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North Platte Tax Facts

Nebraskans already suffer the burden of exceedingly high property tax rates, at a time when average family incomes are not even keeping up with inflation, North Platte taxpayers must ensure that they are not asked to shoulder an even greater burden for local government.

- **The unemployment rate in North Platte has remained steady since April 2009, dropping .1% from 3.7% to 3.6%, which in total is 810 people and families – NE Department of Labor**
- **Nebraskans pay the 12th highest rate of individual taxes in the country - Creighton University Economics Professor Ernie Goss.**
- **The State of Nebraska alone takes 10.47% of the average Nebraskans' income through Sales and Individual Income taxes. This does not account for federal and local taxes - NE Department of Labor.**
- **North Platte's 7% sales tax rate is a mixture of state (5.5%) and local (1.5%) taxes, with \$6.9 million going to the City budget. – Nebraska Department of Revenue and Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts**
- **North Platte's average property tax rate is higher than the national average. The average North Platte property taxpayer pays \$1,947.4/\$100, or \$1,947.4 for a \$100,000 home. When compared to the national average of \$1,838, North Platte taxpayers pay over \$100 more than the national average - Platte Institute for Economic Research and Nebraska Department of Revenue.**
- **North Platte's young people are leaving. Nebraska is the 10th most heavily out-migrated state for young, single, college-educated people. The reason is simple; from 1997 to 2005 the number of new jobs in Nebraska was 102,200 while the number of recent college graduates was 195,000. – U.S. Census Bureau and Platte Institute for Economic Research**
 - Without enough jobs to go around, young people have created what we commonly refer to as the 'Brain Drain'. High taxes, which discourages business investment, will not lure new jobs to North Platte.