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**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...**  
**The Wall Street Journal: The Great Progressive Tax Escape**

The Great Progressive Tax Escape  
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Between 2012 and 2015 (the most recent data), a net \$8.5 billion in adjusted gross income left New Jersey while \$6.2 billion poured out of Connecticut—4% of the latter state's total income. Illinois lost \$13.6 billion. During that period, Florida with no income tax gained \$39.3 billion in AGI. (See the nearby table.)

Not surprisingly, income flows down the tax gradient. In 2015 New York (where the combined state and local top rate is 12.7%) lost a net \$850 million in AGI to New Jersey (8.97%) and Connecticut (6.99%). At the same time, the Garden State gave up \$335 million to Pennsylvania (3.07%), and \$60 million left Connecticut for the state formerly known as Taxachusetts (5.1%). Taxpayers from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut escaped to Florida with \$3.2 billion in income. Florida Gov. Rick Scott ought to pay these states a commission.

The affluent account for a disproportionate share of the income migration. For instance, individuals reporting more than \$200,000 in AGI in 2015 made up 57% of the income outflow from Connecticut (compared to 48% of total state AGI) and 57% of the inflow to Florida.

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