# Investing in Your Community

# THE BUDGET PROCESS IN 4 STEPS

# GOVERNOR PROPOSES A BUDGET

Each November, before the legislative session, the Governor submits a proposed budget and alongside an official economic forecast

# LEGISLATURE DEVELOPS A FINAL BUDGET

During the session, the legislature develops their own budget through the Joint Budget Committee, that includes both Representatives and Senators, as well as it's subcommittees

### GOVERNOR SIGNS OR VETOES THE BUDGET

The Governor can either sign this budget, veto it, or use a "line-item" veto to eliminate certain parts of the budget without rejecting all of it

### FINAL BUDGET IS IMPLEMENTED

Once signed, this budget sets out the parameters of what kind of investments, programs, and policies can be implemented in the upcoming fiscal year

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

### The Majority of the Budget Funds Education and Health Services





# 53% on Education

Like teachers, school buses and cafeteria workers





30% on Health and Human Services

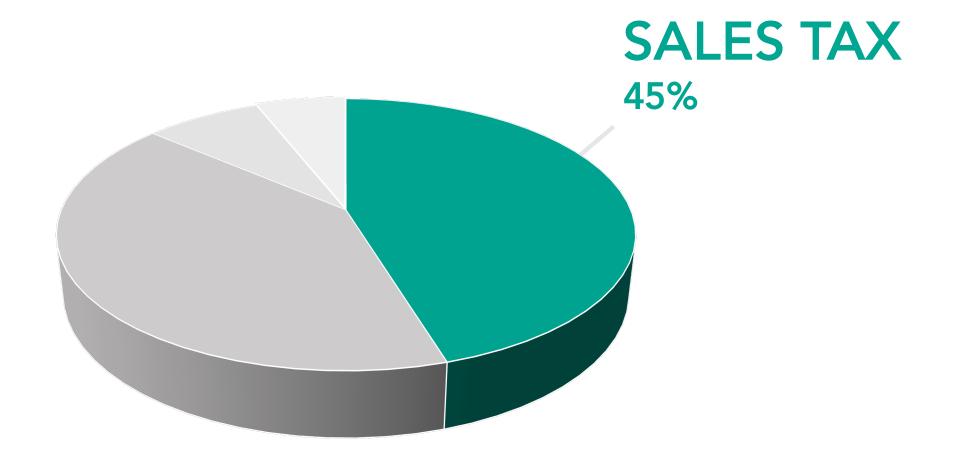
Like support for foster children and families and home-andcommunity-based care



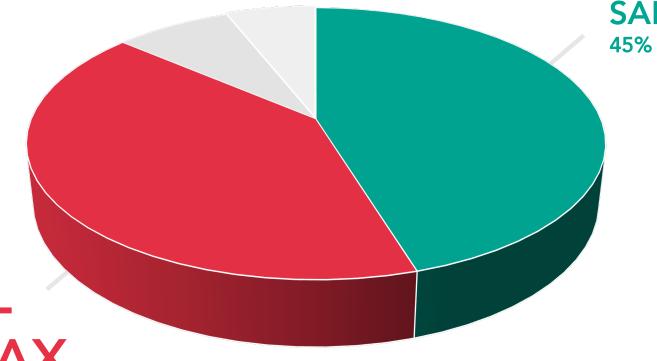


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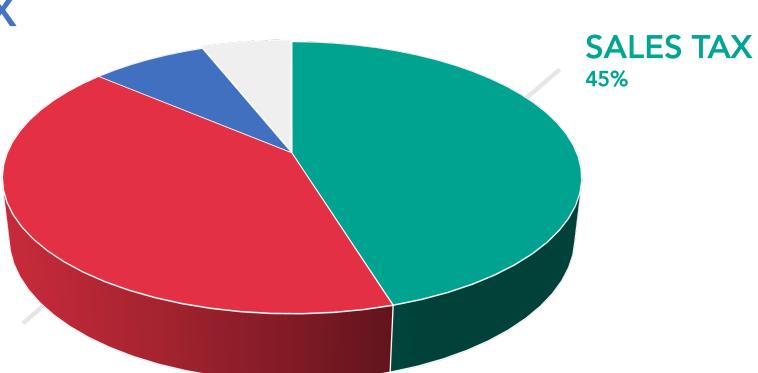


SALES TAX 45%

### PERSONAL INCOME TAX 41%

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

### CORPORATE INCOME TAX 8%

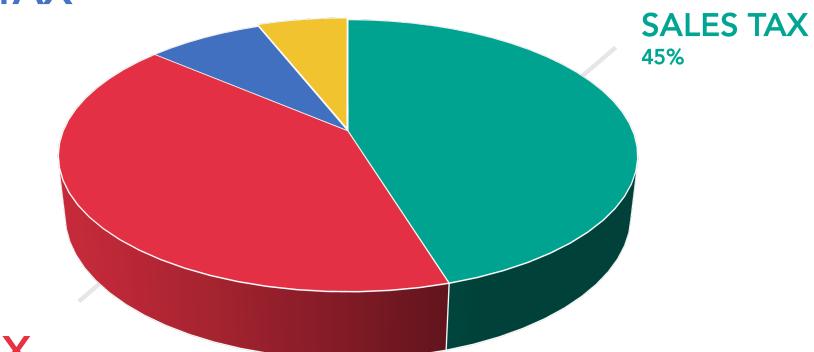


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### CORPORATE INCOME TAX 8%

OTHER 6%



PERSONAL INCOME TAX 41%

Who do you think pays more of their income in taxes?







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### Bottom 20%

# THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX STRUCTURE IN ARKANSAS IS UPSIDE DOWN

THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX STRUCTURE IN ARKANSAS IS REGRESSIVE



\$18,600 \$30,600 \$48,800 \$83,000 173,800 \$422,400

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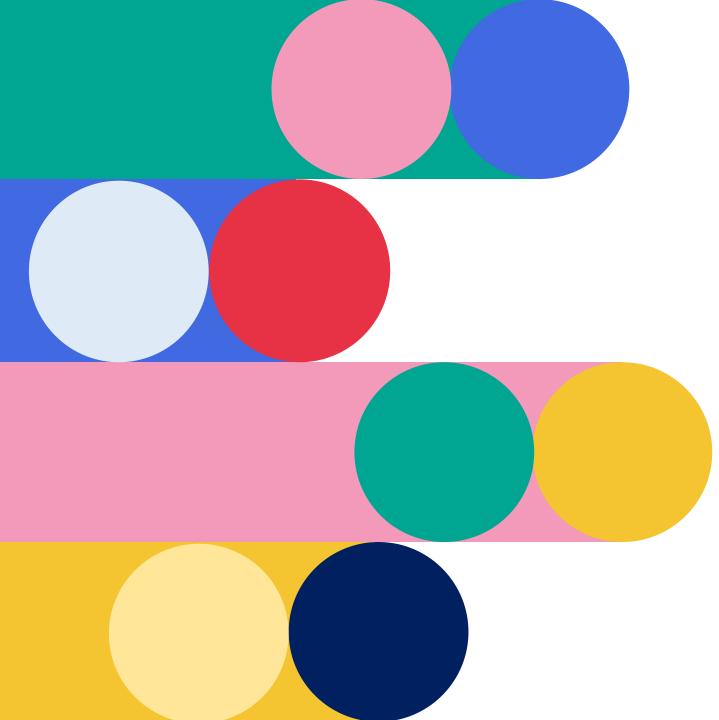
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# ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX WOULD ONLY BENEFIT THE VERY RICH

# **83%** OF THE PIT ELIMINATION WOULD BENEFIT THE TOP 20%







# THANK YOU

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