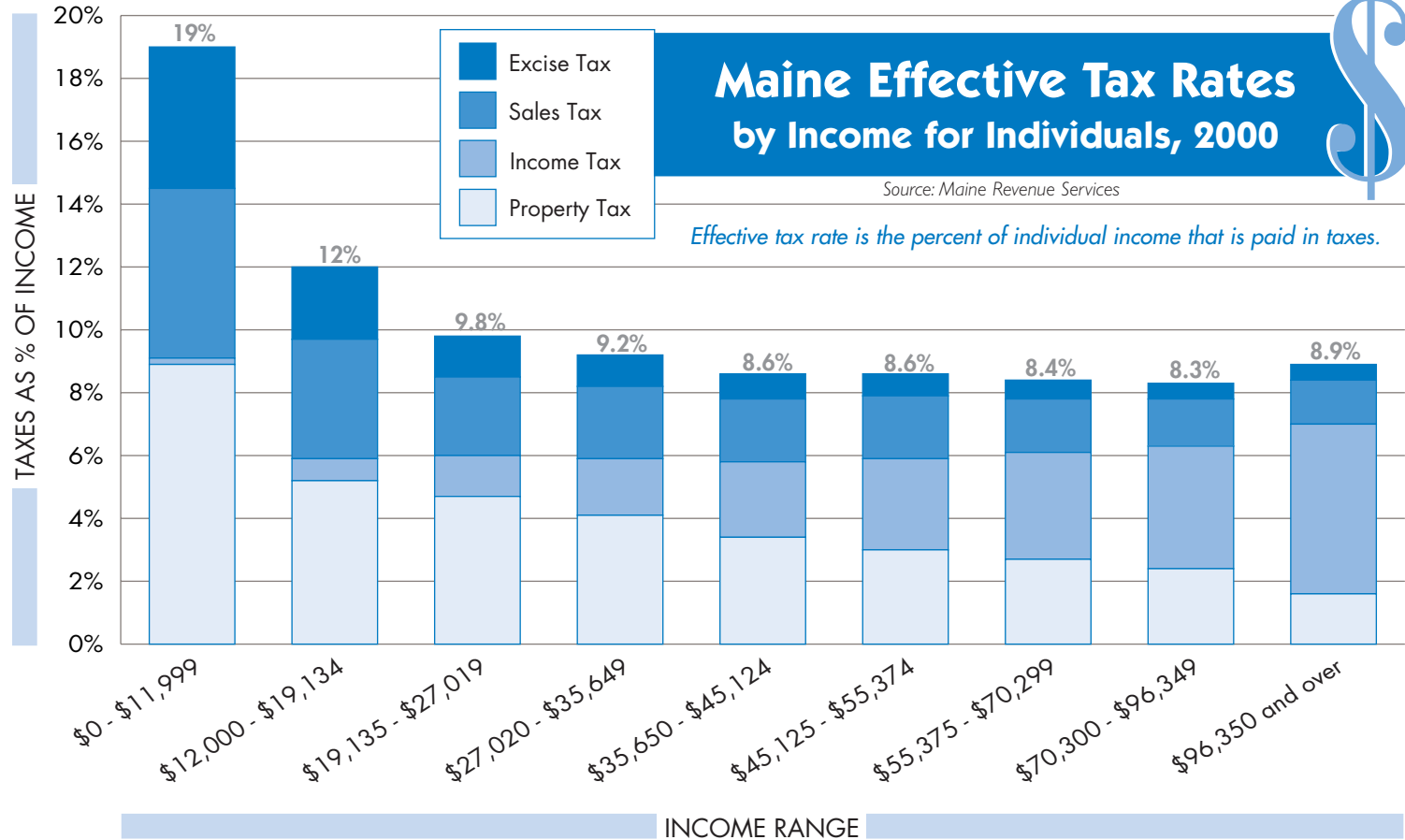




Maine Effective Tax Rates by Income for Individuals, 2000

Source: Maine Revenue Services

Effective tax rate is the percent of individual income that is paid in taxes.



State Tax System is Not Working Fairly for All

- ▶ Maine residents with annual incomes of under \$35,000 pay larger shares of their total income in state and local taxes than do those with incomes over \$96,000.
- ▶ The poorest 20% of Maine residents (those earning less than \$12,000/year) pay 19% of their total income in state and local taxes, while the wealthiest 10% pay 8.9% of their income in taxes.
- ▶ State property tax relief programs, especially the Maine Resident Homeowners and Renters Property Tax Relief Program, do help to offset some of the burden on low-income taxpayers.
- ▶ Tax reform should benefit everyone, with relief targeted to those most in need.



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