Funding government in the United States

The various levels of government use a wide variety of taxes and fees to pay for their operations. The following is a summary of the major sources of revenue for each level of government.

Federal

- Personal and corporate income tax
- Payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare
- Excise taxes
- Estate and gift taxes
- Customs duties

State

- Personal income tax (43 states)
- Corporate income tax
- State sales tax (45 states)
- Excise taxes
- Business and professional permits and licenses
- Lotteries
- Transfers from the Federal Government

County, municipal and other local

- Real estate and personal property tax
- Commercial property tax
- Sales tax (where allowed by the state)
- Fines for traffic, parking, and other minor offenses
- Income tax or business gross receipts tax (where allowed by the state)
- Miscellaneous permits, licenses, and fees