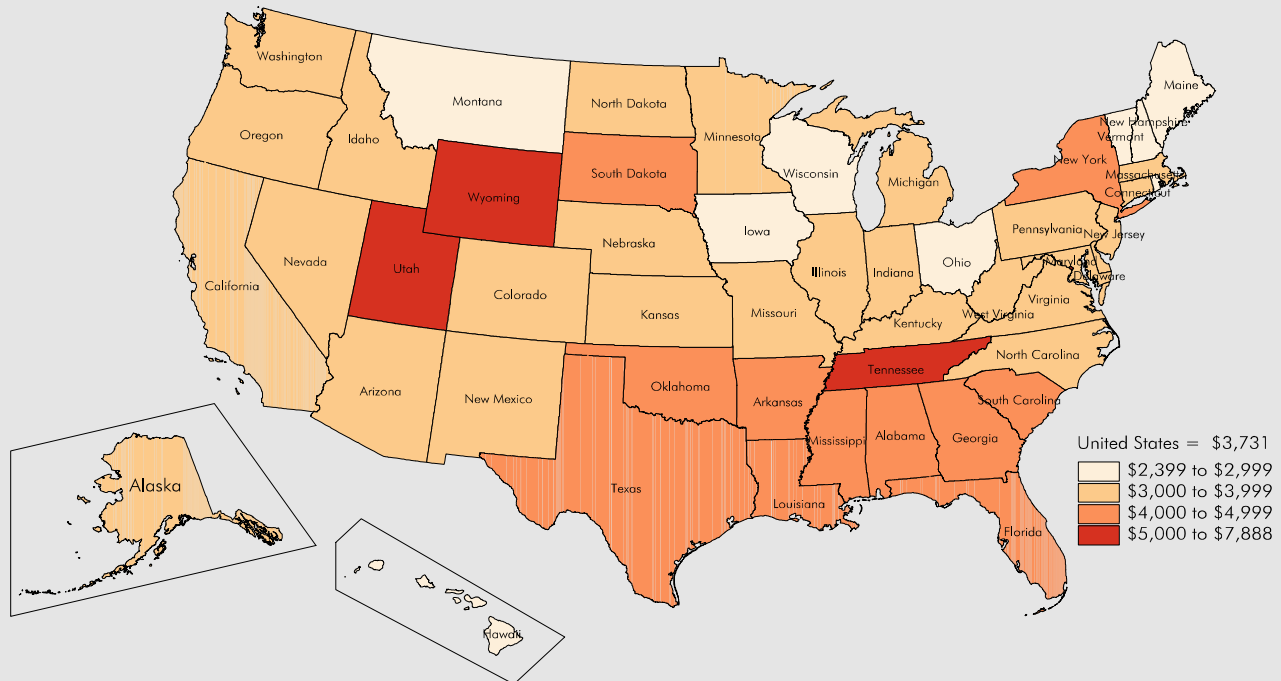


Table 1. Selected Data from Individual Income Tax Returns by State: 2003

Source: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division, www.irs.gov/taxstats/indtaxstats/article/0,,id=103106,00.html

