

PLANES, TRAINS, AND AUTOMOBILES; TRANSPORTATION TAXES



AIR TRAVELERS SPEND ABOUT \$11 BILLION A YEAR IN TAXES.

We now pay nearly 25 percent of our airfare to the U.S. government in taxes, which airlines are compelled to add to the price of their base tickets. This is a 49 percent tax increase since 2000. In comparison, the base ticket price has decreased eight percent since then even though jet fuel costs have gone up.



EVEN IF YOU DON'T RIDE THE NATIONAL TRAIN SYSTEM, AMTRAK, YOU STILL PAY FOR IT FROM YOUR TAXES.

Between 2007 and 2011, Amtrak received a record \$8.4 billion in federal funding—a 50 percent increase over the previous five years. That's nearly \$2 billion in a year in taxes. States have also become major contributors to Amtrak's bottom line, kicking in an additional \$842 million over the same timeframe.



DRIVERS PAY AROUND \$8 BILLION A YEAR IN TOLLS EACH YEAR.

Every gallon of gas is taxed at 18.4 cents per gallon federally and (on average) 31.5 cents at the state level, adding half a dollar to gas's sticker price, raising about \$65 billion in government revenue per year. And that doesn't include tolls – another tax for vehicles.