Area	Federal Individual Income Tax Returns							
	Total	With Standard Deduction	With Itemized Deductions					
			Total		With Charitable Contributions			
			Number	Percent of all individual income tax returns (%)	Number	Percent of tax returns with Itemized Deductions (%)	Total Amount (\$1,000)	Average contribution per return with charitable contributions (\$)
United States	131,356,582	87,263,005	44,093,577	33.6	38,581,522	87.5	143,940,792	3,731
Alabama	1,883,765	1,342,462	541,303	28.7	490,806	90.7	2,235,834	4,555
Alaska	343,032	261,774	81,258	23.7	67,080	82.6	238,125	3,550
Arizona	2,285,323	1,443,202	842,121	36.8	742,735	88.2	2,349,710	3,164
Arkansas	1,121,518	865,147	256,371	22.9	219,854	85.8	1,075,184	4,890
California	15,171,832	9,337,106	5,834,726	38.5	5,131,448	87.9	19,313,259	3,764
Colorado	2,079,044	1,219,699	859,345	41.3	733,468	85.4	2,552,665	3,480
Connecticut	1,653,789	942,461	711,328	43.0	648,900	91.2	2,313,564	3,565
Delaware	388,288	248,842	139,446	35.9	125,505	90.0	441,825	3,520
Dist. of Columbia	275,645	162,058	113,587	41.2	101,317	89.2	569,216	5,618
Florida	7,849,542	5,671,504	2,178,038	27.7	1,864,461	85.6	7,672,334	4,115
Georgia	3,709,312	2,297,945	1,411,367	38.0	1,263,928	89.6	5,301,225	4,194
Hawaii	591,084	397,801	193,283	32.7	172,385	89.2	514,316	2,984
Idaho	577,926	381,672	196,254	34.0	166,308	84.7	616,817	3,709
Illinois	5,722,755	3,727,531	1,995,224	34.9	1,770,272	88.7	6,344,115	3,584
Indiana	2,816,535	1,985,842	830,693	29.5	699,551	84.2	2,448,613	3,500
Iowa	1,324,876	923,392	401,484	30.3	348,094	86.7	1,041,979	2,993
Kansas	1,218,580	854,251	364,329	29.9	318,238	87.3	1,259,861	3,959
Kentucky	1,740,856	1,224,495	516,361	29.7	443,694	85.9	1,486,387	3,350
Louisiana	1,879,651	1,492,450	387,201	20.6	337,320	87.1	1,409,978	4,180
Maine	615,092	430,390	184,702	30.0	159,200	86.2	402,106	2,526
Maryland	2,601,859	1,339,415	1,262,444	48.5	1,147,171	90.9	4,339,598	3,783
Massachusetts	3,051,697	1,834,822	1,216,875	39.9	1,107,346	91.0	3,457,455	3,122
Michigan	4,546,347	2,918,791	1,627,556	35.8	1,447,672	88.9	4,696,496	3,244
Minnesota	2,383,813	1,410,017	973,796	40.9	875,793	89.9	2,814,694	3,214
Mississippi	1,169,646	913,127	256,519	21.9	225,736	88.0	1,076,844	4,770
Missouri	2,563,895	1,789,425	774,470	30.2	666,905	86.1	2,394,201	3,590
Montana	433,522	305,201	128,321	29.6	107,274	83.6	309,938	2,889
Nebraska	802,709	568,831	233,878	29.1	208,623	89.2	793,863	3,805
Nevada	1,044,025	680,563	363,462	34.8	314,472	86.5	1,153,638	3,668
New Hampshire	634,654	414,892	219,762	34.6	189,930	86.4	495,225	2,607
New Jersey	4,082,108	2,290,742	1,791,366	43.9	1,645,355	91.8	5,171,249	3,143
New Mexico	813,731	603,118	210,613	25.9	175,175	83.2	542,116	3,095
New York	8,589,932	5,344,532	3,245,400	37.8	2,999,165	92.4	12,609,480	4,204
North Carolina	3,680,813	2,372,183	1,308,630	35.6	1,157,460	88.4	4,484,361	3,874
North Dakota	302,426	249,755	52,671	17.4	44,953	85.3	159,394	3,546
Ohio	5,444,137	3,628,794	1,815,343	33.3	1,518,571	83.7	4,502,307	2,965
Oklahoma	1,460,943	1,042,569	418,374	28.6	373,829	89.4	1,626,340	4,350
Oregon	1,571,871	927,861	644,010	41.0	540,121	83.9	1,665,069	3,083
Pennsylvania	5,771,764	4,005,902	1,765,862	30.6	1,579,676	89.5	5,165,998	3,270
Rhode Island	498,063	316,039	182,024	36.5	166,401	91.4	399,216	2,399
South Carolina	1,804,803	1,228,368	576,435	31.9	514,854	89.3	2,121,768	4,121
South Dakota	357,449	300,718	56,731	15.9	47,672	84.0	205,843	4,318
Tennessee	2,565,045	2,009,062	555,983	21.7	483,454	87.0	2,689,713	5,564
Texas	9,298,799	7,213,103	2,085,696	22.4	1,754,281	84.1	8,689,534	4,953
Utah	969,812	586,739	383,073	39.5	349,107	91.1	2,137,874	6,124
Vermont	302,209	212,270	89,939	29.8	73,395	81.6	193,308	2,634
Virginia	3,431,766	2,073,481	1,358,285	39.6	1,200,481	88.4	4,313,392	3,593
Washington	2,808,556	1,871,442	937,114	33.4	794,115	84.7	2,848,040	3,586
West Virginia	744,440	618,645	125,795	16.9	101,588	80.8	367,161	3,614
Wisconsin	2,589,845	1,625,249	964,596	37.2	835,956	86.7	2,222,657	2,659
Wyoming	240,998	196,339	44,659	18.5	35,518	79.5	280,154	7,888